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100th Trail Race Anniversary Rises Out Of The Ashes

Last Saturday, June 7, the much anticipated Mount Wilson Trail Race finally took place. This event, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 24th of Memorial Day Weekend, was postponed due to mudslides resulting from loose dirt after April's Santa Anita Fire. The race, sponsored by New Balance / Run With Us Pasadena, was the 100th anniversary of the first race in 1908 and started with a bang by Honorary Race Starter, John Robinson.

Event highlights included first place racer J.J. Timphony of Arcadia, CA finishing the race with a time of 1:01:53. The first overall woman was Pasadena resident Mireya Vargas, coming down the mountain in 1:21:53. Vargas completed the race 20th overall. The first overall finishers received goodie packets along with trophies donated by Judy Webb-Martin and Pam & Verland Kelly. Additionally, the youngest runner Max Heefner, 11-years old from Sierra Madre, CA finished 106th with a time of 1:45:33 and wasn't even tired. Medals and prizes donated by local merchants were given to the top three finishers in each of the eight categories and the top five Sierra Madreans male and female. New this year, were couples and family awards. The winning couple was Jim and Jill Liston and the winning family was Larry and Jeff Miquelon.

Other well known Sierra Madreans challenging the mountain included, Trail Race Chair Pete Siberell and his wife Marianne, City Council Member John Buchanan, along with Community Services Commission Chairperson Jim Liston and his wife, Jill, who had previously come in first overall for the women in years past. Planning Commissioner and Former Fire Chief Bob Spears, Carol Canterbury, former MWTR committee member and local volunteer, Dr. White, trail history enthusiast, Bill Coburn of sierramadrenews.net and Sierra Madre Chamber Boardmember, also ran along with Tim Osti, local tree volunteer.

The Mount Wilson Trail Race once again included a Kids Art Show depicting the Trail Race and the History of Mount Wilson. A special thanks to Community Arts Commissioner, Barbara Wamboldt, for all her assistance and volunteer James Faulkner. The show hung during the pre-event Pasta Feed the night before the race and throughout the Saturday morning event as well.

And always popular, the 3rd annual Kids Fun Run took place as a part of the Community Services Commission's Healthy Family Fun activities. Over 100 youngsters between the ages of 3 to 13 raced up Baldwin and back - finishing under the same finish line as the Trail Race Runners. It was quite the site to see.



(Top) The 100th Anniversary Trail Race began promptly at 7:30. That's eventual winner J.J. Timphony just left of center, wearing number 297. Photo by Katie Coburn (Middle) Runners proceed up the hill against the backdrop of the recently burned mountains. Dr. Bill White is on the right in red. (Bottom) Local realtor Carol Canterbury receives flowers as she crosses the finish line Photos by Bill Coburn

Sierra Madre Fire Department Academy: Class Number One Graduates



Greg Christmas, Director of Paramedic Services, congratulates graduate as Chief Heydorf (right) watches.

By Dean Lee

Lined up and ready to go, the Sierra Madre Fire Department Academy Class Number One were all sworn in last Saturday as family members, training personal and city staff honored the hard work the class went through.

"Today is a very special day in the history of the Sierra Madre Fire Department," said Greg Christmas, the Captain Academy Administrator. "Today you will witness the graduation of 16 trainees of the very first Sierra Madre Fire Academy, trained by the Sierra Madre Fire Department."

Christmas went on to say that they were also trained by specialized personal from around L.A. County in various areas of fire instruction.

Each of the trainees dedicated 18 weekends and over 300 hours, some of which included helping with the recent Santa Anita Wildfire that burned 584 acres, threatened nearby homes and took a full week to contain.

Two Blair High School students were also honored as part of another program started in conjunction with the academy. This year the fire department started the Jr. Firefighting Emergency Medical Service Career Education Program, according to Christmas.

The Jr. program was taught by two of the city's new paramedics.

"These two students, over went, over 200 hours of instruction with various members of the Sierra Madre Fire department," one of the trainers said.

A number of people were honored for the creation of and recruitment for the academy, including Fire Marshal Rich Snyder and volunteer Miguel Hernandez, who Christmas called, "The backbone of the academy."

Two council members, Joe Mosca and John Buchanan, were also in the audience. The city council approved the creation of the academy last year along with the city's new paramedics program.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar thanked the entire volunteer fire department, saying they protect the city 24 hours a day seven days a week. She also talked about the trainees' involvement with the Santa Anita Fire.

"Talk about on-the-job training some of our recruits have had in the past 30 days," she said. "We've had fires, we've had mudflows, and with our volunteer fire department, and our firefighters in training, the city of Sierra Madre was saved in what could have been a disastrous situation for us."

Fire Chief Steve Heydorff likened the academy to the MTV world of extreme sports and extreme home makeovers, saying, "This was extreme volunteerism."

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Mayor Kurt Zimmerman talks to residents at Chamber Breakfast.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Sierra Madre Library This Month:

The Sierra Madre Library's *Adult Summer Reading Club, "Catch the Reading Bug,"* will start Monday, June 23, and run through Saturday, August 16. Adults from all communities are invited to stop by the Library Service Desk any time on or before June 21 to register for this free activity. Participants will receive program guidelines and a starter set of reading log slips, to record the print or audio books they have read. Each week there will be three drawings for prizes, which include theater and movie tickets, and gift cards and baskets, all donated by local business. All reading slips will be entered in a Grand Prize Drawing on August 16. "Catch the Reading Bug" is sponsored by The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.

In conjunction with "Catch the Reading Bug," the *2008 Children's Summer Reading Program*, the Sierra Madre Firefighters Association is sponsoring two free, family-friendly programs in July, to be held in the Sierra Madre Library's main reading room. On Thursday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m., Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre will present "*Getting the Bugs Out*," and on Thursday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m., Swazzle will present a puppet show, "*Space Bugs*."

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a *Bargain Books Table Sale* inside the Library during the Library's public open hours. Featured titles will include Fiction, Biography, Art, Cooking, Children's and Specialty books. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.

Monday, June 23 – Saturday, June 28, 2008

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

The Sierra Madre Public Library will be closed for Independence Day, Friday, July 4.

FRESCO'S:

A Real Family Restaurant A New Direction For A Community Favorite

When Oscar and his wife Patricia, decided to purchase Nano Café last year, their intent was to open a place where families could dine at an affordable price anytime.

"We wanted to offer great food at great prices for everyone," said Oscar and thus their journey began transforming a café into a popular dining room away from home. First, Oscar tackled the name. As customers came in to meet the new owners, they were asked for suggestions for a new name. It wasn't Nano Café One – it wasn't a café at all. So, 781 diners made suggestions and fifty people picked Fresco's. Those fifty people were eligible for a drawing and Maggie Mazur and George Johnson were picked. Each of them received a \$100 gift card.

With a new name, Chef Ernesto and Oscar began asking customers what they really wanted to find on the menu. The result: 32 additional menu items and an anytime kids menu, seven days a week.



But that wasn't enough for Oscar – he wanted to offer families even more. So, he added an Omelette Station on Saturdays and Sundays so that every member of the family could "have it their way".

Fresco's Family Restaurant is truly a labor of love for the Cabral's. Daughter Lizette and son Alex all pitch in to help Mom and Dad. Stop by and dine with them. Fresco's is open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Picture Of The Week



Sierra Madre residents Alan & Shirley Leahy got quite a surprise last week when they went outside to dine by the poolside. They found a Bobcat making itself quite at home.

Photo by The Leahy Family

June Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Online Swimming Lesson Registration Begins, City Council Meeting, Council Chambers - 6:30 pm 	10 Community Arts Commission, Council Chambers 6:30 pm 	11 Community Arts Commission, Council Chambers 6:30 pm 	Family Movie Friday in Kersting Court - 7:30 pm 	13 14 Doggie Day Sierra Vista Park 9:00 am - Noon 		
16 Community Services Commission Council Chambers 6:30 pm 	Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers - 7:00 pm 	18 19 Planning Commission 	HFF Splish & Splash, Sierra Madre Pool - 9:00 am POA Car Show, Downtown Sierra Madre 	21 		
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Sierra Madre Farmer's Market

A CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET*
Every Wednesday 3pm-7pm
Public parking lot on Mariposa Avenue

Fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms. Specialty foods, vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic foods and hot food - Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free.

*For more information, call (310) 633-3966 or (626) 355-5278.

Volunteer to Serve on a City Commission

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

- Community Services • Planning • Senior Community

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WHAT: "Earth And Sky." A play.
WHO: Written by Douglas Post. Directed by Jerry Morrison. Produced by Ward Calaway.
WHEN: June 27- August 9, 2008. Fri. & Sat. at 8, Sun. at 2:30. Dark June 29 & July 4. Gala Opening Night performance on Friday, June 27 is preceded by a light buffet and Champagne reception at 7:15 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (12-18), \$17. Children under 12, \$12.
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CREATIVE ARTS GROUP TO SHOWCASE NEW WORKS

Spring and early summer have brought many changes to the Jameson Gallery at Creative Arts Group. The gallery is showcasing many new works such as the Huntington Series by artist BJ Lane based on scenes from the historic Huntington Library and Gardens. Ulla Anobile's "Four Sisters Masks Series" features colorful wall masks crafted of papier mache with cross-stitching and beading. Artist Kathleen Swaydon's intricate still life's are all the more complex and evocative as they are rendered in monochromatic pencil. In addition, the Faculty Show featuring the work of our talented instructors is currently on display in the Back Room Gallery. All this and much more including enameled landscapes, watercolors, ceramics, textile art and jewelry. The gallery is located at Creative Arts Group at 108 N. Baldwin Ave. in the village of Sierra Madre. Hours are Monday through Friday 9-5 pm and Saturdays 10-2 pm. For information or directions call (626) 355.8350

Sisters
A heartwarming journey
Written & Directed by Sandy Boikian
Starring Anna Marie Angeloni and Jennifer Keller
Music Performed By Melissa Knox and Gemma Gaudio
Assistant Director Joan Ehlers
Lighting Austin Andrews
Sound Hal Thomas
June 19, 20, 21, 25, 27 & 28 at 7:30 pm
June 22 & 29 at 4:00 pm
Admission: \$10
Not open to groups of 10 or more
"Play what you need" on Thursdays
Tickets go on sale 90 minutes before showtime
Playing at:
Pasadena Christian Center
2588 E. Colorado Blvd. / Pasadena
626-793-3443 ext. 623
pasadenachristian.com
"Sisters" has been called ...
"... the kind of theatrical treasure that audiences talk about on the drive home and continue over breakfast the next morning."

Mass on the Grass June 29th

The Church of the Ascension will kick off the 4th of July festivities by holding Mass on the Grass on June 29th at 10:15 am.

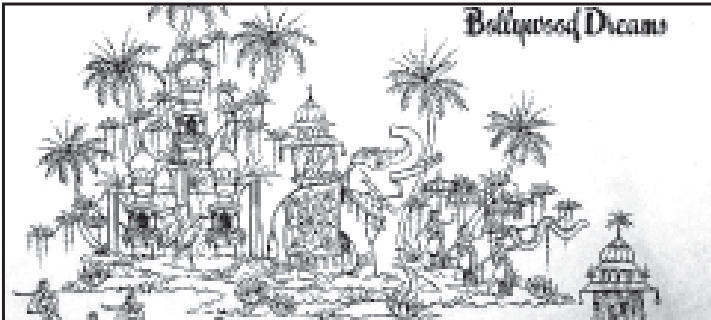
The Church will be reinstating a tradition begun 17 years ago when members of Ascension gathered for mass on the grass after the 1991 earthquake made the church unsafe. On the 29th, they will remember those traumatic days and give thanks for the restoration of the church and the revitalization of the grounds.

There is now an outdoor space for worship. There is plenty of room for picnicking, games, and lots of fun water games on the upper grassy field. All that is needed for a wonderful celebration is YOU!

The Church of the Ascension is located at 25 E. Laurel Avenue (northeast corner of Baldwin and Laurel) in Sierra Madre. For further information, please call the church office at 626/355-1133.

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Is Looking For A Special Couple

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association seeks a local couple of Indian descent to ride on Sierra Madre's entry in the 2009 Rose Parade, titled "Bollywood Dreams". The couple will portray an Indian bride and groom.



We are looking for an energetic couple who will dramatically impersonate Bollywood film stars.

