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Dorn Platz Maintains Control Of One Carter And Stonehouse Work To Resume; Lawsuits Drag On

By Susan Henderson

It has been said that Greg Galletly and Dorn Platz are like a cat with nine lives. Despite the severity of the financial problems with investors and creditors, the month of July came and went without Dorn Platz and developer Greg Galletly losing control. To the dismay of many residents, agreements were reached that postponed and/or canceled the scheduled foreclosure sales of One Carter and Stonehouse properties. New financing has been retained by the developer and the One Carter project is scheduled to resume construction any day. All sub-contractors with outstanding liens against the property and the City of Sierra Madre were paid as a result of the new financial arrangement. However, the seven lawsuits involving the City of Sierra Madre and Dorn Platz, et al, have not been settled. The next scheduled court date is after January 1, 2009.

With the immediate threat of financial collapse behind them, the company has committed to begin the necessary infrastructure improvements in an effort to divert mud slides and floods during the rainy season.

City Manager Elaine Aguilar indicated that the anticipated completion date for those items is mid-October, 2008. At press time, she was expecting a complete timetable on when the equipment would be brought back in and a complete schedule for the work completed. Dorn Platz and the County of Los Angeles will be constructing a temporary debris basin as well as erecting a timber and rail structure to prevent flooding and mud slides. Says Aguilar, "if milestones are not met, the city will not hesitate to step in."

Historical Designation Hearing

In other related matters, on Thursday, August 7, 2008, the Sierra Madre Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the designation of the Willis Residence as an Historical Landmark. The Willis Residence sits on the One Carter property and an historical designation of the house was one of the conditions required by the city in order for the project to proceed. For months, concerns have been directed towards City Hall, inquiring why the designation had not been completed.

The hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. There is some question as to whether or not the commission will have a quorum, as there are currently three openings that must be filled. Two are for existing members seeking reappointment. One is filling the vacancy left by former commissioner John Hutt.

Mid Week Quake Shakes Things Up



By Teresa Baxter & Dean Lee

What has now been downgraded to a 5.4 magnitude earthquake severely shook the Foothills cities—and the entire population—on Tuesday. Citizens took to the streets with many expressing uncertainty as to what needs to be done during a potential disaster.

The quake struck at 11:42 a.m. and was initially estimated at 5.8 by the U.S. Geological Survey. Dr. Kate Hutton, staff seismologist at the California Institute of Technology, quickly held a press conference for media outlets to help alleviate fears concerning what to expect in the days following the quake.

"The earthquake was felt all over the L.A. Basin and the Inland Empire, with the epicenter located at two miles southwest of Chino Hills," said Hutton. "We know it was a thrust fault and the largest aftershock so far is 3.6."

At the news conference Hutton stated that there had been at least 27 aftershocks documented in the one hour following the quake. A map displayed in color coding was provided to designate the severity of the quake in the surrounding areas.

"Basically, anything that is yellow on the map was a scary earthquake," she said. "The areas that are green and blue...people probably felt it but didn't notice it as being particularly alarming."

Hutton estimated the depth of the

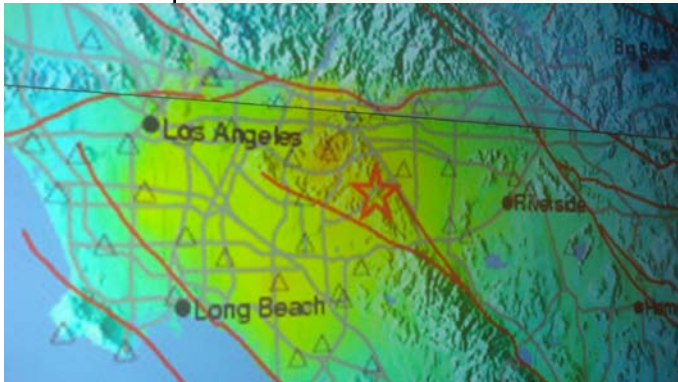
quake to be approximately seven miles, which she said is pretty shallow in world-wide standards. In general, if the quake is much deeper it is not felt as strongly at the surface. The 5.9 Whittier Narrows quake in 1987 was used as a comparison of a quake most like the one felt this week.

"One of the most interesting things about this earthquake is that it's the first one we've had in a populated area in quite a long time," she said. "So, we should probably look at it as an earthquake drill for the big one that will be coming someday."

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger held a press conference later in the afternoon to affirm that he has reached out to local agencies to make sure that all of the levees, bridges and other critical infrastructures are inspected before being declared safe.

"This earthquake reminds us once again that in California we have to be prepared for anything and everything," he said. "Luckily, we have a great Office for Emergency Services that acts very quickly. We will continue to monitor the situation very closely."

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Map depicts fault lines of greatest concern to scientists and Southern Californians

fault types, such as normal, reverse and thrust, move up or down. The Sierra Madre Fault system, part of which goes through the city, is reverse faulting in which the motion is up. Thrust faults are reverse faults with less than a 45 degree angle. (See FAULT Page 12)

JANE FULLER: Sierra Madre Singer and Guitarist Local Musician believes in involving the community in her performances

By Christopher Nyerges

Maybe you were having dinner at 322 restaurant, maybe you were at Sierra Madre Books. You might have heard the guitar and singing of Jane Fuller, local Sierra Madre resident and musician. Fuller plays her guitar and sings her various forms of American pop music with jazz and blues overtones. Fuller performs with her group at 322 on Sierra Madre Boulevard at least once a month, the next date being August 16.

"I try to involve the community as much as possible," explains Fuller, who has gone on foot to all the local Sierra Madre businesses, inviting them to come to her performances as a way to not only enjoy quality music but to find new clients.

"I think that people go to musical performances for something more than just the music," she explains. "People want a sense of community. They want to be a part of something," and Fuller hopes that those who come to 322 can interact with others. "Of course, you can't just come and sit there," says Fuller. "You have to interact with other people there. Sierra Madre business owners can pass out their cards, and local residents can learn about all the other businesses that they can patronize," she says.

She's even used her performances to help with the Gina for Missing Persons organization, and shown the pictures of missing children. Yes, she's a great performer, and she's great to look at, but she's also using her musical performances to bring

people together.

"The community and people are great resources," says Fuller, who practices what she preaches. At a recent performance at 322, she invited some of her students. (Fuller is also a 3rd grade school teacher for the LA Unified School district.) "Ten of my students got up on the stage with me and we all sang 'Pennies from Heaven,' and the audience loved it. Some people came just for that performance. Then I gave each student a penny and told the audience that the students are angels in my life. Each student then went into the audience and gave their pennies to audience members. The students really stole the show," says Fuller with a big smile.

Currently, Fuller is working on her third CD to be titled "Night and Day." Her other two CDs are titled "You're Coming Back Again" which contains 3 original songs, and a Christmas CD, with 12 songs, 8 of which she wrote. Her music can be purchased, and her schedule viewed, at www.janefuller.com.

Fuller began to play the guitar at age 10, when the folk music trend invaded the Catholic Church and Masses included guitars. "One of the girls at school showed me a few chords, and I had to learn quickly," she says. Fuller explains that she had a strict nun in 5th grade who pushed her into leadership positions in stage, and in organizing the music for Mass. "I had to deliver for God," she says with a laugh. "I had to learn the new songs for church, and this drove me

to improve my guitar playing."

Fuller went to Alverno High School, and took classes at Pasadena City College. "I studied under Bobby Bradford at PCC and learned a lot about blues and jazz. I really learned a lot from him," she emphasizes. According to Fuller, the term "Americana music" should include both blues and jazz, but the term is usually not used that way.

She earned a bachelors degree in Creative Writing and Literature at UC Santa Cruz, and a degree in theatre arts from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

She has been a Sierra Madre homeowner since 2004, and has long felt a part of this community, from



her high school days at Alverno, to teaching at Saint Rita's, to her work at 322 and her performances at Sierra Madre's annual Jazz and Wine walk.

She is so devoted to her music and teaching that she describes it as being married to her work. "When you have this passion that runs through your life, it makes all things sparkle," she says, pointing out that she actually has two full-time jobs.

Fuller is also working on a book called "The School of Life," which will explain to the reader how to learn your life's lessons wherever you happen to be in your life. Look for it in your bookstores by Christmas of 2009. For more information, see www.janefuller.com

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Sierra Madre Library Events

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., Swazze will present a puppet show, "Space Bugs."

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Books Table Sale inside the Library during the Library's public open hours. Featured titles will include Fiction, Biography, Art, Cooking, Children's and Specialty books. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

ARCADIA SUMMER CONCERTS & 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. Come, sit down on a chair, relax, and watch them play with bubbles while listening to great music.

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 on the west-side lawn of Arcadia City Hall, 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.

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Ms. Barnes' has toured with the likes of the great Wynton Marsalis, J. J. Johnson and Quincy Jones. She can't remember when her childhood Cleveland home didn't resonate with the sounds of Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, and Nat King Cole, among other jazz legends. Cheryl began her voice studies at age nine. She is often heard at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art Jazz Concert Series, and at the world-renowned jazz club, The Baked Potato. Ms. Barnes has also appeared with the Florida and Denver Symphony Orchestras.

Phil began studying piano at age five, adding trombone at age nine. Playing throughout his school years, he was active in multiple, diverse musical ensembles in college at U.C. Davis. He moved to the Los Angeles area in 1980, and immediately began playing in a quartet whose members have gone on to international musical renown. He has a busy, successful private practice in Internal Medicine and continues to work as an Emergency Room Physician. Married in 1989,

they bring two lifetimes of musical education and performance to the collaboration. She and her husband tour the world over from Amsterdam to the Antilles, and from Sao Paulo to Singapore. You can get a sample of their musical talents on her website <http://cherylbarnes.com>. Don't miss this event. *For reservations call Café 322 at 836-5414.*

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;

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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Artists Show Off in Monrovia

Story and Photos By Dean Lee

Local artists displayed their works along the sidewalks of Old Town Monrovia's historic *Myrtle Avenue* last Saturday night to show and sell their wares of drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography and hand-made crafts.



And if you missed it, not to worry, there will be a second showing on August 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the same area. At that time a special feature of 'The Princess Bride' will be screened outdoors. Event organizers are asking that people bring their own lawn chairs.

Some of the local artists displaying their work will be photographers Frank Zgonc, Doug Gordon, Stephen Coleman, John Houseman and Ginger Van Hook. Watercolor artists are to include, Betty Glass, Horst Albers, Setsuko Okubo, and Elaine G. Smith. Some of

the Oil Painters participating are Roz Newson and Luke Van Hook. Glass artists Christina Hughes, others will be featured as well as acrylic artist George Schopeck, collage artist Millie Havens, and ceramist Sal Perez.

