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SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**Buchanan, MacGillivray Win Council Seats
Enyedi New City Treasurer
Sholleberger Holds Slim Lead For City Clerk**



Teri Buchanan stands at Kersting Court early on election day to remind voters to re-elect her husband, John.

By Dean Lee

Even though the recent election results have not been certified, it looks as though Council Member John Buchanan has solidified his reelection receiving 1,141 favorable votes so far, almost 200 votes ahead of any other candidate.

MaryAnn MacGillivray, as of press time, may also have enough votes to return her to a seat on the council after an eleven year hiatus. As of Tuesday evening, MacGillivray edged out Mayor Enid Joffe by 97 votes. However, as of Friday 121 provisional ballots had still not been counted.

City treasurer candidate, George Enyedi had the most decisive victory, winning with 2,236 compared to opponent Salvatore Tesoro, III's 275 votes.

In the hotly contested race for city clerk Nancy Shollenberger leads Karma Bell by 19 votes. The 121 uncounted provisional ballots may have the greatest impact on that outcome.

After the results were read in a packed council chamber MacGillivray, surrounded by her supporters, declined to comment on her win saying she did not want to be recorded. She then quickly walked away. Buchanan was interviewed later, at another location, with the use of a voice recorder something he said he had no quarrel with. *(continued on page 3)*

GOOD OLE' FASHION FUN



Local fisherman, Victor Scalzo, 8, James Ryan, 8 and Colin Grace, 6, show off their catch. (above).

Some families camped overnight while others came out early Saturday morning for the festivities.

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club (bottom) served up breakfast and lunch for busy fisherman who took the time to eat.

Photos by S. Henderson

Annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout

The Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout, an event for the entire family started on Friday with a campout and continued until Sunday. The actual derby was held on Saturday.

The event was sponsored by the SM Volunteer Fire Department, SM Kiwanis, SM Rotary, SM Civic Club, the Ineract Club of Sierra Madre and the Community and Personnel Services Department. Held at the well stocked debris basins, the fishing was definitely good!



Mayor Enid Joffe's Big Win

User Utility Tax PASSES Police, Fire & Paramedics Will Benefit

By Susan Henderson

Despite the probable loss, and perhaps at the expense of Enid Joffe's city council seat, our current Mayor delivered to the residents a victory that many call the salvation of Sierra Madre's Police, Fire and Paramedic services. Measure U, the User Utility Tax was approved decisively by voters on Tuesday. At press time, the uncertified results show that 1,645 voters approved the measure and 983 residents voted no. The tax only required a simple majority to win.

Joffe's victory was not in the passing of the tax per se, it was in her performance as Mayor where she was able to bring the City of Sierra Madre and the Police Officer's Association (POA) to the first contract agreement since fiscal year

1998-1999. The new contract, a 3 year Memorandum of Understanding, lead to the POA dropping support of its' initiative, Measure P, which, if passed, would have been more costly than Measure U and would only have had an impact on Police salaries. Measure P also had no provisions on how to fund the increases. Measure P remained on the ballot without the endorsement of the group that authored it. It was soundly defeated by voters.

The negotiated agreement calls for a 27% increase for the city's police, comparable to what Measure P called for but not all at once. With the passage of Measure U/UA, police will receive a 9% increase in July, 2008. The new

taxes will also, however, cover expenses for the city's paramedic and fire services.

Joffe also created an Ad Hoc Finance Committee to review the budget and find new revenue sources for Sierra Madre. Each council member was able to support a representative to the committee so that its' makeup would be a reflection of the diverse political opinions in Sierra Madre.

The committee, after a judicious approach to the task at hand, made the recommendation to city council for a User Utility Tax as the best way to generate additional funds for public safety.

Newspapers Stolen Replaced With Propaganda

By Dean Lee

Just days before this Tuesday's elections, an estimated 1,000 copies of this newspaper were taken from numerous racks along Sierra Madre Boulevard and Baldwin Avenue. The papers were removed and replaced with deceptive flyers that implied an endorsement of city clerk candidate Nancy Shollenberger by Susan Henderson. The newspapers, however, contained Henderson's endorsement for the race which was for Shollenberger's opponent, Karma Bell.

This is not the first time freely distributed newspapers in the city have been stolen. This is, however, the first time newspaper theft has been treated as a crime.

As of Jan. 1, 2007, California AB 2612 makes it a crime to take more than 25 copies of a freely distributed or complimentary newspaper. "The crime may be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250, or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, imprisonment in a county jail for a period not exceeding 6 months, or both that fine and imprisonment." The full text can be found on our website.

By 10:00 p.m. Sunday night, within hours of last week's paper being distributed, a reporter from this paper found newspaper racks empty of newspapers and replaced by a flyer that falsely implied Publisher Susan Henderson endorsed City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger for reelection. The flyer also quotes Henderson, with gracious comments about the hard work Shollenberger has done in the past.

Henderson said there were several problems with the flyer. "First of all, the quotes were not made as an endorsement for Shollenberger as a candidate for office. Secondly, they they were taken out of context." The quotes were from a story about Shollenberger, written shortly after her ex-husband had passed away. The story was about the grief Shollenberger went through during the holidays and her recovery from her husband's death and illness while continuing on as city clerk, Henderson said.

She also added that, had those that stole the paper actually read it, they would have realized that there was no

"attack" on Shollenberger, as many claimed on local internet blogs.

Henderson then recited what was printed in that edition, "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." This newspaper then endorsed challenger Karma Bell.

The colored flyers found on at least seven newspaper racks were turned over to police, at which time Henderson was told not to touch them in case evidence could be found. Police said that an investigation is underway, not only for theft, but for other possible criminal offenses. Police went looking for suspects Monday, after witnesses reported seeing people taking the papers and putting flyers on the rack, as well as at least one resident was observed distributing the flyers door to door. No one has yet been arrested.

In April of 2006, during the last city council elections, hundreds of Sierra Madre Weekly *(cont. page 3)*

Photo Of The Week: Local Artist Vickie Edwards Captures The Essence Of Sierra Madre On Canvas

A student of Robert Sherril at the Art Center in Pasadena, she is also a member of the Eaton Canyon Painting Group. Edwards has only been painting a short while, but has already sold several of her works. She works on this canvas in front of her Sierra Madre home.






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Events For The Month of April, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13	Community Arts Commission Community Recreation Chamber 6:00 p.m. Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.		15	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Rhythm & Rhyme: Sierra Madre's Jazz and Poetry Festival Community Center Patio 1:00 p.m.		
Community Services Commission, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.		City Council Meeting Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.		Third Thursday Book Club Library, 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Senior Adventure, Los Angeles Zoo & Gene Autry Museum		

Goldberg Park Community
Planting Day 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m

YAC Spring Dance
Youth Activity Center
7:00 p.m.

Goldberg Park Community
Planting Day 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Also This Month
Library Planning Committee, 4/14
Twilight Hike and Camping with
Search and Rescue
4/25
Bargain Books Table
4/21 - 4/28

Don't Forget! April 22 Is Earth Day
And April 25 Is Arbor Day - Protect Our Planet!

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
April 17th
6:15 - 7:30 pm
25 W.
Sierra Madre
Blvd.



Chef Scott May
Le Cordon Bleu

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Weather Wise
5-Day Forecast
Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sunday: Sunny Hi 90s Lows 50s
Monday: Sunny Hi 80s Lows 50s
Tuesday: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s
Wednesday: Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s
Thursday: Sunny Hi 80s Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



City of Sierra Madre April Events

- 15 - Community Arts Commission - Community Recreation Center - 6:00 pm
15 - Tree Advisory Commission - Council Chambers - 7:00 pm
17 - Planning Commission - Council Chambers - 7:00 pm
17 - "Third Thursday" Book Club - Library - 11 am & 7 pm
17 - Senior Adventure Los Angeles Zoo & Gene Autry Museum
18 - YAC Spring Dance - Youth Activity Center - 7:00 pm
19 - Goldberg Park Community Planting Day - Milton & Harriet Goldberg Recreation Area - 8 am - 5 pm
20 - Goldberg Park Community Planting Day - Milton & Harriet Goldberg Recreation Area - 9 am - 3 pm
21 - Community Services Commission - Council Chambers - 6:30 pm
22 - City Council Meeting - Council Chambers - 6:30 pm
23 - Library Board of Trustees - Council Chambers - 7:00 pm
25 - Healthy Family Fun: Twilight Hike & Camping with Search and Rescue - Bailey Canyon
26 - Rhythm & Rhyme: Sierra Madre's Jazz and Poetry Festival - Community Center Patio - 1:00 pm

For more information on these and other City programs, call 355-7135 or visit www.cityofsierramadre.com.



What's the Name of the Game?

Saturday, April 19th, 2008

Doors open at 6:30 - Bingo starts at 7:30



Legendary Bingo
Featuring the Fabulous Belle Aire

A night of bingo you won't soon forget

Wild or Mild –
This Is Not Your
Grandmother's
BINGO!

All donations help us build the float

\$20 Donation at the Door
GREAT PRIZES!

Pizza, Wine & Beer Available

Sierra Madre
Recreation Center
611 East
Sierra Madre Blvd.

Between Baldwin and Santa Anita Ave.

For more information, visit SierraMadreRoseFloat.com

Happening Around Town

Bailey Canyon Park Spring Cleanup Set for
Saturday, April 19, 2008

Spring is in the air and, with an improved rainy season mostly behind us, Nature is on the march with vigorous growth, not only of blooming flowers and flowering bushes, but also nasty weeds and invasive species. Right behind Nature comes the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) with its Bailey Canyon Park Spring cleanup. This year's event will be held Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and finishing at noon. The work will be the usual down-to-earth chores, pulling weeds, clearing out dead brush, improving the paths removing invasive plants, etc. This is an opportunity for those who enjoy the Park and/or its adjacent trails, to help us clean up Bailey Canyon Park. Last

Fall's turnout was good and preliminary indications for this year are encouraging but there's always more than enough to do.

So, come join SMEAC, your neighbors, and community members for fresh air, exercise and an enjoyable teamwork experience on Saturday, April 19, at 8 a. m.. As usual, coffee, water, and juice, along with fruit and light snacks will be provided, this time, at least in part, by donation from Albertson's. SMEAC will have some extra tools available, but if you have your own, please bring them (labeled with your name or mark), as well as your gloves.

For additional information on the cleanup, call Midge Morash at 355-7057.

New Summer 2008 Swim Lesson
Schedule

The Sierra Madre Aquatics Center is changing to a new one-week swim lesson schedule. Rather than daily 30-minute lessons for two weeks, the swim classes will be extended to 45 minutes, still satisfying all American Red Cross requirements. There will be 11 separate swim sessions starting June 16 and running through August 29. The cost for the new 45 minute, one week swim lesson is \$35.00.

Don't know what level to register your child for? Come to our FREE SWIM TEST DAY

Saturday, May 31, 12noon - 3:00 pm
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Certified instructions will be available to test skills and make class placement suggestions

ment suggestions

Mail-in only registration will begin Monday, June 2. Online registration will be accepted Tuesday, June 10 and walk-in registrations will be accepted Monday, June 16. Complete class details can be found in the summer edition of the Wistaria Vine: Community Brochure and Newsletter, scheduled to be mailed to all residents mid-May. The Wistaria Vine will also be posted online at www.cityofsierramadre.com, and available at the Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Public Library, Hart Park House, and Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE
LIBRARY APRIL BARGAIN BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a "Bargain Books Table" inside the Library during the Library's public open hours. Featured titles will include Fiction, Biographies, Children's and Specialty books. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

Monday, April 21 – Saturday, April 28, 2008
The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon

to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information on programs and services please visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186.

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

Commission Hopes To Start A Tradition
With First Jazz & Poetry Festival

(Sierra Madre, CA) – Advanced tickets are now on sale for only \$10 for the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission's first annual celebration of local poets and musicians, Rhythm & Rhyme: Sierra Madre's Jazz & Poetry Festival, to be held Sat., April 26 from 1 to 6 p.m. on the Community Center Patio, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

This is a very special event designed not only to showcase some of the finest poets and musicians from the foothill area but also to celebrate April as National Jazz Appreciation Month and National Poetry Month.

