

# Mountain Views-Observer

## **Auburn Parking Lot May Soon Be Off Limits** at Night By Dean Lee

In an effort to address complaints from neighboring residents regarding noise and misuse of free city parking lots, Police Chief Marilyn Diaz made a presentation to the Sierra Madre City Council on Tuesday with suggestions that ranged from increasing fees to closing the lots after 10 p.m.

Diaz also said police studied all city owned public lots to see if there was any way to resolve a number of complaints in the Auburn Parking Lot. She said police have received a number of calls about loud talking and drinking in the lot. She also said people were storing vehicles to avoid the over night parking fee.

Storing vehicles was not unique

she said adding that every lot had problems.

Diaz suggested putting in parking machines to collect temporary overnight fees, Currently overnight parking is free and some resident and/or visitors are abusing the priviledge. Neighbors complained of loud noise and drinking all hours of the night. The suggested course of action was to install the machines as a deterrent. The machines cost \$30,000 each but the city could piggyback with Glendale on an existing Glendale PD purchase order and save money. Depending on how many were ordered, the price could be reduced to as low as \$11,000.

Another issue that was raised was overnight park in city streets. Currently residents with guests can simply call the Police Department and recieve permission to park the vehicle on the street for up to 30 days. Many residents simply buy days. Many residents simply buy a parking permit annually at a cost of \$70.00. The suggestion to raise the fee to \$120 and impose other restrictions for overnight parking on the street did not go over well with most residents in attendance. Councilmember Don Watts said he thought the idea would start a bad

The council decided to postpone further discussion and approved the idea of closing the Auburn Parking Lot completely for 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. in order to assess the effectiveness the action. Although Diaz said a number of local businesses objected having no where else to park. Watts supported the idea of closing the lot. City Attorney Sandra Levin said they would need to draft an ordnance to close off the Auburn lot. The first reading will be at their

## Sierra Madre Prepares **Post-Burn Areas for Rainy** Season Photos & Story By Dean Lee



City Manager Elaine Aquilar addresses residents as Public Works Director Bruce Inman prepares to speak. .

In an effort to explain what the City of Sierra Madre and the County Of Los Angeles are doing to avert a mudflow disaster after the recent Santa Anita Fire, officials from both agencies held a meeting with residents Thursday night. In addition to discussing the safety plans for dealing with potential mudslides, and discussing the County Engineers reports, they also took a little time to show those present how to properly fill a sandbag.

L.A. County Department of Public Works Assistant Division Engineer, Christopher Stone, and City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, said the first line of defense is people protecting their ownhomes. Director of Public Works, Bruce Inman also later made the point even clearer. "If you leave here with nothing else tonight you need to leave with the understanding that the city is not in the position to come to the aid of

individual property owner when it starts to rain," he said. "You need to prepare your own properties now."

City staff handed out leaflets with tips approximate 75 residents in attendance, what most people were interested in was what the plans were for street closers and barricades for the next three to five years.

Inman indicated that the city had identified locations that could producing mud and debris in uncontrolled manor. amount of mud could total as much "That's a lot of mud."

According to Inman, the city has limited resources - 12 staff and 2 "loaders." He noted that it was critical to follow the advice of the county in an emergency. Inman said county officials went door to door giving out individual advice sheets.

Sierra Madre is working with the National Resources Conservation Service along with others to put up K-Rails and timber and rail barricades to stop debris. K-Rails are the concrete barriers seen along the freeways or used for crowd and traffic control, adding that they would be using 10 foot and 20 foot

There will be three locations where they would place the barriers. They will be used to completely close off the lower part of Yucca Trail from any debris that might come from Crib Dam. The seconded location would be at the intersection of (cont. page 3) Brookside



26,000 cubic Public Works employees demonstrate how he said. to fill sand bags properly.

# We Shall Never Forget

Week Ending Friday, September 12, 2008 Volume 2 No. 34

Sierra Madre Police & Fire Departments Honor The Memories Of The Victims of 9/11



Members of SMVFA are joined Thursday morning by officers from SMPD in a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States

Photo & Story By Bill Coburn

"Good morning. On Sept. 11, 2001, an attack was launched on American soil by those who seek to destroy our way of life. During the attack, 2,979 innocent Americans were killed at the Pentagon, World Trade Center, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, including 343 of New York's bravest, members of FDNY. In honor of those Americans who were killed on that morning, we offer a moment of silence in their With these words, The Verdugo Fire Communications Center began a remembrance of the victims of the 9/11/2001 attacks on the United States just before 7am on the seventh anniversary of the attacks.

Firefighters throughout Verdugo's Madre's Volunteer Fire Department (who were joined by some members incremental anniversaries," he added. of the Police Dept. and a handful of locals), stood in silent remembrance of Magazine reported that fewer than those who died that morning.

statement implies that all 2,979 victims were Americans, it has been reported that more than 100 nations actually had citizens killed in the attacks, which caused the New York Stock Exchange to shut down for six days.

'It's been seven years, and I wonder, are we starting to forget? I remember how horrified I was when the Towers fell, only guessing on how many people died," said Sierra Madre Fire Chief Stephen Heydorff. "When you remember that the first couple years after the attacks, there were 100 people at these services with us, and today you look around and it was just a few family members...We'll continue to do this who was hurt or killed in the attacks. each year, and hope that we can remind And so it is only fitting that seven years people that this is something that needs after the attacks, Americans pause service area, including members of Sierra to be remembered every year, not just to remember the attacks that forever on the more recognized five and ten year changed the world, by observing a

the nearly 3,000 dead. While Verdugo's 300 of the victims' bodies were found "intact" and that more than 1,700 families received no remains at all. It estimated that more than 1,600 people lost a spouse, and more than 3,000 children lost a parent in the attacks. More than 1.5 million tons of debris were removed from the WTC site, at which fires continued to burn for 99 days after the attacks. And according to the Magazine, nearly 150,000 New York jobs were lost as a result of the attacks, and the economic impact on the City in the month following the attacks was a loss of more than \$100 billion.

The magazine also reported that twenty percent of Americans knew someone moment of silence, flying flags at half One year after the attacks, New York mast, or holding memorial services for

## **Community Organizes Against Dorn Platz**

matters into their own hands Friday night, holding a Town Hall meeting to rally support against the developer of the Lincoln Crossing project —accusing them of illegally evicting a number of tenets and calling for a boycott of any new businesses in the shopping center.

Before the two hour meeting was over approximately 10 residents vowed to donate \$100 setting up a fund to legally challenge Dorn Platz. Others put their names on a list saying they wanted to support a lawsuit but attorney Philip Koebel said they first needed someone with "real injuries."

The owner of Farm Fresh Ranch Market, Par Aria, blamed Dorn Platz for the failure of his store. He said hundreds of local area workers were now without jobs after suddenly being evicted. Koebel had fought Dorn Platz representing Helga Kuhn, owner of Bessie's Daughter's Soulful Tacos after wrongfully being evicted.

Aria and other business owners were, at first, thrown off guard when a well known local activist suddenly turned against them. Most said they wanted to help but could not figure

A handful of fed up Altadena residents took out what was being asked. They wanted proof of the allegations against Dorn Platz. Aria said the property owners plotted against him

> Koebel brought up the idea of a lawsuit after hearing their complaints. "If only 10 percent of what your saying is true there is federal law violation after violation," he said. said the community needed to demonstrate something like "property value loss" by proving government funds were misused. Kuhn and others said their businesses were hurt when Dorn Platz had roads closed for months. There was also a sewer leak that got so bad no one would eat in the restaurant. She finally shut down due to a lack of patrons. Town Councilman Bobby Thompson was also told he should have known better. "Now you got a PHD from Dorn Platz University." said longtime community activist. John Davis Duncan. "It's a crime to have to say that." Thompson said he fulfilled his dream even though it did not end the way he wanted it to. Two years ago he opened a copy storein the shopping center and now he said no

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## Calendar & Arts

## Weather Wise **5-Day Forecast** Sierra Madre, Ca.

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Hi 80s Lows 60s Hi 80s Lows 60s Hi 90s Lows 60s Sunny Sunny Hi 90s Lows 60s Fri: Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

#### 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!

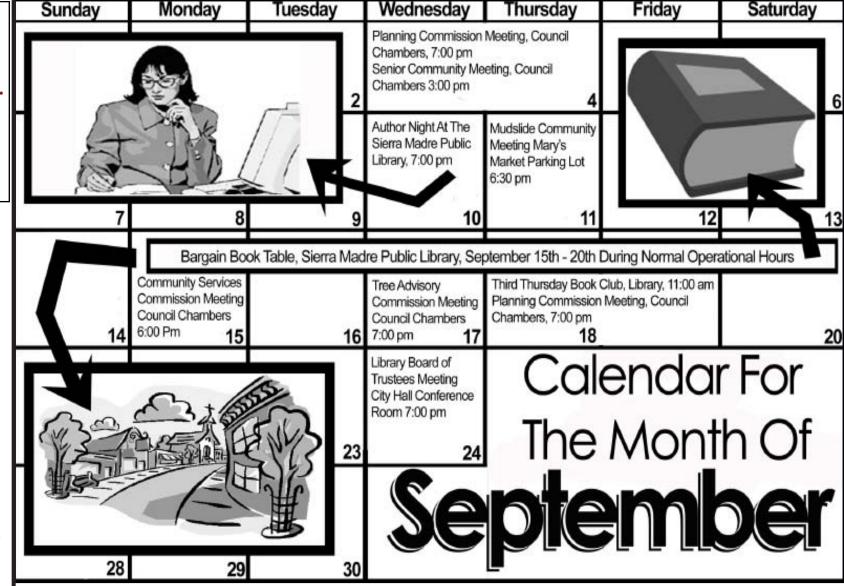
Join us Sunday afternoon, September 21 at 3 p.m. for a casual wine and cheese gathering at the home of Dick and Chris Bertrand. Please bring a bottle of wine or your favorite beverage, a cheese and crackers plate, or an appetizer to share.

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.

YOUTH ACTIV-**ITY CENTER EVENTS** Back To School Barbeque, Friday, September 19th Free Food, Great Fun - Don't Miss Out and Grab A Hot Dog with your BFF! and

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#### **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

#### **BROWN BAG LUNCH TALK** @ ARCADIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

On Thursday, September 18 from noon to 12:30 p.m., the Ruth and Charles Gilb Arcadia Historical Museum will be holding a Brown Bag Lunch Talk with Irene Verdugo and Theresa Richau. Irene is a Tongva elder and descendant of Victoria Reid (spouse of Hugo Reid). She and her granddaughter, Theresa, will be here to talk about

Bring your own lunch or enjoy pizza, on us! After lunch, plan on staying to enjoy the new exhibit Tongva: Our Voice, Our History, Our People, which will be on display through November 22,

For more information, please call the Museum in advance at (626) 574-5440 or consult our

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.

## Upcoming Events In Town September 18 - Sierra Madre Honors - Dinner and Awards

September 20 - Creative Arts Group Flea Market Sept. 22 LA Opera At The Library Sept 24 SMWC New Member Tea 1-3

#### SAN MARINO CHURCH TO HONOR LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

San Marino Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ (UCC), has designated September 14, 2008, as Public Safety Sunday. As such, a special worship service will recognize the vital work of police officers, firefighters, paramedics and others, who provide public safety services in the West San Gabriel Valley.

"Public safety is everybody's concern, especially in the Post 9/11 Era, and the men and women who put their lives on the line every day are to be commended," said Rev. Art Cribbs, San Marino UCC's pastor. "It is easy to take them for granted, so this is our way of letting them know how grateful we are

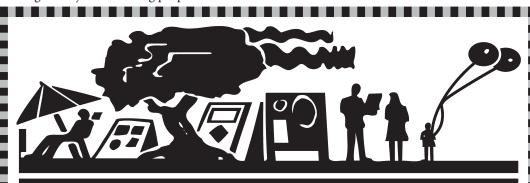
to them for serving and protecting our communities."

