

## #1 - Sierra Madre Leads PUSD In Test Scores



Superintendant Diaz visits the Sierra Madre Campuses to congratulate them on their achievement. Photo by Darla Dyson

The students, parents, educators, support staff and community are all to be congratulated on Sierra Madre schools achievements in recent testing. When the Pasadena Unified School District posted gains and demonstrated promising growth based upon the 2008 Accountability Progress Report (APR), released by the California Department of Education, Sierra Madre Schools were at the very top of the list. Not only were they at the top, they scores were significantly higher than the national average.

The District, which showed overall improvement, posted an overall API score of 720 in 2008. A total of six PUSD schools scored above 800 in 2008, compared to five in 2007. Twenty-two schools scored above 700 in 2008 compared to 20 in 2007. Sierra Madre Elementary posted the highest overall score at 870, followed by Hamilton and Willard at 842. Thirteen schools posted double-digit API growth from 2007 to 2008, including Altadena Elementary with a 49 point gain and Franklin Elementary School, with a 46 point gain.

Both the API and AYP are developed using standards-based assessments as primary measures of students' academic achievement. The API is a numeric index that ranges from a low of 200 to a high of 1000 with a

statewide target of 800. Schools that fall short of 800 must meet growth targets set each year.

## Council Holds Hearing On Police Officer Association Grievance

By Susan Henderson

At a special Sierra Madre City Council Meeting held on September 16, 2008, a formal hearing was held on the grievance filed by the Police Officers Association against the City of Sierra Madre.

The city, represented by T. Oliver Yee, of Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore, is accused of breaching the Memorandum of Understanding that governs the relationship between the Police and the city.

At issue, "schedule changes implemented unilaterally by Chief Diaz", according to documents filed by the POA. Specifically, the group is challenging the Chief's decision to change the schedules of dispatchers and patrol officers.

On May 1, 2008, the city implemented schedule changes at the behest of Chief Diaz in an effort to curtail "continuing excessive sick time usage among department dispatchers." In addition, the Chief states in her Declaration that, "This significant sick time usage resulted in overwhelming overtime expenditures as well as officer and dispatcher fatigue due to their coverage of sick employees".

The changes call for according to Diaz, "more efficient" and "safe" operation of the department. The changes called for Dispatchers to work a five day, eight hour week.

Prior to May, the Dispatcher schedule

had been three 12 hour days a week. In addition, the Chief began enforcing the terms of the MOU which prohibit patrol officers from working graveyard shifts for more than a year.

All changes, according to Diaz, were done within the terms and conditions of the "Management Rights" granted under the MOU.

However, the Police Officer's Association, strongly disagrees. Represented by Dieter C. Dammeier of Lackie & Dammeier, the group says that the MOU does not grant the city the authority to make "unilateral" decisions regarding scheduling.

As previously reported in this paper, several dispatchers have expressed concern over the amount of disruption the schedule changes will cause in their lives. According to John Ellins, President of the POA, the dispatchers have been working a 3/12 schedule for over six years.

The current Memorandum of Understanding was signed in December, 2007 and was the first contract between the police and the city in more than 10 years. As a result, the POA withdrew a ballot initiative mandating wage levels that appeared on the April ballot. Instead, they threw their support behind the User Utility Tax which will provide funding to pay for police services.

The hearing will continue next week.

## Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast A Successful Fundraiser

By Bill Coburn

Last Saturday's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was a great success for the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, which plans to use proceeds from this event and others to benefit the Seniors of Sierra Madre. Special guest on hand was Jay Johnstone, a former major league baseball player who has the distinction of playing for both the Angels and the Dodgers.

The Hart Park House, aka the Senior Center, in Memorial Park is currently scheduled for a significant retrofit, using grant money from various sources. But not included in the plans was a sound system, which was sorely needed. Even Mayor Kurt Zimmerman commented Saturday on the fact that at last year's memorial ceremony for John Grijalva, he had been among the overflow crowd outside that was unable to hear any of the tributes made because the sound system could not be heard outside. Sierra Madre Kiwanis wants to fix that problem.