Judging by the early announcement of the eclectic and accomplished talents that will be gracing the stage, the festival should prove to be equal parts entertaining and inspiring. Keeping the music going will be accomplished jazz performers like the Dave Culwell Trio and local favorite, jazz vocalist and songwriter Dawn Bishop.

Also on the bill will be The Pasadena Junior Jazz Orchestra. Founded by the Pasadena Jazz Institute, the PJJO is headed by vibraphonist Nick Mancini and saxophonist Jim Jedikin, and was the result of a series of summer Jazz Camp's put on by PJJ. The PJJO is a made up of kids from 8-18 years of age from Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Arcadia, San Gabriel and Temple City, and focuses on what they call "America's Classical Music."

Among the poets stepping up to the microphone will be Marcielle Brandler, author of the poetry collection The Breathing House. Her poem, "Eden," won First Place in Mt. San Antonio College's 1997 Writers Day Festival. She is also the creator and host of Ambassadors of Delight at Cafe Culture in Pasadena

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Another favorite of the local poetry scene, Don "Kingfisher" Campbell will be sharing his original work along with some friends from the Emerging Urban Poets a writing workshop run out of the Santa Catalina branch of the Pasadena Public Library.

Work by many of the artists participating in festival may be available at Sierra Madre Books, 18 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., one of the generous sponsors of this event. Other sponsors include the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, the Pasadena Jazz Institute, Sierra Madre Rotary Club, and Nestle USA.

New additions to the line-up will be announced soon. Food and refreshments will be available for sale at the event. All proceeds will go to assist the Commission in continuing to sponsor innovative events and programs to benefit the local artist community. \$10 pre-sale tickets can be purchased through the city's Community Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., or by calling (626) 355-5278.

The mission of the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission is to promote the community's interest in, awareness of, and appreciation for the arts; to provide support and encouragement to artists living in the community; and to increase the community's participation in the arts. For more information about the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission or for a listing of upcoming events visit the city's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.



KIWANIS CLUB CONGRATULATES
EPH KONIGSBURG
Sierra Madre's Older American Of The
Year 2008

The Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission selected Eph Kongisberg as the Older American of the Year for Sierra Madre. Eph is a long time resident, an active member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis, Library Board of Trustees, was an All-America City delegate and much, much more.

Each year the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the Los Angeles County

Board of Supervisors designate the month of May as Older American Month. In recognition of Eph Kongisberg's dedicated volunteer service to the community, Sierra Madre will be honoring him at a local reception held at the Hart Park House on Friday, May 9, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the Older American Reception or on how you can assist with honoring Mr. Kongisberg, please contact the Senior Desk at (626) 355-7394.

SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2008
(UNCERTIFIED)

	Candidate	Precinct 02A	Precinct 06A	Precinct 10A	Absentee	Uncertified Totals
Council	Mary Ann MacGillivray	320	260	253	403	1,236
	Kevin Paschall	315	261	244	314	1,134
	John Buchanan	338	318	316	442	1,414
	Enid Joffe	296	249	271	323	1,139
	Bill Tice	31	36	28	37	132
City Clerk	Karma Bell	321	318	303	354	1,296
	Nancy Shollenberger	348	267	263	437	1,315
Treasurer	George Enyedi	575	483	489	689	2,236
	Salvatore Tesoro, III	61	72	57	85	275
Measures						
	Yes on P (Police Initiative)	113	106	105	213	537
	No on P	515	461	452	543	1,971
	Yes on U (User Utility Tax)	395	372	356	522	1,645
	No on U	275	223	219	266	983
	Yes on UA (UUT Advisory)	366	368	363	532	1,629
	No on UA	273	213	207	224	917

ELECTION

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“Well we knew it was going to be a tough race certainly,” he said. “I have a high regard for Enid, we didn’t run as a slate or anything but certainly we shared a lot of common ideas and thoughts and I was hoping she would be able to join me in the council although I’ve known MaryAnn for a few years and we have always gotten along.”

There had been some issues leading up to the election surrounding MacGillivray’s property in relation to the 1 Carter development. She said a number of times during different candidate forums her goal was to protect the city’s hillsides including the development although her house is within 500 feet of 1 Carter, the distance used by the Fair Political Practice Commission to determine whether a conflict of interest may exist.

She went so far as to use hillside preservation in her campaign statement on the sample ballot.

“It depends,” said Jae Hill, the city’s associate planner in relation to MacGillivray’s house. “If you want the edge of the property it’s about 250 feet and from the center it’s 300 feet. Either way it’s less than 500 feet.” Hill also confirmed that MacGillivray is listed on the property’s deed.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, said Thursday that although any conflict of interest would have to be judged on a “case by case” basis, city staff notifies any council member of a possible confect within 500 feet of any development or business. She then pointed to a map of Sierra Madre in her office with large purple circles drawn 500 feet around the homes of the five current council members.

MacGillivray said in previous conversations that she had consulted a lawyer and would be able to vote. She also said she was a member of two Hillside Management Zone Committees at which time she did vote.

Aguilar noted that all new candidates must file a conflict of interest form at the time they declare their candidacy. FPPC spokesperson Roman Porter also said any newly

elected official must again file the conflict of interest form 700 within 30 days of being elected. The form,by law, must always be kept at city hall and immediately available if requested.

Porter said the FPPC cannot comment on specific situations although any elected candidate can get information through their office. Aguilar said it would be up to MacGillivray to seek her own advice. She said the city cannot tell any elected official they cannot vote although city attorney Sandra Levin can be a resource she can use. At press time Levin was unavailable for comment Aguilar said.

Porter said if a conflict does exist there are exemptions that allow an elected person to vote. One he said was “Public Generally.” He said in this case the community would have to all feel the same impact lessening any bias that may exist. He said this was difficult to prove and all factors must be looked at.

Porter used an example explaining that if someone wanted to put in a shopping mall in a city, the whole area may be affected but those living next to a proposed driveway into the mall could be affected more. He also said in a situation of economic interest, it does not mater if the outcome had a positive or negative effect on the property.

The second exemption would be if participation is legally required, such as not having a quorum, ultimately preventing the council from moving forward without a vote.

Buchanan said this was something MacGillivray would have to work out. He also said if she did not vote the council would have to make a number of decisions, including decisions on the seven pending lawsuits against the city by developer Dorn Platz over both the 1 Carter and Stonehouse developments. Another potential conflict would be over the implementing of the HMZ, based on only three votes (Buchanan, Mosca, and Zimmerman), something that concerned him.

“It would be somewhat unfortunate to be deciding issues, and some serious

related issues, with only three votes,” Buchanan said explaining that councilmember Don Watts also has a conflict of interest that often restrain him from voting.

Buchanan said he has known MacGillivray for sometime and that they share some of the same visions for the city, in particular low intensity businesses.

“I’ve been on board with this before,” he said stressing that the city still needed a green building/business audit. “This isn’t really a new idea. My idea is about clean technology business or things like that, the low intensity kind of use that doesn’t necessarily require you to be next to a freeway and a big billboard sign to get your business going.”

During the campaign, MacGillivray said she wanted to bring hi-tech business like Amazon.com something Buchanan said was not completely the answer. He said he wanted to see businesses that makes use of new technology and not necessarily creating it.

Buchanan campaigned the previous weeks leading up to Election Day on making the city more “green.” He said now that he had another four years he wanted to start working immediately ot implement some of his ideas.

“My next agenda item is the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement,” he said adding that he wanted it discussed at their next April 22 meeting. “Let’s consider that because I think that will give us the framework for analyzing what we need before we go foreword with that aspect of it.”

He also said he wanted to follow the way of Pasadena as much as they could with possibly forming a green buildingordnance committee made up of architects in the city.

Auto salesmen Kevin Paschall, a first time candidate, got 1,134 votes just five below Joffe. He sat Tuesday night silent with his supporters which included councilmember Kurt Zimmerman. Paschall also made no comment after the tallys were read.

elections, since it was not a crime at that time.

When AB 2612 was finally passed, Police Chief Marilyn Diaz said they would now treat newspaper theft as any other crime. It is now clearly understood that free newspapers are not “free” because of the costs of printing and labor, and the damage to paid advertisers, who have a right to see that their ads are properly distributed.

“The freedom of the press is one of the most precious freedoms that Americans enjoy,” Schwarzenegger said in a press release. “We must work to ensure that no one is able to deprive others of their first amendment rights.”

discover the error, they will only refund one year. And you suffer the rest of the loss for their mistake.

Therefore, because this is such a well kept secret, we created a website to inform all residents of what is going on. Want the rest of the story? Go To:

www.SierraMadreUtilityBillOvercharge.com or www.VernHensel.com email: VernHensel@hotmail.com

My hope is to put pressure on the city to:

1. Add the rate we are all being charged for utilities to our bills, and
2. Get reasonable credits for those of us who are overcharged.

We all need to take a strong position in order to solve this problem.

Vern Hensel, SM Resident
(626) 289-9306 Daytime Phone

LOCAL TRAIL RACE CHAMP MAKING ROOM FOR COMPETITION

For four out of the last five years Sharon Pevsner has been the woman to beat, the first female across the finish line, in the venerable and much-loved Mt. Wilson Trail Race in Sierra Madre. But this year another woman will have the coveted shot at the title as Pevsner will be watching this annual test of speed, skill, and stamina from the sidelines.

Have no fear. Pevsner has not given up racing for good and is hoping she will be back at the head of the pack next year. But for this, the 100th Anniversary of the first trail race, Pevsner is seven months pregnant and taking it easy.

She’s not skipping the festivities however. This four time local champ will be on hand to watch daughter Julia, 3, run in her first kids’ race, and cheering on friends, former competitors, and husband Bill in their early morning assault up the mountain. Coincidentally, the last time Pevsner did not come in first in the women’s division she was pregnant with Julia.

Pevsner, 39, has been running the race for seven or eight years, but says that the first time she won she was absolutely shocked. In fact she was so shocked by just the idea of the race when she first heard about it that she knew she just had to get involved.

“I thought everybody was crazy that did it,” Pevsner explained of why she signed up for her first Mt. Wilson Trail Race. Of course, since that first competition she became hooked, as so many runners do. And while she runs other trail and road races around the area, Mt. Wilson holds a special place in her heart. “There is something spiritual about being up on that trail.”

The 2008 Mt. Wilson Trail Race will be held on Sat., May 24 at 7:30 a.m. The race begins and ends in Kersting Court at the corner of Baldwin Avenue and Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre and winds up and back down the mountain side for almost 9 miles. Registration is required to run the race, but everyone is welcome to come out and join Sharon on the sidelines for a full-day of fun and activities. For more information contact the Sierra Madre Community Services department at (626) 355-5278.



CALIFORNIA’S SECOND OLDEST TRAIL RACE-100 YEARS OF THE MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE.

The Mount Wilson Trail Race is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year! The Trail Race will occur on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 7:30am sharp. The 8.6 mile which starts and ends in Kersting Court, is run along the Mt. Wilson Trail to Orchard Camp, which used to serve as the rest point between Sierra Madre and the top of Mt. Wilson. Participants will climb over 2,100 vertical feet along the single-track trail and then come back down again, for a total distance of 8.6 miles. The trail promises to be challenging for even the fittest runner. On Friday, May 23, 2008 there is a pre-race Pasta Load Party. A pasta dinner will be served, provided by Café 322, in Kersting Court from 6:00pm-8:00pm for \$6.75. Pre-registration will also take place at the pasta feed where participants can pick up their race number and t-shirt. New for this year is a Family Award category. Participants can team with other family members and compete for the Family Award. The combined time of the each family team will be calculated and the lowest average time will take home the prize!

Registration forms are now available at the Community and Personnel Services Department at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 City Hall, Run With Us-Pasadena, Lucky Baldwin’s Delirium Café and Café 322 and online at www.mountwilsontrailrace.com. All entries are due by Monday, May 12, 2008. This race will be sold out, so get your entry in early! The Trail Race sells out every year, so be sure to register early!