San Marino UCC is inviting the community to attend this important service to help its members express their appreciation to these valued public servants for their dedication and commitment to pub-

Sunday, September 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. – Worship hour, which will honor representatives from the following: San Marino Police and Fire Department, Pasadena Police and Fire Departments, San Gabriel Fire Department, Sierra Madre Police Department, South Pasadena Fire Department El Monte Police Department, 11:00 a.m. - Refreshments with local public safety officers

San Marino Congregational Church (UCC), 2560 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108. Phone number is 626.292.2080

San Marino Congregational United Church of Christ is an open and affirming church. Its members are committed to the defense of the spiritual, civic and human rights of all people. San Marino Congregational UCC is a member church of the United Church of Christ denomination, which is dedicated to realizing God's just and loving purpose in the world.



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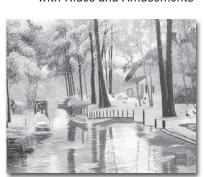
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Jazzercise

Aerobic & Strength Training For more information, go to:

- www.cityofsierramadre.com 1. Click on Community & Personnel Services 2. Visit the Active.com button
- 3. Type in the class you are looking for and follow the prompts.

or call 626-355-5278

## SIERRA MADRE CERTIFIED FAMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday 4pm-8pm Public parking lot on Mariposa Avenue. Fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits from California family farms. Specialty foods, vegetarian and vegan dishes, ethnic foods and hot food - Everything you'll find at the farmers market has been made or picked fresh, is pesticide-free and preservative-free.

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Lane and WoodlandDrive. "What this would do is physically block off that entire intersection," he said. "Nobody drives into upper Brookside; nobody gets past it to the four houses on Woodland."

Inman added that although "far more than just a nuisance," he asked the city's engineers to design something that could be easily removed by two people.

The third area he said was to but 600 feet of K-Rail along the east side of Canyon Crest Drive just below the Sierra Madre Debris Dam. "The last thing we want to see is the houses along Brookside hit from both sides," he said.

The LA County representative, Chris Stone said they planned to have everything in place by December, although the rainy season starts next month. The total cost is 2.4 million he added.

Police Chief Marilyn Diaz urged residents to form neighborhood watch groups as another means of preparing themselves for potential disasters. "One of the things that forces you to do is not only to have a block captain, or someone who is your primary point of contact to accept information...," she said. "but also use that as a platform to identify your neighbors, someone who might have medical needs." She also said it was good to identify those who are always home and to identify somewhere to go if the neighborhood becomes uninhabitable.

City Manager Aguilar also explained that the city council has renewed the city's state of emergency in an effort to move everything ahead faster. She also said they did not want to have to round up the entire council in the middle of the night if something were to happen.

Don Watts was the only city council member to attend.

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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 É. 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.

#### 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.

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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



## **Arcadia Assemblyman Adams Speaks to Local Business Owners About Budget Crisis**

By Bill Coburn

The Arcadia Chamber of Commerce's monthly Government Forum last Thursday featured guest speaker Assemblyman Anthony Adams who discussed the state's budget stalemate, which at the time

65. Adams, who drove more than two hours in traffic from his residence in Hesperia to speak to the business owners in attendance, represents the 59th District, which includes parts of LA including County, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia and Bradbury, as well as parts of San Bernardino County, ranging from Redlands and San Bernardino to Lake Arrowhead and Apple Valley.

Adams began by stating that there are three factors driving the budget crisis. "It's telling that it's probably due in no small measure to three very interesting factors that have really been non-existent in previous years. You have two ideological camps that are absolutely, unequivocally recalcitrant in their positions, and that has created a very interesting divide. In the past we've always understood that there's certain areas that we don't go. You generally don't ask

Republicans to go for taxes, you generally don't ask a Democrat to make significant cuts into health and welfare... This year both sides have basically said, we're not going to play any more, we're not going to do that, we're going to put you on record as raising taxes, or we're going to put you on record as making these cuts and it has created a very difficult environment to work in. Those two factors are not unique per se, but they're unique in the veracity (sic) with which they've attacked these positions this year. The third factor is largely one of the absence of substantive leadership, and that's been with Schwarzenegger. It has been incredibly difficult to have a substantive dialogue, because every time you think you're getting close to some kind of deal, he goes and drops a bomb on you, and throws you under the bus. We have really struggled this year with this, as late as just last night, we're having Schwarzenegger come out publicly and badmouth Republicans and Democrats, suggesting that if he just bullies us, that that will somehow bring us to the table. Well, all that's done is create a unified enemy, and that's not the kind of leadership we need right now. Right now we need somebody who has the ability to bring people together, bring them to the table and have a meaningful discussion, and that's really been absent and very, very frustrating."

He then discussed the various proposed budgets, and some of the factors driving each budget, the Governor's proposal, the Democrat's proposal and the Republican's proposal. "To give you some perspective...we set out to do a number of things, 1) recognize that our friends on the other side of the aisle just are not in a position where they can make the kind of cuts that would be necessary to bring us to the \$98 billion (level) which is the amount of revenue that we have for the year. There's just no way to bring government to \$98 billion dollars without literally bringing certain programs and certain services to their knees, and you're never going to get it done...to get to a \$98 billion dollar budget, you have to do some serious, serious cutting, including things that we never want to touch, Prop 1A, Prop 42, local law enforcement..."

Adams continued that the Democrats had proposed a \$105 billion dollar budget. "We think we can pare it back down to \$103 billion and be responsible...we are able to do so without having to do any kind of borrowing, which is a big deal for the Governor, he wanted no borrowing. We said fine, other than the securitization of the lottery, which is your idea, Governor, we won't do any borrowing. We have the ability to fund over the Prop 98 guarantee...we think we can... fund education somewhere in the area of about

\$57.9 billion...regrettably the Education Committee is asking for about \$60 billion...so we're having a difficult time negotiating with them...and we think that we can also do the budget with no



Assemblyman Anthony Adams, (R) spoke at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce about the budget stalemate in Sacramento. Also pictured is Scott Hettrick of Arcadia's Best. Photo by Bill Coburn

borrowing from Prop 1A and no borrowing from Prop 42. Now there may have to be what we call an RDA sweep and that could net about \$219 million dollars....Ultimately we get at about \$103 billion dollars. We think that proposal is reasonable, we tried to recognized the needs of our friends on the other side, we tried to do it without raising taxes to pacify our folks, and we ultimately tried to acknowledge the Governor's input in this by way of the securitization, which frankly is a necessary component...it puts about a \$2 billion gap if we can't securitize against the lotto, so that's a big component of it. It will be very difficult to find the

Assemblyman Adams acknowledged that part of the problem is the current economic environment, with people struggling economically, home values decreasing, increased prices for gas, etc.. "To say, oh by the way, can you pay us more money to do more work in Sacramento, it's a very difficult argument to make, even in a good economic environment, but in a bad one it's just impossible.

Adams was concerned that "...MediCal doesn't get smacked around...MediCal in California, there's only four mechanisms for management." He spelled them out: increased subscriber fees, reduction in benefits, asking physicians to accept less pay, or getting the non-managed care subscribers to accept managed care. The largest percentage of subscribers are non-managed care, with about 65% of MediCal spending being in that area, the aged, blind and disabled. "Because we can't [get] any movement on subscribers, reduction of benefits or managed care, the only thing that's left on the table when we have MediCal discussions, is the prescribers, the doctors, the hospitals getting the checks for the services...Many of them are just saying forget it, we're not going to do MediCal any more, it's not worth it."

Adams stated that the lawmakers would be in session early this week to vote on the proposed budget, and that "This will be essentially a drill, we won't get a budget out of any of these votes, what we're hoping to do is just put people on record on where these votes are, so that our leadership teams can really go back and say okay, well, clearly there's some room for compromise here...it's a really bad situation we're facing."

Adams was correct in that assessment, as the Republican plan was rejected along party lines in the California Senate on Monday, 13

### **Duarte** City of Duarte Sets Community Meeting To Discuss Housing **Element Update**

The City of Duarte is updating its Housing Element, which states the City of Duarte's policies and programs for developing and maintaining an affordable housing stock and developing other housing.

A community meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. to allow local residents and business owners to share their ideas and concerns. It will be an opportunity to learn more about the City's policies and priorities in creating new housing units, as well as those policies for maintaining existing housing.

For further information, contact Silvia Hurtado, interim Community Development director or Sandi Shannon in the Community Development Department at (626) 357-7931.



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Guerrero & the Cafe 322 Singers Wednesday 17th -8:00 PM The Jon Mayer Trio

Thursday 18th 8:00 PM Jazz Vocalist Dana Donatelli Friday 19th

8:00 PM Errol LeBlanc

The Donovan Muradian Quartet Saturday 20th 10:00 PM Mercy and the Merketts

Sunday 21st 1:30 PM - 4:30 New Astro Turf

7:00 PM - 10 - Opera to Broadway with Danny Guerrero & the Cafe 322 Singers Thursday 25th

The Fuzzy Logic Boptet Friday 26th 8:00 PM Flat Top Tom Swing Party

Saturday 27th

8:00 PM The Superstitions Sunday 28th

-1:30 PM -4:30 The Mercy Powell Quartet Jazz Lunch, 7:00 PM -10 - Opera to Broadway with Danny Guerrero & the Cafe 322 Singers

## MountainViews-Observer Altadena Pasade For Your Community News From Your Community

## Residents Vote to Buy Open Space

By Dean Lee

The possibility of buying the Annandale Canyon Estates and leaving the 20.6 acre property open space got one step closer Monday night as the city council approved the creation of the Annandale Canyon Open Space Benefit Assessment District.

The new district still has to be passed by a 50 percent vote of local residents. Annandale Canyon Estates is in the San Rafael Hills boarding Glendale.

Director of Planning and Development Richard Bruckner said staff would mail out ballots and a hearing would be set for Oct. 27. Staff will then count the ballots.

"They're weighted ballots by the district your in and the portion of the payment made." He said. Earlier he had explained there would be four assessment zones based on their proximity to the area. Those with the highest annual assessment, their vote would count twice of those with an annual assessment paying half the same amount. .

In November of last year, the city and developer Annandale Canyon Estates, LLC agreed to end a lawsuit with a settlement agreement to buy the property for \$7 million. The lawsuit stemmed from the timing of the city's environmental review of the project staff told the council.

Councilmember Chris Holden said their action was based around solving the problem of the litigation. Confused, Vice Mayor Steve Haderlien then asked that he and the public be something City Attorney Michele Bagneris said she would bring back.

The developer had submitted an application to build 24 homes on the site. A number of residents pressured the city to stop the project.

The city last year received a \$2.5 million grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy toward the purchase. Holden and others said they needed to act before grant ran out.

"If we lose that grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy I don't know what we're going to tell them in the future when we want another grant," said organizer Nina Chomsky of the Residents Working Group. Chomsky was one of many residents working with the city on the creation of the district.

It was unclear what would happen if residents voted the district down, as well as, leaving the city to figure out how to fill a gap of \$1.7 million. Residents assured the council that would not happen. An earlier phone and mail survey as well as outreach showed residents were willing to fund \$1.3 million of the cost.

"I had some reservations coming in," councilmember Victor Gordo said. "I think going forward with acquisition at this point for land without first looking at the study and some of the assessment that we are doing with regard to the open space survey, I think we are getting a little ahead of ourselves."

City staff said they had state and county sources to get the \$1.7 million. Councilmember Margaret McAustin also said she had some concern about voters not passing it.

"I'm a little bit uncomfortable with this stacking of funds that we might find ourselves boxed in," she said. "And then have to come up with this money when we have not had a chance to evaluate this money against other projects."