Young artists, ages 4 to 18, will also be featured during the Summer Art Walks. Students from the KidsArt Art Studio, Paint-N-Play Art Studio and the Monrovia Unified School District Village Program. Monrovia High School Ceramic Department will also participate. Art Instructor-Sal Perez will display works along with drawings, paintings, crafts and ceramics at Paint-N-Play. The artwork will be displayed on the corner of Myrtle and Lemon Ave., as well as in the KidsArt Gallery and the Paint-N-Play Gallery.

For information about this event call 626-303-6600.



A Lesson From The Mountain Clymer

Ask and Ye Shall Receive

One of the greatest lessons that I have learned in life...one that I believe I have touched on here before...is that if you ever have a question, or are lost and floundering on your path in life, or if you are ever in need of something... anything, all you ever need to do is to open up your heart and just ask and the answer or what you need will be given. Ask...then listen and watch for the answer, for it will always come. It may not always be recognized as an answer at first... it may not always be the answer that you thought you would get...it may not always be what you thought you were looking for or needed...you may not always be sent in the direction that you thought you would or should be sent. After all...who are you to decide what is best for you? I have found that usually when I have made too specific of a request...that when I think I know what is best and think that I know just what I want or need...I will invariably receive some perverted version of exactly what I had asked for...kind of like in that Brendan Frazier movie "Bedazzled". This has happened time after time until I finally got it through my thick head that I should simply request that a problem be solved in whatever way was best, or that a need be filled however it was best filled...and then just trust that it will come, and believe that whatever comes will be for the best. This philosophy has served me very well and has also served to rid me of a lot of worry and fretting over things. I have just learned that if you leave things alone and trust in the powers that be, that what you need will always be delivered in good time. All you need to do in return is to be very thankful for the gifts that are given and to keep yourself open to helping others when they are in need if you are presented with the opportunity to do so...pay it forward, so to speak...that is the best way to show your thankfulness.

What is the point of me bringing this all up again at this time? Well...as I was once again confronted with the demand of meeting my weekly deadline, I was, as usual, at a loss as to what I should write. I am sure that if you have read my column regularly, you have been forced to listen to me whine from time to time about how difficult it is to come up with ideas every week. Three weeks ago when I found myself in a similar situation, I was fortunate that it was the Fourth of July edition and I could comment on our town and its spirit and traditions. The following week, I was again beating my head against the wall trying to come up with something, and on deadline day, I was forwarded in an email, a copy of Jimmy Carter's 1977 speech on the environment and his view of what was to come and what needed to be done by this country in order to avoid the situation we are in now. This was perfect for a column... saved again. Last week, I was called in to teach at the last minute in a classroom that was not conducive to writing and was unable to meet my deadline. I was bailed out by the submission of a story by Chris Nyerger that filled the hole perfectly.... thank you Chris...it was a really lovely piece and allowed Susan to be very forgiving of my being remiss in my duty. This week I found myself back in my usual position of being totally void of thought...a condition to which I am no stranger. As my deadline

I o o m e d over my head with all the dread of a scheduled mammogram, I asked once again to be blessed with inspiration.

I went to bed a little before ten last night, mulling over ideas, fearing that I would not sleep until I came up with something I could use. It was a warm night, but the room was comfortable as the sliding glass door at the foot of our bed was wide open and the screen door was left slightly ajar for the cat to come in and out as she pleased. The ceiling fan turned slowly overhead. The water in the wash sang sweetly. My fear of losing sleep was all for naught, as I was asleep before George Noory even hit the air. I awoke, as usual, at about 4am and tossed and turned for about a half hour as I waited to fall back to sleep. I had just lightly dozed off when I heard a something rustle on the patio just outside the screen door.

"Is that her (the cat) or some other critter?" Charlie mumbled into his pillow.

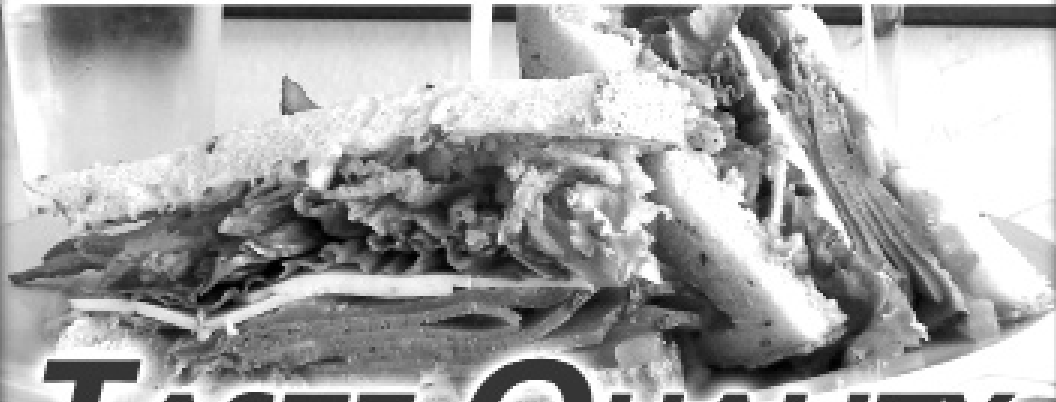
"I dunno." I replied, a bit frustrated that I had been awakened by the noise. My first inclination was to pull the covers over my head and ignore it unless it begged further to be investigated. But my curiosity got the best of me and I sat up in bed and peered out at the well-illuminated patio area. The moon must have been particularly bright as it appeared that the sun was on the rise, though it was only about 4:30. I squinted and had to focus for a fraction of a second before realizing what it was that I was seeing. "It's a BEAR!!!" I said excitedly, but for some reason totally unafraid. Charlie bolted up to look. The bear stood less than ten feet from where we slept, with just a partially opened screen door between us. My previous experiences with bears up at the station had taught me that while bears may hunger for the food in your cabin or dumpster, they certainly have no hunger for human companionship or flesh...all they want to do is to remove themselves from your space as quickly and peacefully as possible. I don't think that he even bothered to take a look at us. Though he seemed relatively unfazed by our presence, our voices were enough to but a damper on his curiosity and his desire to linger much longer. He poked around for another second or two before casually sauntering away, pausing at the edge of the yard to see if we were following, before lumbering up the steep hillside to the road above.

We both shared the experience with our friends over breakfast at Beantown. I left and headed off to work on my scooter with thoughts of my deadline creeping back into my head. As the day progressed, the thoughts began to shape themselves into what I have put here on paper this afternoon. It began with me realizing that once again I was blessed with that which I had asked to be given...in this case, inspiration... something to write about. Ask and Ye shall receive. Now all that is left for me to do is to once again is to send out thanks for that gift. So, thank you Creator, and thank you bear for dropping in on us...it was so nice to meet you. Stop by anytime.



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Public Health & Safety

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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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, July 20, to Saturday July 26, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 221 calls for service.

Sunday, July 20th:

10:55 a.m. - Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd. and Canon Ave. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver had an outstanding warrant out of Los Angeles. The driver was cited and released on a written to appear in court, per the request of the Los Angeles Police Department.

10:27 p.m. - Arrest, 200 Block of Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer made a consensual stop on a pedestrian. A records check revealed the man had an outstanding warrant out of Pasadena. The man was cited and released on a written promise to appear, per the request of the Pasadena Police Department.

Monday, July 21st:

12:17 p.m. - Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd. and Mountain Trail. An officer stopped a pedestrian. A records check revealed the man had an outstanding warrant from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. The man was cited and released on a written promise to appear, per the request of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department.

5:34 p.m. – Burglary, 300 block of East Alegria Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence via a rear bedroom window between 6 a.m. on Saturday, 7-20-2008 and noon on Sunday, 7-21-2008. A wedding ring was stolen; however, the total loss is until the victims compile a list of the loss.

Tuesday, July 22nd:

1:40 p.m. – Arrest, 400 block of Crestvale Avenue. Officers assisted the Los Angeles County Probation Department in conducting a probation check. During the investigation, narcotics and paraphernalia were found. The probationer, a 19 year old resident, was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and a probation violation. He was transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Thursday, July 24th:

2:04 a.m. - Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd and Sunnyside Ave. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver’s license was expired. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.

11:54 a.m. - Arrest, Windsor Lane. Officers did a follow-up investigation on a grand theft auto and tried to serve a no bail narcotics warrant from the LA County Sheriff’s Dept. The suspect retreated inside his home and barricaded himself. The family’s two pit bulls were also inside.

The suspect had earlier made threats toward public safety officers that prompted Sierra Madre officials to call for assistance from the Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, and Glendale Police Departments along with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the California Highway Patrol, and the Pasadena Humane Society. About 8:00 p.m., the LA County Sheriff’s Department’s Special Enforcement Bureau deployed tear gas into the residence. Within minutes the suspect came outside and was taken into custody. He was uninjured. A further check revealed that the suspect had another no bail narcotics warrant from a federal law enforcement agency. The man was transported to the Los Angeles County Jail where he awaited pick-up from the United States Marshals. The Humane Society took custody of the pit bulls.

Friday, July 25th:

5:40 p.m. - Arrest, Orange Grove Ave. and Oak Meadow Drive. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver’s license was suspended/ revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.

Saturday, July 26th:

10:55 p.m. - Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd. and Hermosa Ave. A motorist was stopped for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the driver’s license was suspended/ revoked. The driver was arrested and released on a written promise to appear in court.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?
Used Battery Collection Program is Back!

By Pat Birdsall

The City of Sierra Madre Public Works department, in partnership with the Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) and the County of Los Angeles Public Works department is pleased to announce that a used battery collection container will be available for residents to deposit their used batteries responsibly and safely. The container will be located near the front desk at City Hall beginning July 28th.

Sierra Madre was selected to participate in a pilot program being developed by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department. Selected locations within the county will collect used batteries and the county will accept them at no cost to the participants.

The program will accept “Dry cell” batteries which are the common disposable AAA, AA, A B, C, and D sized batteries. Also accepted are “Rechargeable” batteries such as those found in cell phones and “Button-Cell” batteries that are used in hearing aids, watches and cameras.

The sponsoring agencies urge all residents to take personal responsibility to ensure that batteries are not entered into our landfills. Many common household batteries are comprised of heavy metals and other elements including nickel cadmium, alkaline, mercury, nickel metal hydride and lead acid. It is these elements that can threaten our environment if not properly discarded. The agencies would also like to recommend that residents consider using rechargeable batteries for their future needs.

