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## OneCarter/Stonehouse Legal Woes Continue

### Court Grants Creditor Injunction - Projects Are In Receivership

By Susan Henderson

Earlier this month, Capital Source Funding, the lender who advanced \$38 million to the developers of One Carter and Stonehouse, filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court asking for a Judicial Foreclosure of the Trust Deed and the appointment of a Receiver. The court temporarily granted the request, issuing orders and appointing a Receiver. A hearing for a permanent injunction is scheduled for September 8, 2008.

The primary reasons stated in the lawsuit, which also names additional Dorn-Platz affiliated entities, was the failure of One Carter LLC to perform as stated in the loan agreement executed in 2005. The borrowers defaulted on the loan, which advanced \$27,495 million to the One Carter project and \$9 million to the Stonehouse project. Specifically, they failed to:

- Pay the interest on the loan since March 1, 2008;
- Sell the One Carter property prior to June 30, 2007;
- Settle the lawsuits with the City of Sierra Madre and Stonehouse;
- Gain approval and provide proof of the Vesting Tentative Tract Map for the Stonehouse property;
- Arrange for the final hearing with the Sierra Madre Planning Commission and get the Commission's recommendation to the council to certify the Environmental Impact report;
- Arrange for the City Council to certify the final environmental impact report prior to Mat 31, 2008 and
- Enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the sale of Phase 2 by July 1, 2008.

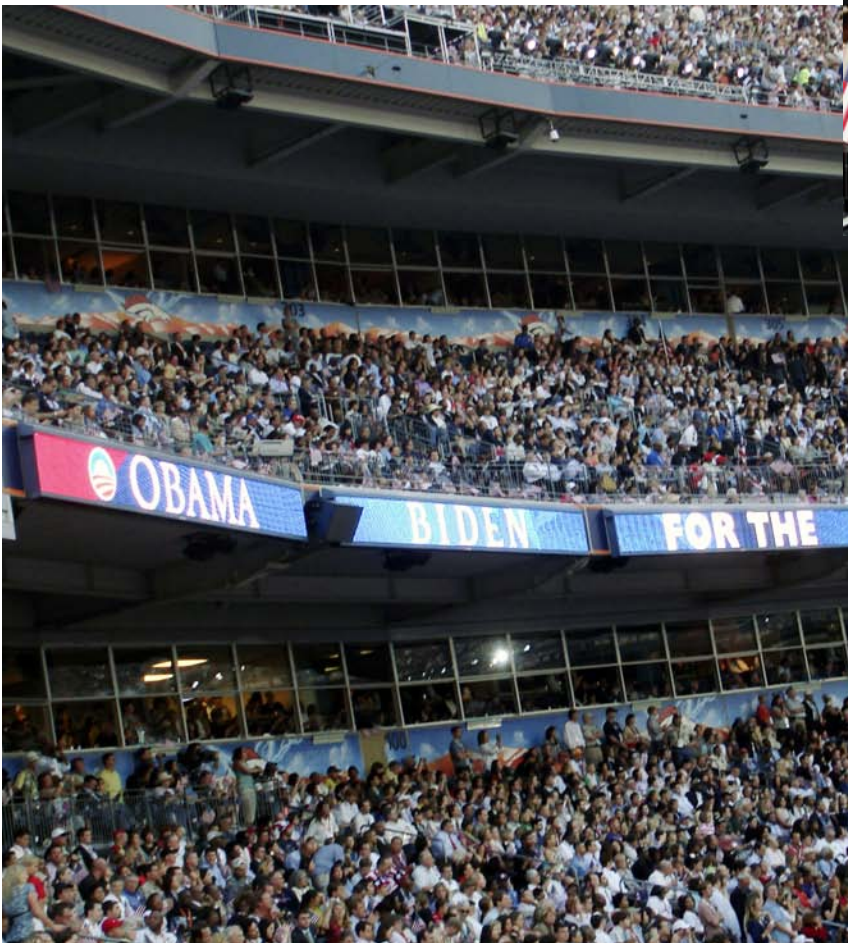
In May of this year, one of the original investment groups attempted to foreclose and/or sell their interest in the properties, but a ninth hour agreement with all parties took that sale off the table.

The receivership bars the developers "from interfering with the receiver in the performance of his duties." The Receiver will see to it that the necessary infrastructure work required by the city is completed before the rainy season. In addition, the Receiver will attempt to settle the lawsuits with the City and, if permanent orders are issued, they will proceed with the development of the project.

To the delight of many residents, the control of One Carter and Stonehouse by Dorn-Platz appears to be over.

## Real Change?

### Barack Obama Becomes America's First African American Presidential Nominee



On the 45th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech, Barack Obama officially accepted the presidential nomination of the Democratic Party. More than 85,000 people from all 50 states and US territories stood in long lines, up to 3 hours for some, in order to be present when this moment of history was recorded. The lines were filled with ordinary citizens, celebrities, elected officials and children who waded through a security maze several miles long in order to get into the stadium. Photo of Barack/Biden courtesy of the DNC. All others by S. Henderson/MVO



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## SIERRA MADRE PARKING LOT RULE CHANGE CONTEMPLATED

By Dean Lee

What started out with the City Council asking for a report at their last meeting over specific complaints of noise, drugs, and theft in the city-owned Auburn Avenue parking lot, now has police rethinking all uses for all city-owned lots throughout the city, including possibly charging for parking.

Councilmember Kurt Zimmerman said he saw no reason why the city allows 48 hour parking. Councilmember Don Watts wants to look at what time businesses close in the area. "Let me amend what I said, I can't think of any compelling reason it needs to be kept open 24 hours," Zimmerman said.

Watts remarked, "I don't want the business community to be inconvenienced by having the parking lots closed at any particular time. Except that there is no business for anyone being in the lots, if it's a commercial lot, after a certain time of night."

Watts added he would like to see times posted but wants to wait for a full report. Mayor Pro Tem Maryann MacGillivray said she also thought the lots should be closed at night, something Police Chief Marilyn Diaz said Thursday might not be possible.

Diaz did say that addressing the concerns were long overdue. She also said she was writing recommendations this weekend that included charging for overnight parking in public lots.

"There are actually two issues," Diaz said. One of those includes "Whether or not council wants to start using an overnight parking machine that would eliminate the need for people to call in to the police department and get temporary parking permits."

Diaz said the council would have to change the city's current municipal code before generating revenue from parking.

She then said a second agenda item would deal with the lots, "Whether we want a uniform restrictions conditions associated with all of them, or whether some of them, because of their proximity to the canyon or to downtown businesses, bars, restaurants should have some particular conditions associated with them."

The Auburn lot is adjacent to a home on Windsor Lane where last month a standoff had the surrounding area locked down. The suspect, Roberto Funston, was wanted in connection with car thefts in the Auburn lot, according to Police Captain Larry Giannone. He was also wanted in connection with illegal drug dealing in the area.

During "our investigation, it revealed that the subject that was taken out of the residence was also responsible for the three grand thefts autos we had out of the parking lot," he said, adding that Funston is currently (cont. page 3)

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## Sierra Madre

### 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.

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.

### BARGAIN BOOK TABLE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library from September 15-20 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.

For further information on programs and services please visit the Library's web site at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us) or call (626) 355-7186. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

### SIERRA MADRE AQUATICS CENTER

The Sierra Madre Aquatics Center will be opening for Fall 2008 for lap swim. Hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Lap swim season passes are available for \$100.00 and there will NOT be daily admissions. You can purchase season passes at the Community Recreation Center at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. The Sierra Madre Aquatics Center needs to sell 65 passes in order to stay open for the Fall Season. For more information contact 626-355-5278.

### Hollywood Bowl

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Hollywood Bowl this Friday, August 29, 2008. The musical guest will be John Williams, famed composer of the *Stars Wars* and *Indian Jones* movie scores. Tickets cost \$27.00 and include transportation. Transportation will be provided by the Arcadia Foothill Transit Park and Ride. To purchase tickets for the excursion visit the Community Recreation Office at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information contact 626-355-5278.

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### SIERRA MADRE Coordinating Council

The Sierra Madre Coordinating Council will be meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Youth Activity Center starting at 11:30 am. It is the goal of the Coordinating Council to bring together the local Sierra Madre community groups to share ideas and calendars so that we can all be on the same page. Please RSVP for the meeting at 626-355-5278.

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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 Mission Renaissance	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 City Council, Council Chambers 6:30 pm Summer Fun in the Park Memorial Park, 9:30 am So. California Lyric Theatre	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
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## City Of Arcadia

### TONGVA EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit, *Tongva: Our Voice, Our History, Our People* on September 13, 2008. This exhibit features the history and culture of Tongva people, Native Americans who have lived in this area for thousands of years. Tongva individuals from around the area have come together, at the village of Aleupkingna (Arcadia), to create this exhibition to share their past and present experiences with the public. Culture and history are presented through the eyes of Tongva people using words, artifacts, cultural materials and photographs. This is an extraordinary opportunity to learn about this remarkable group of people from the people themselves.

The grand opening of the exhibit will take place on September 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include Tongva dancers, speakers and cultural demonstrations. The exhibit continues through November 22, 2008.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

### COME MAKE THE GRADE @ YOUR ARCADIA LIBRARY

Students in the 4th grade & up (and their parents) are invited to come learn how the Library is every student's "Passport to Homework Success" on Thursday, September 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be demonstrations of Live Homework Help, the Library's free online tutoring service, as well as the Library's many online databases. Every participant will get a free gift. For more information, call (626) 821-5572.

### TEEN ZONE RESUMES @ YOUR ARCADIA LIBRARY

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to again take advantage of a weekly Teen Zone program which will be held in the Library's Auditorium every Tuesday beginning on September 9 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Come to study, read, or just relax!

Teens are also invited to a special "Back to School Ice Cream Social" on Wednesday, September 10 from 3 p.m. to whenever the ice cream runs out! Ease your way back into the routine with a big yummy sundae you create yourself!

## IT'S A HUMDINGER!



Every year about this time (September 20, at 9am to be exact), Creative Arts Group in Sierra Madre, a nonprofit art center, has a humdinger of a flea market (actually a rummage sale).

Members and friends of Creative Arts Group contribute mountains of worthy stuff and it is sold at very reasonable prices to those intrepid many who line up every year for some great bargains. Among those connoisseurs of castoffs this sale is worthy of travelling from far and wide to attend. Come see what it is all about. The gallery will be open during the sale, so if rummage is not your thing, check out the art.

