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## JOINT COUNCIL/PUSD MEETING HELD

The Sierra Madre City Council and The Board of the Pasadena Unified School District held a joint meeting last week to discuss the local schools, the budget, City/School Partnerships and a progress report on Superintendent Diaz's Approach To Excellence. However, before the meeting began, a presentation was made to the Sierra Madre School students who participated in the Math Field Day. Mayor Kurt Zimmerman and Board President Tom Selinske made the individual presentations to over 50 excited, happy students. Their proud parents filled the auditorium of SM Middle School. After the presentation, however, few parents remained and the board and the council quickly breezed through the agenda.

All members of the PUSD Board, along with Superintendent Diaz, and several top PUSD

administrators were present. Sierra Madre was represented by all council members except Don Watts, the City Manager and other key personnel.

Sierra Madre was praised for the great City/School Partnership that exists.

Diaz and staff discussed their efforts to mitigate the impact of the Governor's budget cuts. One effort has been to pressure the state to release funds that have been 'in the pipeline' in Sacramento for years. "Lack of funding should not be an adequate excuse to let schools go down", said one district manager. Also during the discussions, a PUSD representative acknowledged that Sierra Madre Schools were due for more than \$200,000 worth of facilities improvements and that action will be taken quickly to remedy that situation. *Staff/MVO*

## Hillside Dilemma's



The intersection of Carter and Lima were closed Monday evening as a precaution. Terracing used to shore up the hillside can be seen in the background. *Staff/MVO*

## Tipster Sets Off False Alarm Over Hillside Property Concern about "failure" of embankment on Carter Unwarranted

By Hail Hamilton on Special Assignment

Some residents returning home from work on Monday may have been confronted by yellow and black public works barricades at the island intersection of Carter and Lima. The barricades were placed in front and below the hillside home at 351 Carter.

Before sunset, rumors had spread throughout the neighborhood about the eminent "failure" of the embankment and the landslide that would follow. These rumors, perhaps born out of an overall fear of possible hillside mudslides, were untrue.

The owners of the property, Sam and Jane Rowland, said that the whole affair has been blown out of proportion. The Rowlands had the terrace, visible from the street, was constructed as a preventative measure as a result of the heavy rains earlier in the year. She said on January 5 they experienced a "minor shift in the hillside as a result of heavy rain." It was then that they had the terracing in question built. With the recent hillside activity, the couple contacted an engineer and their contractor Monday evening. *(cont. pg. 3)*

## Straight Talk On Debris Flow

### Fire Safe Council Meeting Addresses Issues

By Bill Coburn

In front of a much smaller crowd than May's post-fire meeting (though still with a much larger turnout than any pre-fire meeting), the Fire Safe Council's featured speaker, Director of Public Works Bruce Inman, presented a slide show and some sobering figures about the anticipated debris flow from the recently burned hillsides, and the City's ability to prepare for and deal with that debris.

Inman gave a fairly comprehensive presentation discussing each of the burn areas, their size, the percentage of the area that burned, the amount of debris that is anticipated from each area, the capacity of the debris basins into which they will flow, and in some cases, the lack of a basin or under-capacity of the basins into which the debris will slide in the event of a storm.

Estimates for debris were based on a ten-year storm, which is defined as a storm that the City is *(cont. on pg. 4)*

## Los Angeles County To Offer Decline In Value Tax Assessments

From The Office Of Rick Auerback, Tax Assessor

It has been widely reported that the property values of single-family homes and condominiums throughout most of the State have been declining. While the declines in Los Angeles County have not been as dramatic as those in other parts of the State, property values have dropped in some areas of Los Angeles County.

How does this impact your property taxes? In 1978, California voters passed Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment that allows a temporary reduction in assessed value when a property suffers a "decline-in-value." A decline-in-value occurs when the current market value of your property is less than the assessed value as of January 1.

Typically, an application is required to initiate a review of your property's value by the Assessor. However, in 2008 the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office will be proactive in reviewing those single-family homes and condominiums that were purchased between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007. We will look at sales of comparable properties that sold near the lien date, January 1, 2008. If the market value is less than the assessed value indicated on your 2007-08 tax bill, the assessed value will be reduced accordingly. An application will not be necessary.

We will complete this review by June 30, 2008 and will notify in writing those property owners who qualify for a reduction in the assessed value of their property. Applications will be accepted prior to June 30, 2008, but if you purchased your home between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007, we urge you to wait for notification from our office before filing. Should it be necessary, you will have until December 31, 2008 to file an application for

review.

If the sale date of your property is not within the dates noted or is other than a single family home or condominium, it will not be included in the review. However, if you believe the assessed value of the property shown on the 2007-08 tax bill is more than the fair market value as of January 1, 2008, you may file an application at any time through December 31, 2008.

### SOLICITATIONS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES TO LOWER YOUR ASSESSED VALUE

It has come to our attention that various private companies are doing mailings to property owners offering their services to pursue a reduction in their property taxes. These companies may charge hundreds of dollars to file for a reduction in value on behalf of the property owner. Solicitations of this type may not be illegal, but property owners should be aware that their property may have already been reviewed and the value reduced. There is no reason to pay for a review that has already been completed by the Assessor's Office.

If a property was not reduced in this review and you believe the assessed value of the property shown on the 2007-08 tax bill is more than the fair market value as of January 1, 2008, you may file an application at any time through December 31, 2008. The Decline-In-Value form is simple to complete and readily available online or at one of our District Offices. We will review the application and if a reduction is warranted, the taxable value will be reduced.

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## State Of The City Mixer This Thursday, June 12th

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Thursday, June 12, will feature Mayor Kurt Zimmerman discussing the State of the City. The mixer will be held at the Hart House in Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. from 7:30 - 9am. The breakfast menu will be catered by Restaurant Lozano. , features Belgian Waffles with Fresh Berries , Apple Smoked Bacon & Breakfast Sausage, Huevos Rancheros Casserole, Fresh Fruit, and Asst. Sweet Breakfast Breads. Cost of the mixer is \$10/members, \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP to the Chamber, at 355-5111

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

**Spring Family Friday Night Movie Series**

Once again the Community and Personnel Services Department is hosting the Friday Night Movie Series in conjunction with The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre Little League, and Competitive Athlete Training Zone (CATZ). The movie for this Friday, May 16 is The Little Rascals. The showing will start at 8:15pm in Kersting Court. Everyone is encouraged to spend an evening under the stars in Sierra Madre.

**Roller Coasters, Rockets and Riding the Rails  
SAFYMCA Offers Unique and Traditional Camp Experiences for Kids**

Monrovia, CA, June 5, 2008 – From Roller Coasters to Riding the Rails, Flight Camp to Surf Camp, the nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA has some high adventure thrills in store for kids this summer among its selection of specialty and traditional day and sleep-away camp offerings. SAFYMCA Summer Camp programs begin the week of June 16 and run through the week of Aug. 18.

It's still not too late to register. Registrations will continue throughout the summer. SAFYMCA Camp programs provide children with unique opportunities to learn and grow, create, explore and participate in a variety of activities. SAFYMCA Summer camp opportunities are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay full fee. Financial assistance is available.

Each traditional day camp is age-specific, with camp programs for children Kindergarten to 1st grade; 2nd to 3rd grade; 4th to 5th grade and "Tween Camp for middle school age youth 6th to 8th grade. Activities revolve around weekly themes and include outdoor games, sports, swimming, crafts, songs, and skits. Field trips or special events round out each week.

For families who would like their children to have a sleep-away camp experience, there's YMCA Camp E.L.K. in the San Bernardino Mountains. With horseback riding, swimming, rock climbing wall, archery, crafts, sports, canoeing and more, Camp E.L.K. offers the perfect summer getaway for kids entering 3rd through 8th grade.







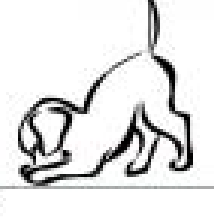



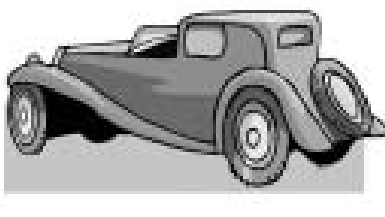

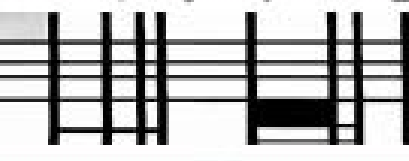
This year, the SAFYMCA also offers a choice of seven specialty camps to appeal to a wide variety of interests: Coaster Camp, July 21 through July 25; Ride the Rails Camp, Aug. 11-15; Super Sports Camp, July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1; Outdoor Adventure Camp, June 30-July 3; Science Camp, June 23-June 27; Flight Camp, July 14-18; and Surf Camp in San Diego, Aug. 4-Aug. 8.

Although each camp is unique, all YMCA summer camps provide safe places with caring adults and positive activities. The SAFYMCA camps focus on the development of four core character values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Extended care hours are available from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for an additional fee of \$20 per session.

The SAFYMCA serves more than 20,000 children each year in a variety of programs. In 2007, nearly 50% of the 2,445 kids participating in SAFYMCA's day camp and after school programs were able to participate because of the Financial Assistance Program.

For more information, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244, or visit the web site at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<h1>June Calendar</h1>						<div>1</div> <div></div> <div>Open Studio Tour Creative Arts Group - Noon-5pm</div>
<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>Swimming Lessons Mail-in Registration Begins</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Sierra Madre Coordinating Council Community Recreation Center - 11:30 am Senior Community Commission Council Chambers - 3:00 pm Planning Commission Council Chambers - 7:00 pm</div>		<div>6</div> <div></div> <div>Mount Wilson Trail Race Pasta Feed - Kersting Court - 7:00 pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Mount Wilson Trail Race, Kid's Race and Beer Garden - 7:30 am</div> <div></div>		
<div>10</div> <div>Online Swimming Lesson Registration Begins, City Council Meeting, Council Chambers - 6:30 pm</div> <div></div>		<div>11</div> <div>Community Arts Commission, Council Chambers 6:30 pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Family Movie Friday in Kersting Court - 7:30 pm</div> <div></div>		<div>14</div> <div>Doggie Day Sierra Vista Park 9:00 am - Noon</div> <div></div>	
<div>16</div> <div>Community Services Commission Council Chambers 6:30 pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers - 7:00 pm</div> <div></div>		<div>19</div> <div>Planning Commission</div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div>HFF Splash &amp; Splash, Sierra Madre Pool - 9:00 am POA Car Show, Downtown Sierra Madre</div> <div></div> <div></div>		
<div>23</div> <div>Summer Reading Club Begins</div> <div></div>	<div>24</div> <div>City Council Council Chambers 6:30 pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Library Board of Trustees, City Council Conference Room - 7:00 pm</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Art Opening In City Hall</div> <div></div>			

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PASADENA – Pasadena Christian Center Theatre will present Sisters, a heartwarming play by Sandy Boikian about two estranged siblings who come together after one learns the other is terminally ill.