SMEAC would like to recognize the efforts of James Carlson, who helped in securing Sierra Madre a part in this pilot program from the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department. James is a Management Analyst for the City of Sierra Madre. For more information about this program, call him at (626) 355-7135.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE ROUND-UP

Saturday, August 16, 2008- 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Mariposa Avenue Parking Lot

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Fire Safe Council
“Announcements and Observations”

How well did you do? Tuesday, July 29, 2008, 11:41 a.m., a 5.4 magnitude earthquake centered on the golf course between holes 4 and 6 in the Chino Hills, and Southern California and you in particular, may not have performed very well. Remember, you can only perform well what you practice often. The TV news coverage gave us a good look at the mistakes people make when in a panic. A couple of injuries reported were due to people running around when they should have stayed put until the shaking stopped.

Staying put could safely be proceeded by a deliberate move to a secure place in your immediate surrounding: on the floor, near a large piece of furniture or a wall. Not in a doorway - doors flap back and forth on you; not running outside - in cities, debris

falling from building facades rain down or in the out of doors there are other falling debris hazards, electric wires, etc.

Preparation also means stores of food and water for several days. In the event of a huge earthquake the emergency services will not get to you any time soon.

Do not clog up the phone lines with non-emergency calls. The cell service was overloaded in many areas. Have an out of town contact that you can call on a landline to leave messages for others in your family to pick up when a local call cannot go through.

The next meeting will be on the topic of another natural emergency: Mud and debris flow preparation. Please attend the next Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council meeting, August 4, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. We are still organizing our Red Flag Alert. Please sign up to become a volunteer. For information call 355-9350 or 355-0741.

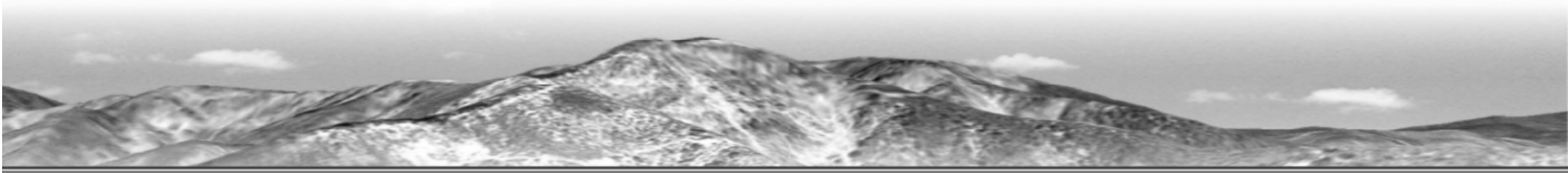
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Audit Says Parsons and Pentagon Wasted Millions of U.S. Tax Dollars

By Dean Lee

A new round of audits confirmed Pasadena based Parsons Corp failed to complete numerous projects in Iraq that would have amounted to \$900 million. Instead the audit points to wasted funds on substandard construction only completing 34% of all jobs that included, among other things, police stations, border control stations, fire stations, courthouses and prisons. The contract for security and justice work in Iraq was awarded in 2004 for two years with three one-year options. The report said Parsons received \$333 million for individual jobs and task orders. It also said 66 percent of the jobs were canceled leaving \$142 million unaccounted for. The contract was canceled in August 2006. “The evidence of Parsons’ failures is the reasons presented for not making sufficient progress on the project.” A termination letter to the company read. “Parsons’ has endangered completion both by continued schedule slips and by incurring massive cost overruns that cannot be sustained by the government...” A report released Monday by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction also criticized the Pentagon for wasted tax money as well. Parsons is no stranger to audits for its work in Iraq. According to Bloomberg, other audits by the Special Inspector General showed



poor management of its Iraqi subcontractors, including \$186 million that went to build public health clinics. A \$72.5 million police academy in Baghdad was also investigated as well as a \$3 million renovation to the Iraqi Security Forces Civil Defense headquarters they reported. Last year the independent media source AlterNet reported that both Parsons and Houston based Halliburton Inc. were investigated for the failure to repair oil meters on Iraqi pipelines. The Meters were responsible for calculating the flow of billions of dollars of crude oil. According to AlterNet, “the Bush administration contracted with Halliburton to fix southern Iraq’s oil fields and with Parsons to handle the northern fields. The two companies were supposed to be supervised by yet

another contractor, New Jersey-based Foster Wheeler.” They also said the contract was part of the infamous, “secret no-bid contract issued to Halliburton before the invasion of Iraq.” The latest report dated July 25 addresses the current status of the Kahn Bani Sa’ad Correctional Facility abandoned by Parsons. Control of the facility was given to Iraq last year. The reports states Iraq has no plans to use it prompting Inspector General Stuart Bowen to say all the money spent was a waste. According to the audit the prison had cracking and poor concrete placement. Some walls were also unreinforced and concretion beams were dangerously joined. It also said, “Overcrowding and health conditions in the existing prison were so grave that several

inmates had died in the overcrowded facility.” Parsons spokeswoman Erin Kuhlman responded in a statement, circulating on the Internet, saying “the company did the best it could under difficult conditions.” Her statement also says a Parsons’ subcontractors was shot and killed in Iraq. Parsons also claimed that subcontractors were threatened daily to shut down. The report disagreed, “For every violent incident that led to a schedule delay request, Parsons sustained an increase in personnel immediately following the incident. In some cases, Parsons had a record setting number of employees return to work. This fact clearly refutes the Parsons claim that sustained violence hampered their subcontractor.”

City Opposes Solar and Clean Energy Initiative

By Dean Lee

The city council Monday night took, even what they said looked like, an odd stance for a city priding itself green —they opposed the Solar and Clean Energy Initiative set for the November General Election. Pasadena Water and Power General Manager Phyllis Currie expressed concern saying the measure was too complicated and poorly written. She said it could end up hurting rather than help the cause of renewable energy. She said increasing the State’s Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) requirements to 20 percent by 2010 could cost ratepayers 40 percent more even though the Proposition caps ratepayer costs at 3 percent above the market price of power. Currie said Pasadena is its own utility and all cost would go straight to the ratepayer, “There is no one else, that’s part of the



Pasadena Water and Power Photo D. Lee/MVO
flaw.” “We could be mandated to bring on renewable resources much, much faster than, either we need them, have the transmission capacity for, or are able to pay for,” she said. The Initiative would also require 40 percent by 2020 and 50 percent by 2025 and fine any “retail seller” not meeting the goals. It would also require sellers to offer a minimum 20-year contract to renewable projects among other things. Councilmember Margaret McAustin said Prop. 7 would undermine the city’s Integrated Resource Plan now underway to have 10 percent renewable by 2010 and 20 percent by 2017. She said the initiative would take away the city’s right to enforce its own Renewable Portfolio Standard. Councilmember Sid Tyler said the powerful argument against it was the possibility of a rate hike. Looking at a possible lack of opposition to the

measure Councilmember Chris Holden said, “It might just pass.” He then said they ought to think about creating an opposition campaign. “I mean if it’s that bad, then there probably should be a rather aggressive campaign against the initiative,” he said. “Because absent that it will pass.” Mayor Bill Bogaard said they were looking at a number of groups that were opposed already. He then assured the community that no public funds would be used for a campaign. A number of people came out to support the proposition. Former Deputy State Controller Laurette Healy said, “The point of the initiative is something we cannot ignore, we not ignore the fact that 47 percent of the greenhouse gases in the state of California come from our use of electricity and our primary source of fuel is coal.”

Democratic Headquarters Set Up Shop

By Teresa Baxter

The recently opened Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters, located at 414 S. Lake Ave., is well represented by a consensus of the local population willing to volunteer time and work, with the aspirations of getting Barack Obama elected as the new President of the United States. 12-year-old Quintin Kuo is the youngest volunteer and this is surprisingly the second campaign that he has devoted time to. Previously, his mother got him involved in the Kerry-Edwards presidential bid in 2004.

Member for the California Democratic Party. Ralph Hurtado, the Co-Campaign Coordinator has been active in politics for a long time. He was formerly a political staffer on Capitol Hill, serving as a legislative assistant. Hurtado also served as a special assistant to Diane Feinstein when she was Mayor of San Francisco. He also directed the McGovern primary and general election campaigns in Pasadena and was a delegate to the Miami National Democratic Convention in 1972. “I came out of retirement after six years because I wanted to become a part of history,” said Hurtado. “This campaign really



“I like helping out and volunteering here. I do a lot of things like filing, alphabetizing, making copies and prints,” said Kuo. “If I could meet Barack Obama I would tell him that I love his campaign, I work everyday and I believe in change.” Daniel Madore is giving his time as an intern, specializing in the voter registration process. Madore is currently a sophomore at the University of San Francisco and plans on a career in the movie or sports industry. He has no political aspirations but he is a staunch supporter for Obama. “As far as change...I can go back four years ago when I was watching the democratic nominations and Barack started speaking for John Kerry,” he said. “It was the first time I had seen him and the speech he gave was so remarkable that I knew right then he would be someone special.” Mark Gonzalez is the Lead Field Coordinator of the volunteer staff and has been a part of the United Democratic Headquarters since 2006. Gonzalez is a full-time student at Cal State Northridge majoring in journalism with an emphasis on public relations, while holding a minor in political science. “I am compelled by Obama’s message of change and that is something that a lot of our volunteers believe in and it’s definitely a reflection of the people who come here,” he said. “These are people who obviously want to move forward with the state of their country, while addressing other social issues. That’s what Barack represents and that’s why I’m here.” Gonzalez is only 23-years-old, yet he is well embedded in the Democratic Party. He currently is the Chair of the 44th Assembly District Delegation of the L.A. County Democratic Party and an Executive Board

does excite me and frankly excites a lot of people because we’ve only been open a very short time and we already have over 300 volunteers.” Elliot Cuite is the “Judy Boggs Memorial Intern”. The internship was created in memory of the former Executive Director of ACT and a field rep for Senator Jack Scott who passed away six years ago. ACT is a non-partisan action group which over the years has supported campaigns for elected leaders serving the foothill communities in the California state Assembly and Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives. “I have a background in a lot of political events. I also have a technical background which gave me an advantage in my application process,” he said. “I did a lot of the headquarter set-up as the ‘resident techie’. If all goes well here I would like to pursue a career in political science and psychology.” One of the main pillars of headquarter fundraising is financed through merchandise sales. Rosa Maricich serves as the merchandise coordinator, making sure that the store is well-stocked with T-Shirts, buttons and bumper stickers. “People are buying any and all of the Obama stuff like hotcakes. All of the proceeds go towards keeping our doors open and our office afloat,” she said. “I’m only bringing in inventory that’s either locally made, or made in America.” Maricich is most excited about a new merchandising slogan that is catching on, much like the grass-roots volunteer campaigns around the country that have propelled Obama into the leader of his political party, which simply states, “Nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change.”