A good crowd at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast helped raise funds last Saturday for their gift to the City of a state of the art sound system for the Senior Center. Photo by Bill Coburn

According to Senior Services Coordinator Susan Clifton, plans call for Kiwanis to donate a system that would "provide speakers in each room and on the patio of the Hart Park House, with individual controls so we could turn off the patio speakers but still hear in the main room, etc. The system will include microphones (hand held & wireless) and will allow the city to hook up the TV, DVD, etc. so when there is a presentation, all can be heard."

Hank Landsberg, President of Kiwanis until Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, when Harriett Lyle will take over, is in charge of putting together the sound system, but was unavailable to provide information for this article, as he is in the Netherlands. Hank is President of Henry Engineering, well known in the sound industry for its audio products, including a patented switchbox called "Matchbox."

Nancy Walsh, head of the City's Senior Community Commission, stated that "The Senior Community Commission is thrilled to have Kiwanis donating a sound system to our project. We have some money to renovate the Center, but this is going to be a huge gift, to not only the Seniors, but also all of the community organizations that use the Center, so we're really looking forward to it, and we are so grateful to Kiwanis for coming up with this idea for a donation." A d d e d Zimmerman, "I'm very grateful to the Kiwanis, and of course to all the organizations that do so much in this community."



Kiwanian Joe Pergola (middle) chats with celebrity guest Jay Johnstone (right), formerly of the Angels and the Dodgers, at Saturday's Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Photo by Bill Coburn



Kiwanis member Dr. Paul Nieby also came out for the festivities. Photo by D. Lee

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**Fri:** Sunny Hi 90s Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

## SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB TO SPONSOR FLU CLINIC

Sierra Madre Woman's club is again offering protection against the flu with a two-day flu clinic Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5, 9 a.m. to noon in Essick House, their historic clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

This year's vaccine formula is significantly more effective, says the Center for disease Control and Protection. October begins the flu season. The sooner people get shots the better, since it takes about two weeks for immunity to kick in.

The flu shot is \$25. Also being offered is the pneumonia vaccine at \$50, tetanus at \$50 or the combination of tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) at \$70. A doctor and an RN will be present to answer any questions.

To make an appointment or for more information, please call (626) 355-8586. Walk-ins are welcome.

Phyllis Chapman, Publicity  
(626) 355-3928

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### BARGAIN BOOK TABLE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library from September 15-20 during the Library's public open hours. Featured subjects will include Fiction, Sports, Cookbooks, Gardening, Children's and Specialty books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

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

### SIERRA MADRE AQUATICS CENTER

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

## GARAGE SALE SPONSORED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society will run a garage sale on Saturday, September 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be held at the historic home "El Retiro," 171 S. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre. Skinniest prices will be offered to move merchandise quickly in this one-day sale.

The Society has been working on the major project of producing a history of Sierra Madre. Fund-raising is vital as they wrap up the project and head toward the publisher and rising costs.

Your good discards are also welcome for the sale. This is a great time to go through your home and garage and unburden your life by collecting items you no longer need and donate them to the sale. Donations are tax-deductible.

Items may be dropped off at "El Retiro," but please call first to Jim Whitson at (626) 355-0782. Janet Ten Eyck, president (626) 351-9235

Submitted by Phyllis Chapman

### 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.


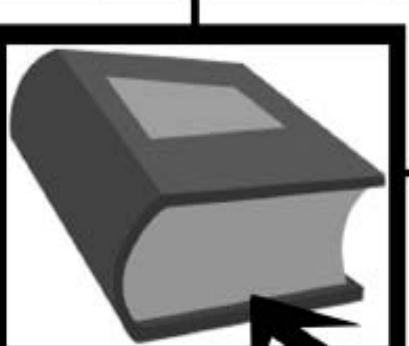

## Unmasking Opera in Sierra Madre

The Sierra Madre Public Library and the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission are pleased to announce a special presentation of "Opera Talks" by the LA Opera on Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A member of the LA Opera's Speakers Bureau will present an introduction to the magical and powerful world of opera. This event, which will take place in the main room of the Library, is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

In many ways the history of opera, reflects the history of Western culture, music, and literature. The pageantry and passion, the poetry and soaring musical achievement combine to make it an art form that elicits strong emotion and lifelong devotees.

