

Calendar & Arts

Weather Wise



5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Mon: Sunny Hi 100s Lows 70s
Tues: Sunny Hi 100s Lows 70s
Wed: Sunny Hi 90s Lows 70s
Thur: Sunny Hi 90s Lows 70s
Fri: Sunny Hi 90s Lows 70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

“An International Affair” Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center's Fifth Annual Auction and Dinner

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008

Mater Dolorosa will be celebrating the Worldwide Community of Passionists and their heartfelt works at our Fifth Annual Harvest on the Hill Auction and Dinner. The Passionist priests and brothers have been in Sierra Madre since 1923 when they were invited to staff St. Rita's Catholic Church. Their ministry expands to 59 countries where they proclaim and extend the compassion and love of Jesus through their ministry as scholars, spiritual directors, retreat masters, teachers, chaplains, authors, ministers to the sick and dying, and ministers to the suffering people of the world. Please join us for an evening of friendship and fun as we honor our Worldwide Community of Passionists.

Reservation tickets are \$80 per person.
 Raffle tickets (\$20 each or 6 for \$100) to win the following:

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Second prize: \$750 Cash.
 Third prize: \$250 gas card.

Schedule of Events

4:15 p.m. Mass
 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 or go to www.materdolorosa.org or www.passionist.org. Your Help and Support is Appreciated!

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 or call (626) 355-7186. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

SIERRA MADRE AQUATICS CENTER


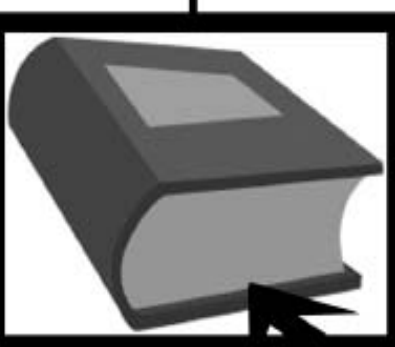

The Sierra Madre Aquatics Center will be opening for Fall 2008 for lap swim. Hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Lap swim season passes are available for \$100.00 and there will NOT be daily admissions. 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.

St. Rita's Semi-Annual Welcome Event

New to St. Rita's church or school and don't feel you know many members? Moved to Sierra Madre recently, and looking for a new Catholic church home? Belonged to St. Rita's for a long time, but don't feel you've connected yet? Let us welcome you to St. Rita's!

Join us Sunday afternoon, September 21 at 3 p.m. for a casual wine and cheese gathering at the home of Dick and Chris Bertrand. Please bring a bottle of wine or your favorite beverage, a cheese and crackers plate, or an appetizer to share.

Representatives of various St. Rita organizations will join our pastor, Father Krekelberg, to welcome you to our wonderful parish community! At 5 p.m., following the gathering, we will tour the St. Rita's campus and facilities, with those who are interested. RSVP to Chris Bertrand at 626-355-1621.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 7:00 pm Senior Community Meeting, Council Chambers 3:00 pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bargain Book Table, Sierra Madre Public Library, September 15th - 20th During Normal Operational Hours						
Community Services Commission Meeting Council Chambers 6:00 Pm	15	16	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Council Chambers 7:00 pm	17	18	20
	28	29	30	<div>Calendar For The Month Of September</div>		
			Library Board of Trustees Meeting City Hall Conference Room 7:00 pm			

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!

Youth Acting Classes Offered

Youth Acting and Music Theater Workshops at Sierra Madre Playhouse are registering students, now, for Fall Semester 2008. Taught by Alison Kalmus and Dianne Harmel this acclaimed program, in its 9th year, offers drama and vocal classes ranging from beginning technique through advanced performance on the SMP stage. Classes fill quickly so for information and registration go to www.sierramadreplayhouse.org or call 626-398-7636

TAKE FOOTHILL TRANSIT LINE 197 TO THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR

WEST COVINA, CA (September 3, 2008)
 - Whether your interest is fried food on a stick, wine tastings, baked goods, or prize-winning chickens, Foothill Transit is your ticket to ride. From September 5th through the 28th, Foothill Transit's Line 197 will be adding a few extra trips to its schedule to help accommodate fair goers Wednesday through Sunday.

Line 197, which runs from Montclair to Pomona, makes a super convenient stop right at Fairplex, home of the L.A. County Fair. The extra trips added to the route's schedule mean fairgoers can stay a little later and kiss summer goodbye with music, dancing, and of course, over 250 unique food and beverage vendors. The additional trips are detailed in the timetable below:

Please note, all trips are PM except midnight service, and run only Wednesday through Sunday, for the duration of the L.A. County Fair, unless otherwise noted below.

** FRI and SAT night service ONLY; all other additional trips will run WED, THURS, and SUN.

For details about Line 197's schedule, visit foothilltransit.org or call us at 1-800-RIDE-INFO. For more fair information, visit lacountyfair.com. Tickets to the fair for adults are \$12 to \$17 with parking running between \$10 and \$15 per vehicle. Taking Foothill Transit's Line 197 to the fair is just \$1. With the money you save on parking, you could try some of their new fried avocado on a stick.

Additional Service for Line 197 Northbound							
Pomona Transit Center	White & Orange Grove	Fairplex & Orange Grove	White & McKinley	Arrow Hwy & Garey	Arrow Hwy & Towne	Claremont Transit Center	Montclair Transit Center
8:15	8:22	8:31	8:47	8:53	8:59	9:06	9:18
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11:45**	11:52	12:02	12:18	12:24	12:30	12:37	12:47
Additional Service for Line 197 Southbound							
Montclair Transit Center	Claremont Transit Center	Arrow Hwy & Towne	Arrow Hwy & Garey	White & McKinley	Fairplex & Orange Grove	White & Orange Grove	Pomona Transit Center
8:19	8:26	8:33	8:40	8:48	9:02	9:07	9:15
9:23	9:30	9:37	9:44	9:52	10:06	10:11	10:19
10:30	10:37	10:44	10:51	10:59	11:12	11:17	11:25
11:00	11:07	11:14	11:21	11:29	11:42	11:47	11:55
12:00**	12:07	12:14	12:21	12:29	12:42	12:47	12:55
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REMEMBRANCES

Ed Justice Sr. 1921-2008

Ed Justice, Sr., 87 – Founded Worldwide Oil Additive Company with 2 Brothers / Racing Pioneer

Duarte, CA - Ed Justice, Sr., the last of three brothers who founded Justice Brothers, Inc. which would become a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of car care additives, lubricants and cleaners, has died. He was 87.

Justice died August 30, 2008 of complications due to kidney failure in Arcadia, California, said son Ed Justice, Jr.

With \$2,500 profit from a racecar they built in their garage, Justice and his brothers Zeke and Gus started Justice Brothers, Inc. in Southern California. In turn, it was built into one of the world's leading brands for professional mechanics and consumers. When Justice retired 20 years ago, the company manufactured 13 products, today the product line numbers in excess of 100. Zeke concentrated on the mechanical side and the formulation of the products while Gus handled the accounting and money side. Gus retired from the business in 1974 and Zeke retired in 1980.

Before the founding of Justice Brothers, Inc., Justice and his brother Zeke worked for the legendary Indianapolis racecar builder Frank Kurtis in Glendale, California. While there, they built and fabricated racecars for the biggest names in racing at that time. It was through these friendships that the oil business would later benefit.

After starting Justice Brothers, they went on to win the 1950 Indy 500 sponsoring their former boss Frank Kurtis's entry. When they moved to Jacksonville, Florida, they got involved with stock car racing and helped start NASCAR in late 1947 and became one of the first sponsors. Cars they were involved with won the 1950 Southern 500 and the original Daytona Beach stock car races. Justice was inducted into the West Coast NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2008.

From the youngest age, Justice had shown a great interest in all things mechanical and in particular the automobile. His first business was renting bicycles, which he and his brother Zeke had re-built, to the local towns' people in their

hometown of Paola, Kansas. Justice and his brothers invented the world's first transmission stop-leak and many other innovative products in their field. "My dad and his brothers were stereotypical Midwesterners who came to California to find a better life, and they did. The big reason for their move to California was because it was the center of hot rodding and Indianapolis style racing, with most of the top car builders located there. They knew they had to be part of this", said Ed Justice, Jr.

Justice was the only brother of the three to serve in the military during World War II. He was a member of the 8th Air Force, stationed in England. Justice was known as a salesman's salesman and always stated you needed a quick step and a firm handshake to get ahead. Because of this, he was known as the most visible of the three brothers. This led to Justice appearing in live broadcast television commercials in Jacksonville, Florida at the very beginnings of the medium. Justice and the company became part of the landscape across the United States and in particular a television icon in Southern California. Every commercial was ended with what was to become the well-known phrase "Tell them Ed Justice sent you".

Edward R. Justice, Sr. was born June 12, 1921 in Paola, Kansas to Harry and Anna Justice. His father died at the age of 59.

While living in Southern California, Justice met his first wife Maureen, herself a Nebraska transplant. The couple married in 1947. Maureen died in 1983.

Justice is survived by his son, Ed Justice, Jr.; and daughter in law, Susan; their two daughters Courtney and Caitlin. At the time of Justice's death, he was married to second wife Linda of Arcadia, California. Also surviving are Ed's two stepdaughters Candy; her husband Nowie; Judy; her husband Art; and six step grandchildren. Justice who was one of six children is survived also by one sister Marie, of Monrovia, California

ROSE FLOAT from page 1

SMRFA is one of two float builders that own a permanent building where they can plan, build and decorate their entry year-round. It is a 50-week project.

Two princesses are currently being sought to ride on the float; applications can be found online at www.sierramadrenews.net/2009princesses. Additionally, because there is no visibility for the drivers in this year's design, a member of the Association will be situated on the Float in radio communication with the drivers, providing instructions to keep them on course.

Chief Heydorff opened by reiterating his thanks to Rotarians for their recent contributions of radios to the Department, noting that the captain's radios on engine 41 and 241 are now in use. Heydorff continued that he was here today to talk about the 2009 Rose Float. "We on the Fire Department wholeheartedly support the Rose Float Association. It's a symbol of what a group of volunteers can accomplish when they put forth their imagination, their effort in building a float from the welding up, the steel super-structure to the thousands of hours in placing the flowers. And the time it takes to produce this work of flower and steel. It's also to produce a

symbol of Sierra Madre so that the whole world can see it on January 1st." Mills added that the City has not been intimately involved in the making of the float since they were building it, which goes back decades. "So we're really happy to have the Fire Dept. carrying this."

Sierra Madre's participation in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade is one of the longest in duration in the parade, having entered a float since 1917. Today, the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association funds, designs, builds and decorates the community's annual entry. SMRFA derives funding solely from membership fees, donations by individuals and organizations, local fundraising events, and sales of food, flowers, shirts, pins, and other float memorabilia. Mills added that the total operating budget for Bollywood Dreams will be about \$60,000, with the direct cost of the float coming in at about \$42,000. Last year's Princess Award winning float, Valentine's Day, cost \$32,000. To become a member in the Rose Float Association, (and your dues will help fund this year's float), you can pay online or download a membership form at the SMRFA website, at www.sierramadrerosefloat.com. To make a donation, send your check, made out to SMRFA, to SMRFA, PO Box 603, Sierra Madre, CA 91025-0603.

