

MUDSLIDE ALERTS IN EFFECT - MT. WILSON TRAIL RACE POSTPONED

Due to the conditions created by the Santa Anita Fire and the recent rain, the City of Sierra Madre will be providing sand bags to residents. Sand bags are available at Mary's Market, the Fire Station and the City Yards. Sand is only available at Mary's Market and The City Yards. Check Cable Channel 3 or go to: www.sierramadrenews.net For Current Conditions

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State Of Emergency: Part II  
Rain and Mudslides Add To Hillside Worries



For the second time in less than a month, Mayor Kurt Zimmerman declared a State Of Emergency for Sierra Madre. This time, the call was made in an effort to maintain the outside agency support originally received for last month's fire during the current rains and mudslides. According to City Manager Elaine Aguilar, it was unclear if the two week federal limit applied to the city's current situation. As a result, an emergency meeting was called at 1:00 pm Friday. All council members were present, with the exception of Councilman Joe Mosca who attended via telephone conferencing. Aguilar said most of the council members were called from work that morning for the council meeting that lasted no more than ten minutes. The meeting was so quick most of the local TV news stations covering the story missed it. After the council voted unanimously in favor, the Mayor gave a statement explaining the city's position.

Zimmerman, addressing reporters, said the council had an obligation to protect citizens and that is why the emergency. "I don't live in the canyon area although obviously I'm very distressed," Zimmerman said. "This is a perverse double whammy, first the fire and now unfortunately, the mudslides." According to Aguilar, 90 crews from LA County, Arcadia, Monrovia, and other cities helped Thursday night including inmates from nearby jails wearing bight orange jumpsuits. On Friday, about 60 crews remained and were expected to work throughout the night. "We monitor the weather," she said. "They predict a 60 percent chance of rain later today and again 50 percent tomorrow [Saturday]." A heavy tractor was brought in to clear mud on blocked streets including areas around Skyline Drive where voluntary evacuations were issued Thursday evening. The U.S. Forest Service sent a geologist to survey the area right after the fire because of the steep slopes. That information was shared in a report with the city last week said Public Works Director, Bruce Inman. That report helped the city anticipate the manpower requirements in the event of rain, which began Thursday afternoon. Residents can get sand and sandbags at the City Yard and at Mary's Market. Sandbags can also be picked up at the SM Fire Station. Bailey Canyon and Mt. Wilson Trail will be closed through Sunday. The Mount Wilson Trail Race set for Saturday has been postponed. A new date will be determined this Tuesday according to the city manager. MVO

Weather Wrecks Havoc In Sierra Madre Photos By S. Henderson

In less than a week, Sierra Madre weather went from 100+ degrees to unseasonal rains and thunderstorms. The sights around town could not have been envisioned. (L to R): Abandoned 1 Carter project; Soaked Kersting Court ready for the race; (top) mud streaming down the canyon wash; burned, muddy hillsides.



Volunteers Worked Diligently To Prepare Trail Race

By Bill Coburn and Pete Siberell

Editors Note: The Mt. Wilson Trail Race was scheduled for Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, however, due to recent rain and mudslides, it has been postponed. At press time, there no new date had been scheduled. Prior to the cancellation, volunteers worked very hard to prepare the trail in the aftermath of April's firestorm. This story tells of the volunteer efforts that prepared, and will probably prepare again, the trail for runners.

Though it is the 42<sup>nd</sup> running of the race, it is the 100 year anniversary of the first race, run by nine runners back in 1908. The men ran seven miles from Sierra Madre up to Mt. Wilson, rested half an hour, then came back.

From 1912 to 1929, there was no race, some say because the runners' interest was waning due to the popularity of the automobile. Half-way between Sierra Madre and Mt. Wilson was an orchard of apples, cherries, plums and chestnuts that soon became a public resort known as "Orchard Camp." In 1930, the trail race was started again to draw attention to Orchard Camp, and for the first time, the race was expanded to include women and young girls.

The race was held sporadically until the late 1940's when it was abandoned completely. It was revived in the autumn of 1965, and over the years evolved to its present format. In the spring of 1987, it was held in conjunction with Search and Rescue Days. It has been run annually ever since, but this year, the Centennial of the first race, it nearly wasn't. The Santa Anita Fire closed down the trail and did some major damage to the hillside on which the trail sits.

According to Pete Siberell, chairman of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee, the work literally started while there were still fires on the mountain on Monday, April 28. A meeting of the Committee was



Volunteers gathered at Lizzie's Trail Inn Saturday, May 10th before heading up to prep the trail for Saturday's race. Photo by Bill Coburn

held in Kersting Court, and the members resolved to get the trail ready in time to have the race go on as planned. "I received 15-20 calls and emails on that day from people who wanted to help," said Siberell. "The first step was assessing the damage, which we did in short order right after the trail was closed. The majority of damage occurred in a stretch less than a mile-long, between the fire road just above the trailhead and the switchbacks just short of First Water." While there is significant damage on the ridge to the east of the trail, the ridge on which the trail runs is relatively unscathed north of First Water up to Orchard Camp, 3.3 miles up from the foot of the Trail.

Charlie Bell, a long-time Trail Blazer who has tended the trail for many years, went up the trail numerous times with other colleagues to assess its condition and to start grooming the trail. His co-workers included Peter McNulty, Gary Hilliard, Mark Gage, John Grace, (cont. pg. 3)

SMVFD At Work: Flappin' Jacks



Sierra Madreans showed their full support for our Volunteer Fire Department last weekend. Firemen (and women) served almost 1,000 breakfasts to residents at their annual Pancake Breakfast Extravaganza. According to volunteers, this years turnout was the largest ever, with the community's remembering the SMVFD's quick response to the recent wildfire.

Photos By Dean Lee

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and Banks will be closed.



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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

City Council  
Answers Questions

Do you have a question regarding an item on an upcoming City Council agenda? Do you have any questions regarding City services? While you can always call City Hall and get an answer to your question, we're providing another, convenient opportunity to get your questions answered.

Beginning on Monday, May 12th, from 9 am to 10 am, the City Manager and Department Heads will be standing by, available at City Hall to answer any questions you may have regarding City Council agenda items, items on the warrant register, or city services in general. You do not need to make an appointment - just drop by anytime between 9 am and 10 am on May 12th.

Please remember that anyone can call City Hall, at (626) 355-7135, to get their questions answered, and appointments are also available. If you prefer to just drop by, future office hours are:

Tuesday, May 27th, from 9 am to 10 am  
Monday, June 9th, from 9 am to 10 am  
Monday, June 23rd, from 9 am to 10 am

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at (626) 355-7135.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Calendar				1 Senior Community Commission 3:00 p.m. Planning Commission. 7:30 p.m.. both in Council Chambers	2 Art Show Opens In City Hall  Family Movie Friday Kersting Court 7:30 p.m.	
5  Summer Adult Softball Registration Begins Author's Night - Stephen J. Cannell Sierra Madre Playhouse. 7:00 p.m.	6  City Council Meeting Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.	14  Community Arts Commission Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.	9 Travelers' & Collectors Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	 10  Lifeguard Training Begins	16 Family Movie Friday. Kersting Court 7:30 p.m.	17  SNMFA Pancake Breakfast
12 Community Services Commission Council Chambers. 6:30 p.m.	 13 13-14. AARP Senior Driving Safety Program	 21 Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers. 7:00 p.m.	15 "Third Thursday" Book Club. Library 11:00 & 7:00 Planning Commission Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.	 23  Mount Wilson Trail Race Pasta Feed Kersting Court. 6:00 p.m.	24 Mount Wilson Trail Race & HFF Kids Fun Run. Kersting Court. 7:00 a.m.	31  Swim Test Day Aquatic Center 12:00 Noon
18 17-18 Friends of the Library Art Fair 	19 Author at the Library. 7:00 p.m. 	27 City Council Meeting. Council Chmbers. 6:30 p.m.	28 Library Board of Trustees. City Conference Room 7:00 p.m.	30 Family Movie Friday. Kersting Court. 7:30 p.m. 		

Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal Sought

Sierra Madre Fourth of July Committee is looking for candidates to serve as the Grand Marshal for the 2008 Fourth of July Parade. This year's parade will be held on Friday, July 4, according to Matt Bosse, Fourth of July Committee Chairman.

Candidates for the Parade Grand Marshal should echo the spirit of Sierra Madre and should be active volunteers in any of the local nonprofit organizations in Sierra Madre.

Nominations should be sent to: The Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 1073, Sierra Madre 91025 or via e-mail to matthewbosse@hotmail.com by Monday, June 2nd.

The Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sunnyside, progressing east to Sierra Vista Park until about 11:30 a.m. At that time Memorial Park, on the west side of town, will be filled with nonprofit food booths and the Beer Garden will be open for business.

Chairman Bosse reminds residents that the event kicks off at Memorial Park beginning 6 pm on July 3rd with the band Aluminum Marshmallow and continuing with the Night Bloomin' Jazzmen playing under the large shade tree from noon to about 4 p.m. on July 4th - children's games will take place also on the south lawn of Memorial Park. Food booths and the Beer Garden will be open both the evening of July 3rd and after the parade on July 4th.

Volunteer to  
Serve on a City  
Commission

The City is looking for motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and friendly volunteers to serve on the following Commissions:

- Community Services
- Planning
- Senior Community

For an application, visit [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com)

For more information please call (626) 355-7135

Position Open  
Police Dispatcher

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CALIFORNIA Invites applications for Sierra Madre Police Department DISPATCHER

\$32,273 - \$41,213  
\$33,744 - \$43,067 after July 1, 2008  
CalPERS 2.5% @ 55  
Deadline: 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 29, 2008

**Position**  
Under direct supervision of a Police Sergeant or Watch Commander, receives and transmits routine and emergency telephone and voice radio messages, dispatches equipment and personnel; receives and transmits teletypes for related computer systems. Provides clerical/secretarial support for the Police Chief and the Police Department on a shift basis. The position requires the ability to work any shift within a 24 hour day.

For more information please visit [www.cityofsierramadres.com](http://www.cityofsierramadres.com) or call 626-355-7135

Sierra Madre  
Farmer's  
Market

Starting on May 21st, Sierra Madre will be holding a certified farmers market every Wednesday between the hours of 3pm and 7pm in the public parking lot on Mariposa Avenue, just south of Sierra Madre Blvd. between S. Baldwin and S. Hermosa Avenues.

The farmers market will offer a variety of vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms. There will also be a selection of freshly made specialty foods, such as vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic food and hot food prepared at the market.

Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free, so you can make the healthiest eating choices possible. For more information, call (310) 633-3966 or (626) 355-5278.

Open Studio Tour

The Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission is holding its second annual Open Studio Tour on Sunday, June 1 from noon to 5pm. This year 14 artists' studios in Sierra Madre will be open to the public on the same day, showcasing the work of over 25 local, visual artists.

Sierra Madre has a rich history as an artist colony, and the Commission invites you to discover the many artists that are keeping that tradition alive. Some of the many talented artists participating in this year's event include Carolyn Gravatte and Laura Gravatte Wambsgans, Djibril n' Doye, Mark Strickland, Lynn Fearman, Susan Wallis, David Darbyshire and Susie Kustner.

The self-guided tour begins at Creative Arts Group, 108 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre, and continues through the pleasant and picturesque tree-lined streets of this inviting foothill village. Visitors can either hop on a shuttle bus or follow the maps and stroll from studio to studio at their own pace.

Tickets are \$20 at the door. Pre-sale tickets are available at the Community Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., for \$15. Call 626-355-5278 for more information.

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.org](http://www.cityofsierramadre.org).

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Kiwanis Presents Program on Long Term Care

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will host a program about "Long Term Care Awareness" at their Tuesday, June 3 meeting. The program, entitled "Own Your Future", will be presented by Julie Bridge of Waddell & Reed, financial advisors who work with various long term care providers.

The meeting will be at noon at the Masonic Temple at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The public is invited. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$11 per person; reservations are required. For reservations, please contact Hank Landsberg at 355-3656 no later than noon the preceding Monday.

Sierra Madre Woman's Club

**Wistaria Thrift Shop**

at the rear of the Essick House  
550 West Sierra Madre Boulevard  
one block East of Michillinda

Join us Saturday, May 31  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
for our annual closeout  
Big Brown Bag Sale!

All you can fit in a  
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Fill as many bags  
as you like

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New Summer 2008 Swim Lesson Schedule

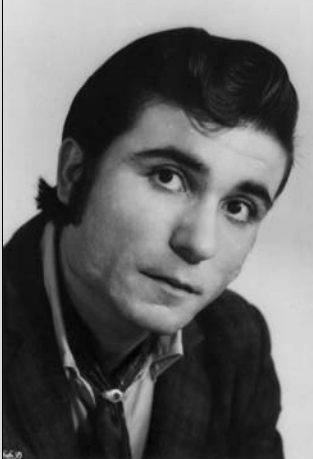
The Sierra Madre Aquatics Center is changing to a new one-week swim lesson schedule. Rather than daily 30-minute lessons for two weeks, the swim classes will be extended to 45 minutes, still satisfying all American Red Cross requirements. There will be 11 separate swim sessions starting June 16 and running through August 29. The cost for the new 45 minute, one week swim lesson is \$35.00. 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](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), and available at the Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Public Library, Hart Park House, and Chamber of Commerce.

Don't know what level to register your child for? Come to our FREE SWIM TEST DAY on 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. For more information, please call the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.



## Sierra Madre Playhouse Co-Founder Charles Andreese Passes



Charles Andreese died Friday, May 9. He co-founded the Sierra Madre Playhouse in 1980 and has been its principal visionary ever since.

Initially, he was involved in acting in and directing playhouse productions; later, (cont. page 3) along with Stan Zalas, he concentrated on the artistic and business management of the enterprise. The two set very high artistic standards, and, despite a perennial shortage of funds, the playhouse acquired a well-deserved reputation for excellence.

For many years, Charles was the persona of the playhouse, taking phone reservations, greeting patrons, serving cookies and punch at intermission, seeing patrons out after the play, and cleaning up once they had left. He seemed to know everyone personally, frequently reserving preferred seats for special patrons. (In those days, those in the know brought their own seat cushions to protect themselves from protruding springs).

Andreese fell ill in 1995, and was able to attend his beloved “Masterpiece Theater” on only a few occasions since. However, he remained its Artistic Director, selecting plays and directors with an unerring eye for good, family entertainment. He corresponded frequently with his many friends and kept abreast of what was going on in the playhouse and the city.

The family has not released information on what memorials may be planned.

## POLICE DECOY NABS PEDESTRIANS

On Wednesday, May 14, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Sierra Madre Police Department hosted a Pedestrian Decoy Awareness Program at the intersection of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Hermosa Ave. The Department has received many complaints from residents about flagrant crosswalk violations in the downtown area. Four Monterey Park Police Department motor officers and Jan’s Towing assisted the Sierra Madre Police Department in the operation. The emphasis for this event was on driver awareness, education and enforcement.