McAustin did say she was in favor of preserving the property.

Gordo also asked about informed about the lawsuit the public benefit, "in my mind that means a clear plan that describes access, hours of operation, type of uses that are allowed." He said. "I do understand this will be passive recreation."

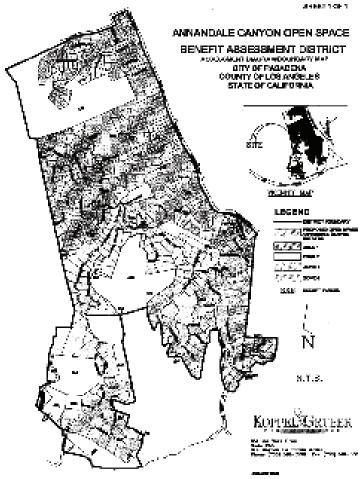
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlien asked if they would hear back from the state by October.

"So on Oct. 27 we can make a more thoughtful decision," he said. "Is this a \$3.2 million expenditure, or a \$1.5 million expenditure or something in between."

Staff blamed the state's not work without that late budget for not having the information ready, "I hope we have an adopted state budget by that time so we can bring you back that information."

Chomsky said their vision for the area was to have good working trails and that public access could although she also said none of the funding from the assessments would go for that.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy really knows how to do this and I think we will be back working with them on this," she said.



## **South Lake Avenue To** Celebrate PARK(ing) Day



On Sept. 19th, the South Lake Avenue District will participate in PARK(ing) Day—a global event centered in San Francisco where citizens and artists collaborate to temporarily transform a metered spot into a public park. The South Lake Business Association partnering with EPTDESIGN, the South Lake

Avenue architectural firm that designed South Lake's Streetscape Improvement project which is currently under construction. The SLBA will be "parked" all day, but design details and location of the parking spot is under wraps. People are encouraged to enjoy a walk on South Lake while looking for the park location.



David McCabe

was approached by many "Here we have 11 despite the fact the Teachers classroom as you could get and they need to be

parents and teachers urging him to run for one of the two spots opening up on the board. After consideration he realized that this sort of action was what he teaching his PCC students to do. He then decided to begin his campaign against four others vying for the spot.

Nuevo District Association Union hosted a "Meet the Candidates" forum where would endorse McCabe and one other candidate for the upcoming election in November.

## Senator Jack **Scott Honored**



Sen. Jack Scott Photo D. Lee/MVO

By Teresa Baxter

Last week Pasadena City College, UCLA, local educators and elected officials gathered to honor Sen. Jack Scott for his service in the California State Legislature and to congratulate him on his appointment as the California Community College System Chancellor.

PCC President Dr. Paulette Perfumo hosted the event at her private residence, in Pasadena. those Among attendance were Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Assemblyman Anthony Portantino of the 44th Assembly District.

Acting UCLA Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Scott Waugh introducedScottbysharing some of his numerous accomplishments highlighting presidency at PCC, his and his perspective of higher education from the legislative government.

"I can't think of anybody who is better suited to lead what is one of the most important segments of higher education in California," said Waugh. "It is a little wonder that all of his colleagues over the years have looked to him for leadership."

Scott was elected in 2000 to the State Senate representing the 21st District. He has been a member of the State Legislature since 1997 and has successfully authored key bills important to community colleges that 626-585-7065.

were signed into law. "In 1973, I cast my lot with the community colleges because I became convinced that it was the most egalitarian of all the segments of higher education," said Scott. "It was the place where the individual, who was an immigrant, or someone who had not done well in high school, or someone who had come from an impoverished home had a chance for opportunity. It was the fulfillment of the American dream."

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, the PCC Foundation will be hosting their inaugural "Building the Spirit of a Vibrant Community" award luncheon, which will also honor Scott significant for his contribution to the areas served by the Pasadena Area Community College District. The luncheon additionally will highlight the important role that service on many Boards PCC plays in the San Gabriel Valley Southern California.

> "Through his tireless efforts as an educator and state legislator, Senator Scott's unwavering support of education to all who seek it has made the San Gabriel Valley community a much better place," said PCC President Perfumo.

> Mayor Bogaard will emcee the luncheon, while the PCC Jazz Combo Band will provide music for both the reception and the lunch portions of the program. For more information, please call the PCC Foundation at

### **Local Official Pays Tribute** In September 11th Attack **Anniversary Statement**

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich issued the following statement on the seventh anniversary of September 11:

Today, we pay tribute to the thousands of innocent victims whodiedonSeptember11,2001 in New York, Pennsylvania , and at the Pentagon. I was in Washington D.C. that day and witnessed the aftermath of the attack on the pentagon.

Our county will continue to acknowledge the brave firefighters, police officers, and citizens who sacrificed their lives on that fateful day. The county has officially declared September 11 as 'Patriot's Day' to remember



those who died and to honor the courageous police, e m e r g e n c y personnel and civilians and salute our armed forces serving in Iraq Afghanistan and around the world."

## **PCC Instructor** Walks the Walk

By Teresa Baxter

In the spirit of the Mahatma Gandhi truism, "Be the change that you want to see in the world", a Pasadena City College instructor has decided, on a smaller scale, to set the example for his students by running for school board in the rural community where he lives, in Neuvo,

program education director at PCC and admits that he is passionate about teaching, while realizing he carries great influence on his students by his actions. He also has the educational experience question political implications that can have an impact on the lives of

One of the courses that he teaches takes a contemporary approach to what is required of teacher regarding educational quality, the role of the superintendent and the impact of school board decisions.

Educationally, California is in a state of crisis and many school districts are faced with difficult decisions regarding the state's failure to reach a budget. Therefore, McCabe feels there is an urgent need for leaders to protect and nurture the students. This would require retaining experienced teachers in any community.

'I've always known the David McCabe is the Nuview district didn't pay their teachers well. Matter of fact, out of 12 districts in the area they are rated at 11th," he said. "I was becoming increasingly aware that many teachers were leaving the district."

In May, McCabe discovered a great majority of the established teachers; some having severed for over a decade were to be laid-off so that the Nuview School District could have the option of replacing them with inexperienced teachers for half the price. He decided to attend the next board meeting and speak during the public comment session.

teachers that have decided they are getting lower pay—that they could go to the district next door and get paid thousands more—they have decided to stay in Nuview because they are committed to the community...and your reward for that is letting them go," he told the board. "You're making these cuts as close to the

farther away. If the board

doesn't consider this I'm

going to remember you

in November." Following

the meeting, McCabe

In fact, last Wednesday it was determined that they Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? The Art of Paper Insulation

By Pat Birdsall

Many of us throw our paper into the ubiquitous blue bins and wonder where it will ultimately end up. Some of this paper may actually help to keep you cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. GreenFiber, which manufactures one of the key ingredients in an

eco-friendly building project, natural fiber insulation, makes a product from 85% post-consumer recycled paper. Insulation is an indispensable way to save energy and money by minimizing cooling and heating GreenFiber has been making natural cellulose insulation for attics, walls, floors and multi-family units since

2000. The insulation is made from a composite of recycled paper such as cardboard, newspaper and telephone directories. It is fire and fungal resistant and does not contain harmful chemicals such as formaldehyde or asbestos. GreenFiber can be used for building, renovation and re-insulation projects. In addition to being more environmentally friendly than conventional fiberglass insulation, it is also denser and good for both sound reduction and increased airflow.

Since its inception, GreenFiber has used three million tons of paper to manufacture its insulation, and has pledged not to use any virgin paper materials. This use of recycled materials has also prevented an estimated 3.6 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions from being released into the atmosphere, and their products take 10 times less energy to produce than other insulation products.

Is it possible to remodel or build green? There has been a trend towards building green in the past several years, and it is often difficult for consumers to discern the most environmentally friendly options for their construction or remodeling projects. Two of the most important factors to look for are: What types of chemicals are used in the manufacturing process? How much post-consumer recycled content does each type of building supply contain?

Being that GreenFiber's main material depends on the public recycling paper, its Community Recycling Program seeks to not only reclaim and reuse paper, but also to educate consumers about why it is so important to divert paper from the landfills. They have 11 plants around the country, and their goal is to continue to improve products while at the same time encouraging consumers to see green building as a choice rather than as an alternative.

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### Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be October 6, at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers. We will continue Neighborhood Watch organizational efforts and

update the activities of the Red Flag Patrol. All of this will focus on assisting the city and our individual neighborhoods for the upcoming rainy season with sand bag deployment.

The activation of the Sierra Madre Neighborhood Watch will be important during emergency situations and can augment the Fire Safe Council during wildfire alerts. Recent burglary activities in our area have been of great concern and the eyes and ears of our residents are needed to help the police department. Everyone has the responsibility to help the authorities keep our neighborhoods safe. Remember an arson suspect was caught in the Griffith Park fires due to the diligence of citizens who were using the park.

During the county-wide earthquake drill that will take place during the Great Southern California Shake Out, November 13, 2008, at 10 a.m. local Neighborhood Watches will be called into "action" during this drill. Throughout the week there will be earthquake related seminars throughout Los Angeles County which you can access through: www.shakeout.org/drill Will you be self-sufficient for 7-10 days in the event of a disaster event?

If you are interested in organizing a Neighborhood Watch and being a block captain please call the Police Chief Diaz or Police Officer Ford at 355-1414 and let them know of your interest.

#### **Police Blotter** Sierra Madre

During the week of Sunday, August 31st through Saturday, September 6th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 267 calls for service.

Monday, September 1st:

7:32 PM - Discharge of weapon, 600 block of Valle Vista Dr. A man reported that he heard gunshots in the area and believed they came from his neighbor's home. Officers found a resident who illegally discharged his shotgun after confronting a brown bear in his backyard. The shots were fired in the air and the bear was not hit. No injuries or damages were reported. This case is still under investigation. Tuesday, September 2nd.

4:43 PM – Vandalism, 700 block of E. Sierra Madre Bl. A resident reported unknown person(s) used a marker to write on a speed limit sign and a concrete wall, "VFW."

Wednesday, September 3rd:
8:13 AM – Theft, 700 block of Skyland Dr.
A resident reported on 9-02-08 at 8:30 PM to 9-03-08 at 7:30 AM unknown person(s) siphoned gasoline from the victim's car that was parked in his driveway.

2:00 PM – Arrests, Identity Theft. SMPD Officers, assisted by the Monrovia Police Department, followed up on a week-old case and developed enough evidence to get a search warrant. Officers went to a home in the County area of East Pasadena and served the search warrant. Two women were arrested and charged with identity theft. Officers recovered an extensive amount of evidence and stolen property.

8:30 PM - Arrest, Possession of dangerous fireworks, 00 Blk Montecito Ct. Witnesses reported seeing three people on the rooftop of 45 N. Baldwin Ave lighting fireworks. Officers arrived and detained three people, one of whom was a juvenile. The juvenile was found to be in possession of dangerous fireworks. The juvenile was arrested and taken to the police department, where she was cited and released to her parents. Thursday, September 4th:

3:07 PM - Arrest, 600 Blk W. Orange Grove Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for a traffic violation. During the stop the officer determined that the driver was under the influence of a controlled substance. The driver was arrested and transported to the police station for booking. Saturday, September 6h:

2:46 AM – Arrest, 400 Blk W. Sierra Madre Bl. The police department received three 911 calls of a domestic dispute. Officers found a man and a woman in the carport area where they had been arguing. The investigation revealed that the woman had hit her husband. She was arrested and taken to the police station for

booking. She was later released on a citation. 6:11 PM – Arrest, 200 Blk S. Mountain Trail Ave. The police department received a 911 call of a domestic dispute. Officers determined that a couple at the location had committed a battery upon each other. Both the man and the woman were arrested and transported to the police station. They were booked and later released.

