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Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz

A Rash Of Burglaries In Sierra Madre

Since May residential burglaries have gradually increased. The crimes have occurred in the following areas:

- 500 blk. N. Michillinda Ave
- 600 blk. Fairview Ave.
- 300 blk. E. Alegria Ave.
- 400 blk. E. Grandview Ave.
- 200 blk. S. Mountain Trail Ave.
- 200 blk. E. Orange Grove Ave.

In most burglaries the suspect(s) entered the homes by breaking a rear sliding glass door or window to gain entry. The burglarized homes had foliage that obscured the front or back yards from the neighbors' view. In all but two of the incidents the residents were on vacation.

One victim had left to go out to dinner, and the other victim was at work when their burglaries occurred. The loss has been jewelry, a DVD player, a computer hard drive, and other easy-to-carry items. The thieves used pillowcases to carry away the loot.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic man, slim, short dark hair, about 20 years old. He was seen driving a white 2003-era Toyota Scion, square back, with black rims.

Be alert to the presence of anyone matching the description of the suspect and vehicle and do not hesitate to call police. To prevent crime, consider the following:

- None of the homes had burglar alarms;
- None of the victims who were on vacation had notified the police to ask for a vacation check. *To ask for a vacation check, call the Police Department at 355-141. Officers will regularly check your home and property while you are away.*
- Most of the victims had not participated in a Neighborhood Watch program. *Call 355-1414 and ask for Off. John Ford or any supervisor to set up a Neighborhood Watch presentation. You may also email Off. Ford at jford@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us*
- Most of the burglarized homes were on or adjacent to major streets leading in and out of the city: Michillinda, Grandview, Orange Grove.
- Call the police whenever you see suspicious people and vehicles. Sometimes burglars will case a neighborhood by asking for work, offering to sell a service or product, seeking a fictitious neighbor or address, or young kids asking to retrieve a ball or pet in the back yard.

Officers are vigilant in looking for suspicious people and circumstances; however, we must rely on the public to share our responsibility. Keep Sierra Madre safe by calling the Police Department any time you see someone or something suspicious.

That Sound You Hear...The Horn Is Back!

If you were in town last Tuesday afternoon, you may have gotten a real blast! The City of Sierra Madre's emergency Horn was tested and could be heard city wide.

Later in the evening, the City Council unanimously approved using the bell again to notify residents in emergencies only of dangerous events such as floods, mudslides, earthquakes and fires.

The horn (and its' predecessors) have lived and worked all over town, assisting the police and fire departments.

It is currently housed at the city's public parking lot on East Montecito.

There are still details to be worked out regarding when best to test it so that it does not disturb local businesses. Hopefully we will never have to use it for an emergency. However, if you ever hear it being tested, you won't forget that sound!

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RESCUE TEAMS SAVES MAN IN MINE SHAFT



Art Fortini of Sierra Madre Search and Rescue rigging a rescue system for trapped man. Photo by Bruce Parker-Montrose Search and Rescue Team

By Bruce Lamarche

A 34 year old resident of Sonora California fell down a 100 foot mine shaft on Friday in a remote area of Northern California. He was exploring the abandoned mine near his father's property when he tumbled down a vertical hole in the floor, which had a 45 degree slope half way down. This slowed his fall before he plunged an additional 50 feet straight down to the bottom of a second shaft. His landing was softened by a pool of water at the bottom of the dark shaft. He remained in total darkness, by himself, until the next day.

His friend, who accompanied him to the opening before leaving, reported him overdue. The Tuolumne County Sheriff rescue team found him but realized that they did not have the expertise to rescue him safely considering the rock-fall danger from above. Dry clothing, a helmet, and light were provided for the victim while he

waited for extraction from the hole. After calling for help though the State Office of Emergency Services, eleven rescuers from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, Montrose Mountain Rescue, and Antelope Valley Search and Rescue Team responded. All three teams have personnel with mine rescue training, which would be used for this rescue. They were flown to the rescue site some 330 miles north by the L.A. County Sheriff's rescue helicopter.

Art Fortini led the contingent from Sierra Madre and organized the extraction crew at the lip of the shaft. Using tripods from the Montrose and Antelope Valley teams, Fortini and his crew had to use a rope raising system that allowed for the unusual configuration of mine shafts. The Montrose team coordinated the overall situation under the leadership of Bruce Parker.

Sierra Madre team member, Eric Triplett, and Cindy Shute from the Antelope Valley team went to the bottom of the shaft,

provided medical treatment, and remained with the victim until he was hoisted up to safety. After 30 hours in the mine, the victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment, where he was treated and released with only minor injuries. Interestingly enough, the victim made it safely home to his family before the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team was able to get back to town.

Art Fortini, of the Sierra Madre team said that the Team is cross trained with a number of different rescue skill-sets that include mine rescue operations, medical training, as well as mountain search and rescue. This all-volunteer team is versatile and is often called to other parts of California to assist in search and rescue operations.

More information about the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team can be found at www.smsr.org.

Kevin Paschall Appointed To Planning Commission

By Dean Lee

After a two month stalemate over how to pick new planning commissioners, the city council Tuesday night appointed longtime resident Kevin Paschall to the commission. Paschall was a candidate in the April city council elections.

The council was divided over the matter of how to select commissioners, two motions failed which dealt with the selection process. Mayor Kurt Zimmerman finally suggested appointing Paschall.

"It's already abundantly clear to me that it won't pass, but I'll try again," Zimmerman said. "That is to nominate Kevin Paschall to the open position of the planning commission."

Don Watts seconded the motion. And, after a pause, Mayor Pro Tem Maryann Macgillivray voted yes. Paschall was appointed with a 3-2 vote. After the vote a number of council members were still confused over what motion passed and had to ask what they just did. City Clerk Nancy Shollenberger then read them back her notes.

Councilmember Joe Mosca was the first to oppose Paschall saying they did not know his qualifications. During the April elections a number of residents questioned Paschall over renovations to his garage, for which some said he had no permits. At the time, former Associate Planner Jae Hill said he found no permits for the second story addition to

Paschall's garage.

Hill also said that Paschall was overbuilding, having not reported an easement to his property allowing his driveway to cross a neighbor's property. Hill cautioned on whether the issue was an oversight. He did not say whether the city had ever contacted Paschall.

The issue surfaced once again making some residents uneasy about an appointment where Paschall would oversee the city's building regulations. Zimmerman suggested appointing Paschall as a way to move the planning commission forward. The council had reappointed Gina Frierman-Hunt and Russell Replogle, but needed to fill an open seat for the commission to have a quorum.

Macgillivray had first suggested an alternative, saying there were accusations that Zimmerman and Watts' appointments were purely political, something Zimmerman defended. "I hate to move forward with that view of why we are putting a planning commissioner in place, because the planning commission is an extremely important commission," Macgillivray said.

She suggested more input from staff and others on the appointment. Zimmerman did not deny that it was political.

"Personally I'm thunder struck because I'm learning right now at 10 o'clock on a

Tuesday night that every other commission appointment was apolitical," Zimmerman said. "That just amazes me."

Watts asked they agendaize a discussion on changing the system. He said he wanted, "to be able to see what way we could change the system to put more in the hands of the council, less in the hands of staff and less in the hands of another appointee," Watts said. He also said he was willing to forgo picking anybody as long as that system changed and that it was unwise to have appointed commissioners picking other commissioners.

Macgillivray said she wanted to reevaluate the process which is set to be discussed at the council's next meeting in September.

Councilmember John Buchanan had said he wanted to wait and see who other candidates might be. "I would like that information because I would like to know what they thought of these other applicants, as well perhaps having them ranked in some order, for example, there is an individual that's the Vice President for Administration and Finance at Mt. Saint Mary's College, previously Assistant Vice President for facilities and services at Stony Brook University in New York... That to me would be a compelling choice and I could trade that off against the qualifications of Mr. Paschall."

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Library Announcements

AUTHOR NIGHT AT THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

On Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., author Jeanne Kelley will discuss, sign, and prepare a recipe from her new cookbook, *Blue Eggs and Yellow Tomatoes: Recipes from a Modern Kitchen Garden*, at the Sierra Madre Public Library. This stunningly beautiful organic cookbook, full of spectacular, yet easy-to-prepare recipes for the home cook, has already been hailed by National Public Radio as one of the "Ten Best Cookbooks of 2008." Ms. Kelley's recipes emphasize the use of fresh, local, and seasonal foods, many of which are easily found at local Farmers' Markets.

Ms. Kelley has been affiliated with Bon Appetit magazine for more than 20 years, developing recipes and acting as contributing editor since 1999. Her recipes have also appeared in the L.A. Times, and in *Cooking Light*, *Natural Health*, *Islands*, and *Spa* magazines.

For further information, visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.

BARGAIN BOOK TABLE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library during the Library's public open hours. Featured subjects will include Fiction, Sports, Cookbooks, Gardening, Children's and Specialty books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

Monday, September 15 through Saturday, September 20

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday & Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information on programs and services please visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

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10 Concerts in the Park The Grove, 70s and 80s Memorial Park, 6:00pm	11 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am, Recycling Fun	12 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am, Recycling Fun	13 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers, 7:00 pm	14 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am	15 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am	16 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am
Bargain Books Table August 11-16 at the Library. Open during the Library's normal operational hours.						
17 Concerts in the Park The Late Bloomers Folk Acoustic Memorial Park, 6:00 pm	18 Author Night Amalia Starr will discuss and sign her new book at the Sierra Madre Public Library. 7:00 pm	19 Summer Fun in the Park, Memorial Park, 9:30 am Mission Renaissance	20 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am Planning Commission, Council Chambers - 7:00 pm	21 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am Third Thursday Book Club, Sierra Madre Public Library, 11:00 am Planning Commission, Council Chambers - 7:00 pm	22 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am	23 Get Out & Get Active - Healthy Family Fun Captura La Peolita, Sierra Vista Park, 9:00 am
24 Concerts in the Park Fairytale and Fantasy IV Musical Theater Memorial park, 6:00 pm	25 City Council, Council Chambers 6:30 pm Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am So. California Lyric Theatre	26 City Council, Council Chambers 6:30 pm Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am So. California Lyric Theatre	27 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am	28 Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am	29 Hollywood Bowl Academy Award-Winner John Williams Conducting Leave from Arcadia County Park at 6:30 pm, Cost: \$27.00	30 Hollywood Bowl Academy Award-Winner John Williams Conducting Leave from Arcadia County Park at 6:30 pm, Cost: \$27.00

Gotta Dance!

SAN MARINO, Calif. The California Philharmonic will celebrate the end of yet another extraordinarily successful summer season at The Arboretum in Arcadia, where each of the orchestra's past five concerts has averaged over 4000 in attendance, with "Gotta Dance!" on Saturday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m.

"After all, what's a celebration without dancing?" asks Cal Phil founder and Music Director Victor Vener. "Part of the fun of a concert under the stars is being able to move to the beat in whatever way the music sways you – whether that means doing the twist or dancing a waltz."

As audiences at Cal Phil have come to expect after a season that included works by composers ranging from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber and John Williams to Puccini, Beethoven and Ravel, "Gotta Dance!" will showcase an eclectic array of 'dance tunes.' On the program are Johann Strauss II's *The Blue Danube*, Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird*, Anitra's Dance from Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt* and Four Dance Episodes from Aaron Copland's *Rodeo*, plus hits by Glenn Miller, *The Mamas and Papas* and *The Beatles*.

"It's all great music," Vener explains. "For instance, who doesn't recognize *The Blue Danube* instantly? It's one of the most consistently popular works in the classical music repertoire. In fact, legend has it that when Strauss' wife asked the composer Johannes Brahms for his autograph, Brahms wrote down the opening bars of *The Blue Danube*, followed by the words, 'Unfortunately not by Brahms.'"

Stravinsky's *The Firebird* – commissioned in 1910 by the world famous impresario Sergei Diaghilev for his new ballet based on Russian folk tales describing a magical glowing 'firebird' – was equally popular, adds the conductor. "Stravinsky became so linked in the public's mind with *The Firebird* that he was once addressed, quite seriously by an admirer, as 'Mr. Firebird,'" says Vener.