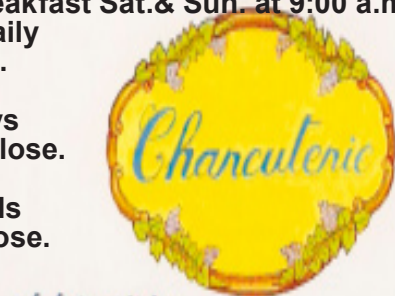
The couple must be approximately 18-35 years of age and must either own or obtain traditional Indian wedding attire. Because the bride will be carried 5 1/2 miles in a palanquin, we seek a woman who weighs 130 pounds or less. The groom will be riding a giant elephant and must be comfortable with heights and crawling through small spaces. He will also be responsible for controlling some of the hydraulic mechanisms on the float and will communicate with the float operating crew by headset. Those interested should phone Don Mills at 626-355-0133 to learn of more details and to answer any questions.

Join us for breakfast Sat. & Sun. at 9:00 a.m.
Happy Hour daily 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Open weekdays 10:00 a.m. to close.

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THE STATE OF SIERRA MADRE

By Susan Henderson

Before a full house at the Senior Center, Sierra Madre Mayor Kurt Zimmerman delivered his first State of The City Address earlier this week. The event, sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, included breakfast catered by Lozano's Restaurant.

The Mayor began his address by expressing his hope that there will be "no more Biblical plagues", referring to the city's recent struggle with fires and mud. He informed the group that the estimated cost of the fires for Sierra Madre, a question frequently asked, is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$2 million. Whether or not the city acquires any recovery grants to cover some of the expense is the reason for the wide range.

Before going further into his speech, the Mayor again thanked the Fire, Police and City staff for the outstanding work during both the fire and mudslides. At the time the address was being given, Fire Chief Heydorf was at the site of another fire, not a brush fire, that had destroyed a building on North Canon earlier that morning.

Moving on to the city budget, Zimmerman announced, that despite the passage of Measure U and the approximately \$200,000 it will generate for public safety, it is his personal observation that "there will be a reduction of city services" and that they will be made in the "least painful manner".

Zimmerman also told the crowd of mostly chamber members, that he will make it his personal priority to make the city "more business friendly".

One of the tasks that the mayor has on the agenda is the amendment of the General Plan to address

the California Housing Element requirements. He said he will appoint an ad hoc committee to work on the plan.

Questions from the audience included inquiries into the One Carter/Stonehouse Development and Howie's Market and Skilled Nursing Center projects.

Zimmerman dispelled rumors that One Carter had been sold, however, he did allude to the fact that the ongoing litigation between investors in the project and the developer have not been settled. He offered little new information, as attorneys on all sides are being very tight lipped.

Regarding the Howie's Market and Skilled Nursing Center, in each instance, the city is waiting for a response from the owners. Zimmerman stated unequivocally that the current plans for Howie's Market are subject to Measure V. As a result, he said, the developer would not be able to build the proposed 72 units.

The developer is taking the position that he is not subject to Measure V and is expected to get back to the city with his proposals.

In addition to the current mayor, Councilman John Buchanan was present as well as former Mayors John Buchanan (who is currently on the council), and former Mayors Enid Joffe and George Maurer. Also present was City Manager Elaine Aguilar, Director of Public Works, Bruce Inman, Finance Director Karen Schneider and Development Director Danny Castro.

A representative from Assemblyman Anthony Adams office was also in attendance.

To hear the complete address go to: www.sierramadrenews.net/chamber/stateofSM2k8

Sierra Madre Arts Commission Open Studio Tour A Success

Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand



Artist Mark Strickland invited interested art lovers into his larger than life display.

The SM Arts Commission celebrated their 2nd annual Open Studio Tour last Sunday, June 1, enjoying beautiful weather and avid interest. Fourteen open studios throughout Sierra Madre were available for viewing. A special tram took visitors to four studios in the Canyon area which has limited accessibility. Faculty artists at work and a large gallery display of faculty artwork also took place at the first stop on the tour, Creative Arts Group

headquarters, 108 N. Baldwin.

If you missed the open studios, you can still enjoy and/or purchase a wide array of art at the CAG faculty art show through August. CAG also offers an extensive summer session of classes from drawing, painting, watercolors, ceramics, sculpture, sewing, marionettes, and even cooking classes for children through adults. Call them at (626) 355-8350 or www.CreativeArtsGroup.org. Gallery and Business hours are M-F 9 to 5, and Sat. 10 to 2.

To inquire about future entries in the Open Studio Tour, contact Elisa Weaver at the City of Sierra Madre, 626-355-5278 or city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us.



Carolyn Jean brought visitors to her charming home, where viewers delighted in her artwork as well as her fabulous country garden.



Looking Up With Bob Eklund

Photo by Aaron Dominguez

THATFORECASTis isotypical of June in Southern California that the weather service could almost photocopy it and use it every day. Today, June 10, was typical: a cool, almost chilly, grey morning; sunshine from noon to about 5:00 P.M.; and a return of the low clouds in the evening. I miss being able to see satellites, moon, planets, and stars. But there remain a few things to delight the eye—like the jacaranda petals that fell like a purple rain-shower on a recent evening, when a breeze stirred the trees in our yard.

So many petals
Falling, that they fill the air:
Jacaranda rain.

Morning Low Clouds, Clearing in the Afternoon

It was on just such a day of low clouds and fog, in the last week of June 1903, that George Ellery Hale first came up the Sierra Madre trail on horseback to see what Mt. Wilson had to offer as a site for astronomy. As he neared the summit he was surprised and delighted to break out of the clouds into brilliant sunshine. Deciding that whatever the weather below, Mt. Wilson's climate was ideal, Hale soon chose this as the place to locate his planned new observatory, where he could pursue his chief interest—the intensive study of the Sun. Exactly five years later, on June 25, 1908, using the high-resolution spectrograph of the newly completed 60-foot solar tower, Hale made a fundamental discovery—that the dark regions on the Sun called sunspots are produced by powerful magnetic fields. This demonstrated that the magnetic force was not unique to Earth.

Today, as we approach the centennial of that discovery, solar research continues at Mt. Wilson—still the scene of important advances in our knowledge about the Sun and stars. The Observatory grounds are open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., seven days a week, and guided walking tours are offered on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. The walking tours typically include a visit inside the 150-foot solar tower, giving visitors a view of the research in progress.

FOR THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT SOLAR ASTRONOMY, you're welcome to attend a free public lecture by James LoPresto of Edinboro University, Pennsylvania, to be given at the Altadena Public Library, 600 E. Mariposa St. in Altadena, Sunday, June 22, at 2:30 p.m. The talk—commemorating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of solar magnetism at Mount Wilson Observatory—is sponsored by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association, and refreshments will be served beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Another free public talk about the Sun and its magnetic effects, this one sponsored by JPL as part of its von Kármán lecture series, will be given this coming week by Edward J. Smith, Project Scientist for the solar-orbiting Ulysses mission. Based on 17 years of observations by the Ulysses satellite, Dr. Smith's talk will be presented at the following times and locations: Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m., at JPL's von Kármán Auditorium, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena; and Friday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., at the Vosloh Forum, Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena.

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

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CAG faculty show continues through August at 108. N. Baldwin.

MUSIC AMONG THE TREES...AND TOWERS

Cal Phil Summer Season at LA County Arboretum and Disney Hall Musical Tour of "America the Beautiful" on June 28 and 29

June 28: America the Beautiful
Featured soloists: pianist Norman Krieger and jazz vocalist James Tormé
Program includes: Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Mel Tormé's California Suite, Copland's Appalachian Spring, New York New York, and excerpts from Chicago The Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave in Arcadia
Gates open at 5:30 p.m; concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
626.300.8200 or purchase online, www.calphil.org
Tickets start at \$20

June 29: America the Beautiful
Featured soloists: pianist Norman Krieger and jazz vocalist James Tormé
Program includes: Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Mel Tormé's California Suite, Copland's Appalachian Spring, New York New York, and excerpts from Chicago Walt Disney Concert Hall
111 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles
Concert begins at 2 p.m.

Fortickets, call 213.365.3500 or purchase online, www.ticketmaster.com
Tickets start at \$25



Debbie Schweiner, faculty member at Creative Arts Group, demonstrated her ceramics work in process.

Fire Danger Level Being Raised on the Angeles National Forest on Friday, June 6, 2008

Arcadia, Calif. – The Fire Danger Level on the Angeles National Forest is being raised from “Moderate” to “High,” effective June 6, 2008 as summer temperatures continue to dry out vegetation and the forest prepares for an increase in summer visitors. The “High” fire danger level is the third in a six-level, graduated fire danger rating system. A variety of factors determine the level, including the moisture in vegetation, weather conditions and firefighting equipment needs due to national fire activity. Despite the change, there are no new campfire restrictions: Open wood and charcoal fires will still be permitted in developed campgrounds and picnic areas only. Gas and propane powered stoves and grills are permitted in non-developed areas with a valid California Campfire Permit.

Spark arrestors (required year-round) should be checked to make sure they are in good working order on all off-road motorcycles, chain saws and other equipment with internal combustion engines. Travelers through the Forest should remain on designated roads and never park on dry brush or grass.

Visitors should also be reminded that some closures remain in effect. This includes areas affected by the Ranch Fire (west of I-5) and the Buckweed Fire (northwest of Hwy 14), including the popular Rowher Flat OHV area. In addition, approximately 1,000 acres in the vicinity of Cooper Canyon (north of the Angeles Crest Hwy) remain closed in order to protect critical habitat of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, a federally endangered species. Williamson Rock, an area frequented by rock climbers, and a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail lie within the closed area. Hikers can take a detour around the area by departing the trail (northbound) at Eagles Roost and taking the highway to Cloudburst Summit, a distance of 4.5 miles.



Recycle Your E-Waste

Pasadena, CA - Raise money for Hands, Hearts and Horizons by recycling your electronic waste (e-waste) at a PDI Communication Systems sponsored event in Pasadena on Saturday, June 28, 2008. This special event provides a tremendous opportunity for the entire city of Pasadena and surrounding communities to properly dispose of obsolete monitors, televisions, computers, printers, copiers, fax machines and cell phones.

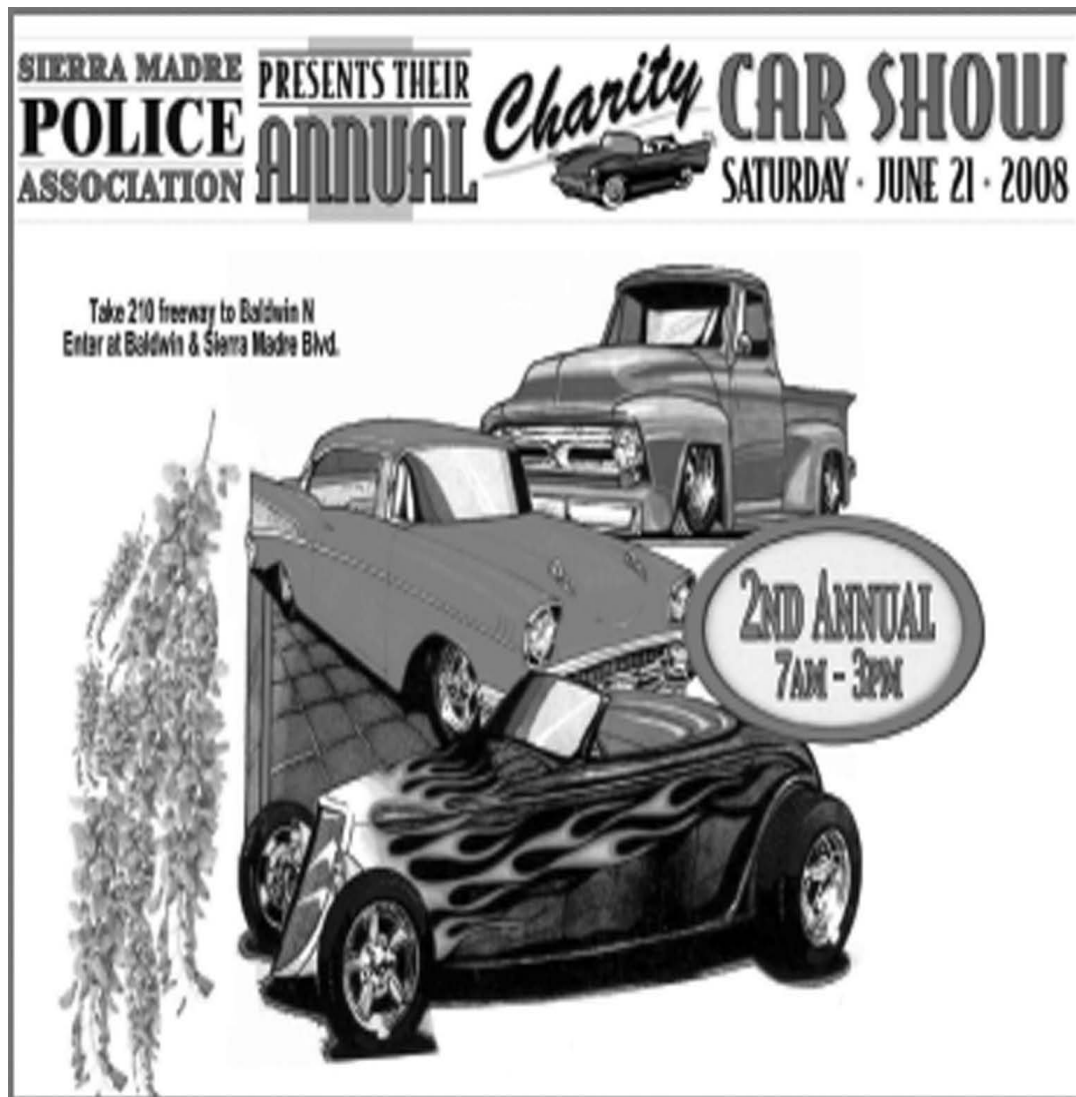
This free collection event will be held between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 700 S. Fair Oaks, 91105 (Congress Medical parking lot adjacent to Huntington Hospital between California and Bellefontaine). Consumers can drop off their obsolete consumer electronics at the ease e-waste truck that will be located at Huntington Hospital's parking lot. Proceeds from recycled items collected at this event will go to Hands, Hearts and Horizons, a non-profit that provides challenging and educational learning experiences to enhance the quality of life for men, women and children.

