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Eight+ Hour Standoff Ends Peacefully

By Bill Coburn

Shortly after 8pm on Thursday, more than eight hours after it began, a standoff between police and a barricaded suspect that wreaked havoc on the lives of those involved, those in the neighborhood, and on the downtown business district, ended with no exchange of gunfire, no deaths, no injuries.

According to Police Chief Marilyn Diaz, "primarily, what drew us to the location was that we had physical evidence linking him to a car theft here in Sierra Madre...So the officers went up to do a very casual door knock.... to see if he would come out and they could make a relatively low-key arrest." At 11:50 a.m., two Sierra Madre Police officers arrived at 39 Windsor Lane but the suspect, 36-year old Roberto "Pancho" Funston, walked out the back door to his home, and upon seeing an SMPD detective out back, went back in and barricaded himself, refusing to come out.

Despite requests heard blocks away from the public address system of a Pasadena Police Dept. helicopter that he come outside and talk to the police, Funston stayed inside, barricaded with two pit bulls. According to Chief Marilyn Diaz, the home belongs to his mother, and Funston has been living there off and on during the last year.

Chief Diaz said Funston had a prior criminal record, but she declined to state his record citing

the suspect.

Attempts were made to contact Funston by land line, but it was disconnected. Law enforcement officers tried calling by cell phone, which he didn't answer, and they broke a window and threw a phone inside and, using both helicopter and SMPD vehicle PA Systems, tried to get Funston to speak with them by phone. "Each of these steps we did repeatedly because we weren't in a hurry and we wanted to find a peaceful resolution to this situation."

Asked if Funston was armed, Diaz stated that he was not. Asked if there had been a time when the police thought he might be armed, Diaz said "We weren't sure. According to family members, they did not see him with any guns in the house."

After repeated attempts to



An unidentified Sierra Madre Police Officer cordones off access to Auburn Photo By D. Lee

Monday, July 28, 2008.

Regarding rumors that the SEB entered the location with dogs, Diaz stated that they [the rumors] were not true, that "they would not take dogs into that location, with the tear gas." She confirmed that no shots had been fired other than the tear gas. Diaz stated that after the suspect was taken into custody, it was discovered that there was a second no-bail warrant for narcotics on a federal level for Funston that they had previously been unaware of.

In addition to the Sheriff's Dept. and its SEB and CNT units, law enforcement agents from Glendale, Monrovia and Arcadia assisted, as well as CHP officers and the Pasadena Police Dept. helicopter. More than a dozen members of the Sierra Madre Fire Dept. were also on hand in case they were needed.



LA County SWAT Officers approach the home where the suspect barricaded himself. Ironically, on the left of the police vehicle, you can see the old Sierra Madre Jail. S. Henderson/MVO

the suspect's right to privacy. Asked about rumors that had been heard downtown during the day that the reason for the length of the standoff was that Funston would have, if convicted of either the narcotics or grand theft charges, been facing a "third strike" conviction and sentenced to life in prison under California law, Chief Diaz said that "in checking the suspect's criminal history, there was nothing in there to suggest he was a second or third striker."

"As we spoke to witnesses, we learned that he had made some serious threats that could have jeopardized the lives of public safety officers as well as the public, so it left us with little choice but to move in and take the steps we did, by enlisting the assistance of the LA County Sheriff's Dept. Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB)."

Diaz added that prior to bringing in the SEB, the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) of the LA Sheriff's Dept., was utilized to try and

communicate by the Crisis Negotiation Team with no success, the tactical operations were turned over to the LA County Sheriff's SEB. This was done sometime around 5:30 - 6pm, said Diaz. "They too, didn't rush into the situation, they took time to evaluate the area, scout the location, and make preparations that they do before deciding their strategy or tactics," said Diaz, adding that finally the SEB employed tear gas inside the location and the suspect came out within minutes and gave himself up. The SEB turned him over to SMPD, which took him to LA County Jail. According to a press release issued by the City Thursday night, Funston will appear in Pasadena Court on

Suspect Has Long History Of Run-Ins With The Law

Since at least 1992, Roberto Funston, 36, has been in and out of jail. Funston has no less than nine other arrests and/ or convictions with the most recent being December, 2007. The charges range from Possession of a Pipe and Drug Paraphernalia, to Receiving Stolen Property, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Narcotics for Sale; and Battery on a Spouse. Earlier this year he was convicted on yet another drug charge and was scheduled to be sentenced in the early part of May. He failed to return to court and a warrant was issued for his arrest on Thursday.

The King Returns

It was a full house (below) at Sunday's Concert in the Park featuring Mark Burnett as Roy Orbison and Harry Shahoian as Elvis (right). The Concert was sponsored by Sierra Madre Rotary Club. This week's concert, sponsored by the Arts Commission features Jumpin Joz Band performing swing music

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On Friday afternoon, less than 24 hours from the big 'stand off', the sight of the Sierra Madre Police Department speeding down Sierra Madre Blvd. seemed a little surreal.

They were responding to the Washington Mutual Bank's alarm system being triggered.

According to SMPD Officer Abbott, an employee accidentally tripped the alarm. There were customers in the bank, but none reported anything other than frayed nerves. The bank was not robbed. MVO/staff

1 Carter Resumes

One Carter, LLC provided city staff with a construction schedule late this afternoon for the completion of the One Carter project. The schedule indicates a construction start of Monday, July 28. The first week's activity will include some exploratory excavations in Carter Avenue at Baldwin, as well as grading and storm drain work in the interior of the project area.

In the interest of public safety, city staff continues to work with the developer to expedite all drainage-related construction activity in order to reduce the potential for rainy season impacts on surrounding public and private properties

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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., Swazzele 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.

Meals On Wheels

Volunteer drivers needed for the Sierra Madre area, to deliver Meals On Wheels to our disabled Seniors. Volunteer to drive weekly, by-weekly or monthly.

Volunteering for the Meal program is very rewarding.

If you could spare 1 hour a month please contact Darlene Traxler, Coordinator at 626/355-6220

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 Concert in the Park: Elvis and the Heros of Rock - Memorial Park - 6 pm		22 Splashin' Movie Night Sierra Madre Pool - 7 pm City Council - Council Chambers - 6:30 pm	23 Library Board of Trustees - Council Conference Room - 7 pm	26 Shakesphere in the Park - Memorial Park - 6 pm HFF Bailey Canyon Hike - 9 am	 	
27 Concert in the Park: Jimpin Joz Band Memorial Park - 6 pm	28 Honor's Dinner Nominations Due Community Services Commission - Council Chambers - 6:30 pm	 				

Arcadia Concerts


Kids love bubbles. The City of Arcadia's bubble station in the Summer Concerts has been a hotspot for kids and it has turned the Summer Concerts into a great family event. The station will bring more enjoyment for the next five remaining Concerts. So come, sit down on a chair, relax, and watch them play with bubbles while listening to great music.

Remaining Concerts:

- July 24, Ronny & The Classic, Oldies Rock 'n Roll
- July 31, Crown City Dixie Land Band, Foot Stomping Dixie Land Favorites
- August 7, Juke Box Heroes, Elvis & Buddy Holly Tunes
- August 14, Mrs. Murphy's Chowder, High Energy Irish/American Show
- August 21, Nannett & Her Hotsy Totsy Boys, Days of the Roaring 20s

All concerts will be presenting to their audiences on the west-side lawn of Arcadia City Hall, in between Huntington Drive, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parking is available either in City Hall parking lot or Santa Anita Racetrack. A lawn chair or blanket is recommended for seating. Snacks and drinks will be sold by Arcadia Historical Society. Free face or hand paint also provided for children. Also available is a new kid's craft area on the grass near the Police Department. And best of all, all concerts are completely free!

For more questions, please contact Arcadia Recreation and Community Service Dept. at (626)574 5113.



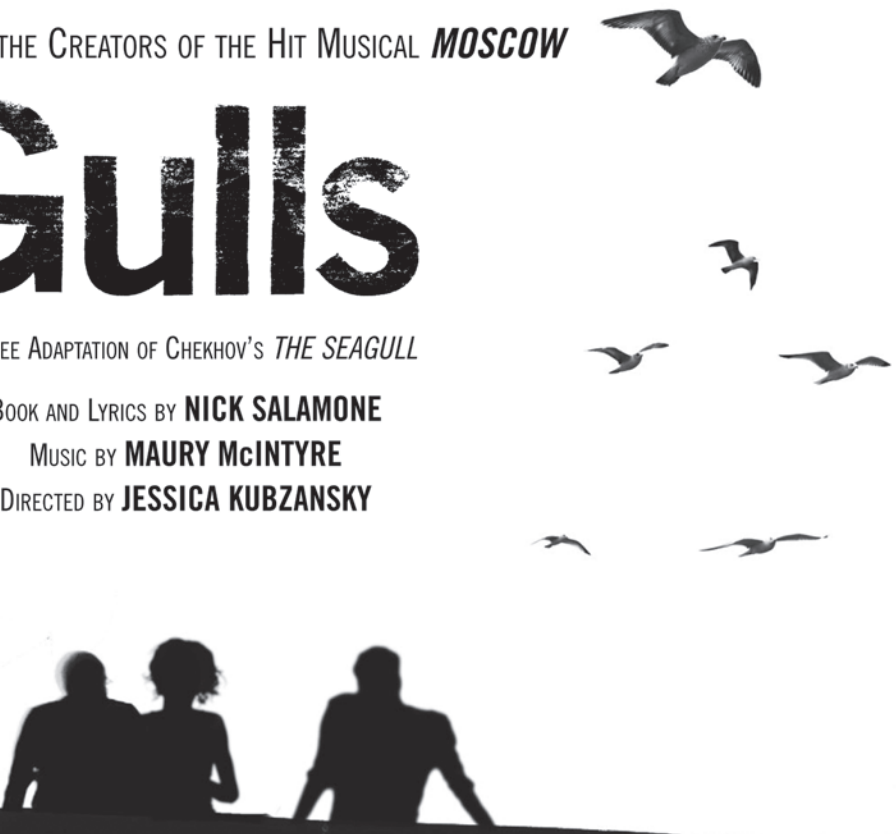
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THUR 7/10	THE CARL RIGOLI GROUP
FRI 7/11	JACK SHELTON'S CALIFORNIA COOL QUARTET
SAT 7/12	RODEO DRIVER
SUN 7/13	NEW ASTRO TURF 1:30PM - 4:30PM 7pm OPERA TO BROADWAY W/ DANNY GUERRERO
WED 7/16	THE FUZZY LOGIC BOPTET
THUR 7/17	BENNET BRANDIES TRIO
FRI 7/18	THE BRUCE ESCOVITZ JAZZ ORCHESTRA
SAT 7/19	VOCALIST JUDY WEXLER
SUN 7/20	1:30pm JAZZ LUNCH WITH MERCY POWELL 7pm OPERA TO BROADWAY W/ DANNY GUERRERO
WED 7/23	GATE MUSIC PROGRAM FUNDRAISER
THUR 7/24	THE JAVIER VERGERA QUARTET
FRI 7/25	SWING DANCE PARTY WITH FLAT TOP TOM
SAT 7/26	THEE SUPERSTITIONS
SUN 7/27	NEW ASTRO TURF 1:30PM - 4:30PM 7pm OPERA TO BROADWAY W/ DANNY GUERRERO
WED 7/30	VR SMITH
THUR 7/31	LISA FINNIE

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 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!

