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Arson Suspected In Hillside Fire 3 Teens Detained



Firefighters at the scene - carrying hoses to help dose the flames.
Photos by Bill Coburn

Hundreds of firefighters, including the LA County camp crews, quickly contained a hillside blaze near the Pasadena - Sierra Madre border Friday. The fire started at approximately 3:00 p.m. and swift responses from the Pasadena Fire Department, Sierra Madre Fire Department, California Department of Forestry, and LA City & County Fire Departments had it under control in less than an hour. Two helicopters extinguished flames with water and drenched the 'hot spots' in the path of the flames.

According to Captain Conrad of the Sierra Madre Fire Department, approximately five acres burned. Although the point of origin was in Pasadena, just west of Michillinda, The fire at first appeared to be headed east. The SMVFD staged two engines at the Monastery at the top of Sunnyside and began setting up for "structure protection". "We wanted to be prepared to protect the homes even though the fire was more than a mile away", said Conrad. Conrad also said that the fire appeared to be

much closer than it really was.

In another related development, late Friday evening, Lieutenant Faulkner, a spokesperson for the Pasadena Fire Department said that three teenagers, all 17, were taken into custody near the scene of the fire. They had fireworks in their possession.

Faulkner said that when the fire started, neighbors spotted three teens walking away from the point of origin. The helicopters that were making the water drops also saw the teens as they made their descent down the hill. They were all from Los Angeles. The Pasadena Police caught up with them as the walked away down Michillinda. They have been remanded into custody as juveniles. At press time, no formal charges had been filed.

Recent cooler temperatures and high humidity also contributed to the quick containment of the fire. Worried residents who were reminded of the anxiety of the Wildfire in April.

S. Henderson/MVO



GARDENERS TARGETED - ATM'S HACKED

In a 48 hour period, numerous telephone calls and emails were received by this paper from residents who had become victim to a spate of crimes.

There were three incidents in which the lawn mowers and other equipment had been stolen from the back of a truck. In one case, as the owner was driving through the gate, the thief managed to creep onto the property and, without notice, remove an \$1,100 lawn mower from the gardener's truck. On the same block, the same day, another lawn mower and two leaf blowers were stolen.

Residents reported seeing two strange Caucasian men with a red 'van' in the area of each incident.

Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz was unaware of the problem when contacted. In at least one instance, the gardener was refused to report the matter to police out of fear and language barriers. As always, the Chief cautioned residents to keep their homes locked and be aware of your surroundings.

The other troubling occurrences reported were the 'ripping off' of bank accounts via ATM machines. MVO Columnist Rich Johnson was among several people who indicated that in the last week, hundreds of dollars had been taken fraudulently from their accounts.

According to two of the victims, the transactions far exceeded their daily ATM withdrawal limit and appeared to originate at the same Citibank ATM on Rinaldi in Northridge or Granada Hills.

In one instance, the bank actually contacted the resident because of the suspicious activity. She had never used her ATM card. Another woman sent the following email: "I went into my local branch to ask what I could do to protect myself and they all acted like they had no idea what I was talking about. The scary thing is, I don't think they DID have any idea."

The Feds Take Over Indymac Bank Depositors Worry Despite Assurances



By 8 am Monday morning, the parking lot was full of customers willing to wait hours to get inside.

Despite assurances that deposits under \$100,000 are insured by the FDIC, on Monday morning, hundreds of Indymac customers lined up to withdraw their money from the troubled institution. At the Arcadia branch emotions ran high, especially among those who live from paycheck to paycheck. Their inability to

An elderly resident is lead into the Arcadia Branch on Monday to withdraw his life savings.

withdraw cash over the weekend from the ATM was extremely difficult for some. Many sat in the sun for up to 3 hours before getting inside the bank.

At one point, an FDIC regulator ventured into the parking lot to help customers. His first question, "Is there anyone in line with just a straight deposit" went unanswered. Later he was confronted by Rena Fernandez of Glendale, (below) who implored him to ask the media to give more in depth information on what was happening. Her mother sent her to withdraw all of her savings out solely based on the sound bites she heard on TV.

By the end of the week, the situation had not improved much. Calls came into the paper indicating that extraordinary holds were being placed on checks issued by Indymac bank and certain stores had put up signs indicating that they would not accept any checks from Indymac for cashing.

See related story on page 5.

Staff/MVO



Anouche Egavian, Michael Irwin and Lily Ho have been customers of Indymac for years but refuse to leave their money there a moment longer.



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Fri:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Hootenanny at the Bookstore

The Dorothy and Charles Chase Folk Music Culture and Education sponsors a “Hootenanny,” which is an informal, festive performance by folk singers, often including audience participation with the use of acoustic instruments.

The event will be held at Sierra Madre Books on Sunday, July 20th from 2 - 3:30pm.

This is a FREE event for families and children of all ages. Bring a song to sing, bring an instrument to play. Refreshments will be provided.

Call for More Information:
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Happening At The 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 31, at 10:30 a.m., Swizzle 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.

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.

Sierra Madre Summer Fun in the Park

Get out and get active! Come and enjoy Summer Fun in the Park starting Tuesday, July 8 – Thursday, August 28.

The Community and Personnel Services Department is offering fun and interactive programs all summer long. Each Tuesday and Thursday the fun will begin at 9:30 – 10:30 am at the Memorial Park Bandshell, 222 West Sierra Madre Blvd.

Programs are geared towards youth ages 3-10 years old but people of all ages are welcome to enjoy.

Tuesday activities will consist of different programs including;

July 22 – Police Department Safety Awareness

July 29 – Los Angeles County Arboretum Crafts

August 5 – Los Angeles Zoo, Meet the Mammals

August 12 – Recycling Fun

August 19 – TBA

August 26 – Southern California Lyric Theater

Every Thursday starting July 10 CATZ (Competitive Athletics Training Zone) will be providing a fitness program designed for youths from 9:30 – 10:30 am. The program includes sports and games and encourages kids to get out and get active during these summer mornings. The Pasadena-based company places a high value on being healthy and active and has tailored youth fitness programs to meet these goals. Don’t forget to bring your sneakers and a water bottle!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>13</i> Concert in the Park: The High Strung Memorial Park - 6 pm 		<i>15</i> AB 1234 Training Council Chambers 6:30 pm	<i>16</i> Tree Advisory Commission - Council Chambers - 7 pm	<i>17</i> Joint City Council and Commissions Meeting - Council Chambers - 6 pm Third Thursday Book Club - Library 11 am & 8 pm 		<i>19</i> Shakesphere in the Park - Memorial Park - 6 pm
<i>20</i> Concert in the Park: Elvis and the Heros of Rock - Memorial Park - 6 pm 		<i>22</i> Splashin' Movie Night Sierra Madre Pool - 7 pm City Council - Council Chambers - 6:30 pm	<i>23</i> Library Board of Trustees - Council Conference Room - 7 pm	 		<i>26</i> Shakesphere in the Park - Memorial Park - 6 pm HFF Bailey Canyon Hike - 9 am
<i>27</i> Concert in the Park: Jumpin Joz Band Memorial Park - 6 pm	<i>28</i> Honor's Dinner Nominations Due Community Services Commission - Council Chambers - 6:30 pm	 				

AN AWARD WINNING DUO CELEBRATED BY AN AWARD WINNING ORCHESTRA

Between them, the legendary songwriting team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein earned 34 Tony Awards, 15 Oscars, 2 Grammys, 2 Emmy Awards and the Pulitzer Prize...twice. And, on July 26 and 27, the California Philharmonic will pay tribute to the enormously popular duo when it presents “Rodgers and Hammerstein,” with help from yet another renowned duo – international opera star, mezzo-soprano Suzanna Guzmán, and Broadway headliner, baritone Kevin Earley.

The program will include excerpts from the musical both Rodgers and Hammerstein described as their favorite collaboration, Carousel. “The composers took the musical to an entirely new artistic level when they wrote Carousel,” explains Vener. “For instance, the ‘Carousel Waltz,’ which Cal Phil will perform, opens with a calliope-like theme that suggests the darker elements of the plot to follow. But, soon, the music becomes a more conventional waltz where you’ll not only hear the horses bobbing up and down but you’ll swear you’re riding a roller coaster as well. It’s no accident that many critics and reviewers call Carousel the best musical of the 20th century.”

Guzmán and Earley will join the orchestra in performing excerpts not only from Carousel but from such blockbuster hits as Oklahoma!, South Pacific, The Sound of Music, and The King and I. Earley, who will catch a red eye back to New York after his appearance with Cal Phil to return to rehearsals for A Tale of Two Cities, which will open on Broadway this September, echoes Vener’s high praise for the songwriters.

“Rodgers and Hammerstein created a language and mood that was always individual to each show,” explains Earley, who will play the role of Ernest Defarge in the upcoming musical adaptation of Dickens’ novel. “They each sound so



Sierra Madre’s Suzanna Guzman and Kevin Early



unique and yet still from the same voice. I also love how the melodies and lyrics are effortless to sing. Nothing jumps out as being odd or out of place in any of their music.”

Early in her career Guzmán appeared in the 4000th performance of The King and I with Yul Brynner – as Amazon #2. “Richard Rodgers must have been in love with a mezzo,” she says with a smile. “Every show he has ever written has immortal melodies for that voice type.” Evidence she cites includes “You’ll Never Walk Alone” and “If I Loved You” from Carousel, “Climb Every Mountain” from The Sound of Music, and “Something Wonderful” from The King and I.

The mezzo-soprano equally enjoys working with Kevin Earley, whom she first met while performing at a gala for Center Theater Group. “I was so impressed not only by his talent and incredible voice but by the fact that you couldn’t meet a nicer person,” recounts Guzmán, who recently concluded a season as Cal Phil’s Artist in Residence. “I immediately suggested that Maestro Vener spotlight Kevin, and he’s become a favorite. Kevin’s voice and stage persona are just plain star

quality.”

This weekend of “Rodgers and Hammerstein” concerts marks the third time Guzmán and Earley will perform together with Cal Phil. “I have such a blast with Suzanna,” Earley confides. “That’s what it’s all about. The music and the fun.”

The gates will open at The Arboretum on July 26 at 5:30 p.m. for dining and live jazz from the redwhite+bluezz Jazz Stage, with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at just \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Cal Phil box office at 1120 Huntington Drive in San Marino at 626.300.8200 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or by visiting the website, www.calphil.org. The Arboretum is located at 301 No. Baldwin Avenue in Arcadia. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking.

Tickets for the performance at 2 p.m. on July 27 are available by calling TicketMaster at 213.363.3500, Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$35 to \$95/person. Walt Disney Concert Hall is located at 111 South Grand Avenue in Los Angeles.

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Fritz Coleman To Appear at Sierra Madre Playhouse

Sunday, August 24 will be a big day for entertainment in Sierra Madre! Fritz Coleman will be doing two comedy shows (2:30pm and 7:30pm) at the Sierra Madre Playhouse and SCLT will present its fourth annual Fairytale and Fantasy concert at 6:30pm in Memorial park. I recommend seeing Fritz at 2:30pm and taking a picnic dinner to the park to catch some beautiful music.

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REMEMBRANCES:
Evelyn M. Johnson



Evelyn Margaret Millett Johnson, born September 9, 1917, remained a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a faithful child of God until her passing on June 26, 2008. Evelyn was born and raised in Sidney, Nebraska with her two sisters, Carol Howerter and Dorothy Anderson. She attended University of Nebraska (Lincoln) where she met and married Dean Johnson in 1937. They, with their two children, Richard and Jill (Girod) moved to Sierra Madre, California in 1948. There they operated the Wisteria Cab. Co. In 1957, Evelyn began working at the Sierra Madre Medical Center as bookkeeper and business manager. After more than twenty-five successful years, she retired to travel with her husband, spend time with her four grandchildren, Chris and Scott Johnson, Jeff Girod and Janette Girod King, and four great-grandchildren, Andrew, Zachary, Ryan, and Brandon Johnson. She remained active in Bethany Church until she was confined to her home due to health issues. Evelyn is survived by her grateful family and cherished friends.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 19, 11am, Bethany Church, 93 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Deaconesses, c/o Bethany Church.