Duarte

Duarte to Honor Victims of September 11th With Memorial Tree Planting Event

DUARTE, CA, September 3, 2008 – The City of Duarte will honor the memory of the victims of September 11th with a tree dedication ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. on the grounds of Andres Duarte Elementary School, 1433 Crestfield Dr.

The public is invited to attend the inspirational and reflective ceremony that will include participants from the City, federal, county, state and school district offices. Students from Andres Duarte Elementary School will sing patriotic songs and help local officials plant and dedicate an oak tree donated by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. The tree will serve as a living memorial to those whose lives were lost on September 11th 2001. For additional information, contact Duarte's Promise: The Alliance for Youth at (626) 357-7931, ext. 265.



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Blood Pressure	California Mission Inn
Body Fat	HealthCare Partners
Bone Density	Sanofi Adventis
Derma Scan	HealthCare Partners
Glucose	Arcadia Gardens
Hearing	Lions Club
Mini-Massage	Aetna
Medications	Colonial Pharmacy
Mobility	Silver Sneakers
Stroke	Secure Horizons
Sight	Lions Club

SEMINARS

To be held in the air-conditioned Council Chambers.

9:30 am **Senior Veterans Housing Benefits**
Denise Reistetter, Transitions For Vets

11:00 am **Totally Unique – Silver Service**
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11:15 am **Dealing With Downsizing**
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The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association will be accepting applications for the position of Princesses to represent the City at local functions and activities and ride on our float on New Year's Day in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Princesses will not only have the honor of riding on the Sierra Madre float, but will have the pleasure of meeting with most of the local city government, service organizations and clubs. In addition, they will be assisting with float decorating and publicity opportunities. Princesses will have a very exciting and educational year.

Applicants must be 15 to 18 years old, have a 3.0 grade average and be a resident of Sierra Madre. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or your High School or downloaded from the SMRFA website, www.sierramadrerosefloat.com and must be mailed and received by SMRFA by October 17th, 2008. Applicants must appear for judging on Saturday, October 18th, at the Sierra Madre Masonic Hall, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., between 8:30A.M. and 11:00A.M. Applications submitted later than October 17th or on the interview day will not be accepted.

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is pleased to offer this wonderful opportunity to the special young women of our community. If you have any questions, please call Donna Sutcliffe at 626-355-8579.

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By Dean Lee

The city's Accessibility and Disability Commission got an earful Tuesday afternoon from Sharon Turner, a sales representative for PeopleSupport Transcription & Captioning, on the possibility of real-time captioning for the city council meetings on channel 55 KPAS. The biggest hurdle facing both the city and station is cost.

PeopleSupport, locally in Burbank, is one of several companies that provide captioning services. They currently deliver captioning during the Los Angeles City Council among others, Turner said. The company was asked to discuss options to the Accessibility and Disability Commission.

Turner said the company is headquartered in the Philippines, but assured the commission they use local captioners. She said as time goes on, the captioners build unique dictionaries, staying with particular assignments. "Sometimes we get people that have lived in or know an area and request it," she said.

Commissioner Bette Reigelman said she brought the caption issue up at a recent council meeting after having trouble hearing the meeting. Reigelman is hearing impaired.

"You're not only accommodating me as a deaf person, but there are seniors that what to know what's going on as well," she said, adding that this also goes for people who do not speak English as their first language.

"As a language teacher years back in La Canada I started thinking about this," she said.

She also said the issue was probably overlooked, "I'll tell you this, deaf people, they do not like to speak up because think they are stupid if they keep saying, what, what, what."

Pasadena Community Access Corporation executive director, Don Repella, said Thursday the station could not absorb the estimated \$33,750, annual cost unless the city or someone else stepped in. He added that the annual estimated captioning cost was for English only.

To provide English-Spanish would cost over \$150,000 something Repella said would take their whole budget. The Community Access Corporation's budget comes from Charter Cable, but first goes through the city, as mandated by law.

Turner also said there was not a good system in place for real-time Spanish captioning; translation has to be done first.

Repella did say the corporation could possibly pay the one time capital equipment cost of \$15,900, adding that captioning has been something the station wanted to include

for the last seven years. It would benefit them greatly by adding viewers, he added.

"This is the farthest we have got," he said optimistically, "and the first time we have been asked by the council for a report." The annual ongoing cost is based on 50 meetings a year, five hours a meeting.

Repella said they estimated remote real-time service to be \$135 an hour, close to what Turner quoted the city. She said they provided the service for \$115 an hour.

Turner said most captioners did not like working longer than four hours. In the case of a long council meeting, she said they would have back up teams. All the captioners work from their homes, she said, but assured Council that they had backup systems for every type of problem.

Reigelman suggested Pasadena take the lead like other cities, such as San Francisco, which she said has mandated that all television programming to be captioned as of this year.

Turner said already the state of New York not only requires public meeting to be captioned, but also requires all meetings to be taped and put online.

"If you can't make it to the meeting, you get to a computer, and then you can later see the meeting and have it captioned," she said.

McCain/Palin Supporters Rally In Pasadena

By Teresa Baxter

Despite the controversy surrounding vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, local Republicans gathered at the Pasadena GOP Election Headquarters to rally in support of presidential hopeful John McCain, during his televised acceptance speech for his party's nomination.

In the short time between McCain's VP pick announcement, leading up to his acceptance speech, McCain has had to fend off allegations made against Palin. Various news agencies are reporting disparities that go against the self-proclaimed "average hockey mom" and her ethical standards.

According to the Associated Press, in the days after Palin made her debut on the national stage with McCain, the campaign announced her unmarried daughter's pregnancy. Other disclosures followed, including that a private attorney was authorized to spend \$95,000 of state money to defend her against accusations of abuse of power and that Palin sought pork-barrel projects for her city and state, contrary to her reformist image.

With all this coming to light, McCain supporters still stand staunchly behind their candidate and Palin. Stacey Martinez brought her children, Lindsey and John-John, to the Pasadena headquarters

to watch the speech where they volunteer. Lindsey, 6, and John-John, 9, both shared excitement about being involved in the campaign by making posters. Martinez said she is not trying to influence her children into becoming Republicans but believes that exposure to the political process will help them to make an educated choice through participation.

"I became a Republican late in high school when I started to look at the issues and I became more politically involved," said Martinez. "I actually grew up in a Democratic household cheering on Jimmy Carter."

Martinez admires Palin because she represents the woman that many aspire to be and is thrilled to be able to vote for her in this historical election.

"I am eager to hear her answers to the tough questions on the national network news—where they ask her about earmarks and other accusations," she said. "I want her to get in there and show her stripes."

JoAnn Jones is the president of the



Pasadena Republican Women and has been a Republican her entire life. Jones is 79-years-old and says that volunteering keeps her active and gets her out of the house.

"I love McCain because he's such a hero for the country because of what he went through as a prisoner of war at the Hanoi Hilton," she said. "Palin's speech was wonderful and amazing. She didn't say anything that I didn't agree with and it's always nice to hear people that agree with you."



As McCain took the stage the headquarters was filled with cheers, chanting "U.S.A.?! McCain stoically stood up for his VP choice, while also addressing the concerns of American citizens.

"[Palin] has a real record of accomplishment. She has tackled tough problems like energy dependence and corruption. She has balanced a budget, cut taxes and she's taking on the special interests," said McCain. "She has reached beyond the aisle and asked Republicans, Democrats and Independents to serve in her administration...She stands up for what's right and she doesn't let anyone tell her to sit down."

Public Hearing Postponed: Penalties For Water Wasters

A public hearing set for Monday, Sept. 8, during which the Pasadena City Council would consider establishing penalties for water wasters, will be postponed to Monday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Water conservation efforts implemented by the council in December 2007 for all residents and businesses have been voluntary under Water Shortage Plan I, which calls for each customer of Pasadena Water and Power to refrain from eight specific activities related to excessive and unnecessary water use to achieve a 10 percent cutback in overall water use.

The community has fallen far short of this goal, so the council will consider establishing a series of penalties that would be imposed on those who violate Water Shortage Plan II, a mandatory program, if it is implemented in the future.

The proposed penalties are a written warning for the first violation, \$50 for the second, \$100 for the third, \$200 for the fourth plus installation of a water flow restrictor for 30 days, \$500 for the fifth plus installation of a flow restrictor for the remainder of the water shortage period, and \$500 for any subsequent violation.

With the possibility of mandatory restrictions and fines, Pasadena Water and Power strongly urges everyone in Pasadena to take immediate action to correct sources of water waste including broken sprinklers, watering lawns more than three times per week, hosing down pavement, etc.

To see all of the provisions of the Water Shortage Plan, including proposed amendments plus additional conservation tips, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/SaveWater or call (626) 744-6970.

Annandale Canyon Open Space Looked at

According to Pasadena Public Information Officer Ann Erdman on Monday night the council will consider ordering the formation of the Annandale Canyon Open Space Benefit Assessment District. If approved, ballots would be mailed to property owners to vote for or against the district, and ballots would be counted at the Oct. 27 council meeting. Annandale Canyon Estates, a development company that proposed building 24 single-family homes in an undisturbed canyon in west Pasadena, sued the city of Pasadena over the timing of the EIR for the project. The completion of a settlement agreement is contingent on the city purchasing the land. Some funding has been received through a \$2.5 million grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and it was thought that \$3 million could come from neighbors surrounding the canyon, but outreach showed they would be willing support an assessment district that would produce just less than half that amount. It may be possible that state and county funding could produce about \$1.7 million.

Summer Mixer Held for City's Playhouse District



The Pasadena Playhouse District held one of their quarterly events at 2 North Lake Ave. late last month. The mixers are organized to bring together district members, business owners, residents and employees of the district. "It's a nice end of summer mixer for networking and promoting the Playhouse District along with the new stuff that's happening on Lake Avenue," said Carlton Maese, a representative of the South Lake Business Association.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? COME TO THE SMEAC ANNUAL MEETING!

An invitation from Alison Snow-Wesley, SMEAC President

By Pat Birdsall

I'd like to cordially invite all members and interested friends to attend SMEAC's annual General Meeting, September 12, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hart Memorial Park House and Senior Center located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be our honorable former Mayor and current City Councilmember, John Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan is going to outline the City's endorsement of the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement-2005, and the status of efforts to "green" the City of Sierra Madre. SMEAC can play a pivotal role in assisting the City by putting together a "green forum" calling on the many local service organizations and like-minded citizens for ideas, and by implementing a public education outreach program.