PDI Communication Systems is partnering with ease e-waste, a California EPA certified company specializing in the collection and recycling of electronic waste. This joint effort increases awareness about the importance of recycling and provides an easy and cost-free way for consumers to properly dispose of their electronics.

Most consumers recognize that the effects of hazardous materials in electronics can best be combated by recycling. The act of recycling prevents the potential contamination of water resources and helps preserve the earth's environment. The public's desire to participate in the responsible disposal of their consumer electronics has been answered with ease e-waste collection events sponsored by PDI Communication Systems, a leader in advanced entertainment solutions for the healthcare market and provider of the widest and best supported selection of healthcare specific LCD televisions in the industry.

Companies with a large number of items to dispose should contact ease e-waste at 1-866-548-8100 to arrange electronics recycling.

Visit www.ease-e-waste.com or call 1-866-548-8100 for more information regarding this e-waste collection event, new laws regulating e-waste handling and how the materials are recycled.



Stop By The Kiwanis Breakfast Stand Saturday Morning And Get Your Engines Started!



How many brush fires in the Wildland Urban Interface, now referred to at the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, have been caused by fireworks is probably unknown. Safe and Sane Fireworks were developed as a response to fire injury to users and to structure and wildland fires are a result of years of losses to the traditional fire works that are designed to fly off the ground. Injuries are still possible with Safe and Sane Fireworks as some of these devices are very hot but do not fly off with the possibility of landing in dry fuels in the wildlands.

Fire Safe Council

“Announcements and Observations”

Traditional fireworks are not sold in California but people buy them when traveling to other states. Safe and Sane Fireworks are not allowed in Sierra Madre and most other neighboring communities. However, some neighboring communities sell them for fund raising projects by very well known philanthropic organizations.

Please note the signs that will appear very soon stating that there are no fireworks allowed in the city of Sierra Madre nor are they allowed in the National Forests.

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



Environmentally Speaking,

Did You Know?

Fore! By Pat Birdsall

California experienced a significant drought in 1977 the state's driest year in history that affected everyone. Since that drought there are ten million more people living in California. Per capita water consumption per person is up from 200 gallons per day to almost 230. The number of golf courses has grown from just under 300 in 1977 to a present day total of 912 (second only to Florida with 1073).

Last week Governor Schwarzenegger declared California in a drought. Drought is a scary word to owners of golf courses. They use thousands of gallons of water per day, and spend millions of dollars per year for it. Bob Thomas, Senior Director of Communications for the Southern California Golf Association, told reporter Tracie Savage in an interview on KFWB98 News on June 12th, that water is the single biggest issue facing golf courses in the next 10-20 years. There is much more pressure to find better ways to irrigate the fairways and to find grasses that don't use as much water. He said that people pay thousands of dollars to golf on fairways in Scotland and Ireland, yet their fairways are yellow rather than green which is how it should be. California golfers might have to get used to that concept. New courses such as Rio Grande own their own water treatment plant and that is something that should be required of all new courses.

The golfing industry, according to Thomas is a big business that employs thousands of people and millions of dollars are spent in all areas related to the sport...

When the time comes that there is no water to buy, how relevant will that be?

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Sierra Madre Storm Watch 2008

From The Public Works Department

The June 6th issue of the Mountain Views-Observer carried an article recapping a presentation Public Works Director Bruce Inman made to the Fire Safe Council regarding the City's preparedness for mudslides that are likely to occur below the areas burned by the Santa Anita Fire. The purpose of the presentation was to strongly reiterate City staff's earlier advice to residents in threatened areas to act now to protect their homes.

The May rainstorm with it's slightly less than two inches of rain deposited an estimated 1,800 cubic yards of mud on the City's streets. This did little to reduce the threat of the County-estimated 57,000 cubic yards of debris that the burn areas could produce. It is not possible to know whether the debris will come in small amounts as it did in May, or in much larger quantities. The amount of mudflow will be determined largely by the timing and intensity of rainstorms. However, if the May storms did little else, they did underscore the need to get prepared now.

The City does not have the resources, in either manpower or finances, to enable the City to protect individual properties from potential mudflow events. Sierra Madre, like many other communities which have faced similar post-fire mudflow issues, must rely on individual property owners to protect their own properties. How then should residents deal with this sword of Damocles that is perched on the mountainside above them?

First and foremost, heed the advice provided to residents at no cost by engineers from Los Angeles County Public Works. These are professionals with experience of many fires behind them. The County engineers' sketches will assist residents in preparing their defenses to keep mud in the street and off their property; or, in some instances, the engineering advice will assist in channeling the mud safely across or through their properties into the street. Once the debris gets to the street, the City takes over, and will remove the debris as quickly as possible.

Remember, the goal is to keep the mess in the street. It takes only one property owner who doesn't prepare out of a whole neighborhood to cause a mess for themselves and everyone downstream of them. Work with your neighbors. In fact, make property protection a neighborhood effort.

Second, but equally important, be safe. If warned to evacuate, do so. Once evacuated, stay out of the area until the cleanup is completed. Cleanup activities are hampered by pedestrian and vehicular traffic and by interference from residents and non-residents alike who come to view the action. Be aware that a mudflow event may happen quickly, with little or no warning. I came across a photo taken during May's rainstorm of someone working down in the drainage channel at Brookside and Woodland. Very brave, very dangerous.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 1st, to Saturday June 7th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 220 calls for service.

Sunday, June 1st:

2:25 AM – Arrest, 100 block of Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena. A motorist driving through Sierra Madre was stopped in Pasadena for an equipment violation. During the investigation the driver a car was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The Altadena resident was arrested for DUI and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

2:32 AM- Arrest, 00 block of Sunnyside Avenue. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver's license was suspended/revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.

7:12 PM- Arrest, 600 block of Oak Crest Drive. A man was reported driving his lawn mower down the street. The man found appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. The man was arrested for the narcotics violation and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, June 2nd:

3:14 PM- Residential burglary, 400 block of East Grandview. The owner's computer and CD player were stolen. The crime occurred between the hours of 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) entered through a sliding glass door at the rear of the house. The dollar loss is undetermined at this time.

8:58 PM- Disturbance, 300 block of Ramona Avenue. A fight and gun shots were reported coming from inside the residence. The Arcadia Police Department assisted in securing a perimeter. The Pasadena Police Helicopter assisted with air surveillance while the residents were escorted from the house. The investigation revealed there was an argument. A large bucket of nails falling to the floor caused the “gun shot” noise. No fight took place and no weapons were located.

Wednesday, June 4th:

9:47 AM- Battery, 00 block of Chantry Flats. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department requested assistance handling a call of a fight between male adult subject and campers in the area. Bystanders directed officers to the location of the man who was reported mentally unstable. While conducting their investigation, the man attacked the officers. The officers were able to control the man and take him into custody. One Officer was treated for injuries sustained during the arrest. The man was transported to the hospital for psychological evaluation.

Thursday, June 5th:

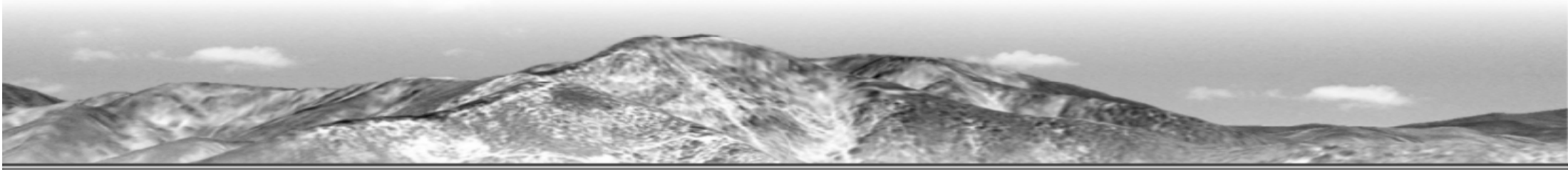
6:55 AM- Arrest, 800 block of Woodland drive. A man and woman were found sleeping in a blue pick up truck. During the investigation a records check revealed the passenger was on parole. Officers found drugs and drug paraphernalia. The passenger was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand. The driver of the vehicle was released.

Friday, June 6th:

11:27 PM- Arrest, Sunnyside Avenue and Ramona Avenue. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed his driver's license was suspended/revoked and he had a warrant. The Van Nuys resident was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.

Saturday, June 7th:

8:20 PM- Arrest, 100 block of South Sunnyside Avenue. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed his driver's license was suspended/revoked. The Altadena resident was arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.



MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

Speeding Ahead to Gain Local Control Pasadena to Host Musical Milestone

By Dean Lee

What essentially would boil down to simply changing a word in the state vehicle code could in fact give older cities like Pasadena the ability to set some speed limits locally the city's Department of Transpiration told the Legislative Policy Committee last month.

Although it may sound simple, city staff said the process would require getting a state representative to author a bill, then rallying support from other cities, and lobbying as many people in Sacramento as possible to get the job done.

"We are suggesting a language change in the vehicle code that would allow us the option to apply either the definition under the prima facie laws 'or' the option of doing an engineering and traffic speed survey should we chose to for monetary reasons," said Frederick Dock, Director for the city's Department of Transpiration.

Mayor Bill Bogaard, who sits on the committee along with Council Members, Sid Tyler and Margaret McAustin, said support would have to come from cities both in the northern and southern part of the state. Dock said there were a number of them had the same problem above San Francisco.

He explained that, Pasadena being an older city has a street network designed for slower speeds having narrow two-lane roads. Newer cities have



streets that are designed for speeds of 40 mph to 45 mph being much wider he said.

"We were looking at several different areas, and really we settled down on one that would give us more local control," "Working back with some older parts of the vehicle code that deal with the basic speed law."

A local roadway is defined as not more than 40 feet wide, not more than ½ mile in length between traffic control devices or intersections and not more than one traffic lane in each direction. He said the problem is how "arterial" and "collector" streets definitions overlap with local streets.

Arterial streets serve the major movements of traffic within the community and collectors serve to collect and distribute traffic to arterial streets. State law requires both to be surveyed every five years

to be able to use electric speed enforcement such as radar.

He used El Molino Avenue as an example of a collector street even though the street meets the criteria of a local street. The change he said would allow the city to enforce speed limits without the survey. He said they could use radar on streets that have a 25 mph speed limit.

The city is currently in the middle of looking at the possibility of having to raise speed limits on streets after they were found to be out of state compliance. The issue was first brought to the council last year.

At the time City Manager Cynthia Kurtz said, "The courts made it clear that Pasadena needs to get itself back into compliance with state law." She said. "This impacts our ability to enforce on city streets and that is why we thought

it was necessary to get the information before the council as quickly as possible."

The issue has been back in front of the council a number of times including earlier this year when Council Member Steve Madison asked what streets were clearly own by the city after Pasadena Avenue, proposed to be raised 10 mph, may if fact be own by Cal Trans. The council had also asked why the city had no local control.

Although Dock said this would not affect the current surveys needed to be done and possibly raise speed limits, he said if passed in the future it could make some situations easier to deal with. He also said it could save the city some money.

City Attorney Michele Bagneris said at the time she had sent a letter to Cal Trans and was waiting for a reply.