The Opera Speakers Bureau is a program of LA Opera, together with the Opera League of Los Angeles. From the drama of love betrayed and the joy of love found to gorgeous music, exquisite costumes, scenery and lighting, LA Opera productions have it all. LA Opera's team of trained experts addresses civic and social organizations, philanthropic groups, schools and library audiences throughout Southern California, free of charge.

This is the second event on which the Library and the Arts Commission have collaborated in recent months. Earlier this year, they worked together to present a highly successful Author's Night featuring prolific and intriguing local writer and educator Merrill Joan Gerber.

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday |
|--|--|---------|--|----------|---|----------|
|                       |  |         | Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 7:00 pm<br>Senior Community Meeting, Council Chambers 3:00 pm |          |                    |          |
| 7  | 8  | 9       | 10   | 11       | 12  | 13       |
| Bargain Book Table, Sierra Madre Public Library, September 15th - 20th During Normal Operational Hours |  |         |  |          |   |          |
|  | Community Services Commission Meeting Council Chambers 6:00 Pm | 15      | Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Council Chambers 7:00 pm  | 17       | Third Thursday Book Club, Library, 11:00 am<br>Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 7:00 pm | 20       |
| 14   |  |         | Library Board of Trustees Meeting City Hall Conference Room 7:00 pm  | 24       | <div>Calendar For<br/>The Month Of<br/><b>September</b></div>   |          |
|                      | 28   | 29      | 30   |          |   |          |
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## Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament is right around the corner. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Youth Activity Center of Sierra Madre. Registration forms are due by September 25, 2008. The Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008. Please see the attachment for event details and the registration form. For more information call 626-355-5278.

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REMEMBRANCES

Dreier Announces Unexpected Passing of His Mother, Joyce Dreier-Hagood

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas, CA) announced today the passing of his mother, Joyce Dreier-Hagood, 81. She passed away unexpectedly on September 14, 2008, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Dreier-Hagood was born in Kansas City. She was a graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, class of 1950. She married H. Edward Dreier, Jr. on September 9, 1950. They had three children. Upon Mr. Dreier's passing in 1997, she became President of the Dreier Development Company. On Valentine's Day 2000, she married Thomas A. Hagood, her Rollins College classmate. They divided their time between Kansas City and Rancho Mirage, California, until his death this past August.

"My mother was always full of life and accomplished in so many ways," said Congressman Dreier. "She was a concert pianist, a champion badminton player, a successful entrepreneur, and most important, a wonderful mother to my sisters and me, and so many others. She will be deeply missed by her church, her community, her friends, and most of all her family."

Mrs. Dreier-Hagood was active in many civic and philanthropic organizations. In Kansas City, she was an active member of her church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Junior League, the Kansas City Symphony, the Lyric Opera Company of Kansas City, and the Nelson-Adkins Museum. In Rancho Mirage, she was a member of the Thunderbird Country Club, The Club at Morningside, Friends of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Muses 100 of the McCallum Theater, and the Desert Museum.

She is survived by her son, David Dreier, San Dimas, California; daughters Denise Dreier Despars, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Dana Dreier Lamont, Aurora, Illinois; and two granddaughters, Leslie LaRue Lamont and Lisa Lee Lamont.

Congressman Dreier will be delivering remarks at a memorial service to be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2008, at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Stine & McClure Chapel, 3235 Gillham Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri. The family suggests memorial contributions to the charity of the donor's choice.

ELMER DILLS

Restaurant and travel critic Elmer Dills, whose radio and television reports spanned nearly three decades, has died. He was 82. Dills died Monday at Pasadena's Huntington Memorial Hospital, according to Los Angeles television station KABC, where he dished out his reports on Southern California dining.

He developed his vast knowledge of food and wine as an officer with the Central Intelligence Agency. He entertained heads of state and other VIPs before leaving the diplomatic service after more than 20 years.

Dills then hosted a KABC radio talk show on dining and travel before becoming a KABC-TV regular reporting on area restaurants.