## **Arcadia Police Blotter**

Saturday, September 6, the Police Department responded to 1,048 calls for service of which 127 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, August 31:

Around 3:40 a.m., three male Asian victims reported a verbal altercation with three male Hispanic suspects in the 1000 block of South Sixth. The suspects threatened the victims, and they called another man for assistance knowing that he had handguns in his car. Shortly thereafter, two more Hispanics showed up at the scene; one armed with a handgun and another with a pistol grip shotgun. They brandished the weapons and then all the suspects fled in a silver BMW. Officers located the suspect vehicle and a high risk traffic stop was made. All five suspects, between 19 and 21 years of age, were arrested for making terrorist threats, possession of deadly weapons, and carrying concealed weapons in a vehicle.

Monday, September 1:

Around 8:58 a.m., a traffic stop was made at Sharon and Holly for failure to stop at a stop sign. A 25-year-old male Caucasian driver was contacted and officers detected the odor of marijuana from the vehicle. A consent search revealed a baggie of green leafy substance resembling marijuana, and the man was cited and released in the field.

Loss prevention personnel from H&M advised that they had detained a 17-year-old female Asian for theft around 5:20 p.m. The girl was seen concealing merchandise in a shopping bag and then exited the store. A private person's arrest was made, and the girl was taken into custody for commercial burglary. Stolen merchandise from Claire's and American Eagle Outfitters were also recovered.

Tuesday, September 2: Units responded to Santa Anita Inn, 130 West

For the period of Sunday, August 31, through Huntington, around 11:00 p.m. regarding a loud party complaint. Officers entered the room and found eight intoxicated juveniles and there were beer cans and a keg of beer in the bathtub. A 20-year-old male Hispanic was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of minors, and marijuana and a marijuana pipe were also found on his person. All the juveniles were released to their parents.

Thursday, September 4:

A victim came to the station shortly before 6:00 p.m. to file an assault with a deadly weapon report. The victim advised that he was driving near Colorado and Michillinda when a male driver pointed a gun at him and fired two rounds. Fortunately, neither the driver nor his vehicle was struck. The suspect had dark complexion, 25-30 years of age, and he was driving a black, four-door Infiniti with tinted windows.

Friday, September 5: Officers responded to Residence Inn, 321 East Huntington, around 1:46 p.m., regarding a fraud investigation. A manager at the location advised that a long-term resident had written fraudulent checks to pay for her accommodations. Further investigation revealed that the suspect's vehicle was a reported stolen from a car rental agency. A 39-year-old female Caucasian was arrested for fictitious checks, embezzlement, vehicle theft, and 2 outstanding warrants. Since no one could care for her 12-year-old son, a social worker from the Department of Children and Family Services took him into protective custody.

Saturday, September 6:

Around 9:48 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of Patricia in reference to multiple suspects fighting and shots fired. Two groups were fighting and one victim was punched and kicked multiple times. He sustained severe injury to his face, head, and a laceration to his back that was possibly caused by a knife or similar object. The victim was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

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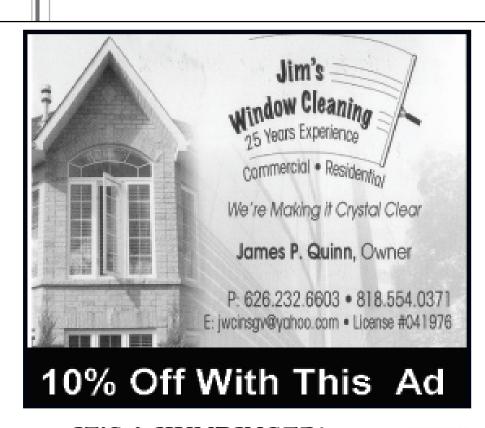
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mountains of worthy stuff and it is sold at very reasonable prices to those intrepid many who line up every year for some great bargains. Among those connoisseurs of castoffs this sale is worthy of travelling from far and wide to attend. Come see what 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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## **Education & Youth**

## Why YOU should buy an Electric Car SCHOOL DIRECTORY

By Damon Kohnke

Do you want to pay less for what you drive? Are you paying more than \$70 at the gas pump? You can ease the stress on your wallet if you buy an electric car. Not only does this solution keep the environment green, but it keeps your wallets green as well! With rising gas prices and continuous global warming, the electric car would be a simple solution for your wallet and the environment. "What are the benefits of driving an electric car?" you might ask. There are financial and environmental reasons why you should switch from gas to electric.

The first benefit to driving an electric car is not having to pay for gas. The American consumer spends, on average, more than \$280 on gasoline each month, which can be likened to paying a second rent in some areas of the country. The average driver is currently paying around \$70 to fill up his or her gas tank (consumeraffairs.com). With an electric car, you would only have to pay around \$1.20 to get the equivalent of what a gallon of gas currently costs, namely around \$4.50. A full charge for an electric car would cost you \$17 (www.ev1. pair.com). Not only is the electric car a smart monetary decision, it is easy to maintain. easy to maintain.

Maintenance for the electric car requires little effort and is in-expensive. The electric car does not require an oil change, nor will it ever suffer from gas or oil leaks. Basic maintenance on the electric car requires that the owner change the set of batteries every four years, which can be done from the convenience of home. The ability to charge the batteries at home would also promote use of the electric car by the elderly population, who struggle sometimes with certain ailments such as arthritis, which makes mobility a challenge. Another important convenience is the sheer amount of time the consumer can save by charging the battery at home or at the office. Electric car own-

ers can avoid having to wait in line at the gas station. Overall, electric cars are clean, efficient, and simple to maintain.

The environmental aspects of the electric car are beneficial for everyone. The electric car has zero emissions, which means less pollution caused by exhaust-producing, gas-powered automobiles. Less pollution equals a cleaner, happier Earth, which is a goal that all drivers should be working towards. Another benefit of buying electric is that there is less dependence on foreign oil, which means that fewer oil tankers would be subjected to accidents in which spilt oil causes damage to precious sea life. Oil-drilling has also been linked to deforestation in various areas of the world. The widespread practice of deforestation has lead to less amounts of oxygen being released into the atmosphere, and it also forces indigenous wildlife to uncommon areas. It is easy to see that buying an electric car can not only have direct effects on the environment, but it also creates less obvious effects which can trickle down into protecting wildlife and the Earth's natural resources. Buying an electric car will not only reduce fossilfuel emissions which trap the Earth's heat, but it will also prevent the melting of polar ice caps, the rising intensity of natural disasters, and reduce the temperature of the Earth's surface.

The financial and environmental benefits of the electric car make it an easy choice to those who value the well-being of the Earth, and also wish to save some money in the process. After exploring the various positive aspects of the electric car, would it not seem logical that the electric car is a better choice for our current global situation and for future generations? I believe that going electric is not only going green for the world, but also for your wallet!



## Let the Record Show... women who came before me January of 1972 she stated, "I stand before you today as a candidate

"I think, as well today, of two other women who came before me in national elections. I can't begin this great effort without honoring the achievements of Geraldine Ferraro in 1984, and of course, Senator Hillary Clinton who showed such determination and grace in her presidential campaign," declared Sarah Palin at the Republican National Convention on September 3rd. She mentioned only two other women who ran a national campaign. Only two. Now, most of us don't really know who Sarah Palin is. From her speech, we found out that she's the governor of Alaska and a mother of three. So, with so little information known on her, we can only rely on what she's told us in her speech to represent her. Would you really want a vice president who doesn't know her history facts?

Mrs. Palin failed to mention a very important woman who ran for vice president. In fact, not only was she the first woman, but she was the first African-American woman to run. Shirley Chisholm ran for president in 1972. She was very passionate about women's rights and was against the Vietnam War. Chisholm's well-known phrase was short and to the point: "unbought and unbossed". In

for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States. I am not the candidate of black America, although I am black and proud. I am not the candidate of the women's movement of this country, although I am a woman, and I am equally proud of that. I

candidates who ran before her, I was shocked that she didn't mention Shirley Chisholm. I expected that this error would be on CNN the next morning, but indeed it wasn't. I really shouldn't have been surprised that this mistake wasn't clearly publicized, but I was. Although I don't write for an international paper, I feel that it's my

Just think, if the third candidate was of another race, would she

#### PUSD NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Pasadena, CA - Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Superintendent Edwin Diaz today announced that he has named Michael Seaton as Executive Director of Accountability, Alternative and Career/Technical Education. The new position represents an expansion of the original accountability function to emphasize the need for an intense focus on school-to-career and non-traditional educational options for secondary students.

"Mr. Seaton brings a rare combination of experience in careertechnical education, accountability systems and alternative secondary programs to this position," Superintendent Diaz said. "I am confident that his decades of experience implementing diverse instructional strategies and his background of utilizing data to improve instruction will add tremendous value for PUSD students and staff as we continue our focus on raising student achievement."

As Executive Director of Accountability, Alternative and Career/ Technical Education, Mr. Seaton will be responsible for directing assessment and evaluation programs for PUSD, including testing programs and procedures. In his capacity as the lead administrator for Alternative Education programs, Mr. Seaton will coordinate the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies and priorities for alternative programs while serving as a liaison between Alternative Education programs and other educational, social service, and community-based organizations providing services to students.

Seaton will also oversee programs and services to promote career development opportunities for students through programs in-

## Heartbreak is live as "Again" makes **I-Tunes list**

celebrated the launch of his first tune released through I-Tunes on August 7. He's thrilled it's available a month ahead of schedule, too. The 17 year old guitarist and pianist penned both the lyrics and song to "Again," pouring the raw emotion of broken relationships into the live recording. Landis performs with the group, Partime Prophets, and is also well known in Sierra Madre as an accomplished keyboardist with the St. Rita Church Choir. The group's name is purposely misspelled and unhyphenated to garner attention. "Again" can now be downloaded through I-Tunes at www.Apple.com/ Itunes, listed under PartimeProphets.



am not the candidate of any political bosses or special interests. I am the candidate of the people." Although she passed away in 2005, I think that it's important to recognize her achievements.

When I watched Palin's speech and heard her mention the two

duty to set the record straight however I can.

have "forgotten" to mention her?

cluding the Regional Occupation Program, career academies, the Workforce Investment Act program and Adult Education.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity to join the transformation effort underway at PUSD," said Michael Seaton. "I am eager to work with school sites to accelerate student achievement by implementing a comprehensive accountability system, meeting the full range of students' academic needs and expanding career pathways for all students."

Mr. Seaton has served as the Director of Instructional Support Services for Glendale Unified School District since 1994, coordinating the development of curricular and instructional activities and professional development for standards-based course alignment, testing, grading, graduate tracking and strategic planning. In this position, he has also been responsible for a \$1.9 million annual ROP program while administering state and federal career/technical education programs. During his tenure with Glendale, Seaton has coordinated secondary interventions and summer school programs.

Mr. Seaton brings a strong background in community partnerships and community engagement, as he has held the Director post for the Verdugo School-to-Career Coalition since 1995. He has developed extensive partnerships to provide school- and work-based learning opportunities for Glendale, Burbank and La Canada Unified School District students.

Seaton began his career in education as a teacher at Azusa High School, where he taught multiple subjects in core and career techni-

## PUSD Proposes District Priorities

The Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education called a special meeting a week ago Tuesday to address district priorities for the 2008-09 school year. Superintendent Edwin Diaz presented an "Operational Action Plan" and described the process used to define the recommended priorities.

This is the beginning of a discussion where priorities are recommended with input from the Board to begin developing a consensus around the priorities to implement for this coming year," said Diaz.

According to the proposed plan, during the 2008-09 school year, a five-year plan covering 2008 to 2013 will be designed to align all areas of the PUSD toward the outcome of having all students prepared for college, or a career, when they graduate. The plan will be organized into three areas to include a focus on student achievement, rigor and relevance, and

organization capacity.