Chalking it Up

Now celebrating its 16th year, the Pasadena Chalk Festival places over 25,000 sticks of pastel chalks in the hands of hundreds of "Madonnari" (Italian for street painter) who come from all across Southern California and points beyond to spend two days on hands and knees creating spectacular murals on concrete areas the size of two city blocks. In every style imaginable, from classical to

guests will be treated to live music and children can get into the creative act in Chalkland. A specially designated area for kids and families, kids will have the chance to create their own chalk drawings for dad on Father's Day cards provided by Paseo Colorado and get their faces painted.

In 2007, the Pasadena Chalk Festival introduced a new and exciting feature, Animation Alley,



personalities from film and television, and the artist's own original murals. Animation Alley will be located in upper and lower theatre court at Paseo Colorado.

A highlight of the Pasadena Chalk Festival is the outdoor Madonnari Bistro and the Artist Gallery located in the beautiful Fountain Court area of Paseo Colorado. A designated percentage of the food and drink sales

Gallery where affordable, small painted canvases by the participating artists and a variety of Festival merchandise will be available with funds also going to Light Bringer Project.

At the conclusion of the festival, participating artists will select the outstanding murals of the festival, including Best Overall, Best Technique, Best Use of Color and more. Festival visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite murals as well. Pasadena Chalk Festival "Paseo Colorado People's Choice" ballots will be available in the Center's retailers. The artist selected as "Paseo Colorado's People's Choice" will win a gift basket filled with a wonderful selection of items from Paseo Colorado retailers.



contemporary, whimsical and fantastic to socially relevant, the murals are designed and created by independent artists as well as teams representing art schools, museums and cultural centers. The Pasadena Chalk Festival is the world's largest of these gatherings by sheer numbers of participating artists.

In addition to the extraordinary opportunity to watch artists at work,

a specifically designed area spotlighting some of the top and upcoming animators and graphic designers from Southern California. The feature was a success as talented artists created masterful chalk renderings of their signature work, including classic characters, renowned



from the Bistro benefit Light Bringer Project's ongoing art programs and you can also visit the Artist

By Teresa Baxter

Pasadena is set to make musical history by hosting the first ever Make Music Pasadena, a Fête de la Musique. Launched in 1982 by the French Ministry for culture, the Fête de la Musique is held in more than hundred countries in Europe and over the world. The Make Music Pasadena event has been scheduled to coincide with the other festivals held on World Music Day and the summer solstice this Saturday, June 21.

The heart of festivities will be taking place in Old Pasadena and the Playhouse District but the enthusiasm and interest from the local musical community prompted the Shops on South Lake to eagerly become involved.

"I am still booking bands and we have a great line up so far," said Gina Teel, executive director of the South Lake Business Association. "I'm inviting the community to enjoy music in the Shops on Lake Courtyard, next to Macy's on Saturday evening beginning at 5 p.m."

According to organizer Robin Faulk, of One Colorado, Make Music Pasadena is a free event that will be taking place throughout the day in the main districts of the city. On that day, sidewalks, parks, alleys, building lobbies and other unconventional performance spaces will become spontaneous musical stages and social gathering places. Amateur musicians will have the opportunity to play along-side top selling and internationally known artists.

This will be the first musical festival for local performer, Daniel Blak, who will be performing at Mercantile Alley in Old Pasadena at 7 p.m. Blak describes his style of music as electro-metal, which is a combination of electronica, metal and hip-hop.

"I am excited to be a part of something so big," said Blak. "The festival has hit most of Europe, so to be involved with something going on around the world, as my first music festival, feels great."

Ann Luke, a staff member for this paper, will be performing 1 p.m. at the Gamble House with a nine piece Celtic band, "Banna Beag Mall." Luke plays the Hammered Dulcimer a string instrument that dates back hundreds of years. She said most historians agree the instrument originated in the Middle East. Today it's found all over the world, most notably, Europe and China.

"We were thrilled to find out we play at the Gamble House," Luke said. "When we first applied we had know idea where we would play. We couldn't have asked for better."

Make Music Pasadena is produced by the Old Pasadena Management District, One Colorado, Playhouse District Association, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau, Pasadena Arts Council, Alliance Francaise de Pasadena and French Cultural Services in Los Angeles.

For more information on Make Music Pasadena please contact 626-793-8171 or visit www.makemusicpasadena.org

U.S. Census Day Declared

By Dean Lee

The City Council presented a proclamation Monday night to James Christy of The U.S. Census Bureau's Los Angeles Regional Office. Mayor Bill Bogaard read the public statement which said among others will be the largest project in the history of the federal government.

The primary objective is to conduct the nations most accurate and complete count of its population Bogaard said. "The census is used to determine, legislative representation, to distribute approximately \$2 trillion in federal funds to local communities over the 10 year period and to plan for investment, job development, marketing efforts and education health and social programs." He said.

He then endorsed, on behalf of the city council, declaring April, 1 2010 National Census Day. Bogaard then encouraged all Pasadena residents to participate actively to get the most accurate

and complete count of all people.

Christy said this was the first proclamation he had gotten from a city for the 2010 census.

"I want you to know this Is not just another government effort," he said. "This is a program that will pay off big dividends for you city over the next decade."

To ensure improved results in the history of the federal government, the city has devised a census

2010 Complete Count implementation Strategy. The key components are, a complete count implementation plan, complete count goals, objectives and measures; to complete s count timeline, to complete to local communities over count budget and to form a Pasadena Census 2010 Complete Count Committee.

There are two primary goals proposed for the Census 2010 Complete Count, to ensure a complete census count of Pasadena residents, and to develop community partnerships according to the city staff report.

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PUSD HONORS LOCAL ACTIVIST

By Teresa Baxter

Last March it was recommended, and on May 21 it was approved, that the Governing Board of the Pasadena Unified School District to authorize the establishment—for the purpose of developing a plan—to name the Healthy Start Family and Community Center at Loma Alta Elementary School in honor of Anthony “Tony” Stewart, a community activist.

At the most recent PUSD meeting on Tuesday, a presentation in support of the honor was given by Kathleen Duba, chief academic officer for the district and part of the committee. Duba shared with board members many of Stewart's significant achievements worthy of recognition. It was noted that Stewart received an Outstanding Civic Leadership award from the California State Assembly in 1989 and that she's a life member on the NAACP, who began her membership in 1926. In 1993 she received a special appreciation award from the U.S. Department of Justice and from the California State Senate for exceptional civil rights efforts and in 2005 she was the Altadena “Citizen of the Year”.

“Her outstanding contributions have lent a service to the school district and to the educational community,” said Duba. “As a chair of the Altadena NAACP education committee she's contributed in many ways to Healthy Start.”

Esteban Lizardo moved for the approval of the recommendation by the board while Tom Selinski, board president acknowledged Stewart's tremendous contributions to the community with nodding endorsement from those in attendance.

“She's an inspiration to anybody who knows her and those who know of her,” said board member, Bob Harrison. “That's how large she is in the community...not just in Altadena. People have nothing but respect for her and I can't think of a better person to see their name on a building.”

The 90-year-old activist was unable to attend the proceedings due to illness.



2008 Summer Swim Lesson Registration

Fun in the Sun! The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is now taking summer swim lesson registrations. The heated outdoor pools offer a wide range of classes for youths 6-months to 12-years-old. Classes are taught by American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors and the pool is supervised at all times by American Red Cross certified Lifeguards.

New this year is the one-week swim lesson schedule. Swim classes have been extended to 45 minutes, satisfying all American Red Cross requirements. There will be 11 separate swim sessions starting June 16 and running through August 29. The cost for the new 45-min-

ute, one-week swim lesson is \$35.00. Lessons are offered between the hours of 8:00 – 11:15 am and again from 4:00 – 7:15 pm.

Parents can mail-in their registrations or sign-up online; walk-in registrations will be accepted at the pool, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, beginning Monday, June 16. To register online and for complete class details please visit www.cityofsierramadre.com.

For more information on how to sign up for a Mommy, Daddy and Me swim lesson or for the more advanced level classes, please call the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center at 626-355-2356.

SUMMER WRITING CLASSES

Several St. Rita School parents share a business space in downtown Sierra Madre. Their kids often hang out together after school, in a comfortable extended family, while the parents finish up their work days. The three artists of Studio 3 occupy the first floor, while Tom Brady's software and marketing company, Destination Group, work on the upper floors of this new live/work green building at 66 E. Montecito, Sierra Madre.

They found their children's school days so filled with the basics, that they searched for a way to develop and enrich the youngsters' creative talents, particularly in writing, over this summer. After a test run with their own brood, they've enthusiastically launched a summer series called “Rooftop Writing Club” for the 12 and older set entering 6th, 8th grade, and “Watch my Green Garden Grow” for 2nd -5th grade children under 12. St. Rita

Principal, Joanne Harabedian, who reviewed and endorsed the team's summer enrichment efforts.

The series will be taught by a combination of professional teachers and writers, and will offer “out of the box” approaches to story development, persuasive writing skills and logical argument, and will also tap tried and true basics like using a dictionary and thesaurus, expanding vocabulary, utilizing grammar and sentence structure and more.

The initial Wednesday class sessions filled immediately, so an additional Tuesday session was added. The 10 week series of classes begin **Tuesday, June 17th from 4:30-5:30**, held at the Studio 3 art workshop, 66 E. Montecito. All class materials provided, including *Chicken Soup for the Pre-Teen Soul* by Jack Canfield et al, a thesaurus and a dictionary. Cost is \$170 per student, payable at the first class. *To reserve a space, call Studio3 at 626-355-3377, email to Studio3@gmail.com, or fax in your reservation to 626-836-6688.*

A COMMUNICATION CRISIS

By Trisha Collins

Last weekend I attended my mom's baby shower to help out with the games and food. Upon refilling the chip bowl, I overheard a group of women discussing “my generation”. I continued adding more chips to the bowl and tuned out until I heard a women say she believes that this generation is “the stupidest yet”. Now, this made me stop in my tracks.

“...the stupidest yet?” I thought, puzzled. I hung around, and the woman, whose been a teacher longer than I've been alive, went on to explain how she received an essay with not one period. It was just one long paragraph filled with “and then”, and commas. I had to admit, that was pretty sad. The fact that she taught high school English, made it even worse. As I got up to continue help tend to the party, I still thought about what she had said and if there was any truth in it. By the time the shower was over and I was home, I had realized that what the lady was talking about was exactly right.

What I realized was simply this: my generation (the millennials) is going through a communication crisis. When I say communication crisis, I mean that teenagers today just don't seem to be communicating like they should. Texting. What ever happened to picking up the phone and calling your friends? Now, our motto is “why talk when you can text?” I've even seen a group of teenagers at a restaurant, sitting next to each other, texting each other. Where did the love of a decent conversation go? This texting wave is practically eliminating the need for conversation all together; therefore teenagers aren't gaining the communication and social skills they need to succeed. When you talk to people, you learn to develop more social skills. You can't text your way through a job interview.

In the “old days”, to meet friends, one would go out to a social event or a gathering of some sort. In this day and age, a “friend” is just a click away with websites like MySpace and Facebook. And people used to talk to people to get to know their interests and hobbies, but that is no longer. It's all on the internet and you can have hundreds of “friends” without even meeting a single one. Once again, this new technology is increasingly bringing down the age of talking. Cell phone companies know this, and make sure they satisfy their customers' needs by coming out with new texting plans almost every month. I feel as though the purpose for the traditional phone is lost.

This rush of new technology is great, but is my generation really benefiting from it? Sure, we're more computer savvy, but what happens if the electricity stops working? Or, God forbid, there's no internet connection? There's got to be more to a person than how many “friends” they have on MySpace, and how fast they can type per minute. That's all impressive, but being a computer technician isn't the only job in the world.

I believe the reason for this communication crisis is that teenagers are just going too fast. When you think about it, we want everything right now. That's why there are microwaves, fast-food places, and even netflix. And just how we want our food and videos now, we want replies from people instantly, too. My solution to this hectic communication crisis is simple. We should all take some time out of our days to talk to one another, really talk. Just maybe if we take some time to talk to each other about anything, something, this generation might not turn out to be “the stupidest yet” after all.

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Member

OPINION

My Brother The Superstar



Rich Johnson

born 387 days apart. We calculated my mom, nicknamed “Rubber Room Dorothy”, changed a diaper every 7 minutes during those peak formative years.

My father was MIA. I’m not sure if he just ran off or if she run him off. After all, if it hadn’t been for him... My parents kept trying to make it work which often resulted in moving cross-country and back and forth, and back and forth. We ended up in California in the mid-1960s and finished growing up here (Well, some of us grew up.)

It’s pertinent to mention here I graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1969 and my brother never graduated from high school. He hung out with a group of friends who expanded their minds in other ways.