Please come and learn where your talents can be utilized in this critical grassroots endeavor to protect our global environment by beginning right here at home. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a chance to catch up with each other while enjoying fantastic local young artist, Vincent Johnson, on the piano. Potluck dinner will follow, so begin thinking of that favorite recipe your friends always ask for. Please RSVP to Alison Snow-Wesley at 355-1544 or Marge Koch, our Membership Chair, at 355-9765. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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



Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

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 24 to Saturday, August 30, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 276 calls for service.

Tuesday, August 26th:

10:41 AM- Theft, 700 block of Canyon Crest. Between 8-22 and 8-26, at an unknown time, unknown suspect(s) entered into a resident's garage and stole an uninstalled toilet. The total loss was \$50.00.

Wednesday August 27th:

3:04 AM- Arrest, 600 block of Sierra Madre Blvd. Officer stopped a vehicle for a moving violation and found that the driver was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The man was booked into Sierra Madre Police Department's jail facility for remand.

3:18 PM - Identity Theft, 2000 block of Sunrise Hill Lane. A resident reported that starting in April 15th through August 27th, someone used his personal information and illegally obtained credit cards under his name, and fraudulently charged several thousands of dollars worth of goods. The resident discovered the loss only after being called by several collection agencies to repay the loans.

Friday, August 29th:

4:03 PM - Identity Theft, 300 block of San Gabriel Court. A resident reported the fraudulent use of his

personal information for a credit card purchase, after receiving a telephone call from the vendor confirming the illegal credit card purchase.

8:38 PM- Arrest, Michillinda Ave. and Landfair Way, Pasadena. Officer stopped a motorist for a moving violation and learned that the driver was unlicensed. The motorist was released on a written promise to appear in court.

Saturday, August 30th:

1:07 AM- Battery, 00 block of Kersting Court. Two men argued at Lucky Baldwin's and fought one another. Neither wanted prosecution. A report was taken and both parties were released.

3:25 PM- Arrest, 00 block of East Mira Monte Ave. Officer conducted a consensual contact on 3 men. Investigation revealed the men were in possession of over an ounce of marijuana. The men were cited and released on a written promise to appear in court.

12:18 PM- Arrest, 500 block of Woodland Drive. Officers responded to an in-progress domestic dispute. Officers arrested a man for physically abusing his wife and false imprisonment after he held her in their home against her will. The man was booked into county jail for remand.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 24, through Saturday, August 30, the Police Department responded to 909 calls for service of which 110 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 24:

A 22-year-old male was arrested for commercial burglary and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant at the Suncoast store located at Westfield mall around 2:14 p.m. He took two DVD's, concealed them beneath his shirt, and exited the store without making payment.

Around 6:26 p.m., units responded to the 1700 block of Loganrita in reference to a residential burglary that occurred between August 20 and August 24. Unknown suspect(s) entered the house by unknown means and stole a slot machine, stereo equipment, and plasma television.

Monday, August 25:

Shortly after 4:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Vaquero regarding a male juvenile attempting to drown his 9-year-old sister in the pool. He used his hands and weight to hold her underwater several times, and it was reported that she had turned blue due to the lack of oxygen. A 15-year-old was arrested for assault and was later transferred to the Eastlake Detention Center.

A private person's arrest was made at the Solstice store located at Westfield mall around 6:45 p.m. A 20-year-old male suspect stole a pair of sunglasses.

Tuesday, August 26:

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 1000 block of West Huntington around 8:30 p.m. The female victim was walking home from a grocery store when an unknown male assailant pushed her to the ground and then took her purse. An area search was conducted, but the suspect was not located.

A neighbor in the 400 block of Cambridge observed a residential burglary in progress around 12:46 p.m. and notified police. An 18-year-old female suspect, driving the suspect vehicle, was located and arrested. Three male suspects fled the scene on foot, and a containment area was established. With the help of local police agencies, yard-to-yard searches were conducted and all three suspects were later apprehended. The men, ages 19, 20, and 21 were all arrested for residential burglary and conspiracy; two of them also had felony parole holds.

Around 1:53 p.m., units responded to the 2000 block of South Eighth regarding a residential burglary. A witness observed a male suspect remove a plasma television from a neighbor's house and load it in a white van. The witness contacted the neighbor/victim directly informing him of the incident. Police were not notified of the incident until the victim returned home to find that his residence was burglarized.

Wednesday, August 27:

Officers responded to Ralphs, 1101 West Huntington, around 10:47 a.m. regarding a grand theft that occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on August 26. A store manager noticed

about 30 cans of baby formulas missing from the store shelves, and a computer inventory search revealed that none of the cans had been sold.

A traffic stop was conducted at Huntington and Gate 5 around 2:38 p.m. for a modified exhaust. A record check revealed that the 26-year-old male driver had a \$40,000 outstanding felony warrant and was arrested at the scene.

Thursday, August 28:

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 100 block of Diamond around 4:35 p.m. A female victim was walking home when she was confronted by a male suspect in his 30's, 5'10", 160 pounds. The suspect snatched her purse and fled the scene on foot. An area search was conducted, but the suspect was not found.

Around 8:40 p.m., another strong-arm robbery occurred at the CVS Pharmacy parking lot, 9952 Las Tunas. The victim was entering her vehicle when a male suspect, 25-30 years of age, medium build, approached from behind and grabbed her purse.

Friday, August 29:

Units responded to Westfield mall around 6:27 p.m. in reference to two female juveniles detained for theft. The suspects, ages 15 and 17, hid stolen items from the H&M store in their purses and fled without making payment. When confronted, they ran from security personnel and became combative when they were finally apprehended. The juveniles were arrested at the scene for robbery.

Around 9:00 p.m., a strong-arm robbery occurred in the 500 block of West Norman. A male suspect, 20-25 years of age, grabbed the victim's purse as she was entering her vehicle. The victim fell to the ground and landed on her knees, and the suspect fled in a waiting small red vehicle driven by another suspect. An area search was conducted, but the suspects were not located.

Saturday, August 30:

Shortly after midnight, units were dispatched to a Chevron gas station, 11 East Live Oak, regarding a possibly intoxicated woman slumped over the steering wheel. Officers contacted the 39-year-old female and detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath and person. A field sobriety test was conducted, and it was determined that she was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. Two girls, ages 2 and 8, were also found in the car, and investigation revealed that the older child had multiple bruises on her body and was physically abused by the suspect. The woman was taken into custody for willful cruelty to child and inflicting corporal injury to child. The girls were later released to their grandparents.

A total of seven vandalism incidents were reported between 10:57 p.m. on August 29 and 9:41 a.m. on August 30. Unknown suspect(s) threw rocks at the residences, breaking various windows. The vandalism occurred in the 1400 block of Caballero, 800 block of Palo Alto, 300 block of West LeRoy, 100 block of Longley, 00 block of West Las Flores, 300 block of West Palm, and 200 block of West Magna Vista.

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George Maurer days after his scooter attacked a bigger motor vehicle.

Another environmentally conscientious resident, Loyal Camacho, can also be seen tooling around town on her new scooter. Camacho, who also owns two motorcycles, one of which is a Harley, of course, stopped for a quick picture and chat as she was leaving the Senior Center on the hottest day of the week. "This thing doesn't go very fast, only 5 miles an hour on the sidewalk, but that's okay". Her vehicle is powered by electric battery and has three wheels and arm rests. Loyal, and her twin sister, Gloria, celebrated their 90th birthday earlier this year.

Both George and Loyal have found that their respective scooters keep them active. So, next time you think you hear a little hmmm behind you.... step aside!
S. Henderson/MVO

If you have been in Sierra Madre more than a day, you probably have seen Former Mayor George Maurer zipping around town with his helmet and red two wheel scooter. There aren't any places that I am aware of that George won't take his scooter, but last weekend, he probably wishes he hadn't gone to Happy Liquor's parking lot. You see, there our beloved fearless leader (pictured left) had a run in with a big motor vehicle (car) driven by a South Pasadena resident. Fortunately, George's injuries are limited to a few bumps and scratches.



Loyal says she stopped driving recently and bought her scooter.

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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. For more information contact Creative Arts Group at 626-355-8350

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Duarte High School to Host Seventh Annual Foothill Cities College Fair September 30

DUARTE, CA., September 3, 2008— The seventh annual Foothill Cities College Fair will take place on Tuesday, September 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Duarte High School Quad, 1565 E. Central Ave. Admission is free.

Students and their parents can compare the programs and opportunities offered by more than 50 colleges and universities from throughout California and the United States. Some of the colleges will offer on-site registration opportunities.

Among the many learning institutions already confirmed will be local community colleges, private and state universities, and career colleges, including: UC Irvine, University of New Mexico, UC Riverside, Tulane University, Arizona State University, Purdue University, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Northridge, CSU Monterey Bay, and CSU Dominquez Hills.

The college fair will also feature financial aid workshops in English and Spanish, presented by Sallie May Funding. Workshop attendees will be eligible to enter a drawing for a \$500 scholarship to be awarded following each of the workshops. Workshop times are from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm and 6:45 to 7:30 pm in the Duarte High School Library.

The Foothill Cities College Fair is presented by the Duarte Unified School District, the City of Duarte, Duarte's Promise; The Alliance for Youth and Sallie Mae Funding in collaboration with other foothill cities school districts.

As a follow-up to this year's college fair, Duarte's Prom-



ise will host its fourth annual College Preparation Seminar, an evening of education, information and motivation, from 6 p.m. to 8 pm on October 8. The program will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr.

Students from throughout the San Gabriel Valley and their parents are invited to attend the event to learn about the process, opportunities and realities of preparing for college from a host of experts including college administrators, career planners, coaches, and financial aid advisors. Admission is free, but seating is limited to the first 150 people, so reservations are recommended by calling: (626) 357-7931, ext. 268.

Topics will include financial aid, scholarship opportunities, financial planning, the recruiting process and how to prepare for it, the role of community colleges, state vs. private schools, tips on how to write a college resume, the admissions process, and how to find housing. The panel will also discuss how to take advantage of the resources of the campus environment, balancing academics, sports and employment, selecting and changing a major. Students will also have an opportunity to talk with career planners and NCAA regulations experts.

For more information about the Foothill Cities College Fair and The College Preparation Seminar, visit the Duarte's Promise - The Alliance for Youth website at www.duartepromise.org or call Duarte's Promise at Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 268.



Stranded in Front of a Krispy Kremes? Not So Fun...

Since I am too young to have a license, I mostly rely on public transportation to get me where I need to go. I actually don't mind taking the bus. The passengers are usually relatively friendly and the \$1.25 fee is nothing compared to gas prices these days. Things normally run smoothly on the bus, although last week something pretty unusual happened.

I had been on the bus for about twenty minutes when suddenly the bus came to a halt. Everyone looked around at each other with confused glances because this was not a bus stop. In fact, we had stopped in front of a Krispy Kremes Donut Shop. The bus driver took the keys out of the ignition and turned to us saying, "Sorry! But I've got to make a pit stop!" Now, this is quite understandable. After driving all day, I'm sure even bus drivers need a little personal time to themselves. What wasn't understandable was that she walked into the donut shop and began ordering a dozen donuts and coffee!