TRAINING

Start training for the 2008 Mount Wilson Trail Race. This is your chance to achieve an impressive athletic feat and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the race. To help you get started, Coach Eric LeClair and Elite Fitness Bootcamp/TEAM Crossfit will be offering free Saturday Morning Trail Training. Training begins in Kersting Court each Saturday at 7:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE

The post-race festivities will be held in Kersting Court, and will offer an open air beer garden, as well as, vendor booths and a children’s art exhibit. Local restaurants will open early to accommodate hungry race supporters, some offering outdoor sidewalk café style dining.

DONATIONS/SUPPORT

Challenged by miles of rugged terrain male and female runners, ten to eighty years old, from across the nation are attracted to this unique historical event. Critical to the success of the race is the community support and thousands of volunteer hours donated before and during the race. The Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee prides itself in its use of volunteers. With over twenty years of experience more than one hundred dedicated volunteers, from safety personnel to youth scouts awaken before dawn to assist with the race.

There are several opportunities to offer support: 1) donating a cash contribution to assist with major prizes and medals, 2) donating one or more gift certificates to be awarded to Sierra Madre overall winners, 3) donating in-kind products and/or services to be a part of the much-anticipated raffle drawing. All supporters will be acknowledged during the race and in the official race brochure.

If you are able to take this opportunity to participate as a Mt. Wilson Trail Race supporter. Please send your contributions to:

Mt. Wilson Trail Race
c/o Adam Matsumoto
232 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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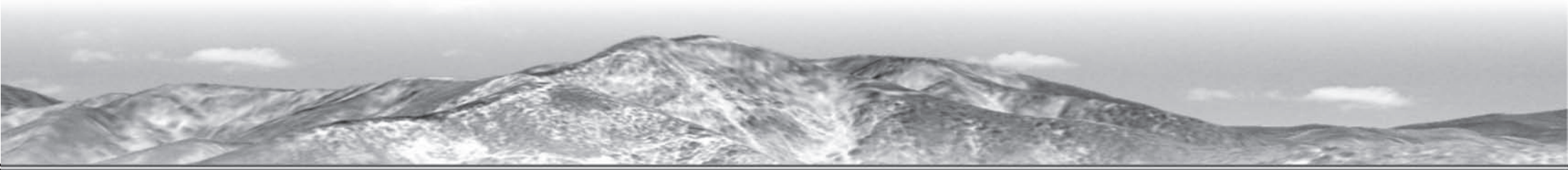
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Golf Course - Rose Parade - Part of City's Far Reaching Smoking Ban

By Dean Lee

The city council Monday night put off implementing a far reaching smoking ban in outdoor places, including ATM machines, bus stops and movie theater lines among other areas. The issue will now be heard May 5, for a full review by the Public Safety Committee.

Councilmember Steve Haderlein said the issue

comment until the item came back to the council which according to Haderlein would not be until mid May. Haderlein chairs the Public Safety Committee. He said those that put in public comment cards would not be allowed to speak. It was not clear if anyone had done so.

Other members of the safety committee



was being held at the committee level although Mayor Bill Bogaard added that the reason was to get more input from local business.

"I take it during the delay, there will be some additional outreach to the business community, Bogaard said. "Or some additional opportunity for consideration how that set of rules would apply."

Haderlein said that was the primary reason for the delay.

"There were a couple of other items that members of that committee, pieces of information, that the committee was looking for," haderlein said without going into any details.

The council had also chosen not to allow public

include council members, Margaret McAustin Steve Madison, and Jacque Robinson. Unconfirmed reports later in the week said Robinson asked that any smoking ban specifically include Broadside Golf Course. Reaction to the idea came quickly on local blogs with some saying it would be impossible to enforce.

Pasadena Star News Public Editor Larry Wilson quoted himself on his own blog saying, "When you pass that law against me firing up a fat, stinky Rothschild during my weekly dawn amble on the vast pastures of the back 9 in the arroyo, just who is it you imagine is going to make me put it out? Come and get me,

coppers!" Others welcomed the idea saying that cigarette and cigar butts litter the course, so much so, that it has interferes with the game. An unidentified golfer said she has had her ball stop rolling, on more than one occasion, because of cigarette butts on the edge of the green.

A staff report given to the council argued that studies done showed, "Smoking in outdoor venues exposes people to levels of harmful secondhand smoke as high as levels existing in indoor spaces where smoking is unrestricted." The report also suggested the need for stronger policies regulating secondhand smoke in indoor public places as well as a defined distance from the entrances and exits of buildings.

A local survey done by city staff showed that of 900 participants; 76 percent would support a policy to prohibit smoking in all public places; 82 percent would support a policy to prohibit smoking in public service waiting lines; 78 percent

would support a policy to prohibit smoking in all outdoor gathering events (other than parkland); 81 percent would support prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining areas and 82 percent said they would support a policy to prohibit smoking within a certain distance from the main building entrance or exits.

From this staff recommended, prohibiting smoking in outdoor malls, shopping areas/centers, outdoor dining areas, within 20-feet of an entrance/exit, all service waiting lines including ATM machines, bus stops and movie theaters. A ban would also prohibit smoking in public outdoor gathering events/special events/parades/fairs." As written this would include the nearly 1 million Rose Parade attendees.

Enforcement would be done through an existing Public Health Department Tobacco Control Program with a telephone number and website for the public to register complaints staff said.

wouldn't swallow me whole," he said. "Tragically, too many kids don't have that opportunity. I feel especially blessed because when you have a system as oppressive as we're living under in Little Rock...education was the first thing that we used."

Roberts concluded his speech by reiterating that if everyone, as individuals, dedicates themselves to maintaining a relationship with education it will have a positive influence on everyone, especially children.

Roberts was asked to speak on behalf of an ongoing campaign by the LWV titled "Give Schools the Tools to Succeed". Since fall of 2005 the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund has been working in partnership with the California PTA, the California School Boards Association and Children Now to create opportunities for dialogue that focuses on and explores the needs of California's public schools, the current school finance system and possible approaches to reform.

League of Women Voters Hosts Little Rock Legend

By Teresa Baxter

Last Thursday the Pasadena chapter of the League of Women Voters held a forum at the Women's City Club focusing on current educational issues. The forum included a panel of superintendents and principals from area school districts. Prior to the presentation a legendary keynotespeaker, Terrence Roberts shared the challenges that he has witnessed in his lifetime regarding educational opportunities.

Roberts, a clinical psychologist and faculty member at Antioch University in Los Angeles also has the historical distinction of being one of the nine African Americans who integrated Little Rock, Arkansas's Central High School in 1957. Roberts was invited by the LWV to share his perspective on what has happened since that time.



Terrence Roberts

It was noted that Roberts received a Congressional Gold Medal for his bravery and actions that initiated the eventual desegregation of schools.

Roberts stated that throughout his youth the importance of getting an education was paramount. In order to understand what's happening in education today we have to go back a long time in this country's history because

it has not always been the case that education was for everyone, he said.

"For a long time education was actually denied to certain groups of people, including women," said Roberts. "That all shifted in time and space but attitudes remained."

Speaking in terms of a time-line Roberts reflected historically back to the year 1954, a time when the Supreme Court ruled in the Brown case that it was no longer constitutional to discriminate in the arena of education.

"For me education was the way to build within myself the strategies to make sure that the system

Pasadena Resident Runs Torch Relay Only North American Olympic Torch Appearance

By Dean Lee



Officials from Coca-Cola Co confirmed Thursday that 31-year-old Pasadena resident Eric Burke did in fact carry the Olympic torch Wednesday as part of the only U.S. portion of a 23-city international tour to Beijing although the planned route was shortened and moved miles away from thousands of protesters that gathered with a threat to extinguish the flame.

"All six of our sponsored runners made it," said Susan Stribling a spokesperson for Coca-Cola. "We talked with Burke after the relay and he said he had a great time. We had our own ceremony after for our own runners."

Stribling said they were unaware of the relay's sudden off-route passage along Van Ness Ave. A short ceremony was also held at AT&T Park lighting the torch in front of hundreds of pro-Chinese supporters before the flame was whisked away into a security warehouse reports said. The flame reappeared 45 minutes later being driven to a nearby area away from protesters.

"We had spoken with San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom," Stribling said. "So we new there was a possibility of changing the route for security reasons although we didn't know where." Reports also said that many people were disappointed by the change, not being able to see the torch; some came as far away as New York City.

The Olympic Games, to be held this summer in China, have gained fierce criticism over Chinese human rights violations most recently a crackdown in Tibet were journalist are being barred from reporting. Both Beijing supporters and Chinese protesters lined the San Francisco streets along the planned waterfront route and closing ceremonies.

Another ceremony was later moved and held at San Francisco International Airport Stribling said before the torch was flown to Buenos Aires South America were 2,700 police officers are expected to guard the flame.

Closer to home, the Pasadena Coalition for Human Rights in China held a rally also Wednesday on the campus of UC Irvine said John Li President of Caltech's Falun Gong club. The protest against Human Rights Abuses in China came before a showing of "Olympic Spectacular - One World One Dream."

Li said the film was, simply propaganda by Chinese communist party to cover up their crimes against humanity. He also said the film tries to portray Chinese culture although "Olympics and Crime against Humanity cannot Co-exist in China," he said.

Li was also part of a group of organizers that protested against the Olympic float in this year's Rose Parade. A number of activists had shown opposition to the city allowing a China backed float.

Hundreds of protesters lined the parade route with a heavy police presence after the city reneged on plans for Li and others to run a torch for peace relay minutes before the parade was to start. The float was organized by the Roundtable of Southern California Chinese-American Organizations and sponsored by Pasadena-based Avery Dennison Corp.

The original idea for a float came though the city's Sister Cities Program in 2004 on the five anniversary of Xicheng becoming a sister city.

Xicheng (shee-chung) District borders Beijing and is part of Peoples Republic of China, it became Pasadena's fifth sister city in October 1999.

On a national level Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton has made known she would not attend the opening ceremony in Beijing in August calling on her rivals, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama and Republican Sen. John McCain, to do the same. She has also called on President Bush asking that he not attend. Bush has been criticized by the Chinese for meeting recently with the Dali Lama

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard had also said months ago that he had no interest in attending the Olympics although he is an avid supporter of the Pasadena Sister Cities Program

The Torch's flame commemorates the theft of fire from the Greek god Zeus by Prometheus and was kept burning throughout ancient Olympics. The flame was reintroduced to the Olympics in 1928. It was also said that if the flame goes out the games do not continue although a back-up lanterns is also carried at all times.

The Olympic flame was put out four times in Paris over protests prior to arriving in San Francisco.

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Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council ANNOUNCEMENTS & OBSERVATIONS

It has been 17 years since the disastrous Oakland Hills Fire spurred the start of the California Fire Safe Council. Our Sierra Madre chapter began in December 2006. Our goals and objectives are to present public service announcements and programs on fire safety for residents in the “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone” of the Sierra Madre foothills. With time, we added contacts with the surrounding foothill communities and multi-hazard preparedness information.

Our next regularly scheduled Fire Safe Council Meeting will be May 5, 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers. Topic: How “Ember Intrusion” can damage your home.

If May does not seem like a high fire hazard month to you consider the following: May, 2007 there was an 817 acre fire in Griffith Park and a 4,750 acre fire on Catalina Island. In May, 2002 a fire burned 4,977 acres in Bouquet Canyon.

For more information contact SMFSC at 355-0741. Please e-mail us at smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com as we want to have contact with as many Sierra Madre residents as possible to get your input. Visit the Fire Safe Council web site: www.firesafecouncil.org

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

Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Bailey Canyon Park Spring Cleanup Set For Saturday, April 19, 2008

Spring is in the air and, with an improved rainy season mostly behind us, Nature is on the march with vigorous growth, not only of blooming flowers and flowering bushes, but also nasty weeds and invasive species. Right behind Nature comes the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) with its Bailey Canyon Park Spring cleanup. This year’s event will be held Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and finishing at noon. The work will be the usual down-to-earth chores, pulling weeds, clearing out dead brush, improving the paths removing invasive plants, etc. This is an opportunity for those who enjoy the Park and/or its adjacent trails, to help us clean up Bailey Canyon Park. Last Fall’s turnout was good and preliminary indications for this year are encouraging but there’s always more than enough to do.