‘Sharps’ Disposal Will Be Safer, Easier

With safe and responsible disposal as its goal, the city of Pasadena introduces a new and convenient service for residents who require certain at-home medical treatments. Along with medical advances come “sharps” – needles, syringes and

lancets – used by many residents in their homes. Disposal of this type of hazardous medical waste, however, has become an urgent concern. Proper disposal of used sharps helps the trash collection workers and the public avoid accidents and possible exposure to

infectious diseases. Beginning Friday, Aug. 1, free one-quart Sharp Waste recycling containers will be available at Pasadena Public Health Department, 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Each container comes with a set of instructions for

proper packaging and a return box for mailing when full. Disposal is provided by Pasadena’s Public Health and Public Works departments. Supplies are limited. To reserve a container call (626) 744-6004.



TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Le Grande Orange

Do you ever go to a place and have such a wonderful experience that it reminds you of a great date that you can't get it out of your mind? I am starting to believe that the Park in the middle of Pasadena, known as Central Park, has some spell over me. You may be thinking, what is Peter talking about this week?

Before you call for the padded car, let me explain. Yes, I do feel comfortable on this couch, if that is what you are thinking. It happens to be that two of my favorite restaurants are both next to Central Park in Pasadena. Central Park Restaurant is one of my favorites and the new Le Grande Orange, on the other side of the park, is like a perfect bookend. This is just too good to be true!

I don't know what it is. Maybe I can't resist being creative or being industrious, and possibly I take it personally. Like any good detective, I try to solve a case. The crime, you ask, is high prices, which are robbing you of your money. I would like to put you in a safe harbor this week, so let's get out on the town. When you desire a regal glass of wine, but possess only a peasant's purse, where do you go? When I have those thoughts I migrate over to Le Grande Orange and find a comfortable chair at the bar. Here they have a California Perrier Jouret for \$7 a glass. This is robbery without the use of a gun and bullets. Luckily, they haven't caught on to our secret yet. Le Grande Orange is located at the Old Train Station Depot and is adjacent to the Gold line. In fact there are many of the old bells and whistles from this historic old depot. I was given a quick tour recently and you can have one as well.

You've had your glass of wine and the world has captured some tranquility once again and you now need to eat. The menu here offers a very wide selection for those days when you are finicky and cannot determine the proper course to plot. The menu offers tacos, salads, fish, chicken and steak, to name a few items. I must say this place is modest to a fault, as their menu is very understated in their description of the dishes. The dishes are well constructed and elegant in presentation and delightful in taste. On a recent visit we ordered the Dixie Pan-Fried Chicken, which indeed is crispy white meat just as described on the menu (\$18). It comes with mashed potatoes and, are you ready for this? A fresh baked Cinnamon roll, ala Rosco Chicken and Waffles. Hmmmm. Very creative and I was not expecting that great surprise! Also, we shared the chicken spinach salad (\$11); it was nice but I should have listened to my server, Nicole, and got the Brussels Sprout Salad. For some reason I just couldn't bring myself to do it, as it reminded me of lunch time at my Mom's house. For fish lovers, you will feel like you pulled in the prize fish when they slide the Ahi Tuna Tacos beneath your eyes. They are made to order and come with fresh corn tortillas, black beans and rice, plus a small side of guacamole (\$15). There are deviled eggs on the menu for \$6, I just may try them next trip. Additionally, the restaurant also offers many other happy hour specials.

So are we all aboard now, as my hour session is up for this week? For complete prices and menu items please check out the website www.lgostationcafe.com.

Local Knowledge: The restaurant is imaginatively divided into three dining areas. An outside patio dining, a main dinner hall, and South Side Bar. Kids eat for free between 5 PM and 7 PM and dishes include Mac and Cheese and a grilled cheese sandwich. Service seems on top of things; however they did know who I was!!!!

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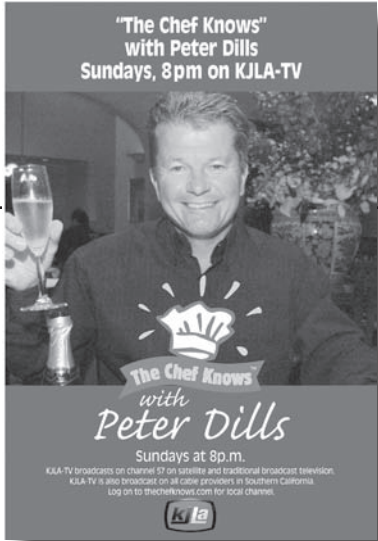


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Looking Up With Bob Eklund

Robotic Moon Excavation Teams Compete For NASA Technology Prize

NASA's REGOLITH EXCAVATION CHALLENGE is scheduled for Aug. 2-3 on the campus of the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. The competition requires teams to build a roving excavator that can autonomously navigate, excavate, and transfer approximately 330 pounds of simulated lunar regolith, or lunar soil, into a collector bin within 30 minutes. The total prize purse is \$750,000 with a first prize of \$500,000.

NASA is looking for new ideas for excavation techniques that do not require excessively heavy machines or large amounts of power. Excavating lunar regolith will be an important part of any construction projects or processing of natural resources on the moon.

The California Space Education and Workforce Institute in Santa Maria, Calif., manages this challenge.

Twenty-five teams have registered for the event. Most of the teams are from the private sector, including some from the toy and information technology industries. Four of the teams are affiliated with universities.

The prize program, known as Centennial Challenges, began in 2005 in recognition of the centennial of powered flight. In keeping with the spirit of the Wright Brothers and other American innovators, the Centennial Challenge prizes are offered to independent inventors who work without government support, including small businesses, student groups and individuals.

SPEAKING OF CHALLENGES, taking a trip in a totally unfamiliar rented car may not seem like much of one, but it can have its harrowing moments. For a trip up the California coast this past weekend, Laura and I decided to rent the very hi-tech Prius hybrid—just a bit of a shock, at first, for us owners of “vintage” cars. But after we got the hang of how to start and shut off the car and lock the doors with its “smart key,” it ended up being a very satisfying driving experience. And by choosing the hybrid over other cars available from Hertz, we not only did our bit to help the planet but may have ended up saving money—we *averaged* 50 mpg on the 450-mile trip.

The occasion was a working weekend—a “retreat” for Laura's workgroup at Loyola Marymount University—in the Central California beach town of Cayucos, a half-hour's drive north of San Luis Obispo. While Laura attended all-afternoon meetings on Friday and Saturday, I ended up happily settling into the restful ambiance of our lodge on the beach, the Shoreline Inn. For me, it was occupation enough just to listen to the long, drawn-out pulse of the sea-swells as they rolled in.

On Saturday evening, some of us from the group ended up sitting around a campfire on the sand, eating “smores” (roasted marshmallows and pieces of chocolate sandwiched between two graham crackers) while the summer stars came out. At our Cayucos location (roughly 200 miles northwest of L.A.), the end of the evening twilight was noticeably later than at home, but soon after 9:00 our old friends in the sky appeared—Scorpius, the scorpion, lurking low in the southwest; bright Jupiter rising in the east; and the Big Dipper, faithfully pointing the way to the North Star.

IN-BETWEEN

At Cayucos beach,
In-between slow-breaking waves,
Moments of silence.

In-between people
Seeing stars by a campfire,
Links of memory.

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

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From the Inside Out:

By Mary Carney

Summer Fresh, Real Foods

I fell in love! Oh, wow! I tingled all over. What a rush! And don't you just love to be “in love?” The spirit soars, aches and pains are ignored, hope in the future blooms and blossoms ...

So who or what triggered this? Wednesday's Farmer's Market! I womaned the Chamber of Commerce table for a couple hours on my own behalf whilst also supporting the Chamber. And thus, instead of my “casual drift” through the market, I had time (and I'm one who needs “time” for things to sink in) to observe what was going on around me. What was really “new” to me was right across from me - a booth with Korean pickled vegetables - usually noted for their “heat.” Well, I like a bit of “tang,” but I'm not one to have my taste buds go out in a roar of flames. However, the vendor was proving to be a real character, so I wandered over.

He handed me a toothpick with something on it and - oh my goodness - it was delicious! And a taste from another variety. Oh, my! And another, and another. I didn't bother with the jarred stuff - that I definitely knew was too hot, but I returned to the CoC booth with five containers of fermented foods that lifted heart and spirit into free flight.

Next morning, as I made a meal from the (admittedly much hotter) treasures than the ones I tasted the night before, I thought nostalgically of the fermented cabbage (sauerkraut) in the basement crock, and filled with naturally occurring healthy enzymes. Fresh. Not canned. Not irradiated. Not micro-waved. Not bleached, boraxed or brightened. Real food.

What other beloved fresh, unpasteurized (i.e., not heated) healthy enzyme fermented foods do we enjoy? Although I'm not doing cow dairy these days (although a bit of goat or sheep cheese occasionally sneaks in) some of the most well known fermented dairy products are yogurts and natural cheeses. In addition to fresh apple cider, before it ferments into the “hard stuff” and then into vinegar, there are fermented grape juices (wines); and fermented grains (beers). And then there are the pickled vegetables ... cucumbers, piccillily, watermelon rinds ... When fresh and unpasteurized, all of the above they contain the healthy enzymes and bacteria (probiotics and more) on which our bodies thrive and which are too much missing these days.

Anything else? Well - there's Tofu and Tempeh. A vegetarian lives on this kind of stuff, which is almost never on my menu because, a) I'm a carnivore and b) I'm soy sensitive. Maybe

the sensitivity is because most soy has been so genetically modified in the last 40+ years, so it can grow with the petrochemical “Roundup” and thus no longer has the 38% complete protein it used to have, plus other changes. Maybe it's because I lived and worked a couple years in Bangladesh, and for about 9 months most of my dinners were basically a lentil stew. Why? Here I was, after all, blessed with a gourmet cook. But since I was pouring all my creativity into “doing my job” 18 hours a day, and he banned from the kitchen, and I could not just wander through the street markets because of the shocked disapproval and “gawking” of the men in the markets (“their territory”) I had nothing to spark my food creativity. Thus, when asked what I wanted for dinner, I barely had the energy to say, “lentil stew.” Poor Mr. Kazi; I was such a boring person ... except the few times company came when his creativity surpassed anything I could possibly have requested. Oh, memories of bliss!

