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## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2008



Sierra Madre Middle School promoted their 8th Grade Class on Tuesday, sending the next crop of freshman to a variety of High Schools in the area. The Ceremony included recognition of students for their civic and academic achievements during the year.

Jacob Bartlett, Student Council President was the student speaker for the event. Valedictorian speeches were given by Jocelyn Berndt and Evan Prochaska (right).



Ninety-four students participated in the ceremony. Sierra Madre Middle School is part of the Pasadena Unified School District. It enjoys strong community support from local businesses and civic organizations in the city.

Photos By Dean Lee

## SMVFD TO SERVE AS GRAND MARSHAL

Eighty-seven years after the Sierra Madre Fire Department was founded, the 52-person group has been designated the 2008 Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshals. The Parade is scheduled for Friday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Matt Bosse, chairman of the Fourth of July Committee, announced the choice over the weekend.

Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief, said, "It's a great honor and we're pleased to lead this terrific annual Parade."

Bosse said, "Our committee took into consideration the outstanding job our local department did during the April 27 - May 2 fire above Sierra Madre, as well as the aid during the mud slides. This is the sort of quality protection we have every day in Sierra Madre. Our Fire Department is the only volunteer Fire Department in Los Angeles County, and we're extremely proud of them."

Heydorff, who became fire chief four months ago, has implemented a Fire Department Academy to build the department. Over the past weekend 16 new firefighters graduated after an 18-week, 300-hour course.

Another opportunity to build the Fire Department came with the inclusion of the 28-member new paramedic department, which is headed by Greg Christmas. Now, there are sleeping quarters in the department building and, according to Heydorff, newly added out-of-town firefighters have a place to sleep during their 24-hour shifts.

Heydorff described the April 27 - May 3 Santa Anita fire scare. He called the result of a "full brush assignment" that soon drew six other departments besides Sierra Madre: the Forestry Service, Monrovia, Arcadia, San Marino, L.A. County and Pasadena. Later, departments came from as far away as 400 miles to assist. There were ultimately 1,055 firefighters on the job. After four days there were 534 acres involved. There were 12 aircraft involved in the fire-fighting: five fixed wing and seven helicopters.

Heydorff said, "It shows that when you have fires like that which outgrow your capabilities, mutual aid departments join you because you all speak the same language."

He added, "June is the month for brush inspection, usually not fire suppression. Here we are, earlier than the usual fire season with no winds and yet we had this incident." Neither the total cost nor the cause of the fire is determined yet.

Heydorff explained that the Sierra Madre Firefighters Association, headed by Bill Messersmith, is the fundraising and philanthropic arm and is not associated with the City.

Messersmith named some of the philanthropic and fundraising done by the Association: Children's Easter egg hunt, Christmas Eve Santa visit; Christmas dance (their major fundraiser); pancake breakfast, summer programs at the library, sponsor of youth activities such as Fix the Field and Little League baseball, and many more.

Congratulate these men and women of the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department at the Fourth of July Parade.

## SMPD OFFICERS FILE GRIEVANCES

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## Webb-Martin Realtors Merges With Dickson-Podley

By Bill Coburn

Judy Webb-Martin announced to her sales staff recently that the company she has run for twenty-one years was now merging with Dickson-Podley Realtors, a real estate firm with five other existing offices.

"This is something I've been thinking about for the last couple of years. I've loved being the owner of the company, it's been a wonderful experience, but my husband and I love traveling, and we love going up to June Lake, and it just seemed like the right time to make the decision to merge with Dickson-Podley, a well-respected company. They have the same mental set, the same feelings that I have created with Webb-Martin Realtors, and so it's a wonderful marriage."

Webb-Martin said that she will continue working, along with her partner Katie Orth. "We're looking forward to using all the new technology and all the resources that Dickson-Podley are going to be able to give a small company such as Webb-Martin. And the Webb-Martin name will be a part of the Dickson-Podley name here in Sierra Madre... they're joining our firm and our community and we really do look forward to many years of successful partnership. Dickson-Podley will go forward with the community involvement that we at Webb-Martin have been a part of, as Webb-Martin has been a big part of this community for years."

Webb-Martin emphasized that she is not retiring, but that with administrative aspects of the business being taken over by Dickson-Podley, "that will free me to take care of my clients, in listing and

in selling." She added that the Hotel Shirley building has nothing to do with the transaction, it's strictly the business.

"We're going to be moving more agents into our office, they're going to be expanding the office and bringing more technology into the office...and we're going to be bigger and better and stronger than ever."

Webb-Martin also stated that all the Webb-Martin agents are staying on, and they're very excited about the opportunities that the Dickson-Podley office will be bringing to us and our joint effort in serving Sierra Madre and the outlying communities better."

According to Bill Podley, CEO of Dickson-Podley Realtors, he worked with Jim Dickson back in the 1970s. Jim Dickson Realty was started in 1957. After leaving for a time to run his own company, Podley, Caughey, & Doan Realtors, Podley teamed up five years ago with Dickson's son, Chris Dickson to form Dickson-Podley Realtors, which currently



Judy Webb-Martin and Bill Podley

Photo By Bill Coburn

has more than 150 sales associates and thirty support staff members. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to join with Judy and her team. It's a natural addition to our coverage of the San Gabriel Valley, in terms of culture, philosophy and local ownership," said Podley. "Sierra Madre is a wonderful community."

Podley added that the actual terms of the deal won't be official until August 1, but this seemed like a good time to inform the community of the upcoming changes.

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## Weather Wise



### 5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

**Mon:** Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s  
**Tues:** Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s  
**Wed:** Sunny Hi 70s Lows 50s  
**Thur:** Sunny Hi 80s Lows 50s  
**Fri:** Sunny Hi 80s Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## Sierra Madre Honors... Recognition Nominations

This is an exciting event and the City's opportunity to recognize and honor the true treasures of Sierra Madre, its volunteers, City Commissioners and employees. Sierra Madre Honors... Recognition and Appreciation Dinner will recognize all out-going City Commissioners as well as extraordinary community members, organizations and employees. Please take a moment to review the awards listed below and nominate any person you feel is eligible for such an honor. Selection of the awardees will be made from nominations submitted to the Mayor's Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of past recipients, employees and volunteers. Applications are due no later than July 28th.

To nominate a member of the Sierra Madre Community for one of the Awards, please include the

person's name, phone number, address, and 1-page explanation of nomination along with your name and phone number, and return to City Hall, the Community Recreation Center or email to [city@ci.sierramadre.ca.us](mailto:city@ci.sierramadre.ca.us).

George Maurer Lifetime Service Award

Presented to a person/entity that most strongly represents a commitment to serving and volunteering, which is the true

spirit of Sierra Madre.

Wistaria Award  
In recognition of City/Community partnership, presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City/Community of Sierra Madre have demonstrated a true partnership which assists in and provides services, programs or enhances the general welfare of the community as a whole.

Police Chief's Special Award

Presented by the Sierra Madre Chief of Police to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty (employee) or service (community) in resolving a community law enforcement-related issue.

Public Safety Award  
Presented by the Mayor to an individual, either an employee or citizen, who took action to protect and maintain the safety of the community by taking lifesaving action.

Public Service Award  
Employee of the Year - presented by the Mayor upon the recommendation of the City Manager to an extraordinary city employee who has represented remarkable customer and public service as well as dedication to the citizens of Sierra Madre over the course of a year.

## Sierra Madre Farmer's Market

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

## RAY BRADBURY'S "FAHRENHEIT 451" AT FREMONT CENTRE THEATRE

A paternalistic government suspends basic individual liberties in the name of preserving the security of the homeland. That could never happen here. Could it?

Firemen in a world of the near future don't put out fires. They start them. They burn books. Reading is banned in the interest of maintaining a becalmed, dumbed-down society. People are spoon-fed contrived TV "reality" shows in which viewers participate in the action. But the human intellect and instinct for freedom can't be completely denied and a rebellious few will read books regardless of the consequences. One of the rebels is a fireman himself. But the fire department has a weapon of terror, a killing machine, a robot hound who can hunt down offenders and destroy them.

Can rebel fireman Montag and his friends save our cultural heritage from being crushed beneath the grinding heel of a fascist authority? Will Montag and the resistance be able to survive?

First published in 1953, Ray Bradbury's classic science fiction novel "Fahrenheit 451" is eerily prescient and is as wrenchingly relevant now as it was on the day it first appeared. It has previously been made into a film (by Truffaut), an opera, and a play (performed professionally in L.A. at the El Rey thirty-one years ago; a later version played at the Falcon in 2002). Now Ray Bradbury's masterpiece returns, opening at the Fremont Centre Theatre on April 19.

Best known as the world's most famous living writer of science fiction novels and short stories, Mr. Bradbury's output extends to different genres and media (his classic screenplay for John Huston's film of "Moby Dick"; his tales of Ireland in "Green Shadows, White Whale"; historical fiction in "A Medicine For Melancholy"; his stories on his TV series "Ray Bradbury Theater"; his screenplay for the feature film "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit"; much more). He is a recipient of the National Medal of Arts (U.S., 2004), and a Commander of Arts and Letters (France, 2007).

Alan Neal Hubbs, resident director of Ray Bradbury's Pandemonium Theatre Company, helms the Pandemonium in this new production. John Edw. Blankenchip contributes production design. Lighting design: Peter Strauss. Costume design: Susanne Klein. Production stage manager: Elliott Woodruff.

The cast includes David Polcyn, Michael Prichard, Roses Prichard, Steven Robert Wollenberg, Matthew Bond, Lee Holmes, Grady Hutt, Robert Kerr, Eddie Ruiz, Joan Jack, Paul Bond, Andy Sell, Jessica D. Stone, Tanya Mounsey and Philip Sokoloff.

WHAT: "Fahrenheit 451". The science fiction classic.

WHO: Written by Ray Bradbury. Based on his novel. Directed by Alan Neal Hubbs. Produced by Ray Bradbury and by Racquel Lehrman, Theatre Planners for Ray Bradbury's Pandemonium Theatre Company. A visiting production at Fremont Centre Theatre.

WHERE: Fremont Centre Theatre, 1000 Fremont Ave. (at El Centro), South Pasadena, CA 91030. Abundant free parking behind theatre.

WHEN: NOW through July 26, 2008. Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 3 p.m. Also performing Thursdays June 12, 19 and 26 at 8 p.m. Dark on July 4.

ADMISSION: \$20. Seniors \$15. Students \$10.

RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION: (323) 960-4451.

ONLINE TICKETING: [www.Plays411.com/raybradbury](http://www.Plays411.com/raybradbury)

# June Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>16</b> Community Services Commission Council Chambers 6:30 pm	Tree Advisory Commission Council Chambers - 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Planning Commission	HFF Splish & Splash, Sierra Madre Pool - 9:00 am POA Car Show, Downtown Sierra Madre	<b>21</b>	
<b>23</b> Summer Reading Club Begins	<b>24</b> City Council Council Chambers 6:30 pm	<b>25</b> Library Board of Trustees, City Council Conference Room - 7:00 pm	Art Opening In City Hall	<b>27</b>		

## 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., Swazze 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 \$1.00.

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.

On Sunday, July 13, at 6:00 p.m., The High Strung rock band will appear in the Spectacular Summer Sounds outdoor concert series at Memorial Park in Sierra Madre. For the past three years, this quirky, energetic band from Detroit, hailed by Rolling Stone Magazine, The New York Times and the Village Voice as "One of the best rock bands in America," has toured the country, performing on behalf of libraries and literacy. Known for their wit and lyrical bravado, the trio has appeared on MTV and National Public Radio, and full-length articles on the band have been featured in Entertainment Weekly, Magnet, Harp, and Spin magazines. Their debut album, These Are the Good Times, was named by pop culture critic Ken Tucker as one of the Top 10 Rock Records of 2003.