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REMEMBRANCES:

PEGGY DePALMA



Peggy Jacqueline DePalma died peacefully in her home in Sierra Madre, California, on Friday, July 18, 2008, surrounded by her family. Peggy was born June 19, 1933 in Mount Clemens, Michigan. She grew up with her Mother, Grandparents, Aunt Daisy, Uncle Leonard, and Cousin Cheryl. Even this past year, Peggy and Cheryl Tromley still enjoyed dressing alike and being known as the "Bobbsey twins". After Peggy graduated from Lincoln High School in 1951, she and her mother, Esther Cottrell, relocated to Los Angeles, where Peggy married Charles Mills and had two children, Rory and Leslee. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Jerry DePalma; stepchildren Kurt DePalma and Cheryl Wood; children, Rory DePalma, Leslee Pozdolski, and Alisa DePalma; 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Peggy was active in the Sierra Madre Woman's and Civics clubs. She managed offices at both Jack Wall Chevrolet and Apex Plastering Co. for over 26 years. Services will be at Douglass and Zook Mortuary, 600 East Foothill Blvd. Monrovia, CA, Friday July 25 at 10:00 am, followed by graveside service and with a 4-7pm viewing the evening before. A pot-luck reception will follow services on Friday at the home of Patricia Starkey, 73 West Grand View, Sierra Madre. A celebration of Peggy's life follows on Sunday, July 27, 3pm at the Sierra Madre Woman's Club. 550 West Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. Flowers can be sent to the mortuary, or donations made in her honor to the American Cancer society. *In honor of Peggy's spirit, we kindly request that you wear a hat*

JAY 'Papa J' YEATS

YEATS, Jay "Papa J" (82), was born September 15, 1925 in Texas and passed away July 24, 2008. Papa J is survived by triplet daughters, Paulette Large; Suzette Cummings and her husband, Alan Cummings; Annette Hannan and her husband, James Hannan; brothers, Ralph Yeats, Henry Yeats and Conard Yeats; grandchildren, Nicole Derenard, Travis Cummings, Kelly Jung, Stacy Derenard, Danielle Doty; great-grandchildren, Mason Derenard, Paige Derenard, Evelyn Jung and Elise Doty. Funeral service Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at O'Connor Mortuary, 25301 Alicia Pkwy., Laguna Hills, CA. Burial to follow at El Toro Memorial Park, Lake Forest, CA.

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City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Consideration of Historic Designation

Consideration of historic cultural landmark status of the Willis Residence, a modern ranch house located on the One Carter property at 1 Carter Avenue.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Thursday, **August 7, 2008**
(Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

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

By Order of the Planning Commission,

Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

City of Sierra Madre
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City -wide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 08-01 (MCTA 08-01) Amending Chapter 17.37 (C-Commercial Zone-Temporary Downtown Overlay) of Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code by adding barber and beauty shops to the list of conditionally permitted uses in the Downtown Overlay Zone.**

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The proposed amendment would add barber and beauty shop uses to the list of conditionally permitted uses in the Commercial - Downtown Overlay Zone, as provided in Code Section 17.37.020.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Tuesday, **August 7, 2008**
(Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This Municipal Code text amendment qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under Section 15061 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as the Code text amendment is not a project and it can be seen with certainty that it will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

By Order of the Planning Commission,

Danny Castro, Director of Development Services

Letters To The Editor

To: Mayor and City Council of Sierra Madre

Re: *It's Time to Relook at Downtown Sierra Madre*

I don't think that anyone who voted on the zoning initiative wanted an abandoned and fenced off former skilled nursing center as a permanent blight on Sierra Madre Boulevard. It turns out that some of our ordinances have glitches so that long established businesses in the downtown area cannot relocate at the end of their leases.

It's time to relook at Downtown Sierra Madre. We spent a lot of time and energy in studying the downtown area. Surely at least some of the information gained would be of value in helping us figure out how to get what we want.

The Council should do something to get this process moving for everyone's benefit.

--Eric Olson, Sierra Madre

Dear Editor,

Who is Rep. David Dreier and how did he ever come to be my representative in Washington? He voted for the war but when the time came to vote for vets' benefits Dreier voted NO! The "G.I Bill for the 21st Century" is the very least we can do for our vets. Why won't Dreier help them? What is it Dreier has against vets?

George W. Bush has refused to honor the vets with something real. like an education bill, and Dreier, as always, just goes along. So that's why they are calling him a "Bush rubber stamp".

- James Sbardellati, La Crescenta



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ORDINANCE NO. 1278

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 5.34 REGARDING STATE VIDEO FRANCHISES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California (the “State”) has adopted the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (“DIVCA”);

WHEREAS, the DIVCA became effective on January 1, 2007;

WHEREAS, the DIVCA establishes a regulatory structure for the State to issue franchises to video service providers;

WHEREAS, the DIVCA establishes that local entities, such as the City Sierra Madre (the “City”), are responsible for administration and implementation of certain provisions of DIVCA;

WHEREAS, the DIVCA requires that the City establish, by ordinance, financial support provisions for Public, Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) channel facilities; and

WHEREAS, the DIVCA requires that the City adopt, by ordinance or resolution, a schedule of penalties for any material breach by a State video franchise holder for violation of customer service and protection standards that the City is permitted to enforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article 5 of the City of Sierra Madre Municipal code is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 5.34 as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. Should any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or property be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall be enforceable according to their terms and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 3. Construction. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this ordinance are substantially the same as previous provisions of that Code, those provisions shall be construed as continuations of those previous provisions and not as new enactments.

Section 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and his certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ of ____ of 2008.

Kurt Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

I, Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk of the City of Sierra Madre, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre held on the ____ day of ____, 2008, and was finally passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre held on the ____ day of ____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sandra J. Levin, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Sierra Madre Municipal Code
Article 5 Regulation of Businesses and Franchises

Chapter 5.34 State Video Franchises

5.34.10 Purpose and Application of this Chapter

This Chapter is designed to regulate video service providers holding state video franchises and operating within the City of Sierra Madre. On January 1, 2007, the state of California became the sole authority with power to grant state video franchises pursuant to the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (“DIVCA”). Pursuant to DIVCA, the City of Sierra Madre shall receive a franchise fee from all state franchisees. In addition, the City shall receive from all state franchisees fees to support public, educational, and government access channel facilities. DIVCA confirmed that the City may establish and enforce penalties, consistent with state law, against all state video franchise holders operating within the City for violations of customer service standards. DIVCA precludes the City from adopting its own standards and grants all authority to adopt customer service standards to the state. DIVCA leaves unchanged the City’s authority to regulate the City’s current cable franchises and any City cable franchise(s) issued on or before January 1, 2008, until the expiration of any such franchise(s).

5.34.20 State Video Franchise Fees and Fees for Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access

- A. Any state video franchise holder operating within the boundaries of the City shall pay a fee to the City equal to five percent (5%) of the gross revenues of that state video franchise holder.
- B. Effective the first date on which state franchisees begin operating within the boundaries of the City, each state franchisee shall pay a fee to the City equal to one percent (1%) of gross revenues (“PEG Access Facilities Fee”) of that state video franchise holder to support public, education, and governmental (PEG) access channel facilities within the City.
- C. The PEG Access Facilities Fee shall be paid quarterly no later than the sixty (60) days following the quarter for which the payment is due. The PEG Access Facilities Fee is in addition to the franchise fee to be paid to the City by the State video service franchise holders.
- D. Gross revenue, for the purposes of subsections A and B of this section, shall have the definition set forth in California Public Utilities Code Section 5860.

5.34.30 Audit Authority

Not more than once annually, the City Manager or his designee may examine and perform an audit of the business records of a holder of a state video franchise to ensure compliance with Section 5.34.20.

5.34.40 Customer Service Penalties

- A. Any holder of a State video service franchise shall comply with all applicable state and federal customer service and protection standards pertaining to the provision of video service.
- B. The City will provide any holder of a State video franchise written notice of any material breach of applicable customer service and protection standards, and will allow the franchise holder at least thirty (30) calendar days from the receipt of the notice to remedy the specified material breach. A material breach that is not remedied by the State video franchise holder within the remedy period shall subject the State video franchise holder to the following penalties to be imposed by the City.
1. For the first occurrence of a material breach, a penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each day of each material breach, not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each occurrence of a material breach.
2. For the second violation of the same nature within twelve (12) months, a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each day of each material breach, not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each occurrence of the material breach.
3. For a third or further violation of the same nature within twelve (12) months, a penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each day of each material breach, not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each occurrence of the material breach.
- C. Any notice and any penalty may be issued or imposed by the City Manager, or the City Manager’s designee. Any notice shall be in writing. Notices shall be transmitted by United States Postal Service certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, or by private commercial delivery or courier service for same day or next business day delivery with delivery and receipt signature required.
- D. The State video service franchise holder may appeal any finding of material breach or imposition of penalties to the City Council. Any appeal must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt by the State video service franchise holder of the finding of material breach or the imposition of penalties, and must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk and the City Manager in order to be placed on a City Council agenda for consideration. Any appeal must contain a detailed explanation of why the applicant believes that the finding of material breach or the imposition of penalties was inconsistent with statutory requirements.
- E. The City and any State video service franchise holder may mutually agree to extend the time periods specified herein. Any such agreement shall be in writing and executed by the City Manager, or the City Manager’s designee, and an authorized representative of the State video franchise holder.
- F. Any penalty imposed on the State video franchise holder shall be paid to the City. As provided for in Section 5900(g) of the California Public Utilities Code, the City shall submit one-half of all penalties received from a State video franchise holder to the Digital Divide Account established in Section 280.5 of the California Public Utilities Code.

5.34.50 Procedures for Appeal of Denial of an Encroachment Permit

- A. As provided for in Section 5885 of the California Public Utilities Code, the City shall either approve or deny an application from a State video service franchise holder for an encroachment permit within sixty (60) days of receiving a completed application.
- B. An “encroachment permit” means any permit issued by the City relating to construction or operation of facilities relating to the provision of video service under a State video service franchise.
- C. An application for an encroachment permit is considered complete when the applicant has complied with all statutory requirements, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of the Public Resources Code.
- D. Any City denial of an application for an encroachment permit shall be in writing and shall contain a detailed explanation of the reason for the denial.
- E. An applicant whose application for an encroachment permit has been denied may appeal the denial to the City Council. Any appeal must be made within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt by the State video service franchise holder of the denial, and must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk and the City Manager in order to be placed on the City Council agenda for consideration. Any appeal must contain a detailed explanation of why the applicant believes that the denial was inconsistent with statutory requirements.

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

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 13th, to Saturday July 19th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 317 calls for service.