Letters To The Editor

Kiwanis Wants The Horn Back!

The following letter was sent to the City Council:

Dear Council:
In order to justify our pending request to reactivate the ‘fire horn’ we thought it prudent to provide some background for those who are not familiar with the device.

The early signal for assembling the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team or Fire Department was the ringing of the bell in the belfry of the old ‘North Church’. This was in addition to the phone system in which the telephone switchboard operator notified the firemen’s home phone of the emergency. It is our understanding that the phone company, General Water and Telephone, (Drip and Tinkle) requested to be excluded because of liability. This system was replaced by the diaphragm horn that was placed in the ‘hose tower’ of the fire station after it was completed at 55 west Sierra Madre Blvd. in 1927. The horn was referred to as the ‘700 pound bullfrog’.

This signal permitted a ‘fire code’ to be sounded in which a certain number of blows would indicate a particular cross section of streets from which the fire could be spotted by the firefighters. Every household had a chart inside their kitchen cabinet door, to satisfy their curiosity, and referred to it whenever the horn sounded.

There also were sirens mounted on the old city hall and one at the city yards basically for civil defense purposes.

Even after the firemen were provided with Plectron radios the ISO (Insurance Service Organization) insisted that the horn continue in use to notify firemen, not at home, of the emergency. A blackboard was hung in front of the station by the first fireman to arrive, indicating the location of the fire. Later on, the firemen were issued personal pagers and the ISO suggested continued use of the horn as a backup. It was also tested every evening at 7 o’clock, along with the radio system. Eventually it was changed to test at noon.

‘Newbie’ firefighters were conned by the older members to ‘yank’ the lanyard to turn the light on in the hose tower. In reality it was hooked to the horn and the chief would fine the ‘newbie’ at the next fire meeting \$5 for ‘blowing the horn’.

The fire dispatcher controlled two buttons, one to open the fire house doors and one to operate the horn. Sometimes the dispatcher would neglect to hit the signal at the test time and her switchboard would light up. Members of the Kiwanis Club paid one of their members to put a time clock on the horn. He ‘messed up’ and crossed the wiring and every day at noon the fire doors would open and the dispatcher still had to operate the horn manually.

The horn was relocated to the North Baldwin parking lot at Montecito, after the new fire station was erected on West Sierra Madre Blvd. Its use was discontinued shortly thereafter but residents petitioned the city council to have the horn returned to use. ‘Sierra Madre College’ students’ and ‘graduates’ wore t-shirts promoting its restoration. It is now disabled and tradition-lovers and ‘old timers’ hope to have this 75-year-plus tradition returned.

The horn has always been oriented to the north in order to have it ricochet off the mountains. When the horn was relocated, because the new fire station was across from a convalescent home, the tall building to the north didn’t exist and it might be prudent to reorient the horn to the east or upward.

With a radio receiver that could be activated by the police dispatcher or OEC center, the horn could be used to notify the residents of an impending disaster by combining it with TV city channel 3. For instance: In case of extreme brush fire, with down slope, ‘sundowners’ or North winds, to warn of possible flying fire brands, notifying residents to close garage doors and openings; not to ‘water down’ more than 20 minutes before feeling the heat, as it evaporates and could needlessly overtax the water system. Also think about the remote, but possible, break in the MWD pipe line that runs down Liliano and across the length of Grandview, at elevation approximately 900, (Baldwin and Sierra Madre elevation 832), crisscrossed by fault lines.

Then there is a possible failure of the hillside panels (surplus airstrip landing mats from World War II) installed many years ago by volunteer firefighter Tom Burris, Ambrose Zarro (the ‘Trailmaster’), and other volunteers, to retard mudflow, from portions of the Mt. Wilson Trail and outcroppings. With the recent brushfire, this could be a likely possibility with heavy rain.

Undoubtedly, years from now, scientists will be able to predict earthquakes with a few minutes warning and what an asset this system would be. The uses of the horn, combined with our city television channel, for emergency notification is almost endless.

At a recent meeting the local Kiwanis Club, which has been associated in the past with the horn, pledged funds to refurbish and reactivate this 75-year-plus tradition, if the city will put it back in service. It is an audible tribute to our volunteer firefighters, who in its 85 year history have never lost a house to a brush fire. Few cities that interface with brush lands can make this claim. Unfortunately we have not been as fortunate with mudflow.

Sincerely,

Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club
Hank Landsberg, President

Congratulations, Sen. Schumer, You Killed IndyMac Bank

About two weeks ago, Sen. Schumer went on national television to discuss a letter he had written to banking authorities, ostensibly to express concern about their ability to deal with the contingency if IndyMac Bank were to be further weakened and have to be taken over. He named IndyMac in public in such a way that the village idiot would have recognized would strike fear in the hearts of depositors (virtually all of whom were protected by FDIC insurance) and cause a run on the bank.

The run on the bank happened. We know people who agonized over his words and worse, the sight of long lines of others withdrawing their funds, often incurring early withdrawal penalties on insured CDs. In the meantime, we know people who work (or worked) there.

Congratulations, Sen Schumer, you managed to cause the self-fulfilling prophecy to take place. You caused the final blow that caused what had been a vulnerable institution to lose a major part of its capital and force it to be taken over. Sick is sick, but dead is dead.

-- Eric Olson, Sierra Madre

Dear Congressman Drier:

Yesterday I listened to a telephone town hall meeting with Republican Congressman David Dreier focusing on the economy. The town hall ended before I had an opportunity to ask him a question, but I know what I want to ask him:

“Congressman Dreier - our economy is in desperate shape, our budget deficit is out of control, and we’ve spent nearly a trillion dollars in an apparently never-ending war in Iraq that you support. Middle class taxpayers have seen their wages actually decrease over the last 7 plus years of the Bush administration, and are trying to deal with increased costs for gas, food, health care and education. Meanwhile, you’ve voted with President Bush over 93% of the time, including votes against extending unemployment benefits, against increasing the minimum wage, and against fixing the AMT to provide middle-class tax relief. Given your extremely conservative, pro-Bush, pro-oil company, pro-corporation voting record, why shouldn’t voters think of you as part of the problem in Washington and decide that you need to be replaced in November?”

And by the way, despite your lip service during this call about the need for alternative energy solutions, you’ve consistently voted for tax breaks for oil companies and against funding and tax credits to promote the use of alternative fuels.”

David Conway, Monrovia, CA

Is the San Gabriel Valley a Cash Cow for the City of Los Angeles?

To the Editor:

Is the San Gabriel Valley a cash cow for the benefit of the City of Los Angeles? The MTA board, dominated by Mayor V, seems to think so.

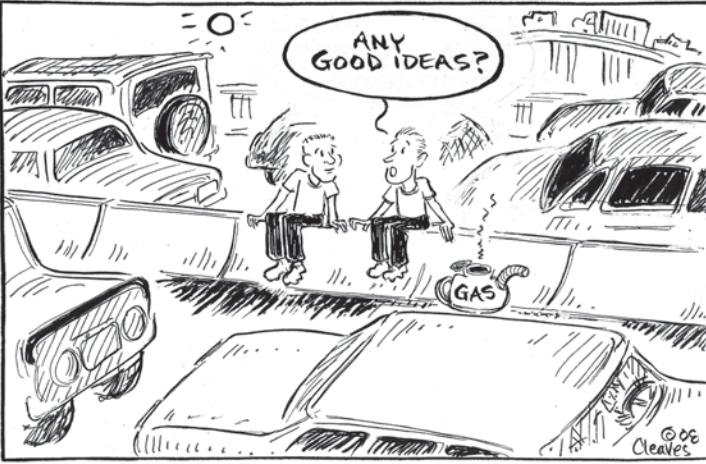
First there was the plan to create toll lanes on the 210 and 60 freeways whose only apparent benefits were a large cash payment to the MTA plus tolls paid to who knows whom? The biggest payors would obviously be people either living or doing business in the SGV.

Then the SGV was looking for some money to match some Federal money to do some planning to extend the Gold Line to Montclair. The MTA turned us down, preferring to wait for the results of a tax election and the hope that we can get the Federal money extended.

What comfort would we have if we voted for this tax that we would ever see a nickel?

This is a shortsighted view by the MTA board in any event, since the Gold Line makes it very convenient for people from the SGV to work or do business in downtown Los Angeles or make connections to the other trains serving, to a great extent, parts of LA.

--Eric Olson Sierra Madre



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WED 7/30	VR SMITH
THUR 7/31	LISA FINNIE



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Fight The Bite

By Pat Birdsall

(Being a human smorgasbord for mosquitoes, I was quite interested in a special report by Karen Ravn, which appeared in the L. A. Times this past Sunday.) She spoke with Jerry Butler, an entomologist at the University of Florida in Gainesville, about understanding how mosquitoes find us, what repellent to wear, and the mosquito myths and reality.

Mosquitoes are lured by every breath you take. Or rather with every breath you let out. They track you down by the carbon dioxide you exhale. They also zone in on body heat. In a group of 10, there's one person on average who mosquitoes will prefer. There's also one person the mosquito will turn up their antennae at.

Butler offers four ways to try to outsmart them. 1- Don't go out at dawn or dusk. Those are happy hours for mosquitoes. 2- Wear clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Clothes treated with permethrin, an insecticide sold at outdoor stores such as REI and Adventure 16, are especially useful. You can buy pre-treated clothes at www.magellans.com or www.llbean.com 3-Wear repellent. The standard has long been the chemical popularly known as DEET. The higher the concentration, the longer the product lasts, but the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest using the lowest concentration that works for your needs—usually under 30%. Though DEET doesn't harm mosquitoes, some worry that it can harm people who use it. After a safety review in 1998, the EPA concluded that DEET does not pose a health risk to people as long as they follow label directions. The only natural repellent the CDC rates as effective as DEET is oil of lemon eucalyptus. Repel and Cutter make lemon eucalyptus sprays. Many other natural products—with active ingredients extracted from catnip, celery, geraniums, soy beans and tomatoes—are proven effective, though not always as long lasting. Exactly how these various compounds work isn't known. Perhaps because they are plant- based, mosquitoes think the wearer is a plant. 4- Take along one of those people mosquitoes go mad for. (No phone calls please).

Myths vs. Reality

Myth: Taking large doses of Vitamin B, B-1, B-6 or B-12 causes the skin to exude an odor that wards off mosquitoes. Reality-Uli Bernier, a research chemist in the Mosquito and Fly Research Unit of the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Gainesville, Fla., tested the vitamin B theory. “We dosed ourselves so high you could smell us, he says. Verdict: The mosquitoes still bit. Myth: Tying a sheet of Bounce fabric softener through a belt loop or rubbing one on your body keeps mosquitoes away. Reality: No such luck, Bernier says. “I walked around with sheets flapping from my arms,” and the insects still bit. Myth: Eating lots of garlic or taking garlic supplements repels mosquitoes. Reality: Bernier found garlic had no effect, and as did a study at University of Connecticut Health Center. Myth: Mosquitoes can't bite through clothing. Reality: They can! According to Bernier who has developed repellent-treated clothing for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, “It is quite evident that they can even bite through thick uniforms where there is insufficient or no repellent present.” Clothing may, he concedes, make biting a little more difficult for them. Karen Ravn

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Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

Rain was predicted over the past weekend in the mountains and foothills above Sierra Madre. Saturday night we were surrounded by thunder and lightning and there was a heavy downpour in Monrovia at 9 p.m. There was some rain in Sierra Madre and the City announcement went out to all to prepare.

You cannot perform well what you do not practice often. Several homeowners on Woodland Drive in the canyon made ready by placing their barricades in place, improving their debris flow systems as they went along. Every time you think preparation and plan a response in advance the practice will pay off when the time comes and you are ready.

This past week the late afternoons gathered thunderhead clouds over the back side of the

San Gabriel Mountains. Luckily these storms have not started dry lightening fires in the deserts and mountain regions in southern California. Northern California experienced a perfect storm of 800 plus lightning strikes in one short weather period last month and some of the 1400 fires that resulted are continuing to burn and exhaust our firefighting resources. New Zealand and Australia, among other countries, have sent their firefighters to help us during their low fire hazard winter months of the Southern Hemisphere. Such news is a real comfort and our country will reciprocate whenever possible.