A total of 2,244 vehicles passed through this intersection during the operation. Officers wrote 42 citations and towed 2 vehicles. The following is a breakdown of the violations issued during the 4-hour period:

- 31 drivers were cited for Vehicle Code Section (VC) 21950(a) – Driver not Stopping for Pedestrian in a Crosswalk;
- 2 drivers were cited for V.C. 12500(a) – Unlicensed Driver;
- 7 drivers were cited for V.C. 27315(d)(1) – Driver not Wearing a Seatbelt;
- 2 drivers were cited for V.C. 27315(e) – Passenger not Wearing a Seatbelt;
- 1 driver was cited for V.C. 26708(a)(1) – Objects Blocking Window;
- 1 driver was cited for V.C. 12951(a) – Driver not in Possession of Driver License; and
- 1 driver was cited for V.C. 27007 – Loud Music Heard 50-feet or More from Vehicle.

We used a total of 8 hours of overtime for a SMPD sergeant and one officer. The costs were charged to a State grant fund, not to our General Fund. The other personnel were either on duty or volunteered. Police Chief Jones Moy of the Monterey Park PD graciously donated the services of the four motorcycle officers.

Submitted By Chief Marilyn Diaz

### TRAIL RACE

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Mark Hacker, and Pete Siberell. According to Siberell “The work was mostly clearing the “slough” made up of dirt and rocks that had fallen onto the trail from above when vegetation burned up, and clearing dead vegetation. It made for extremely grimy work, as clouds of dust came back in our faces from below the trail. Although we were equipped with masks, we looked like coal miners coming off the trail.”

Some volunteers worked on the trail during the day while it was still closed to the public, but many came after completing their work day at their jobs, arriving sometimes at 6pm or later and working for an hour and a half or two until the sun went down. Sierra Madre resident John Grace put together a volunteer team for last Saturday morning (May 10). John is affiliated with CORBA (California Off-Road Bicycling Association) and the Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association. With help and donations, he organized about 20 workers. The Department of Public Works lent tools, while the Only Place in Town provided sandwiches, Starbucks sent beverages, and Leanora Moss and Webb-Martin provided cash for refreshments. Defending women’s champion (and pregnant) Sharon Pevsner delivered the sandwiches to the hungry workers. The workers not only put final touches on the trail, but even worked above First Water on the part of the trail that was not fire-damaged.

Charlie Bell (who is the acknowledged expert on the trail, based on his years of experience helping to maintain it), the world famous Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, and Pete Siberell with the Mt. Wilson Trail Race Committee had the final say as to when the Trail could be re-opened to the public. Charlie assessed the trail on Friday, May 9 and thought the trail should be opened as soon as possible, for two reasons: first, so runners could familiarize themselves with the new section of the trail and second, so that runners and hikers could tramp down the trail as much as possible before the race, as it was soft in many sections.

Jeremy Heiner, a Search and Rescue volunteer who is also on the MWTR committee, declared the trail safe with some recommended precautions. And Pete Siberell ran up and down the trail numerous times to make sure the trail was race ready. Upon hearing those recommendations, the city opened the trail the afternoon of May 9th and agreed with Siberell the race would be run as scheduled, absent any mudslides occurring before then!

That doesn’t mean the work is finished. Crews will continue going up to clear slough that will have fallen on the trail between now and race day. Heiner and Siberell will be going up the trail before race day to flag any spots still considered dangerous for runners,

and Search and Rescue plans to add another eleven volunteers to the twenty he already had scheduled along the damaged trail on race day so they can be ready to respond in case of a fall. And finally, Siberell will be sending out emails to runners to caution them about race conditions. He will also provide specific pre-race instructions before the race begins on the morning of the race.

Said Siberell “As with the way the community came together during the fire, it has similarly bonded to bring the trail back to us, literally right before our eyes. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the running of the Mt. Wilson Trail Race will take place, right over the very mountain that was ablaze and had all of us in such anxiety and suspense! But knowing the citizens and their love of volunteering and the Mt. Wilson Trail, that is to be expected.”

The Committee stopped accepting applications weeks ago, when the maximum allotment of three hundred runners was met. Runners who want to check in early can come to the Pasta Dinner event in Kersting Court on Friday night from 6P to 8PM. Runners can pick up their race number and t-shirt early and have a great pasta dinner from Cafe 322. Proceeds from the race will go to SM Search & Rescue. As a bonus, John Robinson will be providing a history of the Mt. Wilson Trail at 7:00P.

Spectators are encouraged to come out Saturday morning, as there will be plenty going on to entertain them while they wait for the competitors, friends and family to make it back across the finish line. Kersting Court will be filled with booths from Elite Fitness Boot Camp, New Balance, Patagonia, Jamba Juice, Kaiser, the Sierra Madre Historical Society, and Train fitness center. Local singer/songwriter Lisa Turner will be entertaining the crowds with her “Celtic-tinged acoustic power folk rock.” And for the adults this year, the Sierra Madre Rotary is sponsoring a beer garden where folks can find a little post race refreshment. Proceeds from the beer garden will be donated to the City’s Fire Fund. There will be a children’s art show co-sponsored by the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission. And at 8am, half an hour after the Trail Race start, the Third Annual Kid’s Fun Run will take place for children three and up. The Fun Run starts at the same starting line as the grown-ups’ race, and the kids run up Baldwin Ave. and back down to cross the same finish line as the adults.



As of Friday, May 23rd, the Trail has been closed again. The race has been postponed and a new date will be announced on May 27th. S. Henderson/MVO

## MacGillivray Recused From 1 Carter Talks –Residence Poses Possible Conflict Of Interest

By Dean Lee

Acting on the side of caution, City Attorney Sandra Levin Tuesday night advised council member Maryann MacGillivray not to participate in any discussion of the One Carter project because her home is within 500 feet of that property, the distance defined by the California Fair Political Practices Commission as creating a conflict of interest.

“She [Levin] said I’ve got to wait for my letter from the FPPC,” MacGillivray said as she recused herself by walking out halfway through the closed session, a move that by law should have been done publicly before the meeting.

According to the FPPC, “If the decision is to take place during a closed session, the identification of the economic interest must be made during the public meeting prior to the closed session, but is limited to a declaration that the official has a conflict of interest. The official may not be present during consideration of the closed session item and may not obtain or review any non-public information regarding the decision.”

Councilmember Don Watts also recused himself, leaving only council members Joe Mosca, John Buchanan and Mayor Kurt Zimmerman to make all decisions, something Buchanan had said he thought was a bad idea.

Watts said “I don’t want to put the city at risk,” as he waited in the empty chambers. He also confirmed that MacGillivray was in the closed session before coming out.

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MacGillivray was at first, unwilling to leave, saying there was no need since they were not taking action. Levin then went into detail as to why leaving was necessary.

“There is a presumption of a conflict,” Levin advised. “There are certain exemptions that might apply that might alleviate that conflict, but the analysis, under the regulations that the FPPC has propagated, is very involved and very complicated and it takes a long time to do.”

She said the analysis was underway, with a number of consultants working on it.

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MacGillivray was at first, unwilling to leave, saying there was no need since they were not taking action. Levin then went into detail as to why leaving was necessary.

“There is a presumption of a conflict,” Levin advised. “There are certain exemptions that might apply that might alleviate that conflict, but the analysis, under the regulations that the FPPC has propagated, is very involved and very complicated and it takes a long time to do.”

She said the analysis was underway, with a number of consultants working on it.

“Whenever the law presents a conflict under The Political Reform Act, the requirements of the act are that you not only step down from the dais, but leave the room,” Levin said.

FPPC spokesperson Roman Porter, when contacted, referred to the “Overview of the Conflicts Laws,” on their website.

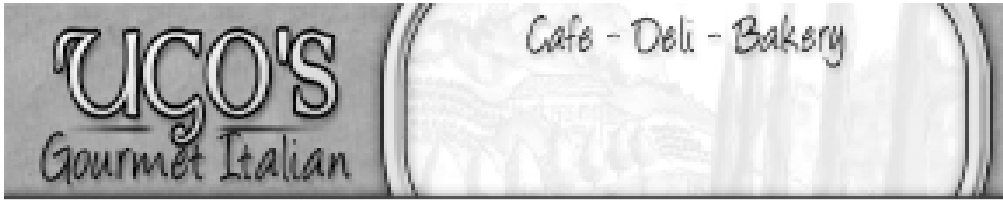
It reads, “A public official may speak as a member of the general public only when the economic interest that is the basis for the conflict is a personal economic interest, for example, his or her personal residence or wholly owned business. The official must leave the dais to speak from the same area as the members of the public and may listen to the public discussion of the matter.”

With MacGillivray present, Levin gave a brief overview of the pending Stonehouse lawsuits advising that it would be January, at the earliest, before the lawsuits would go before a judge. She also said the city won one of the first cases, although the judgment was now up on appeal.

After MacGillivray left the room Levin said all the One Carter lawsuits were in similar stages with the exception of the one which was set to be heard in October and another next May. She then said the “big development” was that all activity had stopped on the site. “If you see activity on the One Carter site, grading, or other activity going on up there, please let the city staff know,” she requested. “We want to know what’s going on up there. You’re closer than we are.”

Levin also noted, based on the lack of activity and other factors, that the city sent out a letter of default on April 28, as reported in this paper last week, thus protecting their proffered improvement agreement. She said they city’s concerns over the area being safe have been exacerbated by the fire. She also said the default letter came with an immediate response from investors and lenders who themselves sent letters and are suing Dorn Platz. The developers have until June 29, to correct the default, if uncorrected, over \$2.6 million in bonds will be called in to clean up the site.

Public comments on the issues were also separated at Zimmerman’s request, so MacGillivray could participate on Stonehouse. Members of Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society asked why any grading had been allowed at One Carter before some of the buildings were listed on the city’s historical structures, a requirement of approval. The matter had been put off a number of times by the planning commission, something Levin said was not the developers’ fault. She also said the application only had to be filed, not approved - and that was done.



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*Environmentally Speaking,*

## Did You Know After The Fire

By Pat Birdsall

Writing this during a heavy downpour of rain and hail is probably not the best time to impart this information. Although the following might be ingrained in the fiber of those living in Sierra Madre's fire/flood zone, it probably bears repeating.

### General Precautions:

- \* Never underestimate the power of storm water and debris flows.
- \* Try to direct storm water and debris flows away from any structures.
- \* Avoid altering any natural or existing drainage patterns in a way that might worsen conditions for you or your neighbors.
- \* Avoid trying to control or confine flows more than is absolutely necessary; Remember that the water and debris flows need to go somewhere.
- \* Place protection devices in such a way so as to deflect debris: do not try to create a dam or stop the flows in any way—this may cause flooding.
- \* In extreme conditions, board up windows as necessary to prevent debris from entering structures.
- \* Protect your most valuable property first—your home. Minor structures, pools and landscaping can be protected providing time and money are available.
- \* Be prepared to sacrifice the use of portions of your property to achieve the greatest amount of protection.
- \* Don't take unnecessary risks. If your debris control problems appear to warrant solutions beyond the scope of this guide, consult an expert such as a civil or geotechnical engineer or a landscape architect for additional advice.

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## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 4th, to Saturday May 10th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 222 calls for service.

Sunday, May 4th:

12:42 AM – Battery/domestic violence, arrest, 300 block Grove St. An argument between a husband and wife resulted in her striking him. The wife was arrested for domestic violence and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

3:01 PM – Construction equipment, 600 block East Sierra Madre Blvd. A Kubota tractor, loader and box scrapper, were stolen from a rear yard between 6:00 pm Thursday, 4/17 and 4:00 pm Sunday, 5/4/2008. The loss is estimated at \$27,600.

Monday, May 5th:

8:56 AM – Attempt auto theft, 00 block North Auburn Ave. The ignition switch was punched from a black Honda Accord between 5:30 pm Friday, 5/2 and 8:56 Monday, 5/5. A grey Craftsman drill motor in a gray case was stolen from the truck. The loss was estimated at \$100.00 for the drill motor.

12:59 PM – Explosive device, 600 block West Highland Ave. A homemade explosive device exploded inside a US mail box at the curb of a home. The fire department arrived and determined the device to be inert. The device was recovered as evidence.

Tuesday, May 6th:

6:54 PM – Vandalism/graffiti, 800 block Auburn Ave. A teenage male was reported vandalizing the concrete walls of the city's debris basin. Officers saw the suspect in the act of painting graffiti. The suspect is a local resident. He was arrested and released to his mother on a written promise to appear.

Wednesday, May 7th:

11:56 AM - Grand theft, 400 block East Grandview Ave. An uninstalled stone fountain was stolen from the backyard of the residence. The fountain was last seen on Friday, 4/25 and discovered missing on Tuesday 5/6. The fountain was valued at \$1,500.00 and weighed in excess of 250 pounds.

Thursday, May 8th:

7:51 AM – Vandalism/graffiti, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Memorial Park. The men's restroom was vandalized with a black felt pen between 9:00 am Wednesday, 5/7 and 7:00 am Thursday, 5/8.

8:15 AM – Petty theft, 200 block Auburn Ave. A car's gas filler door was open and a section of garden hose was inserted to siphon fuel from the tank. The crime occurred between 7:15 pm Wednesday, 5/7 and 7:45 am Thursday, 5/8. No gasoline was taken, but the gas cap was missing.

6:08 PM - Auto burglary, 400 block East Highland Ave. A computer's external hard drive and its case were reported stolen from a truck. The crime occurred between 11:30 pm Wednesday, 5/7 and 5:30 pm Thursday, 5/8. Suspects entered the locked truck through the rear sliding window. The loss property was valued at \$305.00.

Friday, May 9th:

3:33 PM – Petty theft, 300 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A cellular telephone was stolen while the victim was at work. A LG Shine cellular telephone was taken between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm Friday, 5/9. The phone was valued at \$300.00.

10:43 PM – Loud party/disturbance/fight, 800 block Skyland Drive. Several neighbors called the police department to report a large party and a fight. Officers arrived to find 50-60 juveniles in the street. Another officer turned away five carloads of teens that were not invited, but had heard about the party and wanted to attend. Several empty and broken beer bottles were strewn about the street. The 15 year old resident had invited a group of his friends over for a party while his parents were away. Officers called for help from the Monrovia and Arcadia Police Departments assisted. The officers did not find evidence of a fight. The crowd was dispersed without further incident.

*During the week of Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 210 calls for service.*

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:**

3:42 AM – Arrest, Colorado Blvd and Rosemead Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed his driver's license was suspended/revoked. The driver was cited and released in the field on a written promise to appear.

6:49 AM – Vandalism/graffiti, 611 East Sierra Madre Blvd. The women's restroom was vandalized with a black felt pen between 6:49 am Saturday and 6:49 Sunday, 5/11.