Spanning twenty years, the story is told through live flashbacks, exploring key events in the women's lives. Due to its bold humor mixed with a message of hope, Sisters has been called “the kind of theatrical treasure that audiences talk about on the drive home and continue over breakfast the next morning.”

Show times are June 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 at 7:30 pm, plus June 22 & 29 at 4:00 pm. Admission is \$10. (Half price for groups of 15 or more.) All tickets go on sale thirty minutes before show time.

The theatre is located at 2588 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, 91107. For further information, please visit [www.pasadenachristian.com](http://www.pasadenachristian.com).

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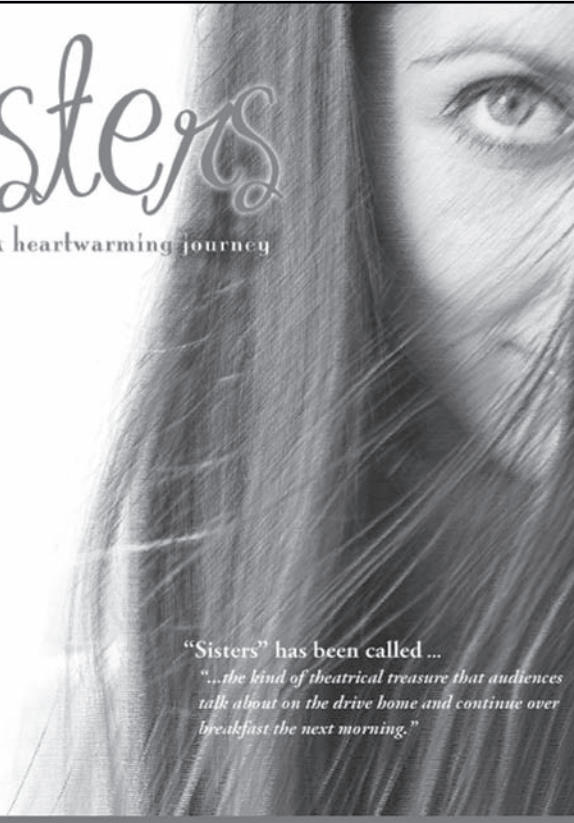
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**Doggie Day**



This year's Doggie Day will be Saturday, June 14th, 2008, from 9 am to Noon in Sierra Vista Park.

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

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**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](mailto: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.

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Brown Baggin' It



The Sierra Madre Women's Club had hundreds of shoppers at their annual Big Brown Bag Sale last Saturday. The sale allows shoppers to buy as much as they can fit in a brown paper bag for \$3. The proceeds help support local charities. Photo By Stan Coutant

# Planning Commission Passes First Hillside Development Permit

By Susan Henderson

At the June 5th meeting of the Sierra Madre Planning Commission, a recommendation was sent to the council for approval of the first Hillside Development Permit since the Hillside Management Zone Ordinance went into effect. The Permit was granted 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. The request was for the property at 891 E. Grand View Blvd. The property is currently 3,204 square feet. There was no opposition to the improvements and it was passed unanimously after a brief discussion among the commissioners.

There was also a request for a Conditional Use Permit for a downtown business that intend to relocate from 280 W Sierra Madre Blvd to 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. The CUP was necessary because the new location was previously an office and will require reconfiguration. Again, there was no objection and the recommendation for the issuance of the CUP was passed unanimously.

Danny Castro, Development Director for Sierra Madre, reported to the commission that the City Council had requested that they review a ‘range of options’ regarding the preservation of viewsapes when homeowners make improvements to their property. It was intially stated that the council wanted a report back at their July meeting. However, because the scope of the request was not clear, it was agreed the the commission would begin discussions at the next meeting, but wait until the joint council/commission meeting for further instructions.

Before the meeting adjourned, Jay Hill, a resident of Sierra Madre and former planner with the City of Sierra Madre, congratulated the commission for the work they have done in recent years. He thanked them for the respect shown him by members of the commission.

Hill also made comments directed towards the citizens of Sierra Madre and the current council. He reminded residents that at one time Sierra Madre had “...5 markets, 7 gas stations 12 hotels and a car dealership to support the town”. He admonished residents to “start accepting that change is happening” and “things can’t stay the same”. He then went on to commend the Planning Commission for having a lot of foresight regarding the future of the city, and that “another body doesn’t have the same opinion”.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on June 19th at 7:00 pm at City Hall. At that meeting, a new chair and vice chair will be selected. Bob Spear is the current Chair.

# A Sun-Powered Home In Sierra Madre

Story By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the editor of Wilderness Way magazine, the author of “How to Survive Anywhere,” and an occasional blogger of current event. He can be contacted via this paper, or [www.ChristopherNyerges.com](http://www.ChristopherNyerges.com)]

Tucked away near the foothills is the home of Renee Cossutta and Debbie Ross. While walking by one day, I noticed the array of solar panels on the carport outback. I boldly went up to the door, knocked, and began to ask questions.

Cossutta told me that she had been interested in conservation—and in localized production—for years, and had always made the effort to not overuse resources. She’s also long wanted her own solar electrical system for over a decade. She had read about the adverse effects from our way of generating electricity, and wanted to be a part of the solution.

Some years ago, she contacted the folks at Real Goods in Hopland, California and asked what it would take to install a solar system. After analyzing the situation, the company determined that it would not be cost-effective to install panels on the roof because there was not enough sunlight there to generate the amount of electricity that would make this cost-effective.

Then, about 2 ½ years ago, they realized that an area that had been used for parking received more sun. They once again consulted with the folks at Real Goods, and concluded they could create a solar electrical system that would work. An architect friend of theirs, Phillip Collins, designed a combination carport and grape arbor that would also support the solar modules. Tom Robinson from the Southern California branch of Real Goods came out, and once the structure was built, the folks from Real Goods installed the solar system.

“This was my first opportunity to do something like this,” said Cossutta. “It took two days for Real Goods to install our system, and we were very impressed with them.”

The system chosen for this household was grid-connected, meaning there were no batteries. There are 14 modules, manufactured by Sharp, each rated at 160 Watts. The inverter, measuring about 18” by 3 feet, is manufactured by Xantrex, connected to the net meter, sometimes also called a “time of use” meter.

During the day, this system feeds electricity into the grid when she and her partner are away at work. Their monthly electric bills shows how much power their system generates, and how much electricity they use.

Because the Edison Company places a higher value on the peak-hour electricity from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., they actually get paid more for each peak hour of their generated electricity than what they pay for their off-peak electrical usage.

“The size of our system was designed by Real Goods so it would provide us with as much electricity as we needed,” explained Cossutta.



Right: Ross and Cossutta show the solar array over their carport. Left: Cossutta shows the inverter, changing 12V DC to the household’s 110V AC.



The entire system, including installation, cost about \$12,000, and has not yet paid for itself. The system will pay for itself when it is about 10 years old, depending on cost of electricity. It may pay for itself even sooner if the price of electricity continues to rise.

They also received tax credits, and rebates from the Edison Company.

Did having a solar electrical system change the way they did things? “Well, we produce our own electricity, and you’d think that we’d no longer worry or think about it. But it has been just the opposite of what I expected. We actually are more careful with our electrical usage now. It’s like if you grow your own strawberries in the yard. Yes, you have food, and that’s good, but you have to watch them to make sure they grow.”

Cossutta says that there is just about no maintenance for this system, except that occasionally during the dry season, she gets up on the garage and hoses off accumulated dust. But otherwise, there is nothing that needs doing.

What advice would she offer to those wanting to get into the solar age?

“Every now and then, someone will come up to the house and ask about our solar panels,” says Cossutta. “I tell them to look on-line and read about solar electricity. Find out what it means to have solar power. Learn how it pays for itself. Do plenty of research first so you know what you’re getting into. Ten years ago, it wasn’t so easy to find this information, but today there is a lot of information out there. Go and talk to anyone you know who has done this. And look at the Real Goods catalog, and check them out on-line.”

## FALSE ALARM (from page 1)

The Building Department was contacted about the situation and was assured that all was well in hand. Public Works Director Bruce Inman said the barricades were put in place “as a warning to pedestrians and drivers of the possibility of falling debris.” They were not intended to cause alarm.

Inman said, “There is a stop-work order in effect until the owners obtain proper permits to shore up the hillside”. According to Inman, the existing terracing was done without permits. However, he acknowledged that the owners have already contacted an engineer and contractor.

Inman also noted that the owners are aware that the hillside is their responsibility and “are working closely with the city to correct the problem.” He said the Rowland’s “are in the process of obtaining the necessary permits.”

The Observer contacted Director of Development Services Danny Castro and obtained copies of all permits that have been issued on the property. His assistant Jen Peterson said, “All the permits appear to be in order”, confirming that only the recent terracing was unpermitted and that the stop order only applied to the terracing.

Mrs. Rowland said the engineer had not yet made a decision about what exactly needs to be done to stabilize the hillside. However, the couple has already been informed by their insurance company, State Farm, that any work on the hillside is not covered by their homeowner’s policy, even though there is a clause in the policy that says otherwise.

The couple has retained an attorney to sort out their differences with State Farm. Yet, regardless of the outcome, they say they are prepared to do whatever is necessary to correct the problem.

Mrs. Rowland said the whole experience has been trying on her and her husband. “It has been bewildering for us,” she said. “All the rumors are not true. We are responsible homeowners and good neighbors.” Mrs. Rowland said she and her husband have lived in the house since 1961. They raised their children there and survived numerous natural disasters, including wildfires, floods and earthquakes—all without major problems with the hillside.