Enter Viet Nam. My brother and I were prime candidates for a government works program called the selective service. Thank God the lottery was instituted my prime year of eligibility. This is how the lottery worked. At the beginning of the year the government would pick 365 days of the year one at a time out of a bowl. And then simultaneously pick a number from 1 to 365 out of another bowl. When they picked your birthday, whatever corresponding number they picked designated your place in line for the draft. If your number fell between 1 and 100 start packing. You were going to be drafted. If your birthday drew a number between 101 to 250 you spent twelve months in limbo. If you were lucky enough to pull a number between 250 and 365 you were considered AWC (After women and children). My number was 318. Yahoo!!! Twelve months later my brother drew number 65. And he was drafted. To get out of Viet Nam he ran down and joined the Coast Guard. What Roger couldn’t have predicted is the day he shipped off to Coast Guard Boot Camp they ended the Viet Nam war and froze the draft. But he was stuck for four years. While in, he passed his G.E.D. or high school equivalency tests. After the Coast Guard he married and moved to Minnesota, becoming a laborer on a construction crew. He was injured (while standing around) when a rope broke high above him and tilted a bucket of wet concrete that fell on his back. He spent some time in the hospital and had to be rehabilitated as he couldn’t do construction anymore.

Now here is the superstar part. Five years later he graduates Magna Cum Laude from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in engineering! Come to think of it I’m sure that bowl of concrete landed on his head and not on his back. It woke something up. And today he is the Deputy Executive Director of Technology, Facilities, and Environmental Planning at Los Angeles World Airports. Roger, you done good. Real good. But you still owe me 10 bucks!

Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE Are Your Hands Free?



Driving up the hill on Baldwin I see the flashing sign—HANDS FREE PHONE LAW STARTS JULY 1, 2008. I fully agree that the new law is a good one. People, especially me, have a tough enough time just driving and distractions such as the use of the cell phone are UNNECESSARY distractions

that should be banned.

Simple enough! So, what’s the problem? Just make the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle illegal. Well, the problem is that the law does not go far enough. No, it does not completely ban the use of cell phones; it only bans the use of hand-operated cell phones. This compromise restriction recognizes that cell phones are not to be considered as an UNNECESSARY distraction but, rather in today’s world must be recognized as a NECESSARY DISTRACTION that we cannot do without. It’s true, even I recognize the need. At first I tried to pretend that the use of a cell phone was an affectation only fit for celebrities who need to assure themselves of their own importance. Right, except for the fact that just like everyone else I eventually realized that a cell phone is not a convenience; it is a necessity. I cannot now imagine my endless drives through crowded freeway traffic without the ability to call the Courts and clients and explain why I am delayed. I must have the ability to make my daily call to my now forgetful aged mother and to receive her frequent daily calls asking why I haven’t called.

So given the new law what are my choices? 1) I could cease to operate the phone while driving. This would have been possible had the law gone all the way and banned the use of the cell phone while driving. Unfortunately, or rather impossibly, this is not the case. We are all so adjusted to the use of our cell phones on our long rides that their continued use is probably a necessity. Anyway, my present attorney position requires that I be constantly available by phone. Possibility 1 is out. 2) I could be sensible and purchase and utilize a new foreign technological device which would allow me to operate the phone hands free. Eventually, I am sure I will do this. The problem for the present is that I am a technophobe. Attempting to use a new piece of technology usually paralyzes me with fear. I grumble that such new doodads are uncomfortable, unnecessary, inconvenient and dehumanizing. All of these complaints may be true but another large truth is that I am afraid. I can add numbers in my head faster than an adding machine, which is a good thing because I could never really learn to use an adding machine correctly. All of which leads me to alternative 3) which is of course delaying the change for as long as possible and probably getting tickets which are both expensive and avoidable.

Somehow my situation reminds me of a news story I saw last week. South American tribesmen, previously completely hidden and undiscovered, were seen and photographed aerially from low flying planes. The warriors were shown firing their arrows into the air, attempting to shoot their detectors down. They failed, but at least they didn’t receive tickets for using hand held weapons in an unauthorized space. I guess my point is that you can try and delay change but, in fact, the only constant is probably Change itself. You know arguably the oldest book we have is the I CHING, the book of changes.

Well I’ll see you; I’ll probably be the one pulled over on the side of the road getting a ticket for you know what.

INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM

interrupt: (v): to break the continuity of; program (n): a sequence of events



Susan Henderson

Sputnik and my favorite program, The Real McCoys was interrupted. That was very annoying. However, interruptions are not always so. Sometimes they come in the nick of time, just before things get really out of control.

But, before I interrupt the guys up above with their various Father’s Day tributes, I want to give my own ‘shout out’ to a couple of very special fathers, some I know well, others I have only observed.

Of course, my own father has passed on, but I always thank him for being, especially on Father’s Day. I really miss the challenge of trying to find him something useful. (I stopped giving him ugly ties when I was about 7.) But the Dad’s that I want to wish have a wonderful day are mostly not acquaintances or relatives of mine. I want to take the time to say Happy Father’s Day to all the men I observe at school or day care picking up their children or at the grocery store, bravely shopping alone with their little ones. I want to say Happy Father’s Day to the Dad’s I see taking their children for a walk or pushing their strollers without Mom along or carrying them on their backs. I also want to say Happy Father’s Day to two very special young men I know, Patrick, who

at 40 recently had his first child and my own son Fred, who’s final score is Girls 3 - Boys 0. Patrick and Fred are two of the most inspiring young fathers I know. They both should probably be in the Guinness Book Of World Records - Patrick for having his own diaper bag that stays in his vehicle and Fred for knowing more Nursery Rhymes and Riddles than Dr. Seuss. They remind me of the kind of father I had, sans the diaper bag and more than two nursery rhymes. They also remind me of my brother Billy, who made an indelible impression on me when years ago while visiting California we went shopping for his children ages 5, 6 and 7. When I began to guess at their sizes in order to buy them T Shirts, he recited their exact sizes - shirts -shoes and pants, with ease. (Now, I don’t know if his wife made him memorize it before he left home but I do know that when he was a kid he could never remember anything, even the combination to his lock.)

It is wonderful to see fathers participating, really being involved in their children’s lives, making quality time with their children a priority. That takes a really special kind of guy - the kind we invented Father’s Day for. Have A Great Day Fella’s!

Now, about the other interruption.....

This interruption is not actually something that I initiated, but it certainly caught my attention this morning. I know that you, like everyone else that doesn’t own an oil well, are very upset over the rapid, steady increase in the price of gasoline.

Thinking About My Father

By Christopher Nyerges

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I never liked the manner in which some parents continue to treat their “children” long after they’ve grown up. I remember reading about a 90 year old father who still chided his 70 year old son as if he was still a boy.

As I grew older and lived apart from my parents, I wanted an enlightened relationship. Perhaps “friends” was too much to hope for, but I wanted to be treated as an equal, not spoken down to, but listened to. But how to slowly bring about such a change?

My mother was always easier to converse with, and she was much more willing to relinquish her reins of parenthood on her 30-something, and then 40-something, child. My father had much greater difficulty. He grew up in the Depression and lived his life in that mindset. He never fully trusted banks, didn’t communicate much with his children but expected our obedience, and “taught” us what he could via yelling at us.

I have said, jokingly, that I learned everything from my father. His ideas were too often tinged with stubbornness and folklore, and I often took a contrary path to his advice. Mushrooms were messy and dangerous, so I took up mycology. Everything I needed to know about plants was in the grocery store, so I took up botany and ethnobotany. A computer was absolutely not needed, so I learned how to use a computer along with the rest of the world. Oil, high heat, and a teflon frying pan was all that you needed to know about cooking, so one of my brothers became a chef.

Still, he was my father. As the years rolled by in our separate adult existences, I made the effort to get to know my father as a person, to talk to him, to be a real friend. So I refused to go to the normal family holiday gatherings where there was too much food, a nonstop blaring TV, and loud simultaneous talking (and yelling) by everyone. Instead, I would visit the next day and sit and talk with my father and mother, sometimes with a pie or other home-made dish. He regarded it as odd that I’d rather do that holiday meeting the day after everyone else met, and he even once went so far as to call me a “bad son.” But as time went on, I could tell he was touched by having us share a reading and small meal the day after. He no longer chided me for non-attendance at family events.

Once, when trying to dissolve the parent-child bonds, I called him and began a discussion. “Can I call you Frank?” I asked. “Is something wrong?,” he responded. “No, nothing is wrong,” I told him. “I’m just trying to have a better relation with you.” “Do you need money? Are you in trouble?” he asked with worry in his voice.

Needless to say, that conversation did not go as planned, but was still a step in the right direction.

When he died (after a long illness), I got the word via an early morning phone call. In a daze, I walked into the moderate rain, crying, talking to Frank. I walked for hours, and I felt that I “reached” him, and he seemed to appreciate our continuing conversation.

I’d learned to love and appreciate him in his final years. He was by no means an ideal father. He was full of strengths, and weaknesses, talents, and flaws. He knew quite a bit of stuff that was not so. But I grew to admire and attempt to emulate his positive attributes, while also attempting to learn from his mistakes and avoid those patterns in my life.

In this way, I can say that my father taught me. I chose to no longer hold him in the mental bondage of “flawed father,” just as I had demanded that he no longer hold me in the mental bondage of “deferential son.” Rather than see him as a “flawed father,” I saw that he was just another individual with his own life’s challenges, trying to make sense of this life, flaws and all.

By trying to see his life through his experience, I found that I could simply accept who he was, my father, one-half of the formula for bringing me into this world. At long last, I felt at peace with my own father, and felt an unconditional love towards him, years after he died.

It has not only been financially challenging, but viewed by most as totally unnecessary. Everytime I fill my tank and it costs \$70 - \$80 I feel so violated. Either we are really being taken advantage of as consumers or, our dollar, as the old folks used to say, “isn’t worth the paper that its printed on”.

Well, this morning, just after the news reported that not only had the gasoline that we put into our cars increased to almost \$5 per gallon, but the jet fuel that airlines use has increased in price by 90% over last year. Sickening. Disgusting. However, right after I heard that, I heard something that made me laugh out loud and seriously think. What did I hear?.....”www.kissmygas.com”.

Kissmygas.com is the website of a new movement seeking to get the undivided attention of the oil industry. According to the morning news, it represents a consumer movement that intends to “boycott one oil company each month” until they get the message. The first boycott is against Mobil Oil and the organizers have asked consumers not to patronize Mobil from Monday, June 15th through July 14th. The next target was not announced. However, when you go to the website, which states that the purpose is to promote and communicate energy saving ideas, the details of the proposed boycotts could not be found.

Whether or not this boycott is real, such an action would definitely...interrupt this program...!

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1026715

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COMPANY ALBERTINA**, 1506 W. GAGE AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDGAR R. HERNANDEZ, 1506 W. GAGE AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDGAR R. HERNANDEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/10/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0868574

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DIAZ ELECTRIC CO**, 1501 WALNUT WAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SERGIO E. DIAZ, 1501 WALNUT WAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90813 This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SERGIO E. DIAZ.** 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 N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1025961

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FLORERIA CAMPOS RIOS**, 139 N. LONG BEACH BLVD. STE. 3, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN CAMPOS, 912 OAKS ST., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN CAMPOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/10/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1007224

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FOCUS POINT SURVEILLANCE**, 946 W. BLUE ASH RD., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARGO D. ARROYO, 946 W. BLUE ASH RD., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARGO D. ARROYO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/06/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1045280

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GLOBAL TOOLS & TIRE SUPPLIES**, 5120 E. WASHINGTON BLV., COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANGELES CAMPOS, 5944 GOTHAM ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANGELES CAMPOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1045800

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JESSICA'S FLOWERS AND CREATIONS**, 13122 HAWTHORNE BLVD., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIO ENRIQUE FUENTES, 514 E. 25th ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIO ENRIQUE FUENTES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1026677

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MODERN AUTO SPORT**, 11500 WHITTIER BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAULA SANCHEZ, OSCAR ORTEGA, 5877 S. METTLER AV., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: PAULA SANCHEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/9/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1044861

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RIGO & SON TIRE SERVICE**, 5119 E. OLYMPIC BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERTO GARCIA, 30 N. 3rd ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERTO GARCIA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/12/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1024042

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SCOVEL'S TOWING/ MICHAEL'S AUTO MODERN TOWING**, 4000 MEDFORD ST. #C, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL J. GARCIA, 5642 NORWALK BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL J. GARCIA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/1986.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1006116

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. SHE HITZ ENTERTAINMENT 2. CHANGE BY NETYRA 3. JEWEL BY LEONA 4. HDP 100 ENTERPRISE 5. PRODUCT 626 6. TAIKEN ANTHONY**, 20300 VANOWEN ST., WINNETKA, CA 91306. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NETYRA CHARMAINE OWENS, BILLY LAWRENCE MOSS, 20300 VANOWEN ST. #26, WINNETKA, CA 91306. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: NETYRA CHARMAINE OWENS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JUNE 6, 2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1045444

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SMOG TIME**, 13260 SHERMAN WAY UNIT B, N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KHACHIK PETROSYAN, 1285 OAKRIDGE DR., GLENDALE, CA 91205. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KHACHIK PETROSYAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/12/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1004804

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STRATEGIC MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT TEN-10**, 20300 VANOWEN ST. #26, WINNETKA, CA 91304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BILLY MOSS, 20300 VANOWEN ST. #26, WINNETKA, CA 91306. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BILLY LAWRENCE MOSS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/6/2008.