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### FREE PUBLIC FORUM ON ELECTION REFORM SEPTEMBER 4

Gerrymandering as we know it in California could end if voters decide in November that elected representatives no longer should draw the boundaries of legislative districts to reassure their own re-election. In a free public forum to explain the new redistricting reform, The League of Women Voters Pasadena Area is bringing together speakers from Common Cause, AARP and the Pasadena City Council.

**The free forum on Proposition 11 – California Voters FIRST Act -- will be Thursday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m., at the Women's City Club, 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., and lunch is at noon.**

Speakers include Kathy Feng, Executive Director of California Common Cause; Chris Holden, Pasadena City Councilman, and Chris Carson, Government Affairs Director, California League of Women Voters.

Departing from the League's usual pro-and-con format, the forum will advocate passage of Proposition 11.

Further information call: 626-798-0965. Admission to the forum is free. Lunch is \$20, including tax, tip and parking.



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News Around The San Gabriel Valley  
MT. WILSON TOLL ROAD TO OPEN

By Bruce Lamarche

The Mt. Wilson Toll Road has been closed since a second major slide occurred in February 2005. This slide was the second within two months resulting from heavy rainstorms. It is so massive that many questioned whether or not it could be opened. The slide is just uphill from the Eaton Canyon Bridge. This road has been essential for fire-fighting access to the Forestry Station at Henninger Flats, which helps protect the mountains above Altadena and Pasadena. With this fire road closed it has been necessary to travel over an hour in the Angeles National Forest to get to the station.

This month the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved funds to open this famous road. Work to clear the road is scheduled to start in October 2008 and be completed by April 2009.

The road was first opened in 1891 as a passage to Mt. Wilson. It was closed in 1936 when it was turned over to the Forest Service. The Toll Road is known to hikers for its’ pleasant 2.7 mile route to Henninger Flats and beyond. Until the slide occurred, the road provided spectacular views of the city most of the way. The narrow path currently visible across the slide is considered very dangerous and should not be attempted.

The massive slide can be seen clearly from the gate of the road in Altadena by going north on Altadena Dr. to Crescent Dr. to Pinecrest Dr.



Arcadia  
Armenian Orchestra To Celebrate Saroyan Centennial

The National Chamber Orchestra of Armenia will celebrate the centennial of author William Saroyan’s birth with a concert under the baton of Aram Gharabekian conducting 28 musicians from Armenia. Offered one time only, the performance will be at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5, at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale.

The internationally acclaimed orchestra will present works by David Haldjian, Karl Jenkins, Tigran Mansurian, Roberto Molinelli, Astor Piazzolla, Henry Purcell, Michael Nyman, and Dimitri Shostakovich. Enthusiastic reviews have been published in Germany, Moscow, and Canterbury, UK, following this orchestra’s concerts there.

William Saroyan was born of Armenian parents on Aug. 31, 1908, in Fresno, CA. By age 20, he embarked on a long career as a prolific writer and playwright, with many of his works reflecting his youth in Fresno’s Armenian community.

The Saroyan Centennial Concert is supported by the Armenia Sub-Committee of the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee. A residual benefit from sales of tickets through the Armenia Sub-Committee will benefit schools in their sister city of Vanadzor, Armenia. Donations of \$50 or \$30 are requested. For tickets or more information, phone Mary at 626/333-1610 or Lucie at 626/791-7800.

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Third prize: \$250 gas card.

Schedule of Events

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	5:00 p.m.	Social and Silent Auction
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Live Auction

Please contact the Development Office at 626.355.7188 or [jeanne@materdolorosa.org](mailto:jeanne@materdolorosa.org) or go to [www.materdolorosa.org](http://www.materdolorosa.org) or [www.passionist.org](http://www.passionist.org).

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waiting trial at Pasadena court.

Giannone also said, in the last year, there had been 17 complaints about the Auburn lot, 11 of which were for parking only. He said six of the calls were

for disturbances. After stepping up patrols in the last 90 days around the lot he said they found no other disturbances.

During a police survey last month they found half of the parked cars in the Auburn lot were registered outside of the city. Giannone said it could be that people are not re-registering their cars. Random checks suggested people were storing vehicles in the lot, he added.

Diaz said it would be up to the council to decide how any money generated would be spent.

“What we are trying to

present is, what the initial cost would be, what it would cost to recoup our expenses and what kind of revenue it might generate, “she said, about putting in parking machines.

Police held a neighborhood watch meeting Thursday night in the area to gain more information. Diaz said she would give a full report Sept. 2 at the council’s next regular meeting.



# Pasadena

News From Your Community



# Altadena

For Your Community

## Cont; Stream Project Complete



Central Arroyo Stream Restoration team

By Dean Lee

Although Wednesday was the official dedication ceremony for the Central Arroyo Stream Restoration Program, Arroyo Seco Foundation Director Tim Brick explained later what else could be done to improve the waterway including his wish to remove as much concrete as possible.

The \$2.5 million project started in January and is scheduled to complete this week.

According to project leaders, the “best management practices project” included water quality islands to filter oil and grease runoff in the Brookside Park parking lot, removal of invasive plant species, planting native California trees, reconfiguring the streambed to foster reintroduction of the native Arroyo Chub fish and installation of more than 400 trash capture screens to prevent litter and debris from entering the Arroyo Seco stream.

“We’re putting native fish back into the stream,” Brick said. “It seems to me that is such a transformative thing to do... when you all of a sudden put the Arroyo Chub back in the stream, I think it changes everyone’s concept of what the Arroyo Seco is.”

Brick explained that good conditions for the Arroyo Chub, a small minnow like fish not more than four inches, is an indicator of the health of the stream.

“If we can get the conditions right, and we think we have so far, for the Arroyo Chub we will have gone a long way to restoring better conditions for other species,” he said.

The next project, in Bricks eyes, would be to remove a miles long cement channel connecting the upper Arroyo and the lower Arroyo. Although also optimistic, CDM Principal Engineer, Ted Johnson said in order to do that, part of Arroyo Boulevard would have to be moved. The channel was built in the 1930s.

“What would be more likely would be to make it, soft bottom,” he said. “It could be more natural, with trails along it for people to walk.”

Brick and Johnson discussed many other ideas for improvements along the Arroyo as they led a group of about 10 residents down to the stream after the ceremony. Brick suggested terracing the area for runoff. He also suggested fixing abandoned staircases, making nice walkways, that once housed a raised water pumping station, “That could make a good lookout,” he said.



CDM Principal Engineer Ted Johnson

Although a small amount of trash was still visible, Brick said that was nothing like what it was. He said hundreds of volunteers had helped with clean up. They also improved the existing trails he said.

Brick said one day he would like to see trout, which were once plenty, re-established to the area



Tim Brick

but first the rest of the Arroyo would have to be restored.

Many of the backwater pools south of the Rose Bowl were covered in bright green Duckweed concerning Johnson. The free-floating, seed bearing plant can deplete oxygen killing fish. Johnson said the plant is not native and most likely a result

of people dumping fish tanks into the stream. He said this was a common problem in urban areas.

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard explained, during the 20 minute ceremony, all that was done from the base of the San Gabriel Mountains to the South Pasadena limit

“The changes taking place under this effort will restore and preserve the natural and historic features of the Arroyo Seco in three distinct areas the Hahamongna Watershed Park, The Central Arroyo and the Lower Arroyo Seco,” he said.

Johnson said 10 water quality islands total were built to catch oil and other chemicals before they reach the stream. The parking lot had once been a landfill something they did not anticipate he said.

Brick said to make things worse, they could only find a few “poor” maps of the area. He said they

## Pasadena Given DNC Spotlight on CNN



By Teresa Baxter

The days leading up to Barack Obama’s televised acceptance of the Democratic Party’s nomination for presidential office were exciting times for the Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters.

In June the organization started planning a local celebration to coincide with what was to be considered momentous moment in history when Obama would become the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination.

The volunteer staff chose the Blair High School amphitheater as the venue for the free rally that was to be hosted by daytime soap star and South Pasadena resident, Jim Reynolds, who can be seen regularly on NBC-TV’s “Days of Our Lives”. A recitation of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech was also on the roster, in commemoration of its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With everything in order, the group posted the event on Obama’s official website—hoping to fill the 1200 seats to capacity.

Elliott Cuite became the Technical Director, with the responsibility

of synchronizing and providing a broadcast feed that would simultaneously broadcast along with Obama’s speech from the Democratic National Convention, taking place in Denver. Mike Lee chose to be the Field Director—his task was to coordinate the ushers, volunteers and the merchandising at the event.

“I think Obama sees



us as what we could be and where we should be, rather than where we are and that’s why I’m here” said Lee. “I think Obama doesn’t think in the box about all the politics, or who gets credit. He wants a better America for his kids and everybody’s kids and I think in his head he sees the dream.”

A publicity committee was formed to get the word out to local press, which quickly got the attention of local media.

## City Gets Tough on Water Wasters

By Dean Lee

City staff is now looking at implementing mandatory water rationing after they said earlier this month that a current awareness campaign was not working. A public hearing has now been set for Sept. 8 to establish a schedule of penalties for Water Shortage Plan II.

The city council unanimously approved directing City Attorney, Michele Bagneris to return within 60 days with amendments to the Water Shortage Procedure Ordinance.

“What we are hoping for by establishing and starting to talk about some significant penalties is that we’ll start to get a better response even in this voluntary compliance period,” city staff said. “The fact is we haven’t seen reductions that we would like to see... in spite of various methods of outreach.”

City staff also said they were looking into water audits and revamping programs. “We are

preparing our billing system, our administrative procedures, reviewing staffing and resource needs,” they said. “To be able to implement plan II when we are ready to move on mandatory step.”

Council member Margaret McAustin made usage suggestions.

“Being reminded that 70 percent of water is used for irrigation, that we should really focus savings there.” She also said the marketing campaign was “just not going to cut it.”

Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein said there was concern over restricting the times people could water their lawns.

“How do folks that might not have timers and watering systems adjust to this?” he asked. “Particularly when we get into the winter months when it’s dark in the evening.”

The restrictions would not allow watering from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Without directly answering the question staff only gave reasoning why the restrictions were necessary saying early morning has

Several newspapers promoted the event and local network news started showing up at the headquarters. The committee hoped that this would spark public interest. Then on the morning of the event Jon Fuhrman, one of the campaign managers of the UDH, received a phone call from CNN.