Gotta Dance! will also travel to the American Old West when it presents Four Dances Episodes from Copland's score for the ballet *Rodeo*. "Close your eyes while the music is playing and you'll see cowboys and cowgirls square dancing," Vener promises. "And you'll really want to kick up your heels during the *Hoe-Down*."

When it comes to kicking up ones heels, no one was more of a master at it than Peer Gynt, the hapless adventurer in Henrik Ibsen's play *Peer Gynt*.

Gotta Dance! will present Anitra's Dance from Grieg's incidental music for

the drama, composed at the request of the playwright. Peer has journeyed to North Africa, where he is the guest of an Arab chieftain, whose daughter, Anitra, beguiles him at once with her dancing.

"Peer Gynt was a collaboration between the two greatest Norwegian superstars of the time," explains Vener. "For Anitra's Dance, Grieg composed a score as sensuous and enticing as you'd expect a belly dance to be. Cal Phil's audience will be equally beguiled as well. The melody's so entrancing and exotic, it's impossible not to be."

Meanwhile, those enamored of 1960s pop music will not leave the performance disappointed. "Gotta Dance!" will present such chart topping hits as California Dreaming and Monday, Monday by the Mamas and Papas as well as Symphonic Sketches of Four Beatles Songs by local musician Tom Pedrini.

"The Sketches include Norwegian Wood, For No One, Penny Lane and Eleanor Rigby by John Lennon and Paul McCartney," says Cal Phil composer in residence, Roger Allen Ward, whose Symphony No. 1 will receive its world premiere in 2009. "You'll recognize that these are indeed Beatles songs but, as you'll learn from the opening note, they're glorious works for the orchestra as well."

Since, for many, an evening of orchestral dance music would not be complete without the Big Band sound of Glenn Miller, Cal Phil will also present two of the band leader's most iconic hits: *String of Pearls* and *In The Mood*.

"If Cal Phil had to select one song to describe its mission, it just might be *In The Mood*," muses Vener. "We're always in the mood for great music -- year round!"

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

September 6: Gotta Dance!
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Tickets start at \$20

Community Happenings

Movie Night

The Sierra Madre Aquatics Center will be hosting the last movie at the pool for the Summer. The movie will be *Surf's Up*, and will start at approximately 7:30 pm at the Aquatics Center. Admission is free for the entire family!

Art Show Opening

Join Sierra Madre artists Steven Drolet and Mary Martz for their Art Show Opening in the lobby of City Hall. The reception will be held on Friday, August 22, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The event is open to the public and absolutely free!

Healthy Family Fun

The Healthy Family Fun event for August will be held on Saturday, August 23 at Sierra Vista Park. *Captura la Pelota*, which translates to *Capture the Ball*, is a fun and interactive game for the entire family. The event will start at 9:00 am and there is no need to register.

Concerts in the Park

The Southern California Lyric Theater will be performing "Fairytale and Fantasy IV" at the Memorial Park Band Shell this Sunday, August 24. This is the last Concert in the Park and will start at 6:00 pm.

The Sierra Madre Arts Commission has a show featuring "exceptional" local artists.

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REMEMBRANCES

BASKIN, DANA

Dana H. Baskin, 55, Beloved editor and publisher of the San Gabriel Valley Weekly newspaper formerly the Temple City Weekly, on August 19th. He was a longtime resident of the area.

He was a graduate of Rosemead High School and moved to Temple City more than 30 years ago.Baskin began publishing in 1996 with the help of his wife, Cheri, who published a moving tribute and memoriam to him in his paper on Friday. He was a very well known figure throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Baskin and his wife, who he met when they were in the 7th grade, had just celebrated 35 years of marriage. He is also survived by his son, Bryan, 26; daughter, Blair, 23; and mother, Jane Baskin, 86.

Memorial services were held on Friday at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia.

ADAMS, FREDERICK McLAREN

Frederick McLaren Adams, pagan leader, founder of Feraferia and co-founder of the Council of Themis, died on Saturday, August 9th at the age of 80. Fred Adams had a life changing vision of the Goddess in 1956 and dedicated the rest of his life to Her. The following is adapted from wikipedia:

Fred was a kind, unpretentious genius, a brilliant artist and ritualist, and an inspiration to all who knew him. He had the gift of knowing how to encourage those around him, to help others find and follow their own path. He was also one of the first people in modern times to publicly acknowledge the importance of the divine Feminine, especially in the form of the Kore, the Daughter or Divine Maiden. This form is a Western expression of the Goddess which is understood in the East as the daikini(s). Blessings
In loving Memory JC, PA, CPR



Photo credit Harold Moss

Wistaria Thrift Shop To Re-open Sept. 4th!!

By Phyllis Chapman

The Wistaria Thrift Shop, run by Sierra Madre Woman's Club, will hold its Grand Re-Opening Thursday, September 4, 10 am to 3 p.m. The shop is located at the rear of "Essick House" the Woman's Club's historic clubhouse, at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Closed during summer to refurbish and restock, now all new merchandise will be featured for the opening - and at dream prices for bargain shoppers.

Always bursting at the seams, the shop also recently underwent a remodeling to double its size, giving it much more room to display the great quantity of quality merchandise on sale. Since 1956 shop income has been the main source for the club's annual generous philanthropy giving.

Shop hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call the shop at 626-355-7739.

Pro Baseball Player to Appear at Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast



Former Dodger and Angels baseball player Jay Johnstone will be a guest at the Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Sierra Madre. Johnstone was a player for both the Dodgers and Angels, and will be signing autographs at this popular fundraiser.

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will happen on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Memorial Park. The breakfast will feature delicious pancakes, succulent sausage, healthy OJ, and lots of wide-awake coffee! Breakfast will be served from 7 to 11 am.

Kiwanis President Hank Landsberg remarked "This fundraiser will pay for a new state-of-the-art sound system in the Hart Senior Center. It's our major service project for 2008, and fits perfectly with Kiwanis' purpose of helping the kids and seniors of Sierra Madre."

Tickets cost \$5 each, and are available from any Kiwanis member or from many local merchants who will have tickets for sale. Just look for the "Pancake poster" in their windows. Tickets are also available by calling Hank at 355-3656. **Contact: Hank Landsberg (626) 355-3656**

News Around The San Gabriel Valley

Duarte Casino Night of Stars, September 13th To Benefit Five Duarte Organizations

DUARTE, CA, August 20, 2008 – Five Duarte community groups are betting that their Casino Night of Stars fundraiser will pay off big for their organizations. Tickets are on sale now for the evening of fun set for Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Duarte Senior Center that will feature Las Vegas- style entertainment complete with gaming tables for craps, roulette, poker and blackjack, an all-night buffet, and prizes galore that will include vacation packages to the real Las Vegas.

The Casino Night of Stars is a lead-up party to Duarte's 13th annual Salute Route 66 Parade on Sept. 20, whose theme this year is "Route 66 to the Stars".

Actor/singer/impressionist Jordan Preston, who has been featured in such musicals as The King and I, South Pacific and Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, will perform on the Casino Night stage, while the outdoor Starlight Lounge will offer dancing under the stars with music presented by a deejay.

The Duarte Route 66 Parade Committee, Friends of the Duarte Library, Duarte Senior Center, Duarte Youth Athletic Club, and Duarte Chamber of Commerce have joined to make the event a success.

"It's wonderful to have so many groups working together to put on yet another great event for the community. The Route 66 Parade is a great tradition but it takes money to produce. Here's a fun way for us to raise funds for the parade and for the other organizations who serve seniors, children, the business community and the community-at-large," said Duarte Chamber of Commerce CEO, Jim Kirchner.

SCE Federal Credit Union is supporting the community fundraiser as the Platinum sponsor. Joe's Place and CIBA Real Estate are Gold Stars sponsors.

Tickets for the Casino Night of Stars fundraiser are \$25 and include dinner, 100 chips and one free drink. Tickets can be purchased at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, 1105 Oak Ave., Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr.; Joe's Place, 1345 Huntington Dr.; online at www.DuarteChamber.com, and at the door.

For more information, call (626) 357-3333 or (626) 357-7931, ext. 220.



Jordan Preston

Arcadia Churchwomen Olson And Melzian Receive Honorary Awards

Lannea Melzian and Jackie Olson were recent recipients of honorary awards presented by the United Methodist Women (UMW) of Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia. UMW President Lynne Rivera presented handsome gold pins and certificates to the honorees. The awards are bestowed annually to women who have given outstanding service to the church community, and donations are made on their behalf to the church's mission projects.

Lannea Melzian

For decades, Lannea Melzian has been instrumental in sharing her talents by bringing artistic events to the church. A nonagenarian, she chuckles when she says the award may well signify "endurance." Sheaves of aging press clippings and programs attest to her creativity. An Easter program featuring various cultures...an art exhibit of a potpourri of media including sculpture, paintings, leather, mosaics, and floral arrangements...a worship through sacred dance...a brotherhood theme for an arts afternoon featuring Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish participants—these are but a sampling of projects Lannea has helmed.

She and her husband Mel were among those who launched and supported the Creative Arts Group in Sierra Madre. Lannea also taught Sunday School, was and is an active member of Elizabeth Circle, and helped with church dinners and festivals, always sharing her artistic touches. Most recently, Lannea's passion is offering greeting cards of her original paintings at UMW brunches, and donating the proceeds to FINCA, the Foundation for International Community Assistance, a micro loan organization that benefits women in impoverished nations.

Jackie Olson

Jackie Olson joined the Church of the Good Shepherd upon her retirement from a nursing career. As vice president of the UMW for two years, she has organized the group's quarterly

programs, including a quilt show, musical presentations, an innovative "apron" brunch, and displays of and talks on lace and china collections. Jackie is the driving force behind a book-exchange fundraiser in the church lounge. Fittingly, she is active in Good Shepherd's Health Ministries, contributing her career skills. Jackie serves on the women's Retreat Committee, and is an avid participant in the Wednesday night craft group, which also supports FINCA. Every Thursday finds her as volunteer receptionist in the church office. Her other interests include reading, knitting, stamping, ceramics painting, and attending the theater.

Adding to the excitement of the awards ceremony—and a big surprise for Jackie—was when all four of her children and five of her seven grandchildren appeared at the ceremony to congratulate her and enjoy her moment of honor and recognition.

Rotarians "Schooled" on the Subject of Don Benito Story & Photo By Bill Coburn

At last week's Sierra Madre Rotary Club meeting, Rotarians inattendancereentertainedby author Nat Read, also president of Read Communications. Read's ecently published book, "From Mountain Man to Mayor" tells the story of Benjamin Davis Wilson, more famously known as Don Benito Wilson, the man for whom Mt. Wilson and the Mt. Wilson Trail were named, as well as PUSD's Don Benito Fundamental School.

A Read, who has performed as a stand-up comic, opened his talk by making the Rotarians laugh, noting that among other jobs (Vietnam veteran, during his career, he had spent some time as an undercover vice officer for LAPD in Hollywood and that "that's where I first met many of the members of this club." Mr. Read continued with an entertaining and informative talk about the subject of his book, noting that he lived in the neighborhood of the school named after Wilson, and was surprised to learn that there was no biography of the man who served as the second mayor of Los Angeles and had such a major influence on Southern California. "My publisher found out about that and sat on me to write the book." He attributed the previous lack of a biography to the fact that for many years, different historians claimed the right to write the Wilson biography and then failed to follow through. Library policies, since changed, generally would reserve the subject's archives for the historian that had claimed the right to the biography, so no one else could do the research. Read said he spent three years researching the books, including weeks in Sacramento viewing the archives from Wilson's time as State Senator, and many hours at state area. One thousand of these yay-hoo Rambos were kind of wandering through the territory..." He spoke about Wilson being captured by the Apaches shortly after the Apaches had turned against the white men, and how Wilson, with the help of a friendly Apache chief, escaped being burned at the stake and managed to elude the entire tribe across 170 miles. He

discussed the fact that Wilson was present when the first overland party of settlers arrived in Los Angeles. He noted that Wilson had refused Mexican citizenship, and was therefore ineligible for land grants from the Mexican government, but he still managed to acquire the land



Author Nat B. Read spoke at length on the life of Don Benito Wilson at Thursday's Rotary meeting. Photo by Bill Coburn

that today makes up Riverside, and married the daughter of the neighbor next door, with the neighbor next door owning Orange County...