Of the priorities, "rigor and relevance" relates to initiatives and programs aimed at accelerating student achievement and building broader skills. "Organization capacity" is the work necessary to build the capacity of school sites, the district and the community to implement the work and sustain it over time. This will include: leadership development, customer service and responsiveness, accountability and measurement, data access and data integrity, communication and engagement, and alignment of resources, people, systems and technology to PUSD priorities.

These areas are so inter-related that there will be work...but we want to have focus on the areas we have plans for," said Diaz. "Then implementation becomes much more important...in a way that actually has a result for kids."

Diaz pointed out that it would take time to gather the data and figure out what needs to be done regarding instructional improvement and student performance. "In order to develop a five year strategic plan that includes the vision, mission and goals there must be community engagement and developing consensus, which can be time consuming," he

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## A Day For Crying

### by Virginia Hoge, 9-11-08

9/11 evewitness, it is impossible speak bout event today,

year anniversary, without speaking of the HORROR that has followed in its wake. I do not blame the conspiracy theorists (although I do not believe them) for saying that 9/11 was "planned". It sure seems like it! I mean just LOOK at the unbelievable advancement of the Right - riding happily, and with great evil, on the "coat-tails" of this historic event.

They took FULL advantage of it many ways including starting a disastrous and deadly war that has murdered hundreds of thousands of innocent people including children. It has maimed for life nundreds ofthousands of others, leaving pained 'walking shells" to face the rest of their lives (and often they are young), filled with suffering. This is HORRIBLE!!

This is so sad and so sick, I could (and possibly should) stop right there, but I am not going to. Because I was there.

I was standing on the corner of 6th Avenue and 11 Street, the morning of September 11, 2001. I had just dropped my kids off at their school, PS 41 in Greenwich Village from our home in Brooklyn (yes, we took the train each morning and yes, this was stupid!!). A lady at the front door of the school who I hardly knew said "a plane just hit the World Trade Center". "Yeah, right" was my impression. But walking towards the corner, I noticed a crowd looking South, on this especially clear New York Fall day. I (of course) joined the crowd of gawkers - who normally would be looking at an automobile accident. But this was no automobile accident.

A large, airplane-shaped hole filled almost the entire span of the Northern face of the north World Trade Tower (Tower 1). Black smoke poured furiously out of that hole, and rose as high up into the sky as fireworks. It then headed straight East, driven in a line by a strong wind, forming

an upside-down "L" shape in the cerulean sky. Now some people actually left the scene and sensibly went to work. But I (never having been sensible) was riveted to my spot, and stayed. Suddenly, the South Tower burst into flames, right around the middle of the building. Now I wish I could say that this somehow looked like something I had never seen before, but this is not true. It looked exactly like a Hollywood explosion (which, I am sure, gives the conspiracy theorist's yet more "fuel" as I said, I cannot blame them.).

"Ok" I said to myself "get the kids out of school" and headed back to the school to retrieve my kids. Their teachers released them quickly, seeing my ashen face. But in true teacher fashion, calmly. Grabbing each of their hands (my son was in 1st grade, my daughter in 4th) we quickly walked towards the train while the clearly visible, smoking TWO massive towers rose high above us. Now, it seems like those kids would have been crying, but that is not the case. Children, Thank God, are sheltered in early life by a self-obsession that conceals the World's evils from them, at least to some extent.

They could have cared less, and were happy to be leaving school early. We grabbed an F train, knowing it would avoid lower Manhattan. (Later, I heard stories of people coming up from the C train entrance to falling bodies). We caught the last train out of there.

Now I would have expected to be saying here that the train was filled with crying, hysterical people, but that was not the case. The train had the usual heedless, half-asleep and extremely guarded people you always encounter on a subway train. I was babbling to my kids (scared half out of my wits!) and I am sure people overheard me, but all I got was the one eye peaking up, then a second later, down - the usual!! By the time we reached Brooklyn, Tower 1 had just fallen.

Climbing to the top of the (steep) Greene Ave exit, Fort Greene Brooklyn exit, gypsy cab drivers were parked all along Flatbush with groups of people gathered round, heads hung low, car radios blaring through open car doors, listening to the bad news. Speaking of bad news, the Right has advanced so far into our local media, am I the only one scared? Nationwide also, but here, and here we can still do something about it.

Which brings to to my conclusion (enough already, right?). This event has been completely misinterpreted by the Right. I was there. The minute that tower exploded, I KNEW what this meant, this and nothing else, that this was where Hate leads. This was where Hate leads. The perpetrators

of 9/11 HATED the U.S. enough to die and kill for that hate. Why is this? Because Hate is the parent of Violence. This is the message of 9/11, that Hate is wrong! Not to create MORE Hate, which is

exactly what the Right has done in countless

And on that morning 7 years ago, not so long from the very moment I am writing this, I knew instantly that my (and our) responsibility is to fight Hate, and not the hate we find over-seas, but the hate we find right here in our "own backyard". That is where the redeeming message of 9/11, lies still buried.

Lets unearth it, in this, the year 7.

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### From The Desk Of...Glenn Lambdin The Pro Development Hoax

An interesting and quite entertaining homegrown social phenomenon here

in Sierra Madre has been the villainization of anything and anyone that can be considered as "pro-development." What I find fascinating is the degree of political success a certain group of citizens have achieved by attaching the "prodevelopment" label on various groups and individuals regardless of truth or facts. Sierra Madre, if you want to advance a political agenda, somehow convince the public that your opponents are "pro-development" and you're sure to succeed. It really doesn't matter what the issue is about either. Just convince a trusting public that something is "pro-development" and it's bound to fail. Attach a "pro-development" label on the Wisteria Vine and I guarantee it will be firewood before the sun sets. While this has become a simple but highly effective political strategy, the problem is that there are those that are willing to deceive the public with their "prodevelopment" rhetoric in order to advance their

For example, last week in a Pasadena Star News article, Councilman Watts referred to both Councilmembers Mosca and Buchanan as being 'pro-development." Not only is such an asinine statement amusing, it is also a classic masterpiece of hypocrisy.

Ordinarily, I wouldn't give his statement much thought considering it came from a councilman who has so little regard for the office he holds

that he'll admit that he didn't read the City's annual budget when it came up for a vote or that he didn't read the Hillside Management Ordinance when that came up for a vote; and for that matter, several other items of importance that he "didn't have time to read." But this time, I really found myself getting quite a good laugh

out of Watts, considering the fact that neither Councilmembers Mosca or Buchanan have ever been involved in a single development project while Watts, on the other hand, has been instrumental in several property developments in Sierra Madre. Councilman Watts, if you'll recall, was involved in the development of the Kraft Estate, which at that time was the largest undeveloped stand of oak trees in the City. He was an architect of record that supported and attempted to develop the One Carter property for Maranatha High School in association with Greg Galletly, the present developer at One Carter and Stonehouse. Watts also was involved with the monster building on East Montecito (more commonly known as "Watts Towers,") that can be seen from Montecito, Baldwin and Sierra Madre Boulevard, three of the four streets that form the block where that development is located. (In my opinion, any building in Sierra Madre that can be seen from this many streets within the same block is arguably over-developed.)

Now I have lived in Sierra Madre for most of my life and know a lot of Sierra Madreans. I know a lot of contractors, builders, tree trimmers, construction professionals, and people from just about every industry imaginable. One thing that I find common about all of us is that nobody



### Stuart Tolchin On... **LIFE** CHANGE, HOPE and FEAR

Now that the party of HOPE and the party of CHANGE have concluded their conventions, it is difficult to remember which slogan belongs to which party. The main thing that emerged from the conventions is that neither party seemed very interested in putting forth any detailed platform of specific proposed programs that would meet the pressing demands of the day. Neither party spoke very much about immigration, the failing economy, increased college tuitions and the reduced availability of student loan programs. Both parties talked a little about tax cuts but neither party seemed to deal with the loss of available jobs and the continued problems with education, drugs, and violence.

Really, the message that came from both party conventions was that it is not party labels or platforms that matter; rather, it is the characters of the candidates themselves that is of major importance. Skillfully spliced together documentaries and finely scripted speeches introduced the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates as supremely talented individuals who have suffered great personal tragedies and demonstrated great strength in persevering from these losses and arriving at positions of great responsibility after only taking a short break to heal from their wounds and marry an heiress. (Oops, I know that it isn't fair but the applicability of this characterization to the Democratic War Hero Candidate of 2004 and the Republican War Hero Candidate of 2008 is a rather odd coincidence. Well, as we all know, money never hurts.) In fact, another neglected topic is campaign-financing reform, although the Republican candidate has advocated both sides of the issue.

My point is that there is something very frightening about this exaggerated emphasis on the personal history of the candidate with little attention paid to what actual programs will be enacted after election. Instead the electorate is asked to believe that this great man or woman who has already done so much will, onceelected, apply these great talents to the benefit of all Americans and the rest of humanity and the planet itself.

Perhaps I can best illustrate the problem by reciting the personal history of a powerful twentieth-century leader and asking my vast but mainly anonymous readership to identify the person. If anyone under thirty can identify this person I will perhaps have to revise my view of the deplorable state of contemporary

Like Bill Clinton and Barak Obama, this person grew up almost fatherless for the reason that his (yes, the person is a man) father was murdered before he reached his teens. Like Senators McCain and Kerry, this person was a decorated war-hero whose bravery and patriotism could never be questioned. He was a sensitive man who dreamed of becoming a professional water-colorist. He spoke on street corners of the need of his country to retake its proper position in the world and to re-energize the country's weakened economy. He was jailed because of his political beliefs and actions and, while imprisoned, he wrote a book that affected the lives of almost everyone on the planet. Upon his release he once again began to speak on street corners and is considered to be the most effective public speaker of all time. During his prime years he was widely considered to be the most powerful man on Earth. To top all this off and to the delight of many health-minded Sierra Madreans, he was a VEGETARIAN. Finally, like Elvis and other great celebrities, he was considered by many to be more than a mere mortal and alleged sightings of this person have repeatedly been reported after his supposed physical death.

All right; who was it?

Answer...... Adolph Hitler. See what I mean about the potential frightening nature of cults of the personality? Oh, well, pleasant dreams. Be sure to vote.

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> is "pro-development" when it comes to Sierra Madre. NOBODY! Nobody I know wants to see our hillsides developed. Nobody I know wants tall buildings in the downtown. Nobody I know wants a stop light anywhere in town.

> Folks, this whole "pro-development" tactic is a hoax! It's a mean-spirited hoax that is a con-game designed to get your support and divert your attention away from the real issues of any logical and factual discussion. Those that so easily try to attach their nonsensical "pro-development" label are trying to dupe you into believing their fear tactics. I've heard both Councilmen Watts and Zimmerman referring to an emergency water connection as a "pro-development" project. Geez guys, what part of "emergency" can't you comprehend. Considering our hillside fire this year, one would think you'd be all over an additional emergency water source that could be employed to save our homes if needed.

> The next time you hear Watts, Zimmerman, or anyone else in this town calling someone or something "pro-development" may I suggest that you get out your winter gear because you are about to be doused with a first-class snow-job. In their case, make it a blizzard!