Please attend the next Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council meeting, August 4, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The program will be announced in the up coming columns. For information call 355-9350 or 355-0741.

TABLE FOR TWO By Peter Dills Going Green Just May Cost You Some Green



This week I gave up the chef's robe for the robe of environmental justice. I made a decision this past week to do my part to help save the environment and fight our dependency on oil. So, I got my bicycle tuned up, purchased some new brakes, bought a new chain and added a little grease to the gears. Lastly, I removed those training wheels that have made cornering for me so precarious in the past. I located the red, white and blue helmet of years past (holy smokes it still fits) and I knew that I was ready to roll. Soon I would be enjoying the liberating experience of an old forgotten love. Just like the old days I would be chasing the wind again. I am going to use the bike for a few errands here and there, and keep up my training for the 2012 Games, but not certain which event yet, hopefully it has something to do with downhill racing. Even if I don't make the team, I have to run errands and now I am unbound of the perpetual guilt of burning petrol. Next thing you know gas prices have fallen, America celebrates and eventually the Middle East has peace, well that is what I was shooting for anyway. After all, we were able to start a Revolution just by getting rid of some tea. Whatever the facts may be the bike has been just been sitting around collect rust, so I need to get it out.

With the new bike underneath me and my new pact to solve the geopolitical petroleum shortage armed only with my two wheeler, I headed out to attack the blacktop. I decided to go from Pasadena to Sierra Madre to the Lady of Letters home, also known as my editor's house, to pick up this week's edition of the Observer! Nice day for a bike ride I thought and I'm in good shape, so I thought. It was tougher than I anticipated as there were some uphill stretches which recalled the French Alps and Lance Armstrong but victory has a price, plus these streets have bike paths that are pretty cool. Well lost in all my fervor or possibly just plain fatigue I zipped right through a stop sign. I will give you

one guess who was waiting for me. Sure enough, and faster than I could think of a great reason why they should have mercy on me, they had written me a ticket. Did I break the law, you bet I did and I admitted as much. The Sierra Madre officer did the right thing in writing me the ticket. Why did they have to be so honest and nice about it on top of everything? Where is a crooked cop when you need one? She called for backup, she probably anticipated a runner here, and she chatted with her counterpart about the day and new technology. Meanwhile I thought of all the meals I could have eaten for the price of this ticket. Now you're thinking sour grapes – right Peter. They gave you no warning, no easy voice saying, don't do it again Mr. Dills, all I got was a summons to appear at Pasadena Municipal, “sign at the bottom,” she kindly implored, or walk the plank I realistically thought. It was my first day on the bicycle and I have to admit I am paranoid now. Do I stop and turn with the flow of traffic, or should I stay to the extreme right. I try to avert the law at every juncture but sometimes they seem to be waiting for me. After I got my head straightened out and the officers laughter faded about my helmet, I was on my way, but far less sure of my journey and solving the worlds crisis. On the way back I followed the bike lanes just like a law abiding citizen should. It sure took me a long time to get home stopping at every stop sign, well they do say justice is slow.

This two wheeler stuff is for the birds, I have not given up my fight. I will just have to devise another plan to solve this crisis. Maybe a hybrid car is better suited for this traveling critic? I think I'll put the bike back in the yard until I regained my spirit and get a new helmet. If you know a good lawyer please let me know, I am thing about pleading temporary insanity.

Next Week we're back To Mashed Potatoes and Steaks.

Everyone should be safe on the road and the link below will give you the correct Bike laws of California

http://www.bikelink.com/law_safety.htm

Next week it is back to Food and Fun for another great place to enjoy the summer fun.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 6th, to Saturday July 12, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 331 calls for service.

Monday, July 7th:

8:41 AM- Theft, 200 block of East Grandview. Unknown suspect(s) took a garage door opener from the victim's unlocked car. The incident took at an unknown time and place. The value of the garage door opener is unknown.

9:23 AM- Suspicious circumstances, 100 block Monterey Lane. Victim said on 7-3-2008, unknown suspect(s) tried to enter his house via a “doggy door.” The incident took place while the victim was at work from 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM. No property was lost.

5:04 PM- Auto burglary, 00 block of Mira Monte Ave. Unknown suspect(s) took an owners manual, insurance card, registration cars and receipts from the victim's vehicle. The incident took place between 7-4-2008 at 12:45 PM and 7-7-2008 at 5:04 PM. The value of the items stolen is unknown.

Wednesday, July 9th:

9:19 AM- Vandalism/Theft, 100 block North Baldwin Ave. Unknown suspect(s) removed 2 fire extinguishers from their cases and discharged them. 1 extinguisher was stolen from the location. The incident took place between 7-8-2008 at 7:30 PM and 7-9-2008 at 7:00 AM. The total loss was about \$130.00.

8:44 PM- Arrest, 00 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for an equipment

violation. A records check revealed the driver's license was suspended/ revoked. The driver arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.

10:31 PM- Arrest, Michillinda Ave. and 210 Freeway. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver's license was expired. The driver arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.

Thursday, July 10th:

9:57 PM- Arrest, Orange Grove Ave. and Park Ave. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver's license was suspended/revoked. The driver arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court

Friday, July 11th:

8:06 PM- Arrest, Green Oaks Ave. and Orange Grove Ave. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver's license was expired. The driver arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.

Saturday, July 12th:

1:02 AM- Arrest, 200 block East Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the passenger of the vehicle had an outstanding warrant out of San Marino. San Marino Police Department arrived and took the man into custody.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, July 6, through Saturday, July 12, the Police Department responded to 944 calls for service of which 117 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, July 6

A commercial burglary occurred between 3:00 p.m. on July 4 and 7:45 a.m. on July 6 in the 00 block of East Huntington. Unknown suspects pried open the exterior door of the building and then committed multiple burglaries and attempted burglaries of the various businesses at the location. Computer equipment was stolen from the businesses.

Around 12:22 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a theft report. She claimed that a male Hispanic took her credit card from her wallet while she was at Dave & Buster's, and he later made almost \$300 in unauthorized purchases. Officers watched the surveillance video and saw the suspect steal the victim's credit card.

Monday, July 7

A traffic stop was initiated at Rosemead and Huntington around 7:51 a.m. for an expired registration. A male African-American driver was contacted and he initially provided officers with his brother's name and date of birth. A search of his vehicle was conducted and officers found a social security card and medical card with his real name. The 26-year-old man later admitted his true identity, and record checks revealed that he was never issued a driver's license and he also had 2 outstanding warrants. He provided a false name because he wanted to evade capture for the warrants and the lack of having a driver's license. He was arrested at the scene without incident.

A grand theft occurred at Carmine's Restaurant, 311 East Live Oak, around 7:54 p.m. A female victim was sitting at an outside waiting area in front of the restaurant when a male Hispanic approached, reached over the railing, grabbed the victim's purse, and fled on foot.

Tuesday, July 8

Units responded to the Peacock parking structure located at Westfield mall around 8:30 a.m. regarding a detonation of a small acid bomb in the stairwell area. Officers assisted with the collection of evidence.

Wednesday, July 9

Between 7:00 p.m. on July 8 and 9:54 a.m. on July 9, a commercial burglary occurred at Wireless 101, located at 101 East Huntington. Unknown suspect(s) pried open the rear door and stole 10 Apple iPhones and cash.

Shortly after 1:00 p.m., a traffic stop for an expired registration was conducted at Old Ranch and Huntington. The 22-year-old male Hispanic driver was unlicensed and a consent search of the vehicle revealed a stolen credit card and a California Identification card belong to a woman. He admitted to stealing the credit card from the mail and using the I.D. card to get his girlfriend into clubs. He was taken into custody for acquiring access card without consent, receiving stolen property, unlicensed driver, and expired registration.

A residential burglary occurred in the 500 block of West Huntington between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on July 8. Unknown suspect(s) possibly entered the home by using a key and

stole two Xbox consoles, controllers, and video games.

Thursday, July 10

Around 12:25 p.m., a caller advised that a man and woman just burglarized a neighbor's home that is currently listed for sale in the 100 block of West Foothill. A 37-year-old female suspect was seen running eastbound on Foothill and a 43-year-old male suspect drove off in a white Toyota Solara. Both suspects were later located and arrested for residential burglary.

Units were dispatched to the 600 block of West Naomi regarding a grand theft and identity theft incident that occurred on July 9. The victim advised that she was at WalMart in Duarte when she was approached by a 70-year-old male Hispanic. He spoke in Spanish, which she did not understand, and a 20-year-old male Hispanic later approached and offered to help translate. The elderly suspect said that he needed money for his son's surgery and wanted to get cash for the diamonds that he had. The younger suspect and the victim said that they would help, so they all drove to a Target store and the younger suspect went inside to supposedly exchange the diamonds for cash. He later came out of the store with \$20,000 in an envelope. They then drove the victim to Bank of America in Arcadia, where she gave the suspects' her social security number, her credit card number, and she also withdrew \$5,000 from her credit card account in exchange for two diamonds. On July 10, she went to Kevin Jewelers at Westfield mall and learned that the diamonds were fake.

Friday, July 11

Between 11:55 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 200 block of West Pamela. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house through an open window, ransacked rooms, and stole a large amount of cash and jewelry.

A hit-and-run traffic collision occurred at Indiana and Wheeler around 12:07 p.m. A witness advised that a man drove his truck over a curb and then struck a parked vehicle. The driver then fled the scene, and the witness followed him to the Extended Stay, 401 East Santa Clara, parking lot. The driver was located, and a field sobriety test revealed that he was operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The 35-year-old Caucasian was arrested for driving while under the influence and hit-and-run.

Saturday, July 12

Around 12:22 a.m., units responded to the 500 block of West Huntington regarding a disturbance at an apartment complex. Upon arrival, officers detected the odor of burnt marijuana emitting from the apartment unit. Two male suspects were contacted and consent searches of their persons were made. A 21-year-old Hispanic had a butterfly knife in his pocket, and he was arrested for possession of a switchblade knife; a 19-year-old Hispanic was found in possession of marijuana and was also taken into custody.

A 48-year-old female Hispanic employee was arrested around 11:00 p.m. at Macy's for grand theft and embezzlement. She was being monitored for suspicious activities and was seen concealing store property into a department store bag and leaving without making payment. Investigation also revealed that she had been taking money from cash registers since March of 2008.

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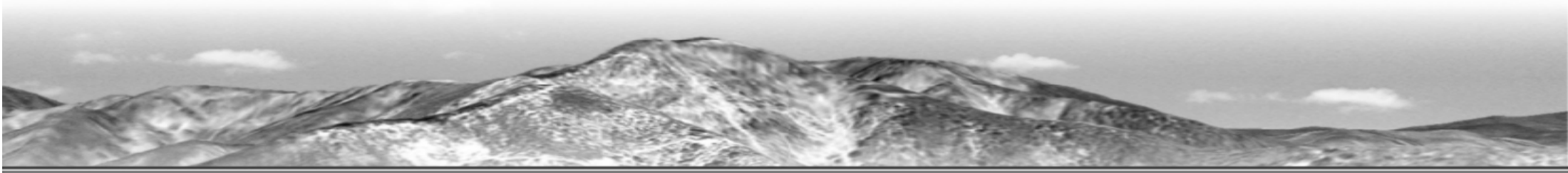
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Pit Bull Ordinance Bites



Female brindle and brown pit bull mix A234326

Photo by D. Lee/MVO

Although an ordinance passed last March requiring all pit bulls and pit bull mixes in the city to be sterilized should have taken effect in May, the city council instead asked the Public Safety Committee to review whether it was feasible to extend the law to all dog rather than just one breed.

Tuesday night the committee could not agree. Council member Steve Madison made a motion in favor of expanding the ordinance but after a number of animal groups protested the idea Council member Jacque Robinson said she

would not support that. It needed three votes to pass. Council member Steve Haderlein had to leave early limiting the commission to just the three members

They moved the issue forward to the council without action.