10:01 AM – Criminal threats, 100 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For the past several months an elderly woman has been receiving threatening telephone calls from a woman named Lisa. Lisa has threatened to harm the elderly woman if she did not pick up money orders at a local market and mail them to Jamaica.

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:**

4:38 AM – Recovered stolen vehicle, 300 block East Laurel Ave. The car was reported stolen this morning. Upon recovery the ignition switch was damaged, but otherwise unscathed.

9:35 AM – Arrest, 00 block East Sierra Madre. A man was arrested for public intoxication. He was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:**

8:45 PM – Arrest, 100 block North Lima Ave. An intoxicated/disoriented man was reported wandering in the area. A man matching this description arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.



## Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council is researching all the current literature from the US Forest Service, the National Park Service, the University of California Agricultural Extension and the California Chaparral Institute to bring information on the best practices in place when a homeowner is considering hazards following a wildlands fire near their home.

The plan for the City of Malibu was one of many that we received, sent by Marti Witter, Fire Ecologist with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Dated 1993 and expanded on in 1996, it is certain to be their current protocol following the three fires in that community in 2007.

Current methods do not include seeding with any grass as you might have remembered from the 1970's. These grasses compete with native plants that are set to reseed and resprout immediately after the fire. If a homeowner

wants to plant in developed urban slopes around their home it is absolutely necessary to select plants that will not escape from their gardens and become a fire hazard in the future. This plant choice information is available from the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, 355-0741.

Residents of the burned areas will have already been contacted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works with a packet of information that includes sand bag deployment and mud and debris flow deflection that pertains to their property.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be June 2, 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The program will continue to focus on proper plant choices, mud and debris flow diversion and the second annual training session for the Red Flag Fire Patrol.

The April 26, 2007 fire was still a part of the 2007 Fire Season. The 2008 Fire Season is still to come with the fall Santa Ana winds. Please join the Red Flag Fire Patrol and attend the training session June 2nd.

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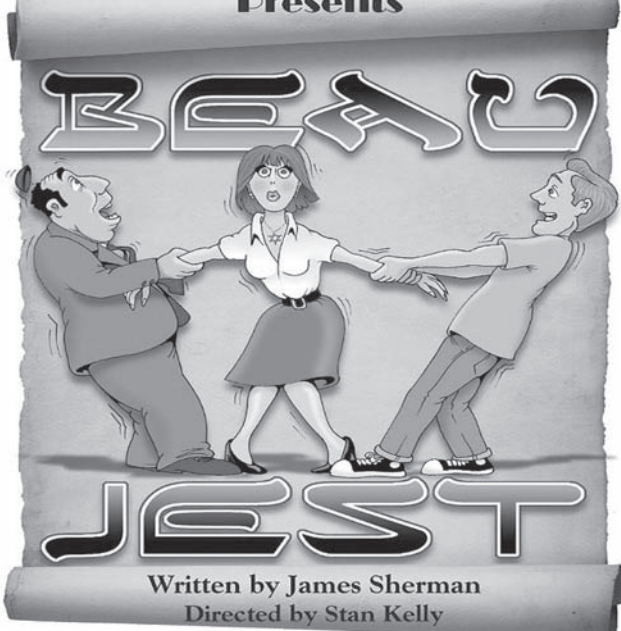
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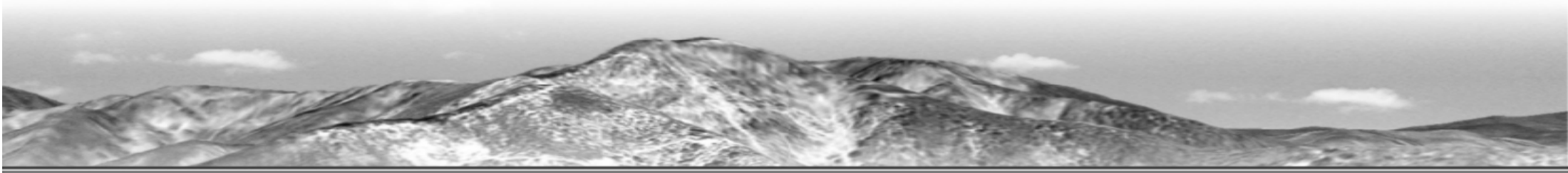
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## Memorial Honors War Dead In Iraq

Symbolizing Americans that have died in Iraq, Students at Pasadena City College Thursday put thousands of stakes in the ground creating a sea of white ribbons in front of the school as a reminder this Memorial Day of the coats involved in fighting a war.

“We also have boots out here that were brought in by ex-veterans,” said “Heather Martin, a student at PCC and organizer of the event. “They do a program with the boots and so they lent them to us for a day.” Each pair of combat boots had military dog tags identify the soldier who wore them. Martin said. This was the forth year they had done the event through Students for Social Justice. “Basically it’s to raise awareness about what’s going on with the Iraqi war,” she said. “And other issues surrounding the war, including economics.”

A number of speakers from the group talked about either their own experiences or the experience of the children in Iraq now. Most were medics and one story in particular had the speaker graphically describing the day to day work of picking up body parts.

Well known conscientious objector to the war, Augustine Aguyo, said he spent eight months in a military prison in Germany after refusing to put his gun back together and joining his unit’s second deployment to Iraq. “I was asked to return to Iraq for another tour of duty,” he said. “I knew I couldn’t do it, I knew that because of everything I knew I couldn’t go forward. That’s just not tolerated so I was court-marshaled.”

Aguyo, 30, said he has been on exit leave status pending the authorization of the punitive discharge. He has been lowered in rank as a medic going from an E4 specialist to E1. He also said many believed like him in the military although it is hard to speech out. A senior he knew told him, “that for every door they kick in they make five new enemies.”

Others said 30,329 soldiers had been wounded since March, 19 2003 the day the war started. According to the Department of Defense, as of Thursday 4,080 soldiers have been killed, 3,327 in combat.

Organizers of the event also said the war has cost \$522 billion, tax money that could be used for other things such as student loans and early education. “Were sending on average \$350 million a day,” someone said, adding that the states total budget shortfall of \$4 billion is the same as four days of spending in Iraq.

Martin also said she was a Ron Paul supporter because all three of the other candidates for president were “Just Politicians and would not bring change,” she said adding that she also



thought no planes flew into the World Trade Center September 11, 2001. “Bombs were placed in those buildings by the government,” she said.

Army recruiters stood watching but said nothing and PCC police were also on hand in case crowd control was needed .

Story and Photos By Deal Lee/MVO

## Classic Steinbeck With A Twist

By Teresa Baxter

When John Steinbeck wrote *Of Mice and Men* he most likely never envisioned that his classic tale of a migrant worker’s plight could be twisted to apply to the fluctuating perception of laborers trying to make a living in the United States.

Currently, the Pasadena Playhouse is presenting and interpretation of the play which features a largely Latino cast — including David Noroña as George and Al Espinosa as Lennie — and is set in 1942 rather than the Depression.

The change in period places the Salinas Valley-rooted play in the time of the Bracero Treaty between U.S. and Mexico, which allowed Mexican farm laborers to work in the fertile region of California. The classic tale of two friends, who are manual workers, will run at the Pasadena Playhouse through June 8.

With this spin, the Interim Educational Director for the Pasadena Playhouse, Brian Davidson decided to organize the local Latin community in promoting a variety of topical issues that also displayed indigenous Latin artisan work focusing on the fair treatment and dignity of migrant workers, as opposed to the exploitation of cheap labor and the despair involved. Last Monday theater-goers were able to visit booths in the courtyard of the playhouse sponsored by Latino Heritage, El Central De Accion Social and the Los Angeles Latino Exhibit. The Majestical Roof and Ten Thousand Villages were also on hand to promote the ethical treatment of workers locally and globally. Davidson also has decided to provide an educational experience for students during the play’s run.

“We are innovating something new at the Playhouse involving students from area schools to take part in,” said Davidson. “We have had an overwhelming response. It was first come; first serve and we already have a waiting list from Pasadena Unified and L.A. Unified school districts.”

According to the Pasadena Playhouse synopsis, Steinbeck’s powerful portrait of two men’s quest for the American dream is given an astounding and provocative make-over by acclaimed director Paul Lazarus. In 1942, several years after Steinbeck’s original setting for *Of Mice and Men*, a government sponsored program was put into place that would forever change the face of immigration in this country.

“It’s about the experience of the migrant worker. The original was written in the 30’s and focused on the Euro-American migrants that were coming into the country,” said Roberta Martinez, of Latino Heitage. “What they’ve done is to set this when the Bracero Program took place and opened the door to thousands of Mexican immigrants who crossed the border in pursuit of dreams for a better life for their families.”



## Foothill’s Study Looks at New Rim of the Valley National Park

Story and Photos By Dean Lee

Looking out over part of the San Fernando Valley in 100 degree heat last Friday, Congressman Adam Schiff told a local group of environmental supporters that the next step after President George Bush’s signing of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study legislation was to tell the federal government exactly what they wanted to see done.

The legislation was included in the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 and signed by Bush May, 8,2008.

Schiff said was a seven year effort which began in 2001. The estimated \$500,000 study will take three years to complete.

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Director, Joseph Edmiston, called Bush’s signing the first step toward a new National Park. He said it is not easy to get Bush to sign legislation toward any parkland calling the move a testimony to Schiff’s dedication to the bill. Somewhat jokingly Assemblyman Anthony Portantino said this was evidence against term limits and added that it takes a while to get things done in Washington.

The bill includes part of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Santa Susanna Mountains, the San Gabriel Mountains, the Verdugo Mountains, the San Rafael Hills, and adjacent connector areas to the Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests.

Schiff also said the study would itself define the complete area including as far east as Sierra Madre and the foothills of Altadena. He said there was no guarantee to be part of the study and advised residents in Sierra Madre and other nearby areas to pressure city officials into passing resolutions in support of the study.

“There are currently 645,000 total acres contained within the Rim of the Valley Corridor,” he said. “This includes 153,000 acres already in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.”

Caroline Brown President of the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy said she planned to do just that, having already sent all Sierra Madre city council members a letter explaining the study. She said it was Schiff’s legislation that gave Sierra Madre a seat on the Advisory Board to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy although Schiff does not represent the city. Brown also said Sierra Madre has had a longstanding relationship with Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy being part of it.

“Happily, many cities in the region have sponsored council resolutions putting the cities on record in support of the study,” Schiff said. “Now that the bill has been authorized I think it would be very valuable for the communities to organize and provide a lot of feedback to the Department of the Interior.”



Congressman Adam Schiff and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Director, Joseph Edmiston discuss possible new national park which would include Bailey Canyon. Photo By D. Lee

Opponents of the study called it a \$2 billion land grab. They argue expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area will hurt growth. Edmiston said the area was not going to solve the state’s growth problem. Some claim this will also lead to eminent domain actions.

“The study has no eminent domain power in it, that’s simply wrong,” Schiff said. “What will happen if the area is expanded to be part of the recreation area is we can draw on the resources of the federal government in terms of studying wildlife patterns, trail preservation, enhancing recreational opportunities and make sure the ecosystems are strong.” He also added that the

federal government could buy land from willing sellers in area.

Schiff said the area was one of the most populated in the country with 1 in 10 people living here yet the area has one of the lowest ratios for park lands per 1,000 population anywhere in the country.

“So this rapidly growing urban region is extremely underserved to terms of open space needs,” he said. “unless action is taken soon this situation will only worsen as the region continues to grow.”

He said the area was an example of the world’s most endangered habitat, the Mediterranean Chaparral Ecosystem.



## City, PUSD Look for Better Partnership

By Dean Lee

The City Council and PUSD jointly voted unanimously last Monday night to not only create a committee made up of senior staff from each organization led by interim city manager Bernard Melekian and Superintendent Edwin Diaz but to also prioritize goals starting with a truancy program, security rangers, and a career internship program

Diaz said they first used the budget to see how the two bodies could come together jointly. He also said they used district reorganization.

“As we looked at all of our functions, rolls and responsibilities and all over the services that we provide to schools, again we tried to identify areas that would be good areas that could potentially be common interest between the school district and the city of Pasadena,” he said.

Diaz added the most important areas were, safety and security, dropout recovery, attendance improvement, truancy reduction, partnership in maintenance and grounds keeping and secondary reform, having all graduates well prepared for college and or work.

Melekian said, “We saw the creation of this committee as a significant step forward in a relationship between the city and school district.”

PUSD Board member Bob Harrison said “Suppose we take this and the priority was on this whole truancy and attendance notion, is this something the committee would talk about then go outside and get information on how to really attack this in the frame of what’s the cost is and then comes back to both bodies?” Melekian said that was exactly how it was envisioned.

Later PUSD Board member Bob Harrison said “if the city did financially pick up something like maintenance then that would free up money for other things not on the list and we could go forward meeting our goals.” This said after a lengthy first discussion on school grounds and joint use of facilities.

Councilmember Victor Gordo suggested looking at artificial fields saying they could get 25 more hours then the current 30 to 40 hours now.

PUSD Board President Tom Selinske said field upgrades were part of their facilities master plan. Haderlein also said they were worried about joint partners for the fields being outside the city such as nonprofits, “they might want to take control of something that’s for community use,” he said echoing Gordo.

Haderlian added if they could both expand the truancy program and expand the security rangers programs and have them up and running for the September school year he would view that as a success. He added that the security rangers were part of school safety

Melekian said he wanted to move forward with a city staff career internship program. He said the idea would be that students move from high school to PCC and beyond into municipal work. He said students could earn units at PCC.

The members of the new committee would be established in the following days after the meeting Melekian said. The city and PUSD will report back to each board respectably Melekian.



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Gail with Certificate of Merit Chair Beatrix Segura

## Alverno Junior Honored for Math, Science Achievement

At a school-wide awards ceremony, Alverno junior Gail Gutierrez was recognized by the Society of Women Engineers with a certificate of merit for her achievements in math and science.

"This honor goes to a young woman who has demonstrated excellence in three years each of math and science," says Certificate of Merit Chair Beatrix Segura, who traveled from the South Bay to present Gail with the recognition award. "I was very impressed with Gail, and I'm glad she is considering engineering as a career field. I was also impressed with Alverno, and it was a treat for me to see so many talented girls at the awards ceremony."

Gail is a graduate of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Pasadena. She is a very active student at Alverno, and she has been elected as next year's President of the Alverno Student Union (ASU). She was selected from a number of excellent students to receive the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit by the faculty of Alverno's math and science departments.

Alverno, a Catholic, college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre, is known for its academic rigor and extensive service program.

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## TRISH'S TRUTH

Springtime brings many things for many people. For adults, springtime may bring about the mop and broom for annual spring cleaning. For teenagers, springtime brings out ideas for summer and ideas on testing. Yes, the CST's (California Standardized Tests) are released around this time and distributed to anxious and nervous students all over California. It's a big deal. These tests follow you wherever you go, academically. You're high school CST scores are one of the scores colleges look at to help determine whether they want to accept you or not. It's easy to get really nervous before these tests, knowing their importance in one's school career. Here are some simple tips to get you through your "test-taking troubles":

Tip No. 1 In the English section, read the questions first. Now, I know that when you have to read a passage and answer questions the directions always say to read first. You can do that, but I found that it's better if you read the questions first. That way, when you do read the passage, you'll already know what to look for and you'll see the answers to the questions come up, giving you more insight when you give your final answer.