Dills also did travel features for the station with the late Fred Anderson, then partnered later with Ric Romero.

"Working with Elmer on all of those vacation getaways was some of the most fun I've had working in this business," Romero said.

Dills is survived by his wife Lynne and four grown children, including MVO Columnist, Peter Dills. (See Tribute Page 10)

WOMAN'S CLUB BEGINS 101st YEAR WITH MEMBERSHIP TEA

Sierra Madre Woman's Club invites interested women throughout the area to attend their annual membership tea on Wednesday, September 24, at 1:00 p. m. in "Essick House," their historic clubhouse at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Organized in 1907, the club kicks off its 101st year as they continue their strong traditions of community service, a calendar of exciting events, and warm fellowship.

Daytime meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from September through May. A lineup of programs is planned with a program presented at each meeting. Featured on the club calendar are such events as a Chicken Pie Dinner, November Community Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, Dickens Village booth, Celebrity Luncheon, March Bridge and Games Tea, Chamber of Commerce Mixer, and a spring fashion show. The club is also an active member of the Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization, with each club addressing its own diverse needs and making a difference in its community.

The club maintains "Essick House," an historic craftsman as a city cultural landmark and community meeting place. In the rear of the clubhouse, the club operates the Wistaria Thrift Shop, an amazing place well-stocked with quality bargain merchandise plus surprises for the treasure seeker.

Come and attend this festive meeting and see for yourself what the group is all about. For more information or if you would like to attend the tea, please call Membership chair Phyllis Chapman at (626) 355-3928.

Arcadia Police Search For Carjacking Suspect



Arcadia Police Department Composite Sketch

Shortly before 7:00am on September 19, 2008, a suspect entered a home in the 200 block of east Laurel Avenue, stole a laptop computer, and fled on foot. A few minutes later the suspect entered a home in the 200 block of east Floral Avenue, pointed a handgun at the resident, and robbed her of the keys for her vehicle. The suspect left the area in the victim's 2000 Ford Expedition. Approximately fifteen minutes later the suspect entered a home in the 600 block of Flamingo, pointed a handgun at the resident, and robbed him of cash and the keys for his vehicle. The suspect fled in the victim's 2001 Toyota Sienna Van, leaving the stolen Ford Expedition behind.

During the area search an unoccupied Range Rover in the 300 block of east Foothill Blvd that was taken in a carjacking earlier in the morning from the City of Azusa was recovered.

The suspect is described as a male white or light skinned Hispanic in his twenties, 5'10" tall with a thin build and a shaved head. The suspect is heavily tattooed on his right forearm and he is armed with a silver handgun.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes, please contact the Arcadia Police. Refer Case #: 08-4767, 08-4768, 08-4769 (626) 574-5156

Duarte

SCE Plans Power Outage in Portion of Duarte For Maintenance on Plagued Circuit

DUARTE, CA, September 17, 2008 – Some 1653 homes in Duarte and 34 homes in the surrounding area of the city will be without electrical power for 12 hours between 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26 due to a planned power outage for maintenance by Southern California Edison. In addition, another outage is planned from 10 p.m. Sept. 27 to 10 a.m. Sept. 28 that will affect limited commercial areas and less than a dozen homes.

SCE notified city officials and mailed notices to every affected household of the intended shutdown of the troubled 16 kV Honeywell Circuit that has been involved in the majority of the more than 25 electrical outages to hit the city over the last two years. The Honeywell Circuit serves an area roughly bounded by Central Ave. on the south, Mountain Ave. on the west, Las Lomas Rd. into the hills to the north and the Fish Canyon area to the east. Work will occur in the Las Lomas/Huntington Dr. area, on Willowglen and along Las Lomas Rd.

According to SCE, the outage will allow the utility to upgrade aging infrastructure, make needed improvements, and complete other repairs. Specifically, three switches will be changed out in addition to the replacement of other older components. The new switches are the latest technology, environmentally friendly and will allow for isolated versus widespread outages in addition to facilitating the ability to more quickly identify and solve problems, resulting in an overall more reliable system. The proactive steps are also necessary in preparation for the addition of a new 16 kV Ambrus Circuit that Edison plans to install in 2009-2010 that will provide paralleling points at three locations on the Honeywell Circuit. The Ambrus will off-load 180 amps from the Honeywell and will provide load relief as well to the Payne and Bateman circuits that serve other areas of Duarte.