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1485921 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CORBAN FINANCIAL GROUP, 38 DAPPLEGRAY LANE, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) 38 DAPPLEGRAY LANE, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA 90274. This Business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD
O. FREEMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/18/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on AUGUST 1992.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1478162 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DRESS UP AND DANCE**, 10920 S. GARFIELD AVE. #C1, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NABIL EZZEDDINE, 7860 STEWART AND GRAY RD. #101, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD O. FREEMAN. 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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1496046

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL SUPER TACO Y LA MUY TORTA, 11300 PICO BLVD., W.L.A., CA 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARCOS VASCONCELOS, 1818 FEDERAL AVE. #6, W.L.A., CA 90025. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARCOS VASCONCELOS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/19/08. 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. 08-1496047

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENVIOS MONTE** business as: ALBAN, 11917 SANTA MONICA BLVD., L.A., CA 90025 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAURA DORA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 2446 STONER AVE., L.A., CA 90025. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAURA DORA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/19/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on 3/20/08. Name **NOTICE-** This Fictitious Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1496861 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LENDCORP FINANCIAL, 3579 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. #250, PASADENA, CA 91107-3119. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MATILDE VERBERA, 3579 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. #250, PASADENA, CA 91107. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
Signed: MATILDE VERBERA. This statement was filed with the County

08/19/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1515421

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MABEL FLOWERS, 12905 COYOTE LN., NORWALK. CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DORIS MABEL CONDE, 12905 COYOTE LN., NORWALK, CA 90650. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DORÍS MABEL CONDE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/21/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1475837

following pers doing business person(s) PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA 2. ENTRETAINMENT 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 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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1478027 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WEST VERNON** AVENUE BEAUTY SALON, 2206 W. VERNON AVE., L.A., CA 90008. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GLORIA ANN TAYLOR, 15400 FRANCISQUITO AVE. #205-A, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GLORIA ANN TAYLOR. 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 N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT File No. 08-1477687

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VREMYA**, 1929 ARGYLE AVE. #14, L.A., CA 90068. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELDAR LEVIN, 1929 ARGYLE AVE. #14, L.A., CA 90068. Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELDAR LEVIN. 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 N/A.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1550216 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NELLIE'S NURSING & HOME HEALTH SERVICES,** 6203 REDFORD AVE., N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NVARD KHATCHIKIAN, 6203 REDFORD AVE., N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91606. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NVARD KHATCHIKIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/27/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/5/03.

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(See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 08-1551358

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADVISORY GROUP WEST, 700 N. CENTRAL AVE. STE 570, GLENDALE, CA 91203-4235. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSWALD ROBERT DONALDSON, 10054 JANETTA WAY, SUNLAND, CA 91040-1371. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
Signed: OSWALD ROBERT Signed: ÓSWALD ROBERT DONALDSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/27/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above

on AUGUST 27, 2003. 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. 08-1550132

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLIX PRO, 10½ HALSTED CIR., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WALTER ALARCON, 10½ HALSTED CIR., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WALTER ALARCON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/27/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name or names listed above

on 08/18/2008. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### FILE NO. 2008-1531983 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT 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: PAÚL S. UNG / OWNER.

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#### FILE NO. 2008-1531984 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT USE 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. Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 09/01, 09/08, 09/15, 09/22/2008

#### 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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 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) 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. 152<sup>nd</sup> 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, MONTÉREY 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.

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#### Pub. 09/08, 09/15, 09/22, 09/29/2008 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 08-1588823 The following person(s) is doing business as: ANGELS HAIR DESIGN, 12252 S. PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHAUN RAMOS, 5762 WESTERN

STATEMENT

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. 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) Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 09/08, 09/15, 09/22, 09/29/2008

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1533445 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PACIFIC COAST** business as: PACIFIC COAST FREIGHT SERVICE, 5638 FOSTORIA ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) (are) ANGEL TORRES FOSTORIA ST., BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted 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 NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1589384

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COSMETICOS y PRODUCTOS NATURALES JARDIN DEL EDEN, 600 S. ALVARADO ST. STE. 101 A4, L.A., CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MATILDE ESTELA VALLE, 153 E. 36th ST. APT. A, L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: Al INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MATILDE ESTELA VALLE. 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

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business name or names listed above

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 08-1571779

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE PUBLISHING 2. CODY BRYANT MUSIC 3. WINDSOR MUSIC ARCHIVES PUBLISHING 4. CODY BRYANT MUSIC SURPLISHING 5. WACONWIETE PUBLISHING 5. WAGONWHEEL RECORDS 6. WINDSOR RECORDS, 10061 RIVERSIDE DR. WINDSOR #731, TOLÚCA LAKE, CA 91602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEFFREY RUFF, 10061 RIVERSIDE DR. #731, TOLUCA LAKE, CA 91602. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JEFFREY RUFF. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/29/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JAN. 15, 2005.

Business Name Statement must Professions Code) MountainViews-Observer 280 W Sierra Madre Blvd. No. 327 Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024 Office: 626.355.2737 Fax: 626.609.3285 Email: editor@mvobserver.com Website: www.mvobserver.com

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### FILE NO. 2008-1541257 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: THE SMOKING ASTERIX, 230 N. MARKET ST. #109, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/01/08, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 20081170663. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. 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: LOAN K. CHU/OWNER.** 

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2008-1541724 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STRIKE FORCE doing business as: STRIKE FURCE SECURITY SERVICES 16140 SATICOY ST., VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CRESTLINE MEDIA CORP 92 WEST LAUREL AVE. SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. CORPORATION. Signed: NORA BÉTH CREST This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/18/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on AUGUST 26, 2008.

NOTICE- This Fictitious Name
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CNS-1417973# NOTICE OF ADMINISTER PETITION ESTATE RICHARD DITMAS **BROMLEY** RICHARD D. RICHARD BROMLEY BROMLEY **CASE NO. GP013988** 

Toallheirs.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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARGARET W. BROMLEY be appointed 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 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

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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

#### 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 Čity 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
- 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
- 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;
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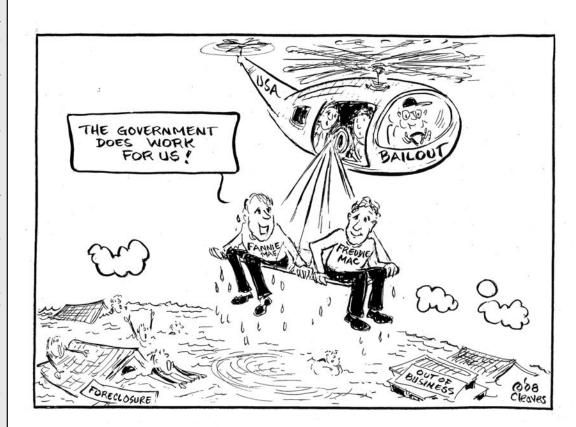
### **Letter To The Editor**

#### Leaf Blowers in Sierra Madre

Each week hundreds of gardeners come into Sierra Madre to keep our gardens nice but they also use gas leaf blowers which create untold hours of noise and air pollution for those at home affecting this city's resident's quality of life. There are parents taking care of children, retired folk, those who work out of the home or work nights, students, and those home because of disability or illness, etc. Hundreds of towns across the United States have banned them including many in California. This is a very important change we must make in Sierra Madre to make our city better. For those that work away from the home during the day they don't notice it as much but believe me for the 1000's of citizens who are home we do notice and have to endure this unnecessary negative quality of life issue. Each blowers sound can be heard up to 1/4 of a mile away or more while the gardeners themselves wear noise and sometimes breathing protectors. And also let's not forget the gas fume green house gases and dust pollution put into our air by 100's of leaf blowers every week effecting all of us including those with allergies and asthma. No longer allowing them will also make a statement that our All American City cares not only for the welfare of its citizens but also for the environment as well. Some cities have also banned electric blowers which can also cause quite a lot of pollution. Blowers may be a gardeners convenience but it is a residents nuisance. The City Council will address this issue again on Sept.23rd. Let them know how you feel, this is your chance!

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mountains. I miss rising in the morning and

heading to the barn to clean the stalls and

feed the animals. I do not do routine well...

ordinarily I like my life totally void of any

kind of routine. But for some reason, that

ritual became so deeply rooted in my soul,

that I long for it still. It was a very meditative time. People who have not participated

regularly in this activity always look at me

as though I am nuts when I say that raking

horse manure is very "Zen", but it is, and I

know of others who have had the experience

and agree. I also miss all of my animals and

being able to ride through the mountains

whenever I want. I miss the hard physical

work. It was torturous at times...the heat...

the bugs...the rain and cold, and the danger

of the way-too-narrow trails that are often in

desperate need of repair and maintenance. But the pleasures usually far out weighed the negatives...all the different smells...

the dampness of the canyon, the dryness of

the chaparral, the bay leaves that the horses

munched on as they traveled, and even the

smell of the animals themselves...I love that

smell. Then there is the visual beauty of the

ride and the spirit that each little section

of trail holds...the serenity of the canyon's

stream, all of natures artistic treasures that are

hidden among the trees and rocks along the

trail, then as you climb higher, the expansive

views of the mountains and the valley below

and, at the end of the day, the endless night

Kim Clymer Kelley

## The Mountain Clymer:

## Train Wrecks Of The Angeles - Part 1

sky and twinkling valley lights as the train heads up the road toward home. It was such a wonderful feeling to come home, unload, unsaddle, and feed the animals, and collapse on the sofa, satisfied and exhausted...and relieved that everyone got home safely and without incident. That, however was not always the case.

The previous owner of the station, Dennis, was quoted to me by one cabin owner as saying, upon his impending departure, that one of the reasons that he felt he needed to leave was that he felt that one day he would end up dying out there on the trails. Packing is dangerous, there is no doubt about it. The first time I rode the trail to Sturtevant Camp, I was frightened by the narrowness and rockiness of the trail and the steepness of the drop-offs. I remember one trip early on that I made with camp manager, Chris Kasten. Along the route he told me the names of all of the sections of trail. I had already named some of the landmarks myself. He pointed out "Step on My Toe Canyon", "Jody's Meadow", "Tiger Lily Canyon", "Falling Sign Junction", "Fern Lodge Junction", "Fiddler's Crossing", "Cascade"...and "Hogee's Drop-off". Hearing the story of "Hogee's Drop-off" sent shivers down my spine. This is the exact place where in the 1960's Vin Hogee (one of the relatives of the founder of Hogee's Resort Camp on the Winter Creek) was riding his horse when a group of scouts rounded a bend in the trail and spooked the animal. The horse reared and toppled over the edge of the trail at a point where there was a vertical drop of about 75 feet. The horse was killed instantly, and Vin was air lifted to a hospital where

he too died a short time later. Now a young pine grows out of the steep, rocky ledge in the same spot where he fell from the trail. I always made sure to make an offering or prayers as I rode by this spot and sometimes even got the courage to stop and look over the edge to try to picture the morbid scene... just to remind myself not to get careless and to keep my guard up at all times.

Dennis had taken a couple months before leaving the station to train me to pack. I would stop in whenever I had time to help him and accompany him on packs. This familiarized me with the canyon's trails, the cabins and some of the cabin owners as well as teaching me the dos and don'ts of packing. He taught me how to weigh the cargo and load the animals... how to top load ...how to load all shapes and sizes of lumber...how to side load large items...and how to box the groceries for camp groups when they came in. He taught me the importance of checking the animals every few seconds as they traveled along the trail to make sure that they are all paying attention, that they are still all tied together, that the loads are still balanced and secure, and that the saddles are still snug and not leaning to one side or the other. It only takes a few seconds for a load to go from just listing slightly to falling completely off of the animal...a total disaster on such narrow and treacherous trails. There are many places where it is impossible get off a horse let alone walk along side a loaded pack train to adjust or unload and reload a saddle that has slid completely around an animal or to retrieve an item that has fallen off a donkey and tumbled from the trail. He also taught me

about the dangers of switchbacks and how important it was to take them slowly and to watch the animals closely. He taught me about the dangers of bees and snakes, slides and falling rocks, protruding branches, the loose edges of the trails, and oncoming hikers and mountain bikers. As we walked the trails Dennis, in his understated, downhome, country way, told tales of his and others' packing mishaps and adventures... some funny and some very scary...about the time that one of the donkeys fell off the trail into a bees nest and the ensuing rescue, about one donkey dropping dead after a pack while tethered in front of the cabin they were packing to...poor Bomber...about the time when he came upon a burning cabin, called for help and left his animals in the safety of the streambed as he tried to put it out while waiting for the water dropping helicopter to arrive...and about the time that one of the donkeys nearly drown at a stream crossing. There were so many stories...so much history. As the new steward of the station, I felt it was my responsibility to remember everything, add my new stories and pass it all on to anyone who would listen. I eagerly ate up everything that I was told.