We all watched in amazement as the bus driver pointed to which donuts she wanted and sipped her coffee like she had all the time in the world. She must have been in there for at least 10 minutes, and

took another 5 minutes trying to gulp it all down. Everyone was shuffling in their seats and whispering to each other, but what could we do? The driver had the keys so we were stuck.

I was so taken back by what the bus driver was doing. I didn't know if she was allowed to make such stops, but I did know that it was wrong to inconvenience so many people. There was an elderly lady next to me that needed to make her doctor's appointment and she feared she would be late. Another lady said she was going to be late picking her daughter up from daycare and would now have to pay money for each 10 minutes she's late. Although I wasn't going to be late for anything, I was pretty furious. How could the driver be so selfish as to leave us stranded only for some donuts and a coffee?

When the lady returned to the bus, we were all waiting for an explanation. The driver simply said, "My bad, I got a little hungry", started the bus, and continued driving as if nothing was wrong.

I found out that day that not everyone is worried about you and your needs. In the real world, you're out on your own, every man for himself.

Pasadena Foster Care Children Need Back-to-School Supplies

The economic situation in this country has left businesses, organizations and families struggling to stay afloat. With the new school year here, Hillsides, a Pasadena children's charity, are in need of back-to-school supplies for the foster care children being served and cared for.

The following are supplies needed for the foster care children and the homes on the charity's campus:

- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Scientific calculator
- Pencils
- Blue and black pens
- Colored pencils
- Backpacks
- Glue sticks
- Elmer's glue
- Ruler
- Markers
- Crayons
- Kid scissors

- Folders/Report covers
- Homework memo pad
- Spiral notebooks
- Compass
- Protractor
- Red pens
- Loose-leaf wide ruled filler paper
- Mechanical pencils
- Quick reference dictionary
- Quick reference thesaurus
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- Basic calculators
- Pencil cases/pencil box
- Book Covers
- Novelty Pens
- Combination Lock
- Construction paper

- Tape recorders with headphones
 - Any other school supplies that looks inviting to children and teens
- Items can be delivered to: Hillsides 940 Avenue 64, Pasadena, CA 91105

"As you shop for your own children or go to the store to pick up a thing or two, we hope you'll think about our foster care children this school year and help us give them a fresh start," said Laura Kelso, Hillsides director of community resources.

If you would like to donate in-kind items listed above, please contact Laura Kelso, director of community resources, at (323) 254-2274, ext. 251 or e-mail lkello@hillsides.org. If you would like to designate funds for items listed above, please contact Carrie Espinoza, Hillsides assistant director of development, at (323) 254-2274, ext. 254.

To learn more about Hillsides, visit www.Hillsides.org.

AN OLYMPIC FINISH FOR 2008 GIRL SCOUT SUMMER CAMPS

Girl Scouts - Mt. Wilson Vista Council's 10 weeks of Summer Day Camps wrapped up last month, but memories of a jam-packed summer of fun and learning will remain for the girls who attended from across the San Gabriel Valley. A new and exciting theme each week offered something for every girl's interest in the wide variety of camps that kicked off in mid-June.

With a theme unique to the summer of 2008, Camp Mariposa in Altadena was transformed into an Olympic-style arena in August as girls ages 6-11 tested their skills in a number of athletic events while enjoying friendly competition and the spirit of sportsmanship. "Olympiad 2008," timed to coincide with the Summer Games in Beijing, engaged girls in a week-long parade of events, which included workshops and demonstrations from the Palpatating Panthers Jump Rope Squad and the Ultimate Frisbee Team from Caltech, and a special soccer clinic, as well as a celebrity appearance from a college basketball player from the University of La Verne. The week-long camp concluded with an exciting all-around competition, complete with medals and an awards ceremony that included an Olympic Torch relay with a torch fashioned out of construction paper. In a grand finale to the ceremony, teams relayed the torch around camp from unit to unit in celebration of the spirit of teamwork and competition.

Open to all girls, ages 6-17, campers engaged in everything from traditional outdoor camping activities to a week devoted to books



Pictured above, the young scouts enjoy camp and get to learn about nature, animals, and history.

and writing complete with a visit from author Andrea Seigel. During "Island Hopper" week, girls traveled the islands of the world learning everything from Japanese crafts to dancing the Hula. Other week-long camp themes included the creative arts, animals, Native American culture, the circus and the world of bugs. Specialty Camp experiences, designed to fit the interests and busy schedules of girls ages 11-17, were also offered at various times and locations across the San Gabriel Valley.

Girl Scouts - Mt. Wilson Vista Council serves more than 9,000 girls and young women, ages five to 17, in 23 communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The council is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA, the world's preeminent organization for girls. Today, as when founded in 1912, Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world

a better place. For more information on how to register your daughter, volunteer your time or donate to the Girl Scouts, call (626) 445-7771 or visit the GSMWVC Web site at www.gsmwvc.org.

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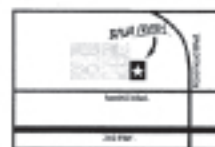
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From The Desk Of...Glenn Lambdin

Cronyism, Alive and Well in Sierra Madre

Back in 1997, I applied for a position as a planning commissioner. At that time, there were several politically charged issues facing the city and I found myself in the middle of some of them. Each applicant that applied for the position was publicly interviewed by the City Council to discuss their experience and qualifications. To make a long story boring, I didn't get the position. The council selected Gurdon Miller because, frankly, he was a more qualified choice. He had the educational and professional experience that placed him a cut above the other applicants. Considering the make up of the council at that time, I believe I could argue that I would've had more political favor with a majority of the council. Regardless and rightfully so, the council selected Gurdon because it was in the best interest of the city to select the most qualified candidate. Plain and simple, Gurdon was the right choice. That council had the integrity to do what was right instead of making a selection based on political cronyism.

Logic and reason would dictate that a healthy council would only desire to select the most qualified candidate; a candidate whose qualifications most closely match the requirements of the job description. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case last week when Councilmembers Watts, Zimmerman, and Macgillivray voted to appoint Kevin Paschall to the position of planning commissioner without even discussing a single candidate's qualifications and experience.

For just a moment, consider the fact that since Councilmembers Watts and Zimmerman came into office, the City has been facing an unprecedented number of law suits relating to land use issues. Hundreds of thousands of the resident's hard-earned tax dollars are being spent on legal fees to defend the policies of Watts and Zimmerman. With those facts in mind, wouldn't it be prudent to assume that the experience and qualifications of planning commission applicants would be of paramount concern to a responsible City Councilmember? ...apparently not. According to the actions of Watts, Zimmerman, and Macgillivray, qualifications and experience don't matter. Interviewing all the applicants, or even a single one for that matter, or discussing qualifications is not necessary. And, according to Mayor Zimmerman's absurd theatrical admission at "10 PM on a Tuesday night," his choice was in fact nothing more than a political appointment.

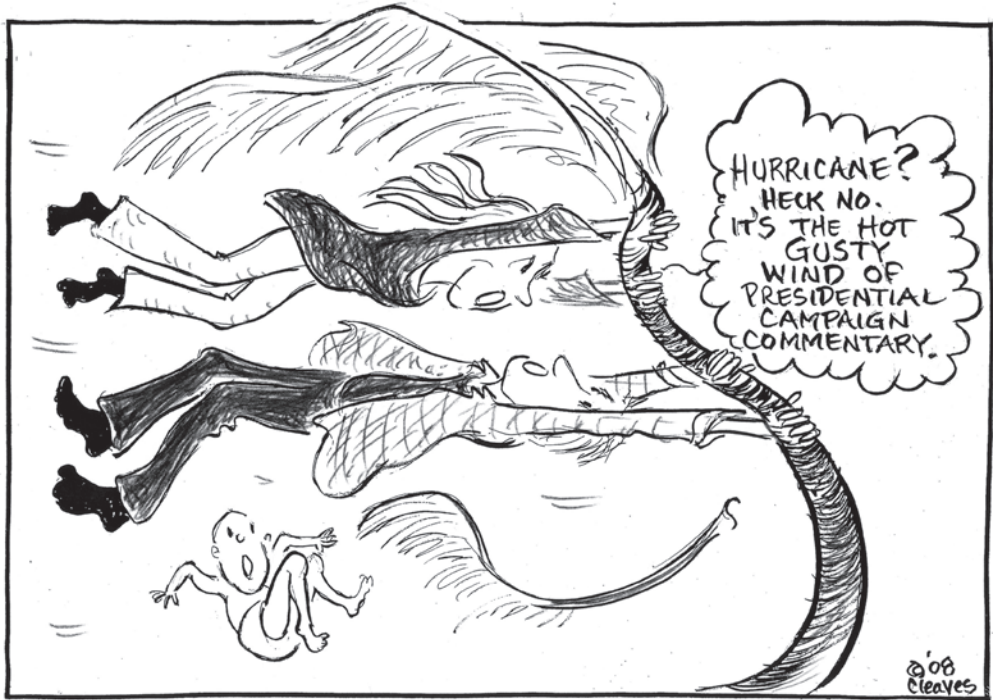
Doesn't it seem logical that the council would want to ask basic minimal questions of applicants such as: Do you have an educational background or any experience in planning, zoning and land use issues? Do you have any experience with CEQA as it applies to issues relating to the duties of a planning commissioner? Do you know what a Neg. Dec. is or a Mitigated Neg. Dec? Are you able to read and comprehend a set of working blueprints? Have you ever read the City's zoning codes?.... Doesn't it seem logical that applicants should be interviewed and their qualifications discussed by the council. Isn't that what decent and functional city government is all about?

I wonder if Watts, Zimmerman, and Macgillivray are even aware of how insulting their behavior was to all of the other applicants who sincerely applied for the position with a desire to serve the City in such an important volunteer capacity. I wonder if they even care.

I hope that Mr. Paschall will be an adequate commissioner. Actually, I hope he will be a great commissioner, the greatest the City has ever seen. Perhaps he was the most qualified of all the applicants, but the fact is, we'll never know, because the Watts-Zimmerman-Macgillivray triad decided that they are above any legitimate selection process. They showed the public that they can't concern themselves with an applicant's qualifications and experience because political cronyism is more important to them than a logical selection process utilizing critical thought.

Remember the old joke about the hillbilly that goes something like, "Last month I couldn't even spell technician, and now I is one." Commissioner Paschall, I read your application and may I suggest that you re-read your application as well and learn how to spell "planning commissioner" because now you is one!

For some reason, this one is just not passing the straight-face test.



Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE

What Do You Do When There's Nothing Left to Steal?

Republicans must have really been scared! Even after the spectacular speeches of Michelle Obama, Ted Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, John Kerry, and Barack Obama, the polls showed that the race between Senator Obama and his 72-year old opponent was almost neck and neck.