Sunday, July 13th:

1:00 AM – DUI arrest, 3800 block Arboleda St, Arcadia. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

5:21 AM – Arrest, Santa Anita Canyon Road, Chantry Gate. Two intoxicated men in their 20’s were found passed out along the side of the road. They were taken into custody for public intoxication and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Monday, July 14th:

3:03 PM – Petty theft, 00 block East Bonita Ave. A driver’s license and cash were taken from an unlocked car. The victim’s car was parked in her driveway. A witness reported about 3:00 pm seeing two heavy set Hispanic men, 5’ tall, dark complexion, around the car

prior to the crime. The loss was estimated at \$112.00.

Tuesday, July 15th:

11:02 PM – Domestic Violence Arrest, 600 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A disturbance was reported at the apartment. An investigation led to one of the parties being arrested for domestic battery and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Wednesday, July 16th:

10:54 PM – Possession of a Deadly Weapon Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd and Michillinda Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. During the investigation the driver was found to be in possession of brass knuckles, a felony. The car was impounded and the driver was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Saturday, July 19th:

12:35 PM – Arrest, 300 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. A records check revealed his license was suspended/revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

By Pat Birdsall

Having a three-year-old grandson living in Philadelphia, I make frequent trips to the Post Office to mail him things that he absolutely doesn’t need. I like to keep the receipt handy until I know the package has gotten to its destination safely. On this particular day, something on the receipt caught my eye... It was a promo for a new recycling program started by the Post Office. I went to their website and found the following information:

March 17, 2008-- Washington, DC—Free and green. Those are the goals of a pilot program launched today by the U. S. Postal Service that allows customers to recycle small electronics and inkjet cartridges by mailing them free of charge.

The “Mail Back” program helps consumers make more environmentally friendly choices, making it easier for customers to discard used or obsolete small electronics in an environmentally responsible way. Customers use free envelopes found in 1,500 Post Offices (including Sierra Madre), to mail back inkjet cartridges, PDAs, Blackberries, digital cameras, iPods and MP3 players—without having to pay postage.

Postage is paid for by Clover Technologies Group, a nationally recognized company that recycles, remanufactures and remarkets inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges and small electronics. If the electronic item or cartridges cannot be refurbished and resold, its component parts are reused to refurbish other items, or the parts are broken down further and the materials are recycled. Clover Technologies Group has a “zero waste to landfill” policy.

There is no limit to the number of envelopes customers may take. The pilot is set for 10 areas across the country, but could become a national program this fall if the pilot program proves successful.

The Postal Service recycles 1 million tons of paper, plastic and other materials annually. Last year, USPS generated more than \$7.5million in savings through recycling and waste prevention programs. The nation’s environmental watchdog, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the Postal Service eight WasteWise Partner of the Year awards, the agency’s top honor.

The Mail Back program is another example of the Postal Service’s commitment to sustainability. More than half a billion packages and envelopes provided by the Postal Service annually are nearly 100 percent recyclable and are produced with the least harmful materials. Based on the recycled content of these envelopes and packages, more than 15,000 metric tons of carbon equivalent emissions (climate change gases) now are prevented annually.

So, stop in to get your envelopes at the Sierra Madre Post Office and say hello to Liz and the other friendly and knowledgeable employees.

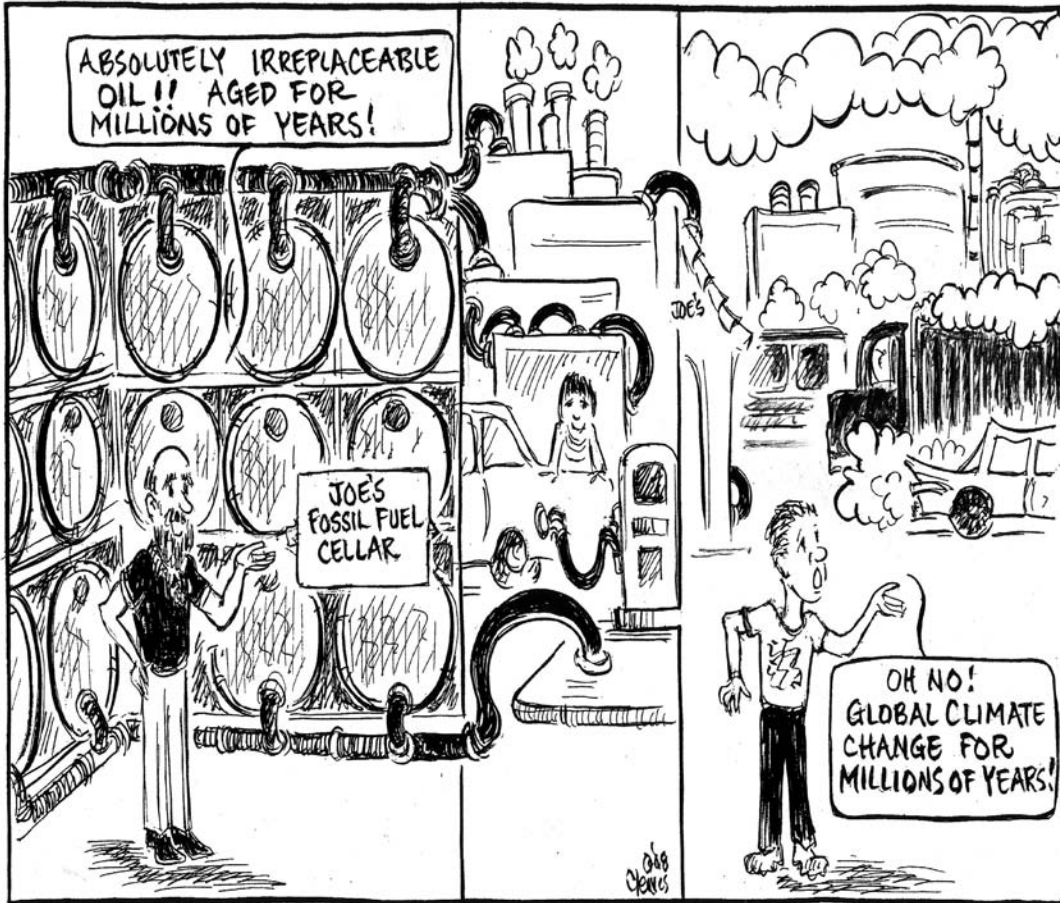
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* We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Park House (Senior Center) in Hart Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. - Please join us- Your thoughts and comments are welcome... For more information call Pat Birdsall (626) 355-7290



Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

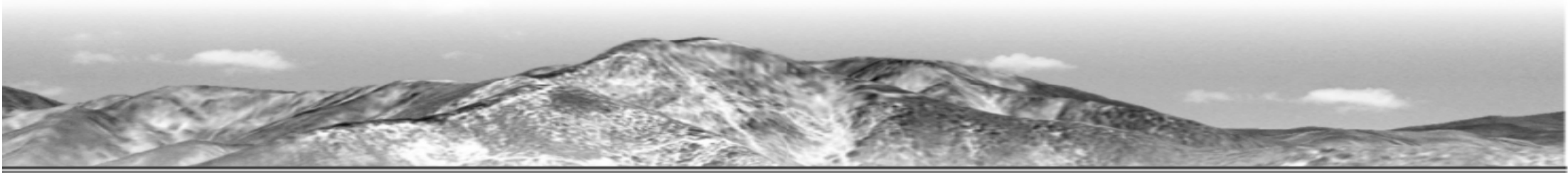
Hastings Canyon Fire to the West of us, July 18, 2008. The dry chaparral of the Sierra Madre foothills were going up in smoke again. At approximately the same time in the afternoon--3 p.m.--as the Santa Anita Fire of April 26, 2008. Whoever started that fire is still not known, but three males were apprehended. An alert neighbor saw them running down the canyon and onto the street last Friday. Fireworks were the accelerant. This is more than mere carelessness, and the juvenile courts will have some say in the matter.

How did our neighbor fire fighting resources respond? With gusto. Helicopter water drops and firefighters chopping brush lines and hauling water lines right up the ridge. No wind has been our repeated friend. That had not been the scene in northern

California in the middle of June with 800 lightning strike starting fires that had wind and heat and forests of dried timber to fuel the flames. As many as 1400 fires burned by one count and there are 30 still burning.

Residents must still work to rid their property of dry brush and make their homes ember proof. You must provide a “defensible space” around your structures for the fire fighters to work in. If your home is in an area that will be vulnerable to mud and debris flows you have work to do to divert possible damage from your home, but not onto your neighbors’ property.

For information call 355-9350 or 355-0741. 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.



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Parking Enforcement Contract Extended In Spite of Complaints

By Dean Lee

Inter-Con Security Systems Inc emerged victorious from Monday night's city council meeting with a one year contract extension for parking enforcement but not before a number of council members questioned dubious business practices including giving spurious tickets.

Last month the council was set to enter into a contract with Serco, Inc. for the enforcement services ending a 13 year one with Inter-con. They instead reset the bidding process. Councilmember Margaret McAustin asked for a much shorter extension than 12 months after hearing numerous completes about the company.

"I just think a year's too long," she said. "I think it's sending the wrong message to the community and to the applicants." She asked for only a six month extension while they searched for a new provider. Councilmember Victor Gordo agreed.

Interim City Manager Bernard Melekian said he was worried about a gap in enforcement. City Attorney Michele Bagneris said the Inter-Con contract had already ended June 30.

He said they needed at least a year to make any smooth transition to a new company. He explained the bidding process would take nine months and then they needed another three months to get the new company ready.

Fred Dock, Director of Transportation for the city, said there had been a large number of citations issued in error. He said one officer, in two separate occasions, was issuing tickets erroneously. Inter-Con said the person had been fired although numerous other residents also complained.

One resident said a guest she had over last Thanksgiving was given a ticket for street sweeping,

"You don't clean the streets on holidays, do you?" she asked. City staff said no. Mayor Bill Bogaard said this concerned him.

Another resident said he was given a ticket in a two hour parking zone although he was there no longer than 10 minutes. He also said it was impossible to contest the ticket.

Overnight parking was another problem. Residents said they had been given tickets even though they had overnight parking passes.

A number of people said at night there is no one to call about parking. There had been in the past and city staff, recognizing the problem, said they would make that part of any new contract.

Councilmember Steve Madison argued saying that Inter-Con was not all to blame.

"This Business is located in my district," he said. "We have their attention, and in the course of getting their attention we've discovered that we could sort of reorganize our own house."

Vice president of Inter-Con, Catherine Ross, defended all allegations saying the company was trying to better its image.

During the meeting a number of people referenced news reports saying the company paid \$4 million to 15,000 employees earlier this year for back pay. They also paid out \$2.5 million for claims that workers were not being given adequate breaks.

"We settled a couple of these class action charges that were brought to us," she said. "With no guilt on the company's part."

Ross also said Inter-Con was being illegally targeted by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

"We filed an injection against them [SEIU] for this illegal campaign," she said. "The National Labor Relations Board agreed with us and said in fact what they were doing was illegal."

Gregory Sawyer a representative of SEIU alleged Inter-Con has a history of sexual harassment. He said the company had been sued 22 times in the last eight years. He said they are a repeat offender of state wages and hourly laws. He said the lawsuits ranged from discrimination to wrongful termination.