I felt relatively confident that I could handle most of the basics. All of the training and warnings stuck in my head and echoed in there whenever a question or new situation would arise. I was hopeful that if I was careful, I would not have to face any such perilous circumstances. Realistically, there was almost no chance of that happening.

Next week...my train wreck stories begin.

## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

## ROY'S

I sat down to write a review on Roy's, the new hot spot in Pasadena in a cluster of restaurants. I found myself in a favorable mood, but last week I

seemed to also be keen on Ruth's Chris. And why, I asked? The food? As Borat said, "Not so Much." It's just the organization, the polish, the new car smell, the fresh clean bathrooms. It just clicks and it tempts and entices me!!

Roy's Restaurant hits Pasadena like Hurricane "Ike" hits the Gulf of Mexico. Clear the streets, board the windows, gather supplies because it is here. Am I hysterical, am I wrong to be concerned, has the landscape shifted irreversibly, should we be shouting and we are not?

And why? You see, I am very concerned about the future of Pasadena and our town's restaurant culture. You see, I have been witness to a troubling trend developing over a period of time. It didn't start yesterday and it has been vigorous in its growth and persistently strident. It is the type of trend that once rooted, makes it exceedingly difficult to reverse. We may be burning a bridge, which we will want to cross back over again. I am talking about a piece of Americana that we'd better consider closely before we allow the undertaker to whisk it away. It is the thing that has made this city special.

Pasadena is a city that has made individual restaurant ownership a possibility. It is a city which has extended opportunity to families from distant shores and our own indigenous ones. It has given the tangible experience of the American dream to many. Is it now closing its door of opportunity to them? And if so, what would be lost for all of us? I'm talking about the restaurants where you know the owner because he comes to your table. Your kids may know his kids and they are friends. You are not just another customer to him and he is not "just another restaurant" to you. He has chosen to invest his money and time in the place where he lives, and often times where he has grown up. His house payment and mortgage are risked as he serves the community and offers us something different, something incredibly unique, which we can call our own.

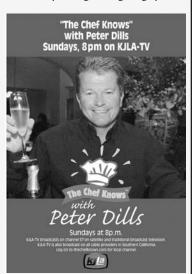
Such places are known as "mom and pop restaurants" for a reason. Maybe if we think about it we really may want the biggest restaurant chain on every corner, but we should also consider what we may be sacrificing. Do we want the glitz, glamour and opulence that these new restaurants can offer in our community? Maybe, but we should also know that someone is being displaced and it may be the person that fought for what you believe in at a city board meeting, or made sure the little league team had new uniforms. With the way things are going, you will soon be hearing people talk about the "good old days." Oh

sure, we will have people coming from all parts to visit trendy Old Town, and everyone supports that, but we are risking los-ing our identity, and the insight and ambience created by the very people and their Mothers and Fathers.

First it was The Cheese Cake Factory, then Ruths Chris and now Roy's. Why I am concerned? Because I am drawn to these places too. There is an attraction in them and they parade it well. I am not as taken by The Cheesecake Factory though; I'm not going to wait an hour for mediocre food.

The newest corporate member of our community is Roy's. Chef Roy Yamaguchi specializes in seafood dishes that combine local flavors with European sauces and Asian spices, which are excellent. Roy opened his first restaurant in Honolulu in 1988 and now has 30 restaurants in Hawaii and other parts of the United States, Japan, and Guam. Do I like it? Yes, and I hate myself for it. Let's not forget the little guy or we may be forgetting the only thing that really gives our city any true value.

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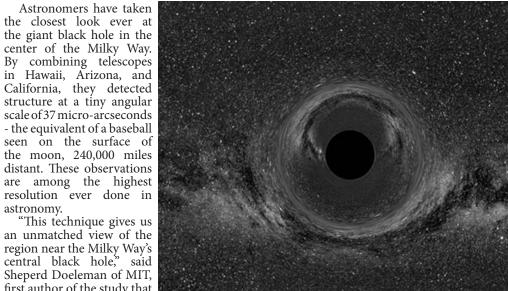
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## Looking Up With Bob Eklund

### **CLOSEST LOOK EVER AT THE EDGE OF A BLACK HOLE**



region near the Milky Way's central black hole," said Sheperd Doeleman of MIT, first author of the study that was published in the Sept. 4 issue of the journal Nature.

"No one has seen such a fine-grained view of the galactic center before," agreed co-author Jonathan Weintroub of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA). "We've observed nearly to the scale of the black hole event horizon - the region inside of which nothing, including light, can ever escape."

Using a technique called Very Long Baseline

Interferometry (VLBI), a team of astronomers led by Doeleman employed an array of telescopes to study radio waves coming from the object known as Sagittarius A\* (A-star). In VLBI, signals from multiple telescopes are combined to create the equivalent of a single giant telescope, as large as

the separation between the facilities. As a result, VLBI yields exquisitely sharp resolution. The Sgr A\* radio emission, at a wavelength of 1.3 mm, escapes the galactic center more easily than emissions at longer wavelengths, which tend to suffer from interstellar scattering. Such scattering acts like fog around a streetlamp, both dimming the light and blurring details. VLBI is ordinarily limited to wavelengths of 3.5 mm and longer;

however, using innovative instrumentation and

analysis techniques, the team was able to tease out

this remarkable result from 1.3-mm VLBI data.

result represents the first time that observations have gotten down to the scale of the black hole itself, which has a "Schwarzschild radius" of 10 million miles. "This pioneering paper demonstrates that such observations are feasible," commented theorist Avi Loeb of Harvard University, who is not a member of the discovery team. "It also opens up a new window for probing the structure of space and time near a black hole and testing Einstein's

The team clearly discerned structure with a 37

micro-arcsecondangular scale, which corresponds to a size of about 30 million miles (or about one-

third the earth-sun distance) at the galactic center.

With three telescopes, the astronomers could

only vaguely determine the shape of the emitting

region. Future investigations will help answer

the question of what, precisely, they are seeing: a glowing corona around the black hole, an orbiting

hot spot," or a jet of material. Nevertheless, their

theory of gravity." If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at b.éklund@mvobserver.com

High-resolution images can be seen at: http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/press/2008/ pr200816\_images.html



## From the Inside Out: Too Cool!

By Mary Carney

before you went outside. Keep your head warm.
Warm mittens. Snow suits. Two pair of socks.
Inside, if you felt cold, you wore a sweater. In the

Our bodies were designed for physical activity winter (if you were lucky) you got soft flannel PJs and/ or flannel sheets to sleep in, with a hot water constant fussing at you to keep your feet warm - at least wear socks!

As we got older, and less physically active, staying warm may have been an ongoing struggle, especially for women working in an office. Temperatures are set to be comfy for men, who already have 15% more hemoglobin in their systems and thus run at a slightly higher temperature than do women and who, in addition, wore sturdy shoes, socks, slacks, T-shirts, long sleeved shirts, neckties. Such temperatures are not the best for women, with their statistically slightly lower body temperature, who used to wear high heels (cramping their feet), bare legs covered with thin nylons, skirts, shortsleeved, open-necked blouses, and maybe a jacket or sweater. Cooler temperatures around the legs, while sitting relatively still for hours at a time, create stress and long-term body temperature reduction. Three cheers for pant suits!

For those of us who wound up with "cold hands and feet", the medical point of view is, "Oh, cold hands and feet, your thyroid is low.

Um, wait just a moment here. Low thyroid creates cold hands and feet? It's actually the other way around. It's the continuous stress of the cooler temperatures that slow down thyroid functioning. It's the ice-cold water (beverages) we drink (especially with our meals) that both dilutes, and slows down the digestive enzymes below their essential operational temperatures that keeps them from digesting your food properly.

Do you know your body's temperature ranges? Have you ever taken your temperature when you first wake up in the morning? That's your "basal" (basic) body temperature. Before you exercise, have you ever taken your temperature? And then again when you stop? Have you taken your temperature before you got into a hot tub, and then again

afterwards when you're nice and warm? When body functions occur at lower than 98.6, every function slows down. It's like trying to pour a spoonful of honey - warm honey flows smoothly, cold honey (72 degrees) doesn't want to leave the warm from the inside out, and stay well.

If you grew up in a "cold climate" area of the spoon. Given the Thyroid / Insulin seesaw, a cool country, with snow and ice in the winter, I'm sure body temperature (slow functioning thyroid) leads you remember your mom telling you to bundle up directly to the creation of higher insulin levels. So,

from the time we wake up in the morning until the time we snuggle in bed to go to sleep at night. bottle to snuggle. And there might have been Physical activity burns calories, producing heat, thus producing sweat that helps eliminate waste byproducts through our skin.

In today's world, sweating is "not done"; we might 'smell" - a true taboo in today's scent-free world. Never mind that when we "smell", we're getting rid of wastes through the skin pores, which may include sulfur (from onions and garlic), ammonia (from protein digestion), and other mineral salts.

As a matter of fact, when we get "under the weather" and feel a fever coming on, medical advice says sternly: "Get that fever under control," take something to mask the symptoms, and keep right on working. The alternative, and personally healthy response is to actually increase your inner body temperature to further reduce viral / bacterial replication, and to speed up the waste removal by stimulating the sweating process. Fever is one of our immune system's first lines of defense. With an average body temperature of 98.6, to my way of thinking, there's nothing wrong with a 99, or 100, or 101 or 102 fever - as long as you have enough fluids to keep the sweating process functioning. It's your body's way of letting those bugs know that they're under attack. Yes, keeping the brain cooler than 104 is essential. But it is said that cancer cells can't exist beyond a temperature of 107... so there's obviously a heat benefit here somewhere.

Getting warm ought to be a "first response" with the first hint of any under the weather condition - and the best way is a couple cups of hot lemon water before getting into a hot bath (raise body temperature), with Epsom salts (increase alkalinity, reduce acidity), followed by warm castor (palma christi - healing energy) oil on paper towels wrapped around the tummy and back (surrounded by layers of saran wrap), then another cup (or two) of hot lemon water before snuggling between layers of thick absorbent bath towels under your bedcovers so you can "sweat it "out while you sleep - a critical first step to nip that cold or flu in the bud.

Keep that "cold" from catching up with you; stay

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## The Good Life

By Pat Birdsall



Reverse mortgages are safe. They are immune from the troubles seen in today's mortgage industry. These problems all started with the collapse of several major sub-prime lenders. These companies experienced high default rates for loans made to risky borrowers. There are a number of reasons that REM's are a solid bet for seniors desiring extra income, and will be for the future.

We currently read that lenders are getting tough on qualifying borrowers for loans. GOOD NEWS: REM's have only three elements to qualify. 1) You have to be aged 62 and up. 2) You have to have enough equity. (No, your home doesn't have to be paid off!) 3) You have to live in your home. 4) Oh yes, I almost forgot, you have to have a pulse. Beyond this there's not much for you to do. Credit and income are not part of the qualification process. Although the process involves a lot of steps and paperwork, the process can be made easy by dealing with the right lender. A good lender won't burden you with a ton of paper and will provide you with a clear understanding of the facts.

The newspapers are covering the fact that there are a lot of foreclosures now and that the rate of defaults on mortgages is at an all time high. GOOD NEWS: with a REM there is no default possible. The way that people default on loans is to fail in making their payments. There are no monthly payments to be made on a Reverse. The lender sends you money, not the other way around.

We are reading about larger lenders with financial problems and about those who go out of business. GOOD NEWS: REM's are insured by the Federal Government. You have government insurance that assures you that all terms will be met, no matter what happens. Worst case: if the lender goes under, the government steps in and continues paying all terms through FHA (Federal Housing Authority). While this is not probable, you are covered. You still get your cash flow.