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FILE NO. 2008-1025960 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **CAMPOS RIVERA'S FLOWERS**, 1205 N. LONG BEACH BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90221. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12-17-07 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: CARMEN CAMPOS.**
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FILE NO. 2008-1026676 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **MODERN AUTO SPORTS**, 11500 WHITTIER BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90601. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 4/04/08 in the county of Los Angeles. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: OSCAR ORTEGA.**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20-081006894

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MAIL BOX & POSTAL**, 80 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARMEN KHOURDAJIAN 411 E. HUNTINGTON DR. #107, ARCADIA, CA. 91006. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARMEN KHOURDAJIAN** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **06/05/08**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-0987291

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **APRENDA Y AHORRE DINERO DRIVING SCHOOL**, 4126 TWEEDY BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OTILIA L. DIAZ, 10365 VIRGINIA AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OTILIA L. DIAZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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File No. 08-0997187

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHUBBS**, 415 N. CURTIS AVE. #F, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEPHANIE TUYET NGUYEN, BRIAN THOMAS CHEW, 415 N. CURTIS AVE. #F, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: STEPHANIE TUYET NGUYEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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File No. 08-0986569

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COCO'S CLOTHING & MORE**, 1300 S. SOTO ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SOCORRO

PARRA, 14714 E. FLANNER ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SOCORRO PARRA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/04/08.

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File No. 08-0997218

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DAVIS-HAYES JANITORIAL SERVICE**, 21901 MONETA AVENUE #25, CARSON, CA 90745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DONNA E. DAVIS, DANITA E. DAVIS-HAYES, DYONNE E. DAVIS, 21901 MONETA AVENUE #25, CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: DONNA E. DAVIS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/05/08.

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File No. 08-0959229

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. KAIZEN REALTY 2. KAIZEN FINANCIAL**, 5415 E. BEVERLY BLVD. STE. 10, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE KAIZEN ORGANIZATION, INC., 5415 E. BEVERLY BLVD. STE. 10, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: RUBEN CHAVEZ VALENZUELA/PRES/CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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File No. 08-0978320

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KARRI LEE CARES**, 219 CALIFORNIA ST. #6, ARCADIA, CA 91006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KARRI URSUA, 219 CALIFORNIA ST. #6, ARCADIA, CA 91006. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KARRI URSUA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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File No. 08-0996393

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LAS COTORRAS**, 5959 MAYWOOD AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETE MENDOZA, PEDRO DESIDERIO H, 14637 CASTLEGATE AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: PETE MENDOZA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/13/08.

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File No. 08-0977292

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MILINDO ACAPULCO**, 5303 S. MAIN ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BERENICE GALLARDO, 2018 E. 103rd ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BERENICE GALLARDO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/03/08.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MID C INSURANCE**, 1514 N. LONG BEACH BLVD. #D, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL CERCHADO, 6747 CITRONELL AVE., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660, ANGELA DAVIS, 1514 N. LONG BEACH BLVD. #D, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: DANIEL CERCHADO JR..** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/30/2008.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MILLENUM TRUCK and TRAILER REPAIR**, 943½ S. FETTERLY AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE A. PALOMERA, 943½ S. FETTERLY AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022, OSCAR MORALES, 280 S. DANGLER AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: JOSE A. PALOMERA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PIZZA MANIA**, 7008 S. SAN PEDRO ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDDY PINEDA, 7008 S. SAN PEDRO ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDDY PINEDA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **05/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

SIERRA MADRE LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City-wide
From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: First Reading of Ordinance no. 1281, amending Section 15.04 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code regarding amendments and adoption of Chapter 7A of the California Building Code.

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that on June 24th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing, to hear testimony regarding the proposed adoption of Ordinance 1281, amending Section 15.04 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code regarding amendments and adoption of Chapter 7A of the California Building Code relating to Fire-Resistive Building Standards to be applied to homes in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2008
(meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)
City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

Posted: June 11, 2008

City Manager Elaine Aguilar

City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City-wide
From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: First Reading of Ordinance no. 1280, adoption of the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

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Top: Alex Hurtado and Tom Brady learn the use of wine and port as a unique painting medium. Left: Gloria Prins shows off her soy candles. Right: Studio3 artists, Moira Love, Elena Alonzo and Gloria Prins, from left to right.

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

Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand

Studio 3: Artists' synergy blooms with shared workshop

Three women, two of them sisters, all of them parents of St. Rita schoolchildren, joined forces in May to create a unique workshop, studio and gallery for their work. Located in a brand new "green" building at 66 E. Montecito in Sierra Madre, Studio3 offers a wide array of creativity.

You can often enjoy the aroma of lavender soy-based candles wafting out to the driveway if the French doors are open. The collection of handmade candles has long been a favorite creation of Gloria Prins. The soy wax she uses is very clean burning, burns slower than paraffin wax, and is biodegradable as it is a vegetable based product. Accidental wax spills are also easier to remove from surfaces than paraffin wax. When she's not busy as a candle maker, her talents wend a completely different direction: designing jewelry. The delicate, wired, metal-smithed and stone detailed pieces are displayed here like beautiful pieces of a favorite lace.

Her sister, Elena Alonzo, is the handbag and clothing designer of the group, what she refers to as soft goods and novelties. Her passion is for fabric and pattern and color. "I make one of a kind purses and wallets and clothes," she laughs. "I get bored pretty quickly so I always like to try new things." Alonzo creates fun appliqué and embroidered fashions for babies and toddlers for her Sophia line, named after her oldest daughter. When the Sierra Madre Chamber mixer visited the space in early June, the moms and grandmothers in the crowd ooh'd and aah'd over her designs.

Moira Love, schooled at the Rhode Island School of Design, speaks and lives in broader, wider strokes of the paintbrush. You can view her mural work at La Salle High School nearby, and at the Sierra Fitness building in Sierra Madre, and many public and private sites. Freelancing for 17 years, she's painted for clients all around the country, and has been featured at many showcase houses and on HGTV.

She will create a Trompe l'oeil painting or a faux finish on your walls or just about any surface you desire. She thinks and paints on smaller surfaces, as well, from acrylic painted canvases to customized home accessories. Displayed on the open staircase to the upper office space they share with The Destination Group, is a triptych of three Bora Bora scenes depicting a favorite tropical beachfront. Love's humor and lightheartedness can

make anyone smile when viewing her hand painted swings.

Prins comments that all three share the same love of creating, art and friendship. "Creating a piece of jewelry, a unique purse or a wall mural is such a thought process. You really have to think about it before you make it. And when it turns out the way you envisioned it feels really good, whether it's piece of art or this studio. Alonzo pipes in, "And now we want to share our new direction with other artists, featuring them and giving them a voice, as we've now been given a voice and platform in this new workshop. We're especially grateful to Tom Brady, whose company shares space with us, for helping coordinate this new direction in our artistic lives."

The artists offer numerous classes and workshops on painting, jewelry making and more for children through adults. A "taste test" class for adults, offered to attendees at the recent Chamber mixer, used various wines and ports as a creative paint medium.

Studio3 is also organizing a Summer Writing Workshop for elementary age students, beginning June 17, utilizing teachers and professional writers to challenge and develop the creative writing capabilities of second through 8th graders. Cost is \$170 for the 10 week Session.

For more information, visit their blog at www.Studio3Works.blogspot.com. To register for classes, call 626-355-3377. Visit them at 66 E. Montecito, #3. Just follow the aroma of lavender candles!



Chris Bertrand

TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Café Beaujolais Eagle Rock



A French restaurant without pomp and circumstance? Come on! You know, I think they even like Americans at this place. Well, at least I know they have the snails; this I can confirm. Sure, Café Beaujolais has Escargot on the menu and this is a good place to try it for the first time. To be honest, when I think of French dining, Eagle Rock is not the first place that comes to mind. Kiss this frog though and you may find a Prince. The food here will surpass the prices, so let's go visit this hidden diamond.

Everything plays the part here; food, waiters that appear to be just off the plane from France and, of course, the menu. The service can be slow here so enjoy your meal and relax, you are in France after all. Waiters in France are considered professionals, not like here where it is "just another job" before becoming the next Brad Pitt. With a recommendation from my waiter we selected several dishes; the Truite Bretonne (\$19.95), Rainbow Trout pan fried in a lemon butter sauce topped with bay shrimps and mushrooms; next a Halibut, Le Fletan au champagne (\$22.95). I strongly recommend the meat dishes as they are well crafted - Magret de canard au mile et citron... Breast of Duck with a lemon sauce. My favorite this evening is the signature dish - Oven Baked Rack of Lamb (\$22.95), Carre d'agneau dans son jus. The runner up of the night is the Filet de Boeuf... Filet of Beef in a cognac cream sauce (\$23.95). Plus many rich and wonderful desserts, most of which are made right at the restaurant.

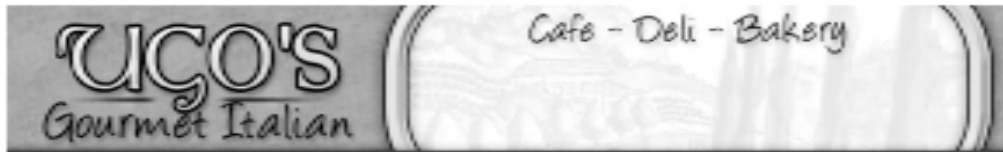
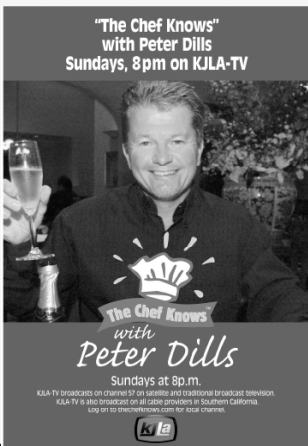
As for the snails, if you love them, you will be well rewarded here. For me, I resisted and abstained on this evening. Maybe that is why they call us dirty Americans, it may all come down to the snails? One of the well-recognized items about French food that gives it unique billing and stature are the extraordinary sauces. That is what truly separates this cuisine from all others. They have that well in hand at this restaurant.

My recommendation: I found the meat dishes superior to the fish items, but I will leave further investigation of this restaurant to you. Au revoir!

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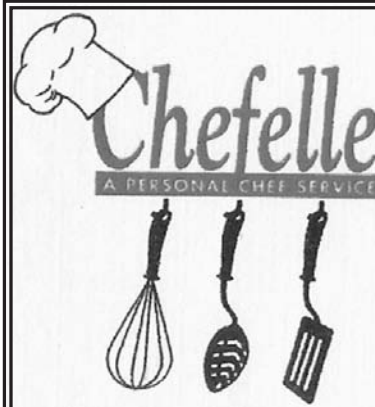
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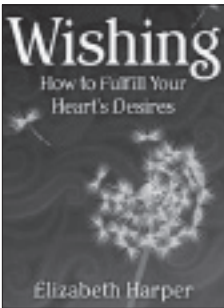
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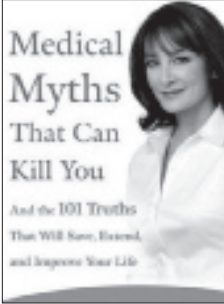
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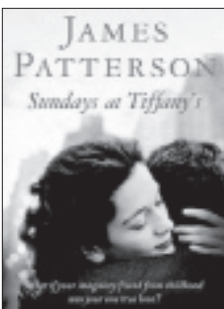
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Wishing: How to Fulfill Your Heart's Desires by Elizabeth Harper (2008)
This spiritual teacher's unique presentation provides an understanding of how wishes manifest themselves. By following seven easy principles, anything is within your grasp. She provides the tools and wisdom to manifest your wishes. Using the concepts of the law of attraction, a step-by-step process outlines how wishes happen, why some go unfulfilled, and how you can best realize you wishing potential in all aspects of your life. She states that Wishing's "wish sense" is a time tested, magical formula for manifesting your heart's desires and a proven way to get results. Good luck!