Ross also made note that Councilmember Jacque Robinson removed herself from the conversation being affiliated with the SEIU. Ross said most of the negativity surrounding the company steamed from them.

She also said the company was 100 percent "minority owed" and that they do not discriminate. She added that 70 percent of their employees were also "minorities."

The company's Vice President of Operations also told the council Inter-con had no quota for giving tickets. Councilmember Margaret McAustin had asked if they did repeatedly and Mayor Bill Bogaard wanted an answer as to why they had written so many tickets in the last year.

"So the question is, are they more violations, are there more employees on the streets? Bogaard asked.

The company blamed the city saying they had streamlined the process. A representative said by installing multi meters they were able to issue many tickets at a single terminal, "as a citizen that would be unfortunate, if you're on the receiving end."

He said the city should educate people on the multi meters.

The same representative also said earlier, "The concerns of the citizens are the concerns of myself, I have gotten citations parked in the city, and they don't make me happy."

Towards the end of the meeting Melekian said he thought the city should step up parking enforcement not the other way around.

"There is a case to be made that we could be far more aggressive than we are," he said adding that parking citation revenue this year will be close to \$6 million.

Big Bridge Party Fun

Saturday night's annual bridge party was a blast and all for a good cause said Pasadena Heritage who organized the event.

And you could not have asked for better weather with clear skies to have everything from the Interactive Story Telling with Kidspace Children's Museum to the longtime rock-in-roll band Snotty Scotty and the Hankies. There was even something to satisfy the telescope junkies.

A spokesperson for Telescopes for Education said, "Earlier tonight I was showing them Saturn which is set below the tree line to the west. And so where're looking at Jupiter because its in what's called "in opposition" which means its as close to the earth as it will get of the entire year."

Playing music in Pasadena for over 30 years Snotty Scotty said he liked old Pasadena in the 80s when it was full of shady bars. "We played every night and made money." Laughing he said. "Yea, we play a lot in Sierra Madre now because they're the only ones that will have us."

The Celebration was a fundraiser for Pasadena Heritage.



The Dog Days Of Summer

By Teresa Baxter

The phrase "the dog days of summer" refers to the hottest, most sultry days of summer. They are a phenomenon of the northern hemisphere that usually falls between July and early September. Appropriately, it also seemed to be the perfect time for the reputed dog trainer, Penny Scott-Fox to open Scott-Fox Training, which features a Fun and Games Agility Course to serve every pampered pooch in the San Gabriel foothills area.

Scott-Fox, is one of the nation's most respected dog behavioral specialists. She worked for the Pasadena Humane Society for twelve years and is a Fellow of the Pet Behavior Institute, in Durham, England. Her successful techniques have been covered by media outlets around the world, among them are the Discovery Channel, CNN, Fox, French television, Japanese radio, the Los Angeles Times, and People magazine of Australia.

"I was the behaviorist for the Pasadena Humane Society and decided to go on my own. It is very exciting and I feel that I am able to offer a much freer service to my dog owners than I could before," said Scott-Fox.

"Aside from that, I am probably one of the only



trainers to offer agility for pet dogs in the area. Most trainers are competitors and they don't want to waste their time on non-competitive people—I am the opposite."

She became interested in dog behavior when she adopted a 2-year-old beagle, who she named Penny, which had a frightened disposition. Seeking guidance from behaviorists brought no solutions for her predicament.

"I couldn't work out how to change Penny, so I employed a couple of doctors and they were awful," she said. "I was speaking at an adoption conference when I met John Rogerson, one of the top trainers in the world and he asked me to come to England to train with him."

John Rogerson is the founder and principal lecturer of the "Northern

Centre for Canine Behaviour" in Durham, England. He is widely acclaimed as the world's leading dog trainer and behaviorist, having pioneered the majority of techniques that have now become standard practice in behavior therapy and training. He is known for his gentle style of training and Scott-Fox has brought his techniques to the United States.

"Agility is a physical and mental workout for the dog but my main goal is for people to have fun with their pets," said Scott-Fox. "It creates a social bond as pets and owners mingle together on the course, while also becoming friends."

For more information about Scott-Fox Training, please call 626.375.5550 or visit the website, www.scott-foxtraining.com

Clear Air Car Showoff

They came to South Pasadena show off what they had under the hood, batteries, and lots of them.

This was the second annual Clean Air Car Show and a number of local area politicians and others came out to support the event including State Controller John Chen who's message was short.

"If the choice is whether to drill off the cost of California, the answer has to be know he said. "Our environmental future and prosperity is highly dependent upon that."

Chen added that the state should have pushed the issue years ago.

South Pasadena mayor Michael Cacciotti aimed his message at young car buyers.

"When kids are about to buy cars, this is a good time for them to sit down and assess what they are doing."

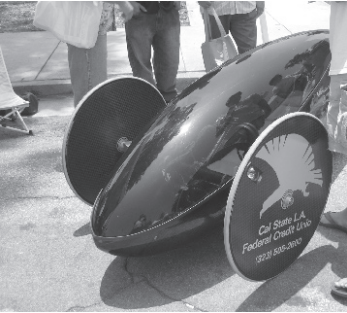


South Pasadena mayor Michael Cacciotti



He said. "I actually brought a prop today, a muffler and tail pipe. What come out of that causes serious health problems."

He also said stressed that animals also suffered from the effects of air pollution.



He said most people don't realize that. "Animals get cancer too."

Congressman Adam Schiff and Sate Assembly member Anthony Portantino were also both there.

Thrift Store Benefits Boys Republic

By Teresa Baxter

Nestled in the foothills of Altadena is a quaint, clean and well-stocked thrift store that is run entirely by volunteers. The Boys Republic thrift store, located at 2261 N. Lake Ave., has been around many decades and so have a good number of the helpers. 96 percent of the proceeds from the store finance the Boys Republic campus located in Chino Hills.

Boys Republic is a private, fully accredited residential high school where boys in trouble are assigned by the courts. They are given specialized attention and many who may have not attended much school quickly are brought up to their grade level. The students are taught skills and trades, and daily counseling is provided.

"Boys Republic was founded in 1907 and Father Flanagan even visited there to get ideas for starting his Boys Town," said Louise

Laub, past president of the Pasadena Auxiliary, which operates the thrift store. "Several thousand boys have become outstanding citizens after leaving. Many went on to be mechanics, engineers, military officers, landscape designers, lawyers, doctors and business owners. [Legendary actor] Steve McQueen was one of them."

The Pasadena Auxiliary has provided much financial support that has afforded for the acquisition of new vehicles for the Chino campus. Funds have also supported construction of new facilities—such as a chapel, an all-weather track, transitional housing and heating and air conditioning.

"Because we believe so strongly in the Boys Republic program about twenty of us work five days a week—sorting, tagging, pricing and selling the many donations we receive at the shop," said Laub. "Some work one day a week and some two, or more."

Lillian Clow has been volunteering for 37 years, commuting from Glendora help run the store—which is, in the most part, run by women members. Back then there was a waiting list to join the auxiliary but in these times, there has been less involvement due to the fact that women have had to join the workforce, she said.

Peter Reed travels from Eagle Rock to volunteer because it's such a friendly and personal environment where you get to know the shopper and what they're searching for. It could be a past issue of National Geographic of a special piece of Mexican art.

"I think they really have an interesting selection here and I will be back," said Altadena resident Penny Weiss. "The volunteers are very nice and I'm familiar with the Boys Republic because of my years in social work and child welfare...I know they're accomplishing a lot of good."

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Wanna know about great ice cream? Ask the kids!

Story and Photos by Chris Bertrand



Ice cream chef extraordinaire, Indalecio Figueroa, at the restaurant's ice cream making machine shows the kids how it's done, and shares out samples for the group.

Our group of 25 budding young writers participating in Studio 3's Young Writer's Workshop offered these candid opinions and comments on a recent field trip to "The Only Place in Town." The seven to thirteen year old students eagerly escaped the late afternoon, 100+ degree heat of downtown Sierra Madre into the air conditioned recesses of the back room of the restaurant for an ice cream tasting and restaurant-style review.

Brothers Mike and Bill Kefalas took over proprietorship of this restaurant in 2005, adding it to "Barney's" in Old Town Pasadena as their second venture into San Gabriel eateries. They personally welcomed us and graciously gave us a tour, a sample and a great time!

Only Place offers a menu with wide variety from breakfast through dinner here at the largest restaurant in our tiny hamlet, including a little known specialty: homemade ice cream. When the Kefalas brothers purchased "Only Place", it came with ice cream making equipment. They decided to continue the tradition, utilizing the skills and flavor creativity of longtime chief ice cream maker, Indalecio Figueroa. Only Place is... the only place in town that makes its own ice cream!

Highlights of their enthusiastic comments are below, reminding me, "If you really want to know, ask a kid!"

"Today I went 'The Only Place in Town' to test the fresh made ice cream. When I walked inside the restaurant, I began my tasty adventure. We followed Indalecio Figueroa into the kitchen. Indalecio was our ice cream maker, and he gave us sample tastes of some ice cream he just made. It was strawberry, chocolate chip, with nuts. It was mouth watering!! Then he told us how he made it. He said he put cinnamon, sugar, butter, egg yolk, cream, and water. Lots of people are picky about coconut. About half of the class didn't like it. Until it came to me. 'Oh, my gosh!!' I said. I have to say the ice cream ratings here are about a nine. I loved it." -Ethan Prins

"The Only Place in Town's ice cream maker, Indalecio Figueroa, has been making ice cream since 1987 (21 years). I think it is his special touch that makes the ice cream taste especially good. My group tasted several scrumptious flavors of ice cream. These flavors tasted as good as Baskin Robins, but at only half the price." -Trevor Iovine

"I didn't know what to expect. When I started the ice cream tasting I was quite surprised to hear that all of their ice cream is homemade and made up of good ingredients. Of the five flavors of ice cream that I tasted the two that I would normally never order ended up being my two favorites. I would highly recommend the ice cream at "The Only Place in Town" especially the coconut, and caramel pecan!" - Alex Baer

"The ice cream there was delicious. I will definitely go to get ice cream there again. The strawberry was decadent; banana was amazing; chocolate chocolate chip was fantastic; caramel pecan was perfect, and I personally don't like coconut. This superb ice cream was made by Indalecio Figueroa. I would highly recommend "The Only Place in Town" to all ice cream lovers." - Ruby Baer

"Being an ice cream taster is fun because you get to taste ice cream on hot days. My favorite ice cream was coconut. "The Only Place in Town" is a good place to eat because it has nice employees. I met the owner before I tasted the ice cream. After I met the owner, I got to meet one of the cooks. The cooks were nice because they never look mad. I had a fun time." - Jack Crawford

"The Only Place in Town offers breakfast, lunch and dinner and best of all homemade ice cream. The maker of this ice cream, Indalecio Figueroa has worked for The Only Place in Town for 21 years and has made ice cream there for 16 years. I love the ice cream that is made here.