Robinson said she had a pit bull living at her home and that the perception of them was wrong. She said they were not aggressive unless they were trained to be so. Madison disagreed saying they needed this law before someone got killed.

“We have to do this because if we don’t, we

are going to have a child or a senior or someone else killed by these dogs.” He said.

Madison also said he has kept a file on all fatal dog attacks that he hears about in the state. Most he said were pit bulls.

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA President Steven McNall simply said the shelter could not handle the load if the ordinance applied to all dogs.

“Low income sterilization is booked 10 weeks out, we can’t handle the volume and our fear is that if an ordinance is enacted, whether it’s one breed or all dogs, we will

become so inundated that people won’t want to be fined and dump their dogs on the street.” He said adding that it would also “put undue pressure on us and the officers for enforcement.”

He said their policy now is to spay or neuter any pit bull that comes into the shelter.

To make matters worse he said more animals were showing up at the shelter now because of the sluggish economy. Humane Society spokesperson, Ricky Whitman said yesterday that they had 1,000 more animals form this time last year.

Both dogs pictured can be adopted by calling 626-792-7151 and giving the ID number underneath the dog.



Male white and black pit bull mix A234450

IndyMac’s Collapse Hits Close To Home



By Teresa Baxter and Dean Lee

Uncertainties in local government, over the recent takeover of Indymac Bank by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp Friday, started almost immediately Monday night as a number of council members voiced concern including Councilmember Chris Holden who said they may see a rise in homelessness.

“This could create a lot of impacts on the infrastructure of this government if it plays out in a very traumatic way,” he said. “It looks like it might be going down that path. To that end, does it mean that our homeless population is going to grow even more? What do we do to address that?”

Passionate, he went on, “what are the resources that we start to identify, to be responsive, to this new place we find ourselves in?”

Mayor Bill Bogaard said the city’s 10 year plan to end homelessness had not been reviewed since it was adopted a few years ago.

“It seems quite appropriate for us to have a discussion about the challenge of homelessness particularly in relation to these uncertain economic circumstances.” He said.

Others asked what economic impact it could have on centralized Pasadena businesses—dependent on the income that will be lost due to the lay-offs of thousands employees. It had been reported that the bank’s staff has been slashed down to 500. Last week over 3,500 jobs were cut and FDIC regulators said Monday those layoffs will still take effect.

“I remember just a couple of years ago when I was Vice Mayor I spoke at the opening of their new headquarters at Walnut and Lake,” Council Member Steve Madison said. “I remember it was such an upbeat event and it was a bank and a company with so much promise, with 1,000 of employees. At it apex it had 32 billion in assets.”

Madison went on to say the current situation reminded him of the old “run” on the bank. He said it was very unfortunate that the situation was associated with Pasadena.

“Customers and depositors trying to get their money out, all of the TV News vans were there, and this is a huge story all over the country and probably all over the world,” he said. “And it’s unfortunate every one of those story talks about Pasadena California based

IndyMac.

Madison also asked that city staff bring back a report on the city’s roll, in what he called, “the feds takeover of the bank.” He added that they needed to know what to do with, if at least, the building that now houses the bank. Holden asked that the whole thing be reviewed by a lower committee.

A press release from 2006 stated that IndyMac added 90,000 square feet leasing a total of 180,000 square feet in the completed IndyMac Bank Center on Walnut Street. At the same time EHarmony.com Inc. took 48,000 square feet bringing the building to nearly 100 percent occupied. A branch office of Crowell Weedon was also established on the site.

Two years ago EHarmony.com was the first to move out which had an impact.

Tom Tate and his wife Francie own On the Plaza Café in the Gateway Plaza, located ironically in the same spot EHarmony vacated. Since the departure of EHarmony and the current economic slump occupancy of the Gateway building has stagnated and Tate’s business has been affected by the loss of sales.

“When EHarmony moved out of our building they had over 200 employees, so that certainly was felt by us,” said Tate. “That decreased our customer count by a great percentage and it definitely hurt our sales.”

Tate speculates that the Ralph’s Grocery store across from IndyMac will be the most affected by the layoffs. As it is in his building, many employees have been flocking to the newly remodeled store to do shopping during their breaks.

“I certainly know that Ralph’s got a lot of business from them,” said Tate. “They have the deli and all the other items for people to take home, so they will definitely feel the difference from the empty spaces that IndyMac once occupied in those two buildings.”

A security guard that chose to be unnamed works at a neighboring parking structure. He shared that what was once an overflow from the IndyMac parking will now create an economic void to the surrounding structures that once facilitated and relied on IndyMac to fill their lots.

Interim City Manager Bernard Melekian said after the meeting the city had no financial connections to the bank. During the meeting he said he would bring back a timeline for a review if the situation.

Couple Crosses Country in Veggie Car

By Dean Lee

With a modified Mercedes Benz running on used vegetable oil, Larry Redalia and his wife, Debra Lynn, set off Monday driving back from Pasadena to Florida after looking around at the city’s housing market for a new home. The couple said they would be proud to live in a city known for being so green.

“I lived in Pasadena for about 12 years,” Redalia said. “That was about 25 years ago. We are out here looking again for a place to live here in Pasadena.”

He described himself as a handyman who likes to fix house and other things. The car, a 1978 diesel Mercedes Benz, cost him \$835, the “veggie” conversion kit he said was another \$300. And the car doesn’t get bad gas millage either.

“It’s about the same as with diesel fuel, on this car that’s about 27 mpg.” He said.

Dadd said she is a writer and has been researching environmental issues for years.

“I write about all kinds of green things,” she said. “And I have a very large website. The fact that he’s interested in the environmental aspects of it, that ties into my work. It’s something we’re doing as a couple.”

She also said that people can follow their trek at veggiecar123.com. “I’ll be updating that and posting pictures,” she said. “You’ll see how we get the oil, where we get the oil, how we filter it.”

The kit Redalia used for the car came from fattywagons.com and



Larry Redalia and his wife Debra Lynn Dadd and “veggie car” Photo D. Lee /MVO

includes a pre-filter, electric injection line heater, a supplementary fuel pump, and an electric fuel heater line that heats the fuel before the injection pump. Vegetable oil is thicker than diesel and therefore needs to be heated. The conversion took about 3.5 hours to install he said.

The use of vegetable oil as fuel is nothing new and although at first sounds hard to believe, the practice is not without problems.

One is that government regulations require fuel sellers to be licensed although the couple said the oil they get is used and free from restaurants that would otherwise have to pay to dispose of it.

“I have a couple of restaurants that I go eat lunch and they give me the oil, its great,” Redalia said.

Regulations have led some skeptics to argue used vegetable oil could never be used as an alternate fuel to diesel. Federal laws require that

vehicles on public roads use fuel that has been taxed and laws also require a permit to transport waste materials, which makes this fuel source, difficult to transport in large quantities.

“We have only hear that there might be some taxes that might need to be paid,” Dadd said as Redalia quickly explained, “We don’t refine the fuel we just put the oil through a system like I have over here which is essentially a pillow case and a bucket. It’s very low-tech.”

He continued saying that no toxic chemicals are used whatsoever. They also said they plan to abide by all laws.

In other states drivers using vegetable oil have been threatened with fines and even jail. Last year an Illinois couple made news when they were asked by the states Department of Revenue to post a \$2,500 bond and threatened with felony charges. They also had to apply for a license as a “special fuel supplier” and “receiver.”

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Alverno Service Project Puts Shoes on Kids' Feet



As one of their final service projects of the school year, Alverno High School students delivered more than 600 pairs of used shoes and more than a hundred pairs of new socks to Corazón for barefoot children in Mexico.

In May, Alverno students built a house for a needy Mexican family in one day. Campus minister Chris McGuiness says that during a class discussion many students were struck by how most of the children did not have decent—or any--shoes to wear. “With that in mind, we launched our first “old shoes/new socks” drive asking students to bring in lightly used tennis shoes to be delivered to children in the poorest neighborhoods in Mexico,” says McGuiness. “We all have closets full of clothing and shoes that we no longer need or wear, and it was a wonderful way to look at our own lives and share part of that with those who need it.” The cartons of shoes and socks have been delivered to the Corazón organization for kids in the neighborhoods the group serves.

Alverno's 282 girls regularly perform more than 1,600 hours of community service a year. This year, the school created the Alverno Lifetime Service Award, which awarded gold tassels to graduates who had given more than 420 hours of service to others during their high school years. Eleven members of the Class of 2008 earned gold tassels.

The “old shoes/new socks” drive was such a success that McGuiness says it will become a regular school-wide service project. “The girls were moved by the sight of those barefoot children and they came up with a way to help. We are proud of them and their desire to help others.”

Pasadena Summer Youth Chamber Orchestra

The Pasadena Summer Youth Chamber Orchestra (PSYCO) is giving a free concert in the Levitt Pavilion, Memorial Park, Pasadena, Raymond and Walnut. 1 ½ hours free parking in the Holly St. or Marriott Hotel parking structure. The concert is Tuesday, July 29, at 6:00pm.

The outstanding high school and college string orchestra is conducted by Marvin Neumann and Andrei Ganea.

The concert is sponsored by the Pasadena Senior Center.

Web: psycorchamberorch.org Call Roberta Wilcox, manager, at (626) 797-6418 for more information.

Members of Alverno Campus Ministry collected and boxed more than 600 pairs of shoes for barefoot kids in Mexico.

PUSD Adopts Board Protocol Proposal

By Teresa Baxter

The Pasadena Unified School District held a special meeting last week to move forward in formulating a specific guideline of protocols for board members to follow. It was shared that recently an outside consultant participated in a brainstorming session to document key issues that would be designated as protocols.

Key topics and principles included board member interaction with the public at board meetings. The board agreed that their meetings are to be held in public, but they are not “town hall meetings” where the elected officials and community engage each other in an unstructured manner. Therefore, public input into the business of the board will be structured in a manner that balances the public’s “right” to address the board and the boards “right” to conduct the meeting in a productive and efficient manner.

Protocol specifically stated that the board needs to allot a maximum of 30 minutes per agenda item and cumulatively for all non-agenda items. Each speaker will be allotted a maximum of three minutes. Previously, the allotted time of three minutes was not adhered to due to the fact that many of the audience would sign-up

for public comment and then defer their time to a single speaker, who would then talk for up to fifteen minutes, said board member Ed Honowitz.

“New protocol will make it the responsibility of the current president to manage the public comment period in a fashion that ensures an open and inclusive forum conducted within accepted meeting decorum standards,” said Tom Selinske, president of the board.

The protocol document went on to state that the board president, sensing the “will of the board” may at his or her discretion, exceed the 30 minute allotment; or make other modifications of the public comment period and process to accommodate special circumstances consistent with the board’s stated principles.

“My interest is to make sure that everyone is heard and that we are able to conduct our business as a meeting in public—not a public meeting,” said Selinske.

Other topics that are being incorporated into protocol standards include board deliberation, the role of the board president, and board member response to community complaints.

The program is:

Prelude to “Psycho” by Hermann
“Spirituals for Strings” by Gould
“Adagio and Fugue” by Mozart
“Symphony for Strings”, Op. 118a, by Shostakovich
“Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky” by Arensky

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Two Duarte residents, Heather Gonzalez, 17, and Melissa Houlemarde, 14, are part of a contemporary power tap/clogging dance team that is currently competing on “America’s Got Talent” summer reality television series. The show airs Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. on NBC-TV.

The Extreme Dance FX team of 9 dancers, six from the San Gabriel Valley, is from the Dance Effect Studio in West Covina, owned by 24 year-old dance team captain Valerie Ramirez. Other members of the team are Abacy Chevis, 13 of West Covina, Jeremy Stoddard, 19, of Pasadena, Crickett Ester, 26 of Arcadia, Elaine Alva, 15 of Glendora, Danielle Mee, 16 of Grand Terrace and Megan Rogers, 17, of Hawthorne.

After making it through two preliminary rounds of competition, one before a live audience and “America’s Got Talent” judges David Hasselhoff, Piers Morgan and Sharon Osbourne that was televised in June, the team was unanimously voted to advance to the Vegas Callbacks round of competition. The Vegas Callbacks episode of the show is expected to air sometime in mid to late July.