Tip No. 2 Always check your answers!!! It may

## CST Testing Tips

By Trisha Collins

seem like an obvious tip, but it's one of the most important ones, and can be applied in any and every subject tested on. Everyone misses answers on a test once in a while, but some missed answers are due to petty mistakes that can be prevented. When you're in a testing environment, it's easy to bubble in the first possible right answer you see, without even bothering to glance at the other choices. If you look over your work carefully when you're done, you'll probably find that you overlooked a few correct answers in the haste of finishing the test. Remember: Just because others around you are finishing before you doesn't mean that they're smarter, or that they're getting all their answers right. It's not a race.

Tip No. 3 Be confident. If you go into the test with the mindset that you're going to do badly, you're going to do badly. It's a fact. You're thoughts and emotions affect your actions. Instead of thinking, "It's going to be hard, I hope I do okay," you should think, "This test is going to be so easy, I know I'm going to do well." If you tell yourself good thoughts before the test, it's likely that not only will you feel better about it, but you'll do better in the long run!

I hope some of these test-taking tips will be helpful to you when it's time to take the CST. It maybe an overused saying, but if you believe it, you can achieve it!

## Teen Superstar Works To Minimize Technology Gap

(NAPSA)—Efforts to minimize the technology gap in schools may soon hit the right chord thanks to a partnership that includes teen superstar Jordan Pruitt. Pruitt, whose second album is coming out this summer, is partnering with Samsung's Hope For Education program, which has provided more than \$7 million in Samsung technology and Microsoft software to K-12 schools in the U.S. over the last four years. Also joining the partnership is DIRECTV, Inc., which will provide cash grants and education programming to the winning schools.

"Receiving the best education possible has definitely helped get me to where I am today," said Pruitt. "I encourage all of my fans who want to help better their schools' technological resources to enter the program's essay contest and help bridge the technological gap that many schools face."

The program seeks students who attend schools that lack the funding to purchase the kind of technology necessary to keep them competitive with the rest of the world. Students, parents, teachers, administrators and community members are invited to enter 100-word essays in the Hope For Education contest, which runs through Aug. 31, 2008.

At [www.hopeforeducation.com](http://www.hopeforeducation.com) you can submit an essay that answers the question: "How has technology educated you on helping the environment, and how or why has it changed your behavior to be more environmentally friendly?"

Students are also encouraged to become "friends" of the Hope For Education pages on social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, where program



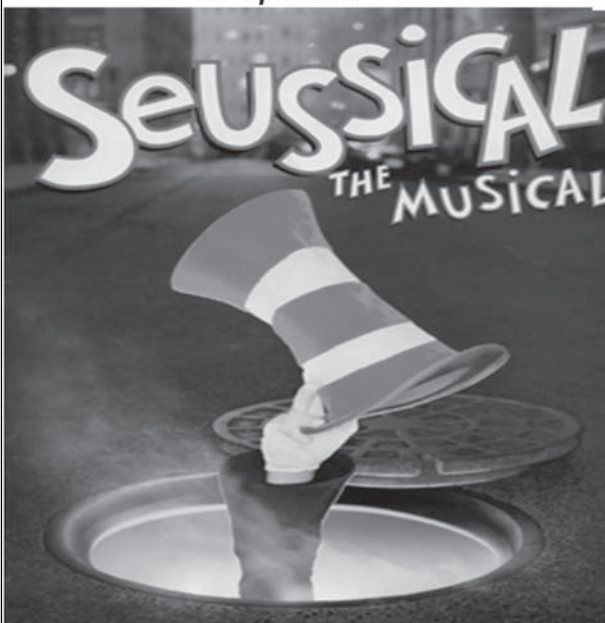
Jordan Pruitt is helping to promote an essay contest that offers an easy way for students to improve the technology in their schools.

updates and announcements will be posted.

Schools that submit essays have a chance to win the grand prize of over \$200,000 in Samsung technology, Microsoft software and the lifetime series of the DIRECTV Goes To School package plus a \$5,000 cash grant. Thirty first-prize schools will be awarded over \$60,000 in technology, software and the lifetime series of the DIRECTV Goes To School package plus a \$1,000 cash grant. The grand-prize winner will also receive a Jordan Pruitt concert at his or her school.

In addition, through its "Friends For Life" program, Samsung will provide a classroom assistance dog to a special education teacher at the grand-prize-winning school. The program provides financial support for the training of special service animals to assist kids and others who, through the use of a dedicated service dog, can lead a better life.

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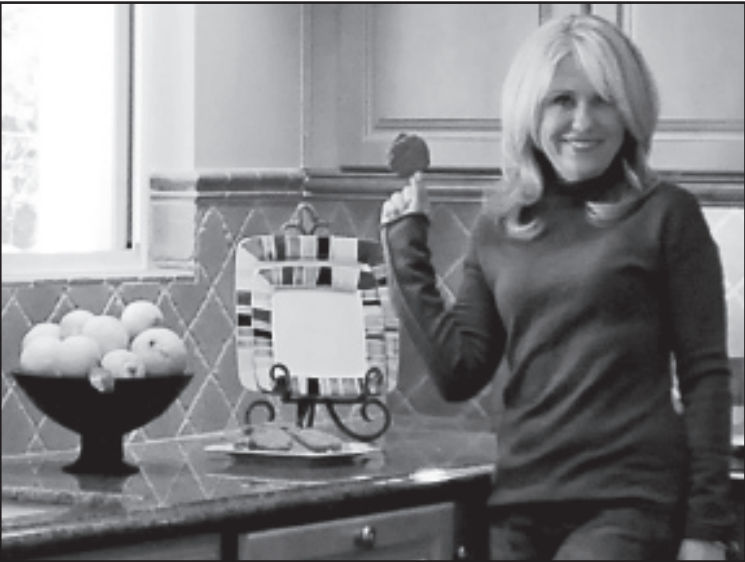
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Background: This house has been staged for showing and photography. Below: Christina Spencer stands in a staged kitchen after the process is complete. The staged kitchen counter appears cleaner and brighter than a counter in use would



## One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them  
Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand

### Setting The Stage When You Sell Your Home

Home staging, de rigueur in many other parts of the country, seems to be catching on here. NO matter the price point, many Realtors recommend it as a tool to help sell the home for more money in less time. It's no longer just for new construction model homes. Seller have gotten the point, and staging is now mainstream.

According to ASID interior designer, Kristina Spencer of "Setting The Stage Interior Design," staging is the art of increasing the visual appeal of a living space. Actually, it can be applied to any space, whether an office, a yoga studio or the living spaces of the home you're planning to sell. She comments that homeowners and Realtors appreciate that she works by the hour. Most Realtors these days feel this is money well spent in the investment of selling your home quickly, for the best possible price.

Staging can be as elaborate as removing all the contents of the home, and filling back in with furnishings that specifically tweaked highlight the best features or minimize the weak areas of the property. This is rarely necessary. More often, Spencer and professionals like her use several techniques.

First is decluttering the space. For instance, the male members of my family love to have all their "things" around them, at their favorite easy chair, at the desk, at the nightstand. It doesn't matter that they haven't touched, used or looked at them for months or years. It's just a comfort and familiarity thing.

But that accumulation expands over time, taking over and covering up the utility and visual appeal of the space, perhaps detracting from a lovely view, crowding the walkway, etc. Sometimes it's easier to have a neutral professional like Spencer come in to evaluate

what can stay, and what needs to go to free up the space for a buyer to visualize themselves in the home. "People in the US have to many things!"

In the kitchen, those sleek slab granite counters lose their impact with the visual noise of too many distracting things around. Spencer likens it to listening to a radio station that isn't tuned in clearly. In these cases, less is more.

The second step is a thorough spring cleaning, including windows and screens. "People DO notice," she smiles. If heavy work is needed in that arena, Spencer has a list of recommended contractors she regularly calls upon for this type of preparation.

When that's accomplished, the fun begins. She works on creating more visual square footage, by rearranging furniture to best advantage, removing some, or changing the location to another room. She sees that buyers often feel that the staged home has more square footage. The reality is that it's maximized square footage, honed to the best and highest use.

Lastly, she makes sure the five senses are engaged. "Smell is very important. People have allergies, so I recommend refraining from using air freshener sprays, those plug-ins, and even vanilla. Candles are yesteryear, too. What smells good to one might smell like bat guano to another." Spencer uses eco-friendly essential oils, when appropriate.

When there's a showing, or when you leave for work, she says to turn the radio on softly. "It doesn't have to be a classical station, though," she laughs. Choose music to fit the personality of the house. Cool jazz. Light jazz. Upbeat soft rock can never go wrong. She suggests a station like COAST. Music fills in the voids

and provides a pleasant atmosphere.

If you have a flat screen television, the satellite radio option is an excellent choice, as there are no commercial interruptions. It also calls attention to the fact you have updated the room's technology/media setup.

All of this preparation is to "Give your buyer an experience. There truly is no place like home, and that isn't being phony. The goal is to make your house ready like you would prepare yourself for the prom. Make it easy for the buyer to experience the special-ness of your home, so they can visualize themselves creating their own memories."

After all the staging is said and done, I myself have heard seller's comments time and again to the tune "I wish we had done this years ago. It almost makes me want to stay!"

Spencer's last comment makes a lot of sense. "When a woman gets married, she gets her hair done, her nails manicured and puts on a gorgeous gown, preparing from the inside out. If you were going to sell the car, you would have your car detailed. Not everyone is gifted in every area. I don't do my own taxes. The way you live is not the way to sell or show a home. Don't ever feel offended or intimidated to have a stager come over." After all, your goal is to sell your home in the shortest amount of time for the highest possible price!

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## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

### Hey - Cheapskate - Do You Know About Tipping?

Am I talking to you? I hope not. We all know them, the people that just can't bring themselves to leave a decent tip.

So, what is the current thinking behind tipping and what should be given, and when did it start in America? Tipping began to take hold in Sates in the late 19th Century after the Civil War. It was widely considered by many groups, including the intellectuals of the day, as an outright evil. Newspapers wrote vigorously against its vices. They reasoned that it established an aura of servitude, by offering a demeaning handout, or token. It implied a superiority of class and status that demeaned the lowly receiver of these offerings. There were groups such as bartenders that flatly refused tips, as they considered them far below their status to receive these patronizing gifts. Now when someone says, "those were the good old days," you may know what they mean. It many ways the objections did make sense at this time in America. Then America was the ideal of no separation of class

or status. Those attitudes are long forgotten, as the tide has changed dramatically.

The tipper of today may now feel the servant of some codified law from Hammurabi, which they do not entirely understand. Tipping is, in theory, to insure good service and once completed, rewarded in scale. Today tipping is so copious that we encounter it at every turn.

What about the places where you have to tip in advance? This does not insure good service, does it? Only at a place like a Starbucks does this seem to make any sense. There are very few times that I have gone to a restaurant and actually tipped in advance. One instance was opening day at The Race Track at Del Mar. The reason? That day there were very few seats available for an overflow crowd. Thus, the maitre'd just takes the tip, which does not insure great service, but you may actually get a seat if the number on the bill is large enough.

When determining a tip at a restaurant, what are you to consider before settling your bill and factoring a tip? At the restaurant you are tipping on the speed, accuracy and usefulness of the servers, and not on the food. Is tipping at a fancy restaurant different than tipping at a coffee shop? Many people believe it is. I feel like I stepped in something when I hear that said. They are to be treated as the same.

Here are my guidelines for tipping, but not necessarily the way I tip. I even give 10% for atrocious service. It seems with my picture in this paper, on my TV show "The Chef Knows," that I might get a bad reputation from the Server Syndicate, and be labeled a "bad tipper," which is a stigma that I carefully avoid. You on the other hand can wield far more influence than is availed to this restaurant critic.

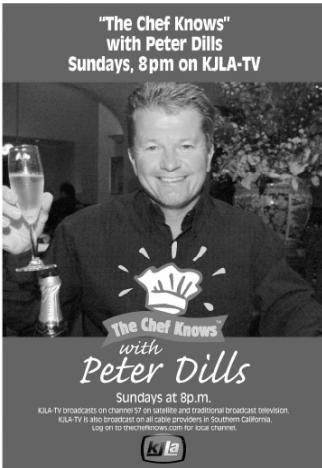
Here are my suggestions from the Coffee house to Spago: Fair to medium service - 12 to 14 %, Good to Better than Average - 15 to 18%, Great Service - 20%. These should be applied to the food and beverage total, before tax. Can't figure the whole percentage on tipping? Just double the tax, which falls in the Good range.

Also, for parties of 8 or more, many times restaurants include the tip in the total, so check for that or ask if you are unsure.

Let's move on and head to the bar. How much should you leave for wine or a drink at the bar? Believe it or not, a full bottle of a \$10 wine takes as much energy to open as a bottle of Dom Perignon. If the bartender keeps my glass full and clean, and if the wine is kept cold, and he takes the time to pour it for me, I suggest 10 to 12%, with a minimum of \$3 for the bartender. Have Kids? Of course I do. Luckily mine is as clean and tidy as they make them, but not all are created like her. If your children make a mess, throw food and crayons on the floor, I always leave the busboy at least \$3 extra. If you don't, well you could consider cleaning it yourself. Now let's leave the restaurant and move to the car - Valet Parking. If there is no charge and it's a tip only, I suggest at least \$5, again depending on speed of service. What if there is a \$5 fee? I will give at least \$1 extra and maybe even \$3 if my car is brought to me quickly.

I hope these offer you some use guidance so you don't feel trapped the next time you turn the corner and encounter the next tip.