Where was I? Oh yes, soy. So, when I was handed taste tidbits that I found out were BBQ's tofu and a brown-rice-and-soy tempeh, I was really cautious. But, oh my - once again a taste of heaven. Teriyakied lotus root? Absolutely not to be missed.

And then there was the fresh peach booth just behind us. What a bargain! Those \$1/lb. peaches were fresh and truly tree-ripe. Yeah, they weren't too lovely to look at with large dark spots on the surface. The vendors haven't yet mastered the art of protecting truly tree-ripe peaches from smooshing a bit against each other during transportation from farm to market. But at \$1 per pound for those biggies? I gritted my teeth, stomped on my stomach and gingerly picked out 4# of them. After coming home, I washed them, removed the unsightly 1/4” deep bruised areas to the fresh, fragrant, delicious peach below. Skins on, I cut them into pieces, dropped them into the food processor, added some frozen lemonade concentrate, some frozen orange juice concentrate, 1 Tbsp sugar and 1/4 tsp ginger; made a puree and poured into a glass lasagna dish and slipped into the freezer - with occasional stirrings as it froze I now have the most delicious fresh peach granite / sorbet ... tree ripened flavor, still fresh and real enzymes ... Real Food.

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OPINION



Happy Birthday MVO!

This edition marks the first anniversary of the MountainViews-Observer and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped us along the way. Your support and encouragement have made it possible for us to do the impossible. Your support has helped this newspaper to continue in the face of ever increasing economic problems in the industry. This paper, although it is a local community newspaper, is subject to the same problems as our larger counterparts. The cost of newsprint and ink continue to rise. The cost of delivery continues to rise. The expenses of keeping any print news media going is challenging. And yet, we have been able to keep our heads above water, largely because of you. Thank you.

The MountainViews-Observer strives every week to improve. We are researching ways to resume home delivery; we are working on the reformatting of the paper to make your reading experience more enjoyable. We have expanded the scope of what our reporters cover and we provide you with a diverse opinion page so that the views of all of our readers is represented from time to time.

We look forward to more growth and many years of keeping you informed but, as stated earlier, your support is the only way we can make it happen.

Please remember that this is a community newspaper and it is only as great as your participation makes it. Feel free to submit your opinions, letters to the editor and articles for publication. Let us know of your community organization activities and the personal milestones and events that occur in your life. And, most importantly, let us know when you see news developing.

Over the next few weeks you will see several changes in the layout of the paper. Please let us know what you like and dislike. We aim to please!

And, a very special thanks to all of the MVO staff and my family too! You are simply the best.

Here's to the future.....

Susan Henderson, Publisher & Editor



Earthquakes and Cable News

Wow! Sitting in my office Tuesday morning when the earthquake hit I immediately turned on XM satellite radio to the CNN channel and listened as the national media galvanized into action. CNN is treating this quake like Hurricane Katrina. On local LA radio a 5.8 earthquake would be mentioned in between sports and traffic. Not at CNN World Headquarters. Roll out the news trucks. Rush in the experts. Where's Wolf Blitzer? Guess it must be a slow news day.

Wait a minute! The news pundits are making a big deal about the fact there have been no injuries reported and no damage to any buildings. Thank God they are on the air to dish this breaking news to us. I can't imagine what the rest of the country is thinking. "My God, how can people live in California with the terror of earthquakes hanging over their heads!"

Fifteen years ago a guy came to work for my company who had just moved out from Kansas. At his going away party in Wichita, his friends asked him how he could move his family to Los Angeles considering the ever present threat of earthquakes. His priorities and common sense were severely questioned. The irony of that encounter is two weeks later a tornado picked up and moved the house where the party was held. Really. Mother Nature moved it four blocks away and set it back down. Fortunately, no one was hurt so it can be a fun, albeit ironic, anecdote.

Shhhhh. CNN has just updated us with the latest information: "No news on any major damage reported. And no news on any minor damage reported." Where would we be without this coverage? I'm sure the candidates are on their way out here to ride around in helicopters and survey the nondamage.

The USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) tells us Southern California only has about 10,000 earthquakes a year. Grab your calculator and you'll compute that's almost 28 quakes a day. Yearly only 15-20 are greater than 4.0 magnitude, which may explain why you don't feel most of them.

As public service to our readers, The Mountain Views-Observer reports the USGS tells us the two states with the least earthquake activity are Florida and North Dakota. So, if you have had enough of the threat of earthquakes, take your pick: Tornadoes or hurricanes. Snow or sharks.

CNN just interviewed some guy in Long Beach who ran outside in his underwear to see what in the heck was going on. People do the strangest things during cataclysmic events. I gotta cut this column short. I'm gonna take my clothes off and go outside and wait for CNN to come interview me. They should be along anytime now.



From The Desk Of..Glenn Lambdin
Loosing My Religion: Part 1

I recently came to the conclusion that I've lost my religion. After spending 20 years as a fundamentalist Christian and the last 6 years dissecting and re-evaluating my faith, it's time for me to admit that I have lost my religion. The very institution that guaranteed me eternal bliss, now guarantees me an eternity of torment, sorrow, and gnashing of teeth. I am a heretic. For some odd and uncanny reason however, I am more at peace with my after-life now than I have ever been.

Shortly after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, I embarked on a 6 year soul-searching quest that questioned many aspects of my faith that I, like almost all Christians, took as unquestionable truth. In some Christian circles, just the mere act of questioning some of the historical doctrines that I doubted would have been regarded as heresy. Furthermore, many of my conclusions would be grounds to remove me from the fold as an apostate.

I still believe that as the bible says, "God is not the author of confusion." However, what could be more confusing than the Bible? We only need to ask ourselves, "How many lives have been destroyed because of Biblical confusion?" How could the results of this confusion come from the God of the universe?

When I started on this journey to evaluate my faith, authorship and validity of various scriptural texts, and the historical Church as an institution, I tried to approach it based in logic and reason. If God is not the author of confusion, than I presupposed that God must be the author of logic and reason and that the laws of logic, reason, probability, and science are the laws of God.

Something, though, has gone hay-wire with

religion. The same pool of religious thought that brought the world Judaism, Christianity, and Islam is same pool of religious thought, that in practice, has forced humanity to suffer millenniums of unthinkable atrocities of hate, murder, torture, bigotry, slavery, and worse. The events of 9/11 clearly demonstrated the degree to which the religious faithful are willing to inflict man's inhumanity on man. It showed the ease and extent that religious fundamentalists, in the total absence of evidence, are willing to reduce this planet to a pile of smoldering ashes and debris just to put an end to heresy and some promise of a better life.

The truth of the matter is that there is no way to either prove or disprove the existence of God. I choose to believe that God exists even though I recognize that there is no evidence to prove it. I, however, can no longer believe that there is a single piece of evidence that any holy book, anywhere, was written by the Creator of the universe. How can I when everywhere I look I am reminded of the global killings that these ancient writings have inspired or even mandated? To quote Sam Harris, "All of these ancient works were in fact, the work of sand-strewn men and women who thought the earth was flat and to whom a wheelbarrow would have been a breath-taking example of emerging technology. These writings offer no mechanisms to test or revise its core beliefs, even in the realities of modern technology and science. In the end, those that accept them as inspired works written by God are forced to accept the superstitions and hatreds of their predecessors."

Religious fundamentalist faith has elevated belief to the highest place in human virtues in the total absence of true logical evidence. And the practitioners are continuing to kill each other and the innocent.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I started to scan Kim Clymer-Kelley's **long** "Words from the White House" column a couple of weeks ago and found it so thoughtful and wise-sounding that I began to read it out loud to my husband. It was a speech by our President, in which he spoke of "the greatest challenge our country will face during our lifetimes"...the energy crisis.

He outlined the 10 principles of the energy policy he'd be presenting the next day to the Congress, asking for their support. He listed 7 specific goals for measuring "our progress toward a stable energy system." Why, he even called upon us, the citizenry, to make sacrifices and changes in our life styles to reach our goals!

My husband and I were so impressed with this well-designed plan for meeting the energy crisis in fair and practical ways that we almost breathed a sigh of relief that—at last!—we could support our President in what seemed a turnaround from the cavalier manner in which he's confronted these issues in recent years.

And then came the zinger! The text was from a speech by President Jimmy Carter in 1977! A footnote by Clymer-Kelley noted "The writing was on the wall 30 years ago...we are on the brink of the predicted disaster now...where will [we] be in another 30 years???"

A few days later, I took the time again to read the column out loud to our son and our niece, both in their 50s. I was almost chagrined to do so, realizing that—more than half their lifetimes ago—we'd had the leadership and the opportunity to leave our young people a far better world than we will be able to now.

So with all the shortsighted "solutions" now being proposed, with all the tunnel vision being espoused, with all the partisan arguments—I must ask—

Where will we, as a society, as a culture, as a nation, be in **another** 30 years?

Fran Syverson, Sierra Madre

When I saw Mayor Kurt Zimmerman's name at the bottom of a mailing headed "Democrats for Dreier", I thought it was a mistake. Here in Sierra Madre, Mayor Zimmerman always struck me as one who'd consider the evidence before taking a position. The letter depicts Rep. David Dreier as an ardent foe of "partisanship" and "party line votes". Yeah, right. Here's a guy who voted "party line" more than 90% of the time, and used his position as chair of the House Rules Committee to ram through the Republican agenda and squelch debate. Dreier embraced bipartisanship only when he lost power as Democrats took the majority after the mid-term elections.

Dreier remains President Bush's biggest cheerleader, shaking his pom-poms while 75% of the country feels we're headed in the wrong direction. He held to the "party line" even as other Republicans bucked opposition from the president and joined Democrats in fighting for such measures as expanding health care for poor children and supporting our veterans with a new G.I. Bill.

Perhaps Zimmerman et al are impressed by the "pork" Dreier delivers to his home district, as if this somehow compensates for years of blind support for policies that have failed our nation at home and abroad. Even if he wins re-election (a big "if"), Dreier's ability in this regard will further wane with the inevitable expansion of the Democratic majority.

It's not too late for Mayor Zimmerman to take a look at Dreier's opponent, Democrat Russ Warner, before signing on to future mailings from the Dreier campaign. And it's never too late to admit you've made a mistake.

Howard W. Hays, Sierra Madre

Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE
What Difference Does It Make?