Figueroa first uses water to clean out the ice cream machine. Then he puts in the ice cream substance to be frozen and hardened. The ice cream is then kept in the freezer until it is ready to be eaten. The banana ice cream with chocolate chips was the most delicious of all the ice cream flavors. I think The Only Place in Town has excellent service and some pretty awesome ice cream." - Zachary Rose

"It is the best ice cream I have ever tasted. My favorite was the coconut. It was scrumptious. I didn't think I would like it but I was very surprised. The strawberry had a frozen strawberry that tasted so great. The banana chocolate had really big chunks of chocolate in it. This restaurant has the best homemade ice cream in the WORLD. It's super-duper-scrumdiddleyumptious, delicious and oh so tasty. The Only Place in Town is so cool and comfy, I can't wait to go back." - Jack Love

"I learned how the ice cream is made. You put a liquid in a machine and mix it with water to clean the machine. Once the liquid is done cleaning, you empty the liquid. Then you pour the ice cream in. It will get the ice cream cold. As you are getting the ice cream cold you also stir it really fast so you can get air in the ice cream so it is fluffy now. The restaurant has old fashioned lights, many booths, a lot of wood, nice dishes, and a piano in the front. Chocolate Chip was sweet, chocolaty and very creamy. I would rate this at 75 out of a hundred. At first, the Cappuccino tasted like chocolate and then it tasted like coffee. It is sweet and soft. I would rate this at ninety three. Coconut was sweet, chunky and creamy. I would rate this at sixty four." - Lucas Demetriades

"Indalecio Figueroa makes the best

Spaces Available for Pre-School Program

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OPINION

Something To Think About:

Commentary from Susan Henderson

Fueling The Fire

Fuel (n): a source of sustenance; Fire – (n): liveliness of imagination



long. In the aftermath of a very contentious election when things seemed to have quieted down, this week's council meeting brought the roar of the crowd to a deafening level. Emotions ran high. The air was so thick with mistrust that you could have used a knife to cut through it. Councilman Don Watts, who had not been in attendance for the last meeting due to illness, and who was clearly still very sick, even appeared to have brought himself to council meeting. Without him, the issue was tied 2-2. MacGillivray and Zimmerman vs. Mosca and Buchanon. It appears as though Watts came in order to cast just one deciding vote and break the tie. And the issue was.....the release of draft documents on a plan that is no longer under consideration.

The import of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) at this point, is a puzzle. However, Mayor Pro Tem Macgillivray probably summed it up best when she said it had to do with "public trust". She also noted that RBF Consulting had been paid in excess of \$300,000 for work on the DSP including the draft EIR and said she wanted to see what we paid for. Ok, maybe that is sufficient, but I think it should have been handled more like we rear our children. Yes, after all of your other work is done, you can do this. In other words, after we take care of the things that have an immediate impact on the city right now, we will have time to look into this if you so desire. But not now, we have too many other relevant, important matters that need attention.

Without question, the issue of 'trust' is at the forefront of everyone's mind, regardless of what side of the issue they are on.

John Gillison, former City Manager, along with then City Attorney Michael Coluntuono were notorious for policies that were not transparent. As admitted by Mayor Zimmerman on Tuesday, even he, then a sitting councilman, had not been privy to the document (although Gillison did tell Zimmerman that he could drive down to RBF and look at it if he really wanted to see it). The high handed manner in which the city was run at that time, certainly made one wonder what the real story was behind the scenes. Responses to requests for the document ranged from, "it doesn't exist" to "No". At one point, a journalistic inquiry directly to RBF acknowledged the documents existence and the response from City Hall was still, 'no it doesn't'. I am not speaking hearsay, I happen to be one of those who asked to see the document and was declined.

So, given the acrimonious, distrustful environment created unnecessarily by Gillison (a civilized, "it wouldn't be appropriate

to release it at this time", or something on that order would have gone a very long way), in the absence of such, we now have unrequited drama and resentment brewing, more conspiracy theories developing and more reasons for some residents to distrust everything and everybody.

But John Gillison is no longer with the city. Our current council appears very well versed on everything that is going on. Our City Manager has an open door policy to all. So the question has to be asked, why are we resurrecting this mess again?

It really pains me to see Don Watts, drag himself to council meeting to vote on this matter. I think a lot of Councilman Watts and he needs to be at home recovering from his surgery. He is of absolutely no use to the city when he is under the weather. We need him in good health and for far more important issues that need attention. For example, if he had to cast just one vote, how about for whatever it is he wants to change on the Planning Commission?

There is nothing in the draft EIR that is going to bring additional revenue to the city. It isn't going to resolve the One Carter or Stonehouse dilemmas. It isn't going to give us a clue on what to do with the Downtown Area. It isn't going to help pay for police or fire, it isn't going to lower our taxes. It isn't going to teach us how to keep our employees well compensated and happy. It won't do a thing but give rise to a lot of speculation about what the intent of the previous administration was. And that speculation will bring usnothing.

Sometimes it is a good thing to know when you have won. It is clear that the new majority on the council is in control. Measure V passed. Those who championed the release of the draft EIR wanted change. They got it. So why waste precious time rehashing yesterday's mistakes?

Mayor Zimmerman admitted that his reasons were based on emotion. Joe Mosca in his objection to the release displayed an unusual amount of emotion. When certain members applauded Don Watts appearance, it was emotional and therein lies the problem. This isn't about emotion folks. We need to stay focused. In the course of getting anything accomplished, feelings get hurt.... no let me be more Sierra Madre specific.... feelings get stomped on, but that is not the point. Our city leaders should not act from emotions, the draft EIR isn't something that challenges one's moral fabric. Emotions just fuel the fire, they sustain the lively imaginations of those who wonder, what if. Emotions should not drive decisions at city hall. Sound reasoning and logic and a good understanding of what the *entire* community wants should be the guide posts. The sooner we learn that, the sooner we will be able to agree to disagree maturely.

Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE

WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN?

On Sunday my wife, my son, his girlfriend, and I went to visit my 93 year-old mother at the rest-home where she now resides. As is usually the case these days, my mom became confused as to who was who. Understandably, she confuses the generations and people from the past and present seem to mingle in her consciousness so as to make the present pretty confusing. What she's not confused about is that she loves us whoever we are; she is sure that we are a part of her family and that we care about her and that she cares about us. Her only request is that we stay in touch.

The next evening I went over to Monrovia to see the much-ballyhooed movie *Dark Knight*. I thought that I was familiar enough with the characters of Batman and Robin from the comic strips and TV series a few decades back such that I would probably be able to follow the plot if there was one. Well, who knew that this Batman movie was part of a series in which other characters had already been introduced. I felt like my mother watching the events before my eyes and wondering who these people are and why is there so much jumping around and so much noise.

First of all, where was Robin? Was there something politically incorrect about the Batman-Robin relationship? I miss him- he kind of humanized Batman. As I watched the movie I think I experienced something akin to my mother's experience. I became a little confused as to actors identities as their characters from past movies crept into my mind and intruded into the present. The first two actors I recognized were Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman- two of my favorites. I thought of Michael Caine as "Alfie" still wondering "What's It All About?" Is It Just For The Moment We Live?" Strangely, in this Batman movie in between the chasing, the shooting, and the constant noise there was some examination

of moral values and the question of whether an individual is responsible for the not necessarily intended, but, nevertheless, foreseeable consequences of his actions. It was like a first year Law School test question on proximate cause. If I understood correctly, the movie then moved on between other chases and crashes, to consider the value of a life, one's own, versus the overall future benefit to society. I'm afraid I was too shell-shocked to care very much.

Wandering through all of this, for some reason was Morgan Freeman. I guess because of other movies and voiceovers and his plain dignity I could not help but think of him as God or, at least, God-like. Here he was all dressed-up and bow-tied and serene and yet seemingly only concerned with technology. I was disappointed- certainly, it's understandable that an omniscient being would be cutting-edge about everything, but still I think Morgan as deity should have broader interests. Other characters like Maggie Gyllenhaal seemed out of place. In some other movie she was a submissive secretary who enjoyed being spanked by her boss. In this movie she has a commanding aristocratic presence and is afraid of nothing. Who's she kidding? I thought she must feel awkward acting with Heath Ledger who had that socially-questionable relationship with her brother Jake on *Brokeback Mountain*. As to Heath Ledger himself, he was pretty interesting playing Jack Nicholson even though he is dead and Jack Nicholson is alive and coaching the Lakers- or maybe, he just sits next to the coach.

Well, perhaps I now understand maybe a little bit more of what it's like now to be my mom, even though I'm still confused as to what it's like to be Batman. To tell you the truth—I wouldn't have it any other way.



Republicans Finally Have A Winning Issue - But will they make

the most of it? By Hail Hamilton



I know a winning argument when I see one and Democrats have given Republicans a huge one, an issue that could succeed this November. It starts with the high price of gasoline, the single most infuriating issue with voters these days.

Democrats are not being blamed for causing the price of gasoline to exceed \$4 a gallon. Rather they have failed in their campaign to persuade the public that the American oil industry is the chief culprit. A Gallup/CNN poll in May found only 20 percent of potential voters still blame the oil companies for gouging, down from 34 per cent a year ago.

Democrats are especially vulnerable because they promised a "common sense" program in the 2006 campaign to curb gas prices. They have yet to produce one, and the price per gallon has risen by more than \$2 since Democrats took control of Congress in January 2007.

Democrats have also insisted on pushing a global warming bill that if enacted will further boost the price of gas and rake in trillions of dollars in new revenue. Encouraging Americans to conserve gas and develop alternative fuels might have made sense a year ago, but not now with the public anger over \$4 plus a gallon gasoline.

Republicans, on the other hand, have succeeded selling their solution for the high price of gas is drilling offshore and on protected federal lands, areas now off limits. Support for drilling in precisely these areas jumped from 41 percent in 2007 to 57 percent in May.

As a result, an amazing role reversal has occurred on Capitol Hill. Republicans, once fearful of the climate change issue, are now demanding more debate in Congress on global warming legislation. Democrats, who had earlier promoted the legislation as a top priority, have turned squeamish and have dropped the issue before it could do serious political harm.

Both House speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate majority leader Harry Reid have portrayed global warming as the greatest threat facing America today. In fact, Pelosi was so concerned that, shortly after taking charge of the House, she vowed to bring

a global warming bill to the floor by July 4, 2007. Now, though, she's unlikely to schedule it for debate and a vote in 2008.

Spotting the opening, House Republican leader John Boehner has made Pelosi his chief target on gas prices. He has needled her week after week since January, calling her global warming bill "Pelosi's premium."--the portion of the gas price increase which he attributes to her inaction.

It's not only Democrats who are on the defensive. Environmentalist have also been taking a beating lately in Washington and, for the moment at least, have emerged as a potential liability for the Democrats. Their opposition to any effort to slash gasoline prices or begin drilling on federal lands make environmentalists an unattractive ally.

On gas prices, Republicans have been the beneficiary of a political windfall. The question is whether they can make the most of it. The answer is uncertain and the reason is John McCain. McCain vehemently opposes drilling for oil in the Alaskan National Wildlife Preserve (ANWR), though he has come around on increased domestic production in other areas (except off the coast of Florida). Flipping on ANWR may be too much for McCain, though doing so would be consistent with his national security argument against U.S. dependence on Middle East oil.