"The City has been working closely with Edison management and has been assured that this planned outage accelerates the resolution to the bigger problem of the ongoing outages the community has been experiencing since last summer," said City Manager Darrell George. "The faster the infrastructure can be upgraded, the faster the overall resolution will be for the community. Our City staff is committed to speeding this process up and bringing closure to this long-standing problem," he said.

To prepare for the planned outage, SCE advises customers to shut off or disconnect all sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers and fax machines, before the outage begins. Notify security and/or phone companies that provide businesses with service as the outage will affect alarm systems and may affect private phone systems. Customers should make sure that they can override or manually operate their security gates. If customers plan to operate an emergency generator, notify SCE before the outage so SCE can protect its employees from possible electrical back feed.

To notify SCE of a generator, call 1-(800) 990-7788.

For more information and current status on a planned outage, visit [www.sce.com/outage](http://www.sce.com/outage) or call 1-(888) 759-6056 and reference Planned Outage # 314773.

Pasadena ROSE BOWL LOOP WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC SEPT. 25

Walkers, runners, skaters, cyclists and others who use the Rose Bowl Loop for recreational purposes will have it all to themselves Thursday, Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The 3.3-mile road that encircles the Rose Bowl Stadium and a portion of the Brookside Golf Course will be closed to vehicular traffic during this two-hour pilot program designed to improve the safety of recreational users.

The city of Pasadena reminds pedestrians and skaters/rollerbladers who use the loop to go counterclockwise using designated boundaries that are clearly marked on the road. Graphic arrows on the pedestrian pathway guide walkers; slashed lines along the buffer zone should be used only to pass others. Bicyclists should go clockwise on the road and observe all stop signs and right-of-way rules.

Posters and portable message boards along the roadway several days in advance will help alert everyone of the temporary closure.

People who want to drive to Brookside Golf Course or the Rose Bowl Stadium will follow a special detour.

For more information call (626) 577-3100



Photo By Dean Lee

The 1st Annual 55+ Housing & Health Screening Faire last Saturday drew out an estimated 100 seniors, all of whom recieved free heath screenings and services, from bone density and derma scan to medications and mobility, to senior relocation services. Event organizer, Lorine Stoikowitz, said "the whole thing was a big success."

The faire took place in the Senior Center right after the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

Services were provided by The Lions Club, Aetna, Secure Horizons and HealthCare Partners among others. The Lions Club free eye exams at their mobile truck were a big hit with a constant line for those seeking an exam. They said the exams were open to everyone.

Seniors were also able to recycle their old eyeglasses at the Lions Club truck when they had their sight and hearing checked. The club said they would all go to those who need them.

Three senior-focused seminars were also given

in the council chambers. Dilbeck SRES Director, Mikki Porretta spoke about her Silver Service, Denise Reistetter of The Pasadena Highlands gave advice about military benefits and Greg Gunderson of Gentle Transitions talked about the difficulties seniors face when moving. Dilbeck Realty of Arcadia also sponsored the event.

Stoikowitz explained the idea for the faire came about when she and Porretta approached Senior Coordinator Sue Clifton requesting to co-host a senior event. Clifton said the idea fit nicely into the Senior Commission's goals for the year. Stoikowitz is the spokesperson for Gentle Transitions, a sponsor of the faire. Porretta is former Mayor George Mauer's daughter.

Stoikowitz also said "The Planning Committee will meet in the next week to debrief and focus on improvements; and the Senior Commission Chair indicated the possibility of a favorable response when it takes up our request for an annual event at its next meeting."

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News From Your Community For Your Community

## Hearing Set for Master Plan to Improve Rail Safety

By Dean Lee

In the wake of the last week's deadly Metrolink crash, officials from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have now introduced a motion to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to develop a comprehensive County Commuter/Freight Rail Master Plan that would, among other things, look at implementing positive train control.