So, come join SMEAC, your neighbors, , and community members for fresh air, exercise and an enjoyable teamwork experience on Saturday, April 19, at 8 a. m.. As usual, coffee, water, and juice, along with fruit and light snacks will be provided, this time, at least in part, by donation from Albertson’s. SMEAC will have some extra tools available, but if you have your own, please bring them (labeled with your name or mark), as well as your gloves.

For additional information on the cleanup, call Midge Morash at 355-7057.

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I am running on a family team with _____
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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, March 30th, to Saturday April 5th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 216 calls for service.

Sunday, March 30th:
4:43 PM – Stolen vehicle, 500 block West Alegria Ave. A resident called to report his 2008 black Chevrolet Suburban was stolen between 10:00 pm, Saturday, 3/29 and 9:00 am, Sunday, 3/30. The key was in the car and it was unlocked.
5:44 PM – Grand theft, 161 West Sierra Madre Blvd. A vendor attending the Wisteria Vine Festival reported her black Coach purse, wallet with several credit cards, and cash were stolen. The purse was left under her display table. The loss was valued at \$180.00.
7:03 PM – Arrest, drunk in public. 70 West Sierra Madre Blvd. An intoxicated patron of the Buccaneer Lounge was seen leaving the establishment. Officers arrested the woman for public intoxication and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, March 31st:
4:53 PM – Missing child, 500 block North Hermosa Ave. A resident reported her 5 year old son was missing. The responding officer requested assistance from additional on-duty personnel. Air support from the Pasadena Police Department aided in the search. The child was found, unharmed, about 30 minutes later at the end of Crestvale. The child and parents were reunited.
Tuesday, April 1st:
3:28 PM – Vandalism, 100 block North Lima Ave. A resident called to report the passenger side window of her new Honda was smashed. The damage occurred between Tuesday, 4/1 between 2:30 pm and 3:15 pm. The car was parked in the driveway while she was home. No repair estimate was available.
Wednesday, April 2nd:
5:27 PM – Auto burglary 400 block of Mariposa Ave. The suspect(s) smashed the rear window of the victim's car. The loss included an IPOD NANO, Garmin GPS, tool kit and a gym bag, valued at \$875.00.
7:32 AM – Auto burglary, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A resident called to report the rear window of her Toyota was smashed. The crime occurred between 8:00 pm, 4/1 and 7:30 pm, 4/2. The loss was an emergency repair kit valued at \$80.00.
7:32 AM – Auto burglary report, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. The suspect(s) smashed the front passenger window of the victim's car. The loss included a Garmin GPS, a man's black sport coat, a black wallet and several credit cards, valued at \$400.00.

Thursday, April 3rd:
11:19 PM – Arrest, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. The officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. A check revealed the driver's license was expired. The driver was issued a citation for the traffic violation and a written promise to appear for driving without a current license.
Friday, April 4th:
1:14 AM – Arrest, 300 Blk. S. Rosemead Bl., Pasadena. The officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. During the investigation a records check revealed the Pasadena resident's driver's license was suspended for DUI. The driver was arrested and transported to Sierra Madre Police Department for booking. The driver was later released on a written promise to appear.

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Alverno Students Save Lives

Alverno High School's annual Red Cross blood drive attracted not only current students at the Sierra Madre high school, but alumnae and parents as well. The Red Cross transformed a room in the school's historic Villa del Sol d'Oro into a temporary clinic, which allowed quiet cubicles for donors to rest in as they gave this precious gift.

"I was pretty nervous," says Alverno senior Laura Thompson, a first-time blood donor. "Afterward, when I realized that I might actually save someone's life by doing this, I felt really good about being a blood donor."

By the end of the day Alverno volunteers had donated 37 pints of blood. "According to the Red Cross rubric, this is enough to save 114 lives," says Joelle Lilavois, Alverno Director of Activities who helped students organize the event.

Alverno, a Catholic high school for girls in Sierra Madre, is known for its academic rigor and extensive service program. Last year, Alverno students performed 17,000 hours of service to others. For more information, please visit our website at www.alverno-hs.org



Alverno students line up to donate blood.

PUSD Board Study Underway

By Teresa Baxter

The Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education called a special meeting last Tuesday to conduct a "Board Study Session", opening dialogue regarding the ongoing Facilities Master Plan. Kathleen Duba, chief academic officer for the district, gave a presentation on school configurations, which included recommendations from the Instructional Services Division.

The goal of possible reconfigurations of grade levels is to create schools and programs of high quality, while effectively utilizing the limited resources available to the district. The challenge is to pare down

the K-8 structure of certain schools and allowing for a grades 6-8 middle school experience for students.

"Simply changing the school configuration is not enough to increase achievement," shared Duba. "Researchers agree that generally the quality of the school and the instruction was more important than the grade configuration in viewing academic progress of students."

The most important factors contributing to high levels of student academic achievement are not related to grade span, but are directly linked to campus leadership, the quality of the teaching staff, campus expectations, staff development and the quality of instructional programs

and supplemental services, she said.

During comments, many board members shared anecdotes of their own children and the choice they made to keep their children in a K-8 environment, or to support the transition to a middle school. Board President Esteban Lizardo reflected on the choice he made for his children.

"Both of my children are in a 6-8 middle school program and I've learned through their experiences," he said. "I know every parent will have their own opinion, but I'm fairly convinced...the social and emotional growth needs that are addressed [is this environment] is what makes the best sense."

OPPORTUNITY AWARD WINNERS

The Altadena/Pasadena branch of Soroptimist International recently bestowed the club's Women's Opportunity Award (WOA) upon several deserving young women who need additional skills and education to improve their economic status.

The program is Soroptimist's major fund-raiser in which the organization aids women seeking to improve their economic status by gaining additional skills, training and education. WOA applicants have faced severe hardships that have prevented them from pursuing and achieving their educational and professional goals.

This year's winners are Maricela Nava, a single mother who plans to attend Pasadena City College's Medical Assistant Program. She was once in the foster care system and has since resided at Elizabeth House in Pasadena, a home for pregnant homeless women, before giving birth at the age of 20; Jessica Farfan, also a single mother who is striving to get a degree in child development at PCC to become a Kindergarten teacher; Jumela Towns, who has taken custody of her younger sister when their mother became unable to care for them. She is pursuing a career in music at PCC, and the fourth honoree is Quelzella Clay, a single parent whose first son was a casualty of infant mortality after a premature birth. She is attending PCC with plans to earn her B.A. degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College.

Yolanda Redd and Queen Iwuoma, both from John Muir High School in Pasadena, were also recognized for outstanding volunteer work in their local community and were awarded the Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award. Both girls volunteer for Pop Warner Inc., and work with children on cheerleading.

In addition to cash awards, the WOA honorees received a certificate and a pin. "We have some very deserving WOA and VRA recipients this year," remarked Phyllis Howard, President of Soroptimists International Altadena/Pasadena. "We wish them the very best of luck in their paths to success."



L. to R. Front Row—Yolanda Redd, Queen Iwuoma, Quelzella Clay, Jessica Farfan, Maricela Nava, and Marcy Pedersen. Back Row—Kathryn Wullschlager, Karen Bagnard, Martha Brumfield, and Sheila Tatum.

TRISH'S TRUTH: Homeless Haven

By Trisha Collins

How many times have you been walking down a street and seen a homeless person sitting on the sidewalk? How many times have you looked at them and felt sorry for them, but just walked by? I'm sure that we're all guilty of this at some point. Currently there are 8,000 to 11,000 homeless people living in Southern California alone. That's an average of about 10,000 people roaming the streets of our cities looking for a place to belong. Many of them have found that place. It's a common, public place with clean bathrooms, warm comfortable chairs, and inviting books. This place is the library and more and more homeless people are resorting to this "haven" of some sort on a daily basis.

Now, there's no law prohibiting homeless people from staying in the library...24/7. As long as one leaves the library at closing time and abides by its rules, I think pretty much anyone is welcome. It becomes a problem when the homeless people start hanging around the library, disturbing others from their own library experience. Many libraries are drawing the line when it comes to homeless people soliciting. A library in downtown Portland is actually penalizing homeless people for bad behavior including "...drug use in the stacks" Hearing about that made me wonder if a penalizing person is really the answer, is it necessary?

Instead of penalizing a person for disruptive behavior in a library, I think we should actually reward them for good behavior. It's a good thing that there are libraries out there like the Philadelphia Free Library, which offers to pay homeless people to monitor their restrooms. If more libraries and public places offered this to homeless people, I think we'd see some kind of improvement in the states of homeless people living in this country

I think we should start viewing people as people, just like everyone else. Even though some people may not have a home, they still have the right to the benefits of a library, as long as they don't abuse the privilege. Rewards, such as job offers, should be given to those who behave properly in the library setting. Not only does the library get extra, probably much needed help, but the homeless person gets a chance to have some stability in their life which can possibly lead them to turn their life around. Plus, I'm sure others will follow their example and might be motivated to change their lives too. Who knows, maybe a little library job is just what a few people need.

MVO Note: Congratulations to Trish and her family, as they welcome their newest sister and daughter, born April 9. Perhaps she, too, will also become a brilliant young woman willing to share her gifts with the rest of us, as does Trish!

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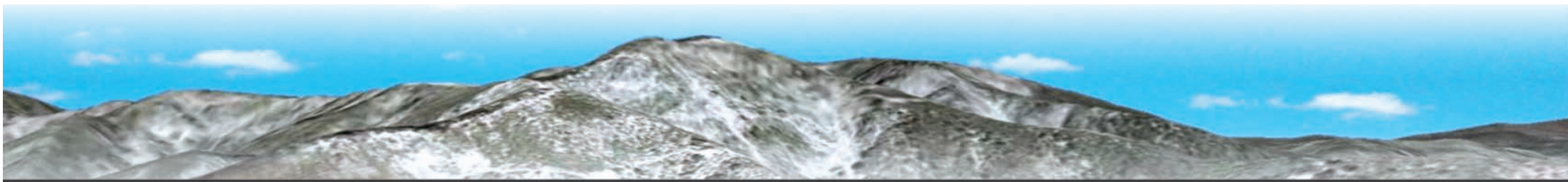
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Women In The Political Arena

By Rich Johnson

As stated a few weeks ago, I am thrilled our country is at a point where the run for the presidency is finally open to everyone.

Thinking it might be interesting to see what the women closest to the seat of power thought about things, I have researched the words of our first ladies.

Abigail Adams, wife of our second president John Adams, never hesitated to speak her mind. A couple of her quotes include: "Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could." And she also said, "If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

Florence Harding, wife of our twenty-ninth Commander-in-Chief Warren Harding, was quoted once as say, "I have only one real hobby - my husband." She also told her husband, "Well Warren, I have got you the presidency. What are you going to do with it?"

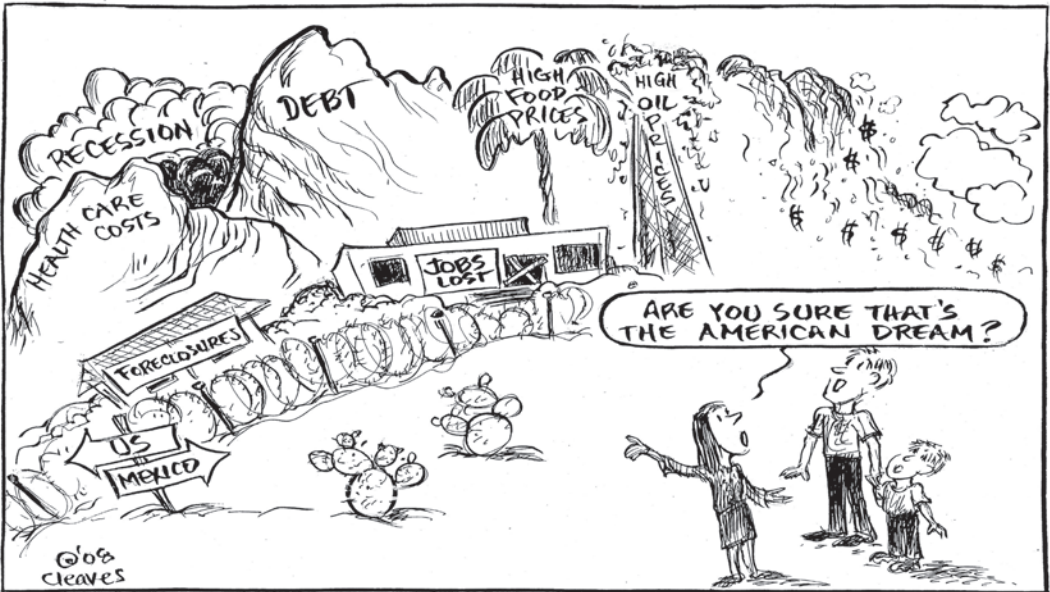
Lady Bird Johnson in a quote reminiscent of Hillary's latest advertising campaign: "No news at 4:30 am is good news." Lady Bird also said, "A politician ought to be born a foundling (orphan) and remain a bachelor."