There's a broader issue than gas prices and oil production. The public's main complaint, identified in poll after poll, about a Democratic Congress is *INACTION!* Congress has done *nothing* that matters. *ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!*

Energy is just one of the huge issues facing the nation on which Democrats have failed to act. There's also the economy, immigration, education, health insurance, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, home foreclosures, tax reform, and the war in Iraq, just to name a few.

Will high gas prices work for Republicans this November? They just might. That is, if John McCain cooperates and does his part while campaigning for President.



Will Rogers On Democrats & Republicans

As we watch the rhetoric heating up in the 2008 national election,

it occurred to this columnist it might be worth reviewing our two major parties. What better vantage point than through the eyes of our favorite political commentator, Will Rogers. Let's look at his appraisal of Republicans first:

"With the election coming on, you are going to be fed up with a lot of hoovey about a lot of things. Naturally the Republicans are to put their best side forward. They are just trying to figure out which side is their best."

"Don't blame all the things that have happened to us lately on the Republicans - they're not smart enough to have thought 'em up."

"The Republicans built their Platform not only to stand on, but it's in such shape that they can hide behind it or run clear around it, or even crawl under it."

He didn't leave the Democrats alone either: "The trouble with the Democrats up to now has been that they have been giving the people 'what they thought the people ought to have' instead of 'what the people wanted'."

And possibly his most famous quote regarding the Democrats: "I'm a member of no organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

He often picked on both: "The more you read and observe about this Politics thing, you got to admit that each party is worse than the other."

"The difference between a Republican and a Democrat is

that the Democrat is a cannibal, they live off each other, while the Republicans live off the Democrats."

"Both parties have their good and bad times, only they have them at different times. They are each good when they are out of office, and each bad when they are in."

"The Republican and Democratic Parties both split. The Republicans have their split right after elections, and Democrats have theirs just before an election."

Speaking specifically regarding politicians:

"I'm just like a politician - the less I know about anything, the more I can say."

"Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with nowadays."

Talking about the Presidency:

"The only way to keep a Governor from becoming Senator is to sidetrack him off into the Presidency."

"...We are a funny people. We elect our Presidents, be they Republicans or Democrats, then go home and start daring 'em to make good."

Some of the above quotes are eerily accurate in this, the young 21st Century. In my opinion that only validates Will Rogers assessment. Finally, lurching back to the here and now, on July 17th Governor David Paterson of New York addressed the NAACP Convention. In his speech he made comments that many newsmakers believe seemed to suggest if Obama loses the election it will be a victory for racism. Over the top?

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The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **WE INSTALL IT, 4263 LA JUNTA DR., CLAREMONT, CA 91711.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 7/2/08, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 20081180388. The business was conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS.** 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: FRANCISCO L. MEJIA / OWNER.**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20081289032

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **QUEZADA & COMPANY 2300 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. STE. 502, PASADENA, CA. 91107.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FELIPE QUEZADA, 9404 WEXFORD DR., TUEJUNGA, CA.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIPE QUEZADA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/18/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20081288063

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MADISON BUSINESS CONSULTING GROUP, 280 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., NO. 189, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MADISON BUSINESS CONSULTING GROUP, LLC. 3790 MAYFAIR DRIVE, PASADENA, CA. 91107.** This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARLON WADE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/18/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1257881

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ABACUS CONSTRUCTION, 46-E PENNINSULA CENTER #379, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DANIEL PARK, 7090 VIA DEL MAR, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIEL PARK.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/15/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1279360

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. AFFINITAS INTIMATES 2. BERRY PERRY, 16265 E. GALE AVE., CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91745.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **UNI GRACE CORP., 16265 E. GALE AVE., CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91745.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: KENG ZHANG / PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/17/08.** 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. 08-1279179

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ILEANA'S DAY CARE, 8875 CALMESA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GUADALUPE ILEANA GARCIA, 8875 CALMESA AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUADALUPE ILEANA GARCIA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/17/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1279642

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. I-PHONE SOFT 2. I-MOBILE-SOFT, 4713 HAYTER AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PREMIER CAPITAL INVESTMENT, INC., 4713 HAYTER AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712.** This Business is conducted by: **ACORPORATION. Signed: KAREN SUYKRY / SEC.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/17/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1256248

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MEGATEXTILES, USA, 457½ W. 49th ST., L.A., CA 90037.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PARCHHE, INC., 1146 N. CENTRAL AVE., #633, GLENDALE, CA 91202.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: MOE GHOBADPOUR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/15/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1256883

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEIGHBORHOOD PRINT COMPANY, 50 W. LEMON AVE. #9, MONROVIA, CA 91016.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **NEIL TIWARI, 2335 BASHOR ST., DUARTE, CA 91010.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NEIL TIWARI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/15/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/01/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1256664

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. PRECIOUS METAL MANAGEMENT 2. PRECIOUS METAL RENTALS, 460 W. 5th ST., SAN PEDRO, CA 90731.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MM-GJ, INC., 4560 SOUTH DECATUR, LAS VEGAS, NV 89103.** This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: DEBRA HANSON / SEC.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/15/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/15/2008.

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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. 08-1268424

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.

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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.**

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Pub. 07/14, 07/21, 07/28, 08/04/2008 1221 W. 3rd ST. #329, L.A., CA 90017. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LEONEL ACEVES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/07/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1211755
The following person(s) is (are) doingon **07/07/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) business as: **R&D REO PROPERTY**commenced to transact business under the **MAINTENANCE**, 13033 PENN ST.fictitious business name or names listed #700, WHITTIER, CA 90602. Full nameabove on N/A.

of registrant(s) is (are) **DEVLIN DUARTE.****NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement 561 W. PALM, LA HABRA, CA 90631,expires five years from the date it was filed ISMAEL RIVERA, 7940 STEWART andin the office of the County Clerk. A new GRAY RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. ThisFictitious Business Name Statement must Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL**be filed prior to that date. The filing of this **PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DEVLIN**statement does not of itself authorize the **DUARTE.** This statement was filed withuse in this state of a Fictitious Business the County Clerk of Los Angeles CountyName in violation of the rights of another on **07/08/08.** The registrant(s) has (have)under Federal, State, or common law commenced to transact business underthe(See section 14411 et seq. Business and fictitious business name or names listedProfessions Code)

above on N/A. Publish: MountainViews-Observer
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File No. 08-1220713
The following person(s) is (are) doing use in this state of a Fictitious Businessbusiness as: **I. VONTASTIC INFINITY** Name in violation of the rights of another**GROUP 2. J&T GROUP and TRAVEL,** under Federal, State, or common law7622 KATELLA AVE. #338, STANTON, (See section 14411 et seq. Business and CA 90680. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **NOLI NARIO, 7622 KATELLA AVE. #338, STANTON, CA 90680.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NOLI NARIO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/09/08.** The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1191524
The following person(s) is (are)doing business as: **RESOURCE**listed above on N/A.

PROFESSIONALS, 2600 AZUSA AVE.**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement #135, WEST COVINA, CA 91792. Fulllexpires five years from the date it was filed name of registrant(s) is (are) **ELENOR S.**in the office of the County Clerk. A new MACASCAP, 2600 AZUSA AVE. #135,Fictitious Business Name Statement must WEST COVINA, CA 91792. This Businessse filed prior to that date. The filing of this is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**,statement does not of itself authorize the **Signed: ELENOR S. MACASCAP.**use in this state of a Fictitious Business This statement was filed with the CountyName in violation of the rights of another Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08** under Federal, State, or common law The registrant(s) has (have) commenced(See section 14411 et seq. Business and to transact business under the fictitiousProfessions Code)

business name or names listed above onPublish: MountainViews-Observer
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1191957
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **I. 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1199898
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **I. 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,**

File No. 08-1183910
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **E.C.S. COMPANY,** 16549 VALENCIA AVE., FONTANA, CA 92335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EDUARDO GONZALEZ,** 16549 VALENCIA AVE., FONTANA, CA 92335. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDUARDO GONZALEZ.** 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 04/01/2005.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1150464
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GUILLOTINE DEATH WEAR,** 710 E. 8th ST. APT. 8, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CESAR GARCIA,** 710 E. 8th ST. APT. 8, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CESAR GARCIA.** 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. 08-1162040
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON,** 8517 N. LONG BEACH BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RITA NEVAREZ,** 8517 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RITA NEVAREZ.** 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. 08-1183945
The following person(s) is (are) doing businessas: **COZYTRUCKING,** 202N. ROCK RIVER DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROOMSTYLE, INC.,** 202 N. ROCK RIVER DR., DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: YAQIN YU / CEO.** 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1141088
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT GROUP,** 419 NO. LARCHMONT BL. #143, L.A., CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RONALD SAMPSON,** 419 NO.

MountainViews-Observer Friday, July 25, 2008

Notice in hereby given that application has bee made to the Board of Police Commissioners for a permit to conduct a DANCE & BANQUET HALL

Name of Applicant:
Doing Business As:
Located at:

LUIS BAHENA
SALON ACAPULCO
1929 S. Los Angeles St
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Any person desiring to protest the Issuance of this permit shall make a written protest before August 13, 2008 to the:

LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Upon receipt of written protests, protesting persons will be notified of date, time, and place for the hearing.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of resolution 08-045, approving and adopting the City’s revised Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The City’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) was originally adopted by the City Council in October of 2004. The revised NHMP incorporates changes in format required by state and federal agencies reviewing the document. Copies of the Revised NHMP are available for review at Sierra Madre City Hall.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 19th, 2008
(Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

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

At the Public Hearing, the City Council will hear and consider oral and written testimony from any person interested in the proposed Ordinance.

Posted: July 23, 2008

Director of Public Works
City of Sierra Madre

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Summer BBQ Tips

Summer-time and the temperatures are almost cool, but your barbecue should be hot. I hope you got a kick out of my bicycle story last week. If you missed it you can go to archives on the Observers web site.

The weather has been fantastic of late. Make sure you get outside on these cool evenings and fill the air with some smoke and some aromas that your neighbors can appreciate. Since the invention of the gas grill there has been a well established debate over the superiority of charcoal or gas. The debate can create such a fervor in some circles that you may think you are at a McCain – Obama debate, fighting over the principles of your country. As for myself, well I enjoy using charcoal (does that put me in the McCain or Obama camp I wonder). I am certain that my love for charcoal cooking stems from my pure love of food, and similar to a great symphony, my enjoyment increases with each moment until the finale when everyone is eating. If you are in the charcoal camp like myself, you need to be a patient person. After lighting the grill, I recommend that you give it 45 minutes before applying any food. Self-lighting charcoal also works, and will be ready in about 30 minutes, but do note, they do not last as long, and they are not recommend if you want to slow cook an item.