This concert is part of the Sierra Madre Library's Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. Memorial Park is located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. For more information on this, and other Library programs and services, please call 626-355-7186, or visit the Library's website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us).

Volunteer to Serve on a City Commission  
The City is looking for motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and friendly volunteers to serve on the following Commissions:  
• Community Services • Planning • Senior Community  
For an application, visit [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com)  
For more information please call (626) 355-7135

## AUTHOR HUGH ROSS SPEAKS TO KIWANIS

*The public is invited to the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Clubs meeting on June 24, 2008 at 12:00 noon to hear Author Hugh Ross as he speaks about Science and Technology.*

*"Both science and theology have much to say about the beginnings and the meaning of life, but the scarcity of helpful and productive dialogue has been overwhelmed by fierce rhetoric and ardently defended positions. When did life begin? Did life arise by chance? Does the universe display evidence of order? Philosophers, theologians, and scientists rarely agree, leaving many of life's fundamental questions unanswered and inquiring minds bewildered.....Drawing from his experience as a scientist and his background as a philosopher and Christian apologist, Ross weighs in on the controversy, and confronts naturalist and skeptical notions of creation and order."*

*Lunch will be served. Guests who wish to eat lunch should contact Hank Landsburg, President at 626-355-3656. The lecture is free. Lunch for non-members is \$11.00. The Kiwanis Club meets at the Masonic Temple on E. Sierra Madre Blvd.*

## FIRE FUND ESTABLISHED

A Santa Anita Fire Fund has been set up with the Sierra Madre Community Foundation to help the City pay for the cost of fighting the Santa Anita Fire. Donations can be sent to:

SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
PO Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025  
Checks should be made out to "SMCF/CCF" with "Santa Anita Fire Fund" in the memo.

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation is an affiliate of the California Community Foundation, a non profit charitable corporation. All donations are tax-deductible as allowable by law.

## Dog Day Afternoon

With a splish splash dog owners flocked to Sierra Vista Park Saturday morning to get their pets washed at this year's Doggie Day. Organizers said it was hard to tell but estimated that the event drew about 50 dogs.

"The main purpose of the event was to do the vaccinations and the dog licensing," said Adam Matseumoto the city's Community Personal and Human Services Recreation Coordinator. "And then we added in the dog booths, vendors and the other things.

Matseumoto said the event was done different this year. "People sign up though the Pasadena Humane Society," he said. "We aren't doing vaccinations right here anymore. I think that has caused a slight drop in the number of dogs we have out here."

He said they got 19 dogs owners to sign up for vaccinations who will now have to drive to the Pasadena Humane Society to fulfill their pledge.

The total number of dogs licensed was not known at the time he said. "They have to get the vaccinations before the dogs license so we focused on that."

The dog wash was run by The Interact Club of Sierra Madre, a community service club for teenagers ages 14-18.

The club is part of The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre. Organizers said they made \$293. Small dogs were \$10 to wash and the bigger ones were \$16. All the money will go to fund group activities. The dog wash was also an opportunity for them to talk about water conservation which is their big campaign.

Photos & Story By Dean Lee

# Sisters

A heartwarming journey

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and  
Jennifer Keller

Music Performed By  
Melissa Knox  
and  
Gemma Gaudio

Assistant Director  
Joan Ehlers

Lighting  
Austin Andrews

Sound  
Hal Thomas

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## Church of the Ascension to Host 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.

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 (north-east corner of Baldwin and Laurel) in Sierra Madre. For further information, please call the church office at 626/355-1133.

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# OFFICERS FILE GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE CITY

Although voters in Sierra Madre recently passed Measure U which levied a utility tax on residents in order to pay for public safety – police, fire, paramedics, there are still some unhappy campers among the Sierra Madre Police Department’s rank and file. Several grievances have been filed against the city as management changes are implemented in order to reduce the cost of operating the department.

According to Police Chief Marilyn Diaz, an effort is underway to “insure our department runs more efficiently and that we decrease overtime costs”.

According to sources, many officers are upset with recent changes to schedules and assignments. In particular, changes in schedules from three 12 hour days to five 8 hour days is “making a hardship” on the rank and file. Other issues include the assignments of some officers.

Funds from the Utility Tax will not be available until sometime in July, and even then, as indicated during the campaign, they may not be sufficient to cover the costs of running the department. In addition, passage of Measure U did not eradicate other budget problems the city is facing. In his recent State Of The City Address, Mayor Kurt Zimmerman warned of tough decisions that will have to be made as a result.

SMPD faces many of the same challenges as other departments in the area. Budget cuts are difficult to manage. And, even in a town as small as Sierra Madre, the Iraq war plays a role. Currently, there are at least two officers out on Military Leave, and that, according to Diaz, adds to the need to rearrange schedules.

Representatives of the Police Officers Association could not be reached at press time.

Staff/MVO

**One Of A Kind:**  
*Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them*  
Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand  
Cynthia Bennett’s company does it all...  
From architectural design to general contracting, to furnishings, to the artwork on the wall!



Top: A traditional, formal living room.  
From Left: The sculpture in the foyer is included as a specific, detailed touch to make the home seem more complete as a whole. The whimsical cat door is a light-hearted piece of whimsy for everyday enjoyment. Cynthia Bennett pauses while planning the details on a new project to smile for the camera.

Those in the know often look to Cynthia Bennett and her company for leadership in cutting edge interior design, home remodeling and now, new construction. Since she was first licensed as a general contractor in 1983, Bennett quickly established herself in the forefront of all things residential and high end in LA. She believes it’s through her rare ability to “see the jobs all the way through, from inception to the last bit of furniture and accessories... It turns out the way I envisioned it.”

Early in her career, she was stunned when many of the jobs she designed weren’t completed the way she had planned. A substitution here, a cost adjustment there, and pretty soon the original cohesive plan she had designed had been changed to something else. After beginning remodeling kitchens only, one thing led another, literally.

“A kitchen project led to converting a service porch. Since that went so well... how about adding a bedroom above the porch? Before we knew it, we were into all kinds of additions and remodels.” She set her sights on becoming a complete, full service company, and in the ensuing 25 years, developed a company that plans a project, works through the building department, builds it, then decorates the property, down to the artwork and accessories. All in-house.

Bennett and her staff of fourteen architects, interior designers, construction managers and more work out of a vintage Craftsman bungalow in South Pasadena, where Fair Oaks meets the 110. From there they insert “an enormous amount of detail into our plans. Everything is specifically called out, down to the hardware and cabinets before we begin.”

To start, she asks her clients to complete a detailed, five page questionnaire about their lifestyles, including minutiae like, “Are you left or right handed? How tall are you? (To adjust counter height). How are you going to use this room?” These days, she comments, “More than just bathing takes place in the bath. We might want to install an espresso station in the master bath, if the client enjoys coffee while prepping in the bath. From that data, we take the client’s ideas and make them work. We try to make all the decisions before we start construction. That eliminates the stress of last minute faucet decisions.

She featured a new, dual application product in her area in last year’s ASID designer showcase at Descanso Gardens. Special bedroom and bath mirrors hid tv units. When they’re off, they function like any other mirror. When the television is in use, it shines right through the mirror, minimizing the clutter and technology intrusion.

In that all-important pre-project questionnaire, there’s a special section on the household’s pets. “We seem to have a lot of clientele whose cat or dogs are their ‘children,’ so it’s fun customizing home details to accommodate these important members of the family.” Special built-ins and pullouts, for instance, hide pet supplies in intricate pantry layouts, and custom pet food niches prevent trips and spills.

A whimsical feline cutout serves as the cat door at a Toluca Lake producer’s home I had the opportunity to tour recently. The home’s understated elegance features a traditional look in the living room, yet everywhere Bennett’s inspiration brings beautiful materials together in unusual ways. For instance, an artisan papered the walls with thousands of sheets of torn paper, then Bennett had a color and iridescence applied. The seams at the corners of the room separate this great installer from a merely good one, particularly in the heavy papers used here.

The dining room repeats a circular motif in the table and custom lighting, for a refined, yet more contemporary flair within the traditional Georgian framework of the home. Gorgeous hardwood flooring, refinished by local contractors, Pasadena Wood Floors, was tinted to nearly black for a dramatic, yet neutral foundation. The goal was to retain enough translucence to allow the custom detailing, including the walnut border strip and metal corner inserts from yesteryear to shine through in a new way.

The layers above the floor include a Bennett signature combination of intricate millwork, leather bound panels, silk draperies in two patterns, European wallpaper, leading up to an inset ceiling of Venetian plaster showcased by indirect lighting.

The dramatic artwork chosen for the foyer was Bennett’s pièce de resistance. She had the South American sculptor’s work crated and sent over from a gallery on the Westside, fairly confident her long standing relationship and understanding of the client would translate into delight at his eight foot tall sculpture. It did. It stands there proudly today, blending tradition, contemporary and eclectic in just the right mix to match the client’s lifestyle and personality.

Even before her professional training, Bennett had an eye for space planning and remodeling. While living in the Netherlands, she remodeled a 1670’s era building from a bicycle shop back into a home with inspired style and panache. Eventually, the word around Amsterdam was, “Go see that American woman! She did a great job on her house!” Bennett saw from that experience, that she really enjoyed the process, and thinks she was “supposed” to do this. She loves and thrives on the constantly evolving changes in the design industry. Not many can wear so many hats so well.

For more information about Cynthia Bennett Associates, Inc., visit [www.CynthiaBennett.com](http://www.CynthiaBennett.com) or call them in South Pasadena at 626-799-9701.



Chris Bertrand



# Mountain Clymer Jack the Wander Dog (formerly known as “Jack the Wonder Dog”) Part 2

By Kim Clymer-Kelley

It did not take long for Jack to become accustomed to his new home, though it took awhile to figure out some of the boundaries of his new acquaintances. One donkey, a rather round and shaggy fellow named “Slim”, had a major issue with those of the canine persuasion. Jack, being instinctively a herding dog, felt that he had an obligation to assert some sort of control over the donkeys, though he had not quite figured out exactly what he was supposed to do or how to do it, he just knew that he was supposed to do something, and that something somehow involved chasing and barking. Slim quickly informed him of how he was NOT supposed to do things by chasing poor Jack around the lower corral with his head down, charging like an angry bull. When he had seemingly successfully chased Jack off, he turned and walked away with an air of great satisfaction at having put the poor pup in his place, but Jack did not quite get the message. Again he attempted to assert control over the ornery animal and followed him, barking and nipping at his heels. Without losing a step and with one flick of his rear leg, Slim launched his unsuspecting nemesis clear across pen. Though I am sure it hurt plenty, Jack did have a bit of a flair for the dramatic as a pup, he immediately began to scream at the top of his lungs and ran quickly to me for protection and sympathy. I held him and comforted him as he continued yelping. I examined him for evidence of serious injury and could find none but a small cut above his eye. When he finally stopped his fussing I let him go and he walked away as though nothing had happened. It would seem that a lesson as severe as that would have been well learned, but no one ever accused Jack of being a whiz kid.