Dolly Madison, wife of our fourth president James Madison, let us know a life lesson we could all benefit from, "It is one of my sources of happiness never to desire a knowledge of other people's business."

From the will-the-man-never-learn file, Pat Nixon once said, "I'll have to have a room of my own. Nobody could sleep with Dick. He wakes up during the night, switches on the lights, speaks into his tape recorder."

Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most active and well respected first ladies in our history said, "As for accomplishments, I just did what I had to do as things came along." She also told us, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." A self-deprecating sense of humor, Ms. Roosevelt once said, "I once had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: no good in a bed, but fine up against a wall." And, "It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan."

Bess Truman, wife of Harry Truman could turn a quote. When queried once about ghosts in the White House she responded, "Now about those ghosts. I'm sure they're here and I'm not half so alarmed at meeting up with any of them as I am at having to meet the live nuts I have to see every day." And upon learning of her husband's re-election, she said, "It looks like you're going to have to put up with us for another four years."



REAL COST OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

By Hail Hamilton



A 17-year old high school football star, Jamiel Shaw, is dead, allegedly murdered by an illegal immigrant gang member just feet from the front door of his parent's house. Police say Pedro Espinoza, the 19-year-old suspect arrested in Shaw's death, has been in a street gang since he was 12. Until this month, he had been in jail on charges of exhibiting a firearm and obstructing justice. Police consider Espinoza a career criminal and violent member of the infamous 18th Street Gang.

Politics aside: There is no excuse for federal, state and local law enforcement's refusal to enforce our immigration laws and close our borders. Putting our citizens at risk in some lame attempt to remain "politically correct" is hideous and can no longer be tolerated. The cost in lives is too high to be ignored and the cost in taxpayer dollars is astronomical. Here are some facts I found surfing the Internet.

1. \$11 Billion to \$22 billion is spent on welfare to illegal aliens each year. <http://tinyurl.com/zob77>
2. \$2.2 Billion dollars a year is spent on food assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches for illegal aliens. <http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.html>
3. \$2.5 Billion dollars a year is spent on Medicaid for illegal aliens. <http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.html>
4. \$12 Billion dollars a year is spent on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally, and they can't speak a word of English! <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>
5. \$17 Billion dollars a year is spent for education for the American-born children of illegal aliens, known as anchor babies. <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>
6. \$3 Million Dollars a DAY is spent to incarcerate illegal aliens. <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>
7. 30% percent of all Federal Prison inmates are illegal aliens. <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>
8. \$90 Billion Dollars a year is spent

on illegal aliens for welfare & social services by the American taxpayers. <http://premium.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/29/ldt.01.html>

9. \$200 Billion Dollars a year in suppressed American wages are caused by the illegal aliens. <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0604/01/ldt.01.html>

10. The illegal aliens in the United States have a crime rate that's two and a half times that of white non-illegal aliens. In particular, their children are going to make a huge additional crime problem in the United States. <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0606/12/ldt.01.html>

11. During the year of 2005, there were 4 to 10 MILLION illegal aliens that crossed our Southern Border also, as many as 19,500 illegal aliens from Terrorist Countries. Millions of pounds of drugs, cocaine, meth, heroin and marijuana, crossed into the U. S. from the Southern border. Homeland Security Report: <http://tinyurl.com/t9sht>

12. The National Policy Institute, "estimated that the total cost of mass deportation would be between \$206 and \$230 billion or an average cost of between \$41 and \$46 billion annually over a five year period." <http://www.nationalpolicyinstitute.org/pdf/deportation.pdf>

13. In 2006 illegal aliens sent home \$45 BILLION in remittances back to their countries of origin. <http://www.rense.com/general75/niht.htm>

14. "The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration: Nearly One Million Sex Crimes Committed by Illegal Immigrants In The United States ". <http://www.drds.com/articles.htm>

So using the LOWEST estimates, the annual cost OF ILLEGAL ALIENS is \$338.3 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR! So, if deporting them costs between \$206 and \$230 BILLION DOLLARS, rounding up and deporting them would save the American taxpayer \$108.3 to \$132 billion a year! That's just this year. Heck, ICE, state and local law enforcement could be generating a huge surplus by the beginning of this summer! Think of all the other things this money could be spent on.

Check out the websites. Think it over. You do the math—I have.



Susan Henderson

Thank You For Not Voting - *That is, not voting for me!*

Whew - I sure just went through an awful lot of bashing not to have been a candidate. With that kind of treatment for just publishing a newspaper and having an independent thought, I would hate to think what life would be like if I actually decided to run for office! Thank you for not voting for me! I probably wouldn't be able to stand it if you did!

But moving on, there is a lot of good news in Sierra Madre, mostly that this election is almost over. I say almost because there are still the 121 provisional ballots that could change the outcome of one, maybe two races. The bad news for the city is that the record books will only show posterity what the outcome was and not how we got there. It will not reflect any of the absolutely nefarious behavior that too many residents engaged in just to try and silence the voice of anyone who disagreed with them. It is bad news that this won't be recorded in our history because future generations need to learn about it and avoid repeating this history, at all costs.

Even though Sierra Madre is a world away from Los Angeles, it is still in America. Freedom of Speech is still a valued right. It is not a privilege. It is a God given right and those who feel they can control another's thoughts, deeds and actions, need to learn that. When you dishonor that right, you only help perpetuate the myth that the people of Sierra Madre are crazy.

There is a great deal of pity I feel for those who walk around mad at the world, full of conspiracy theories, lacking trust in anyone who isn't just like them. Life is too short and too precious for that. It would be just wonderful if they would learn how to be a positive force, even when disagreeing with others. Your behavior just gives this town an undeserved bad reputation.

But, as I said before, the election is almost over. It is time to work with our leaders and protect and improve the town we claim to love. As we move on, however I want to let that angry senior citizen, wife of a former council member, who screamed she couldn't wait for me to leave town, *don't hold your breath.*

Stuart Tolchin On...**LIFE STUCK IN THE LABYRINTH OF LIFE**



My wife and I recently traveled to the strange and distant county of Death Valley; it's only a few hours away but it felt more like a few light years. We stayed in a trailer that my wife was sure had ghosts, because it was completely furnished and had personal items like a china tea set, high school annuals and report cards. It reminded me of when we were forced to leave our home during a fire. I grabbed the things that were most important to me - baby pictures, birth certificates, wedding pictures and my favorite tennis racquet. In all the confusion and moving around I managed to lose all of it. That's the kind of stuff that was left in the trailer.

A couple mornings later I learned the true story of the trailer from the park owner. It turns out that it still belonged to one of the original partners and that she had lived in the trailer for part of each year with her Native American husband. Things were going great until it became noticeable that he was gradually unable to speak. He was diagnosed with aphasia, a degenerative disease where first symptoms involve the loss of speech, and it is often fatal.

His last spring there was spent constructing a seven stage rock labyrinth - a spiral construction of multi-colored rocks found in the area. As the last rock was placed the man struggled to speak and amazingly chanted for a full seven or eight minutes in a Native-American dialect the words of which no other person present understood. Nevertheless, everyone understood - it was a farewell to a place, to good friends, and to a full and rich life.

The wife has not returned to the trailer. For now she's

decided to let others get some pleasure from its' use - renting it out just as it is. I think I understand - she really doesn't want to go back - at the same time she doesn't really want to say goodbye to the memories of her husband contained in that place. Maybe in awhile she can reconcile her feelings, but not just yet.

I understand the semi-paralysis. It's how I feel about my ideals. I want people to understand that happiness has little to do with the external circumstances of their life. It is my continued hope that our educational and political systems will help people to look inside and notice what they do to themselves. In fact just the opposite occurs. People learn to measure themselves only in relation to others - are they better or worse?

Elections are like horse races, and education is like a game show competition. It's depressing. I hold on to my old ideals but feel like I'm running against the wind. Should I turn my back and go with the wind and allow myself to be rich, famous, successful and eternally young---- Boom! Now that that's done, I still miss my favorite tennis racket and my kids' baby pictures. In fact I miss my kids! How did they get to be these thirty-five year-olds?

Well, that's it. I guess my point is that there will always be disappointments and losses and some sadness, and that they really can't be covered up no matter which way you turn. It's a part of growing up to understand this and to still go on and live out your life the best you can and perhaps leave space in an old trailer for memories, which at some future time, you might want to go back and savor.

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The following person (s) is (are) doing business as: **NICK SMART** 912 E. 3rd Street #303 Los Angeles, CA 91103. Full name of registrant (s) is (are) **NICK SMART** 912 E. 3rd Street #303 Los Angeles, CA 91103.

The business is conducted as: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she

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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

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Attorney for Petitioner **KELLEY BANNON LASHLEY ANGLEA & BANNON** 1111 S ARROYO PARKWAY #470 PASADENA CA 91105 4/5, 4/12, 4/19/08 **CNS-1312982#**

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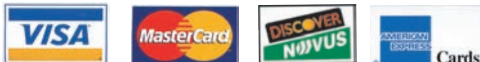
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One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

Story By Chris Bertrand, Photos By Chris Bertrand

Man, Woman and Child Power Needed To Plant The Brand New Goldberg Park on April 19-20

A new Sierra Madre park is in need of your help on Saturday, April 19 from 8-5, and Sunday April 20 from 9-3. Goldberg Park, at the corner of Sunnyside and Ramona, is the brainchild of Dr. Roberta Goldberg, who grew up next door to what used to be "the empty lot." Her parents, Milton and Harriet Goldberg, owned the corner parcel until Milton's recent passing, allowing neighborhood children a place to foster their creative play there. He even kept special liability insurance on the parcel for that purpose.

Just a year and a half ago, Dr. Goldberg, a child psychologist at the Frostig Center, and Ronnie Siegel of Swire Siegel Landscape Architects, both attended the World Forum on Nature Education. They worked together professionally on a La Cañada outdoor classroom project to help connect children with nature.

They discussed their concerns that children are rarely able to have the kind of natural, unstructured kind of play many of us grew up with. Most children these days are unable to walk from their homes to natural areas where their play could be based on imagination and creativity, without a structured or team sport format.

That conference, followed by a "serendipitous" call from the city manager lit a spark in Goldberg. "Evidently, this parcel had been in the Master Plan as a potential park site, once Milton no longer needed it. So the vision was carried by the city manager, city council, citizens in hearings, and the Community and Personnel Services Commission, ending in a unanimous vote by the city council to go forward with Goldberg Park."

A confluence of the children and nature conference and the 'ask' by the city" lit Goldberg's spark to find a way to turn the property her father left her and her brother into a special kind of neighborhood park. A park without lawn or climbing structures, where children could manipulate their environment. It was also to be a park welcoming to all ages. And she asked Siegel to help.

Siegel then used her 20 years of experience to create a park to inspire unstructured, un-devised play like when we 50 and 60-somethings were children. The idea got rolling quickly, according to Siegel. "Roberta Goldberg is the key to the whole project. If it wasn't for Roberta, it wouldn't have happened. She is responsible for pulling everyone together. She's a great organizer and people person, who helped integrate the community, the city, the designers, to get the whole thing to happen so quickly."