Briquettes are adequate but they can be difficult to light and will leave a residue in the base of your grill. Lumpwood charcoal and a firelighter is my recommendation and with this you will notice a distinct difference in the flavor of your meal. It is probably something that does not come to mind for most people, but always use fresh charcoal. If you've kept it over the winter it absorbs moisture and will not reach the correct cooking temperature. Fresh charcoal will give your meal a clean, pure flavor and allow for a higher cooking temperature which is needed for many dishes. If for whatever reason the coals do not light well, do not be tempted to add additional lighter fluid, or blow on the coals. If you do, you're risking your own health and safety and those around you. You are holding an explosive device in that lighter fluid, use it wisely. Some of you may be saying, this is too much effort Peter, as I do work too and I don't need a second job. Your solution is easy – go with the gas barbecue! I still recommend getting that second job though for those unconquerable flavors which only charcoal can deliver.

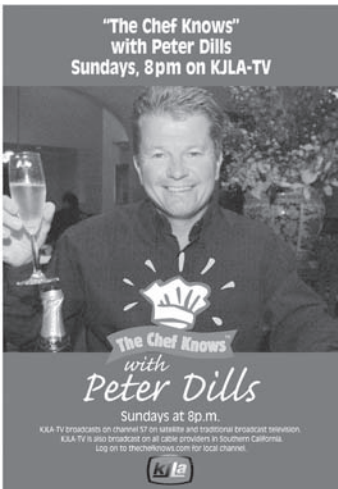
Let's get down to the meat of the situation and the grilling. When grilling, some of the barbecues flavor is derived from the fat in the food dripping onto the coals and creating smoke, whether those coals are charcoal or lava is irrelevant. Use some management skills as things cook at different rates and will need to be applied to the

grill at different times. You have heard me mention Wolfgang Puck on occasion. One of his great talents is the Oscars, where he is able to place warm meals on the table for hundreds of people in a short period of time, aside from the great food, he has the process perfected of when each item goes on. You need to do the same thing, think about what needs to be ready and when. A good indication when the coals are ready is when no black is showing and there is an orange glow. Another tip is if you can put your hands over the coals for more than five seconds the coals are ready. Maybe that one is for the highly skilled cook though, as I do not want emails from burnt paws telling me about the idiotic testing method I recommended – use care, use your brain!

Meat is cooked from the heat, not from the flames. Many BBQ experts like the low and slow method. To avoid the flames I always have a water spray bottle handy. Cooking Hamburgers this summer – of course you are? A few people like their burgers medium rare, stick an ice cube right into the middle of the patty and that will keep the middle red and moist. When cooking steak, look for the better cuts of beef if you don't want to have to arm wrestle the steak. I prefer choice and prime cuts and some smaller markets carry both, the larger supermarkets usually carry a select and a choice cut.

When to season and add the sauce to the meats you are thinking? You can season your meats at any time, but as far as the sauces go, don't add until you are absolutely ready to take off the meat off the grill. In fact I would say for steaks don't use sauce at all, or at least just have it in the side for dipping. Corn on the cob taste great and can be left in the husk when cooking. It usually takes about 15 minutes to cook. Once you pull it off the grill and remove the husk, get a paper towel and remove any items left under the husk. I usually give it a warm rinse of water and all that is left is the butter.

You say you have a Barbeque technique that predates me, or the newest and hippest method. Let me be the judge as I want to hear your best BBQ Tips, e-mail me at thechefknows@yahoo.com



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Photo by Aaron Dominguez

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has given the name Makemake to the newest member of the family of dwarf planets, after the Polynesian creator of humanity and the god of fertility.

Makemake (pronounced MAH-keh MAH-keh) is one of the largest objects known in the outer Solar System and is just slightly smaller and dimmer than Pluto, its fellow plutoid. The dwarf planet is reddish in color, and astronomers believe the surface is covered by a layer of frozen methane.

Like other plutoids, Makemake is located in a region beyond Neptune that is populated with small Solar System bodies (often referred to as the transneptunian region). The object was discovered in 2005 by a team from the California Institute of Technology led by Mike Brown, and was previously known as 2003 FY9 (or unofficially "Easterbunny").

The discoverer of a Solar System object has the privilege of suggesting a name to the IAU, which then judges its suitability. Mike Brown says: "We consider the naming of objects in the Solar System very carefully. Makemake's surface is covered with large amounts of almost pure methane ice, which is scientifically fascinating, but really not easily relatable to terrestrial mythology. Suddenly, it dawned on me: the island of Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Why hadn't I thought of this before? I wasn't familiar with the mythology of the island so I had to look it up, and I found Makemake, their chief god, the creator of humanity and the god of fertility. I am partial to fertility gods. Eris, Makemake, and 2003 EL61 were all discovered as my wife was 3-6 months pregnant with our daughter. I have the distinct memory of feeling this fertile abundance pouring out of the entire Universe. Makemake was part of that."

Makemake holds an important place in the Solar System because it, along with Eris and 2003 EL61, was one of the objects whose discovery prompted the IAU to reconsider the definition of a planet and to create the new group of dwarf planets. Visually, it is the second brightest transneptunian object, following after Pluto, and is bright enough to be seen through a high-end amateur telescope (it has a peak magnitude of roughly 16.5). Mike Brown explains: "The orbit is not particularly strange, but the object itself is big—probably about 2/3 the size of Pluto."

The other three dwarf planets are Ceres, Pluto and Eris. However, Ceres is not a member of the distinctive plutoid group because its orbit is smaller than Neptune's (Ceres is located in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter).

The word Makemake is Polynesian in origin and is the name of the creator of humanity and the god of fertility in the mythology of Easter Island. He was the chief god of the Tangata manu bird-man cult and was worshiped in the form of sea birds, which were his incarnation. His material symbol was a man with a bird's head.

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

Looking Up With Bob Eklund

Astronomers Name Dwarf Planet After Polynesian Deity

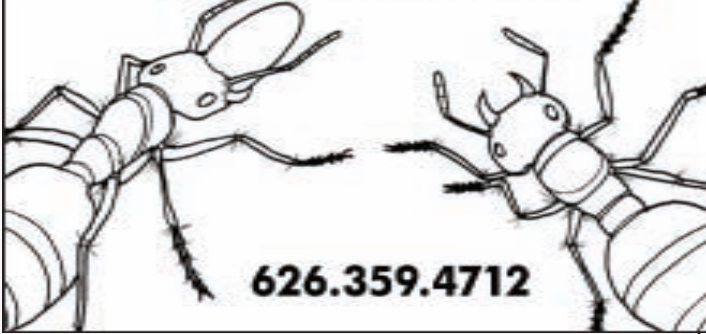


A row of carvings of the Diety Makemake on the island of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) at sunset.

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From the Inside Out:

By Mary Carney

Feed A Cold Starve A Fever....

Until a few weeks ago, this little bit of "old wives' tales" wisdom seemed - well, an "old wife's tale". Who cared? And an

internet search echoes that sentiment. Why? Maybe because we think that "feeding a cold" means to pile in more "food".

Gotta tell you, I changed my mind after learning about Harold Foster, Ph.D, British hydrologist, University of Victoria, British Columbia. Harold Foster's comparison of world-wide ground water quality against local population health statistics, are creating a "sea/ see change" in treating viral infections / invasions around the world. Why?

Seems that Senegal, Africa's west coast, has only a .8 to 1% HIV infection rate, compared to the 11% to 26% in other African countries. Sociologists and politicians attribute this to the openness of regulated prostitution, sex education and widespread use of condoms in this predominantly Muslim country, but Foster looks deeper.

The two elements that stood out for Foster were the excellent cleanliness and much higher levels of selenium and other dissolved minerals in Senegal's ground waters, versus the ground waters of the countries with higher rates of AIDS. It's almost a 1:1 ratio.

In researching ever more deeply, Foster learned from other, more focused researchers, that HIV-1 and HIV-2 absolutely require selenium in order to replicate. Ah ha, one might think. Then let's eliminate selenium from the diet. Can't do that ... us humans absolutely require ample supplies of selenium for our own life-energy enzyme processes. Selenium is an essential component of the human glutathione peroxidase enzyme (I know, more big words, sigh!), and that enzyme requires the non-essential protein amino acids of cysteine, glutathione, and tryptophan. Humm ... minerals and protein equals "food" to me ...

And why should populations anywhere in the world be deficient in minerals? - after all, that's what the world is made of - rock - which is mineral. Well, looking at "Foster's orthomolecular model, it explains the link between viral diffusion and falling soil and dietary selenium levels. During the past century, acid rain, petrochemical based fertilizer use and animal husbandry have combined to virtually deplete many global soils of this essential trace mineral, setting the scene for several viral pandemics, including those of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B and C."(1) The increasing bio-non-availability of selenium (not to mention magnesium and others) is creating human (and other mammalian and animal populations and generations) with sharply weaker immune

systems than those of our grandparents and great grandparents.

But to get back to the HIV virus. In increasingly large human studies in Africa (see Dr. Foster's website for citations and free personal copies of his books in pdf format) are verifying that a course of 400 mcg selenium with desiccated liver tablets (and other trace minerals) over a one-month period of time has been sufficient to return up to 87% of group participants from so weak they can barely eat, let alone walk, to "back to work" within a month. At that point, selenium capsules alone are provided ... individuals seem to do well for several months, and then, once again, they start feeling "weak" and another month of nutrient supplementation returns them to full functionality. The selenium-bound enzyme requires the "non-essential" protein amino acids cysteine, glutathione and tryptophan as partners in their operations.

Think about it. If we ensure that we get the trace minerals our bodies need to keep our own personal enzyme levels high (enzymes are our body's personal labor force that converts food / nutrient / elements from one to the other to meet many of our food-based life-force energy needs), we don't need to worry, for example, about picking up a "viral infection" from a shopping cart handle. The real infection is our enormous ignorance about what we need, and what the all-pervasive viral invaders require, for our joint life processes. We are not alone. The alien invaders are already within us - so now we need to deal with them. If we don't keep our own nutrient levels up, to meet both viral and personal needs, it's our bodies that become short of energy, it's our immune systems that don't have what they need to do the jobs, and it's our bodies that "go down for the count"

So, "Feed a cold?" Absolutely! But be smart ... forget the dairy, gluten and sugars. Feed that cold virus with what it needs and as fast as possible rebuild our own stores of nutrients so that our own immune system stays healthy. Humans have broad general requirements, but each of us has ancestral / environmental requirements for specific nutrients that may be separate from the others in our families or neighborhoods. Don't let yourself be frightened into succumbing to the "vaccinate against infection" pressure. Keep yourself healthy from the inside out with - here it comes again - Fresh Fruits and Veggies, Dark Green Leafy Greens, Whole Grains Seeds and Nuts ... at least until next week!

(1) "How HIV Replication Causes Aids: An Orthomolecular Model", Harold D. Foster, Ph.D., www.ldfoster.com, hivereplication.pdf w/ 34 footnotes.