“CNN had been paging through Obama’s website event listings looking for some local color—or something interesting to do—when they stumbled upon ours and thought that this occasion really stands out,” said Fuhrman. “So they called me and said that this is CNN National News and we’re interested in what you’re doing.”

Suddenly, by mid-afternoon CNN was at Blair High School setting up equipment for Pasadena’s moment in the spotlight. But no one knew to what extent the coverage would be until the crowds started filling the seats to capacity, in anticipation of Obama’s speech.

“We didn’t know what they would cover, or how much coverage we would get,” said Fuhrman. “I think the quality and the excitement of the crowd visually made it so interesting that we got some serious airtime.”

Fuhrman credited the success of the event to the volunteer efforts that came together to make it happen.

“We had a fantastic crew of people handling merchandise, ushers, parking and the press,” he said. “There were volunteers all over the place and by and large people went with the flow and it all clicked.”

the highest evaporation rate. Haderlein cautioned people watering in the dark could be a safety issue.

Haderlein had a whole list of other concerns, everything from not fining people for fixing broken irrigation pipes to allowing residents to know ahead of time how much water they are using. Staff said currently there was no way to measure usage but once a month or once every other month.

Residents would also be restricted from hosing or washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paving surfaces unless using a high-efficiency water broom. Pasadena Water and Power is offering customers a \$150 rebate for purchasing a water broom staff said.

Staff also explained the appeals process saying that each case would be gone through individually, one of the challenges to going to a mandatory system is that you get a high volume of appeals.” they said.

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full roadway closures in urban areas.

Improving traffic safely and efficiently around major construction zones is a high priority for the city’s Transportation Department, which provides a coordinated strategy of temporary traffic control, advisories and operations components.

In addition, on-street signage informs motorists when to expect delays and to consider alternate

posted routes.

Motorists are encouraged to visit the web page often during times of construction activity that may affect their commutes. To access the traffic advisory map go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/trafficadvisory](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/trafficadvisory). Click on any highlighted area for details about construction and traffic impacts.

For more information call (626) 744-7439.



# Public Health & Safety



## Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Leaf Blowers: A Double Environmental Assault

By Pat Birdsall

Emissions from gasoline powered leaf blowers include particulate materials; carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons (CO, NOx and HC). The dangerous dust they stir up includes airborne feces, allergens, molds and pollens. Materials or toxins found in street dust as examined by the Los Angeles chapter of the American Lung Association include traces of arsenic, cadmium, chromium, nickel and mercury. The study produced research that illustrates that leaf blowers generate as much pollution in one hour as a car driven for 100 miles produces.

One of the more disturbing features of leaf blowers is the major contribution that they make to noise pollution. Leaf blower use at one residence impacts eight to fourteen neighbors. Excessive noise pollution is associated with increased blood pressure, headaches, ringing ears and a lower frustration tolerance.

Leaf blowers are used mainly in residential neighborhoods where many types of residents are exposed to their pollutants and noise. This population includes homemakers, retirees, day sleepers, young toddlers, the ill or disabled, and pets.

The leaf blower is a familiar nuisance that deserves greater public awareness and concern.

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## Letter To The Editor

To The Editor and Community:

### LEAF BLOWER BAN

The Sierra Madre City Council will be discussing the banning of leaf blowers in Sierra Madre on Tuesday, Sept 9th. If a ban is something you would like to see happen then contact them to let your feelings and thoughts be known about this issue. They will need everyone's input in order to help them make a decision and to understand the community's feelings about this.

Numerous cities in California and across the country have banned them including Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach, Claremont, Santa Barbara, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Berkeley, Del Mar, West Hollywood, Malibu, Palo Alto, Beverly Hills, Carmel plus many more.

Should the city continue allowing these noise and air polluting blowers or should we ban them and go back to a more civil and neighborly way to clean our yards?

Let the counsel members know what you think. You can use contacts below and also go to the City Council meetings. Now's your chance! Call City Hall and leave a message at 355-7135

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## Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

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 series of Griffith Park fires, five outbreaks in one day earlier in August and then another one last week, was certain to be the work of an arsonist. Los Angeles County Parks Supervisor put out the word to park users to keep a look out for suspicious activity. An arsonist was apprehended. Under arrest for these fires is a man who was on probation

for arson!

The fire that threatened Sierra Madre in April of this year is of suspicious origin. Any fire that is not an obvious lightening strike, i.e. naturally caused, is man-made—either accidental or intentional.

The activation of the Sierra Madre Neighborhood Watch among other emergency responses, most prominently the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council Red Flag Alert, is in keeping with that of Griffith Park's efforts. Everyone has the responsibility to help the authorities keep our neighborhoods safe.

A county-wide earthquake drill will take place during the Great Southern California Shake Out, November 14, 2008. Will you be ready? Call 355-0741 for information.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, August 17 to Saturday, August 23, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to about 271 calls for service.

Sunday, August 17th:

2:07 AM- Disturbance, 300 block N Lima St. Officers responded to a call of a loud party. Officers found parents and homeowner out of town and approximately 25 to 30 intoxicated juveniles. Juveniles were released to their parents.

Tuesday, August 19th:

12:19 PM- Vandalism, 100 block of West Sierra Madre Blvd. A woman reported that between Monday, August 18th and Tuesday, August 19th the window of the business had been shot with a pellet gun.

Wednesday, August 20th:

4:20 PM- Residential Burglary, 600 block of Fairview Ave. A woman reported that she came home to find that her house had been

burglarized. Witnesses saw a white Toyota Scion with black rims pull into the driveway of the residence. A man about 20, wearing a white sleeveless t-shirt and carrying a yellow notepad was seen walking to the back of the residence at approximately 4:00 pm.

Friday, August 22nd:

3:27 PM- Arrest, 100 block of South Baldwin Ave. Officers conducted a traffic stop. Investigation revealed that the driver did not have a driver's license. Further investigation revealed that behind the driver's seat was an unloaded gun along with ammunition. The man was arrested, booked and released from the Sierra Madre jail on a citation.

7:47 PM- Arrest, 200 block of South Michillinda Ave. Officers conducted a traffic stop for speed. Investigation revealed the driver didn't have a driver's license. The vehicle was impounded. The man was arrested, booked and transported to Pasadena Jail.

**On Friday, August 22, 2008, Sierra Madre Police Department assisted the US Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms with the service of a warrant for a suspected firearms violation. The warrant was served on a residence on N. Sunnyside. The residents were not at home and agents gained entry by force. Several guns and two computers were confiscated but no arrests were made. No charges have been filed against the resident.**

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 17, through Saturday, August 23, the Police Department responded to 918 calls for service of which 121 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 17:

Units responded to Ben Bridge Jewelers at Westfield mall around 1:40 p.m. regarding a grand theft that just occurred. A male suspect requested to see some loose diamonds. When the salesperson placed the diamonds on top of the display case, the suspect grabbed two diamonds that were over one carat each and fled the scene.

Around 10:21 p.m., a traffic collision occurred at the 210 Freeway and Baldwin. While exiting the freeway, the suspect vehicle struck another vehicle. Three of the four occupants from the suspect vehicle fled on foot, and an intoxicated 17-year-old female was found at the accident scene and was arrested for disorderly conduct/ drunk in public. A DMV check of the vehicle revealed that it was a reported stolen, and an area search for the other subjects was conducted. A short time later, a 20-year-old female and a 16-year-old were located and taken into custody for vehicle theft.

Monday, August 18:

A victim came to the station around 11:14 a.m. to file a theft report. The victim advised that an unknown suspect took her wallet from her purse, possibly while she was shopping at Westfield mall. She later discovered that the suspect had used her various credit cards to make numerous purchases totaling approximately \$1,700.

Around 9:43 p.m., officers ran a DMV check on a vehicle that was parked by the Goodwill location at 211 East Foothill. The record returned with an outstanding warrant attached to the vehicle, and a 28-year-old male was arrested at the scene for a \$30,000 warrant. A consent search of the vehicle was made, and a baggie containing a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine was found. The suspect was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, August 19:

Shortly before 2:00 p.m., a victim came to the station to file a fraud report. Between July 5 and August 15, unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's gasoline credit card information by unknown means and made almost \$3,300 in unauthorized gas purchases.

Units responded to Rancho and Foothill around 9:08 p.m. regarding a vehicle blocking a roadway and there was a subject standing nearby. Officers contacted a 25-year-old male and they detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. Both passenger side tires were flat and there was collision damage as well. Officers determined that the subject was operating the vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and was arrested.

Wednesday, August 20:

Around 7:04 a.m., a 38-year-old male driver

was stopped in the 300 block of North Baldwin for speeding. Record checks revealed that the man had a suspended license, a felony warrant, and three misdemeanor warrants. The driver was arrested at the scene without incident.

A traffic stop was made in the 200 block of East Foothill around 3:11 p.m. because there was a warrant attached to the vehicle. A 32-year-old female passenger was arrested for the misdemeanor warrant. A 27-year-old male driver was on probation, and a consent search of the vehicle was made. Officers found a bag containing numerous varieties of cold medications with no receipts, so the man was arrested for possession of stolen property.

Thursday, August 21:

Shortly after midnight, units were dispatched to Bar Twist, 48 East Huntington, in reference to a battery incident. A 26-year-old male suspect was arguing with his wife and pushed over a table. A security guard went to intervene and the suspect head-butted the guard in the face. The suspect then fled the scene, but he was later apprehended during an area search.

Around 6:11 p.m., loss prevention personnel from Burlington Coat Factory advised that they had detained an employee for burglary. The employee admitted to stealing store merchandise between February and August. A private person's arrest was made, and the 18-year-old was taken into custody for commercial burglary and embezzlement.

Friday, August 22:

Loss prevention personnel from the H&M store located at Westfield mall detained a woman for theft around 2:10 p.m. The suspect selected a jacket and removed the tags in a fitting room. She also took a hat and placed it in an H&M shopping bag that she had concealed in her purse, and she then left the store with both items without making payment. The 21-year-old was subsequently arrested for commercial burglary.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of South Third around 2:20 p.m. in reference to a residential burglary that just occurred. The resident entered the house to find two suspects ransacking the rooms. The suspects then fled the location on foot. A containment area was established, but the suspects were not found.

Saturday, August 23:

Around 6:43 a.m., units were sent to the 700 block of South Third regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle. Officers contacted the 29-year-old female and discovered that she had an outstanding warrant. A consent search of her purse revealed a baggie containing a white crystalline substance resembling methamphetamine and a glass-smoking pipe. She was arrested at the scene without incident.