# One Of A Kind: Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them Sierra Madre’s Pyramid House

Photos By Mike Paris, Story By Chris Bertrand



Chris Bertrand

Right : The massive glass walls create a panoramic showcase for a magnificent view



Bailey Canyon hikers are likely familiar with the mirrored edifice of the glass and steel Pyramid House. It shines as it rises between foliage and canyon ridges, as one treks up and up on the trails. The property, located at 751 Oak Crest Drive, clearly boasts one of the best panoramic view lots in the entire region. If your wish is to seclude yourself high atop a knoll adjacent to the San Gabriel Mountains, this may be the property for you. It is tucked away, yet remains just a few moments’ drive through this tight knit neighborhood, down to the amenities of quaint Sierra Madre.

Built in 1975, rumors abound as to the orientation and scale mimicking one of the Egyptian pyramids, though most of the solid facts have slipped away. Some are little mysteries, and others are simply quirks, like the full size Egyptian woman painted in the commode room of the subterranean master bath, complete with a walk or jump-in tub. Mike Paris, the listing agent, hails from this small town and from Coldwell Banker’s nearby Arcadia office. Thanks in part to the fortuitous, prominent placement of his LA Times ad, nearly eighty people wended their way up the switchback driveway to

Architectural buffs arrived pointing to guides listing this as one of the architectural “wonders” of the Southland. Other interested parties arrived from significant distances for a serious look.

The previous owner passed away, bequeathing ownership to a local charity, which has now offered the 1.02 acre parcel for sale at \$1,790,000. 3327 square foot, glass pyramid, the original four car carport converted to a guest house and one car garage is included.

The structures are definitely noteworthy to amazing, though the home needs considerable maintenance. The lower level sports cement block walls two feet thick, so the 100+ degrees outside dropped in the neighborhood of twenty degrees in the lower level’s master suite.

Piecing together some of the Pyramid’s design puzzles, Paris surmises that the original design utilized a water cooling system running down the outside of the pyramid from the thirty-two foot apex, into a trough/gutter near grade level, goes into a pump, then re-circulates back to the top. Some neighbors heard that the original owner wasn’t able to complete this water cooling system. The outside was originally fully mirrored to reflect much of the heat back outside, though some of that reflectivity has dulled over thirty three years.

A lower level fireplace area seems large enough to spit grill a pig, and was once surrounded by indoor trees and foliage, and flanked by built-in seating. It leads to an amazing gateway to the outside. A round door rolls aside to open the man-sized porthole to a koi pond (sans fish these days) with stepping stones, bringing the enjoyment of the water, the fish and the views inside.

On the main level, mesmerizing views make the walls disappear, urging me to sit quietly, lest I disturb the awe I feel. A utilitarian kitchen forms a galley-style core to the pyramid, gathering light from a round pass through.

An antique iron staircase, said to be from Europe, leads to the upper level, somewhat visually arresting in its verdigris color and ornate styling, as it rises adjacent to the steel framework and walls of glass.

It’s a home for someone who longs to live differently, uniquely, and above it all. A home for someone to restore and enhance. Alternatively, Paris has listed the property as 1.02 acres of land. He adds that the adjacent half-acre, owned by another party, has been subdivided and is also listed for sale on the MLS by the owner. If combined, the two lots could create an even more private homestead.

For more information, contact Mike Paris at 626-840-7007, or visit his website at [MikeParisHomes.com](http://MikeParisHomes.com), which offers a direct link to more information about this property on his homepage.

Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them? Contact Chris at [C.Bertrand@MVOobserver.com](mailto:C.Bertrand@MVOobserver.com)



Above left: The roundhouse door opens to a stepping-stone path over a koi pond. Above right: The Pyramid House is set back from the road and gives a strong first impression. Below Left: Inside supports are a lovely display of architecture. Below Right: A four car garage has been converted to a large guesthouse and one car garage.



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## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 238 calls for service.

### Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:

**7:42 AM** – Auto Burglary, 100 block Suffolk Ave. The suspect(s) smashed the driver’s side window of the car and took the owners Garman Maestro GPS and one golf glove. The crime occurred between 7:00 pm Sunday, 5/18 and 7:42 am Monday, 5/19. The loss was estimated at \$400.00.

**10:06 AM** – Vandalism, 400 block of Fairview Terrace. The resident’s front lawn was damaged between 8:00 pm Thursday, 5/15 and 6:00 and Sunday, 5/18. Seventeen divots marked the lawn as if it were a golf driving range. The damage was estimated at \$200.00.

**11:38 AM** – Petty theft, 160 North Canon Ave, Sierra Madre Middle School. An Apple IPOD and \$5.00 was reported stolen from a student’s backpack. The IPOD and cash were recovered and the case is still under investigation.

### Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:

**6:14 AM** – Arrest, Kersting Court. A transient was reported sleeping in front of Lucky Baldwin’s Pub. A records check revealed he had three outstanding warrants. He was arrested, cited and released on written promises to appear.

**6:30 PM** – Vandalism/graffiti, 621 East Sierra Madre Blvd. The main water pump house was damaged by black and blue marking pens, “TEMP 1 and SBK” marked the wall.

**10:44 PM** – Arrest, Kersting Court. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed his license was suspended/revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

**11:00 PM** – DUI arrest, Kersting Court and Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

### Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:

**9:14 AM** – Vandalism/graffiti, 611 East Sierra Madre Blvd. The woman’s restroom was vandalized with a black felt pen between 1:30 pm Thursday, 5/22 and 9:00 am Saturday, 5/24.

## Looking Up With Bob Eklund

### An Echo from a Starry Night in 1572



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

While walking home on November 11, 1572, astronomer Tycho Brahe idly glanced at the sky. He was surprised to see a bright star in the constellation Cassiopeia that hadn’t been there before. The new star, which we now know to be the result of a stellar explosion or supernova, grew brighter than Venus and was visible in daylight for about two weeks. It then slowly faded until vanishing in March 1574, 16 months after its discovery.

What type of star exploded? Previously, the only way for modern astronomers to answer that question was to sift through the ashes that were scattered into space as a supernova remnant. But now, they have spotted light echoing from the original explosion of the Tycho supernova.

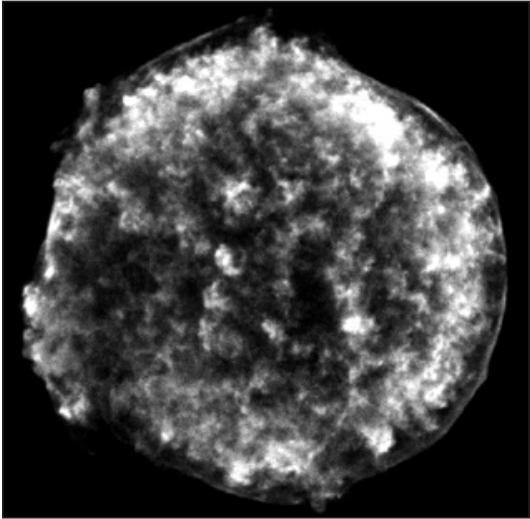
“By studying these echoes,” explains Armin Rest of Harvard University, lead author of a paper being published in The Astrophysical Journal Letters, “astronomers can directly observe light from a supernova that exploded hundreds of years ago.”

They are, in fact, seeing the same light that was observed by Tycho more than 400 years ago. “It’s like finding a color photo of Napoleon. We suddenly get a chance to take a snapshot of an event very influential in the history of astronomy,” Rest points out.

The kind of echo most people are familiar with occurs when sound is reflected off a hard surface and back to the listener. In a light echo, a bright pulse of light expanding outward through space reflects from intervening cosmic dust and into our line of sight. The extra travel time for the light to reach the dust, bounce off, and travel to us causes the light echo to arrive hundreds of years after the light that traveled directly to us (the light seen by Tycho).

As a result, this light echo offers astronomers a unique opportunity to study both the supernova itself and its aftermath (the expanding shell of debris from the explosion).

“We can see the ‘before’ and the ‘after’ simultaneously by studying the light echo and supernova remnant, respectively,” says Rest. “Normally in astronomy, the time scale for events is so long that you can’t watch a single object evolve. You can see a light pulse from a distant supernova, or you can study a nearby supernova remnant, but you can’t study both the supernova explosion and the remnant for the same event. With light echoes, though, you can do both for



the same event.”

“I think it is cool that I can look in the sky and still see the same light that Tycho did, at the time of his truly revolutionary discovery,” adds Texas A&M University astronomer Nicholas Suntzeff, who collaborated with Rest on this international project. “Beyond that, I love the connection of astronomy to history, both in the arcane nomenclature we use in our science and the effect of astronomy on the course of human thought. Tycho was the astronomer who proved Aristotle wrong. Aristotle believed—and it was taught in all Catholic and Protestant schools for 1,500 years—that the Earth was at the center of the Universe, and that all things variable were between the Earth and Moon. This supernova proved that theory wrong, and quickly led to a freedom of thought in science—the idea that we can question any theory with observations—which is central to the way science operates today.”

THINKING ABOUT ECHOES reminds me of Albert Einstein’s boyhood fantasy about what it would be like to ride on a beam of light. If you could look back with a powerful enough telescope to where you came from, what would you see? A scene frozen in time, never changing from the way it was when you left? Would that be, in fact, a way of stopping time?

Even though it took 436 more years to get here, the reflected light of Tycho’s supernova should still have all the properties of the direct light seen in 1572—and could, for example, be analyzed with a spectrograph now as easily as it could have been in Tycho’s day, except that the spectrograph did not then exist. Wasn’t it Alice in Wonderland who remarked that things are getting “curiouser and curiouser.”

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



## Fire Safe Council

### “Announcements and Observations”

The question now becomes how to avoid emergency preparedness fatigue? While the main message of the Fire Safe Council is focused on the homeowner providing ‘defensible space’ around their homes in the Very High Fire Severity Zone, Sierra Madre Canyon and Foothill residents were thrust into mud and debris flow diversion preparedness with the rain that came ahead of schedule three weeks after the fire. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Sierra Madre Department of Public Works are helping homeowners with these preparations.