Jack learned many lessons in proper procedure from Slim and from other sources over the next few months, mostly the hard way. He had to learn what his role was when we were on the trail. He had to learn about all of the dangers of the mountains and how to find his way around them, and he had to learn to listen to me when we were working. He also took it upon himself to figure out how to work the canyon and its many visitors. On the hillside, just outside the gates of the station, is a large shady picnic grove with picnic tables and barbeque grills. On the weekends, it was packed with picnickers. Jack was no dummy when it came to mooching. He mastered just the perfect touch for getting handouts, and would spend most weekend days when were not packing, working the picnic grove. Jack was always a slim and fit animal. In the dark his silhouette resembled that of a coyote - long legs, lean body, pointy nose. I think many thought from his appearance that he was a starving stray. That, coupled with his humble, sweet, and unthreatening demeanor, gained instant sympathy and food from unsuspecting guests. Little did they know they were dealing with the canine equivalent of Yogi the Bear. When we were on the trail packing, he put his talent to use by working the campgrounds as we passed through them.

There is not a cub scout or boy scout alive that could resist his charms. Eventually he developed such a fan club, that the scouts would stop by the station and ask if they could take Jack with them on their campout. I would bag up some food and give them his leash and he would happily spend the weekend with them playing and eating. There were times when he would leave with me on a pack and would slip away somewhere along the trip, deciding to stay with one of the cabin owners or at the campground with some campers. Other times, when we were at the station and the picnic grove was not yielding anything great, he would pack up and head off to one of the campgrounds to see what was cooking there. He would either wander home later in the evening, or be returned the next day by someone who had happily shared their meal and tent with him the night before. At first, I worried about him getting lost and not returning home, but I grew to realize that he had total command of the mountains. He was as much a part of them as any of the wild things there.

His journeys were not motivated just by food, sometimes he just went for the adventure or exercise, I think. On more than one occasion, early morning hikers parking in the station’s lot got to have the pleasure of Jack’s company on their long hike to Mt. Wilson. The trip to Wilson is a 7 ½

mile uphill journey that takes several hours, so a little companionship was usually greatly appreciated. On one such trip, Jack and his companion arrived at the top of Mt. Wilson just in time to bump into a troop of scouts who were headed out on a weekend hiking and camping trip to Henniger Flats, a campground about 7 miles further east on the trails that led from Wilson. Jack dumped his first companion for the scout troop, and followed them all the way to their destination. He spent the night with them and the next morning I got a call from the LA County fire fighters who were stationed there informing me that Jack was visiting and asking me to meet them at the bottom of the Mt. Wilson Toll Road to pick him up. On several other occasions I got calls from the residents at the top of Mt. Wilson telling me that Jack was up there playing in the snow. One such call came one evening as I was returning home from a pack and unloading the animals. I finished what I was doing and hopped in the car to make the hour long trip around to the back country and up to the top of Wilson. Once there, I tromped through the snow, combing the area and calling for Jack. There was no response and no sign of Jack anywhere. I returned home, a bit upset that I could not find him, but relatively confident that he would show up sooner or later. When I pulled into the lot at home, there he was. He had apparently arrived home at about the same time I arrived at the top of the mountain to search for him, which means that he covered the 7 ½ mile trail home in about an hour or an hour and a half...in the dark.

Jack mastered his job on the trail as well as he did the terrain of the mountains. When we hit the trails, he always assumed the lead, a position that he, and he alone, was allowed to hold. If another dog accompanied us on the trip, he was immediately informed that he was to maintain a position somewhere behind Jack, preferably behind the entire string of animals. They usually fell into position and stayed there. Jack knew what he was doing. He trotted ahead and kept a nice distance in front of the rest of us. If he encountered a snake on the trail he would stop, bark at it, and let it get out of the way, and in doing so, gave warning to me that I needed to stop as well. He would also stop if he heard mountain bikers coming. They would see him on the trail and slow down or stop giving all of us enough time and warning to avoid being startled or worse, to avoid a collision. I am sure that Jack knew just what he was doing and just why he had to be out front. He was protecting the rest of us, and he understood that was his job and took it very seriously.

Jack was retired and moved from the station with me into Sierra Madre. Though I considered it, I could not bear leaving him behind. He has packed on a few pounds and is not in the shape that he was when he was a working dog, but he does get to return to his beloved mountain roots



Ben and Jack, Photo by David Nickoloff

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# PAYING THE PIPER

*Environmental Commentary from Susan Henderson*

**pay** (v): *to requite according to what is deserved;*  
**The Piper** (n): *one that offers strong but delusive enticement*

This week, as my head was already hurting from polluted air and I could hardly breathe from aggravated sinuses, when I heard of the President's desire to begin offshore drilling exploration again. My mind immediately focused on two things, almost simultaneously. First of all, I thought about why my head and sinuses were aggravated and secondly, my thoughts turned to the crisis our family has been dealing with since November. Seven months ago my niece, age 47, was diagnosed with fourth stage multiple myeloma, an incurable form of cancer. It is really difficult watching this once vibrant young woman and her parents cope. The entire family has an overwhelming feeling of helplessness. And, while we understand that life is full of challenges, it was quite disturbing to hear Wanda's doctor say, "Multiple Myeloma? Oh that's definitely an 'environmental' disease."

An *environmental disease*<sup>1</sup> - meaning a malady caused by disease causing agents in our surroundings – an illness that could have totally been prevented?! Our family is just one of millions that is currently experiencing the backlash of nature for what we have done to this earth. If you are reading this anywhere in Los Angeles County, you too are a victim of our own doing – this air is killing us. Literally. And now the President wants to lift the ban on Offshore drilling – for what, more exposure to environmental diseases?

Unlike the *ostrichesque*<sup>2</sup> debate over Global Warming, there is a long list of indisputable illnesses that we have caused to rain down upon us including (*partial listing*): Allergies, Asthma, Autism, Birth Defects, Cancer, Dermatitis, Emphysema/Lung Diseases, Lupus, and Parkinson's Disease. That is not to say that we would not have any of these diseases without environmental pollutants, but their incidence has definitely increased as our society becomes more reckless. And, unlike some may say about global warming, most of us have easily identifiable, up close and personal experiences with these diseases.

Over the years, our society has been quick to embrace use of the agents that advance the progress of life altering illnesses simply because their use made 'our lives easier' or 'made it a whole lot cheaper' or displaced one pest with another. Most of us paid very little attention to the long term effects. Too many still don't pay attention. And for those who do pay attention, we have learned that we cannot rely on most politicians or big business to tell us the truth. So, because of our rush for a quick fix, we have been taken advantage of and it is our own fault.

*Remember how convenient and cool we thought those styrofoam containers and non-biodegradable cups were? Well, when we throw them away and trash is burned, even at the dump, what do we get?* Dioxins! Dioxins are extremely dangerous compounds that form when items containing carbon and chlorine are burned. Dioxins have been linked to cancer, developmental and reproductive disorders, and birth defects. Dioxins can enter the food chain when airborne ashes settle on feed crops and bodies of water. These dioxins are then consumed by domestic meat and dairy animals, and accumulate in the fat of these animals. Dioxins then enter the human body when we consume these meat, fish, and dairy products where they may persist for months or years.

*So do we still welcome the convenience?*

*Remember when we got rid of those glass bottles and found out we could use plastic for almost anything?* Well, one of the 90 hazardous byproducts created from burning certain trash are Endocrine Disruptors - chemicals that may interfere with the body's endocrine system and produce adverse developmental, reproductive, neurological, and immune effects in both humans and wildlife. A wide range of substances are believed to cause endocrine disruption, including pharmaceuticals, DDT and other pesticides, and plasticizers such as bisphenol A. We can find these disrupters in many everyday products– plastic bottles, metal food cans, detergents, flame retardants, food, toys, cosmetics, and pesticides developmental, reproductive, neurological and immune effects.

*Do you think you might just prefer milk in a glass container now?*

*Cheaper, Cheaper, Cheaper -Pound Wise And Penny Foolish:* We always go for cheap, mass production. We don't care what is used. Take for instance - lead. Although found in the earth's crust, because of its abundance this highly toxic, low cost, long lasting metal and its compounds are in paint, ceramics, pipes, solders, gasoline, batteries, and cosmetics we use today. Lead exposure is widespread: lead-based paint in older homes, contaminated soil, household dust, drinking water, lead crystal, and lead-glazed pottery. Extreme exposure can cause lack of muscular coordination, convulsions and coma. Lower lead levels have been connected to noticeable changes in children's mental development and behavior such as hyperactivity, deficient motor function, hand-eye coordination and reaction time, and lowered performance on intelligence tests. Chronic lead exposure in adults can result in increased blood pressure, decreased fertility, cataracts, nerve disorders, muscle and joint pain, and memory or concentration problems. *So the question is, was cheaper better?*

*And, Oh to live a bug free life:* Pesticides - A pesticide is any substance used to kill, repel, or control certain forms of plant or animal life that are considered to be pests and includes herbicides used for killing weeds. It also includes fungicides which are used to prevent the growth of molds and mildew, disinfectants for killing bacteria, and compounds used to control mice and rats. Because of their widespread use in food production, we are exposed to low levels of pesticide residues through our diets. According to most scientists, children are particularly susceptible to exposure from pesticides. We may also be exposed to pesticides used in a variety of settings including homes, schools, hospitals, and our places of business. *Maybe the 'pests' weren't so bad after all.*

*But now back to the latest quick fix – offshore drilling,because these gas prices are killing us.* So the President has decided that in order to deal with the price of oil, we need another quick fix. Let's lift the ban on offshore drilling exploration. People will like that. They have always gone for the 'okey doke'. Drilling operations, whether for exploratory gas or oil or developmental gas or oil, produce enormous quantities of waste. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of drilling muds discharge toxic metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium. The water they produce contains dangerous levels of carcinogens and radioactive materials such as benzene, toluene and arsenic<sup>3</sup>. So while it may reduce the price of gas (and many say it won't), the offsetting medical costs are no comparison.

Haven't we learned anything from our insatiable quest to have it all? To have the easiest, quickest, cheapest fix for any situation? A fly swatter would have been a hell of a lot better than any pesticide. A cat for the rats. A little elbow grease will kill the weeds with much better consequences. And I won't even start on the progression of the automobile in this society. We have enjoyed the ride until now. But now we should be able to see the light – albeit there is a 'haze' over it. We must certainly realize that it is time for responsible changes in the way we think and live.

This is not a political issue. Environmental diseases strike Democrats, Republicans and even Green Party members. There is no distinction in who suffers. We all do. We have paid a very high price for convenience and so-called efficiency. We can't turn the clock back, and we can't continue forward like we have been either. We simply have to take responsibility for our own lives and not let propaganda, greed, and apathy 'cloud' our thinking.

Please note, there is no suggestion that this author is any less a consumer of things not necessarily good for us than anyone else. My car is too big, it took me too long to get rid of the cheapest light bulbs and use CFLs. I am only *Johnnetta Come Lately* regarding which pesticides are used for my lawn, etc., etc., etc. However, I have made quite a bit of progress in correcting the error of my ways. The problem for people like myself and actually, all of us, it may be a little too late.

So let's recognize that the Piper has collected enough from us. It's time to run him out of town...off the face of the earth so we can try to save it.