The plan to be considered at the next MTA regularly scheduled Sept. 25 meeting would also evaluate upgrading other technologies such as, train signals, communication devices between trains, and the use of cameras.

Supervisor Michael Antonovich, who introduced the motion along with Metro Board Director Ara Najarian, said



Metrolink train 111 sits feet from where it crashed killing 25. Photo by D.Lee/MVO

Sanchez lived locally in La Crescenta and is believed to have failed to stop at a red signal causing the crash according to reports.

Positive train control systems override human error or other mistakes thus stopping trains from possible disaster.

At the accident scene early Sunday morning, National Transportation Safety Board agents could

as firefighters still searched the remains in groups. The couple declined to give their names and said they were not home at the time of the crash.

NTSB spokesperson, Kitty Higgins, Monday night described some of the tests conducted, saying they found the signals worked properly and were not obstructed.

"They measured and marked the point at which the signals could be or would have been visible to the engineer," she said. "The information we have is that there were no obstructions in the view of the signals and... worked the way they were supposed to."

After reviewing a recorder taken out of the crash, she said the conductor and engineer had given the first of three confirmations of the signals' color. After that she said there was no audio on the tape. "We don't know what happened after that," she said, explaining that the train may have gone through a "dead spot."

The train also broke the track switching mechanism, something she said the engineer would have heard. The switcher is used to separate the trains.

"I describe it as the same as rumble strips, you don't see it," she said. "The passengers would not have felt it, but the engineer would. By the time he was there, he was going at such a high rate of speed he couldn't stop." She added that Sanchez would have known he had broken it.

acquaintances of Sanchez admitted he was diabetic. Higgins did not rule out the possibility he was incapacitated. Investigators now say they are looking at every aspect of his life.

NTSB investigators also reenacted the crash Tuesday by placing a Metrolink train and freight train head to head. They determined neither engineer had more than 4 seconds before seeing each other. Higgins also said another data recorder showed Sanchez never applied the brake.

The MTA's plan would also look at infrastructure upgrades, including grade separations, track straightening, tunnel improvements, new track and improved highway/rail crossings. The motion will also identify both state and federal funds available for the improvements.

Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have both also proposed federal law making all major railroads install positive train control systems by Dec. 31, 2014 at a cost of \$2 billion, according to Feinstein's web site. Higgins also said they recommend the control systems be put in. Metrolink service returned to its normal schedule Tuesday afternoon.

Among those that died were LAPD Officer Spree Desha, CSUN student Aida Magdaleno and commuters that worked in Burbank, as well as Gregory Lintner, a survivor of the 2005 Glendale crash that killed 11.



Photo by D.Lee/MVO

She also said they subpoenaed Sanchez's cell phone records after reports that he may have been text messaging with two 14-year-old train buffs minutes before the crash. The records later showed he had, in fact, been texting, but it was unclear what part that played in the crash.

The California Public Utilities Commission approved Thursday an emergency order banning all cell phone use by train operators in the state.

Other reports said



Firefighters and NTSB agents examine train 111 Sunday Sept. 14 Photo by D.Lee/MVO



Blackened engine of Metrolink 111. Photo by D.Lee/MVO

"With freight movement through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach expected to triple in the next 30 years, the increased demand on our rail network for moving freight and passengers requires that we take action now to improve safety and prevent accidents in the future."

Twenty-five people died in the head-on collision between Metrolink train 111 and a Union Pacific freight train, including Metrolink train engineer Robert Sanchez. Another 130 passengers were injured, many critically.

be seen sifting through the wreckage taking pictures and walking the track. The blackened Metrolink engine, now upright, had been moved from the path and new track put down ready for the upcoming week's commute.

The most damaged car sat empty with one side missing as though opened with a giant can opener. The freight train had been removed. The condition of the two surviving engineers and one crew member aboard that train was not given.

The homeowners of the property, where the wreckage now sat, watched

## Bicycle Lockers, Donation Centers Considered

Opting not to make any decision Monday night, the city council put off approval of two zone amendments, one that would require bicyclist shower and locker facilities on new construction of 75,000 square feet or more and the other would establish minimum standards for the operation and establishment of donation collection containers.