Two private persons' arrests were made at Claire's located at Westfield mall around 4:09 p.m. The 14-year-old suspects took several items and concealed them in shopping bags. The girls were later released at the scene to their guardian.



# Education & Youth

## Children's Charity Alumni Reunion



From left to right: Ann Freeman with sister Cathy Tremor and Brenda H. Photo by: Marisol Barrios-Jordan

(PASADENA, CA)--After five institutional placements, repeating two twice, and two foster home placements, Brenda H.\* made Hill-sides, a Pasadena foster care charity, her last residential placement in 1953. For Brenda, now 68 and who visited the charity during the 95th anniversary alumni reunion, Hill-sides was "of all the places the best."

Born to a teenage mother who wanted to place her in an orphan-age, Brenda recalls learning that her grandmother wouldn't let her daughter do that. Instead, Brenda found herself at the age of the four going in and out of children's residential placements. Having experi-enced numerous failed placements, Brenda believed she was qualified to assess the following home she would enter.

"Hill-sides was a joyful place compared to other placements. Not only did they provide nourishment, clean clothes, food, and bedding, Hill-sides gave us warmth and love," she told fellow alumni. "All of us that came to Hill-sides shared something in common—our lives had

been disruptive and broken before we came here."

Brenda, a Pasadena resident, recalled the structure and security the home offered. When she looks back at her favor-ite childhood recollection, Hill-sides comes to the forefront of her mind. Referring to the home as heaven, she remembers performances in holiday pageants and the wonderful home it was for all the children who stayed at Hill-sides.

Other alumni also recounted their stories of the children's charity. After their parent's divorce, Gerry, Larry, and Terry Luckham stayed at Hill-sides in 1952 for four years. Twenty years ago Larry Luckham began looking for other children he grew up, searching numerous phone books and with luck hitting the jackpot one of 3,000 phone calls.

He contacted John Hitchcock, Hill-sides executive direc-tor, and initiated the first reunion in 1987, when the charity celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Reminiscing through old photographs, viewing a pre-vious reunion, touring the expanded campus, and sharing stories brought back memories of the love they felt, birthday parties, camping, and household chores.

For the most part, difficult family circumstances such as disease, divorce, desertion, and death brought children to the charity in the early decades. Nowadays, countless social issues, from severe physical abuse and neglect, to severe emo-tional disturbances, bring children to the charity's doors to receive needed treatment that has allowed them to live nor-mal, healthy lives.

More than 35,000 children have passed through Hill-sides' doors in its 95 years. Most alumni remember Hill-sides as the Episcopal orphanage called the Church Home for Children, later, as Hill-sides Home for Children, a private, nonprofit, and nondenominational charity. Regardless of the name at the time, Hill-sides has become well known as a haven for chil-dren who suffer from crises that occur in their early childhood.

Today, the charity provides quality care, therapeutic men-tal health treatment, and education for severely mistreated children.

"I am so glad to know that the home has continued in the tradi-tion of emphasizing the children's needs," said Brenda. Other alumni agreed that the charity has always advocated for the children and is evident while touring the children's campus.

"Our mission has never changed throughout the years," said Hitch-cock. "Hill-sides continues to create safe places for children and their families."

With her feelings for Hill-sides running very deep, Brenda' heart has always been and will remain with Hill-sides—for only a child truly knows when she is loved, Brenda added.

To learn more about the charity's programs or to schedule a tour, visit [www.Hill-sides.org](http://www.Hill-sides.org) or call 323-255-9005.

\*Wishes to remain anonymous.

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## The Last Week of Summer vs Week Before School

It has been quite some summer. As always, I did a lot of traveling and as always, the summer has ended too soon. You can always tell when summer vacation is coming to an end. All of a sudden, these "back-to-school" commercials start playing, and somehow that summer homework you've been putting off just can't get off your mind. Stores move out the bathing suits to make room for jeans and sweaters. Parents start picking up folders and pens for you while they're out. Schools send out supply lists and emergency cards. Did we not just get out of school? Already we are being bombarded with these "hints" reminding us that the school year is just around the corner and it's ruining our last bit of summer.

It seems to me as though the last half of summer is spent pre-paring for the next school year. Once the beginning of August hits, there's this newflash that there's only about a month until school starts. Why not look at it as "there's-only-a-month-left-of-summer-so-let's-make-the-most-of-it"? When you think about it, we're wast-ing valuable summer vacation time stressing over the school year that hasn't even come yet. We are teenagers and the summer is really

our only time where we can focus on the non-educational side.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that the summer shouldn't be spent thinking about school. The summer is a great time to re-reflect on the past school year and what you want to improve on. In fact, I encourage you to do exactly that. I'm simply saying that you should embrace the summer while you have it, because pretty soon (actually, around next week) school is going to become your main priority and the weekends just don't aren't enough when it comes to "me time".

Even though it's the last week of summer, I'm going to do ev-erything I can to make it worthwhile. This "everything I can" doesn't have to be costly. I know that we teenagers struggle when it comes to money. If you didn't have a summer job, you most likely depended on your parents for your expenses. You can make the most of your summer by doing simple, inexpensive things. Take the bus to the beach, walk with your friends to the park; drink Jamba Juice while sitting outside. Enjoy the summer while you can, anyway you know how.

## "Blessing of Backpacks, Lunch Boxes" At Church of the Good Shepherd

With back-to-school days at hand, children are invited to a "blessing of backpacks and lunch boxes" at Church of the Good Shepherd. The special blessing will be offered at the 10 o'clock worship service Sun., Sept. 7.

With that Sunday being the first of the church's new program year, it is also Promotion Sunday, when children will advance to their new grade level for Sunday School. In line with the church's theme of "open hearts, open minds, open doors," all children are welcome at Church of the Good Shepherd.

The children's backpack blessings in the sanctuary will be given by the Reverends Dr. Philip Wood and Melissa Roux-MacKinnon.

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## Something To Think About:

*Commentary from Susan Henderson*

### A Change Would Do Us Good

**Change** (v): *to give a different course, or direction to;*  
**Good** (v): *something useful or beneficial*

Ok, yes, I am a registered Democrat. And yes, I am voting for Barack Obama. And yes, this week, I took the paper to the Democratic National Convention. I would have taken it to the Republican National Convention, however, they are not as media friendly as the Democrats and I don't have relatives in Minneapolis.

Anyway, at the most magnificent gathering of Americans that I have ever witnessed, among the many musical selections was a song by Sheryl Crow, "A Change Would Do Us Good". Those words stuck with me more than anything else during the entire week. It was striking not because Change is the theme of Obama's campaign, but because regardless of who is elected President, we need to change. We need to change our ways, our attitudes and our behavior.

Just before I left, I was in a department store and there was a woman who was loudly ranting and raving about Barack Obama's mother. Yes, his mother for God's sake. Sorry, but is Obama's Mother on the ballot? This woman said the most vile things about his mom for no reason whatsoever. By the lunatic's own admission she did not know her and had never met her. She was tearing his mother apart because of who she married - both times. Unfortunately, all this negative rhetoric appeared to torment a poor man who was doing nothing more than waiting for his wife to get out of the dressing room. He was held captive. Everyone else avoided the area where the disturbance was going on. But it was amazing to me that anyone would waste precious time being consumed with that kind of hatred. And yet, that seems to be the new American pastime. Be mean, be judgmental, be hardhearted, be evil, be negative, just be ugly. Yes, we have given new meaning to "the ugly American".

This campaign is going to present a lot of challenges for us and if we are not careful, our penchant for the negative will make us totally miss the point. Out of the gate, this election is becoming a contest pitting the young vs. the old - white vs. black - men vs. women. And many will try to make it also about good vs. evil. Why is that necessary? Whatever happened to honest, spirited debate about the issues? Why must the strategy of every campaign be search and destroy? Why is it we get so much pleasure out of tearing down every candidate instead of discussing the qualifications and potential of each

individual? Do you realize that the way Americans grill their elected officials, especially on the national level, neither Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Tao, or the Messiah (if he hasn't come yet) would escape being the target of character assassination. The media would have a field day with them because we, as a society, love to hear about the perceived failures of man rather than the successes. We love it so much, that, as the old folks used to say, "we cut off our noses to spite our face". We have passed over many good, qualified leaders because of salacious, often exaggerated and/or untrue gossip that had absolutely nothing to do with the person's ability to lead.

Right now, our country is really in trouble. I don't care how you describe it - recession, depression, slow-down - people in the United States Of America are jobless, homeless, hopeless, and frustrated. I ran into one man on the street in Denver who said, "...the notion that 'this is our country' is nothing more than words in a song, because no one in leadership is thinking about us."

Well, the problem isn't that no one is thinking about us. The problem is that we aren't thinking about ourselves. We are so busy looking for the next scandal or hint thereof that we fail the select leaders based upon their ability to do the job we want them to. We don't think about the big picture - we don't think at all. We follow. We follow every rumor straight to the ballot box. When we make choices, we aren't thinking about whether or not this person will represent what I need, we are too busy thinking about whether or not they own 3 or 4 homes or ever had an indiscretion as a youngster. We don't stop to look at the evolution of the person and what they have learned about life. We don't look to see if they truly have a commitment to serve based upon their history of service. We don't look at their accomplishments. We just look for the dirt.

So when are we going to grow up? It is one thing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to segregate yourself from someone 'just because' and another to choose the leader of the free world because you don't like how they look or how they sound, or who they are married to or what their mother did or did not do.

A change would do us good for certain. Not only in terms of making intelligent decisions in the voting booth, but also in dealing with each other. The world would really be a better place if we all worked on changing our ways - unless of course, you are already perfect.



Hail Hamilton

The following is my attempt to connect the dots with what is happening in Iraq with what is not happening here at home. The figures I have used come from antiwar.com—a source I have found to be both accurate and concise.

### Opportunity Cost to Local Government

So far the United States has spent more than \$545 billion on the war in Iraq. What does that figure mean in taxpayer tradeoffs? What does that figure mean to opportunities lost and long term consequences? I looked for Sierra Madre, but I guess we're too small to be listed. However, our much larger neighbor, Pasadena, is listed. Pasadena has a population of approximately 145,000. The population of Sierra Madre is just under 11,000.