What could the Republicans do? As I'm sure you know, the last thing the Republicans want is to be left holding the bag. I guess everything that could be looted from the country's coffers has already been taken.

The Republicans were in a quandary. There are obvious chinks in the Democratic armor. Barack Obama is completely inexperienced in the foreign policy area and voters might legitimately want someone with a little or a lot more experience. The Democrats obviously realized this weakness by selecting the highly experienced Joseph Biden, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as the Vice-Presidential Candidate. Still, the polls showed the coming November election as too close to call.

What could the Republicans do? What Vice Presidential candidate would automatically alienate most voters, guarantee a good old Republican loss, allow time for the incredibly wealthy Republican bosses to relax and enjoy their wealth while the new Democratic administration attempts to put the country back on its feet?

Yes, even the Republicans know that a Republican administration cannot be relied upon to do anything but plunder and loot. High-level Republican appointments are, of course, made only on the basis of cronyism and guaranteed ineptitude. Only individuals who have gone on record as being against regulation are appointed as regulators. Oh it's all great fun, until the country falls apart as people begin to notice that in the GW years the country has gone from record surplus to a record deficit.

Okay, the Republicans must have thought. Who can we nominate to guarantee a loss and still maintain public sympathy so that there can be a Republican victory after the Democrats fix the economy?

Is Dan Quayle available? What about Spiro Agnew? We need someone sweet and congenial that will garner public sympathy - an inexperienced woman, what a great joke - perfect! Sandra Bullock for President - oops, she turns out to be a Democrat. What about the former Miss Congeniality of Alaska who's a basketball player? She's got everything we could want, except experience. Really with a 72-year old candidate, no voter would expect her to be ready to step into the position and with some added maturity and experience maybe she'll be a realistic candidate at a time when we want to win. Additionally, she's probably so busy worrying about her own large family and a Down's Syndrome child that she'll be easily controlled by whoever actually does the controlling. Perfect - yes, by the time you read this, the Republican Party will have chosen as their Vice-Presidential candidate Sarah Palin, ex-mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, population 8,000.

You know, I'm not kidding. I really think the Republicans know that this country just cannot survive 4 more years of Republican mismanagement. After seeing this Sarah Palin interviewed, I can see they still have a lot to worry about. Not only is she a woman, a mother of a disabled child, she's also a hunter, a beauty queen, and a basketball star. Oh, oh; that's probably enough to win. Don't be surprised if sometime before the actual election the Republicans find an excuse to change candidates and we have the wonderful opportunity of seeing the recycling of those never-forgotten signs:

AMERICA NEEDS NIXON AGNEW NOW!
(Thanks to Roger H.)



Choosing The Next President

Some things to consider before you vote

By Hail Hamilton

This year I've decided to vote for Barack Obama. It hasn't been an easy decision, however. I'm a moderately conservative independent. But anyone is preferable to John McCain. The idea of four more years of failed Bush policies is just too much to consider. But I am under no illusions about what the next president—whoever is elected—can and cannot do.

One reason modern presidents seem to fail is that they are expected to do too much. Presidential powers are extremely limited, particularly on the domestic front. According to my government textbook, "America's New Democracy", over 80% of the time presidents either fail to secure passage of their major legislative agendas or must make important compromises to win congressional approval. "If a president seems less capable in domestic policy, it is not due to disregard for public desires, but rather the limits imposed primarily by legislators closely tied to diverse voter preferences." We, as a voting public, tend to give the president too much credit - positive or negative. The simple fact is that the president has limited means to affect change.

However, when considering for whom you plan to vote this November, consider the things our next president will have some control over. First, there are foreign affairs; I don't mean just the war in Iraq, which is of course part of it, but also, the way the US is represented and understood

by the rest of the world. How will our relations with China, India, and Europe evolve, as these economies continue to outpace ours? What will Iran and other potential and current nuclear powers do in relation to the West? Will the US use its military might to secure primary resources and attempt to democratize the world, or extend itself for more humanitarian efforts with no hope of return on investment? These questions will be answered by the next president, more or less independent of Congress.

In addition, the president holds great power in the appointment of judges. Of course the Senate generally has the final say, but nominations come from the White House. Our next president will likely appoint not only another Supreme Court Justice, but lower federal court judges with nearly as much power. The interpretation of the Constitution is a critical tipping point of our society, and therefore the people with that charge are of critical importance. Consider well who we might want in those positions of power, and remember the president will be very influential in this arena.

Finally, there are some things he can do domestically. For example, he could push Congress to legislate laws that encourage the development of alternative fuels, gas efficient cars, and energy saving homes and office buildings with the same commitment as the Manhattan Project to free us from our dependence on oil. He could use his position as president to lower the cost of health insurance and prescription drugs by pushing Congress to expand Medicare into a universal single-payer health care program. He could also fight to eliminate the subsidies doled out to big business, the wealthy and the illegal immigrants.

Although I would never tell anyone how to vote, I think the following is good advice: Don't base your vote on a gut connection, or vote for a candidate just because you like him. Vote for the candidate you think would do the best job. Consider the limited powers of the president; consider who you want to represent you in the world, and who you want to choose future Supreme Court justices. Above all else, consider who you want to lead the nation for the next four years.

HELP WANTED: REALLY!

As Publisher and Editor of this newspaper, it is my sincere desire to give everyone the opportunity to not only speak what's on their minds, but also to hear from both sides of any argument. We do this when reporting the news, but Opinion Columnists are free to speak what's on their minds. It appears that we need more diversity of opinion with the upcoming Presidential Election. Otherwise, you may end up thinking we are only printing one side of the story.

So, if there are any Republican voters out there interested in writing during the election season, please give me a call at 626-325-3111.

Thanks. **Susan Henderson**

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA 2. ENTERTAINMENT 2 GO...ETC.**, 6549 SHELTONDALE AVE., WEST HILLS, CA 91307. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHARLENE GRANT**, 21314 AVENUE SAN LUIS, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364. **BRENDA BACKAL**, 6549 SHELTONDALE AVE., WEST HILLS, CA 91307. Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: CHARLENE GRANT, BRENDA BACKAL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/15/08.

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FILE NO. 2008-1531983 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **LBS, 9063 IMPERIAL HWY., DOWNEY, CA 90242-2711**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 9/8/03, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 032616734. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: PAUL S. UNG / OWNER**.
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FILE NO. 2008-1531984 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **L B SALES, 9063 IMPERIAL HWY., DOWNEY, CA 90242-2711**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 9/8/03, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 032616734. The business was conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: PAUL S. UNG / OWNER**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1579213

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EVEREST SOLUTIONS**, 14111 FREEWAY DR. #315, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MINI SUDHIR**, 17730 ALBURTIS AVE. #7, ARTESIA, CA 90701. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MINI SUDHIR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

File No. 08-1596740

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE CRACK OF DAWN**, 418 N. EDINBURGH AVE., L.A., CA 90048. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALAN TRAYNOR**, BOYDE EVENS, 418 N. EDINBURGH AVE., L.A., CA 90048. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ALAN TRAYNOR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/04/08**. 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. Anew Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1588932

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LIZIS FASHION**, 6917 PACIFIC BLVD., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LLIZEETH ANDRADE**, 1365 W. 152nd ST., COMPTON, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LLIZEETH ANDRADE**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/03/08**. 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. 08-1541258

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE SMOKING ASTERIX**, 230 N. MARKET ST. #109, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LAON K. CHU**, 508 S. ORANGE AVE. #B, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LOAN K. CHU**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/26/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

File No. 08-1588823

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANGELS HAIR DESIGN**, 12252 S. PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SHAUN RAMOS**, 5762 WESTERN AVE., BUENA PARK, CA 90621. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHAUN RAMOS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/03/08**. 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. 08-1533445

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC COAST FREIGHT SERVICE**, 5638 FOSTORIA ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANGEL TORRES**, 5638 FOSTORIA ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANGEL TORRES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/25/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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

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

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.

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
Director of Development Services

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.



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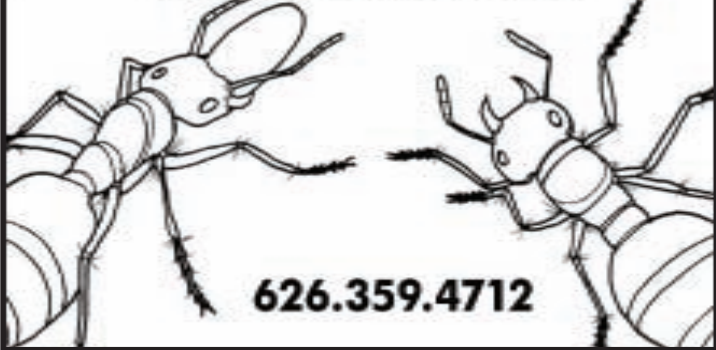
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Kim Clymer Kelley

The Mountain Clymer: Simplicity

Simplicity. It is a concept that scares the hell out of most people these days. We are spoiled, we are extravagant, we are self-centered, we are lazy. We have been brain-washed to believe that we cannot survive without all of our modern conveniences - that life as we know it will cease to exist if we have to get off of the sofa to change the channel, or if we have to spend any more than 5 minutes preparing a meal, or heaven forbid, that our home doesn't smell like the fragrance counter at Nordstroms. Corporate America has us wrapped around their little fingers, trained to follow their lead as easily as we would an instructor at Arthur Murray's Dance Studio. They say "buy" and we say "how many and how much?" We trust them as if we were children and they were our parents or teachers, never mind that they are motivated only by greed and the bottom line. They know how to woo us; they play on our fears and insecurities, our laziness and our vanity - and often on our desperation. We are their lemmings and we are inches from the edge of the cliff and we're still walking, looking at the world through company-issued, rose-colored glasses, all of us too caught up in the quest for "more" and "newer" and "better", and "faster" to see what lies in front of us if we continue on this path.

Simplicity is definitely not something to fear. My eyes were opened to the pleasures and value of simplicity when I moved to the mountains and spent time in the cabins of the Big Santa Anita Canyon. Experiencing life there forever changed me by giving me a taste of how life used to be, and by making me aware of how far removed we have become from truly experiencing life as it was meant to be lived: close to the Earth and close to others. The cabins, for those of you unfamiliar with this magical retreat, are accessible only by foot and are nestled along the stream that runs between the walls of the canyon. In some places, its slice in the mountains is narrow, steep and rocky, and in others, it widens to allow room for clusters of cabins to stand in the shade of the abundant trees, old canyon oaks, massive eucalyptus, fragrant bay laurels, towering pines and the deciduous maples and alders that line the streambed. Some of the structures have had or are approaching their centennial celebration, others were built as late as the mid-nineteen thirties.