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# OPINION



## Stuart Tolchin On...**LIFE Seeing Is Believing**

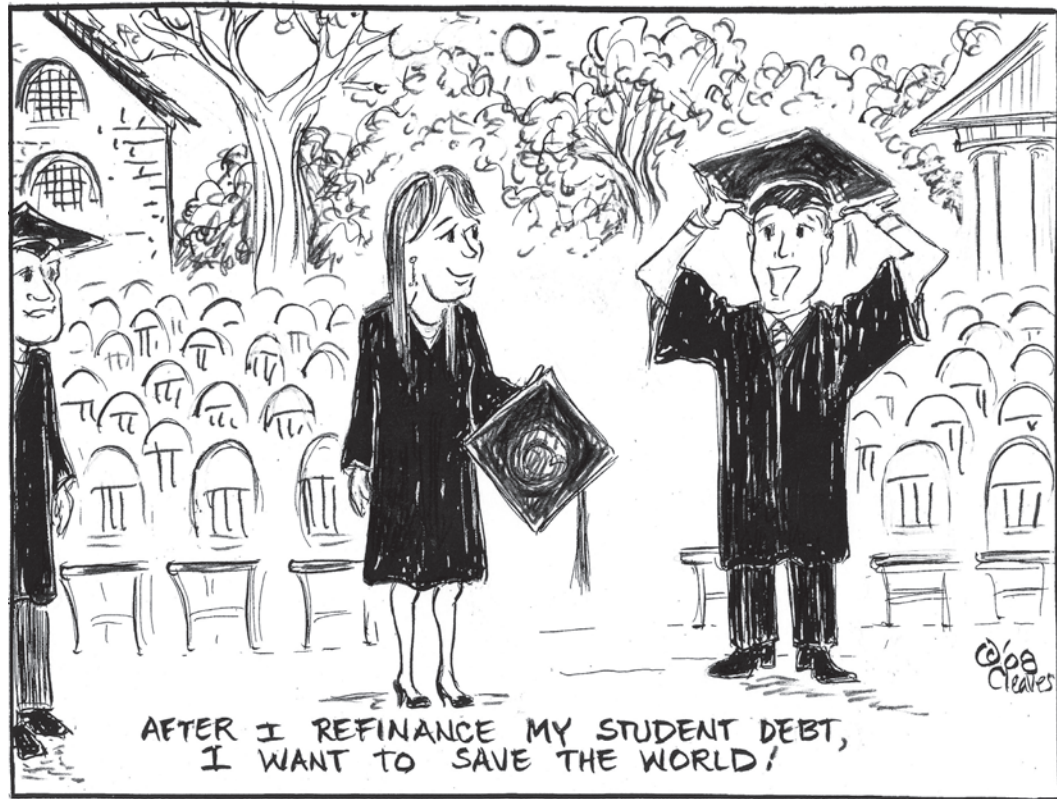
Okay, I admit it—I'm still fat. As a few of you probably remember my first article detailing the success of my new vegan diet. I threw away all my diabetic and gout medications and was on the way to a new life as a thin person. Fifty pounds vanished effortlessly, my level of energy was astounding, and people raved about the way I looked.

Well it's now seven months later and I no longer feel like a diet guru. As you may have noticed, my articles no longer contain helpful dietary hints; nevertheless, I still follow the vegan diet and have not regained any of my lost weight. Oh, I have deviated slightly and have made a special dispensation to allow for the consumption of feta cheese and once in a while I treat myself to allegedly cholesterol free egg-substitute omelets.

Strange, it's cheese and eggs that I crave, as opposed to meat, poultry, or fish. I now simply do not conceive that dead animal parts are a source of food for me. I know it's all conceptual, but I actually see such stuff as unappetizing and actually evil, as its mechanized production releases gasses which are helping to endanger life on this little planet of ours. For this article, however, the problems of the planet will not be discussed, it is my own obesity that shall be the "focus". Focus on the word FOCUS. This month's issue of Parabola Magazine explains that the name Parabola was chosen in recognition of a particular attribute of this geometric form. It seems that all parallel beams of energy (e.g., light or radio waves) reflect on the parabola's face and gather at one singular point. This point is called the FOCUS. Metaphorically if we direct our attention to this point and maintain it there then all of this diverse information converging at the focus point will become much clearer.

All right, what am I to do? I still need to lose fifty pounds and I haven't lost any weight since last November. The problem is that there is so much tasty stuff around and there's a limit to one's willpower. As I understand it, animals (including you and me) are a calorie-challenged life form. Unlike green plants, which can directly capture energy from the sun and store it in the form of complex carbon molecules to be utilized as nourishing fuel whenever the need arises, we animals must compete with one another in a battle to ingest the energy already captured and stored by the green plants. As omnivores (we'll eat anything) we have the capability to obtain our necessary calories directly from plants or by eating other animals that have eaten plants and pass on this energy when they are consumed. This struggle to obtain the necessary nutrients to allow ourselves to last long enough to reproduce is what is described as "the survival of the fittest", as those organisms which are most successful at reproducing are the temporary evolutionary winners. It's a continual ongoing process you know. Enough Darwin already!

So what else can I do? I've already declared war on elevators and am walking up and down to the fifteenth floor of several courthouses. I have a whole regimen of exercises and I'm following my vegan diet; but, alas, I'm still eating too much I guess. If I'm going to lose weight I'm going to have to something conceptual as I've done by conceiving of animal protein as evil non-food. I will THINK THIN and FOCUS on a continual image of myself as a THIN PERSON who will then automatically behave and eat in the manner befitting such a being. All I have to do is maintain my FOCUS. We'll see.



AFTER I REFINANCE MY STUDENT DEBT, I WANT TO SAVE THE WORLD!

## From The Desk Of.... **Glenn Lambdin** **Same Sex Marriages**



Recently, while walking out of my favorite discount department store, I was approached by an enthusiastic young woman who asked me to sign her petition supporting some new legislation recognizing same sex marriages. Typically, my standard response to accosting signature gatherers is a self-amusing lie that rolls off my tongue with the greatest of ease, "Sorry, I can't. I am a convicted felon."

I find the concept of same sex marriage to be a fascinating exercise in democracy and one that I am sure my generation will witness morph through an interesting evolution in American jurisprudence.

I believe it is paramount that all governmental legislation and legal authority originate from the practical application of logic and reason. Baseline principles like public need, public health and safety, and constitutional rights are minimal non-negotiable starting points that must be considered when crafting laws that guide our society. My favorite principle has always been, "equality for all people, all the time, without exception; regardless of race, gender, color of skin, religious belief, or financial or social status." This is the basis of our Constitution and one principle that I have sworn an oath to defend. I take it very seriously.

Since the Establishment Clause of our Constitution mandates the separation of church and state, when considering same sex marriages, it seems reasonable and logical that legislatures first define what marriage is, apart from any religious dogma. And, also define what marriage isn't.

Legally, couples are not required to be married to make babies, nor are they required to make babies if they are married. Marriage is not a requirement in order to have sex, to live together, to purchase property, or to adopt or raise children. And, in each of these scenarios, abilities are not gender specific or a necessary requirement since both males and females are equally

qualified to perform any of these duties. Once married, there are no laws that require a couple to do anything specific except file taxes differently than single people. So in a governmental sense, marriage is nothing more than some sanctioned non-specific partnership agreement between two individuals. It's a contract with no real requirements, except tax requirements. From a governmental perspective, marriage becomes little more than a recorded business partnership.

In 2002, after being married for 25 years, my wife and I decided to call it quits and part friends. We divorced. It was merely the simple dissolution of a legal contract and the distribution of our assets, not much different than the dissolution of any business partnership. There was no church approval, ceremony, or required permission. We didn't have to plea or explain our case. We just filed the paperwork, paid the money, and waited. I get this, she gets that; processed by the court, and it's over. Again, not much different than the dissolution of any business partnership. The government's role was basically to see the fair and equitable distribution of our assets. It was business! Non-gender specific business.

So the question really becomes, "Can the specific performance of a marriage contract be performed equally as well between couples of the same sex as with opposite-sex couples?" Since a marriage contract has no real specific requirements of performance in the first place, than the answer is definitively yes. Therefore, in the absence of any legitimate public need or public health and safety issues that would require opposite sex only marriages, it becomes painfully obvious that the denial of same sex marriage is intentionally targeted discrimination.

I believe in equality for all Americans, all the time, without exception.

I signed the petition.



## **ONE CARTER, STONEHOUSE, HMZ, AND WILDFIRES**

By Hail Hamilton

It has now been confirmed: One Carter and Stonehouse are to be put up for auction. This shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone who has been following the financial implosion of Dorn Platz, the Glendale-based development LLC. Last year they went belly up over a \$32.5 million development in Beaverton, Washington. This year they've closed shop on the Ambassador development in Pasadena. Now they are fighting with their partners from Dubai over the sale of One Carter and Stonehouse. In the meantime, both properties have been denuded of all vegetation by the recent Santa Anita Wildfire.

The hazard of wildfires has been with us since the city was incorporated in 1907. Wildfires are for the most part reoccurring natural phenomena. Brush grows, hot weather comes, humidity drops, and the hazard of forest fire rises accordingly. All that is needed is a spark, a puff of wind and a whole hillside goes up in flames. Is this what is meant by "sustainable growth"—burn down the hillsides every 15 years so developers can reap windfall profits building new homes to replace the ones that have been torched?

Does anyone remember the 1993 Altadena fire? I do. I was living on Michillinda then. I remember looking up the street at a wall of fire dangerously close to the mountainside homes. I also remember thinking how lucky we were. Had the wind direction changed the fire could have burned out the northern half of the city, say everything above Grandview—not a very reassuring thought.

The reality is that Sierra Madre is located smack dab in the middle of what geographers call an "urban-wilderness interface zone". Simply put, we live next to a national forest that because of climate is highly prone to wildfires. Perhaps a better way to describe our predicament is that the more we build homes on our hillsides the more likely it is that at some future time we will experience a catastrophic fire. And this doesn't even begin to describe the long-term environmental impact, nor the permanent loss of habitat for a variety native plants and animals.

Last year the city adopted the Hillside Management Zone Ordinance. The express purpose of the HMZ is to protect our hillsides from the kind development that would negatively impact the natural environment and put the city at higher risk of fire. This is the good news. The bad news is that the development of One Carter and Stonehouse has continued unabated without regard to the intention, meaning or spirit of the HMZ.

Here are the main goals of the HMZ:

1. Protect the natural environment of hillside areas from change by preserving and protecting the views to and from hillside areas in the city to maintain the identity, image and environmental quality of the city; and
2. Maintain an environmental equilibrium consistent with the native vegetation, animal life, geology, slopes, and drainage patterns; and
3. Ensure that development in the hillside areas is located so as to result in the least environmental impact; and
4. Encourage the planning, design, development and use of home sites which:
  - A. Eliminate fire hazards, and
  - B. Prevent exposure to geological hazards, and
5. Prohibit development that will cause hazards to the public peace, health, welfare, and safety."

Does anyone really believe the developers of One Carter and Stonehouse are acting in a way that complies with the purposes of HMZ? Is the spirit as well as the letter of the law being followed? And what about the environment, sustainable growth and the hazards of wildfires? Am I the only person in town who can see through the greed to the long-term negative effects? Is developing our watershed into another exclusive Southern California community for millionaires really the best and wisest use of the land? I don't think so.

The watershed developers so dearly covet has served us well in the past as our "firebreak" of last resort. We've dodged the bullet twice in the last 15 years—largely because of our watershed. Do we really want to tear down this protective shield between us and disaster? Fifteen years from now, when our children are adults, will they see our generation as wise or dangerously foolish? Will they enjoy a Sierra Madre whose unique beauty and character was safeguarded and preserved, or will revile their parents as short-sighted, selfish and self-centered in the extreme?



# LEGAL NOTICES

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0909209

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AA-1-PERFORMANCE ROOTER & PLUMBING**, 6492 SOUTH ST. #323, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CARL S. THOMAS**, 10509 REVA ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **CARL S. THOMAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 06/16/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0878632

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ADVANCE TITLE LOANS**, 209 CANCION WAY, L.A., CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **S&L CAPITAL INVESTMENT**, 209 CANCION WAY, L.A., CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **ANDY SHIN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 0887287

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AMEC**, 14431 VENTURA BLVD., SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PATIENCE SMITH**, 9562 WALKER STREET, CYPRESS, CA 90630. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **PATIENCE SMITH**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/19/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 06/16/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0902722

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA ULTIMATE KITCHENS**, 4512 WORKMAN MILL RD. #C110, WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GUTIERREZ DEVELOPMENT**, INCORPORATED., 4512 WORKMAN MILL RD. #C110, WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **OSCAR GUTIERREZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/5/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0903506

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. CMS-AMERICA 2. CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE SERVICES AMERICA**, 15406 ESCALONA RD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EVA L. BRANDT**, 15406 ESCALONA, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **EVA BRANDT**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/21/08**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 06/16/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0887870

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EC CONSULTING**, 7847 FLORENCE AVE. #114, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CARL CHAVEZ**, EDWARD ROHRBACKER, 7847 FLORENCE AVE. #114, DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by:

**CO-PARTNERS**. Signed: **CARL CHAVEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/19/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/19/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0903470

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GLADIATORS SECURITY SERVICE**, 5207 PENDLETON AVE. UNIT 3, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALI OBAIDALLAH**, 5207 PENDLETON AVE. #3, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ALI OBAIDALLAH**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/21/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0642809

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA MILAGROSA MINI MARKET**, 5326 AVALON BLVD. #A, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BERTINA CIFUENTES**, 910 W. SCHOOL ST., COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **BERTINA CIFUENTES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/20/04**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0877162

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MORAN DRIVING SCHOOL**, 5681 YORK BLV. STE. 202, LOS ANGELES, CA 90042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALBERT MORAN**, 4202 COLLIS AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ALBERT MORAN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0902514

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. TEAM TRUCKING 2. LUCKY FOUR TRUCKING**, 960 WEST FIRST ST., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANTONIO TAMAYO**, 2050 CARMEN ST., WEST COVINA, CA 91792, **DANILO NOCHE**, 12848 RAMONA AVE., CHINO, CA 91710, **RAMON TAMAYO**, 3446 PRECILLA DR., WEST COVINA, CA 91792, **HUGH YBANEZ**, 960 WEST FIRST ST. POMONA, CA 91766. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **ANTONIO TAMAYO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0809415

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AMOR LINGERIE** #2, 6375 S. ALAMEDA ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AMOR STORES, LLC**, 1559 W. 37<sup>th</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90018. This Business is conducted by: **A LLC**. Signed:.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/07/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **10/09/07**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0780553

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALI 'R MUSIC GROUP**, 2216½ CLOVERDALE AVE., L.A., CA 90034. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANTHONY HARGREW**, 2216½ CLOVERDALE AVE., L.A., CA 90034. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ANTHONY HARGREW**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0789328

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DAVID POLISHING**, 732 S. MAPLE AVE. UNIT C, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DAVID MORELOS**, VERONICA AGUILAR, 10743 SHIRE PL. #H, WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE**. Signed: **DAVID MORELOS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/5/08**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0819896

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DISCOVERY TICKETS**, 9251 GARVEY AVE. STE. H, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WIN WORLD WEALTH, INC.**, 9251 GARVEY AVE. STE. H, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **JORGE GONZALEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 5/12, 05/19, 05/26, 06/02/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0820426

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. DJ SCORPION 2. DJ SCORPION**, 6631 SPECHT AVE., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LUIS ERNESTO PLEITES**, MARIA DOLORES RAMOS, 6631 SPECHT AVE., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **LUIS PLEITES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **2/18/05**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0801396

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ETAPIA**, 2418 NINA ST. #4, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERMALINDA TAPIA**, 2418 NINA ST. #4, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ERMALINDA TAPIA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0693921