Michelle Keith, Community and Personnel Services Director in Sierra Madre, was "amazing at getting grants to match the private sector fundraising efforts" according to Siegel. "Michelle's work enabled the fundraising to be doubled." She acted as liaison with the city throughout the project, and organized the volunteer efforts and the work day.

The south section of the park will feature a carved stone "sofa" and benches around a sand area, for children to dig freely. The planned oak trees will eventually create a shady respite. Basalt water collectors will attract birds and butterflies and provide a way for children to pound and grind the acorns that will eventually drop from the oaks. Roberta's father loved bird watching, so attracting birds to the site was a priority. All ages will be able to actively observe the birds, or just sit back and enjoy.

On the north end, a circle of desert willow trees will be trained to intertwine to form

a living shelter loosely modeled after the native Gabrielino, dome shaped dwellings. Designed as playful and fun for children, it will have a cozy feel eventually, when the willows fill in. Inside, eucalyptus benches and "pavers" cut from trees that died on the property will tie the past to the future.

All the new plants will be California natives, affording teachers a rich environment for environmental and historical learning, including plants used for a multitude of purposes by the Gabrielinos centuries ago. Those interested in plants requiring minimal irrigation can follow the growth of the flowering, fragrant, bird and butterfly attracting plantings.

Fast forward eighteen months to this week. The grading is complete, with some contouring added for visual interest to the initially dead flat site. Irrigation is in. The next step needs help from the community to dig the holes and plant the landscape.

How often can you say you planted a park? My own husband recalls fondly that he helped plant in Milwaukee's famed Mitchell Park one summer. I vividly remember planting trees in a San Ramon park with my son, as part of a school service project. I would even drive by over the years to inspect "my trees."

Siegel commented that this was definitely a "Unique kind of project with a community spirit to it." As a first introduction to Sierra Madre, she found it a "great town working together to get things done, where everyone gets involved."

"Goldberg Park is a win-win for the City of Sierra Madre" says Mayor Enid Joffe. "It creates a peaceful oasis in a residential neighborhood while meeting the legal requirement that the city replace the park land sold to the Sierra Madre Community Nursery School. The park is a true partnership between the public and private sectors with state and local government funds being matched by donations from many individual residents and local service organizations... a fitting memorial to Milton and Harriet Goldberg who encouraged generations of Sierra Madre children to create countless imaginary worlds in their vacant lot."

When I contacted Dr. Goldberg for her thoughts, she waxed poetic. "The whole project is an example of the true spirit of the citizenry of Sierra Madre. My brother and I were raised in this town. We watched our parents care deeply about their community, contributing their time and expertise through founding the Sierra Madre Community Nursery School, the Creative Arts Group and serving on commissions of the City Council. It was natural that we would want to give back to our community, as well. We did it in a way exemplary of our family's keen interest in the outdoors. Continuing that tradition of giving back, we have seen the citizenry of Sierra Madre, many of whom actually remember playing on "Milt's Lot", come out in huge numbers to support the idea of the park, raise the money we needed to match the federal dollars for the park, and then lend their labor and sweat to build the park. This is the true Sierra Madre way."

So bring your shovel and gloves on Saturday, 8-5 or Sunday 9-3 to plant the new park at Sunnyside and Ramona. Elisa Weaver from the city will be happy to sign off on service hours for the school age volunteers, too. Then come back, time and again, to watch "your trees" grow!

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



Chris Bertrand

From Top: Goldberg Park has been graded and irrigated, awaiting the planting party April 19-20. A stone "sofa" and benches will surround the sandy play area. A planned teepee area will illustrate local history. Background: Park plan rendering helps visualize the finished Goldberg Park.

Looking Up With Bob Eklund

Cassini Spacecraft Finds Ocean May Exist Beneath Titan's Crust



Photo by Aaron Dominquez

ics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. "Now we see changes in the way Titan rotates, giving us a window into Titan's interior beneath the surface."

Members of the mission's science team used Cassini's Synthetic Aperture Radar to collect imaging data during 19 separate passes over Titan between October 2005 and May 2007. The radar can see through Titan's dense, methane-rich atmospheric haze, detailing never-before-seen surface features and establishing their locations on the moon's surface.

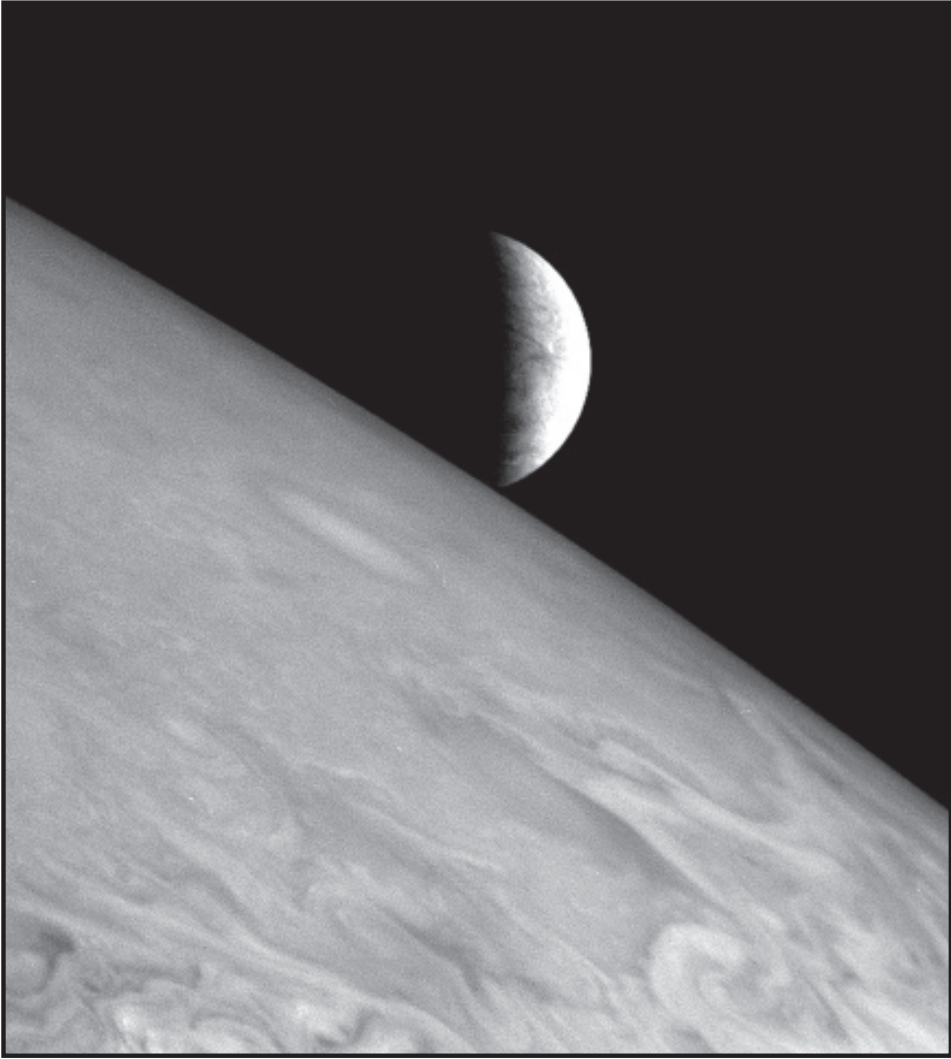
Using data from the radar's early observations, the scientists and radar engineers established the locations of 50 unique landmarks on Titan's surface. They then searched for these same lakes, canyons and mountains in the reams of data returned by Cassini in its later flybys of Titan. They found prominent surface features had shifted from their expected positions by up to 19 miles. A systematic displacement of surface features would be difficult to explain unless the moon's icy crust was decoupled from its core by an internal ocean, making it easier for the crust to move.

"We believe that about 62 miles beneath the ice and organic-rich surface is an internal ocean of liquid water mixed with ammonia," said Bryan Stiles of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in, Pasadena, Calif. Stiles also is a contributing author to the paper.

The study of Titan is a major goal of the Cassini-Huygens mission because it may preserve, in deep-freeze, many of the chemical compounds that preceded life on Earth. Titan is the only moon in the solar system that possesses a dense atmosphere. Its atmosphere is 1.5 times denser than Earth's. Titan is the largest of Saturn's moons, and is bigger than the planet Mercury.

"The combination of an organic-rich environment and liquid water is very appealing to astrobiologists," Lorenz said. "Further study of Titan's rotation will let us understand the watery interior better, and because the spin of the crust and the winds in the atmosphere are linked, we might see seasonal variation in the spin in the next few years."

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



Here, Titan, Jupiter's largest moon, can be seen from above Jupiter's Horizon. Scientists believe that under the surface, Titan may have a vast ocean. Photo courtesy Nasa.gov



I hope you are relaxing in a comfortable chair this week, for we are going to make a journey of sorts into our own past and reminisce in a place where some of the most prolific and courageous leaders sat for a meal, the ones that we were introduced to us as children. You will partake of the same type of atmosphere and plain simple foods that the leaders of our Revolution might have enjoyed at the Green Dragon Tavern, known as the ‘Headquarters of the Revolution’, as they contemplated liberty. They drank ale from tankards and ate different meals than what we are familiar with but still, like today, each meal was more often than not coupled with a social beverage known as beer, or as they knew it, ale or grog. Where and when the term “Pub Grub” came into existence remains a mystery. However, after thinking and writing about this for a few weeks, we are now looking for Pub Grub. There are a few restaurants that I would place in the category of Pub Grub. For this article I visited Lucky Baldwin’s, Red Lion Tavern, Yard House, Crown City Brewery, and Brits. I have very fond memories, like many of you, of the now deceased John Bull on Fair Oaks.

Sometimes in life something is so obvious that you have to shake your head that you did not figure it out earlier. They say you can’t teach an old dog new tricks. Right, well, let’s be nice and say that this seasoned restaurant critic had an epiphany. I finally put it all together after a visit to the

Red Lion Tavern in Glendale. I have been trying to compare apples to oranges all this time - Pub Grub to a Steak House. Totally unfair – and silly of me to have missed this elementary point! The underlying bond at all of the Pub Grub places is an unpretentious good time. I guess I was always so busy having a great time at these places that I didn’t notice I was having such a great time. Well, now that I see with open eyes, let’s take a look at this classic food and beverage style known as Pub Grub. Though it has acquired this new name, the style and concept goes back past the founding of our country, reaching into the time of Rome, and beyond.

The comedy about my search for ‘good food’ was that in all the times I mentioned the food was just “okay,” at these type of pubs the common reply was always, “Yeah, but did you try the fish and chips?” Okay, No! I hadn’t, I have to admit. I guess I thought either fish and chips are incredibly easy to make, or these restaurants all get their cod from the same purveyor. I have to remember to tie a string around my finger to remember to try these elusive fish and chips that have so far consistently escaped my hungry appetite. To be sure, it is all that anyone seems to talk about at these places when a meal is mentioned. Next time I promise, give me the fish and chips!

The spotlight and attraction for all the above restaurants remains unchanged like those distant ages of old, the selection of beer - dark, light, bottled, filtered or on tap. Of course we are lucky in that we have limitless choices these days, which leads me nicely to this week’s restaurant. The Red Lion Tavern in Glendale opened in 1962 and, up until 3 years ago, was owned by the same owners. The restaurant has

TABLE FOR TWO

Pub Grub

By Peter Dills

an upper and lower level with bars on each level. My party enjoyed Potato Pancakes, Schnitzel, a Sausage Platter, Hungarian Goulash and Beef Rouladen. Go to their web site www.redliontavern.net for the complete menu. Prices range from \$10 to \$20. Portions are large, and very suitable for sharing. Ask for extra pickles - you won’t be disappointed.

Reasons to go: Live music Thursday thru Sunday nights. Weather permitting, go to the upstairs patio and enjoy their open-air patio for a cold beer with friends. Menu lends itself to sharing; Sausage Platter with Knackwurst, Bratwurst and Bockwurst. Here the atmosphere is very relaxed. For Dodger fans, this is right down the road from the stadium and a great start or end to every game.