Should the Extreme Dance FX team make it through the Vegas Callbacks they will then move on to the live semi-final performance episodes where the American viewing audience will vote for their favorites each week. The series culminates with a live finale where one act will walk away with a million dollar prize and a contract for a show on the Las Vegas strip. The team is rehearsing 3-4 times a week to fine tune their act.

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OPINION



Something To Think About:

Commentary from Susan Henderson

Shall We Laugh or Cry?

laugh (v): to find amusement or pleasure in something; cry (transitive verb) to express deep sorrow usually by shedding tears

Well, I think I have finally cured myself from working with the television on in the background. Earlier this week, as I was putting this paper together, POTUS (President Of The United States), George W. Bush, held a press conference. And, contrary to the wise lady that sits on my shoulder and guides me, I decided to listen. BIG MISTAKE. By the time the speech was over, I didn't know whether to laugh, cry, send him a Berlitz tape on English, send him a chronology of events over the last seven years, arrange a face to face talk with a few of the people who are suffering because of his policies, move to France or stick my head in the sand like so many other Americans! (The latter is never going to happen.)

Anyway, I thought I would share excerpts from the exchange that went on between POTUS and the press corps for your enjoyment or dismay. (Warning: The quotes are genuine. Any grammatical errors or abuses of the English language came directly from the President's lips.

It all started at 10:22 A.M. EDT in the Press Briefing Room at The White House:

At the very beginning of his speech, exactly 71 words after he started, POTUS said, *"Treasury Paulsen"*. That in and of itself should have been an indication as to why we are in such deep financial trouble. Paulsen's first name is not Treasury. He is the *Secretary* of the Treasury, not the treasury itself.

POTUS's opening remarks did go directly to the mortgage banking crisis. On the financial crisis he said he has *"good oversight legislation that we have recommended for both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac"*. And, he was quite proud of himself for having done so. My mind was wondering what took him so long? Whether right or wrong, given that we have known that the mortgage banking situation was in trouble for some time, would it have been too much to expect the President and his cohorts to be proactive? If not, how about a little speed when being reactive? By the way, he never said the "I" word...[Indymac]

Another great source of presidential pride was this:

POTUS: *"To help address the pressure on gasoline prices my administration took action this week to clear the way for offshore exploration on the Outer Continental Shelf.Congress has restricted access to key parts of the OCS since the early 1980s.....There was also an executive prohibition on exploration, offshore exploration. So yesterday, I issued a memorandum to lift this executive prohibition."* Now, I just have to ask him, "Who's Your Daddy?" Wasn't it his father, former President George H.W. Bush, who had the wisdom to sign the Executive Order in the first place? You think Pappa might have known what he was doing? This apple definitely departed from the proverbial tree by a mile!

On The Banking Crisis In America:

POTUS: *"As you -- talked about banks. Now, if you're a commercial bank in America and your deposit -- and you have a deposit in a commercial bank in America, your deposit is insured by the federal government up to \$100,000. And so, therefore, when you hear nervousness about your bank, you know, people start talking about how nervous they are about your bank's condition -- the depositor must understand that the federal government through the FDIC stands behind the deposit up to \$100,000. And therefore, which leads me to say that if you're a depositor, you're in -- you're protected by the federal government."* Being "in" and "protected" doesn't do much for the depositors who can't access their money. Please tell all those other banks that won't accept IndyMac's checks that they don't need to worry...those funds were "protected by the federal government"

And when he was asked this question:

"Question: And banking -- do you think the system is in trouble?"

POTUS: *I think the system basically is sound, I truly do. And I understand there's a lot of nervousness. And -- but the economy is growing, productivity is high, trade is up, people are working. It's not as good as we'd like, but -- and to the extent that we find weakness, we'll move. That's one thing about this administration, we're not afraid of making tough decisions."* I just want to know what planet this man is on? For whom is the economy growing, etc? Certainly not for the people he is responsible for.

Now - The "G" Word

"Question: Mr. President, in February you were asked about Americans facing the prospect of \$4 a gallon gasoline and you said you hadn't heard of that at the time. Gas prices --

POTUS: *Aware of it now. " I'm glad he finally figured it out! And a little while later he said, "Gasoline prices are high." No kidding.*

On Afghanistan:

"And they have no disregard [sic] for human life. And it's really important we succeed there, as well as in Iraq. We do not want the enemy to have safe haven. Of course" Of course we don't, especially since they have no disregard for human life!

On Oil:

"Question: 'You never mention oil companies. Are you confident that American oil producers are tapping all of the sources they have out there, including offshore?"

POTUS: *Oh, what was the question again on that?*

Q: *You talked about offshore --*

POTUS: *What about them -- do I think they're investing capital to find more reserves with the price at \$140 a barrel? Absolutely.*

And once you explore, your first exploratory, if you happen to find oil or gas, it is -- you'll find yourself in a position where a lot of capital is tied up. And it becomes in your interest, your economic interest, to continue to explore so as to reduce the capital costs of the project on a per-barrel basis. And so I -- I think -- I think they're exploring. And hopefully a lot of people continue to explore so that the supply of oil worldwide increases relative to demand.

A buddy of mine said, well, what about the reefs? So I'm concerned about the reefs. I'm a fisherman, I like to fish, reefs are important for fisheries. But the technology is such that you can protect the reefs. You don't have to drill on top of a reef. You can drill away from a reef and then have a horizontal hole to help you explore a reservoir.

It's like in Alaska. You know, in the old days, you would have had to have -- if you ever go out to West Texas, you'll see, there's like a rig every 20 acres, depending upon the formation. In Alaska you can have one pad with a lot of horizontal drilling, which enables you to exploit the resources in a way that doesn't damage the environment. These are new technologies that have come to be, and yet we've got an old energy policy that hasn't recognized how the industry has changed. And now is the time to get people to recognize how the industry has changed."

In Closing

POTUS: *"Okay, I've enjoyed it. Thank you very much for your time. Appreciate it."*

Sorry I can't say the same.

Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE HUSH!



Perhaps it is best not to say anything but I've come to realize that almost every word I hear during the day is simply a manipulative attempt to convince me of something other than the truth. No, this is not just the result of being a lawyer who spends most of the day in Court listening to attorneys do their job representing their client's best interest rather than being concerned about presenting their true feelings.

It's not only lawyers, though it's everywhere. Every seller tries to manipulate a potential buyer into believing that the item to be sold now has greater value than what the seller originally paid for it. It's the advertiser's job to convince us that we gotta have it now, whether we need it or not. But it's not only advertising that's untruthful, it's absolutely everything on TV. Newscasters are mouthing words written by someone else describing events that generally the writer and the reader have not witnessed. Every talk-show or monologue presents information not because it's true or genuinely believed but rather for the sole- purpose of self-promotion.

I guess this is all really beginning to bother me because I am now associating this massive and continual lying with our upcoming elections. It would be nice to know what some of the real alternatives are and what would be the probable consequences of particular decisions. Instead we get continual disinformation and distractions. I hunted down this Gore Vidal quote from an August 10, 1972 article contained in the New York Review of Books. "Persuading the people to vote against their own best interest has been the awesome genius of the American political elite from the beginning."

All right, I'm lying, sort of. I didn't just hunt down this thirty-six year old article; actually, it's contained in a book of Gore Vidal's essays that just came out a couple of weeks ago and which I just happened to read. Actually, I'm not exactly being truthful here; it is my quite conscious intent to utilize this quasi-falsehood as an example of how hard it is to actually be truthful when so many conflicting motivations simultaneously exist that an attempt to describe things "as they really are" inevitably fails. Of course quantum theory, I guess, says that there is no way "things really are"- there are just probabilities and potentials and perhaps multiple simultaneous realities which, as far as I can tell, are not capable of being described by our present languages (except for the language of mathematics which doesn't really know how to talk and therefore is of no help to me).

Forgetting and ignoring all these difficulties, I just want to know what's the course of action best for me, my family, my friends, my dog, and the rest of the world. I would just like it if all the people in the world who know that they are lying would just shut up so I could hear the remaining people who actually are trying to tell the truth. If you hear of such a person please let me know- but probably, I won't believe you because I'll think you're lying just like everyone else. Maybe the best I or anybody else can do is just observe the world and try and make our own best decisions. If that's the case then I have one request: SILENCE PLEASE And TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES



Rich Johnson:

Oil. Oil and More Oil

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the oil crisis. I suppose roughly half of you agreed with me and the other half cordially invited me to the theological place of eternal torment. Particularly because I didn't jump on the anti-oil

company bandwagon.

The anger should be more focused against the oil producing nations who make up the membership of OPEC. That's the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Members of these little price fixers include Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Libya, Algeria, Nigeria, Angola, Angola, Venezuela and Ecuador.

Indonesia left OPEC just recently in May of 2008. These guys at OPEC control 35% of the oil produced which gives them, shall we say, considerable influence over pricing. And as much as my associate Hail Hamilton would like to outlaw price gouging, I don't think we can get Hugo Chavez of Venezuela to surrender to authorities in San Diego and face trial.

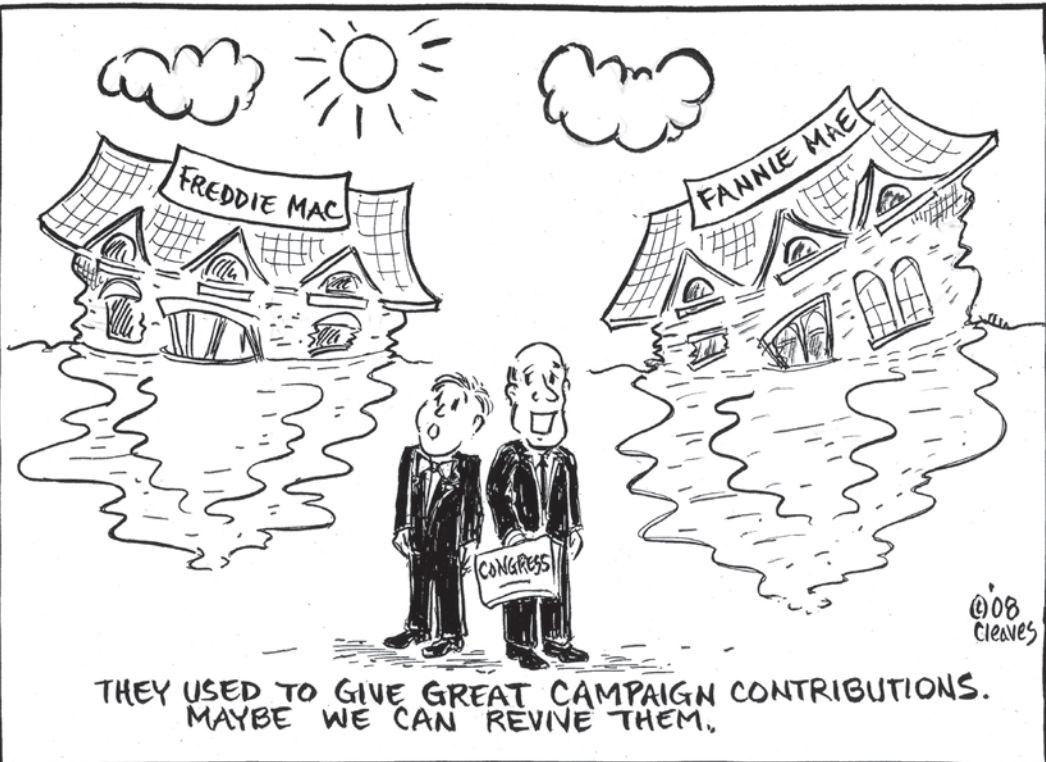
Want to change things? I believe we should focus our attention on the near-sighted car companies like GM, Ford and Chrysler. General Motors is doing so poorly they just announced they would suspend their current dividend, something they say hasn't happened since 1922. What I can't understand is why GM didn't see this coming a long time ago. Ever hear of strategic planning? Geesh! I can't believe General Motors didn't have at least one executive with his or her pulse monitoring the anticipated increase in the demand for oil.