Medical Myths That Can Kill You: And the 101 Truths That Will Save, Extend, and Improve Your Life by Nancy L. Md Snyderman (2008)
In this ground-breaking book that could save your life, NBC's no-nonsense Chief Medical Editor debunks seven dangerous medical myths and provides 101 medical truths to help you live the best quality life possible. Very interesting info!



Sundays at Tiffany's by James Patterson & Gabrielle Charbonnet (2008)
Jane is the only child of a selfish woman whose sole focus is her Broadway Theatre Company. So this lonely little girl turns inward and conjures up Michael, a handsome, charming companion who makes her laugh. Years later Jane is as alone as ever, still living in the shadow of her mother, when she catches a sight of a face she's never forgotten. What if your imaginary friend from childhood was your one true love? But not even this friend, Michael, knows the reason they've really been reunited. A story about the child within us, and the power of love by this bestselling author.



Recommended by Rolo Tamasee
Sixty Seconds: One Moment Changes Everything by Phil Bolsta (2008)
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Scene One - Take One DVD Review



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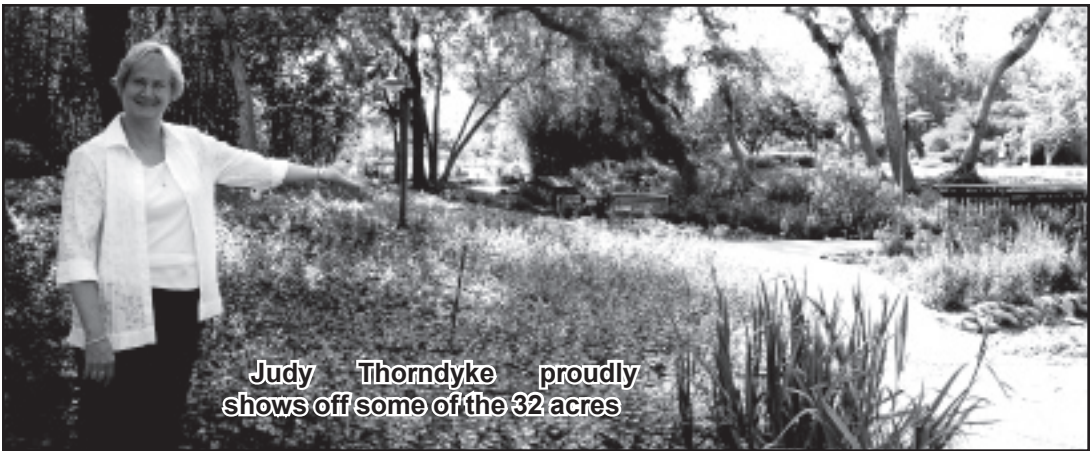
Seinfeld: Season 4 (1992)
With Emmy Awards for Best Comedy and Best Supporting Actor (Kramer), this season is widely considered the show's breakthrough year. This hilarious collection contains all 24 episodes plus scads of bonus material, including interviews with the cast and the program's creators. Still as funny as ever and commercial free.



Kite Runner (2007)
In Afghanistan on the verge of war, two childhood friends, Amir and Hassan, are about to be torn apart forever. It's a glorious afternoon in Kabul and the skies are bursting with the exhilarating joy of a kite fighting tournament. But in the aftermath of the day's victory, one boy's fearful act of betrayal will mark their lives forever and set in motion an epic quest for redemption. A touching story of family, braver and friendship, based on the best-selling novel by Khaled Hosseini. Some Violence.



Sex and the City: The Complete First Season 1998
Carrie, a daily sex columnist, and her three best friends, Miranda the uptight lawyer, Samantha the sexually free P.R. diva and Charlotte the art expert, look for eligible men and good times in the Big Apple. Raunchy fun!



Judy Thorndyke proudly shows off some of the 32 acres

Westminster Gardens: Retirement Living in the Gardens Built with Missionaries' Seeds

By Chris Bertrand

You may have seen a peek of Westminster Gardens in a drive down Huntington, as I first did, on the scenic route to the Azusa Costco: When I sent out an email recently, requesting column ideas, Arcadia resident Mary Cronin responded immediately with her suggestion. Together, we toured the vast gardens and home to about 150 residents with the Executive Director, Judy Thorndyke, and Director of Fund Development, Rev. Douglas Edwards.

Duarte's Westminster Gardens property was originally a ranch owned by a Dr. Morrison, who created a vast orange grove here. Since the land was "out in the country" they made a point of creating a recreation or dance hall to give their children and young people something special to do when visiting Morrison's rural outpost. That building, named "El Sueño" translates from Spanish to "The Dream." This magnificent remnant of a bygone era, complete with heavy beamed ceiling and fireplace, is used today as a gathering venue and Fellowship Hall for today's "young at heart" residents. The adjacent Morrison residence, lived in for just the last seven years of the Morrison's tenure there, is used for administration.

Nearly six decades ago, Presbyterian benefactor, Frank Shu, decided to express his gratitude for the ministry career in China of Presbyterian missionary, Rev. Booth, by donating \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian Church. His philanthropy provided for the establishment of a retirement community for church workers. With this historic gift, Morrison Ranch was purchased to become Westminster Gardens in 1950.

In the decades from 1950-2001, 1112 missionaries from six continents and over thirty eight countries retired here. Many brought seeds or slips of plants from their assigned locales to add to the rapidly expanding collection of exotic trees, shrubs, flowers and more. Other new retirees purchased or ordered seeds of favorite plants from their mission countries. Today, the resident population includes both retired Presbyterian missionaries from around the world, as well as retirees from other faiths and other walks of life.

The result of all that seed planting, all these years later, is a private arboretum, around which their 800-1300 square foot units are built. It is a "continuing care retirement community (CCRC) offering residential living, assisted living and access to a skilled nursing facility. Residential living consists of charming, roomy one and two-bedroom homes that offer various floor plans to choose from. Assisted Living here fills the niche between independent living and the need for 24-hour skilled nursing care," according to their website.

Every living unit is completely without stairs, so it is considered fully accessible. The key differentiating factor here is their determination to remain un-institutional. Edwards com-

mented that so many retirement facilities build upwards into multi-story buildings, removing residents from contact with the land and the enjoyment of landscape surroundings. This magical landscape here is particularly beautiful, with miles of paved paths for easy walking or electric wheelchairs to ponder fountains, ponds and the exceptional, varied plant life.

How lucky they were to have a knowledgeable resident create a reference book describing the flora. Back in 1985, then 95 year old resident Dr. Ralph Stewart completed a three year project to catalog what he estimated to be more than 650 species, including 504 flowering plants, 23 gymnosperms, one Cycad and 10 ferns on the 32 acre property. He never stopped learning, continuing his love of plants with this study, after retiring from 50 years teaching college botany, and devoting another 21 to research at the University of Michigan. Stewart's book is available for review at the Gardens.

Under construction now are ten new manufactured home units. Assembled elsewhere, the buildings were then delivered in a very few pieces, and bolted to the prepared foundations. Completion will open up availability for 10-20 more residents in the year to come. The decision to use manufactured housing was weighed carefully, and chosen to minimize the noise and disruption to the current residents in relatively tight quarters. The foundations and grading, however, posed a recurring problem repeated in this area of Duarte.

Mountains of boulders flowed into these plains surrounding the San Gabriel River, once upon a time. Now, whenever you dig down a foot, five or ten feet, boulders must be sifted from the soil in monstrous versions of a flour sifter, for proper grading and compaction. They literally beg people to take the boulders away.

In a long running relationship with the Duarte Library (this site once held the old library), Westminster makes their private, Memorial Park available for a city-sponsored Author event each October. Also, coming soon is the conclusion of the third season of "Opera at the Gardens" featuring "La Traviata" on Saturday June 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

I've already made it known that when I grow up, I hope I can live in a place like Westminster Gardens!

Westminster Gardens, an affiliate of Southern California Presbyterian Homes, is located at 1420 Santo Domingo Avenue in Duarte. For more information about living at or touring Westminster Gardens, contact them at 626-358-2569, or visit their website at www.WestGardens.org. Tours are scheduled on Saturdays.

Have an interesting home or garden that might be of interest to our readers? Contact Chris at C.Bertrand@MVObserver.com



BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

HOLD THE LINEN

I mentioned to reporter Dean Lee that I had submitted the fifth and final column on my jury duty experiences. He asked me how long I had served, and I told him four days. He said, somewhat incredulously, "Only four days and you got five columns?" Somehow I didn't feel that was a compliment. Of course being a reporter, his mind-set is more akin to Dragnet's Joe Friday's, "Just the facts ma'am, just the facts." I write the way I talk, as the four or five of you who read my column can attest. It's hard to believe I don't drink coffee isn't it? I probably could have milked two more columns out of the jury duty experience but then I saw the eyes of the reader I can always count on—my son. His eyes had glazed over while reading part five of the jury duty saga. I realized then that it was time to move on.

Now back to life at the Birdsall abode, post jury duty. I think that I have mentioned before that I'm not exactly Betty Crocker or Martha Stewart; therefore maintaining a well-run and orderly household is not exactly my strong suit. It took practically cutting my lips to ribbons on a teaspoon—slight exaggeration—to make me realize that perhaps some of my utensils had made one too many trips down the garbage disposal. It was as if Edward Scissorhands had moved in while I wasn't paying attention. Time to buy a new set of flatware.

While I'm at it, I should get a new steam iron too. I found that one can only drop an iron on the floor so many times before it no longer works. I rarely use the darn thing because I try to buy clothing made from fabrics that are wrinkle-free. An occasional linen outfit will make its way into my closet, hence the need for a steam iron. Linen! I guess the Devil does have a sense of humor.

Thanks to polyester my son was five years old before he ever saw an iron. He asked me what it was and I told him, "Never mind son, it's something you will probably never see again." That was 35 years ago and I have only bought one iron since that time. It was the one that finally quit, gave up or surrendered. I figure that since I'm a card carrying member of AARP, this will be my last steam-iron and flatware shopping spree. Somehow, shopping spree, steam iron and flatware don't belong in the same sentence do they? Okay, then maybe I'll have to buy some new clothes while I'm there. Yea, that's it! Hold the linen....

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

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 Blvd., Sierra Madre

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

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

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

Wednesday: 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

Monthly Excursions:

June 12 - Knott's Marketplace & Tour- 2 hour tour of Independence Hall including a short film called "A Storm in Philadelphia" Lunch at Mrs. Knott's Famous Chicken Restaurant and time to explore the shops. \$23.00 per person

*For reservations and further information call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394 or stop by and see her at the Hart Memorial Park House- 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

July 11- Laguna Pageant of the Masters; \$45.00 per person
August 21- Long Beach Harbor Cruise & Lunch

Free Consultation with Pasadena Attorney Geoffrey Chin- 2nd
Wednesday of the month- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM- *Appointments are a must. Call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394. *Conflicting court schedules can occasionally cause cancellations.

Blood Pressure Clinic The SM Paramedics do blood pressure readings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11-12:00 noon

Meals-On-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors through the YWCA Intervale lunch program M-F with frozen meals for the weekend. \$2.00 suggested donation per day
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SPORTS

Back Page Journal



A CRUMMY SPORTS WEEKEND FOR THE AGES

By Brad Eastland, Sports Editor

Man. When I think of the way I was looking forward to last weekend I feel like a fool.

Two of my most long-wished-for sports occurrences were finally going to come true. First, Big Brown was going to win the Belmont Stakes, becoming the first Triple Crown winner since 1978; which is just about the time I started drinking (occasionally), voting for president (even less often), and experimenting with different kinds of mustaches.

And then the next day, tennis superman Roger Federer was going to finally win the French Open at the expense or his arch rival, dirt rat Rafael Nadal, to give him the career Grand Slam and finally make him the GOAT (as in "Greatest Of All Time").

So what happens? Big Brown not only loses the Belmont, but turns in the worst performance ever by a horse trying to complete the Triple Crown, also the worst performance ever by an odds-on favorite in the entire 140 year history of this prestigious, classic race. He checked in dead last, easing to a walk before he even reached the wire. In other words, he gave up.

And Federer? He not only loses to Nadal for the 4th year in a row in Paris, but it is also the worst performance ever by a #1-ranked player in a Grand Slam event. He wins only 4 of 22 games. He loses the last nine games of the match. In other words, he gave up too. (The best analogy I can think of is that Nadal is the bully and Federer is the spoiled rich kid who routinely gets bitch-slapped in front of all his friends after school.) It was so bad that Nadal actually apologized to Federer in his post-match remarks: "Roger, I'm sorry for the final; so sorry," the soft-spoken Spaniard said sheepishly.

The only question is, which chicken laid the bigger egg???