There is no electricity in the canyon, save for the generators and car batteries that some use to power a few of what their owners perceive to be necessities, but are usually, in fact, just security blankets - tethers to the outside world that they could do just fine without, but feel more comfortable having there with them. Each storybook-like cottage has its own personality, its own history and its own amenities. Some are heated with propane wall heaters, but the majority rely on wood-burning stoves or fireplaces for warmth. Some have battery-powered lights, some propane lighting systems, but most rely on kerosene lanterns or candles to light their shadowy interiors. You could probably count on one hand the number of homes that have anything even remotely resembling modern plumbing (hot and cold running water and flush toilets) most have outhouses and limited access to running water. Since the stream is no longer potable, bottled drinking water is usually packed in on the donkeys that serve the canyon's transportation needs. Some of the cabins have tapped into springs in the canyon wall and have cold water running in their cabins, others are totally dry. Each kitchen is completely functional and most cooking can be done nearly as easily as at home. Usually they are equipped with a propane stove or range and a propane refrigerator that function more or less the same as modern appliances. Each home is furnished to its own level of comfort. Most are very cozy and cushy, but there are a few that provide only a cot, a blanket and a chair or two - just the barest of necessities.

I have had the pleasure of being a guest in many of these cabins. I have cooked in their kitchens, and managed cleanup without hot and cold running water. I have read by the light of a kerosene lantern and chatted over a candlelit board game or jigsaw puzzle. I have sat snuggled in a blanket in an overstuffed chair by a fireplace sipping hot chocolate to keep warm. I have bathed in the frigid waters of the stream without dying of exposure (or embarrassment) and have had to test out most of the restroom facilities available in the canyon at one point or another - none of them were as bad as the ones I remember cleaning with a toothbrush at Girl Scout camp as a kid. I have curled up on the cushion of a too-short window seat and fallen asleep to the sound of rain in the trees and on the tin roof and the creek rushing by, wrapped in a musty old blanket and the scents of smoke from the oak firewood burning in the stove, wet leaves, pine trees, and hundred year old

walls. Glade will never get that into a can or plug-in. At worst, any reduction in comfort level or convenience in these situations was a minor annoyance, at best they were an opportunity to experience a heightened awareness of being alive - a connectedness that could never be obtained with wires and a headset. Peace, tranquility, warmth, heart ... life. Something that few get to experience these days. Something everyone should. Learning not to fear simplified living and to become aware of its pleasures could be the key to us becoming more environmentally responsible.

Recently, I had another real eye-opening experience, one that made me realize just how oblivious (or maybe just indifferent or in denial) many people are to the seriousness of the situation our planet is in and to how their choices and priorities in life are taking us right to the edge of that cliff at an ever-quicken pace. In an effort to do something that could make a small but measurable impact on global warming, I started "Sierra Madre's Bright Idea", an organization whose mission it is to distribute free compact fluorescent light bulbs and to educate the public about the effects that switching to them could have on the planet. We set up a booth in Kersting Court a couple months ago for our first "give-away." We stopped everyone who passed by and offered them a bulb and told them the facts on the importance of using them. The facts are astonishing. Not only can you save up to 75% on the lighting part of your electric bill, but if every household in America switched just one standard incandescent bulb to a CFL, it would save enough energy to power a city of 1.5 million people or every household in Delaware and Rhode Island or we could shut down one standard power plant in the country. It would also reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted into the air by as much as removing 1.3 million cars from the road. These facts are more than just a little impressive. I would have thought that they would be enough to persuade even those who have little or no regard for environmental issues just for the plain fact that they would save \$35 over the lifetime of each light bulb they replace and would not have to get out the step ladder to change that hard-to-reach bulb again for another 5 years. I thought that I had all the angles covered - a free bulb (no one would turn down free) that saves you lots of money and saves the world, who could say no to that? Apparently not one, but quite a few people during the day: "no thank you," "we don't like the color of the light they put out" - never mind that they are now made so that the color (once a slightly greener hue than standard bulbs) is now indiscernible from that of incandescent lighting (which we were quick to inform those who presented that as an argument) - it was still apparently just too inconvenient and potentially aesthetically disruptive for them to take our free bulb and screw it in when they got home. I could not help but try to understand exactly how these people prioritize things in their life. What thought process goes on in the heads of those who think like that? "On one hand I could possibly prevent having my navy couch cushions appear slightly teal, and on the other hand I could help prevent our planet from losing its ability to sustain life...couch cushions? Destruction of life on the planet? Tough call, but I just cannot see just throwing away all of that hard work my interior decorator but into my living room."

Our addiction to the extravagance and excessiveness and the self-centeredness of this lifestyle we have allowed our selves to be led into is costing us our planet, our only home, our mother. Global warming is real - it is here, now. It will spiral out of control if we do not stop and get a hold on ourselves. Open our eyes to see what is happening and how our choices affect our environment. Take responsibility for our actions. Take back our will from corporate America and for once, tell THEM what WE want instead of them telling us what we need. Make earth-wise choices in our consumption. Be responsible to our future generations. Suffer slight inconveniences - take the time and do things the old fashioned way if it can eliminate waste or save energy. You don't have to become a prophet of doom when you decide to care enough to take action - you can leave those rose colored glasses on, (they might help to cancel out that slight green cast of the CFLs) just remember that you are wearing them and to peer over the top from time to time. We are at a time when we can no longer be ignorant of or indifferent to the consequences of our choices. We need to be smart, we need to take action, we need to reprioritize our lives, we need to take a step back and a deep breath and start living life more simply, and slowly, and gently, and consciously. It will bring peace to our souls, and breathe life into our dying planet.



TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

"Tutti Mangia"

Head East on the 210 toward the rising sun and you will find the city of Claremont. This city hides a restaurant that has been labeled an undisputed, "Gem of a Restaurant". Tutti Mangia is in the skillful hands of Chef Hugo Molina; you might remember Hugo from his days as the Executive Chef at the Parkway Grill Restaurant in Pasadena. Zagat Guide once called Parkway Grill the 'Spago of The East,' an illustrious title bestowed on the restaurant when it was being guided under Hugo's watchful eye.

My friend Steve Knight of KIEV/KRLA Radio calls Tutti Mangia, "sophisticated yet unpretentious," and I agree entirely. The room is decorated with attractive original artwork and a small, serviceable bar which functions perfectly for a glass of wine or a cocktail.

What do you order from the grill of a Master Chef? While the menu leans toward Italian, on my last visit I was very impressed by The Bisteca (Steak), a 12 oz "Sterling Silver" (a rib eye) served with a Barbera Wine reduction. The meat here is fed a high grass diet to insure the marbling of the steaks to infuse each dish with a memorable flavor. I started my meal with a garlic soup that I recommend with thumbs up!!! Other entrees to consider are Orecchiette con Pollo - a "Little Ear" pasta sautéed with Chicken and a Romano cream sauce; Risotto con Gamberi Zafferano - Arborio rice sautéed with large shrimps and mushrooms. Desserts are also a plus, one being a Blackberry Sorbetto. Many wines by the glass can be found here as they offer a great selection.

★★★★ Three Stars. Definitely worth the drive from the Arcadia - Sierra Madre area.

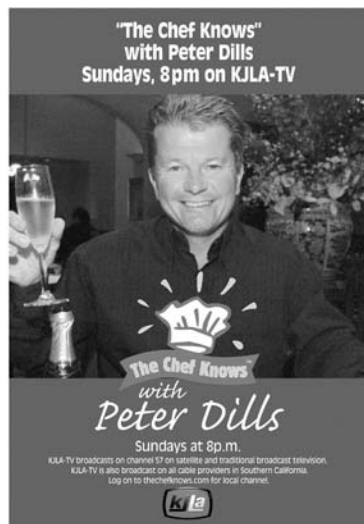
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AT ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR, it always seems to me that we are “turning a corner” as we move into a new season, from summer to fall. Of course, even though we may try to put the year in a square box and give it four sides—spring, summer, fall, and winter—Planet Earth is on a perfectly smooth, elliptical orbit around the sun, and there are certainly no corners. Day by day, almost imperceptible changes occur, as the Earth’s 23½-degree tilt begins to point the Northern Hemisphere less and less toward the Sun. After September 22, the Autumnal Equinox, we in the north will begin to tilt away from the Sun and feel the chill of winter. Perhaps it’s no accident that the names of the last four months of the year end in “ber.”

Meanwhile, Earth’s 365¼-day orbit gradually points our nighttime view toward a new part of the sky. Jupiter—that very bright object you see in the south after sunset—is moving westward (along with the background stars) about one degree each night. That may not seem like much, but in a month it will have moved 30 degrees farther west, and by early December it will go down at about sunset.

Now is a good time to look at Jupiter and its four bright moons. A telescope is best, of course, but even with a pair of binoculars you can see Jupiter’s moons. Look for a string of objects in a straight line next to the planet.

And if you’re out with binoculars, take time to scan around among the stars. You’ll be surprised how many more stars you can see with binoculars than with the naked eye. If some of

Looking Up Turning the Corner into a New Season

With Bob Eklund

them appear double, it probably isn’t just bad vision or too much to drink—many stars visible in binoculars are double. The three bright stars of the “Summer Triangle” are still high overhead. The westernmost one is Vega in the constellation Lyra, the Lyre; northeast of that is Deneb (Arabic for “tail”) in Cygnus, the Swan; and a bit to the south is Altair in Aquila, the Eagle. If you remember them by name you can not only impress your acquaintances, but can look forward to greeting these bright stars as old friends every summer when they return.

AUTUMN DAY
(Translated by Robert Eklund from HERBSTTAG, by Rainer Maria Rilke)
It’s time now, Lord! We’ve borne the summer’s weight.
Lay down your shadow on the sundial’s face
And on the prairies loose the winds again;
Command the year’s last fruits to ripen now;
Allow them two more days of southern sun,
Urge them to their perfection, and instill
One final drop of sweetness in the wine.
Who has no house, builds no house any more;
Who finds himself alone, will so remain,
Will waken, read, and write long letters; then
Out on the city’s tree-lined avenues
Will wander, when the leaves of autumn swirl.

If you’d like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b.eklund@mvoobserver.com
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From the Inside Out: Ice-Bear Energy

By Mary Carney

No, I’m not talking about how powerful polar bears are - and if we could only figure out how to translate their power into usable energy this week. And I’m not talking about what I usually talk about.

I can hear it now: What? No nutritional advice this week? No “FreshFruitandVeggies, DarkGreenLeafyGreens, WholeGrainsSeedsandNuts?” No tidbits on enzymes, proteins, etc? No reminders that it’s all a “from the inside out” process? Ah, no. Saving the latest and greatest for next week, when we’ll talk about “cold” and the body. In the meantime, I’m talking about “cold” for the home and office. I needed to get his out of my system first, before I get move to the personal stuff.

Several years ago, while involved in a home improvement project, I unearthed information about something called Ice-Bear; an extremely innovative way of lowering energy consumption by about 95%. Unfortunately, it didn’t fit into either plans or budget at the time, so I squirreled the info away in a back corner of my brain. Then a couple years ago, I noticed a small article celebrating Monrovia Public Library’s installation of an Ice-Bear. I was thrilled! Recently I mentioned it to a business owner in town who has been grumbling about energy costs. More recently I learned he’s been talking with the company and planning to install at least one unit at one of his properties, and possibly a smaller unit at his home.