Another on-going project is Red Flag Fire Alert patrols. The City Fire Marshal is working with the Angeles National Forest to develop protocols for the next step in Red Flag Fire Alert training and patrolling. If you are interested in adding your name to the list for the next training session please e-mail: [smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com)

The next Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council meeting is July 7, 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

### STRAIGHT TALK (from pg. 1)

likely to see on average every ten years. No figures were provided as to the debris should the City experience a twenty-five year, fifty years, or longer storm.

Inman has been working closely with the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works (LACDPW), the California Conservation Corps, the US Forest Service and the Angeles National Forest Service, and the Natural Resources Conservation service, and other agencies to assess the damage and prepare for the future. According to Inman, the County Preliminary map defines 16 areas that are likely to discharge mud and debris into Sierra Madre. Five of the areas drain into debris basins, with one of those five debris basins considered to very likely be inadequate for the anticipated debris flow. Eleven of the areas drain into public and private property.

Inman pointed out that his department consists of a staff of twelve, and that during emergencies, the staff goes into twelve hour shifts, meaning that at any given time, there are a total of six public works employees to deal with emergencies. Unspoken by Inman was the fact that he is currently not fully staffed, having only nine employees, meaning if an emergency were to occur right now, there would be five staffers or four, depending on what time of the day it is. Alex Jarvie, of LACDPW’s flood control maintenance division, noted that he has double Sierra Madre’s staff, or twenty-four employees, to deal with the entire county.

According to Inman, the County’s map defines Area 3a, on private property at the top of Auburn Ave., as being 6 acres, with 83% burned, and an estimated 2,100 cubic yards of potential debris. To provide some perspective, Inman noted that each of the large 3-axes dump trucks seen hauling mud during the last emergency holds 10 cubic yards of debris.

Drainage area 3b, at One Carter, is 5 acres, and 100% burned, with a potential debris flow of 1,900 cubic yards.

Drainage area 3c, also at One Carter, is also 100% burned, with its 12 acre area potentially causing 12,000 cubic yards of debris flow. Drainage area 3d, also at One Carter, is 4 acres, 100% burned and a potential for 1,200 yards of debris flow. Between temporary debris basins created as part of the development of the property and the existing County maintained Carter Debris Basin, recently expanded to bring it into line with current County drainage criteria, and “We don’t expect to see any problem with the majority of the mud flow off of that site.”

Drainage area 4, up near Lotus Lane and Camillo, has 12 acres of 75% burned land. The potential debris flow is 4,500 cubic yards, however, the County’s Sturtevant Debris Basin into which the debris is to flow has a capacity of only 1,500 cubic yards.

Drainage area 4a, above Stonehouse Canyon, is

67 acres, 67% burned. The potential for debris flow is 21,000 cubic yards. “There is no downstream protection on that property,” said Inman. Drainage area 4b, Yucca Canyon, is 18 acres, 100% burned. Potential debris flow is 6,800 cubic yards. This is the area that produced the mud flow down into Woodland Lane during the last storm. Area 4d, an area that is high in the hills which drains into the area at Upper Brookside/Woodland, is 16 acres, 100% burned, with the potential for 6,000 cubic yards of debris. Drainage area 4e, above Skyland, is 19 acres, 89% burned, with a potential for 6,800 cubic yards of debris.

Inman gave a total figure of 156,300 cubic yards potential for Drainage Area 1, and said that the Sierra Madre Dam into which Area 1 flows should handle all of that, though County workers will have to be clearing the area regularly. Drainage Area 2, Lannan Canyon, with 25,700 cubic yards potential, and Drainage Area 3 behind the Auburn Debris Basin has 26,700 cubic yard potential debris flow.

In total, Inman warned that there is a total potential, based on a ten-year storm only, of 292,550 cubic yards of debris deposits. The total debris expected to be captured by existing debris basins is 237,900 cubic yards. This leaves a total of 57,000+ cubic yards of uncontrolled outlet debris from a number of locations where there are no debris basins.

According to Inman, much of the City and County’s efforts will be geared toward trying to keep the mud and debris that will be flowing, on the streets, and off people’s property.

Inman warned that the City should anticipate a lot of truck traffic as the debris basins fill, as County trucks will have to move the debris from the basins to County yards, when it is safe for their employees to do so. Residents of the canyon in particular, as well as residents of other areas, should have a plan to get their vehicles down hill where they will not be trapped in the mud and accessible for them to evacuate, but off the streets so that emergency crews and trucks will be able to get up into the area to do their work.

Inman stated that he has already applied for three grants to help mitigate the debris flow, and/or to deal with the flow once it starts. Two of those grants were rejected, the third made it past the first of two parts, with the second part being far more extensive and demanding.

Chris Stone of LACDPW gave an overview of the County’s situation, which was not specific to Sierra Madre, though it did touch on certain areas that Sierra Madre will encounter. Also speaking at the meeting were Lisa Northrop and Mike McIntyre of the Forestry Service and Caroline Brown and Mike Kinney of the Fire Safe Council.

Video of the entire meeting can be viewed at [www.sierramadrenews.net/firesafecouncil](http://www.sierramadrenews.net/firesafecouncil).



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## Environmentally Speaking,

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## Waterwise Plants

By Pat Birdsall

Turf lawn requires approximately 60” of water a year. That’s five feet! Save water by converting part of your lawn to California-friendly plants. When you reduce the amount of lawn, you’ll reduce the irrigation needs, provide habitat for native birds and insects, conserve water and save money. California-friendly plants aren’t only drought-tolerant, they’re beautiful and many are fire resistant as well. Dozens of varieties have been endorsed for use by Southern California fire agencies.

[www.lvmwd.dst.ca.us/cons/con3plants.html](http://www.lvmwd.dst.ca.us/cons/con3plants.html)

The keys to successful firewise landscaping are plant selection, plant placement, and maintenance. First, consider using plants that are high in water content and low in available fuel. Second, reduce mass plantings by spacing tress and large shrubs apart to prevent “fuel ladders.” A “fuel ladder” is described as overlapping vegetation connecting ground level plants with shrub and tree canopies. And finally, maintain the landscape with proper trimming, removal of dead wood, and provide appropriate irrigation.

[www.bewaterwise.com/fire.html](http://www.bewaterwise.com/fire.html)

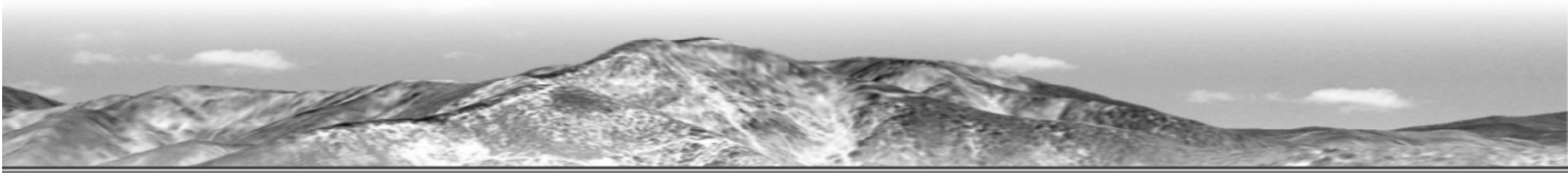
The two web sites listed are wonderful resources and lead to others that are informative and interesting as well.

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# MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

## Council Asks for Better Plan from AT&T

*Residents still angry over Altrio Communications equipment left after 2003 failed fiber optic project.*

By Dean Lee

A new AT&T internet/television project, anticipated for the city, got shot down Monday night even before representatives from the company had a chance to respond to allegations from the council that above ground power cabinets would not be tolerated by residents.

Councilmember Victor Gordo asked why they could not underground the utilities and then refused to accept AT&T's answer that, "it's too expensive."

"In my opinion," Gordo said. "Instead of developing the technology a little further, instead some of the communications companies, including AT&T, Charter and others have taken dollars, and instead of developing better technology, went and lobbied the state to take away our local authority."

Two AT&T spokespeople went on the defense saying that if the boxes were put in the right places they would disappear through landscaping and other means. They also said most were not satisfied with the cable services now.

They also said over the last five years, consumers were more satisfied with the IRS than their local cable company implying



*One of many steel vaults orphaned by cable company Altrio after going bankrupt five years ago D.Lee/MVO*

that customers win when there is competition.

"To some people the only right place is underground where we don't have to look at it," Gordo said. "Where it isn't a problem for sightlines as people are walking down the street or driving down the street."

Gordo then bluntly told them, if this had not been an information only item, it would have no support. He said they should come back to them with a better plan for the infrastructure.

Before any discussion, both Mayor Bill Bogaard and Councilmember Sid Tyler reclused themselves saying they had stock holding in AT&T.

AT&T has not yet taken out any permits for the project although a spokesperson for the company said they would notify residents by mail when they did.

"We would also notify them 48 hours before any construction began," he said.

According to AT&T, the project, U-Verse (Light Speed) would consist of laying more fiber optic

cable and copper wiring through neighborhoods to provide broadband internet services through Internet Protocol Television (IPTV).

Boasting the services, they said, cell phones, television and the internet would all work together. Upgrading the services has already cost AT&T \$1 billion throughout the state. Integrating different platforms is something they said only AT&T can do. The service can go so far as to even show online photos from websites like Flickr.com on a TV.

Early on, Interim City Manager Bernard Melekian said the project was long-term and looked at as a way to compete with what he called, "the monopolized cable system."

"It represents a breakthrough technology," Melekian said. "There have been a lot of discussions around it, there are issues both legal and operational that staff has spent a great deal of time working through."

Melekian also said past negatives with other

providers had been taken into account. In the past a cable provider had left unsightly green boxes in parts of the city after a failed plan to do a similar installation as AT&T.

The cable company Altrio went bankrupt in 2003 leaving above-ground concrete and steel vaults that would have provided power back-up, prompting outcries from residents who still see them as eyesores.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works, said the city was limited to what it could do. He said a statewide franchise was developed through the Digital Video and Infrastructure Competition act of 2006. The law, he explained, establishes a statewide franchising procedure for video service providers to be administered by the California Public Utilities Commission.