#### Human Cost of Occupying Iraq American Military Casualties in Iraq

Date	Total	In Combat
<b>American Deaths</b>		
Since war began (3/19/03):	4146	3369
Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) (the list)	4007	3261
Since Capture of Saddam (12/13/03):	3685	3063
Since Handover (6/29/04):	3287	2736
Since Election (1/31/05):	2709	2473
<b>American Wounded</b>	<b>Official</b>	<b>Estimated</b>
Total Wounded	30561	Over 100000
Latest Fatality Aug. 19, 2008		
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Taxpayers in Pasadena will pay \$318.4 million for total Iraq war spending approved to date. Here's how that money might be better spent.

- 131,049 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 119,020 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 67,309 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 47,851 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 38,086 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 5,688 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 4,498 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 4,573 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 953 Affordable Housing Units

### Opportunity Cost to State Government

Taxpayers in California will pay \$83.1 billion for total Iraq war spending approved to date. Here's how that money might be better spent.

- 148,087,070 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 34,208,306 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 31,068,375 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 12,490,710 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 9,941,768 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 1,484,827 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 1,193,726 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 1,174,122 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 1,049,740 Port Container Inspectors for One year OR
- 248,783 Affordable Housing Units

Now what does this all mean? It means that the war in Iraq is costing us dearly at home. It means that beyond the war dead and wounded, the American taxpayer is a "casualty" of the war. It means that every dollar spend in Iraq is a dollar that could be better spent at home. It means that for local and state governments a sizeable portion of their revenues go overseas to pay for the war. In short, there is a real cost of the war in Iraq.

## 'Tis the Season for Vice Presidents



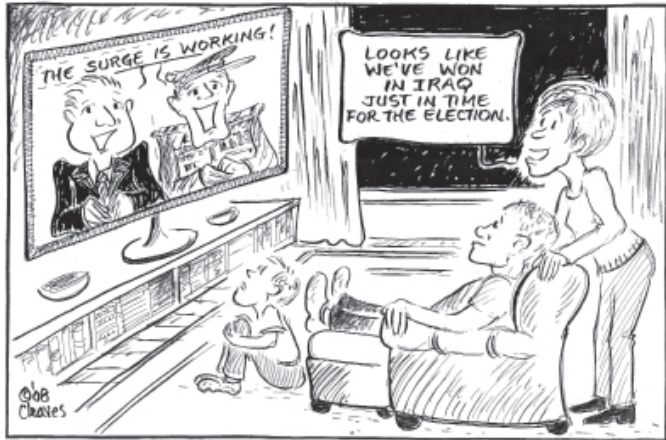
Rich Johnson

Well, well, Joe Biden is the Democratic candidate for vice president! I like Joe. I don't agree with him in a lot of his politics but he handles himself well... almost. And it's the 'almost' that I really like. Joe reminds me of John McCain and Bill Clinton, in the sense that these three men are capable of getting irritated in public and reacting before their handlers and spin doctors can stop them. And, let's admit it. We all love it when a real person accidentally spills out in public, whether it's our candidate or not. It's like WWE Smackdown when a politician gets pushed just a little bit too far and snaps. They're entitled. Like John McCain not knowing how many houses he owns. So what? His wife has all the dough. He's her trophy husband. Not the other way around. And if he wins, she is going to have to move into a smaller house in a bad neighborhood. I was mildly disappointed that Hillary or Bill didn't lose it at the convention. After all, she should have been the candidate, shouldn't she? Chris Matthews on MSNBC lost it a little bit, getting mad at a Republican pundit who suggested Hillary and Bill might be hoping McCain wins it. Who doesn't think that? If McCain wins, Hillary can run in four years. If Obama wins, she can't run for

eight years. Even then, that gives the Democrats eight long years in office. Time to really screw things up their way and open the door for some knucklehead Republican to run...and win.

As of this writing, Senator McCain has not announced his running mate. I have a suggestion. One that would really needle 18 million Democrats. Pick Condoleezza Rice as his VP. Hah! The Democrats have shot down their woman. The Republicans should heap hot ashes on the demos heads by nominating a woman who, just by the way, happens to also be African American. It's perfect. There might even be a movie of the week of this election.

On another note, Nancy Caceres, a very dear physical trainer friend of mine, has made a suggestion for changing the name of August. She wants us to call it McPhelps, after Michael Phelps, the Olympian swimmer. She says August is perfect because Mr. Phelps won 8 gold medals in August, the 8<sup>th</sup> month of 2008, the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the new millenium. Furthermore, McDonalds can even come out with a McPhelps sandwich, which could have 12,000 calories. What could be better?





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**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 OKAGLADE 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> ST. #725, L.B., CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EDWARD VANDERHIDER**, 5318 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1401817**

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, CANOGAPARK, 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.

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

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1383715**

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. 96<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business

Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1421719**

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: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRISTINE D. GOSDANIAN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/07/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/6/2008.

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

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1396386**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PRO JIN MARKETING SERVICES**, 302 E. MARSHALL ST., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YUHUA JIN**, 302 E. MARSHALL ST., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YUHUA JIN**. 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 MAY 15, 2007.

**NOTICE-** This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it



# LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2008-1541724  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STRIKE FORCE SECURITY SERVICES 16140 SATICOY ST., VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CRESTLINE MEDIA CORP 92 WEST LAUREL AVE. SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: NORA BETH CREST This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/18/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on AUGUST 26, 2008.  
NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the Hearing on the follow Petition is to be heard on October 8, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles Superior Court, Northeast District, Pasadena Courthouse in Department P.Stephen R. Golden Esquire SB# 163366 OLD TOWN LAW OFFICE OF STEPHEN R. GOLDEN, 23 East Union Street, Pasadena, Ca 91103-3923, Attorney for Petitioner, Beacon Media, Inc  
CALIFORNIA STATE SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTHEAST DISTRICT. Case No. GS011099  
VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SIERRA MADRE WEEKLY TO HAVE THE STANDING OF SIERRA MADRE WEEKLY AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.  
PETITIONER, BEACON MEDIA INC, ALLEGES: 1. Petitioner is the publishers of the newspaper know as the "Sierra Madre Weekly", hereafter referred as to the "newspaper." 2. The newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation published for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of general character in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles and State of California. The business address of the newspaper is 125 East Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016. 3. The newspaper has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers numbering four hundred (350) in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles and state of California, elsewhere in the surrounding area, and has an average weekly circulation of eight thousand (3,000). 4. For more than three (3) years preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has been established, and has been published regularly every Thursday in the City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles and state of California. 5. During the three (3) years period preceding the filing of this petition, the mechanical work of producing the newspaper, that is, the work of typesetting it and processing type on paper,

has been performed in the City of Arcadia, County of Los Angeles, and state of California: the newspaper has been issued from the same city, county and state where it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published and published in the same city, county and state; and it has been published as a weekly newspaper on each Thursday of each calendar week. WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing the Sierra Madre Weekly as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in section 6000 of the government code for the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles and state of California. LAW OFFICE OF STEPHEN R. GOLDEN, Date: August 2, 2008, Stephen R. Golden, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner  
Publish August 30, Sept. 6, 2008 8/30, 9/6/08

**CNS-1417973#**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD DITMAS BROMLEY AKA RICHARD D. BROMLEY AKA RICHARD BROMLEY CASE NO. GP013988**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RICHARD DITMAS BROMLEY AKA RICHARD D. BROMLEY AKA RICHARD BROMLEY. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARGARET W. BROMLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARGARET W. BROMLEY 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 09/19/08 at 10:00AM in Dept. A located at 300 E. WALNUT ST., PASADENA, CA 91101  
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. Attorney for Petitioner PETER R. PALERMO, ESQ. PALERMO, BARBARO, CHINEN & PITZER 301 E COLORADO BLVD #700 PASADENA CA 91101 8/30, 9/6, 9/13/08

**CNS-1415067#**  
**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. Attorney for Petitioner HAHN & HAHN LLP DIANNE H. BUKATA 301 E. COLORADO BLVD., 9TH FL. PASADENA, CA 91101-1977 8/23, 8/30, 9/6/08 CNS-1409257#

## 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.

### DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

City of Sierra Madre  
Planning Commission meeting  
Thursday, **September 4, 2008**  
(Meeting begins at 7:00 pm)

### 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:** 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.

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:** **VARIANCE 08-01, 679 Brookside Lane**  
**Applicant:** Irene Carrouche

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider Variances for the construction of a new 2,067 square feet, two-story residence located at **679 Brookside Lane**. The proposed Variances are 1) to encroach seven (7) feet into the minimum 15-foot rear yard setback as established by Municipal Code Section 17.20.070, and 2) to exceed the 25-foot height limit by 5.5 feet, as established by Municipal Code Section 17.20.040B, for the front portion of the residence structure, as measured from the floor of the basement garage at every point where this occurs to a point one-third of the height of the pitched roof (total height 33.5 feet).

### 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:** 679 Brookside Lane; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15303 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.

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# The World Around Us



Kim Clymer Kelley

## The Mountain Clymer On The Road Again (Part II) Shangri-Jalama

After spending two nights at Emma Woods State Beach and one night at Gaviotta State Beach, we awoke on the third morning of our adventure at the crack of dawn, had breakfast, and once again headed north on the PCH. During a previous trip we had sought out and visited the magical, mythical Jalama Beach, a Santa Barbara County Park just south of the Vandenberg Air Force Base. It was so lovely that we decided to see if it was possible to get a spot there for the last night of this trip. A man that we had run into at Gaviotta had been there the day before and told us that we needed to get there early if we wanted a spot. He had been #70 on the list the day before and did not get one. We exited the highway onto Rte. 1 and took it north for a bit until we found the sign for Jalama Beach. From the turn-off it is a 14-mile winding drive through some incredibly beautiful country. The entire area comprises the sprawling Cojo-Jalama Ranch and the campground is nestled in a cove on its northern shore. The ranch is breathtaking...rolling hills covered with a patchwork of dark green forests of massive oaks and golden grasslands with cattle and shady, singing streams meandering through its many valleys eventually finding their way through the coast's steep cliffs to reach the ocean. The two ranches, Cojo and Jalama, were recently sold (for about \$140,000,000) and were combined to make one huge 25,000 acre ranch (about 40 square miles). The ride out to Jalama is as much a treat as the visit there.



We reached the campground about 8:00 am and were added to the waiting list. We were #28 (17 of which were carried over from the previous day.) We parked the motor home in the day use area and planned our day so we could get as much exploring in as possible in case we did not get a spot for the night. We decided to head north on the beach, return for lunch and then hike south just far enough to be back for "camp call" at 3 pm. That is when we would find out if we were one of the lucky winners of a campsite.