He discussed the major role played by Wilson in Pio Pico's ascendancy to the Governorship of California, the last Governor under Mexican rule. Pico would later serve as a pallbearer at Wilson's funeral. Wilson also lead the American troops in the first Southern California battle of the Mexican/American War. Captain Wilson was captured and was a POW. After the war ended, he sold Riverside, and bought land in downtown Los Angeles, 12 acres in what is now Union Station. He served as the original County Clerk of Los Angeles County and so he established the first American government in Los Angeles. He was on the first City Council of Los Angeles, and served as its second mayor and bought land that eventually became San Marino, Beverly Hills, Westwood, Culver City, Santa Monica, Venice and much more. While serving as a supervisor, he oversaw a territory that included what now includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Kern Counties. As a state Senator, Wilson represented a district which today is represented by twenty-six different senators.

Wilson was president of the first railroad in Los Angeles, and the Big Four railroad companies of the time wanted to build a railroad from San Francisco to San Diego by way of Colton, to avoid having to build through the Tehachapis. According to Read, Wilson, at his own expense, traveled to Washington to lobby "to have five words put into the Big Four's authorization, and those five words were by way of Los Angeles. And he got those five words put in..." Wilson paid a major role in making San Pedro into what is today the world's largest artificial harbor in the world.

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Founded in 1991, the Circle of Huntington Hospital is a nonprofit organization made up of women from Pasadena and surrounding cities whose efforts have raised over \$1 million for Huntington Hospital.

Read touched briefly on Wilson's family, including three marriageable daughters and a ne'er-do-well son who died at an early age, noting that an entire chapter is dedicated to Wilson's second wife. Wilson was also the grandfather of Gen. George Patton.

After his presentation, Mr. Read stayed and signed copies of his book, which can be purchased at Sierra Madre Books here in town.



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News From Your Community

For Your Community

Economic Future Not So Bright

IndyMac Announces New Program

By Teresa Baxter and Dean Lee

According to a panel discussion led by Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) on Wednesday, the economic forecast regarding the country in the upcoming months is one of gloom. Held at the Pasadena Senior Center and moderated by Frank Motteck of KNX 1070 Newsradio, the panel included John Bovenzi,

the Motteck, host of "KNX 1070 Business Hour" and an award-winning journalist. Motteck announced the panelists prior to giving the microphone to Bovenzi of IndyMac for a special announcement.

"Today the FDIC announced a program to modify loans to make them more affordable for people who are having difficulties making their mortgage payments," said Bovenzi. "When we talk about the housing market—one of the problems is that more and more people are not being able to make payments as rates go higher and more homes are



John Bovenzi, IndyMac Chief Operating Officer

Chief Operating Officer (FDIC) and Interim Director of IndyMac Federal Bank and experts in housing, the stock market and energy issues.

"There's a level of economic insecurity in the country that we haven't seen in years, maybe in decades," said Schiff. "One of its major roots was in the housing market—where banks responding to the demands of Wall Street investors—greatly expanded the use of 'no document' loans and mortgages."

During the two-hour discussion, about 50 people vented frustration in what should have been a question and answer period. Almost all of the comments fell into two categories, either IndyMac Bank or the country's energy policy.

Wearing a T-shirt that read, "shut up and drill," one person said that the cost of oil had gone down in the last few weeks with the speculation of drilling. "Can you imagine how far it would go down if we did?," he said. Another person said paying \$5 a gallon was a reality that people understand. Schiff said that no matter how much we drilled, we could not escape the fact the U.S. only produces three percent of the world's oil but uses 25 percent. He said the only way out was to reduce our dependency on foreign oil.

Others asked specific question to Bovenzi about IndyMac Bank. Most of the questions were deferred to his staff. One person thanked him for standing outside the bank the day it was taken over by the FDIC, assuring everyone they would get their money.

Prior to the Q & A Schiff had pointed out that one of the other major sources of economic instability is in the field of energy, due to the world's increasing demand and finite supply. Schiff then gave the spotlight to

going into foreclosure. It's important to stop the rate of foreclosure so we can stabilize the housing market and get it to eventually turn around."

The rest of the panel included Alberto G. Alvarado, Director, Los Angeles District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Dr. Raphael Bostic, Professor, USC Lusk Center for Real Estate; Judy Dugan, Research Director, Consumer Watchdog; Dr. Lawrence Harris, Professor, Finance and Business Economy, USC Marshall School of Business; Marc Jones, Rehab Construction Manager, Pasadena Neighborhood Housing Services; and Martha Lucey, CEO & Executive Director, ByDesign Financial Solutions.

"These are challenging times and there's no question that businesses are being impacted," said Alvarado, on behalf of the Small Business Administration. "It is certainly the case that often a slow down in the economy like we're experiencing affects small business owners in many ways."

The final person to speak was Dr. Raphael Bostic, a housing market expert and professor the USC Lusk Center for Real Estate. Bostic seemed to put a more positive spin on the current economic crisis by looking to the future.

"It's going to take a little while to work through these problems from my point of view," he said. "I think that legislation that Congress is talking about is helpful but it will take a lot of steps to turn math around and stabilize the situation."

With so many people wanting to speak, the discussion went over a half hour. To make sure everyone got a chance, Motteck cut off those that were long winded. He was also watchful for redundant questions.

Youth Summit Hosts Pro Skateboarder

By Dean Lee

As a way to provide safe and healthy activities for youth, Pasadena nonprofit, Day One, held their annual Youth Summit Wednesday, with over 250 teens—many who got to meet first hand the legendary 1970s skateboarder Dennis Martinez.

Martinez told his life story as the number one "old school" skater and how he fell from being the best to a thug over the use of drugs and alcohol, something he said ran rampant through the early days of skateboarding. Covered in tattoos, Martinez said the "dope" life is far from glamorous.

"The message from me is, I was part of the problem and now I want to be part of the solution," he said, adding that he has now been free of drugs for more than a decade.

"We're attacking this drug world," he said. "I'm tired of hearing the schools saying, 'we have an epidemic, what can we do about it?' I have heard that from the DEA, the parole [board, and] in prisons. 80 percent of America is locked up because of being under the influence."

Martinez is currently a volunteer pastor at a California maximum security prison, telling his story. Recently he made the movie "D.O.P.E" about his life, and that of other skaters such as Jay Adams, Christian Hosoi, and Bruce Logan, all of whom also fell because of drugs he said.

The movie was shown at Wednesday's summit held at Pasadena City College Education Center. Many of the teens also signed a petition urging the city to build a better skate park and improving the existing one at La Pintaressa Park. As a converted tennis court, the skating area has ranked low among local skaters, who said they go to Bonita Skate Park in Arcadia.

"They want something like that here," Day One Executive Director, Christy Zamani, said of Bonita, which has cement banks, staircases, rails and spines reminiscent of the skate parks from 1980.

Martinez answered questions about skateboarding from the 1980s, an era during which many attending were not yet born. He said part of his fame came from inventing the "front side air," one of five basic tricks from which all skateboarding is derived. Others include tricks like "backside airs," "grinds," "rock-in-rolls" and "ollies."

Most of the questions were about skateboarding tricks, although Martinez said he hoped they didn't follow what he did as far as crime.

"You're a lot smarter than my generation, the generation I came from," he said. "I look out there



250 teens pack the Community Education Center Photo D. Lee /MVO

because there are a lot of people here that aren't going to do what I did and I see success waiting to happen."

He also said he thought drug prevention should start at age five, adding that skateboarding was only his story but could be substituted with anything such as rap music or tagging. D.O.P.E he said stood for "Death or Prison Eventually."

Martinez said the movie was about him because Jay Adams and Christian Hosoi both just came out with documentaries. Adams is still in rehab after serving four years in prison for drugs, he said. Los Angeles Probation Commissioner Josof Sanchez said they planned to have Adams speak but this even was too soon.

Sanchez said he had juveniles that came to hear the message because they like skateboarding. He said one teen was brilliant in math but caught up in the gang lifestyle and another that got kicked out of school for bringing a gun onto a school campus. "They were all jazzed up just to come here and hear them speak, I got them out of jail and now they're in a program because of Day One."

Zamani explained the summit was aimed at youth 13 to 18, "It's going through a name change and next year it will be called, The Teen Summit," she said.

She also said the goal was to provide workshops around the main interest of kids. They pick what they want, she said, also explaining that this year drew the largest crowd. "I'm not sure it was totally skateboarding,



1970s skateboarder Dennis Martinez

but you could see how engaged they were throughout this whole movie," she said. "Adults like this one, so you could only imagine what they thought."

Zamani also said they also had a number of other activities including hip hop music.

The summit is part of Youth Month, now in its 14th year she said. Activities for Youth month include pool parties, carnivals, movie days, bowling, family picnics, beach cleanup and fun, visits to museums, trips to Magic Mountain, Raging Waters, and California Science Center, as well as tours to local private and public colleges. For more information, please call Day One at (626) 229-9750 or for a copy of a Youth Month calendar; visit Day One or any local library or community center.

Samoan Group Holds Dance Fundraiser

Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand

The Samoan Community of Family Community of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles held a fundraiser and dance concert at the Lourdes Grotto of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Altadena.



St. Elizabeth pastor, Fr. Edwin Duyshart, generously offered the Grotto for the Samoan Luau. According to Fr. Tovia Lui, chaplain to the Samoan Family Community and Administrator at Sacred Heart Church, also in Altadena, the goal is to raise \$40,000 for the

sound system for the St. Anne's Basilica located in their homeland, Apia Samoa.

Several groups of Samoan dancers showcased dances from numerous Pacific Island locations, including Tahiti and Hawaii, while onlookers enjoyed traditional island

food and tossed cash to the dancers during each song. This first event, "Sounds of the Islands" raised \$8500 toward their ambitious goal. Additional donations are gladly accepted at Sacred Heart Church, 600 W. Mariposa Ave, Altadena CA, 626-794-2046.

Public Health & Safety



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Mulching: Nature's Composting Secret

By Pat Birdsall

Mulching is nature's recycling system. Nature spreads thin layers of organic materials evenly over the surface of the soil. Year after year, season upon season, leaves and blades of grass mature, die and fall to the ground. Soil organisms begin the process of decomposition. First molds, then bacteria, later earthworms and beetles all come to return organic matter back to the soil from which it came. In this process of natural mulching, topsoil is gradually created over time. Rich layers of humus—decomposed organic matter in the soil—are formed that give the soil its dark color and good rich-earth smell.

You may find it surprising that the first bit of advice is to avoid composting as much as possible by learning how to mulch various organic materials, especially grass clippings. Mulching simply refers to any technique where organic matter is spread in thin layers on the surface of the ground and left to decompose naturally so that the soil organisms can convert to humus.

Decorative bark layered around shrubbery is a popular mulch. Wood chips are often spread around trees and landscaping to hold moisture. Grass clippings, leaves and compost can be placed around garden vegetables, flowers and in soil beds to keep down weeds. Leaving blades of grass on the lawn is the most common mulching technique. All mulches help retain water in the soil. Mulch keeps the soil cool in the summer and warm in the winter. In fact, mulch is a form of drought insurance. Mulching is the easiest way to avoid generating organic waste in the first place.

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Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

History is bound to repeat itself and why not if it was a good thing then why not now?

A column previously asked where you were at 11:41 a.m. July 29, 2008.

If you were trying to use your cell phone the day of the Chino Hills earthquake, you were nowhere. The system didn't fail, the human usage was the problem--too many people, all at once, and most likely asking their family and friends "... did you feel the earthquake?"

So, how does Sierra Madre's history help us out here. There is a horn, a very loud horn, for emergency alerts that was essential in the past. It could be heard all over town as it needed to be heard all over town. Technology changes and the horn to alert the volunteer fire fighters and police no longer needed the system of blasts to tell them what and where.

What is the plan for the horn now? How can we use it to our advantage?

Back to the cell phone overload. If there is an emergency it is planned that the horn can send out blasts in series of three: Three of anything signals an emergency and you don't have to remember any longs or shorts that you might have studied for you scouting badge. Then what?

Well, for certain DO NOT CALL the police,

fire or paramedics unless you have a police, fire or paramedic emergency. The three blasts of the horn will mean that unless you have an emergency you should turn on TV Channel 3 or go to the city web site.