While we are picking on the car companies let's not leave out Honda and Toyota. My son is trying to buy a new car and was looking at the Honda Fit, a fuel-efficient car. Our good friends at Honda are selling the car for over the retail price. Why? Because they can; suddenly fuel efficient cars are in demand AND in short supply. And Toyota is selling their Prius hybrid for \$5000 over the listed retail cost of the car. Where is the outcry of price gouging against these companies? How is it any different than the oil companies?

Even the car rental companies are having trouble. Not enough small cars. I suppose pretty soon Hertz will be charging a premium to rent the small cars.

I am convinced the quickest fix to dealing with the price of oil is for Detroit to start getting serious about fuel efficiency. Let's see how quickly they can retool and pump out fuel efficient cars. If they can't, they will not survive. I hope they survive.

On a personal note, my fellow employee and I were ripped off. Our bank checking accounts were hacked into and money taken out via ATMs. There were 5 other people at the bank with the same problem. Please check your accounts regularly for unauthorized use.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1268424

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SALON DE LA PLAZA, 1866 FIRST ST., L.A., CA 90033.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALLEN GOLDEN, 2888 WALNUT ST., PASADENA, CA 91107. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALLEN GOLDEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/16/08.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FILE NO. 2008-1279359 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **1. AFFINITAS INTIMATES 2. BERRY PERRY, 17133 GALE AVE., INDUSTRY, CA 91745.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on MAY 31, 2007, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 20071320178. The business was conducted by: **A CORPORATION.** 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: KENG ZHANG / PRES.** Publish: MountainViews-Observer
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FILE NO. 2008-1257445 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **1. EVA'S CLEANING SERVICE, 634 WARINGWOOD, LAPUENTE, CA 91744.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 6/15/2003, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number

of 031175220. 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: EVA RENTERIA / OWNER.**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20081239480

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BUTTERFLY MEDICINE 280 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD. #174 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAREN SOLZAK RICE 10 MOUNTAIN TRAIL AVE., SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KAREN SOLZAK RICE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

File No. 08-1228967

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL WIRED, 4704 N. GRAND AVE., COVINA, CA 91724.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTONIETA ENRIQUEZ, 4843 BOGART AVE., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTONIETA ENRIQUEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

File No. 08-1228444

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARC & ART, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD. #1510, L.A., CA 90010.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIKE SUNG, 18725 PIMILCO TERR., YORBA LINDA, CA 92886, CHUL S. CHUNG, 16362 OLDENBURG DR., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MIKE SUNG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/10/08**. 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. 08-1210646

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA CUSTOM MILLWORK, 12905 S. BUDLONG AVE., GARDENA, CA 90247.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THOMAS MALONE, 2423 MANHATTAN BCH. BLVD., GARDENA, CA 90249. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: THOMAS MALONE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

File No. 08-1211584

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DENALI CLEANING & LAWN SERVICE, 14746 LEAHY AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA T. REYES, 14746 LEAHY AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA T. REYES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on OCT. 1997.

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

File No. 08-1211702

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EAGLE SERVICE MAINTENANCE, 119 S. RAMPART BLVD., L.A., CA 90057.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS PASCUAL JR., 119 S. RAMPART BLVD., L.A., CA 90057. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS PASCUAL JR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on JULY 8, 2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1192903

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. FIRST MANHATTAN 2. THE MANHATTAN GROUP 3. FIRST MANHATTAN REAL ESTATE 4. FIRST MANHATTAN MORTGAGE 5. FIRST MANHATTAN ESTATES 6. MANHATTAN ONE 7. FIRST MANHATTAN ESCROW 8. FIRST MANHATTAN ESCROW DIVISION 9. GENERAL CONCEPTS, 21660 COPLEY DR. STE. 320, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765-4175.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KULWANT VIRDI, 1350 MISTY COURT, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KULWANT VIRDI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/25/03.

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

File No. 08-1025579

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. GO GOSPEL RADIO 2. ON THE GORADIO 3. TAYLORMADE TV, 15903 LAKEWOOD BLVD #103-335, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ESTHER TAYLOR, 1000 IMPERIAL HWY., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ESTHER TAYLOR.** 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 N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1210145

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LONG BEACH AUDIO RADIO, 2990 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY., LONG BEACH, CA 90804.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LINDA NOLASCO, 2249 TULANE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90815, MICHAEL NOLASCO, A.T. TAPYONGKON, 2990 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY., LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: LINDA NOLASCO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1978.

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

File No. 08-1211755

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R&D REO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, 13033 PENN ST. #700, WHITTIER, CA 90602.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEVLIN DUARTE, 561 W. PALM, LA HABRA, CA 90631, ISMAEL RIVERA, 7940 STEWART and GRAY RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DEVLIN DUARTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

File No. 08-1191524

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS, 2600 AZUSA AVE. #135, WEST COVINA, CA 91792.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELENOR S. MACASPAC, 2600 AZUSA AVE. #135, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELENOR S. MACASPAC.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on FEB 21, 2008.

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

File No. 08-191957

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. S. LOPEZ REALTY 2. SOTERO LOPEZ, 14220**

FRANCISQUITO AVE. UNIT 102, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706-6125. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SOTERO LOPEZ, 14220 FRANCISQUITO AVE. UNIT 102, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706-6125. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SOTERO LOPEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/10/05.

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

File No. 08-1199898

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. THE MORALES TEAM REAL ESTATE 2. THE MORALES TEAM HOME LOANS 3. REO EXECUTIVE GROUP, 619 E. ARROW HWY., AZUSA, CA 91702.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEONEL ACEVES, 1221 W. 3rd ST. #329, L.A., CA 90017

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Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1162772

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY OUTREACH**, 2501 INDUSTRY WAY STE. F, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY OUTREACH, 2501 INDUSTRY WAY, STE. F, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: WILMA J. NEWMAN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on MAY 1998.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1159994

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SCHOOL BUS LIGHT COVERS**, 12331 LOUIS AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HERMALINDA NUNEZ, 12331 LOUIS AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HERMALINDA NUNEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/30/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1152216

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STEELE WATERCABLE**, 2001 S. ALMA ST. #3, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS GONZALEZ, 2001 S. ALMA ST. #3, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. ALBERT J. HERNANDEZ, 1516 W. 1st ST. #206, SAN PEDRO, CA 90732. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ALBERT J. HERNANDEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/27/08**. 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. 08-1181971

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TAYLOR MADE PRODUCTIONS**, 849 W. DUARTE RD. APT. M, MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VIERRA TAYLOR, 849 W. DUARTE RD. APT. 9, MONROVIA, CA 91016. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VIERRA TAYLOR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FILE NO. 2008-1162084 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **CLAUDIAS BEAUTY SALON, 8517 LONG BEACH BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on SEPT. 16, 2003 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: CLAUDIA PEREZ OWNER**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1113024

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALA-ALASALA 2008**, 249 S. OCCIDENTAL BLVD. #306, L.A., CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELIGIO G. BARADAS, 249 S. OCCIDENTAL BLVD. #306, L.A., CA 90057. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIGIO G. BARADAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/23/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/09/08.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1105075

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DONG'S ART CO. LTD.**, 5651 SULTANA AVE. APT. A, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WEI DONG HUANG, 5651 SULTANA AVE. APT. A, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WEI DONG HUANG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/20/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/20/08.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business

Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1142577

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DYNAMICS CONSULTING SERVICES**, 11708 ARTESIA BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VILMA CAILO-PEREZ, 11708 ARTESIA BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VILMA CAILO-PEREZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/26/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1076480

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOCUST AVE. ENTERTAINMENT**, 556 ALTA VISTA AVE., SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AV MEDIA PARTNERS, INC., 556 ALTA VISTA AVE., SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: GREGORY REID/CEO**. 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 5/07.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1106695

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ORIENTAL RELAXATION PLUS**, 1532 S. DEL MAR AVE. #B, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CLA INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT, INC., 1532 S. DEL MAR AVE., #B, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: CEO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/20/08**. 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. 08-1124215

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PAWS HERE**, 13720 VIA DEL PALMA #F, WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BONNIE ZIEGLER, ROBERT ZIEGLER, 13720 VIA DEL PALMA AVE. #F, WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE. Signed: BONNIE ZIEGLER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1141110

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RED LI PERSIMMON NAILS & SPA**, 21750 E. VALLEY BLVD. STE. B, INDUSTRY, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LY PHAM, 10395 LA TORIOLA CIR., FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708, THU THAO NGUYEN, 8832 ANTHONY DR., HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: LY PHAM**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/26/08**. 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. 08-1141435

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **S.N.S. INC.**, 761 E. GREEN ST., STE. 3, PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VALENTIN SEPANI, 761 E. GREEN ST., STE. 3, PASADENA, CA 91101. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VALENTIN SEPANI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/26/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/24/2003.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1046998

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SAMBA SOCCER 2. AV FUTBOLITO**, 45431 23rd ST. WEST, LANCASTER, CA 93536. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAUL ROSSIL, 38519 11th ST. E., PALMDALE, CA 93550, ROBERT ROSSIL, 2261 OHIO AVE., SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ROBERT ROSSIL**. 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. 08-1104906

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPA LE BELLE**, 518 PALISADES DR., PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DONNA C. ASHLEY, RONALD SAMPSON, 13111 MAGNOLIA PLACE, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92844, DAVID TRAN, 518 PALISADES DR., PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DONNA C. ASHLEY**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/20/08**. 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. 08-1123847

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE ADVANTGARDE GROUP**, 7840 FIRESTONE BLVD. STE. 103, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN JIMENEZ, 10350 VERNON AVE. #6, MONTCLAIR, CA 91763, OCTAVIO PONCE, 11238 GLAD HILL ROAD, WHITTIER, CA 90604, LEONOR GONZALEZ, 803 W. 40th PL., L.A., CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JUAN D. JIMENEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JULY 1, 2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1105107

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE FINANCIAL STORE**, 30 N. RAYMOND AVE. STE. 100, PASADENA, CA 91103. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ADEPEGBA ROGERS, 2622 E. VANDERHOUF DR., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ADEPEGBA ROGERS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/20/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WHOLESALE HOME DEALS**, 2461 E. ORANGETHORPE AVE. #210, FULLERTON, CA 92831. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TU CASA REALTY GROUP, INC., 2461 E. ORANGETHORPE AVE. #210, FULLERTON, CA 92831. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: JULIO MALDONADO/PRES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/26/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/20/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1106694

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WIN XING CO.**, 129 E. GARVEY AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIHONG LISA ZHAO, 129 E. GARVEY AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LIHONG LISA ZHAO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/20/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/01/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2008-1152201

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BETTY'S GARAGE 280 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. #369 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TAMARA BROCK 280 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. #369 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TAMARA BROCK**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/27/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FILE NO. 20080159860 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **EDDIE'S MARKET 217 Michigan, Pasadena, Ca. 91106**. 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: CAROLYN DAPPER**.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SIERRA MADRE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The City of Sierra Madre is requesting proposals from consultants to prepare an update of the City's Housing Element of the General Plan. The City is seeking a qualified and experienced consultant who will review the existing Housing Element and will revise the document to reflect current conditions, city policies, and methods to meet the housing requirements mandated by the State of California. The consultant shall be responsible for preparing and processing the document, and must be willing to work with in-house staff on such steps as data gathering, public outreach and hearings, policy recommendations, and response to State comments through Housing Element adoption. The City of Sierra Madre's previous Housing Element was last updated in March of 2003 and must be updated again to meet 2008 State requirements. The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocates 139 housing units to Sierra Madre from 2006 to 2014. The RHNA numbers need to be incorporated into the City's Housing Element along with measures that address all new relevant State law with regard to affordable housing, senior housing, and special needs housing. This includes the identification of development constraints as well as opportunities for the addition of new units in both the General Plan and the Municipal Code. The work program must include an evaluation of the last Housing Element and a discussion of the effectiveness of the existing housing program and policies. A needs analysis should be provided along with an analysis of housing resources and opportunities, housing constraints, and housing goals, policies and quantified objectives. An updated Housing Element is necessary that provides housing options, including identification of opportunity sites for new housing and creative solutions to providing all housing types in Sierra Madre, especially affordable housing. The City of Sierra Madre is interested in creative and cost-effective approaches to achieving compliance with the Housing Element Update.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) packet includes background information, project description, scope of work, deliverables and project content, proposal requirements, and selection criteria, and is available from the City of Sierra Madre Development Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, or request by mail by phoning the Development Services Department at 626.355.7135. The RFP, including the 2003 Housing Element, can also be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, click on Development Services Department / Projects / Housing Element. All inquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to: Danny Castro, Director of Development Services, phone 626.355.7135.