Staff said the lockers and showers came at a cost to business of \$50,000 to \$75,000. "The cost of the showers is approximately one percent of the total conduction," they said.

Councilmember Sid Tyler also asked about an "inlue of" fee for constructing new parking lots that would go to the bike and shower lockers. Staff said that business could opt go to a gym within 1000 feet of the business something Councilmember Steve Hadrlein objected to.

Both Council members Chris Holder and Victor Gordo said they would rather look at incentives than mandates. Councilmember Margaret McAustin later said she

also opposed the idea. Gordo said although he thought the donation center were a good thing, he wanted to see a 500 foot set back from residential areas. He also said there should be no more than one per site. Others said donation boxes just started springing up without regulation. Gordo then asked for a moratorium on all new donation boxes.

Both amendments will be brought back at a future meeting.

The council did approve a long list of others including, "An amendment that will modify the sign requirements of the Central District to allow an additional sign for buildings that have a secondary frontage," according to city staff. "And an amendment that creates a 500-foot distance requirement for any new boarding house from existing boarding houses."

Another amendment allows the Zoning Administrator to modify the parking requirement by up to 10 spaces either above or below the required parking.

## NAACP Honors Local Citizens



By Teresa Baxter

Last Thursday the Pasadena NAACP held their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ruby McKnight Williams Awards at the Pasadena Hilton. The keynote speaker was Anthony Portantino of the 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, and the Honorary Chairpersons were Bernard Melekian and Ronald Okaum. The theme for the evening was "Imagine."

The event also marked the 89<sup>th</sup> celebration of the local branch as an organization in Pasadena. With a membership of over

860 people representing various ethnicities, the Pasadena chapter remains a 100 percent volunteer organization that partners closely with the Pasadena Police Department, Western Justice Center, the Pasadena Unified School District, YWCA, El Centro and the Heritage Foundation.

This year's recipients at the prestigious ceremony were: Community Award: Gerald Freeny, Tournament of Roses and Ellen Ligons, Associate Dean of Careers at Pasadena City College; Education Award: State Senator Jack Scott and Rich Boccia, Principal Blair Magnet

School; President's Award: Cynthia Kurtz, former Pasadena City Manager and John Trasvina of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Corporate Award: Robin Salzer, owner of Robin's Restaurant and (Posthumous ) Bill Lofthouse, Phoenix Float Builder; Faith Award: Reverend Jean Burch, Senior Pastor of Community Bible Church; Volunteer Award: Janet Pope Givens, Adjutant to Chief of Police; Ruby McKnight Williams Award: Fred and Arzella Valentine, owners of Woods-Valentine Mortuary.

## Budget Crisis Hurts PCC Student Aid

By Dean Lee

With the outcome looking good that the state will have a new budget by the time of this writing Pasadena City College Trustees said Wednesday that if that happens the only big loss could be students possibly missing out on over \$1 million in financial aid.

That said Public Relations Director Juan Gutierrez believed overall the proposed budget was good for the school adding that PCC is in no financial danger.

"With our reserves, we won't need to start borrowing from ourselves, we won't need to do that until after December," he said. "We actually went out until February."

The school has a reserve of \$5 million and an overall yearly budget of around \$230 million he added also saying they were dipping into the reserves for payroll.

What The Board of Trustees said was not on their balance sheet were the more than 1,600 students waiting for Cal Grants and other types of aid. Students can get up to 9,300 a year helping to pay for books, tuition, or room and board according to the state's website.

"They [students] have all had to start classes and buy books, and incur expenses and they have not received their Cal Grant awards," said Trustee Geoff Baum adding, "It's our students that are being held hostage form this."

Assistant Dean of financial aid, Kim Miles said there were another 120 student waiting for other types of state aid some as high as \$2,500.

"Your describing to me almost \$1 million in funds that are students in effect aren't getting because of what is going on up in Sacramento," Baum said.

Miles also said the Office of Child Development had their money held up further impacting low income students. CalWorks was also impacted she said. The purpose CalWorks is to help people get off welfare and find employment through education.