Maybe the winner of that contest is Big Brown. Federer, though ranked #1, wasn't even favored versus Nadal. Nadal is the undisputed all-time master of the red clay, and almost every expert picked him to win, albeit in a close contest. But Big Brown was supposed to be a lock. A sure thing. A "foregone conclusion", as his own trainer put it. That trainer, Rick Dutrow, set new standards for ego and boorishness leading up to the race, declaring certain victory virtually every time he came within earshot of a mike or eyeshot of a TV camera. And so the racing gods paid him back, with that embarrassing, eased-up finish, helped out by a puzzlingly poor ride from his jockey, the classy, though luckless, Kent Desormeaux.

Maybe Dutrow wanted it too much. Maybe he wished too hard. Maybe he dreamed too high, and the rarefied air affected his loose lips and foul mouth. Maybe Desormeaux tried too hard to do the right thing, which he thought was to yank back on the reins and conserve his horse's energy, which turned out to be the wrong thing, because Big Brown fought him angrily for the first quarter mile, throwing his head left and right, almost clipping heels, then bumping a horse or two as Kent swung him 5-wide around the first turn. The horse

resented not being put into the race right away, he was keen to go on, and the pace was slow so he could have made the lead easily and then been slowed down for a breather when the time was right. But when his jock refused to let him compete he sulked, gave no effort or response thereafter, and when the field came to get him he was pushed aside on the far turn like a gang of toughs pushes aside a 97-pound weakling. And then he was mercifully, though pathetically, eased to a stop.

Life is like that. You wish hard for things. You have dreams. I used to dream of getting my books published and going on talk shows...well, that didn't happen (at least not yet). Later on I wished I had a big family, two or three regular kids, all of us living in a big two-story house somewhere in the Midwest... well, lately I've had to come to grips with settling for one great kid in lieu of three regular ones, and living alone with my dog in a one-story house in the San Gabriel Foothills. (Even the dog seems confused sometimes.) But things change. You do your best, and sometimes things just don't go the way you planned.

One thing I always used to wish was for my beloved San Francisco Giants to win the World Series. I've been wishing and waiting for that sublime occurrence since about 1965. It almost happened against the Angels in 2002, finally, but I wished too hard and my Giants authored the biggest Game-Six collapse in World Series history. It was my fault. (Hey, 'you suppose Federer was watching highlights of that game right before he stepped into the arena against Nadal???)

So yes, that brings us back to Federer. What did we learn from last weekend? What can we take from the twin holocausts of R-Fed and Big Brown? Perhaps it is simply this: In sports, as in Life, be careful what you wish for and how hard you wish it. Be it team, or player, or horse. If they win, great. But if they don't, it might feel---or seem---worse than it really is.

Better to broadcast a more casual rooting interest, I say. Or, better yet, feign ambivalence. That way, no matter what happens, you might feel pretty good about it in the end. Yes, I say don't wish too hard. Dream high, but don't dream too high. (And pick up a copy of my first novel if you want to read an additional 100,000 or so extra words on the subject.)

It makes me wonder, though...If instead of wishing for greatness I'd simply wished for Big Brown to just finish the race, do you suppose he would have won?



Big Brown (nearest the rail) was swallowed up by the whole Belmont field last week...

Sports News?

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Apaches 2nd In Pacific League

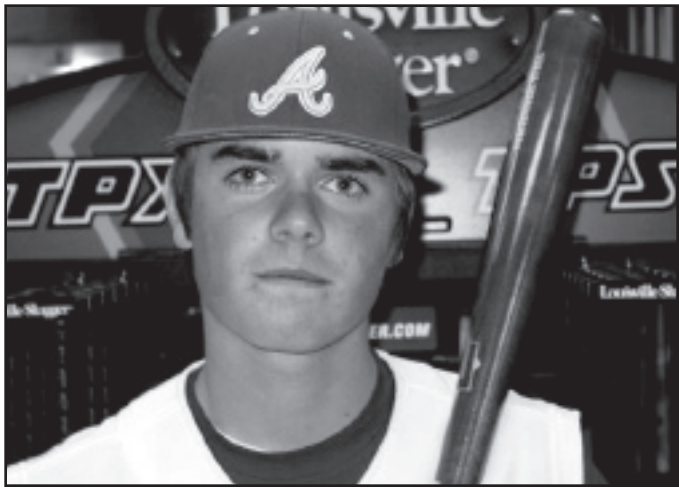
By Brad Eastland

The Arcadia Apaches varsity baseball team---as befitting a half-century tradition of diamond excellence---delivered another fine season in 2008.

Manager Nick Lemas' crew wound up with a Pacific League record of eleven wins and only three losses, good for 2nd place in the 8-team circuit. The Apaches wound up just one game behind Pacific League champion Crescenta Valley. A tough 2-1 loss to CV in the season finale on May 9th handed the title to the Falcons; in fact, two of Arcadia's three league losses came at the hands of the Crescenta Valley nine, otherwise the Apaches were a stunning eleven and one in league play.

Arcadia's overall record, including pre-season and tournament play, was 15 wins against 11 losses.

Several of the boys had stand-out seasons. Star outfielder/first baseman Tim Smoley and catcher Mike Nigolian were named to the 1st-team Pacific League all star squad, while sophomore 2nd baseman Jon Larson grabbed 2nd-team honors. Senior outfielder Kyle Martin pulled down the Apache Award, while pitcher/3rd baseman A.J. Smouse earned a Pacific League honorable mention designation. Smoley is an ever-developing story. After setting the Arcadia



Bryce Rutherford, the 2008 Pacific League player of the year...

High School record for doubles in a season with sixteen back in 2006 as a freshman, the stocky, free-swinging lefthander has continued to improve year after year. He had his best season yet this year as a junior, piling up seven doubles, three triples, and three homers among his 32 base hits, not to mention a

team-leading .400 batting average. Perhaps his signature moment came in the Apache Invitational Tournament* a couple months ago, when his gargantuan, skyscraping home run under the lights provided the winning margin in a big win over San Marcos. (*reported in this space, April 13th issue.) The sky's the limit for Tim next year as a senior.

But the big prizes in 2008 were reserved for Arcadia's best pitcher and main man, Bryce Rutherford.

The stylish righthander, a junior, not only made 1st team all league, but he was also voted team MVP; and, to top it all off, he was recently named the Pacific League's 2008 "player of the year". All this despite

missing some significant playing time due to injuries suffered in a minor car accident. So a hearty 'hail and congratulations' goes out to Bryce Rutherford from the entire MVO sports department. Well done...

10th Annual Don Montgomery Memorial Golf Tournament Raises \$27,000 for Monrovia High School and SAFYMCA Scholarship Funds

DUARTE, CA, June 10, 2008 - The recent 10th annual Don Montgomery Memorial Golf Tournament raised \$27,000 in funds for the Monrovia High School Mary B. Thorne Club and the Santa Anita Family YMCA Scholarship funds. A total of 144 golfers, including winning team members (from left) Brad Bateson, Mike Pollard, Andy Montgomery and Brad Baxter, participated in this year's event which honors the memory of the late longtime Monrovia resident, educator and Superin-

tendent of the Monrovia Unified School District. Over the last 10 years, the Don Montgomery Memorial Golf Tournament has raised \$205,000 to assist Monrovia High School seniors go on to college and to support the nonprofit SAFYMCA's Financial Assistance Program that helps ensure that anyone in need of YMCA programs and services can receive them regardless of ability to pay



Montgomery Tournament winners raise money for kids

The Mountain Clymer Jack the Wonder Dog - Part 1



Kim Clymer-Kelley

In my days at Adams' Pack Station, I was in my glory, surrounded by the intense beauty of the mountains, fun and adventure, my family and friends and by a myriad of animals, both wild and domestic. Some of these animals were well-established residents of the station when I got there. There were all of the working animals, of course, the donkeys and mules and horses, but there was also a collection of barn cats that were left behind. The previous owner had taken all of the canine denizens, but the barn kitties belonged to the station, not to any one person or family - they would not have been happy anywhere else. The oldest of them was a calico named Gypsy. She had survived sixteen years as an outdoor cat in the mountains, a pretty remarkable feat. One of her back feet was damaged from a run-in she had with a coyote at some point in her long life. There were three other barn cats, all from the same litter and raised at the station since kittenhood.

They were six when I took over the station. Jasper was a large neutered male with beautiful plush gray fur. He was a toe licker, as anyone who sat barefoot on the porch would quickly learn. He and his sisters, Cheyenne, a grey tabby with orange markings through her fur and Clementine, a dainty yet fierce grey and white cat, were always around somewhere, usually schmoozing the station's many guests, looking for a rub or a possible handout. My two indoor cats Jimmy (a black, 21-pound "bowling ball with legs") and Joey (an extremely neurotic and people loving, orange tabby) moved into the house with me.


They were my companions in my Sierra Madre apartment, where it was required to declaw them, so they had to remain indoors. Over the years, we had other cats come and go - some were abandoned in the mountains, some we adopted and barn-raised, others were rescued from local shelters. I think the most that we had at one time was maybe eleven. Four of them moved off of the mountain with me, the rest remained at the station. Of the original cats, only Clem remains. She is the matriarch now at the ripe old age of fourteen. Also passed down to the new owners were Flower and Blossom, kittens from two separate litters that we barn-raised, Igmu (Iggy), a rescue from a local emergency vet facility, and Margaret, a kitten adopted from a Bean Town patron in Sierra Madre (I'm such a sucker for a fuzzy face).

Though the station came well stocked with felines and equines, I knew it would not be complete with out at least one canine. A couple weeks before I was scheduled to take over the Pack Station, in an effort to fill the vacant "trail dog" position, Xoxa and I made a trip to the Pasadena humane society to take applications. Cage after cage offered up one pleading face after another...this one looked too old...this one too small...the next one was part pit bull...and another was cowering in the corner...that one was barking way too much, and some I just plain did not connect with. Then there he was, sitting in the front corner of the cage so to be seen, but sitting calmly and quietly, seemingly shy, but not at all cowering. He was somewhere between puppyhood and adolescence, a bit more than knee high, with tawny but rather mottled coloring, a long, pointy, freckled nose, small ears that stood at the top of his head and then flopped forward and those eyes...sweet and loving as the night is long. The sign on his pen said "Male Australian Shepard mix, 3 months old, stray, available for adoption." I stopped and talked to him for a bit and went to find Xoxa. "I found him!" I exclaimed, as I dragged him from the aisle he was in and back to where the puppy waited. The pup was still sitting calmly, just as I had left him. We reached in through the chain link fence with our fingertips and petted him as best as we could on the nose. He stared gratefully at us through the cage. "Incredible," I thought, "such a humble, gentle and kind looking baby." We had the attendant remove him from his pen and bring him to the office where they allowed prospective adopters visitation time with the animals they are interested in rescuing. We spent a long time with him. He was a bit nervous at first, but in no time he was playing with a ball and interacting with us comfortably.

The decision was made - he was definitely the one. I picked my three boys up from school and took them back to the pound to meet the puppy. They adored him and together we went and filled out the necessary papers to adopt him. We had to wait a few days so that he could be examined and neutered, but he was ours! It was decided that he would be named Jack, which seemed appropriate since that is also the term used for a male donkey.

There was a two-week delay in the closing of the sale of the station. Dennis needed more time to move a lifetime's worth of stuff out of the house, the barn, the bunkhouse, and the loading dock. It had to have been a very hard thing for him to do, so we were glad to give him all the time he needed. I could not keep Jack in the apartment for that time, so my ex-husband was good enough to allow Jack to stay at our Arcadia home that he occupied. I visited him daily so that we could bond. Finally the day came for us to move into the station. After spending the day moving all of my stuff out of my apartment and into my new mountain home, we made one last trip to bring Jack up the hill. He sat nervously in the back huddled in my son Patrick's lap. He did not seem too fond of car rides, but that did not matter, he would not be doing much of that where he was going. As we traveled the winding mountain road to the station, Jack got increasingly restless and he began to pant. Suddenly he got to his feet and with one giant heave, dumped his entire lunch on poor Patrick's lap. Pandemonium broke out in the back seat, as the boys all tried to get as far as possible from poor carsick Jack. I pulled the car over, got everyone out and cleaned off, and we continued the trip to the top without further incident.

Dennis was kind enough to leave behind a hand built doghouse that was painted hunter green and white to match our own home. On each side of the door leading into the house was a set of antlers, giving it a rustic mountain dog feel. There was an old sofa left behind in the bunkhouse that we were throwing away, and the cushions on it were the perfect size to line the doghouse floor. We moved the doghouse to a raised cement slab next to the house and under the cover of a large bay tree to keep him as close and as dry as possible. Once we got him accustomed to the area, this was to be Jack's new home.



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