So, what is an Ice-Bear? Well, an Ice-Bear basically uses low-rate electrical power to create a huge ice cube around a bunch of tubing in an insulated box during the night; during the day a simple, low power circulating system moves the non-water refrigerant through the tubing in the ice cube, melting the ice and creating the same cooling capacity that the currently existing (and noisy) air conditioning system does, but at much lower energy consumption cost. Still on the “grid”, but using lots less power.

Ice-Bear units come in all sizes, from the new rooftop residential unit just announced in June, to huge “on-the-ground” commercial units. A prudent business property owner, in addition to considering all the advantages of rooftop solar, might want to look at this possibility as well. Local architects should be boning up on this technology to provide adequate structural strength to support roof top units, and attractively include such units in their residential designs.

I understand that Burbank Water and Power is

looking at placing an order for about 1,200 units for their business community - turns out it’s cheaper to install these units than it is to improve power generating capacity! I understand that the City of Glendale is also looking at the Ice-Bears, while the Federal government is ready to place a huge order for El Toro.

It’s my understanding that with Edison and other available rebates, an installation cost can be reduced about 45%. If a business owner winds up, after rebate, with an installation cost of, say, \$15,000, and currently averages about \$900 per month electrical costs, and the power savings averages about 30%, that’s saving about \$3,600 per year - which means that in about 5 years you’ve “paid off” your investment. Not bad! Since Edison is looking to dramatically increase their rates by up to 50% next year, it means both that the pay back time will be lengthening somewhat, and it’s way past time to get active about saving energy!!!

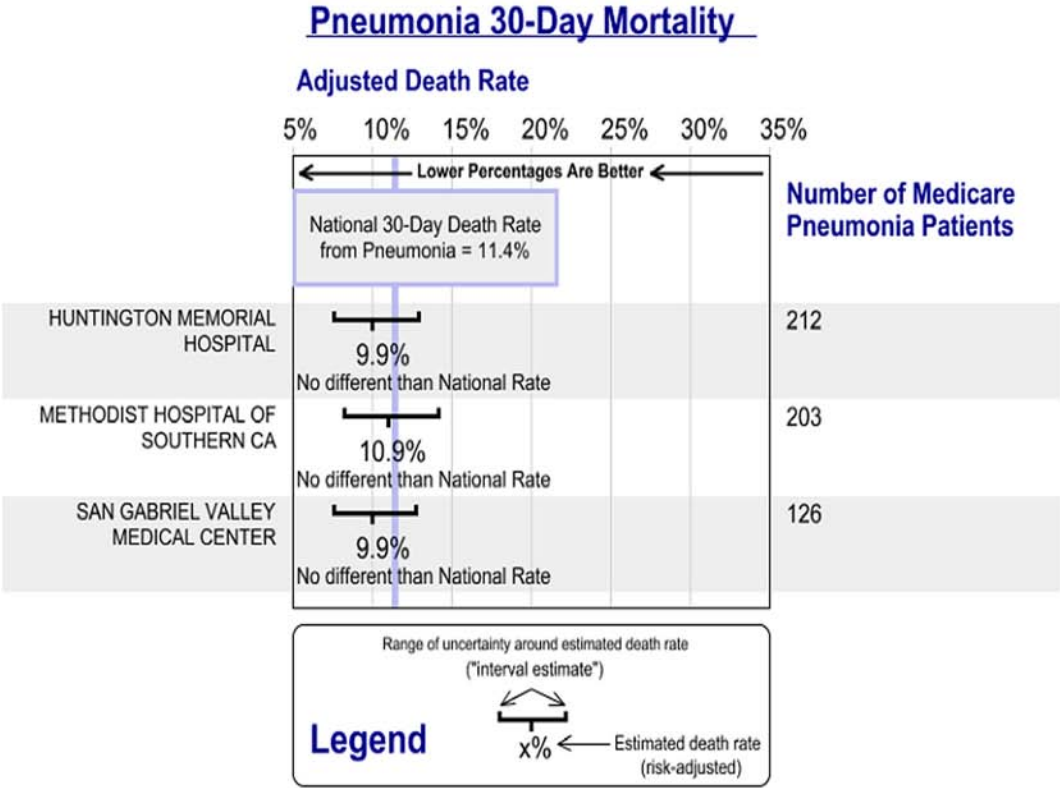
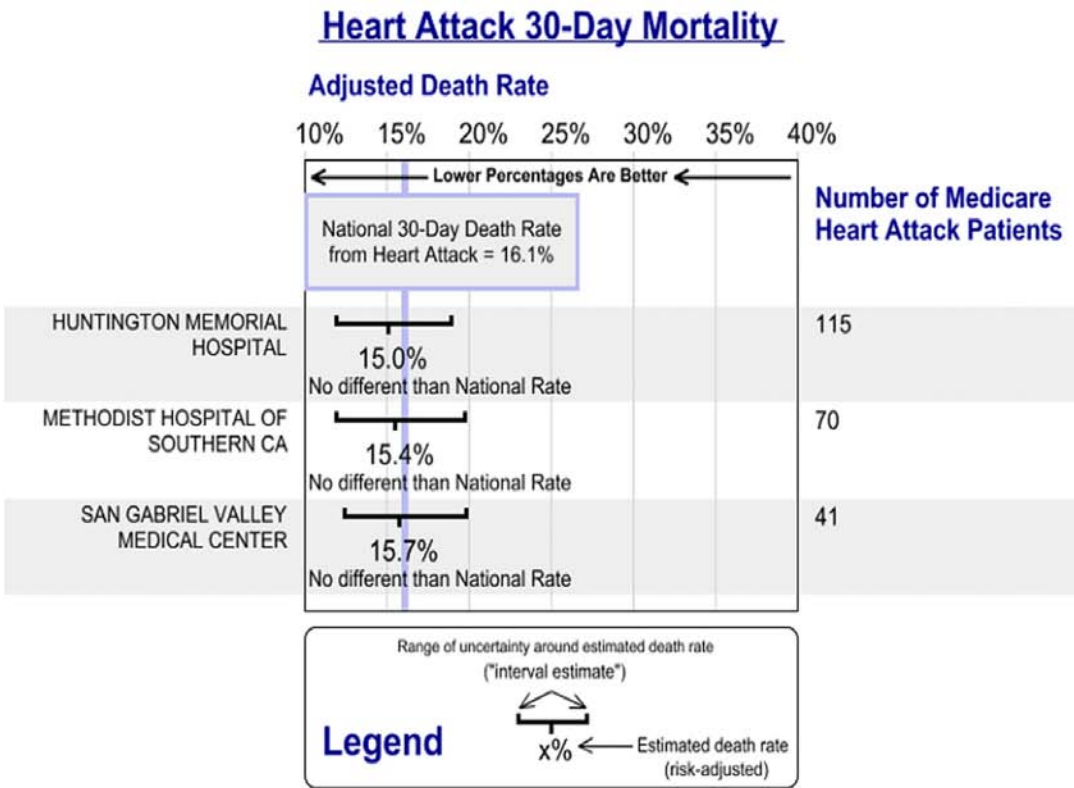
As a side note, I too believe that Sierra Madre needs to reduce its solar energy processing / permit fees. Charging \$4,000 or so for solar might have been an appropriate plan check cost because there was limited understanding of the design / installation process. Now, however, the technology is well understood and any reputable firm (and we have many, including our own Sol-Source), has their design and installation processes down “pat”. Such exorbitant fees are no longer appropriate. They should be in line with the installation of any other kind of heating / cooling system.

Every Sierra Madre City facility should be installing either local solar and/or Ice Bear units - the YAC, City Hall, Police & Fire Department, Library, Hart House ... Our churches and schools should be getting on the bandwagon and alternative energy sources should be a requirement for all new residential construction.

As a side note: in addition to more heat-reflective paints, there are interesting elastomer roof coatings that may reduce heat loss through the roof (either incoming or outgoing) by about 20%. We should ALL be considering some of these newer technologies for our homes! Although I do think that if I could get solar on the roof, it would provide a good bit of shade underneath the panels, and the need for reflective elastomers (which will require maintenance every five years or so) would be reduced, as well as reducing the production of even more toxins that some day will have to be dealt with.

Check out the Ice-Bears at www.ice-energy.com.

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These percentages were calculated from Medicare data on patients discharged between July 2006 and June 2007. They do not include people in Medicare Advantage (managed care) plans or people who do not have Medicare. For additional information, go to: www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov



The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

PRODUCING A VERBAL HISTORY

Many seniors believe that sleep disturbances are an inevitable part of aging. This does not have to be, yet a poll by the National Sleep Foundation showed that two-thirds of Americans reported frequent sleep problems.

Sleep disorders can affect when or if we fall asleep, the length of time we sleep (too much or too little), and the quality of our slumber. A variety of factors can disrupt the natural sleep cycle, including physical and mental health issues, and lifestyle factors such as smoking, caffeine intake or lack of exercise.

Insomnia is most often a symptom of an underlying problem, and effective treatments are available. Most tips for alleviating sleeplessness are really just common sense. If you need a good night's rest, the following steps cost only willpower to see them through:

1. Avoid the obvious culprits. Caffeine, nicotine, alcohol, over-the-counter medications such as nasal decongestants and antihistamines, a big meal, or large quantity of liquids can trigger sleeplessness, especially right before bedtime.

2. Practice healthy habits. Nutritious meals, plenty of water, regular exercise (such as walking 20 minutes a day), and fresh air and sunshine, are practical, healthy habits that enhance a good night's rest and promote better mental and physical health.

3. Socialize with friends. At its worst, social isolation can lead to loneliness, boredom, depression, and poor physical and mental health. These can interfere with sleep. Socialization helps keep our minds active, promotes well-being and keeps us feeling connected.

4. Respect the sanctity of the bedroom. A person's bedroom should be for sleeping and sex. Paying bills, doing work-related activities and watching TV, weakens the experience of the bedroom as a place to rest.

5. Enhance the physical environment. If too much light or noise distract from a good night's rest, make adjustments that lessen their impact. A cool, dark, clean and uncluttered room; a good firm mattress; and comfortable sheets and bedding enhance your ability to relax into sleep. Avoid the heavy weight of a folded bedspread on your feet.

6. Prepare for bedtime. Creating special bedtime routines can increase a positive psychological correlation between these activities and sleep. A hot bath or foot soak, reading, or listening to a favorite CD can provide pleasant relaxation before bed.

7. Avoid anxiety-provoking activities. Dealing with financial woes, talking to a disgruntled family member or even watching the nightly news before bedtime should be avoided. Consider avoiding the negativism and violence that proliferates the 11 o'clock news. Are the last thoughts in your mind just before you enter your dream state?

8. Limit daytime naps and "rests." Limit naps to 20-30 minutes once a day, or avoid them altogether. Resist being a couch potato. Get up and move around!