*San Gabriel Valley Smog in 1972.... Look familiar?*

Photo Courtesy of ametsoc.org

1 For complete listing and more information go to: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/atoz/>  
2 *Ostrichesque* – a term used to describe those who would rather stick their heads in the sand than face the reality of the crisis. There are at least 31,000 such....per Rich!  
3 <http://www.sierraclub.org/wildlands/coasts/factsheets/120507-gasleases.pdf>



## Fire Safe Council

### “Announcements and Observations”

Around the state early June brought wildfires in the mountains east of Santa Cruz and three other areas in northern California. A freeway brush fire destroyed more than fifty homes in Stockton. Sierra Madre experienced it's first April wildfire. In May mud and debris flow came with a light spring rain not a winter deluge. Last October and November when we were on Red Flag Alert throughout the southland, Sierra Madre was waiting for the fires to come to our foothills. The waiting was agonizing. California is experiencing year round fire season due to continuing drought. There is still a lot of hillside yet to burn above us and we still need to be cautious. The hillsides above Sierra Madre consist on

average of 50 degree slopes. Mud and debris flow becomes the next natural disaster to be averted. Homes need to be protected from mud and debris flow by diversion measures onto the street and not onto neighboring properties. This is our Fire and Flood cycle we learn to live with.

Questions about replanting the burned areas have been asked and Mother Nature is answering: leave it be. You can look to the hillsides and see the recovery underway. Each burned stump is showing green at the base. The root systems are still in place and activated by the heat of the fire. The seed bank is not destroyed by the fire but ready to sprout when the moisture, at the right time, in the right amount is present.

The next Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council meeting is July 7, 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. For information call 355-9350 or 355-0741.

## Local Fire Safe Councils Receive Grants from State

By Bill Coburn



Jackie Gibson of the Big Santa Anita Canyon Fire Safe Council, left, and Caroline Brown of the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, 2nd from right, display checks in the amount of \$1,000 presented to their respective agencies by Bruce Turbeville, chairman and CEO of the State FSC, as FSC Executive Director Margaret Grayson looks on. Photo by Bill Coburn

After receiving a \$150,000 grant from Farmer's Insurance last week, the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) shared the wealth with two local Fire Safe Councils (FSC), the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council and the Big Santa Anita Canyon Fire Safe Council, honoring them for their work during the Santa Anita Fire which started April 26<sup>th</sup> and was declared contained on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The fire burned more than 500 acres in the San Gabriel mountains behind Sierra Madre.

Caroline Brown accepted a check in the amount of \$1,000 on behalf of the Sierra Madre FSC and Jackie Gibson accepted a similar check on behalf of the Big Santa Anita Canyon FSC. The bulk of the larger donation by Farmer's will be used to fund the development and implementation of a series of workshops titled "Together is Better."

The California Fire Safe Council is California's leading community-based statewide wildfire prevention organization. Its mission is to mobilize Californians to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires, through public education programs and by funding community fire safety projects. There are approximately 130 independently operated local Fire Safe Councils in California. More information about the California Fire Safe Council can be found online at [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org).

On hand for the presentation were Bruce Turbeville, chairman, founder and CEO of the CFSC, Brown and Gibson of the local FSCs, Mark Toohey, Senior VP of media relations for Farmer's, Farmer's Director of Media Relations (and CFSC Board Member) Jerry Davies, and more than a dozen local Farmer's agents, as well

as Sierra Madre Fire Marshal Rich Snyder.

"It's a sad truth that wildfire seasons is now year-round," said Turbeville in a prepared statement. "Wildfires take a tremendous toll on people, neighborhoods, and the environment. Yet, effective prevention projects have made a huge impact in eliminating or reducing losses in numerous communities, and we want to find new ways to expand and improve these kinds of community-wide endeavors. For every dime you spend to prevent a fire, you'd spend more than a dollar to fight that fire. It makes good business sense to prevent losses before they happen."

After receiving the check, Brown discussed the origins of the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, noting that she had known very little about what they are and what they do when she first heard about them, but adding that she had brought the information about the council to Mike Kinney, chairman of the SM FSC, "...we worked very hard, and it's taken us quite a while, but we've got the City of Sierra Madre behind us, our Fire Marshal works very hard works very hard with us and the Red Flag patrol the last year, and it's been a pleasure."

"I just wanted to say thank you," added Gibson. "I'd just like to repeat how important Fire Safe Councils and Partnerships are," said Turbeville. "You just can't beat it when a community takes it upon itself to do something to protect itself. The state Fire Safe Council does whatever it can to get funding and seed money down to the local level, and with the support of the insurance industry and other entities supporting it, we just can't thank them enough."

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, June 8th, to Saturday June 14th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 256 calls for service.

Sunday, June 8th:  
1:22 AM-Arrest, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A woman was contacted for disturbing the peace. A welfare check revealed the woman was intoxicated and unable to care for herself. The Pasadena resident was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, June 9th:  
8:59 AM- Vandalism, 100 block North Canon Ave. The suspect(s) threw an unknown object through a window. Investigation revealed the incident took place between 3:30 PM on 6/6 and 9:00 AM on 6/9.

Wednesday, June 11th:  
2:46 PM- Vandalism, 00 block Kersting Court. The suspect(s) scratched unreadable lettering into the door of a local business. Investigation revealed the incident took place between 11:45 AM and 2:20 PM.

Thursday, June 12th:  
4:49 PM- Vandalism, 600 block of East Sierra Madre Blvd. The suspect(s) used red felt marker to write on a wall. Investigation revealed the incident took place between 1:00 PM and 4:45 PM.

Friday, June 13th:  
6:25 PM- Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd. and Baldwin Ave. 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.



## Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? An Unfairly Maligned Elder Statesman

By Pat Birdsall

Over 70 million years ago dinosaurs roamed the Earth. While they are now extinct, one animal who shared the same land with the dinosaurs still exists today...the opossum...The name "opossum" is derived from an Algonquin Indian word "apasum", meaning white animal.

Despite its appearance, the opossum is not related to the rat. In fact, the opossum is a marsupial, or "pouched" mammal, and is therefore related to other marsupials such as the kangaroo and the koala. Like kangaroos and koalas, infant opossums stay inside the mother's pouch to nurse and develop. The opossum holds the distinction of being North America's only marsupial.

Opossums are born after an 11-13 day gestation period. The pink, embryonic-looking infants are so small at birth that 20 could fit into a teaspoon. The infants continue to develop inside the pouch. As they grow and the pouch becomes full, the juveniles then ride on the mother's back until they are old enough to go out on their own. The opossum has an average lifespan of 1 to 2 years. This short lifespan is due in part to the presence of predators including dogs, cats and people.

The opossum has many interesting features. It has 50 teeth, more than any North American land mammal. Its hairless tail is prehensile and is used for grasping branches, balancing and carrying nesting material. The opossum does not hang upside down by the tail, a common misconception. They also have opposable thumbs on their hind feet for holding onto branches.

Whether rural, residential or in the wilderness, opossums are a benefit to any area they inhabit. Their diet includes all types of bugs and insects including cockroaches, crickets and beetles. They love snails. They also eat mice and rats. These docile, non-aggressive and unfairly maligned animals have earned the title of "Nature's Little Sanitation Engineer."

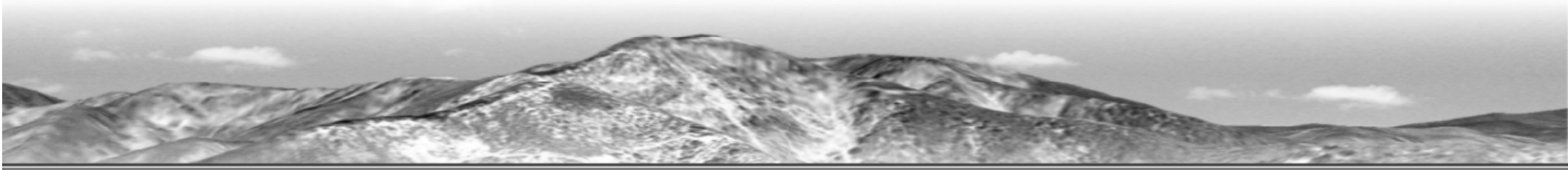
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# MountainViews-Observer PASADENA

## Chalk Fest Draws Crowd

By Teresa Baxter

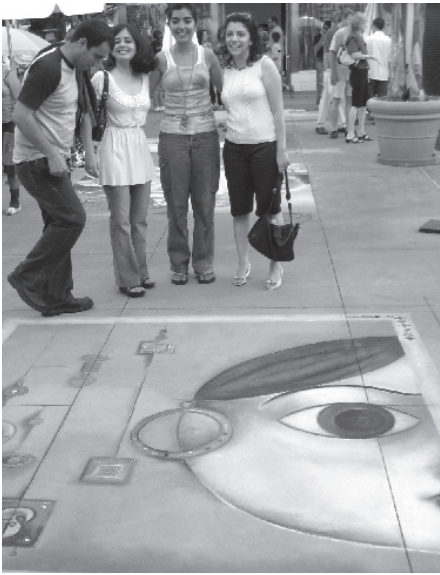
The soaring temperatures and rumblings of a failing economy did nothing to deter thousands of people from attending the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasadena Chalk Festival that took place at the Paseo Colorado Mall. Held last Father's Day weekend, it was apparent by the families in attendance that the Chalk Fest was the activity they chose to celebrate the holiday.

Olga Cruz has been a volunteer at the event for the last 10 years and was quite impressed with the turnout. Cruz shared that this is one of the few programs that funds the Light Bringer Project which is a non-profit, Pasadena-based arts rganization founded in 1990 with a mission "to build the community through the power of the arts," she said. As in several of the art categories, a friend of hers that lived in Pasadena knew she

received the Gold Crown Award from the Pasadena Arts Council and the Outstanding Service award from the City of Pasadena Arts Commission.

"I feel really good about the turn out and I don't know if it had anything to do with the weather," said Cruz. "I really thought it wasn't going to be that much attendance because the way the economy is...but it's great."

One of the artists made the trip from Long Beach to participate. Sarah Marquez has been a part of the Chalk Fest for the last 8



Best use of color

years and has won in several of the art categories. A friend of hers that lived in Pasadena knew she



Artist Arlou Somo finishes before winning best of show

Photos By D.Lee/MVO

was an artist and encouraged her to be involved. Marquez won two awards last year for Best Use of Color and Most Inspirational. This year her entrant was based on a muse for inspiration.

"It's loosely based on the goddess Kuan Yin, a Buddhist entity that spent her life trying to inspire people in harmony to achieve enlightenment," said Marquez. "The drawing comes from a Tibetan statue that I love and I used that for the pose and then added a lot of natural elements and colors."

At the end of the

day it was announced that the Best in Festival award went to Arlou Somo, while the Paseo People's Choice award was given to Maria Diaz. One award that had special meaning was the AT&T "Your World Delivered" recognition, which went to Maria Orellana and the Room 13 team from the James Foshey Learning Center in South Central Los Angeles.

"These are amazing kids involved in the Light Bringer Projects Room 13," said Patricia Hurley, festival spokesperson. "Our programs and activities serve those of all ages and

backgrounds, with an emphasis on youth and education."

Room 13 is an international program that was begun in Coal, Scotland by primary school students who managed to create their own self-sustaining art studio and influence students in other countries to follow their lead. At the present time, Room 13 is operating in Mumbai, India, Katmandu, Nepal, England, and South Africa. The global model is aiming to expand to Hong Kong and create two additional studios in Africa in 2008.

## Water Rates Set Go Up in July

By Dean Lee

The city council unanimously approved increase water distribution and customer charges Monday night although not before first hearing complaints about the city's own water use and whether a recent campaign to conserve water is effective.

Mayor Bill Bogaard and councilmember Chris Holden were both absent. Staff said the ordinance was necessary arguing the current rates had not been changed since 1995. The higher charges will cover operation and maintenance of the water distribution system, including metering, customer service, billing, the call center and collections. The rates are set to go up July 1.