All right I admit it. I want it to make a difference. I really want these articles to mean something to somebody---to somebody besides me. I want to reach people—I need to reach them whether or not they want to be reached. Writing these articles is a joy; a great joy allowing me to reach into myself and to take myself seriously enough to think about whatever it is and to take the time and to write it down.

And there's more---sometimes, very occasionally, someone will mention that they remember something that I wrote and that it stirred something within them---whether or not the person agrees or disagrees isn't important. It is enough that it is remembered. I experience a kind of metaphysical recognition—an understanding that while I am in one place and time some other person in some completely different place and time has been, or is being, affected by some idea of mine. AMAZING.

Still more. Unrealistically, I suppose, I imagine that by examining myself in these articles I will actually be of some greater service to somebody else. Last night I had a telephone conversation with a suffering friend. He had just returned from a wonderful holiday with his new love and was in despair over a seemingly minor incident. His beloved had angrily left his house after learning that he did not want to make her morning coffee. Somehow, he felt demeaned and said, "I ain't the morning coffee-making type" to which she responded, "If you really loved me you'd want to make me a cup—I'm going home." And home she went.

I know this sounds immature and silly and self-indulgent and yes, there are more important things to worry about; but, we've all gone through such similar nonsense and, in fact, probably will go through it again. It is the continual experience that no matter how great a thing is, it somehow is incomplete if it does not conform to our secret romantic fantasy of how



things are supposed to be. To the lady, a romantic relationship must include a lover who gets up the next morning and provides you with that special morning cup of coffee and, to my friend, a romantic relationship does not involve requests that cause him to feel like a houseboy when just a few hours, or minutes ago, he felt like SUPERMAN. Sure, they could both change their attitudes but, after all, isn't that true of just about everything? The point is that this attitude shift is not going to take place right now. For the moment, all the lady can do is plant the seed that she likes morning coffee but she must wait and let that seed grow. For the man, I guess, he must realize that even Superman isn't Superman every second. Relax brother—nobody's pulling your cape. You know, sometimes relationships are like a kind of dance between the lion and the lion-tamer, with both parties playing different roles at different times. I think you only have to keep holding on to the whip if you're really scared and maybe that's the feeling you should really try and listen to and understand.

Okay, maybe these little words of advice are pointless and won't be of help to anyone. Somehow, though, writing all this down has already made a difference, at least to me, and maybe thinking about this stuff—acceptance of the simple pleasures of reality as opposed to the adherence to a world of make-believe—might in some small way be of help to you.

Anyway, I'm done and maybe if I get my wife a morning cup of coffee she will magically e-mail this article off to the editor. The problem is that my wife doesn't drink coffee in the morning. REALITY is, unfortunately, a chronic obstacle.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1336303 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GLOW 555, 22448 QUITE BAY DR., CORONA, CA 92883. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) APRIL M. SMITH, 22448 QUITE BAY DR., CORONA, CA 92883. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** APRIL M. SMITH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/25/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 08/04, 08/11, 08/18, 08/25/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1345878 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REDART GLOBAL SOURCE, 1050 S. STANFORD AVE. STE. 203, L.A., CA 90021. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESICA V. LOPEZ, 5094 ORANGE DR., SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** JESICA V. LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/28/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 08/04, 08/11, 08/18, 08/25/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1363792 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WEST COAST RE-INVESTMENTS, 1361 N. LAUREL AVE. APT. #14, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) H. DAVID SCHMERIN, 1361 N. LAUREL AVE. APT. #14, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90046. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** H. DAVID SCHMERIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/30/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 08/04, 08/11, 08/18, 08/25/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20081151807 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE KITCHEN DANCE GROUP 5738 SATSUMA AVENUE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91601.

Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BONNIE SNELL, 5738 SATSUMA AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91601 This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** BONNIE SNELL. 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 June 27, 2008. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer-Pub. 07/25, 08/01, 08/08/ 8/15/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1308086 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. BELLA DESIGNS COMPANY 2. BELLA DARVANI BOOKKEEPING SERVICES, 17924 W. ORIOLE CT., CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DECORATIVE GLASS and MIRROR, INC., 17924 W. ORIOLE CT., CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. **Signed:** BELLA DARVANI / PRES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/22/08. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1257569 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: D.A.G. TECHNOLOGIES, 2210 STRONG AVE., COMMERCE, CA 90040. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL GUILLEN, 2210 STRONG AVE., COMMERCE, CA 90040. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** DANIEL GUILLEN. 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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1298147 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FIRST PROCESSING GROUP, 1012 W. BEVERLY BLVD. #148, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) IMPERIAL HOME FUNDING, INC., 12623 E. IMPERIAL HWY. #200, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670 This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. **Signed:** RUBEN ALDANA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1297972 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: G&G CLEANING SERVICE, 3115 W. BEVERLY BLVD., L.A., CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUDY GARCIA, 1241 S. 3rd ST. APT. #C, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801, JOSE A. GARCIA, 1712 S. 5th ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. **Signed:** RUDY GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1297759 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LAW OFFICE OF SALOMON ZAVALA, 1253 S. OGDEN DR. #4, L.A., CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SALOMON ZAVALA, 1253 S. OGDEN DR. #4, L.A., CA 90019. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** SALOMON ZAVALA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/08. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business

Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1298148 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SA. MGT. MULT, 9366 TELEGRAPH RD., DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANDRA AHRNS, 12912 DALEWOOD ST., BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** SANDRA AHRNS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/21/08. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1297920 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. SEMILLAS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2. ESCUELAS COMUNITARIAS SEMILLAS, 4736 HUNTINGTON DR. SOUTH, L.A., CA 90032. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SEMILLAS SOCIEDAD CIVIL, 4736 HUNTINGTON DR. SOUTH, L.A., CA 90032. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. **Signed:** SALOMON ZAVALA / GEN. COUNSEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/01/08. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1288334 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE WIEDER GROUP, 4254 MARWICK AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CATHELEN FOX WIEDER, 4254 MARWICK AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** CATHELEN FOX WIEDER. 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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1297075 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WE INSTALL IT, 4263 LA JUNTA DR., CLAREMONT, CA 91711. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANCISCO LUIS MEJIA, 4263 LA JUNTA DR., CLAREMONT, CA 91711. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** FRANCISCO L. MEJIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/9/08. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1296836 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WESTSIDE CHIROPRACTOR, 3020 WILSHIRE BL., SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TRUNG QUOC NGUYEN, 11536 CEDAR AVE., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. **Signed:** TRUNG QUOC NGUYEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/21/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1288463 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WRAPBODY.ORG, 2199 E. WILLOW ST., SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAUREEN A. MOAK, CARRIE L. CRISELL, 6727

BELICE ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90815. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. **Signed:** MAUREEN A. MOAK. 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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FILE NO. 2008-1307949 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: KARIZMA, 1332 SANTEE ST., L.A., CA 90015. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/05/07, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 20070251400. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED:** LUIS ESCOBAR / OWNER. Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

FILE NO. 2008-1297314 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 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. Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 08/18/2008

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., TUJUNGA, 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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer-mbp Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer-mbp Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

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.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1256248 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MEGATEXILES, U.S.A, 4577/ W. 49th ST., L.A., CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PARCHEH, 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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2008

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. **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the

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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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FILE NO. 2008-1257445
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **1. EVA'S CLEANING SERVICE, 634 WARINGWOOD, LA PUENTE, CA 91744.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 6/15/2003, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 031175220. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.** The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: EVA RENTERIA / OWNER.**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.20081239480
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BUTTERFLY MEDICINE 280 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD. #174 Sierra Madre, CA. 91024** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KAREN SOLZAK, RICE 10 MOUNTAIN TRAIL AVE., SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KAREN SOLZAK RICE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1228967
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL WIRED, 4704 N.**

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1228444
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARC & ART, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD. #1510, L.A., CA 90010.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIKE SUNG, 18725 PIMLICO TERR., YORBA LINDA, CA 92886, CHUL S. CHUNG, 16362 OLDENBURG DR., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MIKE SUNG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1210646
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA CUSTOM MILLWORK, 12905 S. BUDLONG AVE., GARDENA, CA 90247.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THOMAS MALONE, 2423 MANHATTAN BCH. BLVD., GARDENA, CA 90249. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: THOMAS MALONE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1211584
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DENALI CLEANING & LAWN SERVICE, 14746 LEAHY AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA T. REYES, 14746 LEAHY AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA T. REYES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on OCT. 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1211702
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EAGLE SERVICE MAINTENANCE, 119 S. RAMPART BLVD., L.A., CA 90057.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS PASCUAL JR., 119 S. RAMPART BLVD., L.A., CA 90057. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS PASCUAL JR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JULY 8, 2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1192903
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1.FIRSTMANHATTAN 2. THEMANHATTANGROUP3.FIRST MANHATTAN REAL ESTATE 4. FIRST MANHATTAN MORTGAGE 5. FIRST MANHATTAN ESTATES 6. MANHATTAN ONE 7. FIRST MANHATTAN ESCROW 8. FIRST MANHATTAN ESCROW DIVISION 9. GENERAL CONCEPTS, 21660 COPLEY DR. STE. 320, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765-4175.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KULWANT VIRDI, 1350 MISTY COURT, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KULWANT VIRDI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/25/03.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1215579
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. GO GOSPEL RADIO 2. ON THE GO RADIO 3. TAYLORMADE TV, 15903 LAKEWOOD BLVD. #103-335, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ESTHER TAYLOR, 1000IMPERIAL HWY., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ESTHER TAYLOR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1210145
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LONG BEACH AUDIO RADIO, 2990 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY., LONG BEACH, CA 90804.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LINDA NOLASCO, 2249 TULANE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90815, MICHAEL NOLASCO, A.T. TAPYONGKHOON, 2990 E. PACIFIC COAST HWY., LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: LINDA NOLASCO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1978.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1211755
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R&D REO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, 13033 PENN ST. #700, WHITTIER, CA 90602.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEVLIN DUARTE, 561 W. PALM, LA HABRA, CA 90631, ISMAEL RIVERA, 7940 STEWART AND GRAY RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DEVLIN DUARTE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/08/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1199898
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. THE MORALES**

TEAM REAL ESTATE 2. THE MORALES TEAM HOME LOANS 3. REO EXECUTIVE GROUP, 619 E. ARROW HWY., AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEONEL ACEVES, 1221 W. 3rd ST. #329, L.A., CA 90017. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL.**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1191524
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS, 2600 AZUSA AVE. #135, WEST COVINA, CA 91792.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELENOR S. MACASPAC, 2600AZUSA AVE. #135, WEST COVINA, CA91792. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELENOR S. MACASPAC.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on FEB 21, 2008.