If the electricity is off and none of that works, or you do not have TV Channel 3 or a computer, what is planned when all of this is back in place (the details are being worked out now with citizen input and support of the City Council, the Kiwanis Club and the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council) you would use the battery radio in your earthquake kit or in your car and turn to the local Emergency Radio broadcast.

This is the plan. It is in the design stages. Your input is important to the safety of all Sierra Madre.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be September 8, at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers. There will be a presentation from the Sierra Madre Police Department on the Neighborhood Watch program. The activation of the Neighborhood Watch among other emergency responses will take place during the Great Southern California Shake Out, November 14, 2008, when there will be a county-wide earthquake drill. Will you be ready? Call 355-0741 for information.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 10, through Saturday, August 16, the Police Department responded to 906 calls for service of which 138 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 10:

Around 3:11 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a man for theft. The suspect selected various merchandise, took them into a fitting room, removed the sensor tags with a pair of pliers, placed the stolen property into a bag, and left the store without making payment. A private person's arrest was made, and the 45-year-old was taken into custody for commercial burglary.

Monday, August 11:

Units were dispatched to the Ralph's parking lot, 211 East Foothill, around 5:36 p.m. regarding a reckless driver who had also struck a parked vehicle in the lot. A 50-year-old female driver was contacted and it was determined that she was operating the vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. A five-year-old child was found in the rear seat, and the woman was taken into custody for driving while under the influence and child endangerment.

Shortly before 8:00 p.m., loss prevention personnel from JC Penney advised that they had detained an 18-year-old female, her 15-year-old sister, and a 15-year-old female companion for theft. The suspects selected clothing and jewelry items, entered the same fitting room, and concealed the merchandise in their purses and bags. Private persons' arrests were made, and they were all taken into custody for commercial burglary. Additional stolen property from Anchor Blue, Wet Seal, Forever 21, Bath & Body, and Victoria's Secret were recovered.

Tuesday, August 12:

Between 8:15 a.m. and 8:59 a.m., a grand theft occurred at a business in the 100 block of East St. Joseph. Unknown suspect(s) entered the open business and removed a computer monitor, Rolex watch, and a digital camera from an office.

Units responded to May's Department Store, 114 East Live Oak, in reference to a robbery that just occurred. Investigation revealed that 3 male suspects, in their 20's, entered the store and then a suspect grabbed about 10 pairs of Dickie pants and attempted to leave the store. An employee tried to stop the suspect, but he was pushed to the ground and was punched in the face. The employee then tried to trip the suspect, and this time the suspect dropped all but one pair of pants. The suspect took the pants and fled in a new beige Chevy pickup truck.

Wednesday, August 13:

A commercial burglary occurred at a Sunglass Hut kiosk located at Westfield mall around 12:15

a.m. The store manager advised that she received a call from the alarm company indicating that the perimeter was compromised. She called mall security to have them check it out and was told that everything appeared normal. However, when she opened the store around 8:15 a.m., she found several sunglasses were missing from a display case. A surveillance video showed a security guard near the kiosk when the alarm was activated, so the theft could have been committed by the guard.

Thursday, August 14:

Around 4:35 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Panorama regarding a fraud investigation. Unknown suspect(s) acquired the victim's gas credit card information by unknown means and made 10 unauthorized charges for a loss of over \$1,130.

A victim came to the station around 9:24 p.m. to file an identity theft report. The victim tried to apply for a home loan and was told that his credit score was too low. When he checked his credit report, he discovered that there was a foreclosed home loan on his account. The loan was for the purchase of a home in Pomona, and the amount of the mortgage was \$451,250. Additionally, the tax billing address was to a nonexistent address in Lake Elsinore.

Friday, August 15:

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 1200 block of Magnolia around 7:23 a.m. Two male suspects, in their 20's, approached a female victim when she was getting into her car. One suspect grabbed her purse by force, causing her to fall to the ground. The suspects then fled in a green van. An area search was made, but the suspects were not found.

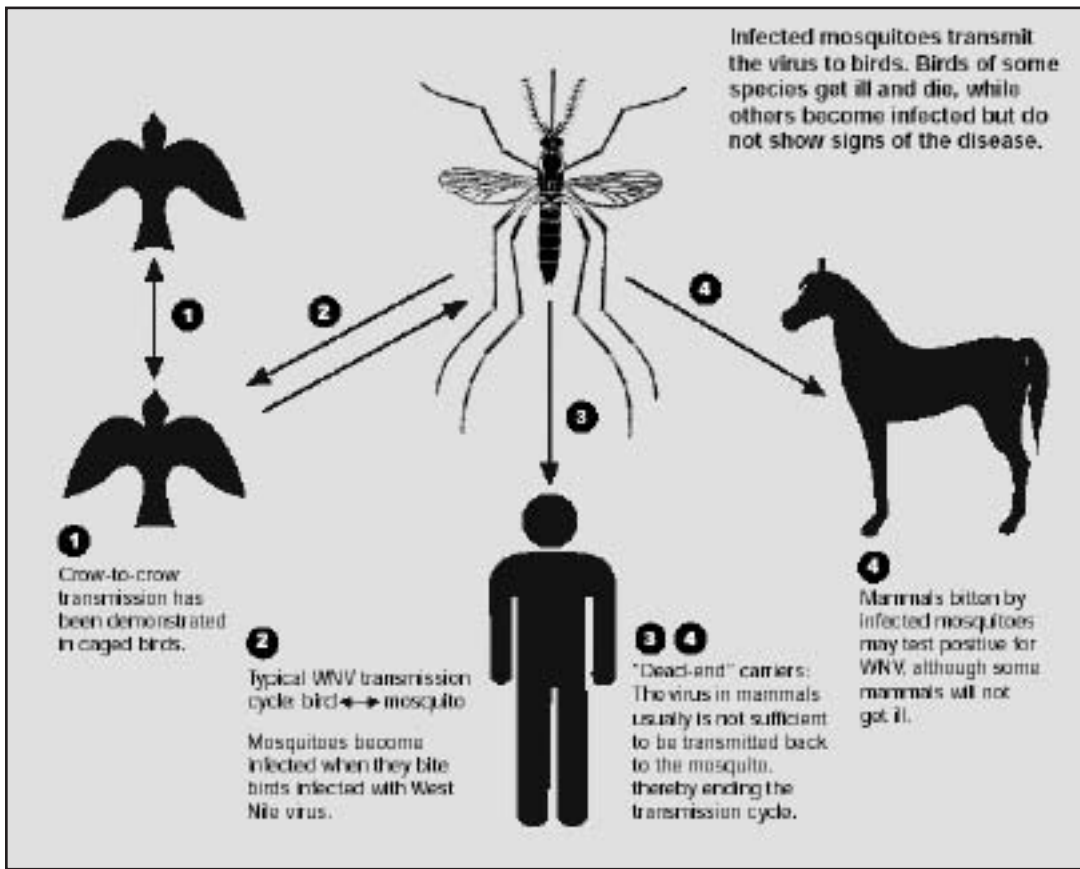
Units responded to the 600 block of South Baldwin around 6:55 p.m. regarding a child crying and a lot of yelling. Investigation revealed that a seven-year-old girl was struck with a tennis racquet by her mother when she gave a wrong answer while she was being tested with flash cards. The girl had visible bruising on her hands, shoulders, and feet. The 38-year-old mother was arrested for child cruelty.

Saturday, August 16:

Around 1:47 p.m., officers were dispatched to Drive-In Liquor, 10 East Huntington, in reference to a burglary alarm activation. The cashier advised that two males purchased some beer and left. A short time later, one of the suspects entered the store again and demanded cash and liquor in a threatening manner. The cashier grabbed a knife and the suspect took a bottle of vodka and ran out of the store. An area check was made, but the suspects were not located.

Between 2:35 p.m. and 2:40 p.m., a grand theft occurred at Zumiez located at Westfield mall. An unknown suspect gained access to a locked watch display case by unknown means and took several watches for a total reported loss of over \$2,800.

Mosquito Troubles: Don't Forget About The West Nile Virus!



The California Department of Public Health and the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District recently detected WNV in nine new dead birds and eleven mosquito pools in Los Angeles County. The infected birds were found in the eastern region of Los Angeles County near the San Gabriel Valley area; WNV-infected mosquito pools, however, were found mainly in the San Fernando Valley.

"West Nile Virus can appear anywhere in Los Angeles County or around the state. Our warm weather encourages mosquito breeding, but the weather is also an invitation for individuals to spend more time outdoors. When they do, residents should take precautions to avoid mosquitoes bites," said Jonathan Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Public Health and County Health Officer. "People should make sure pools of stagnant water are removed from around their homes and to wear insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin, when outdoors in mosquito prone areas, especially close to dawn and dusk."

Approximately 80% of people infected with WNV do not exhibit symptoms. Some 20% or 1 in 5 infected persons may develop West Nile Fever, with symptoms such as high fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last anywhere from a few days to several weeks. Other WNV symptoms include stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, muscle weakness, and paralysis.

The elderly and immune-compromised individuals, i.e., those with HIV/AIDS, diabetes, or hypertension, are at greatest risk for serious illness.

People can decrease their risk of infection by following these recommendations:

- Check for and remove all sources of standing water.
- Change the water in wading pools, birdbaths and pet bowls twice weekly.
- Place mosquito-eating fish in ornamental ponds and water gardens.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens.
- Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk.
- Where it is necessary to be outdoors during these times, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.
- Use repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus, according to label instructions.

California's WNV Web site - www.westnile.ca.gov - has the latest information on WNV activity in the state. In order to help identify WNV activity, Californians are encouraged to report all dead birds and dead tree squirrels on the Web site or call toll-free 1-877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473). Local information is also available at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov. You can also contact the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (626) 814-9466

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195 Freshmen Join La Salle as Classes Begin

Pasadena, CA - La Salle High School began its school year on August 21 with 195 new freshman join the Lancer student body. The Welcome Orientation on August 20 featured small groups of freshmen with their "Senior Class Buddies on a tour of the campus, video presentations and a run-through of classes. A pizza lunch was followed by a rally.

At La Salle High School, there are 755 students from ninth through twelve grades; a vast majority live in the San Gabriel Valley. To maintain its Catholic identity, two-thirds of the entering freshmen acceptances are of the Catholic faith. In addition, 5% of our students are at or below the federal poverty level and receive full tuition assistance. The average student: teacher ratio is 7:1 and the average class size is 27.

State Schools Chief Says Students Continue To Improve

By Teresa Baxter



Washington Accelerated Middle School was the site that Jack O'Connell, the State of California Superintendent of Instruction, chose to release the results of the 2008 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program that showed California students are continuing to make steady gains in English-language arts, math, science and social science. O'Connell chose the location because the test scores at Washington had increased significantly from last year, he said.

"California public school students are continuing to make solid, steady progress in learning the skills and concepts necessary for success in school and in life," said O'Connell. "Since 2003, 532,494 more California

students have become proficient in English-language arts and 415,129 more students have become proficient in math. While we still have a lot of work to do to reach our goal of universal proficiency, this year's gains are particularly encouraging considering they build on five years of steady growth."

Under the STAR program, California students attain one of five levels of performance on the California Standards Tests for each subject tested: advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, and far below basic. The State Board of Education has established the proficient level as the desired achievement goal for all students. This goal is consistent with school growth targets for state accountability

and the federal No Child Left Behind requirements. The state target is for all students to score at the proficient or advanced level.

Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Edwin Diaz shared that PUSD students continued to show academic improvement in 2008. Notably, elementary school student achievement continued to rise in all subjects, particularly at schools targeted for improvement in 2007, while most middle and high schools posted gains in English Language Arts.

"Leadership, parents, staff and students—congratulations on your awesome improvement this year," said Diaz. "You really are a fine example of what

is needed instructionally in order to close the achievement gap."

Several schools stood out based on the higher percentages of students at or above proficient, such as Sierra Madre, Norma Coombs and Don Benito in English-language arts, with Hamilton and Willard exceeding in math, while others were distinguished by a significant improvement relative to last year, including Franklin, Altadena, Washington Accelerated, Field and Rose City. Notably, John Muir High School reversed its trend of declining scores and achieved increases in both English-language arts and math.