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FRANCISCA MUJERES DEL MUNDO**, 8922 LINDANTE DR., WHITTIER, CA 90603. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FRANCES MAGANA-CURIEL**, 8922 LINDANTE DRIVE, WHITTIER, CA 90603. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **FRANCES MAGANA-CURIEL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **21 APRIL 2008**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0780806

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GD RESTAURANT**, 11098 SOUTH ATLANTIC BLVD., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HECTOR AYALA**, BEATRIZ AYALA, 11923 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD. #9, DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **HECTOR AYALA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0790797

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **M.D. TRANSPORT**, 3123 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARGARITO A. DURAN**, 3123 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90063. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **ANTHONY HARGREW**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 5/12, 05/19, 05/26, 06/02/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0603650

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEW CREATION KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP**, 700 W. LAUREL ST. #A-103, COMPTON, CA 90220. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANGELA GOODLOW ADRIAN GOODLOW**, 700 W. LAUREL ST. #A-103, COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE**. Signed: **ANGELA GOODLOW**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 5/12, 05/19, 05/26, 06/02/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0819897

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. PAKADI 2. DISCOVERY SEMINARS and COACHING**, 9251 GARVEY AVE. STE. H, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WIN WORLD WEALTH, INC.**, 9251 GARVEY AVE. STE. H, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **JORGE GONZALEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 5/12, 05/19, 05/26, 06/02/2008

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0801221

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RIDICULOUS TWOSEATER**, 1137 GREEN ST., GLENDALE, CA 91205. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **THOMAS PAUL WARD**, LAUREE ANNE MARTELL, 1137 GREEN ST., GLENDALE, CA 91205. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **THOMAS PAUL WARD**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0811095

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TRANA'S MOBILE WASH**, 1635 NEIL ARMSTRONG APT. 260, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERLY NABOR TRANA LOPEZ**, MARIA GABRIELA ANEZADA, 1635 NEIL ARMSTRONG APT. 260, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **ERLY NABOR TRANA LOPEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/07/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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FILE No. 2008-0820356

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **KANG TAE NYEO TOTAL BEAUTY CENTER**, 3700 WILSHIRE BL. #110, L.A., CA 90010. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/30/05 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **HYUNG HAN**

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FILE No. 2008-0819895

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **DISCOVERY SEMINARS AND COACHING**, 8217 CRIDER AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/30/07 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Signed: **JORGE GONZALEZ**

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0625503

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. GRB ENTERPRISES 2. GERASBIZ.COM**, 4742 W. 167<sup>th</sup> ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GERARDO RAMON RITCHEY**, 4742 W. 167<sup>th</sup> ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **GERARDO RAMON RITCHEY**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/01/08**.



# LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0741417**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOLDEN STATE FEATHER & DOWN**, 1460 NAUD ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JANET NGUYEN, 1015 S. ATLANTIC BLVD., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803, JESUS JIMENEZ, 5259 FOSTORIA ST., CUDAHY, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: JESUS JIMENEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/28/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0749448**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HAND CRAFTED LOS ANGELES**, 5743 SMITHWAY ST., #104, COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GARY BRANDT, 5743 SMITHWAY ST. #104, COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GARY BRANDT.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/29/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0741648**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOUSE OF NYMPH**, 8635 SOMERSET #214, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JULIE LAZAIRE, 8635 SOMERSET #214, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JULIE LAZAIRE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/28/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **9/12/07**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0759731**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STAAR POOL SERVICE**, 2927GRAMERCYSTREET,POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAUL DOUGLAS BEAN SR., 2927 GRAMERCY STREET, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAUL DOUGLAS BEAN SR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FILE NO. 2008-0760088 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **DISCOTECA 2000, 240 S. BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/01/2005 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: RAFAEL MORENO.**  
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## FILE NO. 2008-0762117 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **JERICO AUTO BODY, 2215 E. FLORENCE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/30/2006 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: GUILLERMO G. GUDIEL**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0662907**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CBS HAIR STUDIO, 913 E. LAS TUNAS DR., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FAN YI LIN, 8815 E. MISSION DR. APT. B, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FAN YI LIN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0652447**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHAKRA DOG MUSIC**, 2115 ESTRELLA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHERIE ESTHER DAVIS, 2115 ESTRELLA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHERIE ESTHER DAVIS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0675823**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COMMUNITY SPORTS SERVICES**, 3529 PERLITA AVENUE, L.A., CA 90039. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUSSELL MILTON, 3529 PERLITA AVENUE, L.A., CA 90039, AMIR ROFOUGARAN, 2173 STRADELLA ROAD, BEL AIR, CA 90077. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: RUSSELL MILTON.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **4/13/08**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0677334**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EBI GHODOOSHIM TEXTILE & APPAREL**, 819 Santee Street Suite 1207, Los Angeles, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YAHYA GHODOOSHIM, 383 N. LAPEER DR. APT. #106, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YAHYA GHODOOSHIM.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **4/1/2008**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0677333**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ESSI JEANS**, 744-A S. BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ESMAEIL SHAYESTEH KHORRAM, 19204 FRIAR ST., TARZANA, CA 91335. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ESMAEIL SHAYESTEH KHORRAM.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **4/1/08**.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0652446**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GLAMOUR HAIR STYLERS**, 1907 WEST BADILL STREET, COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROCIO ZEGARRA BORDA, 14402 HALLWOOD DR., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROCIA ZEGARRA BORDA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on

N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0643884**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NDUKWE INTERNATIONAL ART COMPANY**, 7414 S. HARVARD BLVD., L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LATRESCHÉ HAMILTON, 7414 S. HARVARD BLVD., L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LATRESCHÉ HAMILTON.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0662328**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE CENTER FOR EDUCATION & AGING RESOURCES/SENIORS ALIVE AT 65**, 904 NORTH LA BREA-2<sup>nd</sup> FL., INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HOSANNA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 10866 WASHINGTON BLVD. #215, CULVER CITY, CA 90232. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: BISHOP EUGENE HOLLY.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above in **1995**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0651559**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WENDIE GUO INSURANCE SERVICES**, 2228 INDIANA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WANYI GUO, 2228 INDIANA AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WANYI GUO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0632931**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WESTERN NAILS SPA**, 316 N. WESTERN AVE. #B, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UYENGIAO H. LE, 2256 GRIFFIN AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: UYENGIAO H. LE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0703987**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **APPRAISERS EXEL**, 12902 GRAYSTONE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LENIN P. CHAVEZ, 12902 GRAYSTONE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LENIN P. CHAVEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0724134**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CELERS "R" US**, 936

S. BURLINGTON AVE. #303, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS P. RUANO, 936 S. BURLINGTON AVE. #303, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS P. RUANO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0686426**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHOSEN CONCEPTS**, 9112 S. 7<sup>th</sup> AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90305. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELNOR JOHNSON, 9112 S. 7<sup>th</sup> AVE., INGLEWOOD, CA 90305. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELNOR JOHNSON.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **06/1994**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0723731**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DAY & NIGHT ADJUSTERS**, 14630 VALLEY BLVD. #F, LA PUENTE, CA 91746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALEJANDRO VILLEGAS, 6078 FULL ST., CORONA, CA 92880. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEJANDRO VILLEGAS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **1999**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0701992**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PERSUE**, 2111 N. SAN GABRIEL BLVD. #G7H. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIENIU WANG, LIPING SHAO, 516 S. HIDALGO AVE. #C, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: TIENIU WANG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **1/1/2008**.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0724276**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **REVOLUTIONARY IMAGES**, 15120 BELLOTA AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDWIN BLANCO, 15120 BELLOTA AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWIN BLANCO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0724325**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROCSTAR FOTOS**, 205 W. ALTADENA DR., ALTADENA, CA 91001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDUARDO PIMENTEL, 205 W. ALTADENA DR., ALTADENA, CA 91001. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDUARDO PIMENTEL.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0724614**

The following person(s) is (are)

doing business as: **SIMPLICITY EVENTS WEDDING AND EVENT COORDINATION**, 8427 VICKI DR., WHITTIER, CA 90606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUADALUPE CARRERA, 8427 VICKI DR., WHITTIER, CA 90606, CARMEN ALANIZ, 8330 MORRILL STREET, WHITTIER, CA 90606, JAMES M. JUAREZ-JR., 1630 NEIL ARMSTRONG ST. UNIT 204, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JAMES M. JUAREZ JR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0704094**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SUBLIMINAL EVENTS**, 5701 S. EASTERN AVE. #630, COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REACH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC., 10222 ROSECRANS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed:** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-07230**



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-08849896**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. 3<sup>rd</sup> STREET PROPERTIES 2. JOHN CONTRERAS, INC.,** 954 3<sup>rd</sup> STREET, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) COLTON INTERNATIONAL INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT AVE., SUITE 216B, IRVINE, CA 92620. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFF DELMONTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/01/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0868289**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ART ATTACK,** 100 UNIVERSAL CITY PLAZA, UNIVERSAL CITY, CA 91608. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VISUAL ART IMAGES, INC., 2712 GOOD FELLOWS ST., LAS VEGAS, NV 89135. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: ANN MONG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **04/24/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0849870**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. BEECH AVE PROPERTIES 2. RAFAEL CHEVES INC.,** 44643 BEECH AVE., LANCASTER, CA 93534. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) COLTON INTERNATIONAL INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT AVE., STE. 216B, IRVINE, CA 92620. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFF DELMONTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/01/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0849869**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. COLDBROOK PROPERTIES 2. JAMES BREWSTER INC.,** 11706 COLDBROOK AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) COLTON INTERNATIONAL INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT AVE., STE. 216B, IRVINE, CA 92620. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFF DELMONTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/01/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0849808**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. DAWSON AVE PROPERTIES 2. MITCHELLE BERNARD INC.,** 1958 DAWSON AVE., SIGNAL HILL, CA 92755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) COLTON INTERNATIONAL INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT AVE., STE. 216B, IRVINE, CA 92620. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFF DELMONTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/01/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0849810**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. HILL STREET PROPERTIES 2. JEFF DELMONTE INC.,** 110 HILL STREET, HERMOSA

BEACH, CA 90254. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) COLTON INTERNATIONAL INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT AVE., STE. 216B, IRVINE, CA 92620. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFF DELMONTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/01/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0858666**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KING CARPET CLEAN,** 4444 OAK ST., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDUARDO ARIAS, 4444 OAK ST., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDUARDO ARIAS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0836838**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PETSHOPWORLD,** 5816 IMPERIAL HWY., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NELSON MACEDONIO, 11512 SAMOLINE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NELSON MACEDONIO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0685663**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. REBEL X MMA 2. REBEL X,** 915-C W. FOOTHILL BLVD., CLAREMONT, CA 91711. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROWENA ESCALONA, 827 PEACHTREE WAY, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROWENA ESCALONA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0685858**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROXANA'S INSURANCE SERVICES,** 2413 RANDOLPH ST., #A, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROXANA ELIAS MEDINA, 10720 LAKEWOOD BL., #305, DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROXANA MEDINA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **04/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0859102**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAGIRY BEAUTY SALON,** 2612 W. PICO BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GOMEZ, ISIDRO, 1433 S. MENLO AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GOMEZ, ISIDRO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0859083**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SELECT MERCHANDISE COMPANY,** 28296 CONSTELLATION ROAD, VALENCIA, CA 91355. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ASAR ENTERPRISES, INC., 28296 CONSTELLATION ROAD, VALENCIA, CA 91355. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: ALICIA SEIBERT.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **05/14/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0849809**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. SHALE ROAD PROPERTIES 2. ALISHA BERNARD INC.,** 3130 SHALE

ROAD, PALMDALE, CA 93550. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) COLTON INTERNATIONAL INC., 1110 ROOSEVELT AVE., STE. 216B, IRVINE, CA 92620. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JEFF DELMONTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **01/01/08**.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0859332**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE SAUDI CONNECTION,** 2401 ROARK DR., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUSSELL EUGENE THOMAS, 2401 ROARK DR., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803.

This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUSSELL E. THOMAS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**.

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### City of Sierra Madre

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**To:** Property Owners within a 300-foot radius  
**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** CUP 08-01,  
80 West Sierra Madre Boulevard,  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
**Applicant:** Armen Khourdjian, Mailbox & Postal  
280 West Sierra Madre Boulevard  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a stationary/stamp store use (Mailbox & Postal) to occupy an existing commercial tenant space formerly occupied by an office use, for a property located at 80 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard. The project includes a façade remodel, interior tenant improvements and does not entail any increase in floor area. Pursuant to Section 17.37.020 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, no improvements shall be constructed, converted, established or altered for a permitted use unless approved by a CUP.

#### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, **June 5, 2008**  
(meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

#### PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

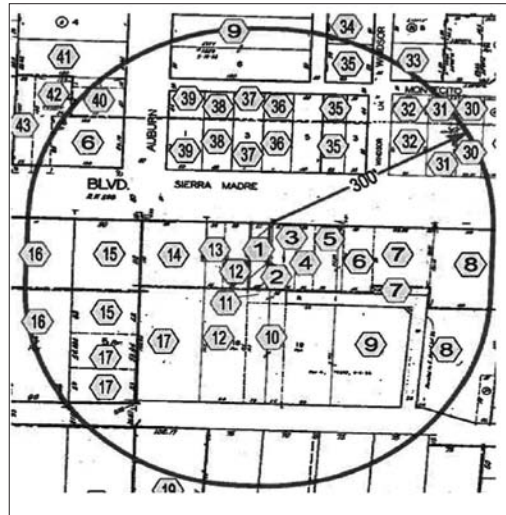
**PROJECT LOCATION:** 80 West Sierra Madre Boulevard; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**APPEAL:** The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 14-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the Planning Commission

Danny Castro, Director of Development Services



### City of Sierra Madre

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**To:** Property Owners within a 300-foot radius  
**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** HDP 08-01, 891 E. Grandview Ave.,  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
**Applicant:** Mark Houston Associates, Inc.  
135 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 5  
Monrovia, CA 91016

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a request for a Hillside Development Permit to allow a 1,182 square-foot two-story addition and conversion of a 161 square-foot portion of a second-story deck into a covered porch to an existing 3,204 square-foot single-family residence at 891 E. Grandview Ave. Pursuant to Section 17.52.070 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, any remodels or additions to existing primary structures which results in an increase in gross floor area over 4,000 square feet requires the approval of a Hillside Development Permit.

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Danny Castro, Director of Development Services





Photo by Aaron Dominquez

On Sunday, May 25, NASA’s Phoenix Mars Lander will touch down near Mars’ north polar cap. To celebrate this exciting event live, the Pasadena-based Planetary Society is holding Planetfest 2008: New Visions of Mars, May 25 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pasadena Hilton, 165 S. Las Robles Ave., Pasadena.