"They are allowed to, install, construct, and maintain a network within the public right-of-way within the same 'time, place and manor,' as the previous governing telephone corporations under state and federal law," He said.

Pastucha added that the city could only look at where the cabinets would be placed to insure they are not interfering with other cabinets or become a visual obstruction, safety hazard, and do not conflict with trees or fire hydrants. AT&T would go through the city's "right-a-way" permit process, he said.

## Pasadena Employee Convicted Of Credit Card Fraud

A former City of Pasadena employee pled no contest May 30 to one count of credit card fraud among several charges including petty theft, identity theft and attempted grand theft.

Rhonesia Bass, 38, of Duarte was sentenced to three years of probation, 30 days of community service, restitution and credit for 18 days served in L.A. County Jail.

As a customer service representative at Pasadena Water and Power, Bass obtained credit card numbers from six identified customers as she took their utility bill payment information over the telephone. She then used the credit card numbers to purchase personal items via the Internet from a major retailer. She also used one of the credit card numbers to pay a friend's water and power bill.

She was identified by an astute employee of the retailer in January who noticed some abnormalities in relation to the purchases made. The retail employee canceled the transaction and referred the victim to the Pasadena Police Department.

Bass was put on administrative leave immediately while an investigation was

conducted by the Technology Crimes Unit of the Pasadena Police Department. She was arrested by Pasadena police on May 8.

According to Phyllis Currie, general manager of Pasadena Water and Power, the incident does not affect credit card transactions made directly through the automated systems, direct debit or the PWP website.

"Safeguards have been added to credit card transactions handled directly by customer service representatives with customers by telephone," said Currie. "We take these issues very seriously. The protection of personal information of our 98,000 customers is our highest priority."

Pasadena Water and Power is reviewing the accounts of 27 other customers and contacting them directly to help determine if they are potential victims of fraud.

Any PWP customer who paid Pasadena utility bills directly through a customer service representative over the phone between September 2007 and December 2007 should review credit card statements thoroughly. If fraudulent charges are discovered, report them to the credit card company immediately and place a fraud hold on the account. Then report the matter to Pasadena Police Department by calling (626) 744-4501.

For more information about possible fraudulent activity, call Lis Gay at (626) 744-4426 or Patrick Tucker at (626) 744-4764.

## Community Partakes in Civic Planning

By Teresa Baxter

Many Pasadena residents took part in a public forum held at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church last Saturday as part of an ongoing dialogue regarding common visions and goals for the city. The discussion was initiated by local non-profit organizations, including "Open Space Now".

There was a previous forum held in April, allowing the community to voice concerns and give accolades to the current and future status of the city. Issues brought up at the prior meeting highlighted the fact that the city has a history of public participation and Pasadena is continually working at improvement of its neighborhoods, with individuals working for a better society.

According to documents provided at the most recent meeting, there were also some harsh accusations made against the city of Pasadena at the April gathering. Most notably, it was accused that "many staff members have left—and those that remain were not present to develop the approved city plans and regulations... they have little understanding of the community that created

these plans and hostility to learn about community desires and needs." It was also asserted that "city staff had a real lack of respect and a patronizing attitude toward community members and their views." The documents went on to state, "few at the meeting felt much trust in staff; some had examples of staff actually lying."

With the departure of Interim City Manager Bernard Melekian, community members seemed intent to fill the vacant position with the city's best interests in mind. The keynote speaker at the forum was Steven Preston, the Deputy City Manager of San Gabriel. Preston gave a presentation of "General Plan Best Practices". An introduction was given by Marsha Rood, a former city planner that paved the path to the renovation of Old Pasadena.

"A 'General Plan' is a people's plan just as an Attorney General means the people's attorney," said Rood. "This is a citizen effort [in bringing the community together]." Preston defined a "General Plan" as a Constitution for local development with a fundamental underpinning for land use planning in California. The best principles that guide city managers are that you have an obligation to ethics and an obligation to advocate. Just as your windows are the eyes of your house, the general plan is a window into the soul of your community, he said.

## \$1 Million Water Rate Hike Par for the Course Weekend Rates Go Up - Water Saving Measures Considered

By Dean Lee

A new Master Plan for Brookside Golf Course has been put on hold pending a water conservation element. Rose Bowl General Manager Daryl Dunn told the city council Monday night. In light of that the City Council unanimously approved rising the weekend green fees to compensate the water cost and clubhouse renovations.

Last year American Golf Corporation spent over \$850,000 million for irrigation, an amount they said this year could rise to over \$1 million.

"I know there are a lot of initiatives being talked about with water," Dunn said. "I know on some courses across the county, having water available for golf courses is a question. There may be a limit to how much water is available."

Last week Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an Executive Order on drought conditions. Among other things the order will, help local water districts and agencies improve water efficiency and conservation, work with local water districts and agencies to improve local coordination and Coordinate with other state and federal agencies and departments to assist water suppliers. Dunn said water on golf courses in a problem up and down the state.

The course has already cut



*Brookside Golf Course*

back water voluntarily 10 percent but they said could be forced to go as high as cutting 30 percent.

Representatives from the golf course said they were about halfway through the \$8 million renovation Master Plan approved in 2002. The plan was estimated to take 10 years. The city has spent \$3.5 million to date on upgrades they said.

So far they have renovated the fairway bunkers, the teeboxes, the driving range and irrigation. Next was to re turf the fairways but because of current water issues they said was put on hold. The golf course management is now set to work with the city's

Department of Water and Power. Brookside has two PGA Tour courses totaling 36 holes staff said.

Dunn said, as a side note, that other amenities such as the golf pro shop and coffee house/restaurant have declined revenue also due to a drop in golfers. He said the internet was to blame. The contract with owner John Wells ends in 2011 and Dunn said they were in contact with him to see if he still planned to operate it. "It is the best fit," Dunn said. Five percent of Wells proceeds go to the city.

Dunn also said they were looking at everything including the Rose Bowl located next to it. An

updated revised Master Plan, with options, could go in front of the council in late summer. Using reclaimed water is one of those options they said.

The fee hike will increase non-resident weekend fees, for 18 holes, from \$50 to \$55. Resident fees would go from \$38 to \$40. Cart rental will also go up as well as twilight and super twilight rates. After a review American Golf has the option to increase non-resident rates to \$60.

According to the city's staff report, it is anticipated that the weekend fee increase, along with a cart fee increase, would result in an additional \$250,000 annually.

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## TRISH'S TRUTH

### Strange Kindness

By Trisha Collins

Today was like any other day, I went to school, learned new material, chatted with friends, and got on the bus to go home. Nothing odd or strange there. As my friends and I boarded the bus, flashing our pink passes, we talked and laughed and joked around, happy to be one step closer to home. We took our seats, set down our bags, and continued our conversation. So into our topic, we hardly even noticed that the bus hadn't moved and that there was a strange woman talking to the bus driver, pointing at my friend. Finally, one of us glanced up and said, "Hey! What's that lady up there doing?" We all looked towards the front of the bus to her...and she was a sight to see.

Her long, mangled, salt and pepper hair was being choked by about 5 rainbow rubber bands. She had ripped grey slacks and a red sweater that had seen one too many spin cycles. You could tell this middle-aged woman had been through a lot, you could tell her life was rough. As she stood at the front of the bus jabbering and pointing wildly, we all glanced at each other with confused looks. That's when she started towards us.

"Oh no," I heard my friend whisper. Once the stranger lady reached our seats, she stood right in front of my friend's seat. The bus remained still and nobody moved.

"Excuse me, young lady. Excuse me," the lady said. "...yes?" replied my timid friend.

"I just informed the bus driver and I wanted to have you know that..." we all leaned in, "...you left your backpack outside on the bench." We all breathed a sigh of relief. My friend glanced outside and sure enough, her backpack was perched on the bench. After she rushed to get her backpack, she returned to her seat and repeatedly thanked the woman kindly.

Even after that whole incident was over, I still thought about what had happened. How sometimes people you wouldn't expect, people you don't even know, go out of their way and look out for you. It's nice to know that even though there are plenty of "bad people" out there, there are also good people all around you, everywhere. Even right beside you, perhaps on a city bus.



### La Salle Hires New Director of Institutional Advancement

Pasadena, CA - Carole Tremblay, CFRE will join La Salle High School as Director of Institutional Advancement on July 1, 2008. Carole brings with her a wealth of fundraising experience. Over the course of the last 20 years Carole has served as a development consultant or Chief Development Officer for non-profits such as Saint Anne's, the Daughters of Mary & Joseph, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, Ramona Convent Secondary School, and the Ronald McDonald House of Los Angeles.

In addition to her deep experience in fundraising, Carole has served as a Lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles and California State University, Northridge, specializing in Annual and Capital Campaigns. Carole is a certified fundraising executive and a member of the Southern California

Planned Giving Roundtable.

A native of Ottawa, Canada, Carole speaks fluent French and is known to read French-language novels for recreation. Her California native husband persuaded Carole that Southern California weather beats periodic snow storms. Since her move to the "Lower 48", Carole has become a naturalized citizen. Unrelated to the search process, Carole's daughter will join the La Salle High School Class of 2012 in August.

Frank Laurenzello will join La Salle High School as Associate Principal for Curriculum & Instruction on July 1, 2008. This position, intended to reinforce the School's commitment to academic excellence, is the result of a strategic decision to combine the responsibilities of the Dean of Faculty and Dean of Studies. Frank brings an outstanding record of secondary school administration to this newly created position. Having spent 21 years as the principal of Saint Paul's High School and Mission San Gabriel High School, Frank is in a unique position to enable La Salle to move closer to its vision of excellence.

La Salle is especially fortunate to attract a seasoned educator who wishes to spend the next chapter of his career focusing on teachers and students rather than institutions. After 20 years observing classroom pedagogy, Frank is a strong advocate for mentoring programs, cross-curricular opportunities, and, in the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle: encouraging teachers as Ministers of Grace.

Frank holds an undergraduate degree in History from the California State University, Los Angeles; a graduate degree in Educational Administration from the University of San Francisco; and a Life Credential in Secondary Education from the California State University, Los Angeles. He holds memberships in the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.