The Man With The Plan Marches On: PUSD Superintendant Diaz Continues To Focus On Progress Despite Unimaginable Budget Cuts

By Susan Henderson

On September 4th, more than 20,000 students will begin a new school year with the Pasadena Unified School District and with a probable 10 million dollar hole in the budget courtesy of Sacramento. But this district, which has a total of 29 schools, has leadership that is determined to continue with at least the level of progress that it has achieved over the last few years, if not more. Said Diaz earlier this year, "Despite my concern about this threat to our work, I am committed to preserving my focus on our priorities, cultivating exceptional teaching and learning in our classrooms and building strong and sustainable civic partnerships.

It will be a challenge to develop a vision for the future amidst uncertainty about the present, but performing business-as-usual is not an option."

That won't be an easy task given the previously stated cuts and the new rounds of job casualties as a result of the current budget standoff in Sacramento. Diaz, however, appears to have prepared the district to weather the storm.

He has spelled out a very clear agenda in terms of what he intends to do to improve the functioning of the district from top to bottom. He began making those changes and has managed to survive some resistance and criticism - but at the end of the day he manages to garner the support necessary and he gets results.

Diaz - always stays focused on the big picture - budget woes and politics aside. He intends to keep the momentum going

on improving student performance, developing better relationships with the community, partnering with the business community in order to help keep the right resources in our neighborhood schools and much more.

His priorities also include tightening enrollment procedures and continued restructuring of schools and staffing similar to the Reinvention of John Muir. At Muir, significant progress was made in three areas: academic program design, community engagement and the controversial staff reapplication process.

Diaz' Middle School Reform program where, by working with organizations such as the Webster Foundation which gave the district a \$600,000 grant, there is a direct, positive, and offsetting impact to the state's cuts .

He recently appointed John Zamora as the Director of Child Welfare and Attendance in keeping with his commitment to parents and the community to make our schools and safe and productive environment.

His plan made significant progress last year and promises much more no matter what Arnold says or does.

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Local and Student Artists Invited to Depict Duarte for City's 51st Anniversary

DUARTE, CA, August 21, 2008 – Calling all artists. The City of Duarte is inviting local artists to submit artistic representations of Duarte landmarks, natural areas, municipal facilities and more, past, present and future for a special "Art in the Park" exhibition. All mediums are welcome. Artwork selected for the exhibition will be displayed at the City of Duarte's 51st annual Anniversary Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Duarte Park.

Duarte Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring a special Du-ART-e contest for high school and junior high school students to submit artwork that visually represents Duarte. Again, any medium may be used. All submittals will be judged by an independent panel of judges. The top three high school and top three junior high school submittals will receive a prize of equal value and their artwork will be displayed at the City Anniversary Picnic.

For more information about the Du-ART-e contest and Art in the Park exhibit, contact: Cesar Monsalve at (626) 357-7931, ext. 203.



Diaz, shown here in June with an unidentified PHS graduate, continues to keep the academic achievement of the students at the top of his agenda.

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Rich Johnson

I love Kim Clymer-Kelly. If Charlie finds out I may be in serious trouble, so if you read this column don't tell him. I'm trying to keep it a secret. I do need to correct a error in Kim's recent column. You remember where she weighed in on Glenn's and my spiritual columns? It was mislabeled, "Her Two Cents Worth". It should have been valued at about a million dollars. She speaks with clarity and sincerity, and I love her for it.

While I am at it I want to again say how thrilled I am that Glenn Lambdin writes a column for this paper. There was a time during the Measure V Wars where I'm sure the only coverage Glenn would have gotten from the Mt. Wilson Observer was an obituary. To be fair, I am proof the editors were trying to achieve fair and balanced coverage (where have I heard that before?) You see, I was originally asked to write a



Yesterday, I received a very sad phone message from one of my old military buddies, Tommy. "Glenn, I am afraid I have some bad news. Frank Elias was found dead yesterday."

Back in the early 70's, at 17 years old and at the end of the Vietnam War, I enlisted in the military. My parents agreed to sign an age waiver and off I went. I remember my mom dropping me off at the induction center in Los Angeles early on the morning of September 3rd. As I walked in through the back doors, I was instantly informed by some rather mean looking fellow with a lot of stripes that I was a maggot and that my backside belonged to him. Since I had just finished spending the summer hanging out at the beach getting in my last blasts of surfing, my shoulder length hair was all bleached the way we did it back then. No wonder Sgt. Slaughter there was yelling at me calling me "Goldie Locks." "Goldie Locks, set your #*@ down over



Hail Hamilton

San Francisco has long prided itself on providing a haven for illegal immigrants. Mayor Gavin Newsom even launched a taxpayer-funded \$83,000 "public awareness campaign" earlier this year assuring illegal immigrants that the "sanctuary city" by the bay was on their side.

And indeed it is. Under the city's 1989 voter-approved sanctuary ordinance, police officers and other city employees are prohibited from inquiring into immigration status. In addition, the city will not direct municipal funds or employees towards assisting federal immigration enforcement, "unless such assistance is required by federal or state law or a warrant" (actually, it is in violation of federal law by aiding and abetting illegal aliens).

No doubt such protections warm the heart of the city's liberal leadership. But San Francisco's status as the nation's numero uno sanctuary city is having unintended consequences.

The brutal and senseless murder last month of Tony Bologna and his sons Michael, 20, and Matthew, 16, at the hands of Edwin Ramos, a native of El Salvador and known member of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) street gang, was a reminder that inviting illegal activity can turn deadly.

Another Week in August

column because they thought, in addition to a healthy dose of craziness, I would also espouse a conservative viewpoint. The last thing anyone wants is an articulate, well reasoned conservative, so I was perfect. And though no one has accused me of writing anything remotely resembling articulate and well reasoned, Susan has told me how much of a disappointment I've been in the waxing conservative department.

Moving on, I got one response regarding my effort to rename the months. Local resident Michael Griffin offered up this suggestion: "We could rename October in Sierra Madre to Barackuary because it promises a change in the seasons but, it's still too damn hot to determine what it's changing into." Clever. Mike, I guess you and I are just too way ahead of our time. The world, or at least Sierra Madre is not ready to take on the challenge of upgrading names of months.

On a personal note I spent Friday morning as a guest of the Huntington Hospital. Somehow I contracted what

From The Desk Of..Glenn Lambdin Goodbye My Friend

there with those other ladies and keep your maggot mouth shut!"

I grabbed a chair next to a guy who introduced himself as Frank. "Cigarette?" he offered. "Sure," I said, even though I didn't smoke. Frank seemed to have this military thing figured out already. He smiled when these jar-head drill sergeants yelled at us. "Don't worry, it's just a game they are playing," he told me. Frank's dad, I learned, was a retired Marine Corps fighter pilot that had been shot down in Korea and managed to find his way back to safety. Frank knew the ropes. He'd been downtown after dark and had "seen the elephant." He was a wise old sage. Frank was 19 years old.

We spent the rest of the day being inspected, detected, neglected, injected, and selected. After signing on the dotted line and swearing our oaths, we were put on a bus and shipped off to boot-camp.

As it turned out, Frank was named squad leader and I was put in his squad. He was assigned the bunk next to mine. We became friends and had

doctors call a atrial fibrillation, which means the top ventricle of my heart had lost the beat and was now not keeping good time with the rest of my heart. (It really saps your strength.) The fix? They bring you into the hospital and take the paddles to you. Before the cardiologist initiates the big bang on your chest they have the decency of putting you asleep...most of the time. I don't know, they must have been low on the Kool Aid because when they yelled clear and went zap... IT WOKE ME UP!!!! I didn't feel any pain but I felt the BIG BANG. I opened my eyes and blurted out "I'M AWAKE!" Well, the cardiologist and the anesthesiologist looked like deer in the headlights. They don't expect the patient to suddenly blurt out "I'M AWAKE". It must have reminded the surgical team of Dr. Frankenstein blurring out, "IT'S ALIVE!!"

To be honest, I was thrilled. Whatta story! And frankly, I feel a hundred times better. Have a good week everyone. And since I haven't said it in a few months, EAT AT FRESCO'S.

each other's back. Assigned with 50 other recruits from all over the country, we were the two from Southern California, and we let everyone know it.

After boot camp we shipped out to another base, and then another, and then another, and as fate would have it, Frank and I ended up in the same places. Actually, there was a group of us that stayed together for four years. Friendships forged in the military can be as strong as the ties shared by actual brothers. They can last whole lifetimes. These guys were my brothers. We were homesick boys that helped each other grow into men. We were there for each other whenever any one of us needed anything. And after being discharged some 30 years ago, we've managed to still be in each other's lives even though we live in different states.

Frank is the first to go. I never really gave it any thought, which one of us would be the first, but I don't think I would have picked him. Sgt.

Frank Andrew Elias, I am proud to say that I served with you. Good-bye my friend.

Madre must start enforcing its laws; and what better place to start than in Memorial Park. A little help from city hall and the police department is all that is necessary. I'm not asking for mass arrests. I'm asking that the city to show its presence in the park by the police telling the day laborers and those hiring them to "move along." Warning first time and ticketing repeat offenders should do the trick.

Is Sierra Madre a sanctuary city? Officially, it is not. Unofficially, I'm not certain. What is certain is that Sierra Madre does not permit police or municipal employees to inquire about the immigration status of those within the city limits, or for such employees to cooperate with federal immigration officials under most circumstances.

"Don't ask, don't tell," perhaps best describes our policy towards the day laborers in Memorial Park. But who made this policy? Did the City Council pass an ordinance? Did the police department issue a directive? Maybe we should hold an election on the matter. At the very least the City Council, as our elected representatives, should go on the record. Is Sierra Madre a sanctuary city? It's time to decide!

Letters To The Editor

Enforce Tint Law Equally

I was stopped by Sierra Madre police about a month ago. The officer told me that my front window tint was illegal. He let me go with warning to remove the tint. California law forbids tint on the two front windows, and he wasn't able to see who was driving the car, which wasn't safe, according to the officer.

If it isn't safe, I wondered, why do I see so many vehicles in Sierra Madre with dark tints on their front windows? It's impossible to drive around Sierra Madre without seeing tinted front windows. Such cars are parked downtown on Baldwin and Sierra Madre and even in back of the police station. If you drive on the neighborhood streets, you'll see many cars parked, day after day in the same space, with tints. If these tints are violations, why do the Sierra Madre police ignore them?

I talked to Marilyn Diaz, the chief of police. She said that the law is the law, but she couldn't explain why the law was being unenforced (or why it was being selectively "enforced" against me). The law is not only being unenforced in Sierra Madre—it's being unenforced throughout southern California. I'd bet at least 5% of the 7 million cars and trucks registered in Los Angeles County alone are illegally tinted.

A law that is unenforced produces disdain for that law. People who break that law tend to think they can break other laws. A law that is selectively enforced produces disdain for that police department. People who have disdain for one police department tend to have disdain for other police departments. The Sierra Madre police (along with other police departments and CHP) should cite everyone, or cite no one, for front window tint violations, and do it immediately. They should make a public announcement as to whether we can violate the law freely or not, and then cite, or not cite, all cars equally.

I do not appreciate being threatened with a citation in my hometown when I see other cars with tints parked within the city limits, often parked in the same place day after day (not to mention all the cars that drive right past the police station and throughout town every day with illegal tints).

I like my tint; I will continue to leave the tint on my front windows until I read about lots of people getting cited in the weekly Police Blotter.

SM Resident, Name Withheld Upon Request

Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE How I Got To Be Me



newspaper and the pages of magazines, and newspapers, I have made an attempt to understand how I got to be me. Rather than trying to analyze my thoughts I have tried to simply observe my actions and then work from there, sort of on the surface.

Actually, this superficial examination is pretty consistent with the way I approach most things. I am seldom interested in how to do anything. For example I really do not care very much about learning how to utilize the e-mail capabilities of a computer. For that reason I rely upon my wife to e-mail my completed columns to Susan. Unfortunately, this has just resulted in my wife accidentally erasing my just-completed column that I labored over for hours. Strangely, I am not mad at her - she feels bad enough as it is - I am angry at myself for refusing to learn the simple procedure by which one magically electronically submits an attachment. I know, I should just ask an 8 year old.

Furthermore, I know when I complete this column I am going to ask my wife to email it to Susan; if you are reading this column it means that she has so agreed. Why don't I want to learn how to do it myself?