Reasons to stay away: Sorry but I don’t smoke. If you are like me, you can stay at the bottom floor bar and be well clear of the smokers.

Hours: Monday through Sunday 11 Am to 1 AM. Dinner starts at 5 PM.

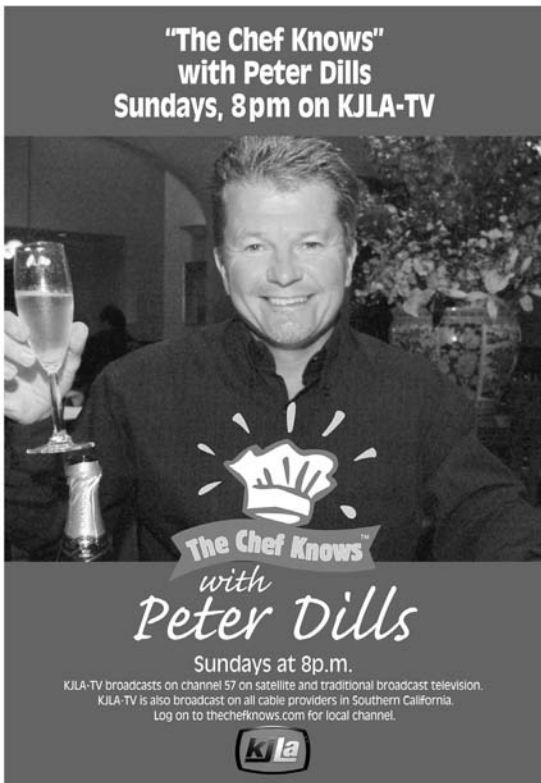
Address: 2366 Glendale Blvd. Los Angeles/ Glendale (323) 662-5337.

Service: I give the service thumbs up, as Tina was pleasant and attentive. In the upstairs patio the barmaid was overworked and told us immediately to go to the bartender for our drinks. Okay...We did and Scott took good care of us. I have been told regulars get better service, so I will have to work on that one.

Bottom Line: A great place to share part of a day with your friends. If I missed an obvious favorite of yours, please let me know - maybe next time I will be raving about the Fish and Chips at your favorite place and showering you with thanks.

Next week: We are on the road for wine and cheese tasting at Sierra Madre’s newest restaurant!!

That is all from Peter Dills until we met again next week.



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Get Smart About Fruits And Vegetables

(NAPS)—Over 90 percent of moms say it’s important to include fruits and vegetables in their family meals, and they intend to serve more. But it’s hard turning best intentions into reality; practical issues just get in the way.

To help moms realize that it’s easy to include more fruits and vegetables in meals and snacks, Fruits & Veggies—More Matters offers Get Smart! strategies and tips. These helpful, practical, easy-to-use tactics are designed to help moms add more fruits and vegetables to their families’ plates.

As You Shop

As you cruise the grocery aisles, remember: All forms count. Pick up fruits and veggies throughout the store; it’s okay to use canned, frozen—even dried fruit, as well as 100 percent juice.

- Don’t spoil your week when it’s just beginning: Prevent spoilage by using perishable produce at the beginning of the week and frozen or canned selections at the end.
- Make it an adventure: Focus on variety—choose a different fruit and vegetable each week.

In Your Family Dinner

Getting more fruits and vegetables in at dinner doesn’t have to be a struggle. Try adding them to the meals you are already making. Or make a meal starring just fruits and vegetables.

- Double delicious: Add a can of veggies, such as corn or green beans, to a can of soup; or onions, peppers and mushrooms to a jar of spaghetti sauce.
- Create a Picasso pizza or a colorful fiesta: “Paint” your pizza with peppers, broccoli, spinach and pineapple; or dress up your taco dinner with sweet peppers, cucumbers and avocado.

Eating On The Go

Eating on the go can feel chaotic, but check these easy ideas and tips to avoid last-minute, sugary, high-fat snacks and meals that can really slow you down.

- Get sizzlin’: Order sizzling options on the menu that include lots of vegetables like stir-fry or fajita entrees.
- Roll it up: Make a fruit roll-up that travels anywhere. Start with tortillas and peanut butter, then add your favorite fruits—fresh or dried.
- 100 percent juice: Keep it on hand to take with you on the go.

Fruits & Veggies—More Matters is a national public health initiative encouraging Americans to eat more fruits and vegetables for better health.

For more Get Smart! tips, as well as recipes, visit the Fruits & Veggies—More Matters Web site at www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org. There are many colorful ways to add fruits and vegetables—fresh, canned, frozen, dried, and 100 percent juice—to the foods your family already eats.



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From the Inside Out

An Ongoing Series of Personal Points of View on Health

By Mary Carney

REBUILDING.....

Every Monday I read the LA Times’ Health section. It’s absolutely amazing to watch the balancing act between medical and self-care information. It’s cool to learn that our sensuality is dependent on how well our vagus nerve system functions.

It’s fascinating to look at infrared imaging of brains - the brightly colored “alive and kicking” areas versus the black areas of poor function. It’s interesting to learn that brain function can be inhibited by the leakage of silicon from implants, and that there are energetic ways to remove the silicon from the brain, reviving functionality.

Science magazines. Snippets of researcher discoveries and their implications. I read so much, and am not particularly good about noting down when there is something of interest, in case I want to go back to it again - when I’m writing an article like this, for example. Sigh.

What I have noticed, however, is the gradual absorption by the medical community some of the long-held wisdoms from the health supportive, health sustaining side of the process, formerly known as “alternative medicine.” Legalistically speaking, “medical” is drugs, surgery and radiation. “Medical” almost always involves suppressing awareness of cellular cries for help (“Send us more energy, more self-repair tools”) and/or symptoms by partly or totally poisoning the (entire) body while hoping that the healthy cells are strong enough to survive as the improperly functioning ones go down for the count, cutting out areas of “improperly functioning tissues”, or burning them out.

Health support is not “alternative medicine”. Health support is finding ways to resolve ongoing inner mental /emotional / neurological stressors, to free up blocked energy, to increase nutrient availability so that healthy cells have the building blocks (tools) they need to do their own repair. Finding ways to get sufficient life-force energy so that the cells actually have what they need to use the available tools to repair themselves, and to clean out and eliminate the built up piles of “dustbunnies” and other “stuff” that’s

piled up in the corners when the demands of living focus cell energies on just keeping going, without leaving anything left over for “housecleaning.”

It’s comforting to know that if we ignore something that’s going on inside for too long, sometimes there is someone out there skilled enough to clean out the current symptom, and, after enough rest, some of us are lucky enough to become almost “whole” and “ourselves” again.

Just a reminder: if anti-biotics have become part of a healing choice, after you stop taking them, it’s essential to start taking “pro-biotics”. Antibiotics eliminate all bacteria in the system - both the harmful ones that have multiplied beyond our immune system’s ability to handle - as well as the so-essential helpful ones we need for proper digestion and food absorption and utilization. So, once the “nasties” are “gone”, the faster we replenish the beneficial bacteria the faster our entire immune system is able to get all our cells back into balance.

Without the beneficial bacteria, it won’t be long until there is another infection, requiring another round of antibiotics, and then another, and another ...

So, if you’ve had surgery of any kind, and been on antibiotics and painkillers, re-establishing your own internal balance, from the inside out, simply has to be the next focused activity to complete the recover from the stress. Probiotics: there are lots of good ones available from the four local providers near.

Fresh veggie juices for ease of nutrient absorption ... Speaking of which - have you made a point to sample those available from our juice shop at the corner of Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd. yet? Just 16 oz of freshly juiced carrots, celery, cucumbers, broccoli, beets, tomatoes (with or without garlic or ginger, with or without a bit of ice) can be the most powerfully energizing lunch through afternoon snack available anywhere - low in calories, high in available nutrients, flavorful sipping over several hours ... It’s the best pick-me-up in town! And tell Nora I thank her for providing us all this great live, real food, health support!



The Mountain Clymer

Story and Photo By Kim Clymer-Kelley

Easter at the Vernal Pool

I am finding that since the kids have all left the nest, many of the holidays have lost their luster. It’s hard to get into the spirit of days such as Easter with no children around... Easter in particular, as it has never held any religious significance to me. My spiritual beliefs are not along that line. The fun part of Easter as a child and as an adult with children was wonderful. I loved the Easter egg hunts. I loved the change of seasons associated with the holiday. I LOVED the chocolate...Robins Eggs especially!!! But all of that is best as a child or sharing it with a child.

This Easter was looking like it was going to be a real bust. I tried to salvage it by getting Easter goodies for everyone in my immediate circle, but when I could not find the baskets from last year and had to hand everyone their Easter treats in Rite Aid bags, it totally lost its charm. The only thing that looked somewhat promising was the weather. It was a gorgeous spring day, so I was real excited when we decided to take a Sunday drive. As we entered the freeway without any specific destination, I scoured my brain for somewhere to go that would be special...somewhere new to explore. It was then that I remembered reading about the vernal pool and the wild flowers of the Santa Rosa Plateau. It was decided that that would be our destination.

Our drive took us down the 15 to Clinton Keith Road just north of Temecula. There we exited and drove a winding road to the meadows on the top of the plateau. We arrived at the visitor center and checked out the museum and read all of the information about the area and the vernal pool. My first encounter with a vernal pool was in Utah this past summer. There they form on the slickrock after rain storms and they remain there a couple weeks...maybe a month in cooler weather and their denizens go through there entire cycle of life in that short time. Vernal pools are amazing and rare little eco-communities. This particular one on the Santa Rosa Plateau is very large and unique. It forms because underneath the topsoil is a layer of volcanic rock that prevents the rainfall from seeping into the ground. A large pool forms and immediately springs to life. The pool was teaming with a plethora of flora and fauna... lots of algae and reeds and grasses, little “fairy shrimp”, tadpoles of various sizes. aquatic garter snakes, mosquito and other insect larvae, and

a variety of birds...some swimming and some walking gingerly on long spindly legs in the 10 inch deep water.

After we finished lying on the boardwalk that arched out into the water, and examining all of the little thingies swimming about, we decided to extend our hike. We had seen signs for an old adobe and decided to take the trail out there to see it and all of the gorgeous wildflowers along the way. The trail wound through several blossoming meadows and then descended into a lush green valley...perfect for the cattle ranch that it once was. Along the trail we found patches of the rare and elusive “chocolate lillies” that we had read so much about. They seem to have developed a kind of mythical reputation, so it was a thrill to stumble upon them. I felt almost as though I had found a unicorn or or a centaur. The trail emptied out onto a dirt road and it was just a short walk to the Adobe. The Adobe was beautiful. I could just picture myself there 100



years ago, living a simple and pleasure filled life, riding through the pastures, checking fences and rounding up the cattle.

After leaving the adobe we hiked a dirt road back toward the trailhead where our car was parked. After a half mile or so, the signs instructed us to leave the road and head up a trail to the top of a knoll where we lounged on a log that was worn into a perfect recliner. After a brief rest, which we used to take in the view from the hilltop, we continued along the trail and met up with the trail we started out on about half way between the parking area and the vernal pool. We continued along the familiar trail through a colorful meadow and back to our car. It was day truly filled with awe and beauty... a trip I would highly recommend for flower lovers and hikers to put on their agenda for next spring when the pool and the meadows once again will spring to life.

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, longshoreman, 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.

Adopt "Kylie" Today



Kylie, a lovely, three-year-old patch tabby is ready for adoption. She can be shy at first but she likes attention, especially light scratches around her chin. She has already been spayed and would love to go home with you today!