Planetfest 2008 is a one-day live data event with special guests from the space community. Highlights will include: Live broadcast of the Phoenix entry and descent sequence, the landing of the Phoenix, 4:53 pm, Peter Smith, Phoenix Principal Investigator, on audio link from JPL, visits by Ed Weiler, director of space science at NASA, and Charles Elachi, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, visit by Ray Bradbury, and a reading from his works, tributes to the late Arthur C. Clark, Louis Friedman and Bill Nye the Science Guy from The Planetary Society, “Visions of Mars” authors and artists discussing going to Mars and readings from “Visions of Mars” by Tim Russ and Naren Shankar.

Throughout the program there will be ongoing expert commentary, including the opportunity for audience Q&A.

You can visit the Planetary Society’s website, [www.planetary.org](http://www.planetary.org), for more details on Planetfest 2008 and to purchase tickets. AS OF MAY 13, The Phoenix spacecraft was on course and preparing to begin its three-month mission to taste and sniff fistfuls of Martian soil and buried ice. On May

## Looking Up With Bob Eklund

*Come to Planetfest 2008 May 25 and See the Live Landing of the First Expedition to the Martian Arctic*



Ray Arvidson of Washington University in St. Louis, chairman of the Phoenix landing-site working group, describes the site, which is located near the planet’s north polar cap: “This is one of the least rocky areas on all of Mars, and we are confident that rocks will not detrimentally impact the ability of Phoenix to land safely.”

The solar-powered robotic lander will manipulate a 7.7-foot arm to scoop up samples of underground ice and soil lying above the ice. Onboard laboratory instruments will analyze the samples. Cameras and a Canadian-supplied weather station will supply other information about the site’s environment.

“The Phoenix mission not only studies the northern permafrost region, but takes the next step in Mars exploration by determining whether this region, which may encompass as much as 25 percent of the Martian surface, is habitable,” said Peter Smith, Phoenix principal investigator at the University of

Arizona, Tucson.

One research goal is to assess whether conditions at the site ever have been favorable for microbial life. The composition and texture of soil above the ice could give clues to whether the ice ever melts in response to long-term climate cycles. Another important question is whether the scooped-up samples contain carbon-based chemicals that are potential building blocks and food for life.

In addition to its scientific payload, the spacecraft also carries a DVD called “Visions of Mars”—a collection of 19th- and 20th-century science fiction stories, essays, and art inspired by the Red Planet—as well as the names of more than a quarter million inhabitants of Earth.

*If you’d like to learn more, you can contact Bob at [b.eklund@mvoobserver.com](mailto:b.eklund@mvoobserver.com)*

## The Mountain Clymer The Re-New Deal



By Kim Clymer-Kelley

As if things were not bad enough in Myanmar, as of the writing of this article, a second huge storm has set its sight on the same area as Cyclone Nargis hit on May 2. The scale of this disaster dwarfs that of Katrina, our own disastrous brush with the devastating consequences of global warming. As each new chapter unfolds it becomes more and more evident that what most climatologists have for years been beseeching the public and its leaders to recognize is now coming to fruition. The effects of global warming are becoming too clear for anyone to ignore or deny.

Al Gore, in his powerful and eloquent Academy Award winning documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth” said of the global warming issue, “Ultimately this is really not a political issue so much as a moral issue. If we allow that (global warming to continue without doing anything about it) to happen, it is deeply unethical.” Unfortunately, we seem to have many in powerful positions these days for whom ethics or morality are not a priority. But, as Mr. Gore also added, “There are good people who are in politics in both parties, who hold this (the global warming issue) at arms length, because if they acknowledge it and recognize it, then the moral imperative to make big changes is inescapable.” Whether the neglect of this issue by our leaders has been unintentional, arising from disbelief or denial, or calculated, to promote self interests or to protect the interests of powerful constituents, cronies, or corporations, the results are the same. Little has been done in this country (up until now, the largest contributor of greenhouse gasses in the world) to address this massive problem. Unfortunately, I feel that far too many of our

current leaders fall into the latter category. Up to this point, nearly all of the policies, or lack of policies, regarding global warming have been dictated by corporate America... the oil companies, the automakers, the coal industry...and the public has been too ignorant and apathetic to counteract their influence. Though we are constantly waging war on other countries to promote our “democratic” way of life, this ignorance and apathy has, over the course of many years, transformed our own democracy (by definition, a government run by and for the people) into a “corprocacy” (a government run by and for the corporations). Corporate concerns in this country by far trump those of the average American, and we have no one but ourselves and our elected politicians to blame. The majority of our populous is too wrapped up in their own self-interests and too distracted and controlled by government instilled fears to worry about national or global issues. We live our lives in a corporate induced hypnosis...like lemmings...like an audience watching a master magician's expert slight of hand... with one hand we are distracted by all of the wonderful, shiny, exciting new things that are dangled in front of us...things that will make our lives easier and more pleasurable...that will make us more beautiful and richer...things we have to have to be as good as everyone else. And as we are out shopping or off working ourselves to death to support our insatiable buying habits, with the other hand corporate America has picked our pockets of our democracy.

It is time to snap out of it. It is time to reclaim our future and the futures of our children and our grandchildren. It is time to take back the power that has been stolen from us and use it as our founding fathers intended it to be used. It is the only hope we have for saving this planet. If this “corprocacy” is left in charge, our future is bleak, as it is not led by the ethical or moral codes that are needed to do what is right for our planet. Those who lead those corporations have abandoned such restrictive nonsense in the name of profit.

We need to speak out and act up to take back the power in this nation from these unworthy and unethical institutions and the politicians they control, and let our concerns be heard loud and clear.

This late in the game, with so little time and so much to do, it is going to take a strong, focused, expedient and moral government to do what has to be done. It will be essential for all of us to reexamine and reprioritize our lives and make the necessary sacrifices. It will take putting the concerns of the people of this planet before the concerns of the corporation. It will be painful, but it does not have to be unbearable. There are ways to get things accomplished that can actually be beneficial to our society and economy as well as the environment. I have given this a lot of thought, and have come up with an idea I call the “Re-New Deal”. It is in principle a remake of the New Deal of the 1930’s that so successfully united the country and gave the people of the era the hope and determination necessary to out get them through the hardships of the Great Depression. But the Re-New Deal has an environmental focus. The current physical and economic state of our country is not unlike that of the 30’s. Our country is in a decline on many levels...foreclosures are occurring at a rate higher than at any time since the Great Depression, unemployment is up, industry in the U.S. has taken a dramatic downturn, and our infrastructure is outdated and badly deteriorating. For those of you who cannot recall your U.S. History classes (I can only do so because I have had somewhat of a refresher course since I have subbed in history classes so often in the last few years) the New Deal’s intent was to address all of these same issues in an innovative way by stimulating industry, creating jobs, and building an updated infrastructure much of which is still in use today.

The Re-New Deal would institute research programs for alternative fuel. It would offer incentives to new “green” industries that spring up as a result of recent and future research. It will use the products of this new industry base together with a newly established government workforce to build

and retrofit our current infrastructure to support newly adopted green technologies and fuels, convert all public buildings to solar power, redesign and rebuild power plants to drastically reduce greenhouse emissions or use alternative fuels, build new water reclamation systems, install charging stations for electric vehicles and/or hydrogen filling stations, and rebuild crumbling roads and bridges and dams. It would mandate the decreased usage of carbon emitting vehicles step by step over a given period of time as well as an incremental conversion to solar power. It would set up strong incentive programs for the solarization of individual homes, private commercial buildings and other facilities and for the purchase of alternative fuel cars. This would put thousands of people to work. It would revamp, revitalize and restore our industrial complex and establish it as a world leader in green technological research and manufacturing. It would rebuild, reorganize and optimize our infrastructure and the individual incentive programs would give our citizens an opportunity to make previously unaffordable changes in their lifestyles, it will encourage them to be active participants and leaders in global change, and to take the future of the world into their own hands.

In order to make these essential changes we need a strong, determined and goal-oriented leadership in our government...one that will take charge and not balk at implementing the needed intervention...one that will tell everyone “this is what we are going to do.... like it or not”...a leader who understands the urgency of our situation and is not afraid to stand up to corporations and others who are disgruntled by the inconvenience of having to change their short-sighted and greedy practices. If this country is indeed the world leader that we all like to think it is, then we need to make sure that we, the people, have control of our government and steer it in a direction that we and the rest of the world need to go...that we recognize the importance and urgency of tackling the problem of global warming...and that we put aside our differences, join together, and do what we ethically and morally have a responsibility to do to reduce the impact that it will have on our planet and its people.

### The Birds of Battle: A Memorial Day Tribute

In this modern world of technology it’s hard to fathom the communication methods used in the battles of World War I and World War II. Radio communication was an unperfected technology and if a radio was damaged, the lines of communication were cut off with no other alternatives except...the carrier pigeon.

During World War I, 600 pigeons were specially trained to carry messages in the heat of battle. Many of the birds were trained for special missions. Some learned to fly to specific officers, others to fly at night (pigeons naturally only fly during daylight). Cher Ami was one of the 600. The offensive on the edge of the Argonne Forest was about as heated a battle as they came. Major Charles Whittlesey was the commander of the “Lost Battalion,” the U.S. 77<sup>th</sup> infantry division. He and his men had been pinned against the side of a steep ravine for two days. The Germans were systematically picking them off. All communication was severed to other armored divisions, so Whittlesey ordered the pigeon brought to him. He scribbled a message: “We’re along the road parallel 276.4. Our artillery is dropping a barrage directly on us. For heaven sakes, stop it!” He slipped it into a protective casing, clipped it to the bird’s leg, and sent the pigeon in flight.

Almost immediately, Cher Ami was shot through the breast-bone and leg by German fire. The bird paused for a moment on a tree branch as the Germans continued to try to fell him. But he took to the skies again through the onslaught and reached his destination. Receiving his message, the Americans halted their attack and rescued 197 men from sure death. Cher Ami was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for his heroic service. He survived the incident but died in 1919 as a result of his battle wounds. His body is on display at the National Museum of American History.

Some other Pigeon Awards of Valor: **White Vision-** (2<sup>nd</sup>

December 1943)

Flew 60 miles against a 25 m.p.h. head wind to deliver a message that aided the rescue of an aircrew that had ditched their plane in the Hebrides. Rescue operations were hindered by weather that made air search impossible. When her message was received, the search resumed, the aircraft sighted and the crew rescued. **Scotch Lass-** (March 1945) Brought 38 microphotographs across the North Sea, although injured, while serving with the **RAEGI Joe-** (August 1946) Credited with making the most outstanding flight by a U.S. Army Pigeon in World War II. Flew 20 miles in 20 minutes bearing a message that arrived in time to save at least 100 Allied soldiers from being bombed by their own planes.

Pigeons have won well-deserved tributes from many nations. In the United States, Congress authorized the birds to receive citations for valor before the end of World War II. Previously, humans were the only life form to be awarded that honor. While there is a pigeon hall of fame, they are often overlooked in school texts, even though they played such a pivotal role in our countries independence. The pigeons are *truly* the unknown soldiers.

*Edited by Pat Birdsall from an article by Simone Szaraval that appeared in Best Friends Magazine-May/June 2001.*



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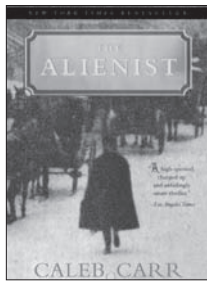
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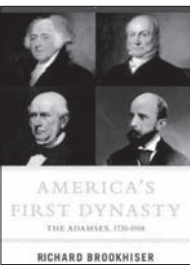
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By Jeff Brown



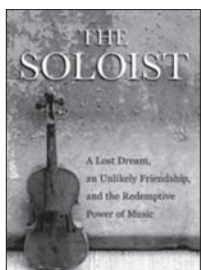
The Alienist: A Novel by Caleb Carr (1994)

This previous best selling book takes place in New York City in 1896, and includes appearances by many famous figures of New York society in that era, including Theodore Roosevelt and J. P. Morgan. A serial killer is on the loose, targeting cross dressing boy prostitutes. Police detectives are making no progress solving the ghastly crimes. In fact, someone with influence seems to be bent on silencing witnesses and thwarting any investigation. Police commissioner Theodore Roosevelt (yes, the same TR who became president), determined to catch the killer, brings together an unconventional group of investigators headed by an "alienist." (In the 19th century the mentally ill were considered "alienated" from themselves and society, and the experts who treated them were known as "alienists.") The alienist is Dr. Laszlo Kreizler, of Hungarian-German origin, and his companions who attempt to solve the case using fingerprinting, pathology and a sort of pre-profiling, all advanced techniques for that time. A very atmospheric and suspenseful read.



America's First Dynasty : The Adamses, 1735-1918 by Richard Brookhiser (2003)

This is a well written 200 year history of the Adams family dynasty which begins with founding father John Adams, and his son John Quincy Adams who later follows his father into the Presidency. The family lineage continues with Charles Francis Adams a politician and writer, and ends with the scholar and journalist Henry Adams. In telling the story of the family, the author also describes the important events and characters around them from the colonial days to World War I. Others books by the author are *Alexander Hamilton: American* and *Founding Father: Rediscovering George Washington*.



The Soloist: A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music by Steve Lopez (2008)

Steve Lopez, a reporter for the LA Times, while on Skid Row accidentally hears violin music coming from somewhere. When he investigates he finds Nathaniel, an obviously down and out homeless man playing a broken instrument. Intrigued to investigate this person, Lopez becomes involved in a mission to lift Nathaniel out of his obvious difficulties. He learns that Nathaniel was a gifted musician and former Juilliard student who now suffers from mental illness leaving him basically dysfunctional. Lopez buys him new instruments, reconnects him to his family and introduces Nathaniel to people at the Disney Concert Hall. With each triumph there is another low yet neither man gives up. Though Lopez sets out to save Nathaniel, his own act of kindness profoundly transforms his own life as well. A moving story now a bestseller.



Recommended by Mitch Rapp Tripwire by Lee Child

Former military policeman Major Jack Reacher is not pleased when Costello, a private detective, begins to ask questions about him. When he finds Costello dead, Jack realizes it's time to move on. But who was Costello's working for, the mysterious Mrs. Jacob? And why is she determined to find Reacher? Another in this wonderful award winning suspense series!

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

## Scene One - Take One DVD Review



Bella (2006)

Two lost souls, Nina a pregnant, single waitress, and Jose an introspective troubled cook once a famous athlete, find solace in each other as they become unpredictably linked in one irreversible moment, when a simple gesture of kindness brings them both together, turning an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience. An uplifting story of love, hope and forgiveness. The film took top prize at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival by winning the "People's Choice Award".

The Golden Compass (2007)

After overhearing a shocking secret, precocious orphan Lyra Belacqua trades her carefree existence roaming the halls of Jordan College for a perilous adventure to rescue her best friend and fight the forces of darkness. Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and Sam Elliott co-star in this well made fantasy-rich family adventure based on the first book of the Philip Pullman trilogy His Dark Materials. Wonderful special effects, and beautiful scenes.