Okay, where do I start? First, I know that I have a fear of technology. I feel awkward and powerless around it. I want to throw something when things crash - I hate the feeling and I hate myself for feeling this way.

It's not just technology - strangely I'm just as incapable of making the bed or learning to dance or wrapping a present properly or anything requiring precise closely observed movement. I've been diagnosed, I guess, as being ADHD, whatever that means (and I've read a lot about it and still don't

know); but the truth is I'm just not unable, I'm mainly unwilling to do a whole bunch of things that a 6 year old can easily do. For example, my wife's 6-year old nephew recently taught me alternative methods of shoe-tying and I think I might seriously begin to experiment.

This refusal to deal with the discomfort of learning something new reminds me of the refusal of people with emotional and psychological difficulties to take their medications. I have talked to numerous clients about this kind of refusal and usually hear people talking about unpleasant side effects like dry mouth and a kind of numbness. This explanation is never very convincing to me - what sounds more truthful is the occasional explanation that taking the medication seems to violate some personal standard of integrity, as if the person is violating himself.

Really, this is not so surprising. I think a lot of Jewish men (maybe all men) have been infantilized such that they can't really take care of themselves by themselves. You know - cooking, cleaning, shopping, organizing - small unimportant things which must be done in order to survive. Maybe fidelity is only a kind of cowardice.

Anyway, I think I've observed myself enough to believe that I have been so trained in dependence by my dotting mother and grandmother and possibly through genetic selection that I now experience my own attempts at independence as a kind of betrayal of myself. I also know that my side of the deal sort of requires that I conquer the outside world, provide entertainment, directions, and a reason for being. Simple enough I guess.

So, if you have the opportunity to read this column you should understand that I am still dependent but my wife and I now understand this dependence a little better and perhaps can be a bit more forgiving of one another. That's enough for this week, I guess.



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **54th ST. MEAT MARKET**, 2201 W. 54th ST., L.A., CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FLORINDA BOCEL**, 143 E. GAGE AVE., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FLORINDA BOCEL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/14/08**. 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. 08-1460684

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CASH CORE CURRENCY EXCHANGE**, 6600 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD. STE. #9222, CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AIDA SAMSON**, 3233 WASHINGTON PALCE, GLENDALE, CA 91214. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AIDA SAMSON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/13/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1431150

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. ESPERANZA NOTARY SERVICES 2. ESPERANZA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**, 7339 NADA ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ESPERANZA LOPEZ**, 7339 NADA ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ESPERANZA LOPEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/08/08**. 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. 08-1449774

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PUPIERIA LAS CHAMPAS**, 7508 COMPTON, L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FELIX A. ROMERO**, 1400 E. FLORENCE AV., L.A., CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIX A. ROMERO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/07.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1441019

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TRINITY COPY SERVICES**, 13218 BARBARA AVE. N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LESTHER DE LEON**, 5806 DIAMOND ST., PALMDALE, CA 93552, **DIANA ALVAREZ**, 13218 BARBARA AVE., N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: LESTHER DE LEON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/11/08**. 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. 20081045554

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STUDIO 3**, 66 EAST MONTECITO AVE., SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ELENA RODRIGUEZ-ALONZO**, 400 W. MONTECITO AVE., SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024; **GLORIA PRINS**, 853 OAKGLADE DRIVE, MONROVIA, CA. 91016 AND **MOIRA ANN LOVE**, 201 MONTE VISTA LANE, SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ELENA RODRIGUEZ-ALONZO, GLORIA PRINS, AND MOIRA LOVE**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **06/12/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1393953

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CRACK OF DAWN**, 418 N. EDINBURGH AVE., L.A., CA 90048. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALAN TRAYNOR**, 418 N. EDINBURGH AVE., L.A., CA 90048. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALAN TRAYNOR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1412499

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CRUISERS BOAT LINE**, 5318 E. 2nd ST. #725, L.B., CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EDWARD VANDERHIDER**, 5318 E. 2nd ST. #725, L.B., CA 90803. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDWARD VANDERHIDER**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/06/08**. 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. 08-1393577

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CRYSTAL NAILS SALON**, 2891 E. COLORADO BLVD., PASADENA, CA 91107. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **NHI HUA**, 2233 CATHRYN DR., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NHI HUA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1404378

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **J.I.T. CONTRACTING**, 17360 COLIMA RD. UNIT #312, OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALL CASH DEAL NOW, INC.**, 17360 COLIMA RD., UNIT #312, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748 This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: FELIX LU**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/1/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1401817

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KEEP IT CLEAN OFFICE SERVICES**, 8912 LA ROSA DR., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LARRY SNOW**, PATRICIA SNOW, 8912 LA ROSA DR., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: LARRY SNOW**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JULY 2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1394524

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KETTLESTONES MEDITERRANEAN CAFE**, 630 MYRTLE AVE., MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KETTLESTONES, INC.**, 21315 SATICOYST., UNITH, CANOGA PARK, CA 91304. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: ANUSH VARTANIAN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1383715

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIMI'S SHOP**, 936-950 S. MAPLE AVE. #6, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIE-MICHELLE CRAYTON**, 1236 W. 96th ST., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIE-MICHELLE CRAYTON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/01/08**. 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. 08-1421719

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MONEY SCHOLAR**, 2631 BROOKDALE LANE, DUARTE, CA 91010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHRISTINE D. GOSDANIAN**, 2613 BROOKDALE LANE, DUARTE, CA 91010. This Business is conducted by:

LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1318394
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FIVE STARS RIMS AND TIRES**, 11318 GARVEY AV., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAVIER LARIOS, 14905 ROSCOE V.L. #102, PANORAMA CITY, CA 91402. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAVIER LARIOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **07/23/08**. 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. 08-1336303
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,

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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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAWRENCE K PAVLU CASE NO. BP112067
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LAWRENCE K. PAVLU:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELLEN CARROLL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELLEN CARROLL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 09/10/08 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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City of Sierra Madre
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Property Owners within a 300 foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **Modification to Conditional Use Permit 07-03, 74 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard (Ugo's Gourmet Italian)**
Applicant: Cesare and Sherry Grossi

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a modification to conditional use permit 07-03 (CUP 07-03) for an existing restaurant, Ugo's Gourmet Italian, located at **74 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard**, to allow an on-sale license for beer and wine in conjunction with the current restaurant service. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.60.030B, a conditional use permit is required for restaurants having on-sale licenses for beer, wine, or other alcoholic liquors in conjunction therewith.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING
City of Sierra Madre
Planning Commission meeting
Thursday, **September 4, 2008**
(Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)

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

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

PROJECT LOCATION: 74 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to 10-day appeal period 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 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) 355-7138.

By Order of the Planning Commission
Danny Castro,
Director of Development Services

City of Sierra Madre
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Property Owners within a 300-foot radius
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: **PARCEL MAP 06-02**
Applicant: Jose and Alice Flores
303 E. Montecito Avenue
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the request of a lot split for the property at 303 E. Montecito Avenue. The applicant is proposing to split the existing 24, 841 square foot parcel into two (2) parcels measuring 14, 441 square feet and 10,400 square feet.

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City of Sierra Madre
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Thursday, **September 4, 2008**
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City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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


PROJECT LOCATION: 303 E. Montecito; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period 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 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) 355-7138.

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The World Around Us



Kim Clymer Kelley

The Mountain Clymer On The Road Again

I had waited all summer to get out of town and finally, last Monday, it happened. With all of the work at last completed on my friend Charlie's motor home, we were hitting the road once again. It was on the way home last year that things started to go wrong, first there was the strange light that came on warning about the brakes, then there was the transmission struggling on the hills, and then, with just an hour or so left in our week long trip, a tire blew out. So after a year, several thousand dollars worth of repairs, and a bit of cosmetic and cleaning work, the old rig was ready for a test run. Not wanting to tempt fate too much Charlie decided that we were not going too far the first time out. So after stocking the fridge and the cabinets, packing our bags, and filling the tanks, we hit the road and headed up the coast on the 101. We spent the first two nights at Emma Woods State Beach on the north side of Ventura. The camping at Emma Woods is great. It is not a well-known or well used-campground, but it is one of the few where all of the camp spots are right on the beach. It's a great little well-kept secret of a beach...the surf literally breaks about 10 feet from your door at high tide and it's only about a 1 ½ mile hike south on the beach to downtown Ventura. The beach at the campground is composed of an interesting collection of well-worn rocks (a real treat for a rock hound like me), but there are sandy beaches nearby. We had two wonderfully cool and breezy days there and then left for points further north...we were not sure where, we were just playing it by ear and letting the trip take us rather than us taking a trip.

After stopping off to explore downtown Carpentaria (in all of my trips up the coast, I had never ventured into the adorable downtown) we continued north through Santa Barbara and saw the exit for Gaviotta State Beach. Neither of us had ever stopped there, so we decided to check it out. Since camping spots are at a premium in August, we decided that if any were available, we would stay there. We put our name on the waiting list and were told to check in about noon to see if any would be available for the night. Since it was nearing lunchtime and we had a couple hours to kill, we headed up to Buellton to pick up some pea soup at Andersen's for lunch. We returned to find that the last available spot was ours. After enjoying some tasty (but very salty) soup and a really yummy cream puff, we set out to explore the area. The campground is situated under a very high railroad trestle and offers a long fishing pier that has a hoist to lower boats into the water. We joined all the fisherman out on the pier and were happy to find some seals and pelicans also checking out the scene. The seals were on the bottom of the steps below the dock where boats loaded and unloaded, and the pelicans were very aggressively seeking dinner from the fisherman on the dock. Since it was high tide and there was no access to the beach to the north of the park, we decided to head south for a beach hike. The coastline rose sharply from the beach in steep rocky cliffs that in one area were stark white...a sharp contrast to the sepia and sand color of the surrounding cliffs. Upon returning to the campground from our venture, we stopped to investigate the river that flowed out of the pass to the ocean, then headed back to the RV to relax and have dinner. We returned to the fishing pier for sunset before retiring for the night.

Our journey continues next week.



DAN ROTEN - MUSIC AT SIERRA MADRE'S BEAN TOWN

By Christopher Nyerges

[Nyerges is an author and commentator on current events. His web site is www.ChristopherNyerges.com]

It's Thursday night in Sierra Madre. There's a lively crowd at Bean Town on Baldwin Avenue and Singer/Songwriter Dan Roten is singing his stories to the crowd. Some are there just to listen to him, others are there to work on their laptops or to socialize, and their heads pop up when they hear a noteworthy phrase.

I take a seat with Teresa and we listen to the stories about his life. Of love lost and found again, and lessons learned from heartbreak, pain and joy that comes out of surviving it. We're waiting to hear our favorite song, which he usually plays towards the end of the night - his tribute to Bean Town, the folksy Coffeehouse which artist Steve Hardy calls "the nexus of Sierra Madre."

During a break, I get a chance to sit down with Roten and learn a little more about this Thursday night Bean Town "regular."

Roten, who was born and raised in Los Angeles, spent a couple of years in Nashville, and has lived in Sierra Madre for the past 4 years. When asked to describe his style of music, he says it's a combination of adult contemporary/crossover country/folk/rock. I don't know what that means, but I nod as if I do. His voice and songwriting style have been compared to Bob Seger, Marc Cohn, Jim Croce, Stephen Stills, and Phil Collins. But of course, Dan Roten is an original.

Roten has been interested in music all his

life, but never picked up a guitar or written a song until his mid-twenties.

"My life had reached a point where the choices I was making weren't working for me anymore. I had to make some changes and face the feelings and issues I had been suppressing and running from most of my life. I learned a few chords out of a Rolling Stone's songbook and saw that almost every song had the same 3 or 4 chords. I was able to put my feelings on paper and eventually learned a few more chords and discovered that you don't have to know how to read music in order to be able to write it," explains Roten.

Roten went through many jobs trying to figure out where he fit in, trying to heed his father's advice that "you need to find a good job with security and benefits." His mother had always told him "find something you love doing and would do for fun and for free, and everything else will work out."

It wasn't until his father's suicide right before Christmas in 1993, just a month before his retirement, that he felt that his mother was right.

"Security and benefits don't mean that much if you're not doing something that makes you



happy. My father's death freed me -- I decided to quit my job as a plumber, which paid well and had great security and benefits. I wanted to be able to live with the fact that I had at least made an attempt to pursue the music, even though I had no clue of how to go about doing it."