Jeff's Pics

By Jeff Brown

The Book Reports

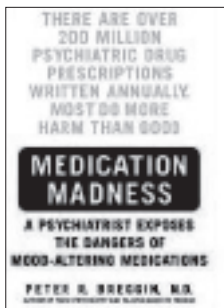
Hot Widow: A Memoir by Phyllis Gebauer (2008)

Hot Widow is a different kind of coming-of-age story. It's about a woman who married right out of college, who never had children and who suddenly – after forty-seven years of being treated like a princess by her adoring husband – finds herself on her own. The story follows her first two years of widowhood, during which she changes from a sheltered (aging) child into a grown-up, independent woman. In the course of various sexual, therapeutic, and travel adventures she encounters major highs and crippling lows, but her courage and pluck pull her through, and by the end of the book she has finally become whole without her other half. Phyllis Gebauer teaches fiction at UCLA Extension and leads workshops throughout Southern California on memoir writing and writing one's way through grief and loss. She is the author of the novel The Pagan Blessing. Phyllis Gebauer discusses and signs her new book at Sierra Madre Books on Saturday, August 2nd, from 7-9pm.



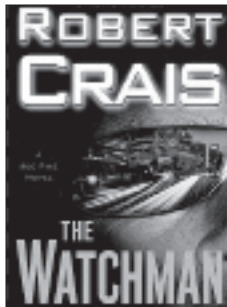
Medication Madness: A Psychiatrist Exposes the Danger of Mood-Altering Medications by Peter Breggin (2008)

Medications for everything from depression and anxiety to ADHD and insomnia are being prescribed in alarming numbers across the country but the cure is often worse than the original problem. Medication Madness is a fascinating and frightening look at the role that psychiatric medications have played in 50 cases of suicide, murder, and other violent, criminal and bizarre behaviors that the author discusses. Medication Madness reads like a medical thriller, true crime story, and courtroom drama; but it is firmly based in the latest scientific research and dozens of case studies. Psychiatric drugs drive some people into psychosis, mania, depression, suicide and loss of control; without the individuals realizing that their medications have done this. This book documents how the FDA, the medical establishment and the pharmaceutical industry have over sold the value of these drugs. It is a cautionary tale about reliance on potentially dangerous medications to help our emotional problems and provides a better approach to taking charge of our lives.



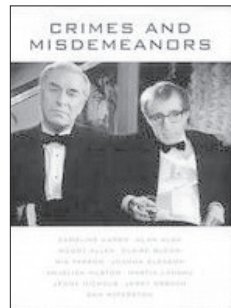
Recommended by Harry Bosch The Watchman by Robert Crais (2006)

Beautiful, rich Larkin Barkley lives like in the City of Angels is hers for the taking. As she is speeding along late at night when out of nowhere a car appears and an accident occurs. She attempts to help the victims and finds herself the sole witness in a secret federal investigation. She agrees to testify and now she is the target of a relentless team of killers. After the U.S. Marshall fail to protect her, her family hires Joe Pike, an ex cop, ex marine and mercenary to keep Larkin alive. He commits himself to this task with the help of his friend and private investigator Elvis Cole. A thrill ride awaits us.



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Scene One - Take One DVD Review

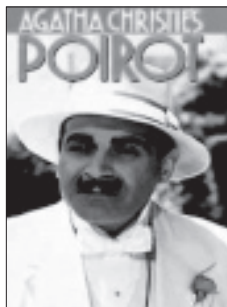


Crimes and Misdemeanors (1989)

Respected ophthalmologist Judah (Martin Landau) faces an awful dilemma when his mistress (Anjelica Huston) threatens to tell his wife about their affair. Meanwhile, Married filmmaker Cliff (Woody Allen) falls for a TV producer (Mia Farrow) while shooting a documentary about an arrogant, famous TV star (Alan Alda). Allen's masterful work on truth and responsibility, sometime funny and sometimes harrowing, is one of his best.

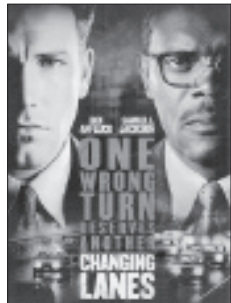
Poirot (1988-2006)

Based on the wonderful mysteries written by legendary author Agatha Christie, Belgian detective Hercule Poirot (played by David Suchet) faces crime after crime in this collection of stories from the famous PBS series. With a mind clever enough to best the toughest criminal masterminds around, the extraordinarily vain, fastidious Poirot, along with his sidekick Captain Hastings, attempts to rid the world of crime and corruption without wrinkling his clothes. Over 40 episodes in this great, well-made series set in England during the 1930s and '40s.



Changing Lanes (2002)

Yuppie N.Y. lawyer Gavin Banek (Ben Affleck,) who's married to the boss's daughter, gets into a minor fender bender with a businessman (Samuel L. Jackson) who is on his way to an important meeting. When Affleck zips off, leaving him, a feud begins that may ruin both of their personal and financial situations. This is a film about ethics, human nature, and the choices we make, particularly when under pressure.



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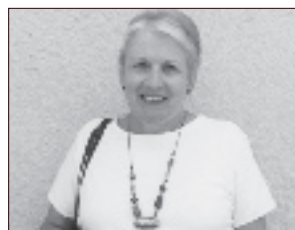
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By Pat Birdsall

BIRD' EYE VIEW

He's Too Sexy For his Shirt

I should have known right off the bat that the day wasn't going to bode well for me. I went to retrieve my newspapers Saturday morning hoping to dash in and dash out without being seen. No such luck. I couldn't avoid the man at the end of my driveway, and recognized him as the current Citizen of the Year. Good grief! The sad thing is I think he knows who I am, even though I looked like the poor man's version of the Bride of Frankenstein. (Apologies to the late Elsa Lanchester). He asked me how I was doing. Doing? Other than the fact that I was hoping to be immediately swallowed up and vaporized, hey, I was doing great.

Fast forward a couple of hours. I was on my way to an appointment when I noticed an acquaintance doing some hedge trimming sans his shirt. He was a sartorial sight to behold-- Black Bermuda shorts, brown leather belt (obsured in part by an "ever-so-slight" belly paunch) and complimenting the entire "look" were calf-length white cotton socks and of course, matching white tennis shoes-- GQ Magazine eat your heart out.

I couldn't resist commenting, so seeing no one behind me I stopped in my tracks, rolled down the window and said, "There's a calendar out there with your name on it Buddy." I could tell by the look on his face that he had no idea what I was talking about. Just as I was prepared to explain...THUD! One of Stud Muffin's neighbors backed out of his driveway and smacked into the side of my way-cool PT Cruiser. The front panel on the driver's side of the car was smashed in and I was not able to get the door open. We exchanged information, and I continued on my way to the appointment-- Needless to say a little worse for wear.

I'm not as spry as I used to be so trying to enter and exit the car from the passenger side is something I think only a contortionist would enjoy. I caught my shoe behind the gear shift and in order to get it out, I had to take the shoe off. That was after I had already turned on the back windshield wiper. I never use it so it took me a minute to figure out how to turn it off. The tricky part however, was trying to avoid the emergency brake—not an easy task. I just said, "Please Lord, don't let me suffer the embarrassment of having to have this thing surgically removed." The final straw came when I went to the grocery store. I got out on the passenger side to go shopping and no one was in the parking lot. When I came out they were all there. Where had they been? I got in the car and pretended to be the passenger until everyone left and then I traversed the dreaded emergency brake and went on my way. Not so merrily, I might add. Car rental agency, here I come.

So, Stud Muffin (and you know who you are), before you decide to do yard work again without a shirt you might want to alert all of the claims adjusters from Sierra Madre to Ventura. It's the least you can do...

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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 Christ 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

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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.
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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

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

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Homes and Property

WILD CLAY from the Hills of Sierra Madre

Photos and Story by Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is the author of "How to Survive Anywhere," editor of Wilderness Way magazine, and an occasional blogger of current events. He can be reached via this paper, or at www.ChristopherNyerges.com.]

Some of the best wild clay that I've ever found is located in the hills above Sierra Madre. Not that I've searched the globe for clay – I haven't. But I have searched out and found lots of local clays in river bottoms and erosion cuts in hillsides. I have found clay that is white, pink, green, blue, grey, and red.

Among the many classes I teach, I show students how to take locally-found clay, how to process it, and how to make useful items, like water vessels, cooking pots, oil lamps, plates, tools, pipes, and countless useful and decorative items. This is a skill that everyone in the past simply took for granted.

The clay above Sierra Madre is a fine red adobe clay.

If you enroll in a "ceramics" class at any local high school or college, you'll learn what it takes to make useful and ornamental objects that won't explode or crack when they are fired. You'll learn how to use a wheel, how to keep the walls of your pot thin, how to glaze, how to add color and ornamentation to the objects,

etc. You should also learn some of the basics of using a modern kiln.

But you don't usually learn how to find and prepare the clay yourself, or how to fire the object using primitive methods.

I was once one of those people who said "there can't be any good clay anywhere near my home." But then again, I wasn't looking.

Once I began looking for clay, I realized that clay was abundant.

"Clay" was abundant, but not necessarily "good clay."

Here is a good rule-of-thumb test to see if your found clay is good quality. Assuming it is already moist, roll a little in your palm until it is as thin as a pencil. Does it stay together? If it contains too many impurities, or if your sample has too little clay content, you won't even be able to form a pencil shape.

Next, test the flexibility of the pencil-shaped clay. Good quality clay will hold together well, and will have a high degree of flexibility.

Though you may find a good batch of clay, chances are that you'll have to refine what you find and add temper to it.

Though I read a lot about how to process clay from the wild, it was mostly by talking with Phil Cornelius that I learned some of these basics. Cornelius is a master potter who has taught at Pasadena City College for decades. After I called him with lots of questions, he invited me to his class at the college.

I had questions about processing clay, and making pinch pots, and doing primitive firing. I arrived one evening with a bucket of the raw red clay that I dug from the foothills of Sierra Madre. He answered all my questions about making pinch pots, and about primitive firing. He then looked at the clay I brought, and we added water to my bucket so it was all very soupy. One of his students then took a paint mixer attached to an electric drill, and mixed up my raw clay until it was homogenous. Then we poured it through a sieve to remove any large material and foreign material. He said that when I got home, I should pour the sifted material



Alan makes a clay pot

onto a sheet that I lay on the ground. The liquid would strain through and I'd soon have a good quality clay material.

This is how I have processed clay ever since. I blend the clay and water mix with a paint mixer on a drill, strain it through a fine metal sieve, and then pour it onto a sheet on the ground. It may take a day or more, but when the liquid is gone, I have a good workable clay. Sometimes, I simply crush the dry clay and shake it through a sieve, and then moisten and use it.

Years earlier, after looking for clay at many locations, I took a sample of this red clay to artist and master potter Doyle Lane. Hard to believe, but Lane lived in a hilly and rural-seeming part of Los Angeles, south of my home at the time. He was up on a hill, and had a kiln out in his yard. I gave Lane a sample of the red clay, and he asked me, "What cone did you fire this at?" "Cone" refers to a measurement of heat when firing pottery in a kiln. "I didn't fire it at all," I told Lane, who was surprised and declared it some really fine clay.

This red clay is the main clay that I collect and process and use when teaching this subject.

It is very enjoyable and even therapeutic to collect and process clay, and to sit making an object from your own hands that you can then use.



Piero sifts dry clay to remove impurities

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