Proposals must be received at the City of Sierra Madre Development Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024 no later than 5:00 p.m. August 6, 2008.

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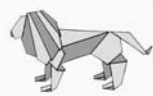
Name of Applicant: LUIS BAHENA
Doing Business As: SALON ACAPULCO
Located at: 1929 S. Los Angeles St
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Any person desiring to protest the Issuance of this permit shall make a written protest before August 13, 2008 to the:

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A team from Texas State University has revised the date of Julius Caesar's invasion of Britain in 55 BC—a transformational event in world history. "Despite what most history books state, Caesar could not have landed on August 26–27—the English Channel was flowing the wrong way," says team leader Donald W. Olson, a tide expert.

He and fellow professor Russell Doescher, aided by astronomy honors students Kellie Beicker and Amanda Gregory, reached this conclusion during an expedition to England's southern coast last summer. Earlier, Olson had identified August 2007 as a rare opportunity to settle the longstanding dispute among history scholars and scientists concerning Caesar's landing. During that month, complex tidal factors involving the Moon and Sun would unfold in a near-perfect replay of those in August of 55 BC.

"We realized we could go out in a boat and observe the current for ourselves," Olson explains. "The year 1901 would have been just as good for this experiment, but no one noticed."

According to Olson's team, Caesar's invasion fleet must have arrived four day earlier—August 22–23 in 55 BC—to have acquired a suitable northeastward current. The revised date reconciles an ancient record of a "falling tide" with Caesar's own description of the coastline topography as he moved his fleet along the white cliffs of Dover. The Texas researchers present their findings in the August 2008 Sky & Telescope magazine.

When his 100 warships carrying two Roman legions (perhaps 10,000 men) approached the white cliffs, Caesar noticed a multitude of javelin-wielding Celtic warriors lined up along the ridge and decided to look for a better landing spot. He ordered his fleet to move along the coast, and after about seven miles they came to "an open and flat shore."

But which way did Caesar turn—left or right—and when did he actually set foot on British soil? For centuries, these two questions have vexed not only

Looking Up With Bob Eklund

Astronomers Re-Date Caesar's Invasion of Britain

historians, but the residents of coastal towns vying for the claim of "Caesar was here."

Caesar mentioned unexpectedly strong tides, a full Moon, and an ocean current that changed direction in mid-afternoon. These clues even led famous astronomers Edmond Halley and George Airy to weigh in—but they disagreed with each other's conclusions. The debate about the date and place of Caesar's landing has raged ever since.

The Texas team's revised date, August 22–23, gives Caesar the ocean current he needed to maneuver right, proceed

everything is reconciled."

"I had a blast watching these guys in action," says Sky & Telescope Senior Editor Roger Sinnott, who joined the Texas State expedition last summer. "One day they were using GPS to measure their small boat's drift off Dover harbor, and on another they were tossing apples from the end of the long Deal pier to see which way the current went."

The Texas researchers have also studied paintings of night scenes by Van Gogh and Munch, dated photographs of the Moon by Ansel Adams, and interpreted



Russell Doescher, Don Olson and Roger Sinnott at St. Margaret's Bay, on the coastline between Dover harbor and the open beach near Walmer and Deal. According to the authors' theory, Julius Caesar sailed past this point in August of 55 B.C. (Photo by Marilyn Olson)

seven miles, and land with a falling tide near the present-day town of Deal. That's the beach preferred by most historians but rejected by tide experts in the past. What's more, a modified reading of Caesar's reference to the "night of a full Moon" also leads to the August 22–23 date.

"The scientists were right about the tidal streams," Olson says, "and so were the historians about the landing site. With our new result and our new date,

cryptic lines in a Shakespearean play. Closely related to their work on Caesar is their earlier research on how the Moon and tides affected the World War II amphibious landings on the Pacific atoll of Tarawa and in Normandy on D-day.

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From the Inside Out: By Mary Carney

Pancreas Care

Just what-all does that 6" long, tucked-under-the-stomach and tucked-in-front-of-the-spleen pancreas do, anyway? We know it's part of the challenge of dealing with diabetes, but what does it really do?

Well, what it's most often known for is dispensing insulin to keep blood sugar levels under control. When the pancreas seems to be unable to keep up with that task, we are told we have "diabetes."

Interestingly enough, dispensing insulin is only one of several functions, and it's way too easy for it to get overstressed - and if it's overstressed for a long enough period of time, and may lead to pancreatitis, or eventually, pancreatic cancer.

For instance, every time you eat anything, your pancreas is called upon to provide digestive enzymes. Oh, not the moment food goes in the mouth - the salivary glands and saliva start the polysaccharidebreakdownprocess there. When you swallow, your hopefully well-chewed and saliva-lubricated mouthful of slurry whumpfs onto your stomach's preliminarily lubricated, protective mucosal lining. In the stomach more digestive components get added, along with hydrochloric acid (HCl), and the stomach muscles begin clenching and relaxing, kneading each and every deposit with these new digestive liquids. Hopefully your stomach has enough HCl capability to both further break down the foods and to reach the essential pH (acid) level of 2.9 required for protein digestion before the contents are moved in to the duodenum. Proper pH levels are essential for enzyme function. If your pH isn't right, you'll have lots of undigested proteins (and fats, and carbs) moving thru the intestines, putrifying (ugh!!!) along the way and producing toxic byproducts (absorbed into your

cells) and smelly gases that eventually blast out.

The duodenum is the approximately six inch long tunnel between stomach and small intestine. Here is where the almost liquid stomach contents - chyme - (if you've chewed well to start with) receives the gallbladder's bile to emulsify fat globules to the smallest possible size for individual suspension in the rest of the water-based liquids. The pancreas adds its broad array of digestive enzymes (all of which require a higher pH than that required for protein digestion) so it provides natural bicarbonates to neutralize left over HCl and create the next pH level for ongoing enzyme activity as things move through the small intestine. Once things reach the large intestine, water absorption begins, eventually creating a relative solid for excretion.

If you've been gulping and swallowing chunks of food, and overfilling the stomach, the pancreas winds up becoming forced to do more than it's supposed to do. Not just once in a while, but on a repeated basis. And, in addition to all of this, if you are consistently running adrenaline, you are inhibiting the body's ability to do the needed digestion - meaning inhibiting the pancreas' ability to even produce the required enzymes, remember? When you're fighting the lion, you need all your energies to do that, not to be digesting foods ... fighting the lion is like the recent run on IndyMac - you're withdrawing your previously deposited nutrient reserves.

And, if that's not enough, the pancreas also produces a variety of hormones to help regulate appetite ... one that was just in the LA Times health section is Ghrelin - which is stimulated by the presence of sugars - and triggers appetite. Getting that hormone under

control can be really challenging, because the louder it speaks, the more sugars you want to take in. Not good, not good at all.

And why do I care? Well, I'm once again looking forward to participating in the Cancer Control Society's Alternative Health Convention coming up over the Labor Day weekend. And one of the most challenging kinds of cancers to deal with is that of pancreatic cancer. Once it's been "diagnosed", fear skyrockets, increasing already existing levels of stress; thus reducing the pancreas' ability to do its job, and creating conditions that are even harder for the pancreas to deal with. So I thought - an ounce of prevention ...

Taking care of yourself is an "inside job"; healing is an "inside" job. Understanding how things work can help provide your insides with the info and tools they need to do their jobs. We were designed by the Creator to succeed ... and, like any good engineer, seemingly redundant systems exist so that if one system is down for the count, others can help until the first one gets back on its feet again. One, Two Let's keep your pancreas from reaching that K.O punch - from the inside out.

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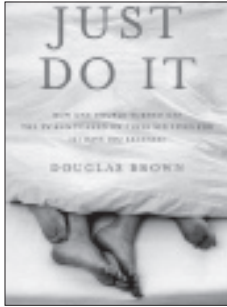
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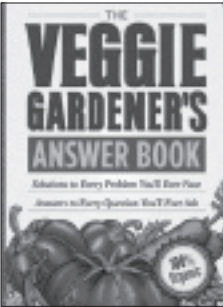
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Just Do It: How One Couple Turned Off the TV and Turned On Their Sex Lives for 101 Days (No Excuses!) by Doug and Annie Brown (2008)
Staving off the ho-hum existence of daily suburban midlife, this couple did the unthinkable: they vowed to have sex for 101 consecutive days. Despite bouts of sickness, business trips and exhaustion, Doug and Annie Brown succeeded in their sexathon and recorded it in this book. The author states "In the process, they rekindled their old courtship, explored scandalous new techniques and discovered new emotional intimacy. They also found that they became overall healthier in the process."

The Veggie Gardener's Answer Book: Solutions to Every Problem You'll Ever Face Answers to Every Question You'll Ever Ask by Barbara W. Ellis (2008)

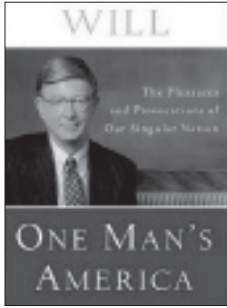
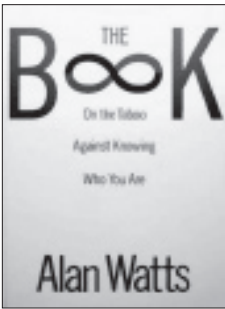
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The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping: Home Landscaping with Food-Bearing Plants and Resource-Saving Techniques By Rosalind Creasy and Marcia Kier-Hawthorne (1982)
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Recommended by Ram Das
The Book: On the Taboo Against Knowing Who You Are by Alan Watts (1966)

The Book delves in to the cause and cure of the illusion that the self is a separate ego, housed in a bag of skin, which confronts a universe of physical objects that are alien and stupid. The real self is in fact the root and ground of the universe. Alan Watts is best know as an interpreter of Zen Buddhism in particular and of Indian and Chinese philosophy in general.



Recommended by Dennis Prager
One Man's America: The Pleasures and Provocations of Our Singular Nation by George Will (2008)
Pulitzer Prize winner Wil gives us an engaging collection of his columns and reviews from the past five years. Touching lightly on the Bush administration and heavily upon American history, good government, obituaries and baseball among other topics. Very Colorful and fascinating to look at a variety of people, stories and events.

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Scene One - Take One DVD Review

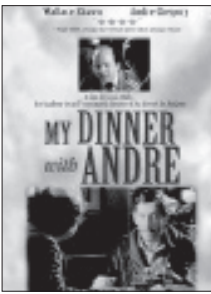
Gosford Park (2001)

Directed by Robert Altman, this witty murder mystery won an Oscar for its screenplay. Set in 1932 the story takes place in a large, old-fashioned English estate, where a family has invited many of their friends up for a weekend shooting party. The story centers around the McCordle family, particularly the man oth the house, William McCordle. Getting on in years, William has become benefactor to many of his relatives and friends. As the weekend progresses and secrets are revealed, it seems everyone, above stairs and below wants a piece of William and his money, but how far will they go to get it? A murder ensues. Amazing multiple storylined drama showing the lives of upstairs guests and downstairs servants. Amazing cast includes Hellen Mirren, Maggie Smith, Kristin Scott Thomas and others.



My Dinner With Andre (1981)

Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory (who both wrote the screenplay) apparently playing themselves, share their lives in a long conversation over the course of an evening meal at a restaurant in New York City. Gregory, a theater director, is the more talkative of the two. He relates tho Shawn his tales of dropping out, traveling around the world, witnessing the variety of ways people live, as well as his many unusual experiences. Shawn listens attentively, but questions the value of Gregory's seeming abandonment of the pragmatic aspects of life. Based on actual life events. Directed by Louis Malle. In 1999, Ebert added it to his "Great Movies" essay series. A very unusual film.