Roten ended up recording a CD his songs and used it as a sort of business card, which opened the doors for many musical performance jobs. He began playing at small coffeehouses, put together a band, and his list of gigs began to grow. He played for a couple of years at Gladstone's and The Upstart Crow Bookstore at Universal City Walk, and then found a booking agent who got him corporate work with Starbucks, outdoor malls, street festivals, local restaurants, and the Sierra Madre Concert in the Park Series.

Every Thursday for the past year he plays at Bean Town. He currently has two CDs of his original music available. In performance, "I tend to do more obscure cover songs by artists who have influenced me," he says. Hotel Californias, Free Birds and Margaritaville because I don't want to feel like a human juke-

box. The songs I have written have come when I was finally willing to let go of any expectations or frustrations. The songs kind of drop out of the sky when they're ready. I just have to be awake and have the awareness when they do. I'm still amazed every time it happens and then wonder if it will ever happen again," says Roten with a smile.

"My songs are all stories that I have lived," says Roten. "When I first heard Bob Dylan's 'Blood On The Tracks' album, I was touched by his honesty and vulnerability. I know if I'm singing about my life, people will connect the song to their own experiences. I learned when I lived in Nashville that most of the Songwriters there write songs about what they think people want to hear. I try to focus on writing songs about the things I need to hear. That pain, struggle, loss and disappointment are part of growing up. To appreciate those special defining moments and know they may never come again, and that it's never too late to learn how to give and receive love. I try to appreciate that I'm doing what I love to do for a living, that even through the noise of babies crying, blenders and breaking glass, there is always someone out there listening."

For information about Roten's schedule, personal songwriting, or booking him for live events, go to myspace.com/danroten, or email him at danroten@gmail.com.

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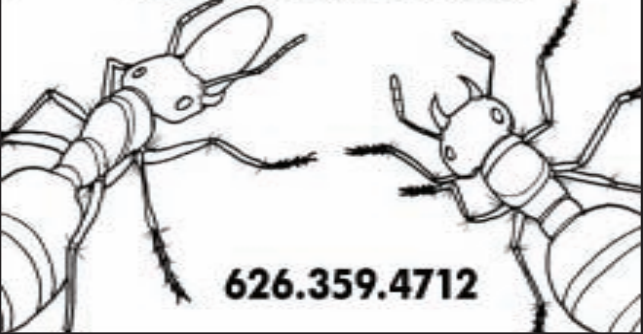
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Science & Health



From the Inside Out: Where to Go?

By Mary Carney

Coming up is Labor Day weekend, when most folks' thoughts turn to a "last summer weekend fling" - of time away from anything that requires "focus and concentration". A time to enjoy ourselves - outdoors, having fun, doing something different, something new, something that refreshes, teases and titillates us, that we can look back at later on and say, that was a great time! I'm really glad I did that!

While it's not for everyone, if you find yourself having even one day "free", here's something that is different, and that can tease and titillate us, that we can, indeed, look back and say, "that was one of the best things I've done", "it was a changing point in my life". And it's only for those whose care about their health, or about the health of family or friends. It's definitely not for everyone. There's just not room.

This Labor Day weekend is the 36th Alternative Therapies Convention, focused on nutritionally complex "dis-eases", and is sponsored by the Cancer Control Society at the Universal Sheraton, just outside the Citywalk. This is the best small, intimate, friendly, personal interaction available gathering of all kinds of events I've ever gone to. My other half and I have gone regularly for at least 10 years, just to keep up with "what's the latest" and who's the expert, so we can share it appropriately during the year. Yes, this is also my third year of sharing my specialty as well, and yes, each year, I too have something new to offer.

Yes, I know the focus is on "recovering from

the big C", but much of what is available is "right on" for anyone with any kind of "nutritionally complex dis-ease". The best minds and hearts in the world, who have spent their lives working with helping individuals recover from cancer, will be there ... There is a full schedule of presentations from Saturday through Monday, books, and opportunities to try all kinds of health supportive things, including organic lunches outside in the dappled sunlight.

Have you wondered what the fuss is about with alkaline water? Water at different acid or alkaline levels that, over time, can easily help rebalance your inner pH levels to something that does not support the development of cancer? Here's your chance!

What about liquid zeolites? Huh? What are they? Only one of the most simple ways to escort heavy metals out of your body, that's what! And why should you care about that? Well, in our world, much of our bodies' efforts are focused on protecting our cells from the absorption of heavy metals from air, food and through skin... wouldn't it be nice to learn more about something that helps get rid of what we can't get away from?

Have you had an opportunity for a live blood cell analysis? Would you like to try short demos of different kinds of bodywork, ranging from hands-on reflexology to machine-generated massage chairs? How about enjoying that fabulous rebounder - the bounce-back all-fit chair - that adult "all in one" swing for the living room or play room for those who prefer to

bounce while sitting, rather than standing up?

How about precision far infrared - the wonderful "one application process" - during which you discover, before anyone else, which parts of you are low in energy and which receive, "right then and there" the purest life force healing energies precisely where they're most needed? Most of the demo focuses between head and tailbone ... but the rest can be included in a full session. The US leading edge presenter of this process, Dr. Kazuko Hillyer, will be talking about this special process this late Monday afternoon.

And have you heard about the FDA approved RJL "Body Impedance Analysis" scan (until now only available at leading edge hospitals, NASA, and from leading edge researchers)? Now available to certified health professionals (I am one), this simple scan pinpoints your level of cell health and integrity. Want to know precisely how much of your body is fat (BMI)? How much water you're carrying around? And is that water inside the cells where it's needed? or outside the cells struggling to dilute the toxins? And how much of who you are is structural tissue versus supporting tissue? Want to "see" how much "energy" you have?

And, yes, I know - underneath every serious enough nutritional imbalance is "stress" - and some of what's available also looks at releasing stress at the deepest possible levels.

Check out www.cancercontrolsociety.com, and come. Browse, explore, and stop by and say hello! I'd love to see you there.



Photo by Aaron Dominguez

THE FIRST-EVER IMAGE OF A SINGLE PARTICLE of Martian dust is the latest achievement of NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander, using its atomic-force microscope.

The particle—observed at higher magnification than anything ever seen from another world—is about one micrometer, or one millionth of a meter, across. It is a speck of the dust that cloaks Mars. Such dust particles color the Martian sky pink, feed storms that regularly envelop the planet, and produce Mars' distinctive red soil.

"This is the first picture of a clay-sized particle on Mars, and the size agrees with predictions from the colors seen in sunsets on the Red Planet," says Phoenix co-investigator Urs Staufer of the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, who leads a Swiss consortium that made the microscope.

It took a very long time, roughly a dozen years, to develop this device, which is operating in a polar region on a planet now about 220 million miles from Earth.

The atomic force microscope maps the shape of particles in three dimensions by scanning them with a sharp tip at the end of a spring. During the scan, invisibly fine particles are held by a series of pits etched into a substrate microfabricated from a silicon wafer.

The atomic force microscope can detail the

Looking Up A Microscope on Mars

With Bob Eklund

shapes of particles as small as about 100 nanometers, roughly one one-thousandth the width of a human hair. That is about 100 times greater magnification than seen with Phoenix's optical microscope, which made its first images of Martian soil about two months ago. Until now, Phoenix's optical microscope held the record for producing the most highly magnified images to come from another planet.

"I'm delighted that this microscope is producing images that will help us understand Mars at the highest detail ever," Staufer says. "This is proof of the microscope's potential. We are now ready to start doing scientific experiments that will add a new dimension to measurements being made by other Phoenix lander instruments."

FOR ME, THE ABOVE REFERENCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEUCHÂTEL awakened fond memories, as I once spent a student year in that lovely French-speaking Swiss town, with a view of the Bernese Alps eastward from my bedroom window. The news that my former school was involved in anything as futuristic as a microscope on Mars took me quite by surprise. I recall Neuchâtel as the habitat of eccentric French professors happily immersed in the past—more conversant with the likes of Moliere, Voltaire, and Jean-Jacques Rousseau than with the Space Age (which, in any case, had not begun yet).

BERNESE OBERLAND FROM NEUCHÂTEL

Each day that winter, out my window facing east, The sun would shake me from my bed Bursting over A whole sawtooth horizon full of Alps. In miniature across the clear Kilometers of Swiss December air, I memorized them all Along with my irregular French verbs— Measured and traced each rise and fall Against the new day's light. And always the eye Would be drawn back again To the central three: sharp-pointed Eiger held At bay forever from the bright Jungfrau By the great brooding massif of the Mönch. Quick-frozen now in memory, a whole year's worth Of sunrises—long views to eastward, Packed and laid away To warm and dazzle, bright as Jungfrau's great ice-fall, The heart unwakened or the too-dim day. If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b eklund@m vobserver.com [Poem copyright 2008 by Robert L. Eklund.]

Exploring Scientific Ways To Save The Planet

According to many experts, global warming is the greatest crisis that mankind has ever faced. And as the planet heads toward disaster, decisive action is needed.

Some of the world's finest brains have been drawing up plans—radical scientists with revolutionary ideas. Yet putting these ideas into action requires epic experiments on a massive scale, in search of a solution that could change the future of our world.

A new Discovery Channel series tracks the progress of these experiments, filtered through the perspective of experts in science, engineering and business. In each episode of "Discovery Project Earth," the three hosts—known as the Task Force—meet a visionary scientist and implement his or her idea, creating the project for the program. Once complete, it is their job to test and assess each geo-engineering project.

The show's scientists have already made enormous strides, creating the thinnest etched lens ever made to allow sunlight to be defracted away

from the sun with the solar shields. This group was also the first to prove that microwaves could transmit energy through the entire length of the atmosphere, opening the way for harvesting solar power in space.

Among the experiments that will be demonstrated on "Discovery Project Earth" are:

- Air Scrubber—When something's dirty, you scrub it until it's clean. That's the logic behind the world's most advanced CO2 scrubber tower. Removing CO2 from the air is a big idea that could help reverse global warming.
- Reflective Clouds—Could we lower the Earth's temperature by making clouds brighter so they reflected more of the sun's heat back into space? Watch what happens as a cloud is created using 300 hygroscopic flares.
- Raining Trees—Something big could take root when 20,000 mangrove tree spores and cordgrass seedlings are dropped from a squad of helicopters over the eroding New Cut Dune in Louisiana.

- Floating Turbines—If we could harness the energy of high-altitude winds, we'd have a limitless supply of power anywhere on the planet. But how do you get a wind turbine thousands of feet off the ground? Easy. Attach it to a blimp and launch it over Mexico.

- Glacier Blankets—Wrapping glaciers with blankets to prevent them from melting? See what happens when a team of scientists flies to Greenland with 31 giant rolls of blankets to tuck in a disappearing mass of this critical ice. (NAPS)—

"Discovery Project Earth" airs Fridays at 9 p.m. To learn more, visit www.discoverychannel.com.

The Project Earth MARS Turbine is being tested in a wind tunnel for the Discovery Channel. This technology could create air "scrubbers" to reduce the amount of CO2 from the air, thus potentially reversing global warming.