### Laurenzello Joins La Salle as Assistant Principal

## PASADENA RECEIVES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT



Chris Kolbeck, Director of Training, New York Life; Peter Matus, Program Director, Pasadena YMCA; and Eric Schaps, President, Developmental Studies Center at presentation. Photo courtesy of DSC

Local Developmental Studies Center (DSC) representatives celebrated the \$776,400 grant they received from the New York Life Foundation at a luncheon recently. The grant allows for the expansion of DSC's Afterschool KidzLit and Afterschool KidzMath enrichment programs in the Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City metropolitan areas. After-school sites in the following cities are participating in the initiative: Glendale, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monrovia, Pasadena and Santa Clarita.

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## OPINION

### 31,072 Scientist Must Be Wrong?



Rich Johnson

How many of you have heard of the "Petition Project?" Ok, I see four hands. Oops, two of them are mine. For some reason it didn't get much media attention. Hmmmm, I wonder why? On May 18 of this year, this group held a press conference and released a list of the names of 31,072 scientists who signed their petition. And what did the petition state?

"We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan in December 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.

There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

The 31,072 petition signers included 9,021 with Ph.Ds; 6,961 with Masters degrees; 2,240 Medical Doctors and Veterinarians; and 12,850 Bachelor of Science degrees or equivalent academic degrees. All of the signers were required to have their degrees in qualified fields of scientific specialization. No Art History or Religious Studies Ph.D's here.

A further breakdown of these scientists' specialties:

1. 3,697 atmospheric, environmental and earth sciences

2. 903 computer and mathematical methods
3. 5,691 physics and aerospace sciences
4. 4,796 chemistry sciences
5. 2,924 biology and agricultural sciences
6. 3,069 environmental medical sciences
7. 9,992 engineering and general sciences

The organizers of this petition drive state on their website that they were motivated because supporters of the Kyoto Accords argue that their findings are "settled science". And that only a few "skeptics" still dispute it. Would you consider 31,027 scientists skeptics? If you just count the 9,261 Ph.Ds you have 15 time more scientists disputing the global warming claims than the United Nations had scientists building their global warming case.

Some "skeptics" say there are a lot of fictitious names on the petition. A newspaper, the Hartford Courant reported it even found Perry Mason's name on the list. Ha ha. Except that Perry Mason, Ph.D. is a chemist out of Lubbock, Texas. This group seems to have been very careful to monitor the quality of their signers.

So, why would anyone lie about global warming? Who knows? Geo-politics is a complicated game. The U.S. sits atop the heap of successful countries. And you know, when you're at the top you are always a target. I certainly wouldn't count out the possibility of pernicious plots devised to stifle our countries productivity.

I invite you to visit [www.petitionproject.org](http://www.petitionproject.org) and check it out. I'd also like to know why the media as a whole ignored it. How can you ignore 31,027 scientists and not have people believe it was anything but blatant media bias.

In conclusion let me state that whether the Petition Project organization is right or the Global Warming crowd is right, I strongly support the notion of conservation. We need to conserve; to find new sources of energy; and force auto makers into developing much more efficient vehicles. And that's just for starters.

### Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE So, What Do We Want?



Well, at long last the endless primary contests are over and we can now focus on the endless general election campaigns. In her non-concession concession speech the vanquished Senator Clinton posed the question, "What does Hillary really want?" At the moment I am really sick of Senator

Clinton and am really much more interested in finding the answer to the question, "What do you and I really want?" I know the older I get the more I worry about security. I really would like to believe that whoever is finally elected (or selected) is a competent person capable of performing the duties of office effectively and dedicated to selecting competent people to perform the difficult duties of their positions.

The arrogance, indifference, and plain incompetence of the Bush administration appointees will leave us all more than a little tense. Forgetting race, gender, political leanings and ideology, I just want political appointees to do their job competently. I want the media and the pundits to stop describing political issues as if they are covering a horse race and take the trouble to tell us how the actions or, more often, the inactions of government are affecting people's lives. I would also like to see the ending of obfuscation and stonewalling and the beginning of a tradition of transparency that might allow the American People to actually know what is going on. I would like to see a change in our political process which would allow for a vote of no confidence, as in Parliamentary Systems when it is clear that the sitting President has failed to adequately perform the duties of his office. Additionally, I would like to see the ending of the practice of Congressional votes being made along strict party lines. The power of corporate and individual wealth must be restricted. IT JUST AIN'T FAIR!

Not only do we want an illusion of fairness but also we want an illusion of security. Sure, we all know death is inevitable and that all things must pass; nevertheless, we want to feel safe. This is the reason the appointment of incompetents seems like such a betrayal. We want to feel protected and are willing to make all kinds of sacrifices in exchange for this protection.

Still, the maintenance of the illusions of security and fairness are not enough. Americans like you and I WANT TO FEEL FREE. For many of us perhaps this only means having the ability to do whatever everybody else is doing – BUT IT HAS TO BE OUR CHOICE TO CONFORM. Strange, isn't it? For me, I actually think it would be enough to feel that my family and I and my loved ones and my dog and the rest of the world are as safe and secure as possible. I want to be able to reach out and talk to anybody, STRANGERS even, and share myself and experience the knowledge (I don't think it's an illusion) that underneath we're all a part of one big something and that most of our expressed differences were originally just a way of keeping ourselves awake and involved and, in the end all can be settled peacefully. Okay, maybe this is pretty far away but maybe the victorious Senator and his administration will be able to bring us a little closer to a safe, secure, free and peaceful world. It would be nice!

### From The Desk Of... Glenn Lambdin



#### 30 YEARS OF PROP 13

June 6, 2008 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of California's Proposition 13, sometimes referred to as the "Jarvis's initiative" or the "People's Initiative to Limit Property Taxation." Prop. 13 amended the state's constitution so that real property tax rates could not exceed 1 percent of the property's market value and valuations couldn't grow by more than 2% per annum unless the property was sold. It also established an acquisition-value assessment system that provided that property is to be assessed at its value when acquired through a change of ownership.

Now I know there are many that claim that Prop.13 was the ruin of California and site it as the cause of everything from failed schools to the OJ Simpson Trial. Regardless of all of those arguments, I am a supporter of an acquisition-value assessment system and a Prop.13 fan. Besides, when it comes to tax revolts, I'm always onboard anyways.

More recently, I have been observing the negative effects of a property taxation system that does not utilize an acquisition-value assessment. Over the last few years, I've kept a curious eye on the Hawaiian real estate market. Hawaii does not recognize an acquisition-value assessment system and reassesses property every year. So, as property appreciates in value, the annual property tax will increase proportionately. Hawaiian realty has appreciated much along the same lines as property in Sierra Madre. What sold for \$350,000 in 2002 now sells for \$750,000. While it's been a great way to generate tax revenues, I've sadly watched it become a financial death blow to many retired Hawaiian families. An all too familiar story is the one of the retired couple who bought their home in the sixties, worked hard all of their lives to support their families, and are now on fixed incomes. The home they bought for \$12,000 in the sixties is now appraised at \$700,000. Annual property taxes can now account for the majority of their income. Many retired couples are being forced to sell their homes, the very homes where they raised their children and grandchildren. What a tragedy.

I shutter to think what that type of property tax system would do to the senior population in Sierra Madre. About 23% of Sierra Madre's population are seniors. Many are long time residents who raised their families here. These are the people that made this town what it is. Thank goodness the voters in 1978 passed Prop. 13. When it comes to property taxes, 13 is a lucky number. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Susan Henderson

### PATHETIC

*pathetic: (adj.) marked by sorrow; pitifully inadequate*

This has been a very difficult week for me. I have had to eat crow at least twice, once to a former dear friend, just kidding she's still a friend, and once to one of my kids - and that I really hate. Furthermore, while I was reading a couple of columnists whose work is below, I wanted to whack them at least once. (There are three columns under

mine, so you will have to guess who I want bothered to vote in this election? Do you know that we had the highest number of registered voters in the state and tied for the second lowest turnout? (San Bernardino had 16.5% with 1/4 the number of registered voters and we tied with Orange County who has half as many registered voters as LA County. The statewide turnout was 23.5%) Now, I realize that the economy has everyone in a tailsip, but duh, do you actually think that it is going to get better if you don't participate in the process?

How can you expect that any one will take your concerns seriously? Do you realize that political strategists plan on citizens not exercising their right to vote? If you would do a little research, you will find that many of the most detrimental ballot initiatives in this state have been put forth during elections when the turnout is historically low. For instance, Prop's 98 and 99. There was nothing compelling that required these initiatives to go on the ballot now. If anyone was really interested in how the public felt about them, they would have been on either the Presidential Primary or the November General Election Ballot. While those elections were still a dismally small percentage in comparison to what it should be (100% voter participation), if anyone cared about what you really wanted, they would have put 98' and 99 forward in an election that historically people turn out for.

Once again we were manipulated. But we have no one to blame but ourselves. And, that goes for those of us who did vote. We must get our neighbors to understand how important it is to vote. It is not rocket science. It's a lot like kindergarten. If the teacher never says anything to you about your behavior, you never change it. Got it? If you never vote, politicians are never going to have your best interest at heart. So stop whining about how bad things are and drag yourself to the polls EVERYTIME they are open.



### What is a BILLION?

By Hail Hamilton

This is too true to be funny .

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the 'politicians' spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but a scientist I know did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective. He told me:

- A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.
- A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.

While this thought is still fresh in our brain, let's take a look at New Orleans It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator, Mary Landrieu (D), is asking the Congress for \$250 BILLION to rebuild New Orleans. Interesting number, what does it mean?

- A. Well, if you are one of 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman, child), you each get \$516,528.
- B. Or, if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans , your home gets \$1,329,787.
- C. Or, if you are a family of four, your family gets \$2,066,012.

Washington, D.C. HELLO!!! ... Are all your calculators broken??

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STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

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HOW IS THE MONEY SPENT?

A billion dollars a day is spent supporting illegal immigrants. A million dollars a day is spent subsidizing Wal-Mart. A billion dollars a day is spent paying farmers not to grow food.

What happened? Can you spell 'POLITICIANS!'

And I still have to 'press ONE' for English.

I hope this goes around THE USA at least 100 times

What the heck happened?????