My Cousin Vinny (1992)

In this very funny and well done comedy, New York City lawyer Vinny Gambini (Joe Pesci) drives to a Podunk Alabama town with his brassy, leather clad girlfriend to clear his cousin Bill and Bill's pal Stan after they're accused of killing convenience store clerk. Unfortunately, Vinny passed the bar exam just weeks earlier, after six attempts, and has yet to try a case. Things look bleak for Bill and Stan. Pesci gained a strong praise for his comedic lead role while Marisa Tomei won a Best Supporting Oscar award. Fred Gwynne (in his last performance) was wonderful as Judge Chamberlain Hall. Lots of fun!



A VIEW FROM THE HILLS

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the editor of Wilderness Way magazine, author of "How To Survive Anywhere," and an occasional blogger about world issues. He can be reached at Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.ChristopherNyerges.com]

Sometimes the best places are right in our own backyard. The grass isn't especially greener elsewhere - it is only the elsewhere grass.

Recently, Teresa and I wanted a place to sit and talk and just be together. We enjoy the restaurants and coffee houses of Sierra Madre - you know, 323, Italian food, pizza, Mexican food, Bean Town, etc. But we wanted to be somewhere where we wouldn't have to leave at a certain time, and where we could talk without the chatter of the urban mob right next to us.

It was still light when we walked up to the flat large expanse of the monastery, which seemed like a good place to be. We walked around looking for a spot to sit. From a distance, the large expanse seemed like a lush lawn, but in fact, it was very dry, full of gopher or ground squirrel holes, and grown over with a low layer of mustard, turkey mullein, and bristly sticky thistles. We walked a bit, looking for the "just right" spot - out of the way, with a view, private but not isolated. We walked towards the large ficus tree and decided that would be the ideal spot. I laid down a tarp and we sat there in the cool of the early evening. There were no lights yet in the distant city, but little by little they came on.

The atmosphere under the ficus tree was magical, because ripe "figs" dropped at a rate of one every 10 to 30 seconds, a slow rainfall of ripe fruits, landing loudly onto the ground-cover of dry leaves. We tasted one - these were tiny fruits and not very sweet.

We hadn't seen one another for a few days and there was much to talk about. But it seemed that a certain calmness and peacefulness descended upon us there in the mantle of the monastery. We talked, but softly, about issues and challenges in each of our lives.

We were observers of the great movie screen of the panoramic city below us, as little by little lights went on. But while still light enough to see well, we noted a teenager enter the field and do something around the

Mary statue out in the lower field. We figured he was probably looking for change that other people left there as an offering. Why else would he use a flashlight? What else would he be looking for? He suddenly seemed to notice us, and he looked in our direction for a long time, probably studying the view under the tree to determine if there actually were two people observing him. Then he turned away, searched around the statue more with his flashlight, and then turned off his flashlight as he walked away.

"What a loser," said Teresa.
Darkness slowly descended. We noted some large flashes of light, way to the south-west, and wondered if they were post-Fourth fireworks. We later learned they were light-nig flashes.

We sat there sharing dried persimmons and bottled water, our discussion switching between trying to identify a distant object, to some point about what we did the previous week.

In an hour and a half since we arrived, it was completely dark and we noted a slow figure to our north. We remained motionless and watched as a deer grazed remarkably close to us, and then another. It seemed to know we were there, for we didn't stop talking or alter our volume. Maybe they were used to people. Maybe the reward of all the fallen ficus fruits was too attractive. They wandered off, and then back again, seemingly unconcerned about our presence.

The deer's motions were slow yet thoughtful, even though we could only make out its form in the dark. It was very different from the motion of the coyotes who surrounded us on our last visit in the dark, who ran around us in erratic, excited circles until I jumped up and stomped towards them as they disappeared into the darkness.

After a little longer, dried persimmons all gone, we packed up and headed home. It was an enjoyable evening, where we could slow down and listen to ourselves as people were meant to do. I have had less calm times in the mountains and wilderness, and so it was refreshing to remind myself that it is not where we go that matters, but what we do, and how we do it.



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SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI:

The Dog Days of Summer:

The period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere. The term comes from the brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog), Sirius. In fact, so bright that the ancient Romans thought that the earth received heat from it. In the summer, Sirius the "dog star," rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun. They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after, "dog days" after the dog star.

~Helpful Hints~

*Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

*Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster. Also, if you peel a banana from the bottom you won't have to pick the 'stringy things' off. That's how primates do it.

Thanks Joan!



Happy Birthday

Joanne Gheezo, Barbara Stewart
Martha Griffin and Tony Gheezo



Recipe of the Month:

Simple Crostini 1 baguette (8 to 10 ounces)

¾ cup olive oil - (For an extra layer of flavor, use a garlic or herb infused oil) coarse salt and ground pepper.
1-Preheat oven to 350. Arrange baguette slices on two large rimmed baking sheets: brush both sides with oil, and season with salt and pepper.

2- Bake until golden, 15 to 20 minutes, rotating sheets halfway through (If undersides are not browning, turn crostini over once during baking.) Let cool on baking sheets. (To store, keep at room temperature in a resealable plastic bag, up to one week.) Top crostini with desired toppings and serve.

A Trio of Toppings:

White-Bean and Caper

In a bowl, combine one 15 ounce can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained, with ¼ small red onion, minced, 1 Tbs. capers, rinsed, 1 Tbs. olive oil, and 1 Tbs. white-wine vinegar. Mix, mashing beans slightly; season with coarse salt and ground pepper.

Tomato-Basil

In a bowl, combine 1 pint chopped grape or cherry tomatoes with ½ cup chopped fresh basil leaves, 1 Tbs. olive oil and 1 tsp. red-wine vinegar; season with coarse salt and ground pepper.

Artichoke-Dill

In a bowl, combine two 14-ounce cans artichoke hearts in water, rinsed, squeezed to remove excess liquid, and chopped, with 1/3 cup light mayonnaise, 2 Tbs. fresh lemon juice, and 2 Tbs. chopped fresh dill; season with coarse salt and ground pepper.

Each recipe yields enough to top 30 crostini. Feel free to mix and match! (everydayfoodmag.com)

For Your Funny Bone

An accordion player driving home from a late night gig, decided to pull over at a local store for a cup of coffee because he was very tired. While waiting to pay, he remembers that he locked his car doors but left the accordion in plain view on the back seat of his car! He rushes out only to realize he's too late. The back window was smashed and someone had already thrown in two more accordions.

Service in the restaurant was abysmally slow. My husband was starting to flip out, so I tried to distract him with small talk. "You know," I said, "our friend Christi should be having her baby anytime now." "Really?" my husband snapped. "She wasn't even pregnant when we walked in here." M. Morrison/ RD

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave for part of the service. After church, the pastor asked the man where he had gone, "To get a haircut," the guy said. "But," said the pastor, "Why didn't you do that before the service?" "Because," the gentleman replied, "I didn't need one then."

How often we fail to realize our good fortune in living in a country where happiness is more than a lack of tragedy. ~ Paul Sweeney~



Activities:

Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

222 W. Sierra

Lunch Program: Monday- Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors

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

Tuesday: Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card
Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information

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

Thursday: Game Day- 1:00- 3:30 PM Poker, Bunco, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it.
Yoga- 5:00 PM- 6:30PM \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over) Call 355-5278 for more information

Friday: Ping-Pong- 1:30 PM

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

Meals-On-Wheels:

Meals are delivered to homebound seniors through the YWCA Intervale lunch program M-F with frozen meals for the weekend. \$2.00 suggested donation per day
Call Susan Garcia at (626) 858-8382

Monthly Excursions:

*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

July 24- Bowers Museum to see the Terra Cotta Warriors 8:45AM-4:00PM Mini-excursion open to the first 16 people who complete a paid reservation. \$24.00- Lunch on your own.

August 21- Long Beach Harbor Cruise 10:00AM- 4:00 PM \$26.00 per person (includes transportation, lunch & harbor cruise) Requires a minimum of 25 people to go. Sign up and bring a friend or two.

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

Free Homeowners & Renters Assistance Program

Don Brunner is volunteering again this year from 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM every Wednesday from July 2nd to October 15th by appointment only. If you are 62 or older or disabled and have income less than \$41,000 you may be eligible for money back from the Sate of California. For reservations and more information call 355-7394



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So You Want A NEW House In Sierra Madre?



Chris Bertrand

Many are drawn to the eclectic, small town personality of Sierra Madre. With 100+ years under the belt, there are homes over a century old and everything in between, from 400-500 square foot converted summer cabins in "The Canyon" to the 10,000 square foot Pinney House, and occasionally some new construction. The three high-end custom homes on Highland, constructed since 2006 by LeVeque construction, just closed the final home in June, which leave two projects for those who love the town but yearn for a fresh, never-occupied abode.



The Sierra Madre Villas Townhomes, by Mursol Construction, has only one of ten homes left, according to Ron Rossiter of Coldwell Banker. Though I watched the construction from afar, I had never viewed the homes inside. I must say I was mightily impressed. A lot of thought went into the concept, floorplan and amenities to suit the target market, with great success. List price of the ten units ranged up to \$915,000, with this smallest, last unit

offered at \$798,000.

636 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Unit B, offers 1626 square feet with three bedrooms, two and one half baths, a two car attached garage AND an elevator. As Rossiter commented, their target resident is already local, someone who wants to downsize and stay in the community. With an elevator, age or ability to climb stairs becomes a moot point. This last unit is private, and quite a distance removed from Sierra Madre Boulevard. High end appointments include Pella casement windows, slab limestone kitchen counters, two fireplaces and extensive prefinished, walnut flooring. A small fenced yard is stubbed for gas barbecue. The floorplan accesses the kitchen directly from the garage for easy grocery unloading, a definite A+ in my checklist.

The master bath is beautifully designed, with generous use of marble walk-in shower, separate tub and dual sinks, while the two other bedrooms share a private connecting bath. Very efficient use of space in my estimation. The landscape is perfectly incorporated to maximize privacy already, so most of the windows look out to lush shrubbery rather than fencing. What initially appeared to me as a tight garage access from the street is, in reality, very nicely oriented.

Only two units are attached here, with minimal common walls. The two car garages, with high end wood roll-up doors, are adjacent and indented from the rest of the building, affording generous turnaround space in the paver and grass driveway.



About a mile away, at the corner of Baldwin and Alegria, three homes remain of the four constructed by CDL Builders, Inc. According to Judy Webb-Martin, listing agent, this is CDL's first residential foray into the Sierra Madre area, whose previous focus has been LA

residential and commercial construction.

Constructed as a Planned Unit Development, the four homes share a common driveway and fit unobtrusively as an infill development in an established neighborhood. An HOA maintains the exteriors, landscape and common areas, so your worry-free "condo" living can actually happen in a detached "home" with no common walls at an HOA fee of only \$200/month. Webb Martin also mentioned that CDL is offering aggressive seller financing on all three homes.

The first purchasers of the Alegria homes commented that they looked long and hard for a new home in Sierra Madre, after downsizing from La Canada. Many other condos in this price range often shared common walls, and were more tightly spaced on the homesites. They were pleased at the privacy level of these four homes.

The three homes left, at 15, 19 and 21 Alegria, are offered at \$995,000, 997,500 and 979,500 respectively. Though they offer very different floorplans, the homes are similar in square footage, around 2500. The two story homes all include four bedrooms, two car attached garages, plus either 3.5 or 4.5 bathrooms.

Particularly appealing to me is the home with the wrap-around porch looking out to the heritage oak gracing the front yard. It offers a beautiful corner statement for the development, and I'm always a sucker for the charm of a front porch.

Both the Alegria and Sierra Madre Boulevard projects are walking distance to downtown Sierra Madre's restaurants, services and shops. Perfect for an amble into town for coffee on a Saturday morning, when you WON'T need to be mowing your own lawn or painting the house!

For more information on 636 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., visit www.SierraMadreVillas.com or contact Ron Rossiter of Coldwell Banker at 626-233-0741.

To see one of the Alegria homes, contact Judy Webb-Martin and Katie Orth at 626-355-2384 or visit www.Webb-Martin.com

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