According to a staff report, "The monthly bill impacts of the proposed ordinance vary by the size of a customer's meters. For example, the monthly bill impact to residential inside-city customers with a 5/8" or 3/4" meter using 12 billing units per month is an additional \$2.08, with the monthly bill rising from \$20.89 to \$22.97. The monthly bill impact to outside-city customers with the same meter size and usage is an additional \$2.81, with the bill rising from \$28.26 to \$31.07."

The higher rate will bring in an additional \$2.3 million annually. Last year the Water Fund Operating Budget was \$41.2 million and would go up to \$43.8 million.

Councilmember Marget McAston said she wanted to see a better way to notify customers of the hike other than mailing them a post card.

"The deck is really stacked when we notify people that way," she said. "I think we ought to notify people more clearly and more directly."

She then suggested putting directly on the water bill, or on the internet possibly through the city's website.

Councilmember Steve Madison said he would rather see a rate structure based on conservation. Staff said they were looking into that although Phyliss Currie, the manager of Pasadena Water and Power said it would be a very involved conversation.

Madison also asked if the city's new campaign to save water worked? He said he thought the signs on bus stops were hard to read. He said the campaign should be more effective.

The city's conservations budget is funded by the rate increases Currie said. A number of people asked what the city was doing to save water in area such as parks.

## City Officials Go Abroad -Blog Home

Pasadena Pubic Information Officer Ann Erdman set up a blog this week and is posting daily about her trip to a number of Pasadena Sister Cities including, Järvenpää Finland and Ludwigshafen German. She is traveling with Mayor Bill Bogaard and his field representative, Judy Kent.



So far, according to her blog they have been very busy.

In her first post Monday, from Järvenpää, Erdman states that they almost didn't make it out of LAX. In spite of getting to the airport 3.5 hours early she said they almost missed the flight to Frankfurt because of lines, lots of lines she said. With a sense of humor, she tells how she had to run along a "people mover" barefooted after a security person yelled, "You don't have time to put your shoes back on, run."

"But we made it," Erdman says in her post. "The last three people on the plane, then off we went. LAX to Frankfurt, then Frankfurt to Helsinki."

She said they all had to take off their shoes going through the X-ray machine.

After arriving in Järvenpää she said they had dinner with the Finnish Pasadena Sister Cities group. The blog is filled with pictures including an interesting shot out her hotel window at 3 a.m. with the sun still out looking like dusk here. She said it never gets dark.

Tuesday she commented that it was unbelievable how many bicycles there were.

Explaining about a picture she took Erdman said, "The bike parking continues on and on and on and on down the walkway to the light-rail bridge behind the yellow building, she makes the whole thing sounds just like the Gold Line. Not one of the bikes had a lock on it she said making the city sound safe.

She said later that day they were given a tour of the nation's capital Helsinki. The Järvenpää city architect was there tour guide. According to her post they got an earful of Finnish history. Interestingly Erdman describes a high school there where students learn at their own pace, in fact not only is the school open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. but every student has a key to the school, she said.

Wednesday was the official 25th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Järvenpää, Finland, and Pasadena and Erdman said they celebrated before leaving

later that day.

She said Bogaard met with Järvenpää Mayor Erkki Kukkonen where they exchanged gifts. Bogaard presented a crystal award with an inscription commemorating the 25th anniversary. He was given a tray by architect Alvar Aalto, a designer with a connection to Pasadena.

They also met a former exchange student, Ari Salmi, who studied at Pasadena City College. He is now a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Helsinki. Salmi credited his education to hands-on work he did at Mt. Wilson and JPL.

As of print time Thursday, Erdman said they arrived in Ludwigshafen and have met with a number of employees of Ludwigshafen's lord Mayor Eva Lohse. Erdman said she is meeting a number of people who were all Sister Cities guests in Pasadena a few months ago.

Although the trip does include city business Erdman stressed it is being paid for privately. Her Blog can be found at pasadenapi.blogspot.com

## Summit Held on Downtown: Quality of Life Discussed

*Top priorities included transportation and enforcing pedestrian safety*

By Teresa Baxter

Last Saturday representatives from the Old Pasadena Management District, the South Lake Business Association, Paseo Colorado and One Colorado worked jointly with the City of Pasadena in hosting a half-day facilitated community meeting to discuss and identify strategies to maintain and expand downtown Pasadena's economic vitality and quality of life.

The keynote speaker was Kennedy Lawson Smith. Smith is reputed to be one of the nation's foremost experts on commercial district revitalization and development, independent main street businesses, and economically and environmentally sound community development.

Kennedy's downtown revitalization projects and small business development work has been featured in the news media ranging from the New York Times, Business Week and Forbes to "CBS Sunday Morning," and Public Radio International's "Marketplace".

Following the presentation, participants split into breakout sessions to discuss problems, opportunities and strategies. Categories were assigned to each group regarding environmental design, economic vitality, parking solutions, and public transportation with a sub-category of walkability.

The breakout group on public transportation and walkability was led by Deborah Murphy, an urban planner that has assisted other municipalities in creating pedestrian-friendly downtown districts. Murphy directed the group to list key issues that would create this sort of environment.

Surprisingly, most agreed that aesthetically there was a need for some sort of iconic transportation—namely a fixed-route trolley similar to what can

be found in San Francisco. It was brought up that a fixed-route system would designate a specific destination without having to second guess local bus schedules and courses while creating a marketing brand for Pasadena.

"The icon of a trolley tends to unite the area it serves and it veers walkers into that main street location," said Ken McCormack, owner of Mill Creek Properties.

The City of Pasadena was represented in the group by Julianna Delgado, who is a professor of urban planning at Cal Poly Pomona and is also the commissioner of the city's Transportation Advisory Commission. Delgado was more specific in recommending a streetcar as a dedicated rail.

"In Portland, Oregon they say it in three words—'go by streetcar'—so it becomes this philosophy of how you get around town," she said.

Murphy interjected the importance of making sure that it was a fixed rail with guaranteed stops in front of local businesses. From her experience she has learned that many merchants are not comfortable with the fact that bus routes may change.

"So even if it's an icon, it has to be an icon that has a physical presence even when the trolley is not there," she said. "Those overhead wires, those tracks are a statement. I am a true streetcar believer. I've been to the cities that have them and I have seen what they accomplish."

At the conclusion of the breakout session the group agreed that the top priorities in public transportation were the feasibility of a fixed-route dedicated rail in the Downtown District, while also taking measures in enforcing pedestrian safety. Questions or more information can be found at pasadena-chamber.org or by calling (626) 795-3355.



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Alverno, Arroyo Pacific Academy, La Salle, Maranatha, Pasadena High School, St. Francis, Sierra Mesa Middle School, The Barnhart School, The Gooden School, Field Elementary, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Bethany Christian, St. Rita's, Wilson Middle School, Odyssey Charter School, Norma Coombs Alternative School, Weizmann Day School and the PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Alverno Initiates Lifetime Service Award



There was something new at the Alverno High School graduation on June 7-- girls wearing golden tassels on their graduation mortarboards. Beginning with the Class of 2008, Alverno has launched a program to recognize graduates not only for their academic achievements, but for their service to others as well.

"This honor represents a long-term commitment by these young women to helping others," says Alverno Campus Minister Chris McGuiness. "Each had to have a minimum of 420 verifiable community service hours evenly spread over all four years at Alverno High School. We chose girls who had demonstrated their dedication to service through their actions around campus." The students also had to write a 1500 word essay detailing how community service has not only

affected their lives but the lives of others.

Eleven girls earned the Alverno Lifetime Service Award and the golden tassel. They are Maria de Lourdes Anguiano, Zena Brown, Natalina Capra, Emilie Casalegno, Addie Coronado, Lauren Hogue, Jazmin Quimiro, Savannah Ross, Laura Thompson, Tiffany Valiquette, and J'Marie Ventrella.

Alverno, a Catholic girls' high school in Sierra Madre, emphasizes not only academics but leadership and service. Students perform an average of 16,000 hours of Christian service per year. "We are immensely proud of these graduates," says Ann Gillick, Alverno Head of School. "They are living the spirit of our philosophy which calls on all of us to give of ourselves to help others."

## Sierra Madre School's 1st Parent vs. Teacher Softball Game

On Saturday, June 7th, Sierra Madre School held its 1st Annual Parent/Teacher Softball Game at Heasley Field. The game was officiated by Sierra Madre Little League's President, Pete Siberell and the first pitch of the game was thrown in by the Sierra Madre Fire Department's Chief Steve Heydorff.

The stands were filled with parents, teachers and children that came out to cheer on both teams and to enjoy an evening of fun! The grill served up the traditional hamburger/hotdog feast and Pasadena Unified School District's ELAC group (English Language Advisory Council) donated home-made tamales.

The game was one of the many special events sponsored by the school's 7th Annual Spring Auction held in March, which raised over \$80,000. The Softball game raised \$3,000 of that total. The school district is currently facing a potential budget cut that could be as high as \$10 million for the 2008-09 fiscal year school year.

Thank you to our community for supporting Sierra Madre School!



Parents discuss their strategy

## KUSC (91.5) FM TO LAUNCH PROGRAM SHOWCASING YOUNG PERFORMER

Los Angeles --In an ever broadening program line-up, Classical KUSC has announced plans to launch From the Top, the landmark radio showcase of America's top young classical musicians, beginning Sunday, July 6 at 6 p.m. Hosted by Christopher O'Riley and distributed by NPR, the program reaches nearly 750,000 listeners ages 7-70 each week.

"KUSC has traditionally sought venues for presenting classical music to young people," said KUSC President Brenda Barnes. "From sending music education resources to every licensed daycare center in Southern California to developing classical music-based activities for our website, From the Top is an incredibly important source for nurturing young talent. We are

pleased to be able to bring these performances to our listeners."

The program also annually provides 25 deserving young musicians with a \$10,000 scholarship through the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award. There is also a Young Composer Project which identifies and encourages the development of aspiring young composers.

KUSC Program Director Gail Eichenath said, "We have wanted to run this award-winning show for some time. It's such a kick listening to these amazingly precocious kids make wonderful music. We hope it will be a draw for younger listeners and the grown-ups who love them!"

For more information about the program you can visit fromthetop.org.

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## Beach-and-ocean theme set for Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Church

Children taking part in the "Surfin' Through the Scriptures" Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Church of the Good Shepherd, Arcadia, in July will find enticing names for their activities. They will learn "Beach Be-Attitudes" and hear stories at "Surf's Up Assembly." "Beachcomber Crafts" and "Surf 'n' Sand Science Lab" will give them hands-on experiences. Music, appropriately enough, will be called "Sound Waves."

Live sea creatures will visit the "Surfin'" Vacation Bible School midweek. Families will be invited to a special dinner and program Friday evening, with songs and a slide show about their children's week at the camp.

Young people who are finishing 5th and 6th grades can volunteer to assist "Junior Lifeguards" (5th to 12th graders) and "Lifeguards" (adult staff.)

The pre-registration fee is \$20; enrollment after July 6 will cost \$30. The fee includes a VBS T-shirt, snacks and a child's dinner Friday.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 28-Aug. 1. Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, is at 400 W. Duarte Road (corner of Holly) in Arcadia. Phone the church office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at (626) 447-2181 for more registration and information.

## Tom & Jeri Beck Receive the De La Salle Medal



Pasadena, CA - During the 49th Commencement Exercises for La Salle High School on May 23, The De La Salle Medal was given to Tom and Jeri Beck of Arcadia. The De La Salle Medal is La Salle High School's highest honor. It is given to an individual or individuals who daily demonstrate the values and ideals of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The awardees' service to La Salle should exemplify the admonition given by the Saint in his Meditation on the Feast of Saint Paul:

Look upon yourselves, as ministers of God, and acquit yourselves of your duties with the greatest possible zeal...