The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A227951 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave , Pasadena CA , 91105 . Our adoption hours are 11-3 Sunday, 9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-3 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at www.phspca.org



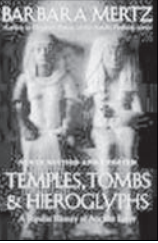
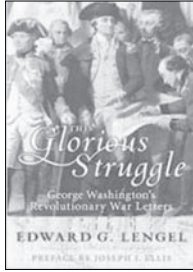
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The Book Reports

By Jeff Brown

This Glorious Struggle: George Washington's Revolutionary War Letters by Edward G. Lengel (2008)

Edward G. Lengel, the associate editor of The Papers of George Washington, presents this important selection of Washington's wartime letters. Written from Boston, Trenton, Valley Forge, Yorktown, etc., the book features enjoyable and often very candid letters to his wife, family, friends, fellow soldiers, congress and even the enemy. Offering a firsthand account of the man and the war, this collection highlights Washington's important leadership in our desperate hour. "The heroism and the heartbreak of the American Revolution are in these letters, along with the tough realism and the stubborn idealism of the soldier who wrote them," says Thomas Fleming, author of *The Perils of Peace: America's Struggle to Survive After Yorktown*.



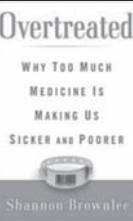
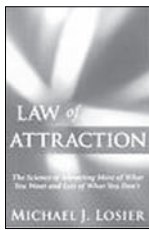
Temples, Tombs, and Hieroglyphs: A Popular History of Ancient Egypt by Barbara Mertz (2007)

Featuring 50 vivid color photographs alongside author Barbara Mertz's well written and illuminating narrative, *Temples, Tombs, and Hieroglyphs* discusses every area of Egyptian life and society, from the work of pyramid building to the luxury of Pharaonic ceremony. Considered a classic of Egyptology when it first appeared over 25 years ago, this book has long been considered the best popular introduction to the amazing world of ancient Egypt. Now completely revised and updated to include every major discovery and excavation of recent decades. Wonderful look back at this ancient culture!

Law of Attraction: The Science of Attracting More of What You Want and Less of What You Don't

by Michael J. Losier (2007)

This self help book offers an easy to follow, step by step inspirational program that helps readers through the process of figuring out what they want, why they don't have it yet, and what they need to do to get it and the life they've always wanted. Some helpful possible life changing ideas!!



Overtreated: Why Too Much Medicine Is Making Us Sicker and Poorer

by Shannon Brownlee (2007)

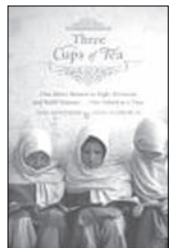
Award winning health and medicine writer Brownlee says that Americans spend up to 1/3 of health care dollars on unnecessary medications, treatments, tests and devices and an estimated 30,000 deaths per year are caused by this unnecessary care. The reason is that our national delusion is that we think more care is better care and a system that rewards doctors and hospitals for not how effective the care is but for how much they deliver. Some better approaches are provided.

Recommended by Cousin Joan of Virginia.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . .

One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin (2007)

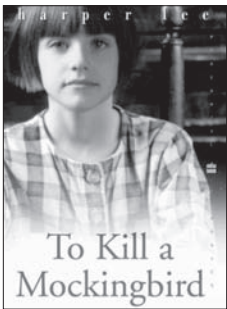
It was fabulous, a true story based on an American mountaineer who makes good on his promise and goes back to Pakistan to build schools for all children, but also wants to help educate the girls on an equal basis with the boys.



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

Scene One - Take One DVD Review

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)



This is the classic adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, set in the racially charged atmosphere of Alabama in 1932. It is a timeless atmospheric film packed with beautiful scenes and important life lessons. The story is told from the vantage point of a young girl nicknamed Scout whose widowed father Atticus Finch (Gregory Peck), a lawyer, decides on principle to defend a black man accused of raping a poor white woman. But the bigoted townspeople would rather lynch him than try him, and they make life very difficult for the lawyer, his daughter, and his son Jem. While their father is in the middle of the trial, his curious bright children learn a hard and unforgettable lesson in prejudice, morality, and justice, part of which requires overcoming an unfounded fear of their mysterious neighbor Boo Radley (Robert Duvall) in this also coming of age story. Wonderful! Winner of four Academy Awards!

Recommended by Brother Brad from Australia

Thank You for Smoking (2005)

A satirical look at one of the biggest cons in the history of mankind. The masters of spin are at work in this masterpiece of confounding dialog about spinning misdirections in the face of over whelming evidence that smoking is bad for you. In fact down right deadly, but not for BIG TOBACCO, who will do anything to keep the US government, the court system and the general public from reaching the only destination possible for cigarettes – They should be banned and BIG TOBACCO should pay back billions to it's victims. This movies charm is in the fact that we all know that they know that tobacco is poison, but as long as we can't pin them down to it, they can continue to weave their words of denial, confusion and deceit. I really enjoyed the entertaining dialog and almost fun attempt to continue the con long enough for everyone to lose interest.



SPORTS

Back Page Journal



Ready-Made Heroes

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

Back in the late 60s when I was barely in my teens, LSU and the great Pete Maravich came to town to play the powerful Lew-Alcindor-led UCLA Bruins in basketball. UCLA won of course, but in defeat Pistol Pete scored about 38 points without even trying, while dazzling the crowd and anyone in L.A. County with a TV with his acrobatic passing and dribbling wizardry. I was stunned. After the game I immediately walked out into the back yard of our Altadena home, where we had a basketball court (well, more of a small square slab with a bent hoop than a court, actually), and I taught myself to dribble behind the back and between the legs in honor of my new favorite basketball player, Pistol Pete. I even started to wear dirty unwashed socks around the house, much to my mother's chagrin, because Pete never changed his filthy socks. If it was good enough for the Pistol it was good enough for me. Besides, since I could now dribble between my legs, I figured I sort of WAS Pete Maravich. Turns out I wasn't.

(No matter. Years later when I was in my mid-30s, in reverent homage, I wrote a serio-comic novel that centered in large measure around the short, frantic life of Pete Maravich. Who had just died. He was only 40 years old.)

When I was in my early 20s I watched Bjorn Borg beat the daylights out of Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon. What captivated me was how Borg hit his backhand with two hands, rather than just one. He swung the racquet from low-to-high, like he was chopping wood backwards. Which created terrific topspin. And he never missed. So that summer I worked hard on my new 2-handed backhand until I could hit it pretty good, just like my new favorite tennis player, Mr. Borg. Borg and I are the exact same age, and my heritage is Swedish just like his, and he was always a big hit with the ladies, so naturally I thought I pretty much WAS Borg. Turns out I wasn't.

When I was in my late 20s I started playing a lot of golf. Tennis had become too tiring, and so I needed something else to do to stay physically connected to the world of Sport. So golf it was. But I never liked the golf "grip", i.e. that complicated interlacing of the fingers of one hand with the fingers of the other. Too confining. Then I remembered that my favorite baseball player, Willie Mays, used to swing the bat with an interlocking golf grip. Which gave me an idea. I'd simply reverse the process! If Mays could hold a baseball bat with a golf grip, I could hold a golf club with a baseball grip! Genius. I would design to interlock the index finger of my left hand with the pinkie finger of my right, but that's all. The rest of my grip would be as if my driver or three-iron were a genuine Hillerich & Bradsby special wooden bat, just like I used in Little League. And so that's what I did, and still do so to this day. The baseball bat grip is my golf trademark.

Too bad I wasn't very good at golf or it'd make a great story, huh?

Sometimes I found my athletic inspiration in movies. One of my favorite films growing up was The Adventures of Robin Hood, starring Errol Flynn. I loved the way Flynn, as the legendary robber baron of Sherwood Forest, handled the bow and arrow, skewering the evil Sheriff of Nottingham's soldiers by the bushel as he kept England safe until good king Richard the Lionhearted returned from the Crusades. So I took up archery. Got pretty good at it. Made my mom buy me my own bow and everything. I even took an archery class in college. I was the yeoman of all bowmen. All because of my new favorite movie star, Errol Flynn. Flynn had a mustache, so I grew one. And Flynn was dashing and handsome and always a big hit with the ladies, so naturally I thought I WAS Flynn. Turns out I wasn't.

The bottom line here is that I needed the inspiration of convenient, ready-made heroes to get me to embrace sports, any sport. Most young men do.

My son Robert is eleven years old. He shoots a pretty good arrow himself. I taught him, he learns fast.



Who are our heroes? Will this young man be led by past greats or modern superstars?

Photo by Brad Eastland, MVO

But sometimes I sit and reflect, as I watch him draw his bow or draw back a pitching wedge, wondering where he might draw his own inspiration from. So far, from the world of sports, nothing has really jumped out and grabbed ahold of him. Not yet.

That said, he's a pretty good athlete. Not a superstar, but very decent and decidedly above average. Better than I was. He played a lot of Little League baseball growing up, and as a pitcher and a hitter he was pretty darn good at both. He shoots a basketball okay, and even though he's not a fast runner he's a pretty good pass receiver in football. Of course I hope he doesn't play high school football; he'd get hurt for sure. But golf is perfect for him. His golf swing is a thing of beauty (he had a very good teacher), and therefore, so far, golf is by far his best gig. I would imagine he's the best under-12 golfer in Sierra Madre. And now I'm teaching him tennis.

But overall, sports has not yet gotten under his skin. So far he's not the kind of kid who wakes up, laces up his tennis shoes, and heads for the playground in search of a game. Like we did. Frankly, at present, he spends most of his spare time riding and talking about his beloved skateboard. Which for now is fine.

Which all makes me wonder. Who will inspire my son? A kid needs that ready-made hero, someone to inject and infuse any enterprise with a magic beyond the pale, flimsy limitations of that enterprise itself. What big star will shine his light upon him and cause him to invest the playing of that sport with genuine passion? Who will be his Pete Maravich, his Bjorn Borg, his Errol Flynn? I wonder...

HOLY SMOLEY! TIM'S BIG HOME RUN WINS IT FOR ARCADIA

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

The Apaches had a little fun at their own tournament last Monday night. With the hotly contested Pacific League baseball season about half over, and with "Spring Break" providing a welcome mental health intermission prior to the second half, Arcadia High invited a few non-league schools to come by and play some ball while school's out.

And this "working vacation" proved to be very good medicine for the local kids.

Behind the strong pitching of David Huntzinger and an awesome hitting display by star slugger Tim Smoley, the Arcadia Varsity nine played a near-flawless game in the 2nd round of the 2008 "Apache Invitational" this past week, throttling the San Marcos Royals 4 to 1 under the lights at Giambrone Field.

By the end of the night, San Marcos might well have regretted accepting its invitation. The Santa Barbara-based Royals' reward for making the long drive down to L.A. was a box seat for Smoley's towering home run in the 3rd, a three-run shot which broke open a scoreless game and gave Huntzinger the breathing room he needed.

Huntzinger was wild all night and couldn't get his curve ball over at all. But it didn't matter. The reed-thin righthander's fastball was jumping like a grasshopper on a hot griddle. Of the 17 outs he recorded in his five and two-thirds innings of work, 11 were by strikeout. He ran out of gas in the 6th but Kyle Schneider came in and did a great job in relief, get-

ting the final four outs for the save.

Smoley was indeed awesome.

The junior outfielder & first baseman singled sharply in his first at-bat, and after homering on the very first pitch he saw in the 3rd---a high drive which seemed to scrape the clouds before falling to earth well beyond the right-field fence---he was denied a perfect 3-for-3 night when the San Marcos left fielder made a fine running catch of his down-the-line flair in the 5th. Smoley is a good story. Two years ago as a freshman he set the school record for doubles in a season. And now that he's older, bigger and stronger, those doubles have morphed into homers by the handful. According to local insiders, this kid has a real chance to play at the next level.

And now the real fun begins. Arcadia currently stands at 5-2 in league play, trailing only 1st-place Crescenta Valley. The Falcons are flying high, undefeated and formidable. But if Huntzinger can train his curve ball to find the strike zone to complement his electric fastball, if Smoley keeps hitting bombs, and if ace hurler Bryce Rutherford comes back hale and hearty from a minor car accident, a Pacific League championship for Arcadia is not out of the question.

It might all come down to the May 9th season finale, when the Apaches entertain the Falcons right here at Giambrone Field. Make your plans to attend.



Arcadia Apaches put their strongest face forward and vie for first place within their league. Promising players show signs of big-league worthiness. Photo by Brad Eastland, MVO

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