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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, 2216 1/2 CLOVERDALE AVE., L.A., CA 90034.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANTHONY HARGREW, 2216 1/2 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.**  
**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  
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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.** **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  
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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  
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## 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.**

**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  
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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.**

**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  
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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.** **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  
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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., LYNNWOOD, 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.**  
**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  
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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  
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## 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.**

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## 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  
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## 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.**

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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

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**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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## File No. 08-0849871 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET PROPERTIES 2. CHESTER BROWN INC., 553 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 08-08849896**  
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.** **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. 08-0849808**  
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.**

**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  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-0836838**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PETSHOP WORLD, 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.** **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  
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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**

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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**. **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. 05/19, 05/26, 06/02, 06/09/2008 **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**. **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

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**Letters To The Editor**

**CLARIFICATION:**

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*Tamara Kirby, Manager Albertson's Hastings Ranch*

**Some Hard Questions in a Tight Budgetary Year**

Evidently we are looking at an approximately 15 billion dollar (plus or minus a billion or two).

*To the Governor:* What do you think that we could do to the Lottery that could double its net income (whether or not we adopt the idea to sell bonds against the future income, or just use it as it comes in to supplement school funds, which was the original idea).

*To the Democrats:* We know that you feel that we are going to have to bite the bullet and endure some sort of tax increase. We have, in recent prosperity, spent every dime that came in and then some. Aren't there some programs that are either obsolete or of such marginal value that they should be abandoned? Aren't there services being provided to people who could reasonably pay more for them (e.g. state parks, for one example).

*To the Republicans:* We are delighted to hear that we can adequately fund all essential services without a tax increase, or even closing loopholes for yacht owners. Could you be a little more specific about what you see that we could profitably get rid of. If there aren't really \$15 billion in cuts that you are willing to put your names on, what would be the best way, in your view, to fund the remainder?.

*Eric Olson, Sierra Madre*

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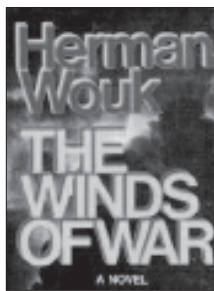
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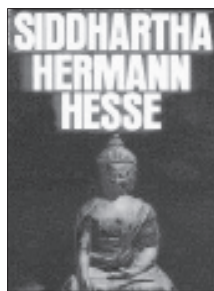
By Jeff Brown



**The Winds of War (1971) War And Remembrance (1978) by Herman Wouk**  
This is a masterpiece of historical fiction in 2 books. They capture the tide of global events of WW11, all the drama, romance, heroism, and tragedy with the whole world as the setting. Immersed in the lives of a single American family, we are drawn into the very center of the war years. Interspaced with historical information about the war, it is both a marvelous history book and also an amazing family epic which makes it feel like a behind the scenes eyewitness story. Wonderful!! Herman Wouk won the Pulitzer Prize, and who said of these books that within them were "the main tale I have to tell." He also wrote The Caine Mutiny. Marjorie Morningstar and Youngblood Hawke.

**Siddhartha by Hermann Hess (1922)**

Siddhartha traces the life of an intelligent, sensitive young man of Eastern spirituality; from his youthful studies with the masters, through a period of asceticism and self rejection, through a period of indulgence and sensuality, ultimately to self knowledge and peace as he becomes a ferryman living humbly in a small hut beside a river which teaches him many of the ultimate truths of life. The author won the Noble prize for literature.



**Camp Out!: The Ultimate Kids' Guide by Lynn Brunelle (2007)**

Lynn Brunelle, a four time Emmy Award winning writer for Bill Nye the Science Guy, and the author of Pop Bottle Science, has written this wonderful book which includes 247 activities, games, recipes, projects, experiments, crafts, skills and more to learn, make, play and do outdoors, whether over night in the backyard or a weekend in the forest. Included are such things as pitching a tent, using a compass, reading the weather, exploring the nighttime sky, telling creepy campfire stories, building a campfire, telling the temperature by counting the cricket chirps, cooking a solar pizza, keeping a field journal, tying knots, exploring nature, measuring a tree, taking animal tracks home with you, plus much much more, this book is for outdoor loving adults and kids over 7. Book pics can be purchased and ordered at Sierra Madre Books(836-3200) during one extraordinary year. With lots of fun and humanity!

Email recommendations or comments to [jeffpics1@gmail.com](mailto:jeffpics1@gmail.com)

## Scene One - Take One DVD Review



**Cranford (2007)**

From BBC & Masterpiece Theatre. Cranford, a rural English town around 1840, where etiquette rules with a healthy amount of gossip. Modernity is making a move in town as construction of a railway comes harrowingly close. Cranford's eclectic residents, among them Matty Jenkyns (Dame Judi Dench), her sister Deborah (Dame Eileen Atkins), and Miss Pole (Imelda Staunton), stay immersed in the sweet pleasures and sometimes heartbreaking realities of simple village life. But when a handsome, young doctor arrives with new healing techniques, it becomes clear that as the world changes, so Cranford will change with it. Based on three Elizabeth Gaskell novels (Cranford, My Lady Ludlow and Mr. Harrison's Confessions), with an all-star English cast, Cranford breathes life into one town during one extraordinary year. With lots of fun and humanity!

**Soapdish (1991)**

Jealousy, hilarity and intrigue, abound on and off the set of a popular daytime soap opera. Soap opera star Celeste Talbert (Sally Field) is desperate when she finds out that her rival, Montana Moorehead (Cathy Moriarty), is trying to get producer David Barnes (Robert Downey Jr.) to write her off the show. On-screen drama and off-screen craziness are normal at "The Sun Also Sets." This was a Golden Globe nominated hit. Some hysterical scenes, particularly with Kevin Kline.



**Radio Days (1987)**

This is Woody Allen's excellent sentimental reminiscence about the golden age of radio. A series of vignettes involving radio personalities is intertwined with the life of a working class family in Rockaway Beach, NY around 1942. Wonderful music, story and characters!



## TABLE FOR TWO My Evening With a Restaurant Critic

By Peter Dills

My entire life has been an eight-course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but I was wrong. It was long before that but I didn't know it. It all started with someone that I respected and idolized. We all have people that we look up to, admire and wish that we were more like. For some it is the great baseball player; maybe a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or profound artist. How many times in life, if ever, do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire and challenge life with a robust vigor? For most they will never get the opportunity. I can claim one prize in life; I have had the opportunity to observe, talk with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that torch. It seems these days with the strong wind of individual independence blowing that we have lost something. Something that is going quietly into that night and soon may be gone forever.

Many of you know that my Father, Elmer Dills, was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but like a fine wine, wisdom increase in its depth and flavor as it ages. This week I want you to sit and hear the from the one who instilled the passion and kindled the love for what has become a life's work, a life's love for me.

On this night our adventure took us to Madeleines in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madeleines.

Table for three please, on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (future Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well behaved children, I know their parents are invariably going to be nice people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment I know it goes beyond me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention, just a smooth easy in being on his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right. My dad, the restaurant critic, doesn't even ask what the ingredients of the dishes are he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just like going to dinner with a group of friends. Madeleines is located on Green St. at the bottom of

an office building. There are many different rooms, much like a Victorian house; there is a patio, a bar, and a large dining room. We sat overlooking the patio with a fireplace that added a perfect touch of ambience. The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit just like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," just like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other.

I order the Spencer Steak, of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked it vanishes quickly. Madeleines goes by Restaurant and Wine Bistro, the wine list is extensive and, I am told, carefully selected. I ordered a split of Veuve Clicquot at (\$38), the price seemed reasonable compared to Ruth Chris at (\$25) for one glass, I have just come to the conclusion that I just have to surrender to these wine prices. I struggle to see the value in these prices, maybe it's just me. To complete our evening we order dessert, too complicated for me, let's have some simple and well constructed dishes!!!

Yes, the entrees were memorable I have to say, it will be added to my top 5 list in and around Pasadena.

Back to Dad, the waiter asks, "how was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked give the response "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!!" And the dessert was noticed by a shrug of the shoulders, which told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure my Dad will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

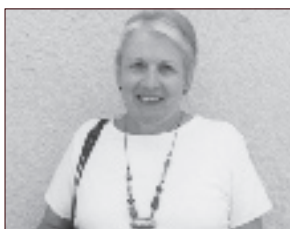
Happy Fathers Day - I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything.

So tune in next week I will have another HONEST review.

**Father's Day Event:** Join me on Saturday June 14th, in Long Beach for the Annual Sushi and Sake Festival at The Queen Mary. Call (562) 435-3511 for discounted tickets. Madeleines Restaurant and Bistro, 1030 E. Green St., Pasadena.

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Three stars - worth the drive from wherever you are reading this.



## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

### Jury Duty - Finis!

Another day another dollar-- When it comes to jury duty that almost rings true. The first day you receive zero, thereafter, it's a staggering \$15.00 per day. But, civic duty isn't measured in dollars

and cents is it?

Back to the 15th floor and the continuation of the interminable voir dire process. I was so smug about being number 80 and thinking that they certainly would have a jury empaneled before they got to me. Hah! They were getting closer and closer, interviewing numbers 70, 71, 72, and before I knew it...."Juror number 80, would you please take a seat in the jury box." I was so nervous. My hands were sweating so badly that had it not been a battery operated microphone, I'm sure I would have gone down in the annals of jury selection as the first one of that ilk ever electrocuted during the voir dire process.

I had raised my hand for several of the questions initially posed by the judge and now, at her urging, I had to elaborate. Elaborate I did....Guns have certainly affected and altered my life as well as the lives of those in my immediate family and also the lives of my former co-workers. As a bank teller I was robbed at gunpoint three times, as I have mentioned in a previous column. I had told the judge at the beginning of the "name, rank and serial number" portion that I had taken early retirement. After hearing about my experiences, she interrupted me and said, "Good grief, no wonder you retired early!" After two more questions, it was mercifully over for me and I had to pass the microphone on to juror number 81. The poor guy.... The microphone was so wet with my perspiration that he had to dry it on his slacks before he could use it. The questioning stopped at juror number 90, and we were excused for lunch.