9. Don't toss and turn. If after 15 or 20 minutes sleep doesn't come, get out of bed. Find an activity in another room—reading a book, working a puzzle—that provides distraction and relaxation. Return to bed when you get sleepy.

10. Call the doctor. If insomnia persists, consult a physician with expertise in sleep disorders. Sleep deprivation affects every aspect of our lives. Breaking the insomnia cycle requires effort and possible medical intervention, but the reward is worth it.

For more information about insomnia, contact: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/ncsdr/index.htm, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research www.sleepfoundation.org: National Sleep Foundation

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By Pat Birdsall

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Instruction Manual Not Included- Part II

At the end of last week's column, we were just ready to board a golf cart to tour lovely Avalon...

Off we go! With my son behind the wheel of the little cash cow, the four of us were able to escape the throngs of tourists—at least for an hour. It felt good to have the air, albeit hot, on our faces. The last time I was here was in July, 2007, shortly after the fire that destroyed acres and acres of brush and for a time threatened the city itself. Mother Nature has made great strides in the renewal process since then. It's nice to see green replace black.

Up, up we went, stopping at a spot where we could view the harbor and beyond. Just beautiful! Tully (age 31/2) knows how to operate a digital camera, and took some great shots. This is truly humiliating for his grandmother. (I hold the digital camera up to my eye to take a picture.) Mechanically challenged would be an understatement.

We made our way over to the beautiful Art-Deco Catalina Casino where, we discovered, they were holding the premiere for a new animated mermaid movie-- "Ariel- the Sequel and the Prequel," I would imagine. That takes a tour of the Casino out of our plans this trip, which, in retrospect was probably a good thing. It would certainly have been another pouty-face opportunity for the short guy.

Our hour of driving the little money maker around Avalon was nearing an end, so we turned a corner to go back down the hill. Out of the corner of my eye I saw Tully lift the cross-bar and start to slip out of the car seat and was on his way out of the cart! Instinct took over I guess, and I grabbed his arm and shouted-- I don't know what, but my son stopped. He checked the seat belt that was supposedly holding the car seat in place only to discover that it wasn't done correctly to begin with. What a scare for everyone except Tully-- I think he enjoyed it.

We dropped the cart off on time so I got my mega-dollar deposit back. Phew! Across the street from the cart rental place was a little park for little kids. Do I have to tell you that our Catalina tour was over? We spent the next hour at the park and had to practically drag a certain pre-schooler away to make the boat in time for our return trip to San Pedro.

I made a mental note for a chapter or two in the instruction manual-- Next time: Pack a lunch, making sure to include Cheetos and pudding. Drive a few blocks to Memorial Park for a picnic and a playground opportunity. Age child should be before taking them to Catalina? Twenty-seven.

Money spent on the Catalina experience vs. a local picnic? Holy smokes! You know what? I definitely feel a pouty-face coming on.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI:

"Seniors for Seniors"-Adopt an Older Animal

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA has a wonderful program for people and pets who have reached the best years of their lives! It's called "Seniors for Seniors," and it enables people 60 and up to adopt pets age 5 and up at no cost, thanks to the generous support of the Pets for the Elderly Foundation. Of course, most pets at age 5 (like most humans at age 60!) are hardly over the hill; on the contrary, they're just hitting their stride, and the Seniors for Seniors program—besides offering financial assistance to our more experienced adopters—gives an extra boost to the terrific middle-aged cats and dogs who are sometimes overlooked by shelter visitors. Find out more about Seniors for Seniors by visiting the shelter at 361 S. Raymond, Pasadena, or check out our website (www.phsspcpa.org) to view the wonderful pets—of all ages—looking for new homes.

*Grandparents Day- Sunday, September 7th

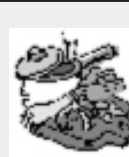
~Helpful Hints~

Even dishwashers can get dirty. To remove rust stains or lime buildup, put an envelope of lemon Kool-Aid in the soap dispenser and run a normal cycle (without the dishes).



Happy Birthday

Edwina Garcia, Yvonne Osti
and Helen Blanchard



Recipe of the Month:

Slow Cooker Zesty Black Bean Soup

2 cups dried black beans (1 pound), sorted & rinsed
10 cups water
8 cups vegetable broth
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
2 medium carrots, coarsely chopped (1 cup)
2 medium onions, coarsely chopped (1 cup)
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
2 tsp finely chopped garlic
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/8 tsp ground red pepper (cayenne)
Sour cream, if desired
Chopped fresh cilantro, if desired
1. Heat beans and water to boiling in 4-quart Dutch oven; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes; remove from heat. Cover and let stand 1 hour.
2. Drain beans. Place beans and remaining ingredients (except sour cream and cilantro) in 6-quart slow cooker.
3. Cover and cook on Low heat setting 10 to 12 hours.
4. Serve soup topped with sour cream and cilantro. Makes 9 servings.
(Betty Crocker)

For Your Funny Bone

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?" The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me." The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?" The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" The man said yes and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

Quote: Grandchildren: The only people who can get more out of you than the IRS. ~ Gene Perret

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.



Monthly Excursions:

*For reservations and further information call Susan Clifton at (626) 355-7394 or stop by and see her at the Hart Memorial Park House- 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

August 29- Hollywood Bowl- John Williams Conducts- 6:30 PM- 11:00 PM

A community excursion arranged by the Recreation Department. \$27.00 per person (Bowl ticket & ticket for the Park & Ride Bus. (Leaves from Arcadia County Park) For more information & to buy tickets, call (626) 355-5278.

September 20- Fillmore Train Trip- (10:00 AM- 5:00 PM.) Take the bus from the Sierra Madre Senior Center to Fillmore and catch the train to Santa Paula. A 3-course meal will be served in one of the vintage dining cars. Enjoy a one and a half-hour layover to see the interesting sights. \$49.00 per person.

For more information and reservations call (626) 355-7394.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic- Second Tuesday of each month 11:00 AM- Noon No appointment necessary

Free Homeowners & Renters Assistance Program- Don Brunner is volunteering again this year from 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM every Wednesday from July 2nd to October 15th by appointment only. If you are 62 or older or disabled and have income less than \$41,000 you may be eligible for money back from the State of California. For reservations and more information call (626) 355-7394.

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One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

Arcadia Home Donated to Methodist Hospital

A generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently made an estate donation of a home in the prestigious Santa Anita Oaks area of Arcadia. Arcadia's Methodist Hospital will be the grateful recipient, and the funds will help with the planned expansion of the campus.

Known for its excellent school district, Arcadia homes regularly command hefty prices. The Oaks area enjoys winding, shady, tree-lined streets. The large lots in the Oaks are often the site for new estate homes when the property is purchased for its land value. Several are under construction now within this neighborhood. It seems that no matter what the economic or political news, The Oaks seemingly always sells well. Location, location, location!

Last week, co-listing agents, Carmen Thibault of Sotheby's International in Pasadena and John Wuo of Baldwin Real Estate Services, held a broker tour and open house that buzzed with activity. Even though it was the beginning of a holiday weekend, contractors, buyers and agents all hustled about this home that sports most of its original 1950 vintage accoutrements with some early 70's Solarian flooring and remodeling.

Listed at \$1,499,500, this single level home offers 2590 square feet of living space on a .44 acre lot. The "bones are good" in this traditional, single level ranch home with "great potential" according to the agents, with a gracious circular drive, a side access garage, a pool, and guest house with kitchen, full bath plus an additional powder bath for pool use.

Thibault and Wuo, Methodist Hospital Foundation members, will also donate a portion of their commissions to the hospital. They hope others will put this local non-profit hospital on their radar as a recipient of their charitable giving, whether it be cash or real property. At press time, this home had an accepted offer, one of five tendered, and opened escrow only ten days after listing, soon to contribute greatly to the hospital's expansion plans.

I also spoke with Sue Francis, President of the Methodist Hospital Foundation, about this type of donation. There are several options for donors to give the hospital such donations, with several tax and estate benefits, according to Francis. They are happy to set up a meeting with your tax or estate advisor and appropriate staff to find the ideal option for donation.

You can deed the home to the hospital. Instead of selling the home and perhaps having to pay capital gains taxes, the donor receives a deduction for the appraised value of the property, and pays no capital gains taxes. It allows donors to make a substantial gift to the hospital and have benefit of those tax advantages.

In the case of the Arcadia home, the donation method was to deed the home to the hospital, while retaining the right to live in the property for life or until the donor decides to move. This is called a "life estate." You get a tax deduction less the interest and benefit you retain in the property while you still live there.

If the property has no mortgage, and is free and clear, then you can put the property into a charitable remainder trust. What then happens is that the trust would sell the property, paying the donor an income for the remainder of the donor's life. According to Francis, NO capital gains taxes are levied, and the donor receives an income tax deduction for the calculated amount. The property is no longer included in your estate but provides the owner with an income for the balance of their life.

Even with a homeowners' exemption there's often a lot of potential capital gains on these houses. The Foundation can work with your tax advisor as well to find the right plan for your estate. If you have interest in pursuing a donation, it doesn't have to be a single family home. The foundation has received donations of commercial real estate and land, as well.

Methodist Hospital is embarking on a major expansion of facilities for the "next generation of care" greatly enhancing access to health care, especially emergency care to accommodate the growing population needing a hospital in the Arcadia environs.

There are a whole range of donation opportunities. If they wish, donors may designate where the money is used. It could be used to buy a piece of technology, or specified for cardiac or cancer care, etc.

There are also recognition and naming opportunities. For the current campaign, they can name the new building for a \$10 million donation, or name a particular patient room for a



The Santa Anita Oaks home at 31 W. Sycamore was recently donated to Methodist Hospital. The large homesite included a circular drive, guest house and pool.



Chris Bertrand

\$25,000 donation, and everything in between.

Wuo and Thibault, who also co-chairs the "Partners in Health" committee, can arrange private tours of the hospital or bring a medical or foundation speaker to a home or business group to answer questions about the hospital and its organization in a relaxed, personalized environment.

For more information on this type of donation, contact the Methodist Hospital Foundation at 626-898-8888 and ask for Jay Harvill, Director of Gift Planning or Sue Francis, President of the Foundation. For a "Partners in Health" hospital tour or speaker, contact Carmen Thibault at 626-862-0485.

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Saturday, October 4, 2008

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Lunch Only - \$25

Golf Tournament will be played as foursome scramble at Eaton Canyon. Sing up with a team or we can place you in one. Tennis is round robin doubles with rotating partners in coed divisions. Scoring will be on the honor system.

Reception, silent auction, raffle, lunch, and awards take place at the Community Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. beginning at 12:00 pm. Tax-deductible opportunities exist with this event! If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction or raffle, or if you would like to sponsor a Tee Sign at \$100 (includes a round of golf), please email city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us.

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



Registration Form



Check One: ☐ Golf & Lunch \$65 ☐ Golf Tee Sponsor \$100
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