Recommended by Dave of 300 West Salon/ Sierra Madre Local Hero (1983)

A Texas oil billionaire Felix Happer (Burt Lancaster) sends a man to Scotland to buy up an entire village where they want to build a offshore oil refinery. But things don't go as expected. When one older villager refuses to sell his precious beach, Happer calls off his negotiating dogs and visits the town himself to finish the deal. A good-natured comedy full of interesting and amusing characters, great musical score and wonderful scenery.

## From the Inside Out

An Ongoing Series of Personal Points of View on Health By Mary Carney

### What Is Adrenal Fatigue?

The last couple weeks I've been writing about our bodies' reactions to stress. This week, I thought I'd focus on our adrenals, those small orange strips of tissue crunched to about walnut size at the top of each kidney - which provide us with the hormones that help us cope with the stresses in our lives. Catastrophic stress - being trapped in a building from an earthquake - for example, has got to head the list of personal stressors. Death after delayed rescue is a not uncommon reaction to such an overload of stress, even if the rest of the body seems "just fine."

What are some more common stressors? death of a loved one, toxins, acute or chronic infections, financial pressure, repetitive irritations, psychological and/or emotional stress, little relaxation, allergies, over-exertion, negative attitudes and beliefs, unwanted unemployment, smoking, lack of sleep, fear, coffee, caffeine, poor eating habits, sugar and white flour products, lack of exercise, marital stress, prescription and non-prescription drugs, and lack of good food - every single one of these demands adrenals coping capabilities.

Look at insurance companies' actuarial charts ... outside of true physical danger, the charts for each profession pretty much rate the risk to health in terms of adrenal stress. That's why physicians, on average, die approximately 10 years younger, have higher rates of alcoholism and several times the drug addiction rates of the normal population. Just look at their lifestyles! By the time hopeful students have finished their years of medical school and hospital residency, they are incredibly overstressed. Over 67 percent of those who were married are divorced by the time their residency ends. Once in practice, they work long hours with little rest, picking up drugs or amphetamines to keep them going. Can you imagine having to give advice with potential life-or-death consequences to someone after talking with them for only 3 to 10 minutes, hour after hour? Day after day? Year after year?

Yet, if you were to go to your doctor and say, "I think my adrenals are stressed," even if you did get a blood or saliva test, the adrenal test ranges are set so far out that the doctor could only advise you if you were at risk for Addison's disease (from too few adrenal hormones) or Cushing's disease (too many adrenal hormones). There's a lot of non-identifiable symptoms between those two extremes, which is why I'm writing. Where are you on the spectrum? And how can you find out?

How about checking your Iris / Pupil Dilation response? Isn't it nice there's something you can "do at home?" You (with or without friend / spouse) can stand in a darkened room facing a mirror, with a flashlight. Let your eyes adjust to the dark. Notice how your pupils get really large to let in more light. Then turn on the flashlight

and shine its beam from the ear side of your eye towards your nose, so the light rays go across your eye. Watch the pupil and iris. Initially the iris contracts to protect most of your pupil, leaving only a small dark circle. With healthy adrenals, the iris continues to maintain that protection. If, however, your adrenals are over-stressed, in about 40 seconds the iris starts relaxing and the pupil area gets larger and larger. The iris may keep trying, but eventually a large pupil area will be "the standard". The adrenals just don't have the energy to fuel the iris' protective response to the light any longer.

Do you have low blood pressure? If you don't think you do, how about trying this test? Spend 10 minutes lying down. Then quickly stand up. Do you (or did you ever) get light-headed? Feel slightly unbalanced? Dizzy? Do you "momentarily black out?" Chances are really good your adrenals are fatigued. While low blood pressure may have other causes, most medical professionals never even think to check for low adrenals as a major contributing factor.

If you don't get light headed, try again with a blood pressure cuff (available from drug store, medical supply house or internet). Lie down for about 10 minutes, put the cuff on, and measure your blood pressure. Then stand up and measure it again. Normally, it should rise 10-20mmHg (10 to 20 milligrams of mercury - scientific terms). If the pressure falls instead of rises, you either have low blood pressure or are dehydrated. And you can't just drink a glass of water and test it again ... it takes time for water to be absorbed throughout your system. If you're a meat-eater with blood pressure consistently over 140/90 when you stand up ... it's past time to take stress off your poor adrenals. If you're a strict vegetarian, and you're outside the range of 95/65, chances are good you're dealing with adrenal fatigue. (Side note, as a confirmed carnivore, I was proud of the fact that my BP was often 80/50 ... given this info, I think I was living with the effects of adrenal fatigue for many years. (BTW, practically perfect blood pressure is supposed to be 113/90.)

Want to know more? Get a copy of "Adrenal Fatigue: The 21st Century Stress Syndrome" by James L. Wilson. Looking for someone who knows how to help you? [www.acam.com](http://www.acam.com) especially good for those dealing with atherosclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, etc, etc ... and remember the big "C" ... talk about unending stress from surgeries, chemo, radiation, fear and pain! If you've been diagnosed, what are you doing with nutrition and energy inputs to counteract the effects of such protocols' additional stress on your already overloaded system???? It's your job to heal from the inside out - more clues to find those who can help you figure out what to do ... Good luck!



## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

### Jury Duty Part Three

The herd and I moved upstairs to the 15th floor. We joined another herd already waiting to enter the courtroom next to ours. They gave us a cursory glance reserved for "newbies." I then noticed that herds don't mingle. Even though we have never met each other before there seems to be a certain amount of "we're in this thing together" camaraderie. Our group was called into the courtroom and we filed in ever so slowly, so slowly in fact that the judge commented on it in an amused tone. Maybe it's fear of the unknown for some, and in my case, fear of the known.

The court clerk administered the oath to us en masse and the judge proceeded to fill us in on the case and court procedures. She told us that she had already interviewed the first half of the potential jurors two days before. The first half! We all looked at each other in disbelief. She said that was the reason she was hoarse and had a cough. Cue the cough... Direct hit! Right into the microphone. That cough turned out to have a life of its own.

We were told that because there were two defendants and they each had an attorney, she wanted to make sure that after the voir dire, or questioning phase, there would be enough of us left to provide a jury and alternates for the trial. The charges were murder, a felon in possession of a handgun and evading. Possible gang involvement looming large in the background. We were asked a few questions as a group by the judge and also by counsel. Then we were dismissed until the next morning at 10:30 a.m., when we would be joined by the first segment of this, our burgeoning herd.

I was offered a ride home by a lady who lives in Pasadena. How nice, I thought. No surly bus driver, no hour-long ride. Just the nightmare that is the FREEWAY. I actually thought that the freeway would be the worst part. Silly girl! The court provides parking for jurors at the Disney Concert Hall a mere three or four blocks away. I'm sure just a brisk jaunt down the hill from the car to the courthouse in the morning. The return trip for those of us with respiratory problems however, is like hiking up the side of a sheer cliff with a future gastric bypass patient strapped to our back. Okay, slight exaggeration. However, I wouldn't have been surprised in the least to see Julie Andrews merrily making her way down the hill wearing that apron that I'm convinced must have been stapled to her chest, singing "The Hills Are Alive." (To be continued...)

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI:

### Mother's Day

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the first official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day a national holiday that was to be held on the 2nd Sunday of May. It was here at the first observance that the carnation was introduced as a souvenir of Mother's Day. A tradition that has lasted to this day.

~Helpful Hints~

Choose to reuse: Think twice before you toss those used dryer sheets. They're great as furniture polishing cloths; they remove static from clothing and hair, and are quick-and-easy fresheners for stored books, shoes and clothes.



### Recipe of the Month: Quick Sauerkraut

1 head green cabbage (about 2 ½ pounds), outer leaves removed, halved, cored and thinly sliced  
½ cup distilled white vinegar  
1 tbs. coarse salt  
In a medium saucepan, combine cabbage, vinegar, salt and 1¼ cups water. Cover, and cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until cabbage is tender, 30 to 35 minutes (if bottom of pan starts to brown, add ¼ cup more water). To store, refrigerate up to 2 weeks. Makes 6 cups  
Classic Reubens  
2 tbs. light mayonnaise  
1 tbs. ketchup  
1 tbs. sweet pickle relish  
Coarse salt and ground pepper  
1 tbs. butter  
8 slices rye sandwich bread  
½ lb sliced corned beef  
1 1/3 cups Quick Sauerkraut  
4 oz sliced Swiss cheese  
1) In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, ketchup, and relish; season with salt and pepper. Set aside. Butter bread; place, buttered side down, on a work surface. Spread 4 slices with mayonnaise mixture; top with corned beef, sauerkraut, and cheese. Sandwich with remaining bread, buttered side up.  
2) In two batches, cook sandwiches, covered in a large skillet over medium-low, until bread is golden brown and cheese is melted.

Happy Birthday  
Juanita Loera and  
Barbara Soulanille

### For Your Funny Bone

The customer only wanted half a head of lettuce, and insisted the stock boy check with the manager before denying his request. The boy approached his boss. "Some moron wants to buy half a head of lettuce," he said. Just then he saw the customer was standing right behind him. "And this gentleman," he added quickly, "has kindly offered to buy the other half." Later the manager said, "That was some pretty quick thinking. Tell me, where are you from son?" "Canada, sir," the boy replied. "Really? And why did you leave?" "Because there's nobody up there but tramps and hockey players." "I see," said the manager. "You know my wife is from Canada." "Really?" said the boy. "What team did she play for?"

Every day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.  
~Marilyn Penland



### 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 P M 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

### Monthly Excursions:

**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.

**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



# SPORTS

## Back Page Journal



### Why Voltaire Would Have Loved Sports . . .

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor, Sports Fan, Sports Philosopher

Call it hubris if you like, but I have always considered myself something of a philosopher. I was always the smartest kid in class, majored in History at Cal, would write fiction for a living if the Human Race actually cared about fiction, and have always cared more about turning a phrase than turning a buck (hey, that's pretty good).

Therefore, it is hardly surprising that one of my favorite historical characters is the great 18th-century French philosopher Francois-Marie Arouet, better known to informed, worldly folk as "Voltaire". (If you haven't actually heard of Voltaire, please put this paper down, go grab an encyclopedia, read his blurb, and then and only then resume reading this fine column. I thank you.)

Voltaire was a funny guy. Very witty. So witty and incisive that his very life disproves one of his most famous witty sayings, namely "A witty saying proves nothing." Truth be told, the dissemination of sharp, on-point witty sayings has often favorably influenced politics, policy, and history. Abe Lincoln's "Don't Swap Horses In Mid-Stream" comes to mind....

But is it another of Voltaire's famous influential homilies I'd like to focus on. A novelist, playwright, and sage all in one body, this wittiest of all Frenchmen once said, famously, that "History is only the register of crimes and misfortunes." Of course he's right. The history of Man and men has been defined by war, privation, greed, avarice, lust for land, loot, power, and women in that order, murder, mayhem, malicious mischief, and in general the doing of stupid things. Yes yes, of course he's right. But I was thinking the other day that Voltaire would not have been so pessimistic a chap were it not for one sad tenet of the time in which he lived.

Because Voltaire didn't have Sports.

I wrote last December in my first column for this publication, that News is Mankind's failures while Sports is Mankind's accomplishments. Right on. That's why the Sports Page is the most-widely-read page in any newspaper, why terminally disillusioned guys like me won't even read a front page. Naturally, 18th-century newspapers didn't have sports pages.

So naturally I wind up feeling bad for Voltaire.

Imagine Voltaire's joy were he able to have picked up a copy of the Paris Views-Observer (I made that up) long about 1763, expecting to discover yet another crime foisted against the French people by their government, only to read with admiration and glee how across the pond, in that decidedly hot and humid New World colony called Florida, journeyman golfer Paul Goydos---a 43-year-old former substitute school teacher who had won only two PGA tournaments in his 16-year career---almost won the Players Championship. Perhaps some of you 21st-century sports fans watched the drama on TV a couple Sundays ago. If there was a betting line on Goydos, he would probably have gone off at over 500-to-one. Alas, after leading all day, he finally blew it on the first playoff hole, but in coming in second he did manage to earn legions of loyal fans with his own self-deprecating wit, while banking over a million bucks for four days' work. Not bad. If anything, the fact that Goydos plopped his tee shot at the TPC Sawgrass Course's famous "Island Green" into the water on the first playoff hole to provide the career-underachieving Sergio Garcia with a rare victory only made Goydos all-the-more heroic, and would have tickled Voltaire into spasm.

And the fact that the man is an impish, dime-store philosopher in his own right would have delighted Voltaire all the more. In his post-match interview, when asked about what might have been the key to Garcia's win and his own crushing defeat, Paul Goydos calmly replied, "The key is to have the lead with no holes to go."

A word of advice to Obama: Either put this guy on the ticket, or at least reserve a spot in the cabinet for him. You're going to need clear-thinking people, if your administration is to avoid becoming just another "register of crimes and misfortunes".



Voltaire would have loved Paul Goydos' comments after blowing the Player's Championships.

## La Salle Linksters Wrap Up Season In Fine Style

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

For the 2008 La Salle High School Varsity Golf Team---in the words of Frank Sinatra---it was a very good year.

Head Coach Steve Goldstein's band of merry clubswingers recently concluded a campaign which saw them post a record of 12 match wins versus only 5 losses. But more importantly, the team shined brightest during league play. With a perfect 6-0 match record, the Lancers claimed the Camino Real League championship for the first time in three years. (Previously, La Salle had been Camino Real champs every year from 2000 to 2005.)

The team then went on to compete in the CIF Playoffs at the Soule Park Golf Course up in Ojai on May 5th. The lads didn't fare as well as they'd hoped, but a worthy effort in defeat did nothing to tarnish an outstanding season.

There were individual honors to go along with the team laurels. Matt Nolan, Henry Moffly, and 'Jake' Bigley each earned all-league honors for

consistently solid play throughout the season.

Congratulations to the entire varsity squad. They are: Jacob Bigley, Matthew Garcia, Henry Moffly, Matthew Nolan, Matthew Pierce (three Matthews out of seven?), John Stanford, and Steven Tucker.

The junior varsity also enjoyed a good season; they might have lost a match or two more than they won, but they won their share, and ended the season on a high note with a good win over Monrovia High, by an aggregate score of 250 to 261. So kudos go out to all the JV ball-strikers; Austin Acres, Matthew Bistany (does every La Salle student named Matthew play golf?), Arthur Braaten, Kenneth Caldwell, Philip Kuroda, Nicholas Nelson, Andrew Pankaw, and Nicholas Volckmann.

Yes, a very good year for the JVs, as you might expect from a golf team coached by a "Driver". That's right---the La Salle JV golf coach is Tim Driver. No joke, 'nuff said...

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