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File No. 08-1191957
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. S. LOPEZ REALTY 2. SOTERO LOPEZ, 14220 FRANCISQUITO AVE. UNIT 102, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706-6125.** Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SOTERO LOPEZ, 14220 FRANCISQUITO AVE. UNIT 102, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706-6125. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SOTERO LOPEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/10/05.

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

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

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

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

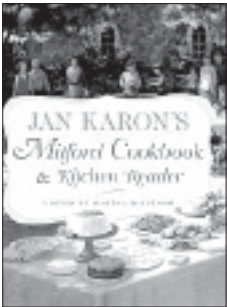
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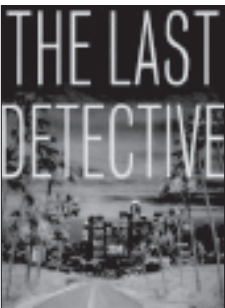
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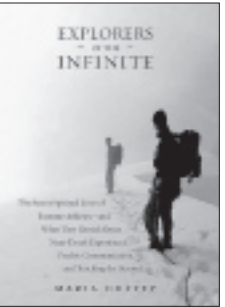
The Last Detective by Robert Crais (2004)
In this very good thriller, private eye Elvis Cole, the star of eight previous Robert Crais novels, faces his toughest case: the abduction of his girlfriend's son, 10-year-old Ben Chenier, who was staying with Elvis when he disappeared. Desperate to believe that the boy has run away, evidence soon mounts to suggest plot twists as Elvis and his longtime buddy, tough guy Joe Pike, race the clock against villains who are as sinister as they are capable. A good read.



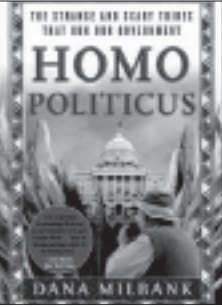
Favorite Tales from Mitford Books by Jan Karon and Martha McIntosh (2004)
The long salivated over author Jan Karon's many descriptions of food in her Mitford novels are delightfully packaged into one delectable volume. Packed with more than 150 recipes from the Mitford novels and from the author's own recipe box, this book is loads with tips, hints, jokes, culinary quotes, and delightful side dish sidebars. Despite a nod to Father Tim's diabetes, this is pure, unadulterated, break-out-the-butter, down-home southern cooking. Each recipe is presented in the order of its appearance in the Mitford series, and six recipes are included from the forthcoming and concluding novel. Karon's reminiscences of her own family's food traditions and, as dessert, four stories never before published in her books are included.



Explorers of the Infinite: The Secret Spiritual Lives of Extreme Athletes - And What They Reveal About Near-Death Experiences, Psychic Communication, and Touching the Beyond by Maria Coffey (2008)
Real-life psychic, near-death and paranormal experiences are combined with cutting-edge science and vivid adventure stories in this energetic look at why extreme athletes and mountaineers take the risks that allow them to push the limits of consciousness, and what they encounter there.



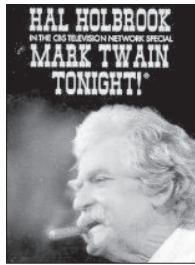
Recommended by Ann Luke
Homo Politicus: The Strange and Scary Tribes that Run Our Government by Dana Milbank (2007)
This is a very funny and shrewd look at Washington politicians, bureaucrats and Milbank's fellow reporters. The story is told of an anthropologist of old, returning from fieldwork abroad, who is asked to report on the manners and customs of the natives, that is Potomic Man. He satirically surveys its kinship system, mythology, folklore, norms and their taboos. If you're amused by the antics of lawmakers and lobbyists and delight in tales of political corruption you will love this book. Milbank is a Washington Post Columnist



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Scene One - Take One DVD Review

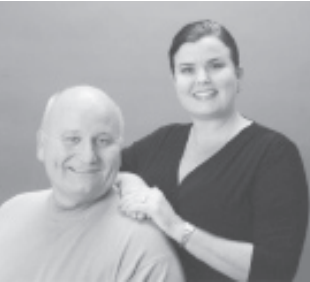
Mark Twain Tonight! (1999)
Hal Holbrook re-creates for the screen his widely acclaimed stage monologue as Mark Twain, noted American humorist and the author of the classic novel The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. The screen actor's award-winning portrayal is considered the quintessential model for one-man theatrical performances. Holbrook has been performing as Twain for more than 40 years, calling upon an archive of memorized material rather than a predefined script.



Penelope (2007)
Penelope Wilhern (Christina Ricci) is cursed, and the only way out of it is to fall in love with someone of suitable stock. But how can she possibly find her soul mate when she's sequestered inside her family's sprawling estate with only her parents to keep her company? Oscar winner Reese Witherspoon co-produced and acts in this unusual fairy tale about a girl who bucks convention to make her own happy ending. Great set decorations and a fun movie.



Bird (1988)
Clint Eastwood directed one of the finest American films of 1988. It's a magnificent tribute to the life and genius of jazz great Charlie Parker, played by Forest Whitaker. Eastwood arranges the film as a collage of passages from Parker's remarkable life, from his childhood in Kansas City to his tragic death at the age of 34. Derived mostly from Chan Parker's unpublished memoir, Life in E-Flat, the story is told through an intricate structure that jumps backward and forward in an attempt to create a narrative and visual equivalent to Parker's complicated music. Parker was a virtuoso saxophonist whose innovations revolutionized jazz.



Gene Glasco & Kelly Concannon

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-What do you want to do? It's a huge question when you think that you'll have seven days every week to fill with activities. Though it sounds terrific to have that much free time, the novelty can wear off quickly. Thus, it's important to have a clear sense of how you'll spend your time.
-Where do you want to live? While vacation destinations routinely rank at the top of people's list of dream retirement spots, are there enough activities in a particular spot to keep you occupied and engaged week after week? For insight on various locations, see Money magazine's annual assessment of the best places for retirement, http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2007/.
-Will your spouse retire at the same time? Cullinane and Fitzgerald found that husbands and wives reported greater satisfaction if they retired at the same time. If your spouse continues working, what concerns do the two of you have? Is your spouse worried about you retiring?
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Design Your Ideal Retirement

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-How will you manage your changing needs as you age? Is there an option of assisted living?
-What are the what-ifs and contingency plans to consider? How will your cost of living compare in a new city? Perform a quick calculation at http://www.bankrate.com/brm/movecalc.asp?a=.
-What support systems will be in place, should you fall ill at your retirement destination?
-Does travel figure into your plans? If your destinations are international, how easy are the connections from your retirement city?
-How do family and friends factor into your plans? How easy will it be for guests to visit, and do you want accommodations for overnight guests?
-If your plan includes continuing education, what are local educational options and costs? Have you considered online learning http://www.elearners.com/opportunities?
-Is volunteering important to you? To assess the choices in a given spot, visit http://www.volunteermatch.com. It can match you with volunteering opportunities according to your interests and location.
Active Adult Living
If your retirement design includes owning a home within an active adult community—those typically restricted to residents aged 55 and older—your choices are vast. After all, builders have expanded such housing options in recent years, and locations of active adult communities have grown beyond the Sunbelt states. Compare communities based on how they cater to your interests, desired lifestyle, and economic needs. Nearly all provide some transportation and are close to medical facilities. Here are some basic considerations:
Lifestyle: If you want the sense of a perpetual vacation, a large planned community that delivers an array of amenities, such as golf, tennis, and fitness, might be ideal. But if lifelong learning is your focus, maybe you'd be better served by a community near a university.
Housing options: Does the community offer an array of units—condos, townhouses, and single-family homes—so you can upsize or downsize if your needs change? Are facilities designed using universal design principles? This means an environment designed with accessibility for everyone in mind. Non-slip floors, easy-to-use door hardware, wide hallways, and level shower entry are the result of a universal approach.
Costs: Almost every community charges monthly Home Association dues. Compare dues, what they cover, whether there are enough funds in reserve for emergencies, and the provisions for raising dues. Will the dues cover all community activities or do you have to buy a separate membership for, say, golf? Do you think the community will still appeal to you in ten years?

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By Pat Birdsall

BIRD'S EYE VIEW
Better Living Through Chemistry?

While shopping for food and Super Scratchers for my cats, I thought why not get a little something for myself. It's a thought I have quite frequently as a matter-of-fact. I can always use casual tops, so I picked out two short-sleeved, scoop necks in a size that always fits—Grande. I got one in a lovely shade of rust and one in plum. Then I got a necklace that won't go with either. Par for the course.
Later that evening I thought I would try the tops on, mainly to see if the colors worked. I tried the plum top first. Holy smokes, somebody call the fashion police-- Now! My god, it was so tight that I couldn't decide if I looked more like a pregnant grape or Merlin Olson in drag. I took the top off and read the label that I should have read at the store. Aha! The top contained the "S" word. The dreaded Spandex--the most unforgiving fabric known to mankind for non-anorexics. One top contained only 5% Spandex and the other contained 8%. I would imagine anything with a high percentage of the fiber could definitely be hazardous to one's health, if not lethal. I can see the obit now—"Death by Spandex."

I did a little research and found that DuPont scientist Joseph C. Shivers invented the fiber in 1959 and DuPont chose the trade name Lycra. (Made in a laboratory-- how comforting). I would have bet the ranch that it was invented by Jenny Craig. Doesn't that make more sense?
I realize that the Olympics are going to feature more Spandex than perhaps the world is ready for, but on athletes it looks good--most athletes that is. The amount of Spandex used in the uniforms depends on the event, of course. Wrestlers, shot-putters and discus throwers use the most, while gymnasts and female swimmers use the least. I should say almost the least. The male swimmers "suits" use so little fabric it borders on embarrassing—almost.
Around the same time that I got the tops, I purchased a pair of seersucker pajamas. Now that's a fabric! Comfortable and crisp looking-- just an all 'round feel-good material. If given the choice between Spandex and seersucker I'll take seersucker every time. Unless I sign up for Jenny Craig that is. Let the games begin!

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS...
By Pat Birdsall

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*Don't keep valuables in your car * If you do, don't be lulled into a false sense of security by throwing a jacket or towel over them.* When you get new credit cards, write "Ask for ID" instead of your signature on the back.
From Scam-Proof Your Life by Sid Kirchheimer (AARP/Sterling Books)

~Helpful Hints~
* To clean shoe scuffs off the floor, a quick rub with a tennis ball does the trick.
* To silence squeaking wood floors, dust talcum powder into the cracks.