The 2008 awardees nobly demonstrate the values of this honor. They have been heavily involved in support of the education of their four children...Ryan '99, Alison '01, Jennifer '04 and Sean '08. Tom and Jeri both agreed that La Salle was the only place for their family because they wanted a school that integrated their values and their faith. Jeri and Tom were always willing to do the extras needed to help La Salle.... whether it was launching a new landscaping project, chairing the Parent Pledge program or hosting the Crystal Ball Holiday Gift Gathering parties; they could always be counted on to say "yes" whenever asked.

The Lasallian virtue of Zeal could be consistently seen in the way in which Tom and Jeri raised their children and supported their school. The diligence with which Tom and Jeri encouraged the School to expand and deepen the parent pledge program has made it possible to upgrade a wide variety of the programs and facilities in support of the students entrusted to our care. As the anthropologist Margaret Mead once noted:

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

The influence Tom and Jeri have had on the future of La Salle will reverberate for many years to come. They are true Lasallians in the tradition of the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

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# OPINION

## Political Correctness

By Rich Johnson



Remember my column on the 31,000+ scientists? They challenged the concept of human-caused global warming as being settled science? Well, I ended up taking a little global warming on that column. The person who criticized me didn't actually read the entire article...just enough to prejudge me as some sort of neo-anderthal right wing, religiously evil and stupidly motivated miscreant. (and I thought those were my good points.) And more importantly, by virtue of my irresponsibility in writing that column, I obviously wanted the world to go to hell in a hand basket. He also said I didn't back up my claims by citing other sources.

My good friend Stuart Tolchin, the world famous vegan, columnist, and legal defender of the poor and downtrodden, defended my honor. He pointed out that indeed, not only did I cite the main source of my story, [www.petitionproject.org](http://www.petitionproject.org), but I also said in that same column I was all for conservation.

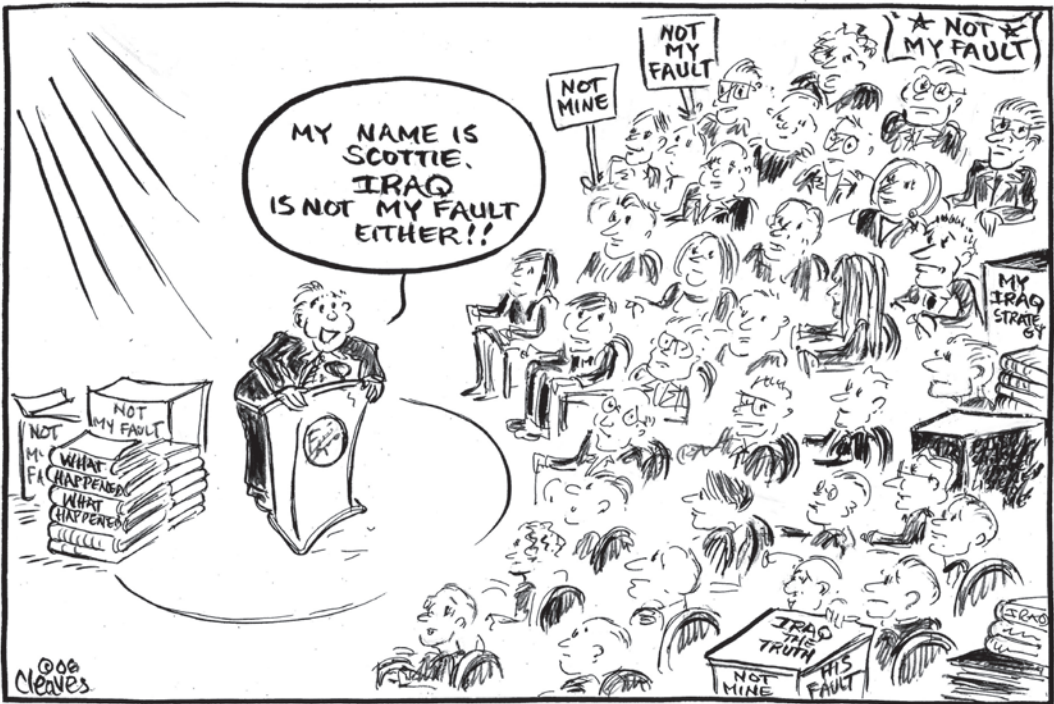
I guess I was guilty of being politically incorrect. Frankly I wasn't even saying the 31,000 were right...or wrong. I was complaining that for some odd reason their very public press conference at the National Press Club seemed to lack, well, you know, any press. They got very little media attention. I guess if they had 32,000...

Possibly the two most politically incorrect words in the English Language are David Horowitz. If you don't know who he is, I'll tell you. The son of two life long communists, he became a early leader in the liberal student movement of the sixties. Sometime in the

mid-eighties he "saw the light" and became an advocate for the opposing team...those nasty conservatives. He has a conservative website called [frontpagemagazine.com](http://frontpagemagazine.com). He focuses mostly on what he perceives to be intolerance and discrimination against conservative students on many college campuses. (I know there is truth here as certain people, connected to me biologically, have run smack dab into it).

As an example, one incident Horowitz covers in his magazine, "Heterodoxy" involved a group of nine students of an ethnic minority. They stole 14,000 copies of the University of Pennsylvania's free conservative student newspaper and destroyed them. The students objected to an article in the paper critical of affirmative action. The administration of the school didn't take action against the students because it claimed the students were exercising their first amendment rights to free speech. Shocked? Not only is this not an isolated incident, it happened enough in California to have the State pass a law in September of 2006 making it illegal in California to take more than 25 copies of a free newspaper.

One thing I am sure of is political correctness stifles communication. The most recent example of its absurdity was the democratic primary process. If you supported Hillary Clinton you were obviously a racist. And if you supported Barack Obama you were undoubtedly a sexist. Support John McCain and you were, I suppose, both. In conclusion, and as I have said before I have serious issues with many of Senator Obama's liberal views. That being said, if he wins the presidency I will feel very proud for America. (Was that politically correct or incorrect?)



## From The Desk Of....

### Glenn Lambdin



Last Friday, as I walked out my front door to leave for work,

I was outraged when I noticed that some low-life decided that they would spray paint their way from my house on Sturtevant, along Woodland Dr, and up to the bridge across from Mary's Market; not unlike some mange infested mongrel cur marking its territory.

I hate graffiti. And even more, I hate the mentality of those that think it's alright to do it. I have zero tolerance for graffiti and less for those that do it. I hate it so much that I keep a can of "Goof-Off" in my truck so when I am driving in Sierra Madre and notice graffiti on a sign or other public property, I pull over, grab my trusty can of Goof-Off and a rag and remove it. I've done this for years. Now don't get me wrong, I am not out to rid the country of graffiti with my obsessive anti-graffiti behavior, just Sierra Madre. I envision heinous punishments for taggers; cruel and unusual punishments that inflict unbearable pain and high levels of public humiliation..... or, well, maybe just your garden variety public flogging or Singapore style canings in Kersting Court.

So there it was, Friday morning, glaring at me as if to taunt me. Its letters were illegible to me but I just knew it was saying something foul. It was a trail of some stylized cryptic signage that somehow was saying, "Follow me, and catch me if you can....and besides, you ain't even cool enough to read me!" And the more I stared at it, the more I could feel it reach its vile hands across the street and pierce them straight through my chest grabbing hold of the very life that sustains me. I was infuriated

beyond reason. Graffiti in my neighborhood, on my neighbor's properties, and within view of my front door!

After calling the police to report it, and getting their permission, my son William and I grabbed our trusty can of Goof-Off and some wire brushes and set out to remove all of the graffiti. We were met by Canyon Jeff who offered his help. (I don't know Jeff's last name although I have known him for several years. To many of us, he's Canyon Jeff.) Anyways, while the three of us were scrubbing the graffiti off of the bridge's guardrail and discussing a tagger's mentality, (or gross lack of) William made the comment, "...you gotta admit Dad, graffiti is an art-form."

Boy, that's the wrong thing to say and the point of my entire rant. There is nothing artistic about graffiti. Its not art, its vandalism. Taggers are not artists, they are criminals. And I don't buy the, "its just youthful indiscretion" nonsense. Its criminal behavior! Its not some legitimate social or cultural expression. Its illegal, its wrong, its ugly, its destructive, and it should be punished. There's nothing artful about it. Picasso, Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Djibril N'Doye; that's art. Graffiti is trash and it is criminal. It violates property, violates individuals, and violates the law. It terrorizes neighborhoods and devalues the hard work of homeowners who spend the majority of their income for the majority of their life paying for their homes. It steals time and money from the citizens that have to remove it and from the taxpayers who pay to have it removed. No son, its not art....did I mention public floggings and canings?

Oh, and by the way, for anyone who is interested, Goof-Off is sold at Arnolds Hardware for about 3 bucks a can.

## Stuart Tolchin On...

# LIFE OUCH!



Here I am; pen in hand; your intrepid neighbor screen-side reporting as I view the 6<sup>th</sup> and, I hope, not final game of the NBA Championship Series—Celtics vs. Lakers. Walking around the Canyon the last couple of days I have heard a lot of grumbling from usually loyal Laker Fans. Have we already given up?

The games about to begin and the announcers are on the screen. Who are these guys? Where are the famed Laker and Celtic announcers? I know they're dead but that's no excuse. It's always the same story when you have a charismatic leader- the leader stays too long and never develops an acceptable successor, perhaps for the reason that he does not wish to diminish his own legend. Look at Castro—enough, enough, focus on the game.

Okay- First Quarter: The score is tied but the Lakers are being out-hustled and out-rebounded. The Celtics are winning the race to every loose ball. Kobe and Kevin Garnet have dominated this quarter but the Lakers have had few assists. The announcers are applauding the enthusiasm of the thug-like Boston fans as opposed to the laid-back Los Angeles aficionados. Snide comments are made about Laker players attending the opera after their last home game. Jack and Denzel would not put up with this. Go Lakers—oh oh, we're down 24-20 at the end of the first quarter.

It's true though! Pau Casol seems weak and tentative. The Lakers do not seem alert—Lamar Odom misses a free throw and the ball rolls around on the floor unnoticed by any Laker. Oops Lamar tries an unnecessary full-court pass and it is intercepted. The Celtics shoot and miss and get four consecutive offensive rebounds and score on an unguarded three-point shot from the corner. HELP!

The second quarter begins and Kobe misses everything. Derek Fisher just went flying into a spectator. Up close and personal says my wife. Lakers down by ten. Kobe loses the ball on an unnecessary behind the back move. Eleven straight points for the Celtics. The refs are calling weird illegal defense penalties against the Celtics but we're still down by fourteen and Walton just missed an unguarded jump shot. One more turnover by Kobe and we're down by 23 at the half

Okay! 24 more minutes and it's over. I bring out my Tibetan singing bowl but get no inspiration. My wife and son, quitters, have given up. I check out the Angel game and learn that the New York Mets have fired their manager. East-Coast weakness I hope. Back to the Lakers. I randomly consult the pages of The Art of War. Page 116- "Throw your troops into a situation from which there is no way out and they will choose death over retreat". Phil, you've got to make your players think that a loss will result in them having to pay for their own gas. 24 more minutes and 23 points down.