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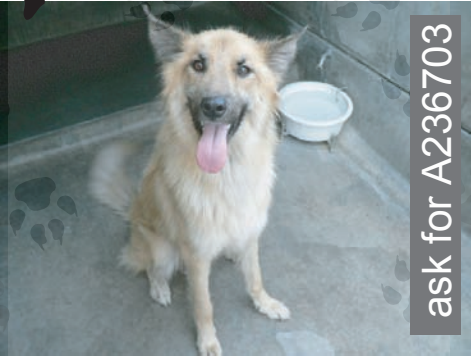
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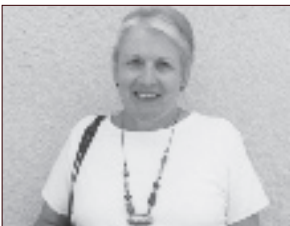
Seniors & Activities



TABLE FOR TWO By Peter Dills
"Old School"

Take the top down on the classic Mustang; turn the station to the Beach Boys, turn it up louder 'cause I can still hear you, and come enjoy a ride down Route 66 with me. This week at the Chef Knows we are going "Old School". How about a place with some red leather seats and a great drink for under (\$10.00)? Maybe a lady named Marge to serve us? So if I am dreaming, please don't wake me. This past week I booked a reservation at Twin Palms Restaurant in Old Pasadena for my wonderful Mother's Birthday. The meal itself was unbelievably forgettable and the magic of Kevin Costner appears to have moved to a different theater. I ordered an Ice Wedge lettuce salad (\$7.95). I just felt my wallet shrink with that order. Not much to this plate but a 1/6 head of lettuce and some Blue Cheese dressing as a gesture. Where were the crumbles or the bacon bits? I look forward to going here again with little more enthusiasm than my dentist, but at least he takes insurance. This isn't "Old School", heck this isn't even the Old Twin Palms. We've got to get out of here! I know the place with a simple appetizer and a lot more - it's Taylor's in La Canada. Taylor's originally started on 8th St. in downtown Los Angeles. Tex Taylor started his clubby namesake restaurant over 40 years ago. The downtown location is still going strong. His son, Bruce Taylor has since taken over the reins and opened a second location in La Canada. Red leather booths, full bar and veteran servers like Marge, just like the good old days. That's what I want. Look there, a nice bone in Porterhouse; now I truly am in heaven. An angel must have made this Molly Salad, because it is amazing. I have to

believe that no matter what a restaurant owner tells you, all the beef comes from essentially the same purveyor. Newport Meat Company seems to be the top choice. Some owners may brag that they buy the top 2% of the cow. So going on my theory, I rank Taylor's right up there with the best of them. Prices, even with the recent increases, are still very reasonable. It is accepted, now that the entrees are a la carte at the high end steakhouses. Taylor's is nostalgic and still offers a dinner salad with each entrée. Go for the Molly Salad - it's a wedge of lettuce with tomatoes, onions and blue Cheese dressing, and I am sure it is the best in town. Yes, I said the best in town! Is the radio too loud for you? The menu includes starters such as a Chilled Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail (\$12.75). Weekday specials, Monday through Sunday include Baby Back Ribs, Sand Dabs, and a Roast Rack of Lamb. Prices range from (\$15.95 to \$29.95) for the Filet Mignon Bordelaise. The regular menu features all prime and choice cuts, including a Prime Rib dinner cut for (\$24.95) or full for (\$27.95), The Culotte (only two cuts per cow - \$28.95), New York Cut (\$28.95) and a free range chicken for (\$17.95). This visit I ordered the Boneless Rib Eye (\$26.95) with their Deep Dish Apple Pie for dessert. Three and a half stars Reservations suggested; open for Lunch and Dinner, Full Bar Taylor's Steakhouse 901 Foothill Blvd. La Canada (818) 790-7668 Log onto www.taylorsteakhouse.com for complete menu and prices In the next few months I will be visiting many an "Old School" Restaurant. So stay tuned to the Chef Knows TV Show every Sunday Night at 8 PM on KJLA TV



BIRD'S EYE VIEW
Pollyanna For A Day - Almost.

By Pat Birdsall

My friend Michael mentioned the other day that he thought my columns quite often have a negative bent rather than a positive one. You know, maybe he's right. I have always seen the glass as half empty, but psychotherapy is so expensive and mood elevators are so, well, mood elevating. I will really try to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and—wait, I guess Johnny Mercer already did that one. Anyway, I will make a concerted effort to view everyday things more positively starting today. Our office is located near a psychic who advertises "Chakra and Aura Cleansing." Maybe that's the solution, yeah, that's it. Of course, I guess it would help to know exactly where my chakra is located and why it needs to be cleansed. I'll have to give them a call-- tomorrow.

I have several hours before my story deadline so I'm certain that something positive will course through my brain by then. Let's see, it's now 1:00 P.M. Okay, it's 2:00 and nothing so far. Not to worry. Well, it's 3:00 and I am starting to worry but I can't because that's negative energy isn't it? Okay, it's 4:00 and I'm starting to break out in a sweat. 5:00, 6:00...yikes, nothing positive is happening. Maybe I should turn on the City Council meeting, they're usually more positive than negative aren't they? What the hell am I saying? That does it! Pollyanna doesn't live here and she never will. Sorry Michael. Well, I'm off to get a saucer of milk and sharpen my claws, I mean my nails, to prepare for next week's column. I feel better now, dirty chakra and all.

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

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Shortly before she passed away several years ago, this scam nearly worked on my elderly grandmother in Florida.--It's making a comeback-- Young male criminals are convincing elderly victims over the phone that the caller is their long-lost grandson who is in jail and needs money wired to them for bail. They start the conversation crying and ask, "Grandma?" The elderly victim will then inadvertently supply the grandchild's name. The caller goes on to claim their innocence, crying the whole time so that their voice cannot be identified. In several cases, the victims wired the money to a location in Canada. If you suspect that you are being duped, tell the caller that you will find the telephone number for the agency yourself, and then contact your local Police Department for advice on how to proceed.

~Helpful Hints~

Kitchen Equivalents	
1 cup liquid....1/2 pint	3 tsp....1 tbsp
2 cups....1 pint	2 tbsp...1/8 cup
2 pints....1 quart	4 tbsp...1/4 cup
4 cups liquid....1 quart	16 tbsp...1 cup
1 quart....4 cups	4 oz....1/2 cup
4 quarts....1 gallon	8 oz. 1 cup
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Happy Birthday
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Recipe of the Month:

Cheddar-Onion Dip

1 large Vidalia onion, trimmed and grated (about 1 cup)
8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1 package (8 oz.) light cream cheese (Neufchatel)
1 tsp. garlic powder
1/4 tsp. ground cayenne pepper
Chopped scallion, for garnish (optional)
Assorted crackers for serving
In a medium sized cast-iron oven-safe skillet, combine onion, cheeses, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Cook over grill heated to medium heat, stirring until cheese is melted, about 5 minutes. Garnish with scallions, if desired, and serve with crackers.

Spinach-Bean Dip

1 box frozen chopped spinach, thawed
1 can (15 oz.) white beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup sour cream
1 envelope vegetable soup mix
1/4 cup milk
Drain spinach; squeeze out excess liquid. Place beans in a food processor. Puree until smooth. Add sour cream, soup mix and milk. Pulse until blended. Transfer to a portable container or bowl and stir in chopped spinach. Refrigerate 2 hours or until serving.

For Your Funny Bone

There was a man who had worked all his life, had saved his money and was a real miser. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." He got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him. Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertaker got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a minute!" She had a box with her and came over to the casket and placed it inside. Then the undertaker locked the casket down and rolled it away. "I know you weren't foolish enough to put all that money in there with your husband," said the friend. The loyal wife replied, "Listen, I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money in the casket with him and I did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, he can spend it."

Quote: Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself
~ John Dewey

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Friday: Ping-Pong- 1:30 PM
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Can you donate one hour of your time per month? Local volunteer drivers are desperately needed for the Sierra Madre Meals-on-Wheels program. Please call Darlene Traxler at 626.355.6220. You can make a difference in someone's life.



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
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A community excursion arranged by the Recreation Department. \$27.00 per person (Bowl ticket & ticket for the Park & Ride Bus. (Leaves from Arcadia County Park) For more information & to buy tickets, call (626) 355-5278.
September 20- Fillmore Train Trip- (10:00 AM- 5:00 P.M.) Take the bus from the Sierra Madre Senior Center to Fillmore and catch the train to Santa Paula. A 3-course meal will be served in one of the vintage dining cars. Enjoy a one and a half-hour layover to see the interesting sights. \$49.00 per person.
For more information and reservations call (626) 355-7394.
Free Blood Pressure Clinic- Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon No appointment necessary
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 (626) 355-7394.
NEW Program- Financial Consulting
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Homes & Property

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

By Chris Bertrand

ASID Home & Kitchen Tour

The Pasadena Chapter of American Society of Interior Designers Home and Kitchen Tour always creates a stir in the design and contracting community. The 2008 ASID event lives up to this year's excitement. Tickets are available now for self-guided tours on Sunday, October 5, which will feature six homes prepared by top area designers.

The styles are varied this year, offering a great way for the public to see design trends applied to diverse, real life homes in Glendale, San Marino, Pasadena and Altadena. In fact, their mantra for the event is "real homes for real people." The designers and many of the vendors will be on hand that day, offering a unique opportunity to pick the brains of top local designers about blending those newest designs with design challenges. I also find these events a great way for potential remodelers to "interview" many designers by inspecting their workmanship and materials, and to see if there is a meeting of the minds and a personality match, without the pressure of a one on one meeting.

Cynthia Bennett makes her 17th appearance in this event. This understated, petite woman drives the highly respected firm with her name since 1981. Their status as a general contractor, architectural AND design firm creates the unusual opportunity for one stop remodel shopping. As with all her projects, Bennett's firm has done extensive research on the Spanish Revival style of this home, very popular in its San Marino community and throughout Los Angeles. She and her staff are a wealth of information about restoring and reproducing products for an authentic presentation. They had the unusual opportunity to choose ALL the furnishings for the home, as well, since the owners wished to move in with a completely clean slate.

Melinda Schmidt, who literally grew up in the design business, took on a traditional Georgian home in Glendale. Interning at 17 under her general contractor and interior designer mother, she now owns Fremdling Design Group. This total remodel challenged Schmidt to create a family friendly environment, including reconfiguring the kitchen and casual living spaces. In the midst of the project, the clients announced the impending arrival of a third child, so additional reconfiguration of bedroom allocation resulted in a nursery not to be missed.

Kristina Urbanas Spencer once again stays ahead of the



Left: Kristina Spencer shows off her formaldehyde free cabinetry. Above: The San Marino Spanish Revival by Cynthia Bennett and Associates.

green design curve, with another year of showing how green living CAN be accomplished, while still living comfortably. From very easy green choices like low VOC paints, she also incorporates many practical mainstream and some "out there" methods for a healthier, greener home environment in a Pasadena contemporary overlooking Eaton Canyon. She incorporated 40% ash into her concrete patio for increased durability while diverting the ash from its landfill destination. A 12x12 gazebo by Envision Solar, with solar electricity service is going up. Her formaldehyde-free kitchen cabinetry is custom made to her green specs. The "out there" feature I hadn't previously heard of was applying American clay to the walls, as a finish like plaster. This clay then emits negative ions, purportedly counteracting the positive ions of our high tech environments. Visit www.AmericanClay.com for more information.

Three additional designers applied their design savvy. Mario Savarino took on a 6000 square foot Altadena estate built in 1910, preserving the period feel while offering the modern conveniences of 21st century life. Marlene Oliphant remodeled and updated a cramped and dark, 1932 Spanish bungalow in Glendale. The centerpiece around which the rest revolves are vivid, handmade Malibu tiles. Don't miss her clever application of wall art of leftover tiles where a kitchen

window was removed. Judith Kenyon Burness focused on a mid century "empty nest" capable of grand scale entertaining, collaborating with Oregon based architectural designer Eric Butler. Innovative and creative solutions include and indoor outdoor living room, floor-to-ceiling pivot doors and custom concrete pieces fabricated in Portland, then trucked to the hilltop Pasadena location.

Tickets to the Pasadena ASID Home and Kitchen Tour are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the tour. Call 800-237-2634, purchase online at www.ASIDpasadena.com or buy tickets and raffle tickets at Cynthia Bennett & Associates, 501 Fair Oaks Avenue, South Pasadena, 626-799-7901 and other retail locations listed on their website. Tickets will include a map and the address of each home on the tour. One of the homes will also feature a dozen retail boutiques for your shopping pleasure. ASID is a nonprofit organization, and proceeds go toward scholarships for emerging designers. Bring your flat comfortable shoes for an afternoon of inspiration!



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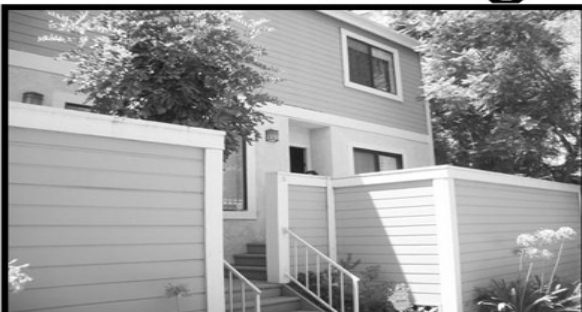
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