Happy Birthday
Juanita Fernandez and Joe Kiss

Recipe of the Month:
Farmstand Gazpacho
2 cups peeled and diced (1/4 inch) cucumber
2 cups diced (1/4 inch) red bell pepper
2 cups diced (1/4 inch) ripe tomato
½ cup diced (1/4 inch) red onion
2 cups tomato juice
½ cup red-wine vinegar
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 dashes Tabasco sauce

1. Place all of the diced vegetables in a large bowl. Add the tomato juice, vinegar, oil, and Tabasco. Season with salt and pepper and toss.
2. Transfer half of the mixture to a blender or food processor and pulse the machine on and off to coarsely puree the contents. Return the pureed mixture to the bowl and stir to combine. Refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours before serving. You can easily double this recipe for a large party.

For Your Funny Bone
At Duke University, there were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an "A" so far. These four friends were so confident, that the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time, but after all the partying they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Duke until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that they would explain to their Professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire and therefore, missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the test the next day. The guys were so exited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them each a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thinking this was going to be easy...then they turned the page. On the second page was written....For 95 points: Which tire?

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," said Jack as he stepped out of the shower. "Honey, what do you think the neighbors would think if I mowed the lawn like this?" "Probably that I married you for your money."

As I was admitted to the hospital prior to a procedure, the clerk asked for my wrist saying, "I'm going to give you a bracelet." "Has it got diamonds?" I asked coyly. "No," he said. "But it costs just as much."

The time will come when winter will ask you what you were doing all summer. ~Henry Clay~

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday: Ping-Pong- 1:30 PM

Saturday: Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM. Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM -Only .25c per card

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

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

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

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

NEW Program- Financial Consulting
Joohee Lee, MBA, an Arcadia resident, is a financial service professional with New York Life Insurance Company in Pasadena. She will assist you with repositioning your assets to maximize income, and return benefits your heirs. She will be volunteering on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hart Memorial Park House from 10:00AM- Noon. Call (626) 355-7394 for an appointment.

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

Homes & Property



One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

Lotusland: Garden Wonders by Appointment Only



Exactly 100 miles from my home, hidden behind massive gates in the tony estate area of Montecito, the wonders of Lotusland unfold. Only if you have an appointment. The address isn't even given in the website, so you can't just show up. The good news, though, is that the yearly limit of 5,000 visitors was recently relaxed, so you no longer require nearly a year's advance planning! The pricey \$35 tickets were well worth the two hour personal tour for our group of four.

When I asked for inspiration for this column nearly six months ago, friend Rosie Gorman suggested the trip and made all the reservations and arrangements, thank goodness! As the first to arrive, we waited on the short driveway outside the gate until they silently opened on the dot of the hour when we were expected.

Think Disneyland for gardeners. Lotusland originally began as a plant nursery until Madame Ganna Walska bought the 37 acre property in 1941. Early on, she intended the enclave as a retreat for Tibetan monks, christening it Tibet Land. Immigration problems ensued and no monks ever resided there. She then "found" gardening and focused her boundless energy, artistry and finances to create a fantasy of gardens, enlisting some of the top landscape architects of the day.

Until her death in 1984, it slowly became the plant playground for this plantswoman extraordinaire. Originally from Poland, this opera singer wound her way through quite a few husbands, inheritances, divorce settlements and other financial negotiations, seemingly always coming out ahead.

Walska lived large. When visiting a plant source or nursery, just a tap of her cane on a plant meant she wished to purchase a hundred of that variety. Three taps: three hundred. Five taps: five hundred. This resulted in an incredible display of mass plantings for the evolving gardens. Eventually, the estate boasted fern, cycad (often mistaken for palms or ferns), Japanese, orchard, succulent, cacti, topiary, tropical, rose, Parterre formal gardens plus several water gardens.

One water garden was fashioned from the estate's original swimming pool. Separated

areas feature the namesake lotus from India and water lilies from around the world in pink to white. The deep purple of water hyacinth and agapanthus surrounds the water, punctuated by vivid coral cannas. A whimsical water feature is a kidney-shaped pool surrounded by a necklace of abalone shells, their arrangement reminiscent of the shell necklaces from Hawaii... on steroids.

The most recently developed cactus garden was bequeathed to Lotusland by Merritt Dunlap. He collected nearly 300 species and notable specimens for nearly 80 years. When the time came to move, the cacti were carefully transported here by truck from the North San Diego County location for weeks on end. Then each cactus was planted in its original orientation to the sun.

A blue garden featuring silvery to blue-gray Blue Atlas Cedar, Mexican blue palm, bunya-bunya and blue fescue is delineated by leftover glass from production at a nearby bottle plant. The fist to softball size chunks look like uncut emeralds lining the walkways.

One might think that this texture and color oriented landscape might be "boring" without fields of flowers (other than the roses). Yet nothing could be farther from the truth. I spent two hours picking my jaw off the ground and uttering "Amazing" over and over to my fact, story and history-filled docent, Bill Malis. Amazing garden. Amazing woman!

Walska created a foundation to help fund and maintain the garden, but today's caretakers welcome membership (which provides priority access to the limited schedule), volunteers and donations. According to their website, Lotusland Foundation "is dedicated to preserving her garden, to sharing it with visitors as she requested, and to increasing its value to the public by plant propagation, by the preservation of rare species and by presenting educational programs and classes." I found the condition and the pricing of their unusual plants to be quite reasonable, compared to the Huntington or the Arboretum, and almost worth the trip in itself! Yes, I filled my trunk with plant treasures!

Don't forget to make reservations for a special day away at Lotusland!

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Chris Bertrand

LAWNLESS LAWNS IN SIERRA MADRE - A trend? A movement?

It is more attractive and saves water

By Christopher Nyerges

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During occasional walks through the neighborhoods of Sierra Madre, I began to note what I regarded as a good sign. I don't yet know if it's a trend, or a movement, but it is definitely more noticeable than it was 15 to 20 years ago. People are choosing to forego the front yard for various sorts of gardens. It is a good trend because the lawn is one of those holdovers from another era that has outlived its usefulness, and I'm not sure what its "usefulness" ever was. In most cases, the lawn requires lots of work, water, fertilizer, and other herbicides and chemicals merely to "have a good lawn" or to impress our neighbors.

True, the lawn isn't entirely useless, and it is certainly better than having Astroturf artificialness, because a real grass lawn is several degrees cooler than a phony lawn. But still, the pretty lawn, for most folks, is an exercise in waste, futility, and vanity.

In the cases where homeowners have chosen something else, we've seen quite a spectrum of alternatives. Some lawns spaces are like mini-deserts, full of cactus and agave and other plants that represent the true no-water "lawn."

In other cases, I have observed what once was a lawn now covered in nasturtiums, wild garlic, herbs, and a wild splash of useful plants and colorful flowers - a far more appealing use of that space than simply grass. Furthermore, such a lawn attracts bees, butterflies, ladybugs, insects - it supports the whole host of animals that is the ecosystem. It also produces a lovely fragrance, which is more than we can say for a typical lawn, with its occasional application of cow manure, and the fumes from the power mower.

Other lawn spaces were full of vines, rosemary, lavender, prickly pear cactus, basil, fennel, etc., with wood chips as a mulch.

These are all good alternatives and it proves that we can all grow even just a little of our food while barely trying. It is unclear why this trend is here, but I assume that more and more of us are getting the message that an ordinary lawn makes no sense, and that the herbal, wild, fruity garden makes abundant practical sense.

One day, when I was at the park, I walked over the community garden next to City Hall. I enjoyed just looking at the bounty of everyone's vegetables and herbs, adorned with the protective scarecrow and other accoutrements of the backyard garden. It made me happy to see that gardening and home food production is becoming a normal mainstream idea, and that we do not need to have the pressures of a war or economic depression to stimulate us to garden.

Also, in some of the places I have lived, I have been able to divert drain water from the bathtub, kitchen sink, and laundry to the front lawn area or garden area. I used that water to irrigate my garden, rather than send all the water down the drain to elsewhere ("elsewhere" in our case means the Pacific Ocean). Once you realize that we live here in a coastal desert plain, you'll understand why it is good to keep as much water as possible on our local lawns and gardens, helping to keep our local ecology greener.

For those who absolutely must have a conventional lawn, there is a trend towards lawnish non-lawns where the area is covered with edible, fragrant, and herbal ground covers such as chamomille and pineapple weed, various thymes and mints, low-growing vines, New Zealand spinach, etc. Such lawns can be sorta mowed, and although they may look unkempt to some eyes, they do provide a lawn appearance that requires less water and maintenance, and still provide tea, food, medicine, and fragrance.

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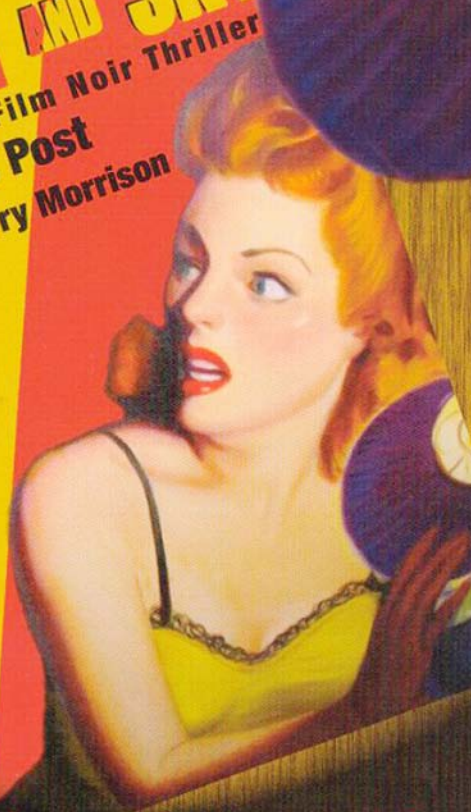
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FAULT (from page 1)

The Sierra Madre fault zone is often divided into five main segments, since it is about 47 miles long. The Clamshell - Sawpit Canyon fault, which produced the Sierra Madre earthquake of 1991, angles northeast off from the fault zone. The Sierra Madre fault zone is estimated to be capable of a 6.0 - 7.0 magnitude quake. For those who remember it, the 1991 earthquake was "just" a magnitude 5.8.

EARTHQUAKE (from page 1)

The U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided recommendations for finding safe places—indoors and outdoors—during an earthquake. These include seeking refuge under sturdy furniture, such as a heavy desk or table, preferably against a wall; stay away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures, or where heavy bookcases of furniture could fall over. And finally, when outdoors stay in the open, away from buildings, trees, telephone and electrical lines, overpasses, or elevated expressways.

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