Lamar misses, Kobe misses, Vlade shoots an air ball, Derek misses. "Put it in Ray", I hear myself rooting for the Celtics. Another steal, another three-pointer. Rondo, a Celtic rookie steals the ball from Casol. Let's watch the Angels score a run.

I hate Vlade's wild three-point shots and Casol's awkwardness and all things Laker. 29 points down—12 minutes to go.

The rest is too terrible for words.

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Ms. Henderson:

It's appalling that the Mountain Views-Observer would allow its Sports Editor Brad Eastland to use the phrase "bitch slapped" in the fourth paragraph of his [Back Page Journal](#) in your 6/13/08 edition.

In our enlightened age of gender sensitivity and domestic violence awareness, how can his use of this vulgar and derogatory phrase possibly be justified?

What about the lack of professionalism, class and decency which reflects on your newspaper through his poor decision to use such offensive lexicon?

This is a serious error in judgment – an error which now exposes your paper to severe criticism from a large portion of your readers.

Your paper should issue an immediate apology (and a retraction of his article) to all of your readers, most especially your female readers.

Jon Crowley, Sierra Madre

**Dear Mr. Crowley and All Readers Of The MountainViews-Observer:**

*First, I want to profusely apologize for this lack of editorial oversight. I will offer no excuses, but please know that this paper does not condone the use of derogatory or degrading remarks by its' columnists and reporters. You are absolutely correct as to the insensitivity that was displayed by Mr. Eastland. You are also correct in your assessment of how this might reflect on the paper.*

*It is expected that the character and integrity of those who write for the MountainViews-Observer will be above reproach when it comes to respecting the sensitive issues that face somany in our society today. Mark my words, we shall do our very best to make certain that you are never again subjected to such reckless and irresponsible journalism in this paper.*

*Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.*

Susan Henderson



# LEGAL NOTICES

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1087047**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALAA JAFAR**, 15810 E. GALE, STE. 133, HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALAA JAFAR**, 9928 ALPINE ST., RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALAA JAFAR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/18/08**. 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. 08-1077391**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **B&M REPAIR**, 3778 FOSTER AVE., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROBERTO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 3778 FOSTER AVE., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERTO HERNANDEZ JR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1076250**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHELA'S TACOS AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD**, 1416 BEVERLY BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DIAZ INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES, INC.**, 1416 BEVERLY BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: GRACIELA DIAZ / PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/04/2008.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1055793**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHINO ON DECK CIRCLE**, 12188 CENTRAL AVE., #582, CHINO, CA 91710. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOE ALEX MARTINEZ**, 6431 ORTEGA CT., CHINO, CA 91710. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOE ALEX MARTINEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/13/08.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1077170**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FLUE VUE INSPECTION**, 22101 ERWIN ST. P-118, NORTH RIDGE, CA 91367. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GEORGE KHOURY**, 22101 ERWIN ST., P-118, NORTH RIDGE, CA 91367. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GEORGE KHOURY**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/17/08.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1096458**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HEIDI'S HAIR SALON**, 350½ W. FOOTHILL BLVD., MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HEIDI L. OWEN**, 166 MADELINE DR., MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HEIDI OWEN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/19/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/19/08.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1055161**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA REAL ESTATE & LOANS**, 11397 MODENA LANE, PORTER RANCH, CA 91326. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LA REAL ESTATE & LOANS, LLC**, 11397 MODENA LANE, PORTER RANCH, CA 91326. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: LILIANA ARIAS / MGR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1076127**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC MACHINE SHOP**, 10946 KADOTA ST., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JAIME PEREZ**, 719 N. AMADOR, ONTARIO, CA 91764. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAIME PEREZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1096457**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STREAMLINED SERVICES**, 166 MADELINE DR., MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GLEN FRANCIS MITCHELL**, 166 MADELINE DR., MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GLEN MITCHELL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/19/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/19/08.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1077814**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WELCOM 2 VALET PARKING**, 12650 SHERMAN WAY, #16, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PETER WOOLVETT**, DANIEL ALVAREZ, 7151 RESEDABLVD #15, RESEDA, CA 91335. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: PETER WOOLVETT**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/15/08.

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## 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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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# TABLE FOR TWO    By Peter Dills

## Santa Barbara Getaway

I have recently returned from a trip to Santa Barbara, which is a great destination for wonderful restaurants and a variety of hotels in which to stay. On this trip I learned the hard way that if you don't fully research your destination you may pay the price. Santa Barbara has a very rich history, interesting enough to make the kids ask questions, and of course those 3rd Graders to build their Mission.

When Sebastian Viscaino sailed into what was to become the Channel of Santa Barbara on December 4, 1602, he gave it that name, because the 4th day of December is sacred to the memory of Saint Barbara, virgin and martyr. The mission was founded by Father Serra in 1786. Less than 100 years later this territory became a state in 1850, the population quickly exploded to nearly 100,000 with the discovery of gold. By 1901 the railroad was completed which connected Santa Barbara with San Francisco, making the Wells Fargo Stage Coach obsolete. Like the "gold rush" before, by 1910 Santa Barbara City's population would double over a short period of 9 years.

Just 100 miles north of Pasadena/Sierra Madre - Santa Barbara is home too many desirable restaurants and hotels, and on most days you will be greeted with some of the best weather anywhere in the country. On this visit I was to learn a lesson that I did not care to be taught, that all hotels are not created equally. We stayed at the Avania Hotel, formerly The Country Inn by the Sea. I had a great picture all worked in my mind of the room, and to my surprise and disbelief I was driving on the wrong side of the road. The hotel was a major disappointment; the room was small, as I

pat my pants to make certain I hadn't been pickpocketed. Talking about "raining on my parade." You know what, let's get out of this place!!!

Even though I learned a lesson I should have already known, my suggestion for you is to travel to Santa Barbara midweek as there are plenty of great vacancies at some very fine hotels. One suggestion is the Castillo Inn on Castillo St. I personally checked it out and rates are in the (\$150 range). Before you book any room for a hotel I strongly suggest tripadvisor.com. This allows you to compare notes with previous travelers.

Let's talk about something I really know about and what I do best, yes that is eating! The Harbor Restaurant is one of a handful of restaurants that are actually on the Pier. When I drive all this distance I want to be on the water to fully appreciate the experience. The saying goes, "closer to the water, the worse the food," but that is not the case here. This is a good setting for lunch or dinner. The drinks were exceptional and then we feasted on many appetizers including Shrimp, Crab Cocktail and Chips with Fresh Guacamole. Sometimes when you can't make up your mind go for the appetizers as they will do the trick. The menu offers steak, pork chops and fish. Thumbs up from me!!! Another great place to visit is The Great Fish Enterprise which was voted "Best" seafood in Santa Barbara, to be fair I can't argue the point because I haven't been to a few of the places which they rate. For

wondered when they released the inmates from here. At (\$149) for midweek, I had to

my experience I would say it is the most popular though. The Crab Cakes were disappointing and were sent back for a Salmon Dish. You can't go wrong there and we were pleased with the new dish, and my friend was happy with her Halibut. Busy restaurant and for you first timers a definite stop, at least for a drink and maybe some local brew and wine. In a place of great restaurants one of the best restaurants in all of Santa Barbara is Chad's. A full bar with a great wine selection which they offer by the glass. The menu features Steaks, Fish Salads and Chicken. Make certain you save some room for the Chocolate Soufflé as it is a perfect ending for the chocolate lover, and yes there is a Chad!! For you sports fans; Madison's on State Street is the pace to go, great beer selection, big screen TV's surround you and some decent pub grub. I am off to the next sunny spot to work on this tan of mine!!!

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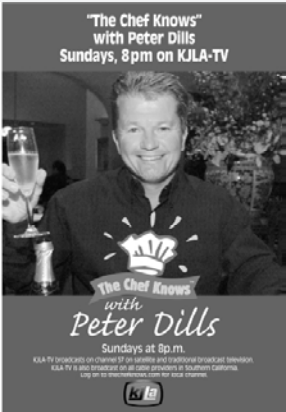
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## Looking Up With Bob Eklund

### Planets Galore, but Where Did Springtime Go?

"DOES EVERY SINGLE STAR HARBOR PLANETS, and, if yes, how many?" wonders planet hunter Michel Mayor from Geneva (Switzerland) Observatory. "We may not yet know the answer but we are making huge

progress toward it."

On June 16, at an international conference, a team of European astronomers announced a remarkable breakthrough in the field of extra-solar planets. Using the HARPS (High-Accuracy Radial Velocity Planet Search) spectrograph at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) at La Silla, Chile, they found a triple system of "super-Earths" around the star HD 40307—a rather normal star, slightly less massive than our Sun and located 42 light-years away toward the southern constellations of Doradus and Pictor.

Since the discovery in 1995 of a planet around the star 51 Pegasi by Mayor and Didier Queloz, more than 270 exoplanets have been found, mostly around solar-like stars. Most of these planets are giants, such as Jupiter or Saturn, and current statistics show that about 1 out of 14 stars harbors this kind of planet.

"We have made very precise measurements of the velocity of the star HD 40307 over the last five years, which clearly reveal the presence of three planets," says Mayor. The planets, having 4.2, 6.7, and 9.4 times the mass of the Earth, orbit the star with periods of 4.3, 9.6, and 20.4 days, respectively.

"The perturbations induced by the planets are really tiny—the mass of the smallest planets is one hundred thousand times smaller than that of the star—and only the high sensitivity of HARPS made it possible to detect them," says co-author Francois Bouchy, from the Institut d'Astrophysique in Paris.

Indeed, each planet induces a motion, or "wobble," of the star of only a few meters per second.

"Clearly these planets are only the tip of the iceberg," says Mayor. "The analysis of all the stars studied with HARPS shows that about one third of all solar-like stars have either super-Earth or Neptune-like planets with orbital periods shorter than 50 days."

Why the short (compared to that of the Earth) orbital periods? A planet in a tight, short-period orbit is indeed easier to find than one in a wide, long-period orbit. "It is most probable that there are many other planets present: not only super-Earths and Neptune-like planets with longer periods, but also Earth-like planets that we cannot detect yet. Add to this the Jupiter-like planets already known, and you may well arrive at the conclusion that planets are ubiquitous," concludes Stephane Udry, one of Mayor's colleagues.

FORTUNATELY FOR US, Planet Earth has an orbital period of 365 ¼ days. If our year had 50 days or less, as is the case with so many planets, we would have no time to properly enjoy a season before it was over. As it is, I was just getting to appreciate spring when I looked at the calendar and discovered that June 20 is the summer solstice—the end of spring, the beginning of summer, and the day with the most hours of daylight in the year (in the Northern Hemisphere, that is). Time rushes us on into new seasons, as Earth tumbles along nonstop at its 67,000 mph orbital speed. But for now, I'm going to take a "time out" to just go outside and enjoy a long, balmy summer evening. As Robert Frost said in one of his poems, "You come too!"

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

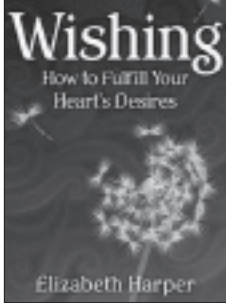


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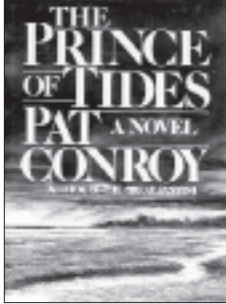
## The Book Reports

By Jeff Brown

### What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception by Scott McClellan (2008)



In 1999, Scot McClellan accepted what he thought would be the job of a lifetime: working as press spokesman for George Bush just as he was beginning his run for the Presidency. Drawn to Bush's strong, successful record of bipartisan leadership and commitment to compassionate conservatism and later inspired by his promise to restore dignity to the White House, he would serve the President for seven years as part of the inner circle advisors and press secretary. From that position McClellan witnessed day-to-day year-to-year exactly what happened to take the presidency he served disastrously and irretrievably off course. In this very candid book he shares the story of what happened: the events, the policies and the personalities. Excellent behind-the-doors look into the Bush administration!