More GOOD NEWS, because of the problems with the conventional mortgage industry, the rates on Reverse Equity Mortgages are down!

With all loan costs being put into the loan (no money out of pocket) and qualifying being based essentially only on age and equity, the REM may be a good choice for seniors wanting to have their homes pay them back for all the years of payments made to lenders. Seniors have a safe tool that will help maintain independence with sufficient cash flow. To check out the facts, contact a government approved correspondent for confidential information.

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### **BIRD'S EYE VIEW**

## Too Many Choices, Too Little Time

When did grocery shopping get so complicated? It's no wonder that folks have so little "quality time" to spend with their families—they have to spend more time making decisions at the supermarket.

I had just a few items to pick up the other day so I went to the local market. Laundry detergent was first on the list—how hard could that be? Just grab some Tide and move on down the shopping list. But oh, not so fast! Do I want it in a plastic bottle or a cardboard box? Then I must choose between Unscented, Original Scent, Ocean Breeze or Tide with Clorox...What size is sufficient? I think I put the one

only veered left constantly, but had wheels that squeaked so loudly that other shoppers glared at me like I was intentionally trying to annoy them.

I needed toothpaste. I used to be able to go in—pick up a tube of Colgate and that was that. Now, I have to decide do I want Max fresh, Max Fresh Plus Whitening, Advanced Frost, Mint Fresh Stripe, Cinnamon Spice, Mint Zing, Tarter Control, Cavity Protection, Icy Blast, Etc, etc. Whew! Next item....deodorant. That shouldn't be difficult, I thought. But, oh my, do I want a stick, a gel, a roll-on or a spray? Then I needed to determine if I needed 24 hour protection or just take my chances with less. Do I want unscented so as not to "offend" while trying not to offend, or do I want Ocean Breeze, Fresh Blast, Caribbean Cool or Wild Freesia. Wild Freesia? I'm perspiring just trying to decide which one

just right for my laundry needs in the cart. The cart I selected by the way was one that not

I really needed to get shampoo, but decided I didn't have enough time to make the appropriate selection. I'll just have to start my shopping earlier in the day so I can get home and spend that "quality time" with the family that I mentioned.

(This is something I wrote in September, 2006)

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Los Angeles County has a population consumer advocacy and protection. larger than most states and a senior population aged 60 and older of 1.4 include an increase of the County's million-placing a huge demand on the Information and Assistance staff to better Area Agencies on Aging to provide meet the service demands. Website data comprehensive

The website has features that allow consumers or their caregivers to create their own personal information record on-line that can also be used by their care coordinators. The website has educational information on matters website helps seniors, disabled, and such as diseases, medications and treatments, care management issues, prevention, early intervention, planning,

> Enhancements to the website will accessible is continuously updated.

## FYI:

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

"Seniors for Seniors"-Adopt an Older

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.phsspca.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 Garcia, and Helen Blanchard

Yvonne

Recipe of the Month:

Slow Cooker Zesty Black Bean Soup
2 cups dried black beans (1 pound), sorted

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

2 medium onions, coarsely chopped (1

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:



Baby Boomers & Beyond

### Men's Health Discussion

Monday, September 22, 2008 Hart Park House in Memorial Park 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 7:30 am to 8:30 am

#### Women's Health Discussion

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 Hart Park House in Memorial Park 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 7:30 am to 8:30 am

- Each morning will include continental breakfast
- Discussions will be lead by physicians from Proactive Care Partners
- Supported by a grant from the Sierra Madre
- Focus is on health concerns for persons 55+ FREE & open to all Foothill Residents Community Foundation

For more information please call 626-355-7394



Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. 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 11:30 AM. 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)

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) 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 Sate of California. For reservations and more information call (626) 355-739-

NEW Program- Financial Consulting Joohee Lee, MBA, an Arcadia resident, is a financial service professional with New York Life Insurance Company in Pasadena. She will assist you with repositioning your assets to maximize income, and return benefits your heirs. She will be volunteering on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hart Memorial

Park House from 10:00AM- Noon. Call (626) 355-7394

for an appointment.

Meals-On-Wheels:

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

## **Homes & Property**

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By Chris Bertrand

A vacation home close enough to go regularly, yet far enough to feel you're getting away:

### Welk Resort

Years ago, someone told me that the best Chris Bertrand vacation is about a hundred miles from home. That distance, according to this sage, was far enough to feel you're getting away, and close enough that you'll use it regularly. Makes a lot of sense, if you're going to have a vacation home. Twice in the last few months, friends mentioned that they had purchased a time share in Escondido, though the preferred

lingo these days is "fractional or vacation

orientation we saw in the 80's.

Our Glendora friends, who purchased in the new construction phase, were attracted by the family friendly atmosphere, perfect for their nine year old twins. They felt that if they committed to a week here a year, they'd actually take the time off from work and activities. Welk Resort is an easy, quick drive to two family attractions, the world famous Wild Animal Park in Escondido and to Lego Land.

The plus to this close-in location is that it doesn't require airfare, security checks and extra fees for luggage. Welk Resort is located that perfect distance from Los Angeles. Door



During August, I had the delightful opportunity to return to the Welk Resort in Escondido after a hiatus of more than twenty years. The last time I was there, the word timeshare wasn't part of most Americans' vocabulary. Back in the mid-80's, we golfed and dined at the hotel there, when it was half an hour from our Poway home. Please don't ask my score. It was the last time I ever attempted the sport, due to my complete and utter ineptitude at impacting a small ball with a long stick. If golfing is on the agenda now, I ride along to peek at the back yards of the homes along the fairway, and nobody gets

Since then, Lawrence Welk Resort was shortened to Welk Resorts. The hotel disappeared in favor of water slide and an additional recreation facility to serve the complex of nearly 600 condo-style, time shares, with many more nearing completion.

Mr. Lawrence Welk, of champagne bubbles and early television fame, was also a savvy real estate investor and developer. The story goes that Welk toured North County San Diego in 1964, planning to purchase an orange grove. Instead, he decided on a motel and a nine hole golf course in the hinterlands of Escondido. What started as a modest retirement development in the 1960's, now sports 600+ acres, 36 holes of golf, Broadway-style live theatre, five pools, four spas, tennis facilities, waterslide, catch and release fishing, a fitness center, billiards, basketball, sand volleyball, lounges with 50" plasma televisions and a restaurant.

I found the musical theater production of "Altar Boyz" to be professional and entertaining. The 339 seat theater is small enough to be intimate, yet large enough to accommodate a decent size stage. After September 14, the new production will be a tribute to Irving Berlin. Two nights a week, other productions run, including a comedy and magic show.

Three recreation centers include exercise classes, crafts, gathering events throughout the day, and even offer a Wii for inexperienced adults like me to try a hand at what nine year olds do without batting an eye. Tours are available for destinations like nearby wineries, all the way to tour bus excursions to Baja and San Diego. It's now definitely a family oriented getaway, different from its elder adult

to door from Sierra Madre to Welk, it's 98.2 miles, and you're there in about an hour and a half. It almost qualifies as this year's new vocabulary word devised from the gasoline price crisis, a STAY-cation.

The 1400 square foot condo I visited is in the older section, built in the 80's. It's perfect for two couples or a family, and sleeps six. I found the low density appealing, with lots of space between buildings plus pleasant golf and mountain views.

You can certainly try it out with hotel style reservations for a couple of days. When I checked www.WelkSanDiego.com for a two night stay from Friday, Sept. 12-14, the rate for an 800 square foot condo was \$262.65 per night.

As far as buying into Welk Resort, you can buy a week or two per year directly from the Resort. There are two styles of ownership here, and at their three other locations in Branson, near Palm Springs. One ownership ties a particular week to a particular unit in the resort. The second style of ownership guarantees a category of accommodation for a particular week.

Just like buying a home, there are some available on the resale market through organizations like www.TUG2.com or www. CalResales.com. On the date of my research though, I only found a couple of Welk San Diego listings.

My hosts, owners for several years at Welk Resort are pleased with the high exchange value of their Welk Resort Villa, when they decide to trade it for time elsewhere. They feel part of the high exchange value and appeal, is that timeshares in San Diego are few and far between. Of those that do exist in San Diego County, many of them are small, and/ or designed like hotels.

The Welk Resorts corporate website proudly quotes that "The Welk resorts have been honored with Gold Crown status by Resort Condominium International, a major worldwide vacation exchange organization. In 2001, Welk Resort San Diego was named "Best Resort internationally" by readers of Timesharing Today.'

For more information call or visit: Welk Resort San Diego, 8860 Lawrence Welk Drive, Escondido, CA 92026 (760) 749-3000 and www.WelkSanDiego.com.



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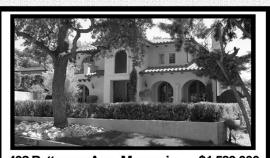




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## F.Y.I.







Golf & Lunch - \$65

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Lunch Only - \$25

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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 opportunites 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 ( ) Tennis & Lunch \$45
  - ( ) Lunch Only \$25
- ( ) I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$

Name: Address: City:\_

For tennis players - Please circle playing level: Beginner I would like to play on a court / golf (indicates other registered players names):

I hearby release the City of Sierra Madre, its instructors, volunteers, and employees from any and all liability for any injury suffered by myself arising from or connected with this event and I assume all risk for injuries received.

Signature\_\_



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- Niko and Friends Café is owned by Paul and Cristina, local Sierra Madre
- We buy our products from local companies when possible
- We are a family business.
- 🌠 We encourage you to bring your family and your well behaved dogs to our dog friendly patio!

### What we offer:

#### Sandwiches and Panini

Make Your Own Sandwich Masterpie ce! Select your bread, filling, condiments and cheese

#### Soups

On Fridays, as a homage to San-Francisco, we feature Clam Chowder in a Sourdough Bowl or in a small cup

#### Salad

A variety of salads depending on the season and produce available

#### & Pastries, Cookies and Cakes

#### & Coffee Drinks

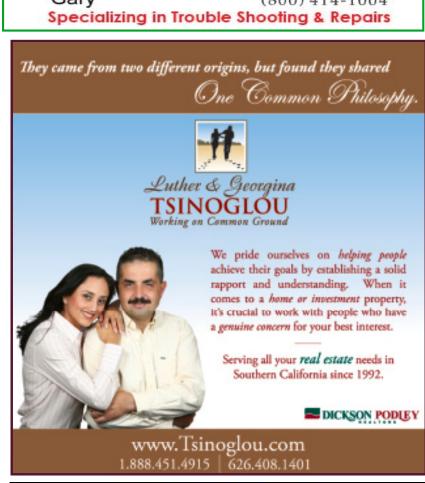
We carry coffees from a local Pasadena roaster who trained Paul how to make the best lattes and cappuccinos! Other choices: Americano, Mocha, Espresso, Strong & Flavorful Filtered Coffee

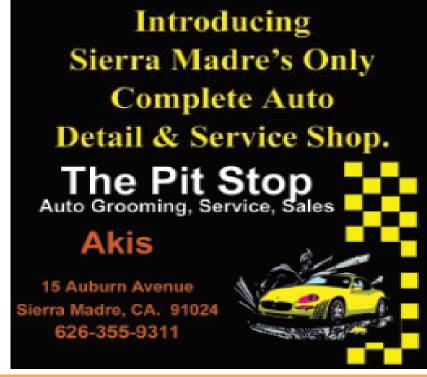
& Ice Blended Smoothie fruit drinks with juice or iced blended coffee mocha drinks

#### Activities and Events at Niko & Friend's Café:

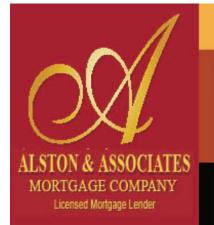
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