After lunch it all went so fast—maybe it seemed that way because the worst part was over for me. Jurors were being dismissed right and left, and I was no exception. After being asked a few questions by the defense and the prosecution, I was seated as juror number 12. I don't think I had completely gotten my rear end in the chair when one of the defense attorneys said, "The court wishes to thank and excuse juror #12." Go figure! I can't imagine why attorneys defending "alleged" users of guns wouldn't want me. Whew! Off to the jury room to turn in badge # 2071 and head for the bus stop for hopefully, the last time.

I won't bore you with all of the details of this last trip except to say that there was a two year old girl throwing a tantrum as only two year olds can do. It went on and on and on. The bus driver just pulled over to the curb to wait it out. The rest of the passengers and I will be eternally grateful to an elderly man packing cookies. It worked, and we continued on our way.

Believe it or not I do believe in public transportation and really miss bus #487. We used to be able to catch it in front of the Union 76 station and go to L.A. using the freeway for the last leg. If I get called for jury duty again I will take the Blue Line to Union Station and then a Dash bus to the courthouse. Downtown L.A. is truly a fascinating and interesting destination. The next time I visit, it will be because I *want* to.

*And*, to Judge Marsha Revel.... If you ever decide to give up the day job, there is a stand-up career just waiting for you. You are as funny as you are intelligent. A delightful combination!

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

### FYI: Father's Day

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in 1909 after Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon in Spokane, Washington. Having been raised by her father after her mother died, she wanted her father to know how special he was to her. His birthday was in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration on the 19th day of June, 1910 in Spokane.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flower: red to be worn for a living father and white for the father who has died.

\*Saturday, June 14th is Flag Day

\*Saturday, June 21st- Sierra Madre Police Association's Annual Charity Car Show- 7am-3 pm

### ~Helpful Hints~

A great solution for cleaning the shower is shampoo and baking soda. Dampen a cloth and add about two tablespoons (or a palmful) of shampoo and a sprinkle of baking soda to the cloth. Lather to mix well, then wipe down the shower and tub with the soapy cloth. Rinse the cloth and wipe off shampoo. This will give your shower a streakless, clean shine.



Happy Birthday

John Shier and Nellie Haynes

### Recipe of the Month:



**Broiled Salmon with Spinach and Feta Sauté**

\* 4 skinless salmon fillets (6 oz. each)  
\* Coarse salt and ground pepper  
\* 1 Tbs. olive oil  
\* 2 bags (5oz. each) baby spinach  
\* ½ cup feta, crumbled (2 oz.)  
\* 1/3 cup pine nuts  
\* 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

1- Heat broiler, with rack set 4 inches from heat. Place salmon on a rimmed baking sheet; season with salt and pepper. Broil until opaque throughout, 5-7 minutes.

2- Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat oil over medium. Add as much spinach as will fit; season with salt and pepper. Cook, tossing spinach and adding more to skillet as space becomes available, until tender, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; drain off excess liquid. Stir in feta, pine nuts, and lemon juice. Serve salmon with spinach sauté. Serves 4  
Ruth Estfon, Palm Harbor, Florida

### For Your Funny Bone

My wife complains that her clothes are so old, they were all made in the United States. RD/ J. Hulley

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A man walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. He tells the loan officer that he is going to China on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer tells him that the bank will need some form of security for the loan, so the man hands over the keys to a new Ferrari parked on the street in front of the bank. He produces the title and everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the man for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parks it there. Two weeks later the man returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a bit puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multi-millionaire. What puzzles us is why you would bother to borrow \$5,000. The man replies, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there safely when I return?"

**Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad.**

~Author unknown~



### Activities:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra M a d r e

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

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

**Tuesday:** Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card  
Yoga: 5:00 PM- Instructor, Andrea Walsh- \$6.00 for seniors

**Wednesday:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays- Community Lunch & Learn

**Thursday:** Game Day- 1:30- 4:00 PM Poker, Bunco, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it.  
Yoga: 5:00-6:30 PM- For seniors and others who want to go slow (can be done in a chair) Instructor: Andrea Walsh  
\$6.00 for those 50 & over-\$7.50 for those under 50. To register call (626) 355-7394

**Friday:** Ping-Pong- 2:00-4:00 PM- Not tournament, just for fun  
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- Bingo at 12:30 PM -Only .25c per card

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## Back Page Journal



### HEY, LADIES-- WHAT'S GOING ON HERE???

by Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

I say again: What's going on here??? First, Annika Sorenstam---arguably the greatest woman golfer of all time---abruptly retires from golf while still in her prime - a few days after she wins a tournament with #1-ranked Lorena Ochoa in the field - on the verge of eclipsing every important record in the book at the comparatively young age of 37. It was a shocker.

But then, just one day later, tennis star Justine Henin taught Sorenstam and the rest of the sports world what the word "abruptly" really means.

Henin, while still ranked Number One, retired from tennis, effective IMMEDIATELY! As in right away! At least Sorenstam is going to play till the end of the year. And consider this: the French Open came right on the heels of Henin's bombshell and is in fact just now wrapping up, meaning this prestigious clay-court tournament was not only without its defending women's champion, but also the player who had won the event each of the last three years. No, I'm not kidding. Henin was the 3-time defending champion in Paris, and had won the event four times overall.

Couldn't she have waited a couple measly weeks to see if she could win her fourth straight French title? Does burnout really sneak up on someone that fast? Scary.

Once the liquor wears off and we have time to think, we'll probably all agree it's easier to understand Sorenstam's decision. She's more accomplished in her sport than Henin is in hers. Her legacy is more secure. She's won the 4th most majors of all time, ten in all. She is the only woman to ever complete a round of golf in only 59 strokes. She has been ranked #1 at the end of seven different seasons. She is widely regarded as the best female golfer ever. She is 37 years old. She's getting married again. Her biological clock is ticking. I get it.

But Justine? She's only 25! Recently divorced, her biological clock is on holiday. And while Sorenstam---due to injuries, age, and general ennui---has recently relinquished her perennial #1 status to Ochoa---Henin, it must be repeated, WAS STILL THE NUMBER ONE RANKED TENNIS PLAYER IN THE WORLD. At least until a few weeks ago, when she all-of-a-sudden got bored, burnt, and bummed. And then quit. Talk about retiring on top. Male athletes generally do just the opposite, hanging on until they become figures of fun. Or just plain sad.

Some men do get it, though. Jim Brown retired from football in 1965 at the very top of his game. He was not only the best football player in the world on the day he hung up his cleats, but arguably the greatest football player of all time. Most guys from my generation would agree. Sandy Koufax retired from baseball in 1966, also at the top of his game, after a year in which he won 27 games and the Cy Young Award. At least Sandy had the injury excuse. His left elbow was shot. He even admitted he had been gulping gobs of drugs just to be able to manage the pain. Marvin Hagler retired from the ring while he was still nigh on invincible (did Sugar Ray Leonard really win Hagler's last fight? I'm still not sure.). And while Mr. Borg had surrendered his #1 spot to Mr. McEnroe by the time he quit tennis in 1981, at 26 years young he still had many more Majors left in him.

That said, for women's sports to lose two of its very best athletes while still in their primes, within 24 hours, is shocking. But does that automatically make it the wrong decision?

Let's see...Now that I think about it, the great Graf (as in Steffi) quit quite recently, still dominant, to go off and marry Andre Agassi and produce offspring. When she bailed she was only two major championships away from Margaret Court's record of 24 slams. Wrong decision? Well maybe, but as an athlete all we remember her for is winning and greatness, not losing and deterioration, and now she also gets credit for being one of the celebrity world's most loyal and devoted wives and mothers, one of the quintessentially well-rounded women of our time. Take the world of movies. Garbo retired at 36, and is all the more iconic and otherworldly for it. My personal all-time favorite actress, Jeanne Crain (who is she?, I can hear you thinking), retired in her 40s and went off and raised her seven children, leaving her 1950s fans (and a generation later, me) wanting more. Fans of both these actresses remember them as eternally beautiful and beguiling, not all beat-up looking and trampled over like the eternal hangers-on; Bette Davis, Faye Dunaway, Tuesday Weld, et al. So maybe there is something to be said for exiting the world stage before the final act.

Maybe women just do it better, this retirement business. Get out while your star shines brightest, leave the world remembering greatness, not greatness worn away.

So here's a Back-Page salute to a couple of young ladies who are getting out while the getting is good. I guess. Congratulations, Annika Sorenstam and Justine Henin. You go gals. As in going, going, gone...

## SMLL Is A Big Hit in 2008...Again

Another successful season for the Sierra Madre Little League? What else is new...

Yes, our own celebrated local youth baseball org---now 50 years young---wrapped things up last Saturday out at Heasley Field, and as usual a good time was had by all. Closing Day is always a carnival atmosphere out at Heasley and the adjacent Sierra Vista Park, and this year was no exception. It was a day-long food-fest of picnics, popcorn, burgers, and cotton candy, there were lawn games and bounce-houses for the kiddies, the coaches struggled through their annual softball game to the derisive joy of their fellow out-of-shape adults in the stands, there were a couple of league playoff games of course, and to top it all off there was the annual "theater in the outfield" movie to enjoy when it finally got dark; The Sandlot. What else?

On the field in '08, to no one's surprise, manager Phil Gleason's powerful Indians squad captured the Majors Division title with a glossy 15-4 record. The Indians were a veritable "Murderers Row" of 11 and 12-year-olds. Gleason's own son, Andrew, ended the year with a batting average of .622 (give or take a scoring decision or two) to lead the team in hitting.

In the Minors it was Chris Cimino's Dodgers winning the division with a 12-7 regular-season record, and in the Farm Division it was Antonio Zate's Cardinals who the led the way all year with a terrific 9 and 1 regular-season win/loss performance. The Cards enjoyed an amazing '08 campaign. Including pre-season; at one point they won 13 games in a row, before finally being beaten 2-1 late in the year by the Athletics.

And finally, a word of congratulations to the four boys in 2008 who hit balls completely out of Heasley Field. It's quite an accomplishment for a 12-year-old boy to hammer one over 200 feet on the fly. But Alex Baer, Jeremy Bledsoe, and Ryan Cimino managed to do it, so a big tip of the MVO cap goes to them. In fact, both Baer and Cimino did it twice. And on Closing Day 11-year-old Frank Garriola went deep, making it an SMLL bombers quartet.

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The Farm Division all-stars get ready to take the field on Closing Day...

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