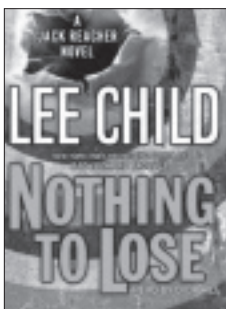
### The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy (1986)

Spanning 40 years, this masterpiece of writing tells the story of the narrator's extraordinary Southern Carolina family into which he was born and his struggle to overcome the psychological damage inflicted by his dysfunctional childhood. Dramatic, funny and very descriptive, a wonderful read from beginning to end. Very different from the movie, and much better.



### Healthy Child Healthy World: Creating a Cleaner, Greener, Safer Home by Christopher Gavigan (2008)

Every parent knows to keep chemicals away from children under the sing, but when we spray, wipe and spill these products all over the house, we don't realize the extent to which we are contaminating the areas where children eat, sleep and play. Millions of American Children face chronic illnesses, allergies, ext. and it's only getting worse. Research now points to the threats coming from exposure to everyday chemicals used for cleaning, beauty care, plastics and so forth. In this book, leading medical experts and scientists, along with celebrity activists share easy steps and solutions to make your home both safer and healthier.



### Recommended by Legolas Greenleaf Nothing to Lose by Lee Child (2008)

Not the best of the Jack Reacher series but it's always fun to spend time with our hero, a former Major in the Military Police, as he battles against injustice and evil. The story takes place in two lonely towns in Colorado: Hope and Despair, between them, twelve miles of empty road. All he wants is a cup of coffee. What he gets is big trouble. So Reacher, a man with no fear, no illusions and nothing to lose goes to war against a town with a big secret – that not only wants him gone, it wants him dead.

Book pics can be purchased and ordered at Sierra Madre Books (836-3200)  
Email recommendations or comments to jeffpics1@gmail.com

## Scene One - Take One DVD Review

### P.S. I Love You (2007)

Starring Hilary Swank, Lisa Kudrow, Kathy Bates, Gina Gershon, Gerard Butler and Harry Conick Jr., this is a sweet love story centered in New York and Ireland. Adapted from Irish writer Cecelia Ahern's first novel, which became a bestseller.



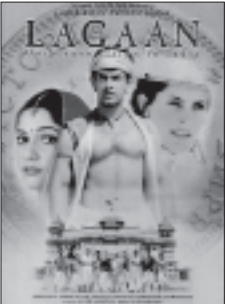
### Rising Damp: Series 4(1978)

This is an hysterical British comedy series, considered one of the funniest ever. The show centers around Rupert Rigsby, a miserly, seedy landlord of a run-down town house who rents rooms out. There is Miss Ruth Jones, a whimsical, lusty school administrator, and Philip who claims to be the son of an African Chief.



### Lagaan (2001)

This is a wonderful musical period piece set in India in the 1890s. Indian farmers are coerced by occupying British soldiers to accept a wager: if the villagers can defeat the British in a cricket match, a harsh tax (lagaan) will be stopped for three years; but if the villagers lose, they will pay a triple tax. Along with the cricket match there is a romantic triangle and some great musical numbers. There are wonderful colors, exotic locations and good acting. Enjoy!



## From the Inside Out: Stillness



Mary Carney

Sometimes in my life an inner stillness just moves in and “takes over”. The outside world continues on, activities get done, but it's like I'm a “disinterested observer” rather than a full on participant ... as though I'm sitting on my own shoulder, watching myself do this, respond to that - pump the gas (it costs how much?!?!), water the strawberries (I need a “real” food garden in every square inch of available land shortly - can I have a couple chickens, too?), appreciate the noontime sun (I dread the coming August heat, we're so short of water), analyze the data (fast, otherwise there are fines), finish the report (post office should NOT close before 5:30 pm!), plan supper (I want something different but “they” don't cook as well as I do), wash the car (how dare I use water for a car when living trees need it so desperately!), travel here, do that ... all as though these were happening far, far away with no relationship to “me”.

Each time this happens, it stimulates a “what triggered this?” process. Mind you, I've “been here” lots of times before ... When I get objective enough, it really is like “sitting back” and observing myself as though I were really “on stage in a play” - like being Jimminy Cricket! Just watching the daily comings and goings, the repetitive patterns of daily life, the emotional ebbs and flows. I reassure myself that this detachment is a major gift of maturity (more grey hairs!?) and part of the (hopefully) long process of moving awareness from the physical to the ineffable and spiritual home that we're all supposed to return to ... It of course has nothing to do with that birthday coming up ...

Unfortunately, the first place this stillness showed up was in “writer's block” and an inability to edit anything I'd written into a reasonably logical, understandable, and short column. Our Editor wants short ... I'd exceeded by 100% the allocated space, unless were happy (not!) with 7 point type. Fortunately I'm not writing for a living - this is one of my “from the heart” expressions that I choose, for now, to share.

My “Jimminy Cricket” reminds me that I've also said “Yes” to a couple requests that are proving much more challenging and costly expected, one of which I'm actively beginning to resent.

So, what to do? This is an inside challenge. A wise person learned early on how to cleanly and clearly say “No.” The rest of us move grumpily (or not) through life. (I know, I know ... life is hard by the

yard, but it's a cinch by the inch”).

For instance, just because I wanted to “keep up with things,” over the last two years I've been going to a series of meetings. At election time, I was asked if I would be willing to do the board minutes - meaning Recording Secretary. My thought process was, “Oh, I'm already coming to the meetings, sure, I can take the minutes. That's a no brainer.” And then it was, “Oh, and the executive board meets the first Monday of every month 9-12. You have to be there, too.” Uh, well, I just started a new part-time job - although I do have flexible hours ... but I guess I can squeeze the meeting in. I'll just be more efficient at work. And then it's, “Well, we need to move the meeting to, say, 12-3, can you do that?” Well, my hours are flexible, so I suppose ... but after the first two meetings, when I really realize that the reason we are meeting during what I consider prime working hours, is because someone else doesn't want to miss one of her three times a week bowling dates - I suddenly “wake up.” I realize that I've just agreed to two years of 30 more miles a month, a restaurant lunch, not to mention the upcoming demands of attending additional upper level meetings and being involved with two years of convention planning for something I don't go to anyway ... and my willingness to be of service has totally disappeared. So, how to gracefully pull away? Yes, as a woman it's my prerogative to change my mind, but I have this “thing” about doing what I said I was going to do ... and I have a tendency to think I can do more than I really can ...

It's not the only awareness in recent weeks - so I'm again in process of evaluating, from the inside out, how to most wisely handle the things to which I've said “yes”. To find ways to handle the “stress-es” that each “Yes” (or each “NO!”) creates. To live with laughter, and efficiency, productivity and delight, to take care of things as they come along ... and to deal with my personal shoulder-sitting “Jimminy Cricket” - maybe all I need are just more “fresh fruits and veggies, fresh dark green leafy greens, whole grains seeds and nuts” (can I live off what I grow?)

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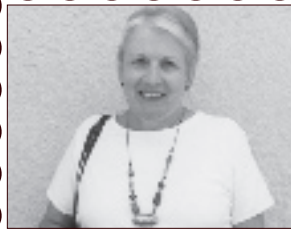
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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

### Free At Last! Free At Last!

Last Tuesday I decided to wear a nice dress and a pretty necklace to my Kiwanis meeting. I don't wear either one often for the rarely worn item. Aha! There they are....I bought them so long ago that I didn't realize I had inadvertently picked up the dreaded support hose instead. Not good! Do I have time to get into these things?

Gad! What a struggle....By the time I had encased myself in them I felt like I had been wrestling an alligator. They have to be eased up a little at a time so that they fit perfectly. If you don't get them just right, you can cut off the circulation to one leg, or they can slowly work their way down if not pulled up properly, leaving you with a rather awkward gait to say the least. Either circumstance is uncomfortable, not to mention a possible hazard to one's health. I don't think a papoose has ever been wrapped any tighter.

I surmise that the material used to make pantyhose must have been created by the ancient Egyptians to encase their mummies, (and daddies). (Sorry about that). Or perhaps, it was created during medieval times for use as catapults; hurling rocks and boulders at the enemy. Modern day aircraft carriers use a similar material for launching planes at flying speed. Slingshots....Oh, the possibilities are endless.

Well, the Kiwanis meeting ended and the true test of my stamina began. The outdoor temperature was easily 100 degrees and made me ever so aware that I was wearing something akin to sausage casing. I had a couple of errands that had to be completed before I could go home, and I'm sure the time spent wasn't nearly as long as it felt. It felt like three days in Death Valley.... okay, maybe just two.

Finally! Home, sweet home. I shut the front door behind me, dropped my purse on the floor, kicked off my shoes and peeled off the two-legged torture chamber. I then walked directly to the wastebasket and tossed them in. Whew....Free at last! Free at last!

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## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

### FYI: Father's Day

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Limit outside activity at dusk and dawn, wear long sleeves and pants and use repellants, reading the labels carefully.

\*For any questions and/ or concerns, call the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District. (626) 814-9466, or go to their web site [www.sgvmosquito.org](http://www.sgvmosquito.org).

### ~Helpful Hints~

To clean microwave oven and remove odors—Place a bowl of vinegar in the microwave and run on HIGH until it comes to a boil. After the vinegar cools a bit, wipe the interior clean with a rag dipped in the vinegar.



### Happy Birthday

John Shier and Nellie Haynes

### For Your Funny Bone

My friend was looking at home-gym equipment with her husband. She stepped on a treadmill and said, “Honey, if you bought this for me, I would look like I did in high school.” “Sweetheart,” he said gently, “it's a treadmill, not a time machine.”

One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very sexy nightie. “Tie me up,” she purred, “and you can do anything you want.” So, he tied her up and went golfing.

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**People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy. ~Anton Chekov~**



### Activities:

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**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  
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**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

### Recipe of the Month:



### Three Ways With Asparagus Asparagus & Salmon Pasta

Sauté 1 lb cut-up asparagus in 4 Tbsp melted butter in a large non-stick skillet until crisp-tender. Toss with zest and juice of 1 lemon, 1 cup smoked salmon pieces, 3 Tbsp chopped dill and 12 oz. cooked pasta.

### Parmesan-Roasted Asparagus

Toss asparagus with olive oil and roast in 400 F oven 15 minutes. Sprinkle with freshly grated Parmesan: Roast 1 minute or until cheese melts. Serve with lemon wedges.

### Asparagus with Orange Gremolata

Drizzle cooked asparagus with extra-virgin olive oil. Top with a mixture of ¼ cup chopped parsley, 1 Tbsp orange zest and 1 tsp minced garlic. [womansday.com](http://womansday.com)

### Monthly Excursions:

\*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- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11-12:00 noon

**Fall Prevention and Home Safety** Tuesday, June 24th, 1:30-2:30 PM Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Dr., Arcadia. Over one-third of adults 65 years and older fall each year, and 20-30 percent suffer moderate to severe injuries. As we grow older, we often develop balance problems that can increase the possibility of falling. For reservations, please call the Arcadia Community Center at (626) 574-5130.

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