The beach at Jalama has a certain mystique about it. It has for years been a Mecca for surfers and wind surfers. Because of the way the coast lies at this point, the winds usually blow either offshore or parallel to the shore creating a stretch of beach that provides ideal conditions for both sports. Though much of this stretch is only accessible by water or through the private property of the Cojo-Jalama Ranch, the public Jalama Beach offers surf enthusiasts access to the exhilarating surf. This lure keeps the campground in demand year-round and filled with an eclectic and often somewhat bohemian clientele. The combination of the energies of the land, the ocean, and the community creates a spot filled with a very unique spirit all its own.

Our walk north on the beach ended at an area where the beach became impassable and the surf pounded up against the base of one of the cliffs that line the shore. It was also about as far as you could go without crossing over the boundary into Vandenberg...a mistake that Charlie and a companion once made many years ago and he did not care to repeat. On that occasion, he was abruptly turned around when a jeep carrying armed guards swooped down from their hill-top lookout and menacingly detained and questioned them before sending them off with a terse warning. We returned to the campground, with pockets full of rocks gathered from the interestingly constructed cliffs that were crumbling onto the beach. At the quaint little general store and grill that serves the community we had a "World Famous Jalama Burger" for lunch before exploring the beach south of the campground. The southern beach was much different than the one to the north. It was more populated with fisherman, surfers, shells and clumps of gooey tar. Up on one of the most precipitous cliffs was a large cross that appeared to be accessible from a steep canyon that emptied out onto the beach. Though there appeared to be a placard on the cross that might have told us the story behind it, we were short on time and energy, so we were left with our own imaginations to provide us with the narrative.

Returning to the campground, once again pockets brimming with souvenirs, we joined the crowd that was gathering for "camp call". There were about 15 camp sites available for the 40 or more people waiting to get one. We were #28. We eagerly waited and watched the ensuing suspense-filled process and one by one we inched our way up the list as those above us no-showed or dropped out of the competition (usually because they were unhappy with the site selection that was available). With one spot remaining, #27 decided that they did not like the remaining spot and entered their name on the waiting list for the next day. Charlie went to make a quick check to see if the motor home would fit in the available spot...it would...we were staying the night!!!

We settled in, had a much needed shower (and de-tarring), relaxed a bit and had dinner. After dinner we set up our chairs around a nice campfire and watched the sun sink low over the dunes. When it finally got too low to see from our campsite we climbed the dune and laid in the sand to watch a magnificent sunset. As we watched the clouds of the western sky turn glorious shades of gold, pink, and purple Charlie turned his eyes to the east and noticed that over the rolling hills behind us, the full moon was rising. Sunset and moon-rise at the beach...how exquisite.

After the show was over we sat fireside for a bit longer before retiring for the evening. Somewhere around 4:30 am we awoke to the second show of Mother Nature's spectacular double feature...thunder and lightning. We quickly dressed and headed out to the dune again. The campground was still and we had the whole beach to ourselves. We climbed the dune to see that the full moon was itself now setting over the water, and hung as a huge orange ball over the horizon. To the east, just on the other side of the hills, the lightning show continued. We watched in awe as bolts of lightning shot from the storm's center (about 15 miles away) directly over our heads and well out to sea...sometimes as one continuous bolt and sometimes flickering and flashing as it jumped from cloud to cloud, forking as it went. When the source of the lightning jags got a little too close for comfort, we retreated to the camper, just in time to keep from getting wet. A memorable finale to an extraordinary trip.

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## Science & Health



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### Looking Up Hanny's Voorwerp

With Bob Eklund

ranks of the professionals has made a significant contribution to science. Hanny's Voorwerp is a case in point.

Now, before you start thinking I've gone bananas, I'd better explain that we're speaking Dutch. Hanny is Hanny Van Arkel, a 25-year-old Dutch schoolteacher, and Voorwerp is the Dutch word for "object."

Ms. Van Arkel, who lives in Heerlen, The Netherlands, told BBC News that she has no background in astronomy. She said that her interest in music led her to the book Bang! The Complete History of the Universe, co-written by guitarist Brian May and BBC "Sky at Night" presenters Sir Patrick Moore and Chris Lintott.

The book led her to become involved with the web-based Galaxy Zoo project (www.galaxyzoo.org), which allows the public to take part in astronomy research online. While she was using this website to help classify galaxies in telescope images, she came across a strange gaseous blob. After failing to match the object to any galaxy types described in the Galaxy Zoo tutorial, she e-mailed the site's webmaster. This alerted astronomers, who subsequently observed the object using the Isaac Newton Group of telescopes in La Palma, Spain, as well as the Swift Space Telescope, and confirmed that the object is one-of-a-kind.

Researchers think this green blob got its energy from light emitted by a quasar (a powerful radiation source powered by supermassive black hole) that has since gone dim and become invisible. The gaseous blob, or "Voorwerp," is so far from the quasar producing the light that it would have takes tens of thousands of years for the light to reach the blob.

That is why the Voorwerp is still bright despite the

quasar now having shut off.

"The quasar itself is no longer visible to us, but its light continues to travel through space and the Voorwerp is a massive 'light echo' produced as the light strikes the gas," Dr. Chris Lintott of Oxford University explained. Dr Lintott noted that the object was the only one of its type known to astronomers, though other "Voorwerpen" could still be awaiting identification.

Dr. Lintott said that team members have booked follow-up observations of the Voorwerp with the Hubble Space Telescope (but these will have to wait for the Hubble to be upgraded during a Space Shuttle servicing mission currently scheduled for October).

High-resolution imaging of the object with the Hubble could reveal whether the quasar darkened quickly or over a longer period of time. Team members would also like to look at the object with infrared wavelengths.

It is unclear why black holes turn off, but the phenomenon was previously known from studying populations of active galaxies. However, Dr. Lintott said this could be the first time astronomers have been able to pinpoint one that was once active but has since shut down, using the light-echo from a long-dead quasar.

And all this began with a Dutch schoolteacher, with no training in astronomy. Let's not underestimate the power of amateurs—during the past year, some 150,000 amateur astronomers worldwide have used galaxyzoo.org to classify more than a million galaxies.

#### LEFTOVER LIGHT

Though she is gone now,  
Her light reverberates in  
Spaces of my mind.

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

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### From the Inside Out: Looking Back

By Mary Carney

It's been a year since my first column, where I introduced myself as one who has stayed as far away from medical services as I can because, when I was growing up, they seemed to be of more harm than help. This is not to say that the people who have thrown their hearts into helping others by practicing on clients using standardized medical association protocols - drugs, surgery and radiation - have been wasting their time.

There are large numbers of people for whom medicine has been the essential support and breathing room enabling them to get a handle on things, to reorient themselves, to recover and to move on.

In the aftermath of war injuries, vehicular and other kinds of physical accidents, resulting in broken, torn or seriously burned tissues, skilled medical assistance fueled by the hearts of its practitioners are godsend, and I hope everyone knows I mean this.

It's often the other things that get me on my "high horse" ... and probably the reason I'm so stuck on much of this "from the inside out" perspective is that I'm wanting to take better care of myself. I know I shouldn't skip breakfast, or lunch. I know I should do more exercising. I know I'm in charge of my own health, and that a "brother's keeper" can turn into an enabler who keeps me from developing my own ability to take care of me.

I sigh with longing of my aerospace days, where the cafeteria was just downstairs - 2 minutes down the stairs, 2 minutes to get fresh salad and protein, 20 minutes to sit, eat and laugh with co-workers, wash the hands and back to work. And, if I got there early enough in the morning, I could even pickup a protein breakfast to. So I really only had to fix one meal a day.

Spoiled? You bet. I had parents who insisted on breakfast every morning - eggs, pancakes with pudding meat (for protein), cornmeal scrapple (browned mush with meat broth, scraps and seasoning), hot cereals with milk in winter; cold cereals with milk in summer. Lunch? School days I carried my lunch - egg salad,

tuna salad, chicken salad, ham salad; cheese sandwich with lettuce; sometimes cream cheese with either maraschino cherries or olives.

As a matter of fact, between parents, the dorm dining hall, and the nine years I managed university food service, I rarely had to cook. And boy, do I miss those days right now. And boy, do I ever miss Howie's deli. Fresh made, inexpensive tuna salad, chicken salad, egg salad - I'd love to have lunch ready for me to pick up on the way out of the house every day ...

Growing up patterns have far more power than we'd like to give them. We love to act without having to think things through. Yet that just perpetuates the "rut". It's the constant challenging ourselves to do something new, something differently, something we've done in a different way that keeps us young and interested in life.

Yes, we can! Yes, we can overcome past patterns of thoughts and actions. Yes, we can decide to, and follow through, in new directions. Yes, we can take care of ourselves, stay independent and away from poisons and out from under knives. And yet, if we have to go that way, we can always add to the formal protocols closer attention to food ... did you know that using Body Impedance Assessment on a fresh garden vegetable you might find that it has a phase angle (vitality) level of 45? And that a fit adolescent might have one that's a 10? And that a healthy adult male may have a 6? And a healthy adult woman might have a 5? And someone "on the way out the door" may be down near a 4?

The Inn of the Seventh Ray in Topanga Canyon has their menu items listed in order of life force energy value, with fresh organic salads at the top, and steak at the bottom. With the BIA, now we know they're telling us the truth! So, to feel better from the inside out, stuff yourself full of fresh veggies - in addition to the fresh nutrients, you get their life force energy to give you a bit boost. And since the Inn isn't in my travel plans today, I'm visiting our in-town juicerie for today's mid-afternoon boost. Join the club, and tell Nora I said, "Hi!"

#### SECRETARY OF SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING

The City of Sierra Madre invites applications for the volunteer position of Secretary of Service and Volunteering. All applications are due Thursday, September 11, 2009, 4:00 p.m. The Secretary of Service and Volunteering plans, develops and implements volunteer and community service programs including volunteer recruitment, volunteer relations, volunteer assignments and serves as a liaison for resident inquiries to all City Departments. This is an at-will, unpaid position appointed by the City Council which serves at the will of the City Manager.

The typical duties and responsibilities of this unpaid position include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Develops and implements volunteer programs in support of City services;
- Recruits volunteers for support work and recommends assignments that will make the best use of individual talents;

- Develops training programs for volunteers and City staff who use volunteers;

- Serves on task forces and committees related to volunteerism;

- Maintains public contacts in the community and public/private sectors in order to implement volunteer programs;

- Promotes public awareness of the City's needs for volunteers, by such means as writing press releases and making public appearances;

- Coordinates the preparation and printing of publicity materials with the various City Departments.

- Reviews proposed legislation and City, departmental, and program policies and procedures for issues related to volunteers;

- Maintains volunteer time records and applications;

- Assists with planning and implementing volunteer recognition events and activities;

- Assists staff in writing grant applications for programs utilizing volunteers;

- Demonstrates continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes, and work cooperatively and jointly to provide quality seamless customer service.

- Performing various related essential duties as required.

Qualified applicants will have knowledge of:

- City of Sierra Madre services and programs.
- Principles, techniques, tools, and media used in promoting good public relations.
- Principles and practices of volunteer management.

As well as the ability to:

- Communicate in the English language by phone or in person in a one-to-one or group setting.
- Comprehend and make inferences from written material.
- Produce written documents in the English language with clearly organized thoughts using proper sentence construction, punctuation, and grammar.
- Work cooperatively with other City employees and the general public.
- Work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others.

To apply, each candidate must complete an employment application and return to City of Sierra Madre, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, Attn: Community & Personnel Services Department. Telephone: (626) 355-7135. Fax: (626) 355-2251. Applications must be completed and demonstrate that the minimum qualifications are met. Resumes may be attached to completed application forms as supplemental information, but will not be accepted in lieu of an official application form.

Selected applicants will be invited to interview with the City of Sierra Madre to determine the candidate that best fits the needs of the City. This is an at-will, unpaid position appointed by the City Council which serves at the will of the City Manager.

## LEGAL NOTICES (cont.)

City of Sierra Madre

### COURTESY NOTICE

To: City-wide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: Congestion Management Program (CMP)  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to review the City's compliance with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Congestion Management Program (CMP) pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING  
City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
(meeting begins at 6:30 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 City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide

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

By Order of the City Council

Danny Castro, Development Services Director

City of Sierra Madre

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City -wide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 08-01  
(MCTA 08-01)

Amending Chapter 17.37 (C-Commercial Zone-Temporary Downtown Overlay) of Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code by adding barber and beauty shops to the list of conditionally permitted uses in the Downtown Overlay Zone.

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

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

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

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

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Specialist will teach workshops on "Preventing Identity Theft" and "Living a Healthier Lifestyle," between 12:00-3:00pm. To schedule an appointment for a free mammogram or flu shot, call SET for LIFE at (626) 358-1944 or visit [www.setforlifefornews.org](http://www.setforlifefornews.org). Space is limited and income restrictions apply.

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and simple steps they can take to keep their out-of-pocket costs in check."

First, don't overlook the importance of smart shopping when it comes to choosing your prescription drug coverage. The federal government's Medicare Web site (<http://www.medicare.gov/>) has a listing of available plans and lets you submit a list of your current medications to see what plans

will cover them, in addition to comparing rates, policy benefits and limitations.

Next, check with your state's department on aging for programs that cover costs not included in Part D. These programs can substantially reduce out-of-pocket costs for eligible seniors. You can find a listing of them on Medicare's State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov/spap.asp>.

It's also useful to periodically review your medications with your doctor. Are there any that your doctor feels you no longer need to take? Can any be replaced with a generic or a less expensive alternative, such as an over-the-counter drug? Consider comparison shopping, too. The National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) says that drug prices vary considerably from store to store. A survey cited in one of its studies found that prudent shopping saved consumers almost 10 percent on brand-name drugs and 81 percent on generics.



## Seniors: How To Manage Prescription Drug Costs

(NAPS)—Medicare's Part D prescription drug program is giving seniors much-needed help in paying for outpatient medications. The year after the program was implemented, American Medical News reported that seniors who did not have prescription drug coverage before enrolling in Part D were able to fill nearly twice as many prescriptions and cut their out-of-pocket costs nearly in half after enrolling. Prescription drug costs, however, continue to rise. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation report, retail prescription prices increased an average of 7.5 percent a year from 1994 to 2006, almost triple the average annual inflation rate of 2.6 percent.

Rising costs, coupled with Part D's deductible and "Donut Hole" (a coverage gap), can still put seniors living on fixed incomes in a tough spot.

"All seniors need to know how Medicare prescription drug coverage can help them," said Scott Perry, president of Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a national life and health insurer serving the retirement market. "They also need to be aware that there are many resources available to them



*The Senior Spot*  
By Bruce Lamarche  
PRODUCING A VERBAL HISTORY

Even if you didn't stow away on a steamship in the 1920s at age 13, your personal history can be fascinating to your family, friends and others. If you were born in the first half of America's 20th century, you experienced powerful events. Wars, a depression, new widespread use of the automobile, development of the movie industry, the growth of "labor-saving" devices and much more affected lives in small and large ways. What you, as a senior, regard as an "ordinary" life is actually unusual today.

What you have to relate about the everyday effects of these events is interesting -- because it is about you (told to people who care about you), and because it provides details, emotions and insights that bring past events to life in wonderful and meaningful ways. Many of the most interesting personal histories are verbal -- simply telling stories.

Think about it: we have seen movies about past wars, hard times, or the depression and the years following it. But what a difference it is to hear about the actual experience of it from one who was there. With a little effort and a willing audience you can bring to life, this time for a younger person who only sees the movie versions. You say, "but I'd sooner forget that time" or "it's past now and this is a different age". True, but what of the lessons learned from that time. History must be learned as a tool for dealing with present issues. Your family needs to appreciate the events of your life, your struggles, and your achievements.

All it takes to create your personal history is a tape recorder and a remembering spirit, to share what life was like for you 50, 60 or more years ago; told when the mood strikes, hopefully with a loved one nearby to ask questions and prompt your recollections. You might pick a time of year,

like Christmases or Hanukkahs you remember celebrating as a child. Or a theme -- the pets you enjoyed, your first attempts at cooking or your first job. Perhaps you recall significant news headlines, and can describe what was happening in your life at the time and how the events affected you. Tell as many details as possible, so your listeners can see the pictures you are painting with your words.

At some later date, your stories might even be transcribed and collected, to share or document or teach. The most important thing is that your voice, spirit and legacy of living will have a way of being heard by your grandchildren, nephews, nieces and others for generations to come.

I recently listened . . . really listened, to my father telling of his life. He wanted to share the story of his 83 years. I was amazed at the accounting of his youth, his loves and disappointments, and of his "hitting the beach" at Iwo Jima as a young Marine. This ordinary man is anything but ordinary. I got to know the man who is my father. All I could say is . . . "I never knew." It meant so much to me that he shared his life with me.

You may not think you have dramatic experiences to recount, but many will treasure your description of ordinary life as it was years ago, because it is no longer "ordinary" today. Give it a try . . . share the adventure with someone special.

Got a question? Ask Bruce by phone-(626)335-3412 or e-mail: [blamarche@verizon.net](mailto:blamarche@verizon.net)

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By Pat Birdsall

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW Instruction Manual Not Included

I was hoping by the time I became a grandmother children would come with instruction manuals. No such luck...My soon to be 4 year-old grandson Tully is visiting from Philadelphia for a couple of weeks so I thought it would be fun to treat the whole family to a day on Catalina Island. I quickly found out that 4 years-old, fun and Catalina, don't belong in the same sentence. What was I thinking? A 3 year old's attention span is about as short as that of a man being forced to endure a ballet performance when he knows that he's missing a football game.

A clue as to how the day would go occurred even before we boarded the Catalina Express for the hour-long trip to Avalon. We had to wait in line for about half an hour before boarding, and I'm sure being the only pre-schooler in a line full of adults is no fun—you're surrounded by nothing but knee-caps and elbows. Tully decided that he would don his pouty-face and just sit down on the floor with his arms crossed. Take that, big people!

Mercifully, we were soon able to board the boat and take off for Catalina. The boat trip was an adventure and enjoyed to the fullest by all of us. The euphoria was short-lived, however. We left one sea for another—the sea of humanity. People, people everywhere. It was hot to boot and we were all dressed for cooler climes. The first stop we made was a souvenir shop for cooler, and I might add, slightly tacky shirts. We didn't need the word TOURIST

stamped on our foreheads, that's for sure. We were only a couple of blocks away from the pier and I had already plunked down more money than I had planned on, and as an added bonus, while in the shop, Tully had another pouty-face-sitdown moment. Are we having fun yet?

Maybe lunch is what we all need. We stopped at a place overlooking the water that was touted for its food and patio dining. I'm sure it would have been great had the awning not had a rip in it just above our table. Pigeons, seagulls-- seagulls and pigeons. We didn't suffer any 'torpedoes', but we had to remain vigilant and not turn our backs on our plates or a scene from Alfred Hitchcock's, "The Birds," would come to life. We finished lunch unscathed however, and continued on our way.

We decided to take a golf cart around Avalon to see the sights. We had passed two rental locations on the way to the restaurant, but there was one directly across the street that I had been to before while on a seniors' excursion. The same man was there, and I remember him as a jovial sort with a good sense of humor. Yikes! What a transformation. Either my memory is faulty, or he was having a *really* bad day. He was so rude I think even the DMV would refuse to hire him. We went on to the second place where they were very polite, but had no mandatory child seats. The third and last place did have them and after plunking down the equivalent of a down payment for the entire fleet of golf carts we were on our way to see lovely Avalon. *To Be Continued....*

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

### FYI: Scam Alert

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
16 oz. 1 lb.	



Happy Birthday  
Juanita Fernandez and Joe Kiss



### 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  
¼ 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  
¼ 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

### Activities:

*Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre*

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

**Monday:** Free Strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandley 1:00- 1:45 PM  
**Tuesday:** Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card

Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information

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

**Thursday:** Game Day- 1:00- 3:30 PM Poker, UNO, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it.

Yoga- 5:00 PM- 6:30PM \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over) Call 355-5278 for more information

**Friday:** Ping-Pong- 1:30 PM  
**Saturday:** Senior Club for those 55 and older- Brown bag lunch at 11:30AM. Meeting at Noon- Bingo at 12:30 PM -Only .25c per card

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.



### Meals-On-Wheels:

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# Homes & Property

## One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

### When Architecture Becomes Sculpture and Landmark - Architect Gougeon Speaks on St. Rita Church Design

St. Rita Church in Sierra Madre had its 10 minutes of national fame as the edifice became the face of the Sierra Madre fire back in April. Photos of flames behind the church flashed on CNN as I tuned in for fire news from my son's home in New York City. St. Rita Pastor, Richard Krekelberg, bought prints of one of those mesmerizing shots from an entrepeneuring photographer named only Amador, who hawked them in the church parking lot while the flames still licked up the hillsides.

That 72 foot high Campanile tower rises above the trees and other buildings of Sierra Madre, and becomes an easy orientation landmark when viewing the area from a distance. On the times we muster the courage to park at the jam-packed Santa Anita Mall, we nearly always end up on top. The only good thing about that is the opportunity to enjoy the panoramic view of Sierra Madre and its mountain backdrop, with St. Rita Church visible like a beacon, benefiting from its steep vantage.

This summer, as part of a year of events celebrating the Centennial of the parish, the church invited their architect to give a seminar on the history of their church's unusual design and construction. John Andre Gougeon, a noted Pasadena architect, was only 33 when then pastor O'Malley appeared one day at the construction site of Gougeon's own home on Carter, just a few blocks away. O'Malley asked him to consider building the new St. Rita Church, planned for an expanded hillside site at Baldwin and Grandview.

Now 77, Gougeon's architectural practice is still active, as is his spirit, enthusiasm and passion for his profession. Bringing photos from the construction, he first spoke about the concept of the church's design. As is often the case, the tug between art and budget reared here as well. Proponents of a "simple" box design campaigned against Gougeon's "church as sculpture" ideas. Gougeon chuckled that then Cardinal Mc Intyre didn't understand how a 33 year old architect could design a church. O'Malley stood firm, supporting Gougeon's design with Catholic Archdiocesan officials, saying he would "turn in his badge if this version of the church wasn't built." Gougeon's groundbreaking church was constructed. Dedicated 38 years go in 1970; it became the fourth iteration in the parish's 100 year history.

One of Gougeon's first comments took me aback. "Almost nothing is vertical here." Something I never noticed in over 100 Sunday services here in the two years we've attended this church. He then went on to say he built the church, not as a piece of architecture, but as a piece of spiritual sculpture.

The floor plan is bell shaped, with the altar at the top of the bell. The 19 rows of pews holding 840 persons radiate from the Sanctuary. The concrete reinforced church combines clean modern lines with Spanish Mission and Aztec influences, blending the sweeping changes underway in Catholic services with tradition and history. A Swedish "slip forming" process, a new method in the 60's,



Inset in text: The architect during construction. Above right: St. Rita became a popular media image during the Sierra Madre fire. Below: The airy inside of the church.



was used to erect the Campanile, requiring 55 continuous hours of nerve-wracking, work. Some walls were poured in place; others were pre-cast elsewhere, then tilted up. The rest were formed using the gunite process, similar to pool building.

Slight angles and arches form the walls, and even the wrought iron, travertine altar and the custom furniture have few right angles.

An apse roof, described in Encarta as a semicircular projecting part of a building, especially the east end of a church, which contains the altar. High clerestory lighting illuminates the altar, the massive, intricate relief wall and the multi-metal sculpture of the Resurrection.

A former parishioner, Joseph Maes, designed the sculpture and tear-drop stained glass windows representing the Stations of the Cross. Gougeon indicated he and Maes actually constructed the relief wall together. Gougeon proudly commented that the building came in at budget, though in the end, the pews were culled from the old church, refinished and installed forgoing pews designed to closer fulfill the design intent of the architect. Several pieces from the previous church were incorporated into the new building, including the crucifix, which now hangs in the balcony, and several saints' statues.

During his presentation, Gougeon referred to the functional design of the clerestories and their opening mechanisms, which current staff were unaware of. Opening these windows will help lower energy costs with natural cross-ventilation, and allowing hot air trapped near the ceiling to escape. Now to get them working again after years of disuse! He also called out the original color of Cabot stain used for the woodwork, so that the integral nature of the church's design, colors and materials can remain true to his vision.

Gougeon's daughter, Marie Mauer, described



Chris Bertrand



him as her "Renaissance man", well versed and facile in numerous areas. He grew up in carpentry, following in his father's footsteps. This experience cross-trained him well when he became an architect, bringing an intimate understanding of what is needed in that part of the construction business. "In fact," he chuckles, "I actually built that home on Carter with my own hands."

After this first church, Gougeon went on to design numerous other local churches, including the Pasadena Presbyterian Church on Colorado in downtown Pasadena, St. Luke's Episcopal in Monrovia, United 1st Methodist in Pasadena, First Christian in North Hollywood, St. Mark's Episcopal in Altadena and the interior of La Cañada Presbyterian.

When asked if he was part of the recent Catholic Cathedral project in downtown LA, he answered that Cardinal Mahony approached him about the project, but felt "I simply didn't have another

Cathedral in me, having just completed a grueling six year Episcopal Cathedral project in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles."

That might be so, but the passion and enthusiasm for beautiful architecture still emanates from this inspired (and still busily working) architect.

John Gougeon, Architect 20 S. Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA 626-796-8121



## TABLE FOR TWO By Peter Dills

### "The Great Bargain Hunter"

The kids are heading back to school and summer is running out as quickly as the Dodgers' chance of making the playoffs. We have visited some fantastic restaurants in the San Gabriel Valley during these days of sunshine. I have noticed some common threads in my favorite spots of late: Beckham Grill, LA Grand Orange, JJ Steakhouse, Il Fornaio and Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. "What is that thread?", you ask this adroit Restaurant PI. Bargains, bargains, bargains!!! Your idea and my idea of a great bargain may be

different; after all, some of us could never bring ourselves to spend (\$40) on a steak. I know your pain!

Last weekend I was in the spirit to spend (\$40) on a Steak, so I went to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse on Colorado. It is a little like going to Vegas, in that you have to throw some money around to enjoy yourself, only here you won't leave with that empty feeling. I was comforted to see that the restaurant is in the steady and guiding hands of Jimmy (formerly of Il Fornaio) and Eddie (formerly of the Ritz Carlton). I was given a beautiful booth in the bar area. Again, let me set the stage. I was fully ready to throw that credit card to the wolves and accept the consequences at the end. I was given the Wine List and finally realized I had sat down at the big bet table and took a large swallow as I debated the prices and the wolves. The wine prices are high, not a little but rather a full challenge to your senses. Costco was running through my mind as I considered my economic utopia with deeper admiration. I wanted the Vuee Cliquot but opted instead for the "J" Champagne.

Now it is time to save some money. Unbelievable as it may sound, you can do that here. It appears that the powers to be at Ruth's Chris realize that many people are going out less, so they have put together a Summer Celebration package for (\$89). Get off the floor Herb, yes (\$89) for two people!!! This is a three-course meal for two, with five entrée choices.

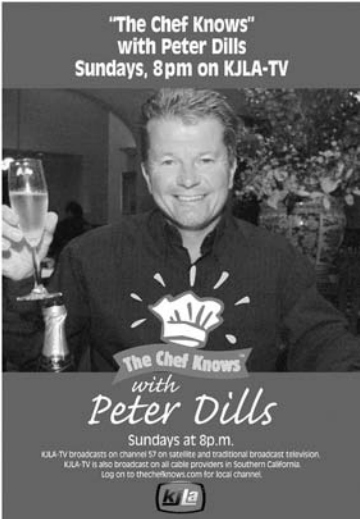
The first course selection is; Caesar Salad, Steak House Salad or a Louisiana Seafood Gumbo; my choice is the House Salad. Entrée selections; again one per guest, Petite Filet, Mixed Grill, Chef's Fresh Fish, Barbecued Shrimp or the Chicken Breast. Go for the Petite and you'll be smiling. Considering the amount of food in the other courses, this is the perfect size for this course. The sides include; Broccoli, Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Potatoes and Juliene Potatoes. For dessert they offer six choices and I recommend The Breaded Pudding with Whisky sauce.

My guest had to get the Crab Legs; she was taunting me though, as if we didn't have enough food already. She thoroughly enjoyed them. An item to note when ordering these, the crabs are cut to the claw; what that means is that the meat doesn't all come out at once like a Crab Leg would. If you order the Crab, ask for the legs. Did I get my money's worth? I made the right choice and once I pay that balance off I will be out on the town again - see you in a couple months. My server Sara was top shelf and she was all business. I must admit that I do appreciate that when I am spending big bucks for food.

There is no option but to valet park in front, the valet charge can be added to your bill. The restaurant is a little dark, but very clean and the bathrooms are spotless!!!

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# SPORTS

## Duarte Boxers Knock 'Em Out!



The City of Duarte's Duarte Youth Boxing Club celebrated the success of the 3rd annual Boxing Show held Sunday (Aug 24) and of the individual efforts of the Club's boxers who won five of their six bouts. Some 700 spectators were in attendance at the Duarte High School Gym to watch 21 USA Boxing Federation sanctioned bouts featuring young amateur boxers from throughout Southern California. From left to right: Duarte assistant coach Louis Valenzuela, champions Wesley Simpkins, Steven Salerno, and Luis Sedano who was also named Outstanding Senior Boxer of the event, professional trainer Jack Mosley, Duarte Mayor Phil Reyes, champion Alec Trejas, champion Ryan Coulter, Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana, Victor Barajas, and head Duarte trainer Victor Valenzuela. Submitted by Barrow Hoffman



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Please return registration forms to the Community Recreation Center or City Hall no later than Monday, September 22, 2008. For additional information call 626-355-5278



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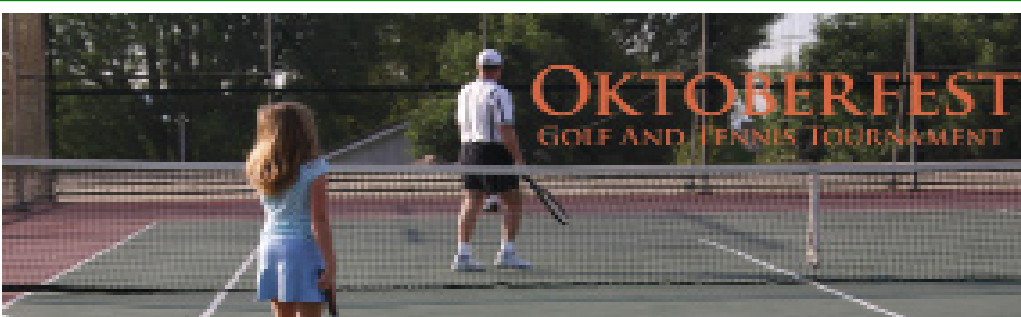
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