Miles said most students also receive federal aid which they were getting. She also explained that the school would step in and help students if a budget was not passed by next month's midterms.

She said already the school has helped by giving out short-term loans, book grants, and fee waivers.

Gutierrez said later they favored the State Assembly's new budget Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger threatened to veto saying it allowed community colleges a two percent growth something Schwarzenegger's financial plan did not.

"The Governor's plan had less than one percent," he said adding that Schwarzenegger's plan also called for a 10 percent cut in Cal Grants and CalWorks. He also said the Assembly's allows for a cost of living adjustment for PCC employees something they favored.

He also said enrollment was up this year to 32,000 students adding to the problem. Average enrollment is usually below 30,000. Some classes such as math and English had waiting lists, on the first day, of over 30 students per class.





Environmentally Speaking, **Did You Know?**

## Alternatives to Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

By Pat Birdsall

In addition to the concerns of air pollution and noise, there is the issue of the effectiveness of leaf blowers. Often yardmen tend to blow leaves from one side of the property to the other, leaving pockets of debris scattered throughout the lawn. Leaves on the edge of employer's property lines are often blown into the street or into a neighbor's lawn. A suggested solution: Vacuuming up the debris with electric leaf 'blower' units. Many manufacturers offer units that can be switched over to act as vacuums. Electric engines provide plenty of power and are 50-70% quieter than gas powered leaf blowers and emit no air pollution. If yardmen used electric leaf blowers to vacuum up and mulch yard debris, it would eliminate virtually all the air pollution problems and greatly reduce the issue of noise. Many of the new 'blowers' have mulch ratios of 10:1, and can reduce leaf and grass clippings to a tenth of their former size. Yard debris account for a full 20% of landfill waste! It is recommended that this mulch be used to naturally nourish the flowers, trees and grass on one's own property—should it be thrown away, it will take up a tenth of the space it would have had it not been vacuumed and mulched. Many of those who have switched from blowing to vacuuming, report that it is faster and leaves the yard in a cleaner state. It seems an inefficient use of time to blow huge piles of leaves around and then bag then afterwards when it could be done in one step using a vacuum unit.

Mowers are tools to collect leaves and other yard debris. Many mowers have the ability not only cut grass, but also vacuum, mulch and store leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris. A new generation of electric and reel mowers have emerged providing consumers with the opportunity to maintain their lawns without emitting pollution or making a lot of noise. They are available in both manual and battery powered versions at prices comparable to, and sometimes below, gas-powered mowers. With fewer moving parts, reel mowers require substantially less maintenance and tend to have longer lives. Pollution-free electric mowers are a little louder, but they provide more power which allows for faster mowing.

Silent and pollution-free, lawn sweepers quickly and easily pick up leaves, grass clippings, and other yard debris without sending dust flying into the air.

By far, the safest and easiest implements to use, not to mention the most inexpensive, are the old rake and broom. They are lightweight and easy to store and emissions-free. In three tests administered by the LA Department of Water & Power in 1998 to gauge the speed and effectiveness of using a rake and broom vs. gas and electric powered blowers, the rake and broom proved faster than the electric blower and nearly as fast as the gas blower. The rake and broom also did a more thorough job of cleaning the areas than either of the power blowers.

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## Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

Our September Fire Safe Council meeting featured Police Chief Marilyn Diaz on the subject of Neighborhood Watch. There was a renewed interest in starting up additional Neighborhood Watch groups and several in attendance also expressed an interest in CERT training (Community Emergency Response Team). If you are interested in either of these two programs please call the Police Department and leave a message for Chief Diez--355-1414.

One of the neighborhood concerns that she mentioned became very apparent to me recently. I was talking to a resident in the Upper Canyon about brush clearance. As we walked down her steps to the street, a man in a pick-up truck stopped and asked if we had any scrap metal to get rid of or any old mattresses. He did have an old mattress and box springs in the back of the truck.

As I was driving on down the canyon I saw him again, parked, and standing at a gate by a house which was by the side of an open garage door. It was Chief Diaz' remarks at our last FSC meeting . . . that many home burglaries could be thwarted if people would close (and lock) their garage doors . . . that caused me to stop and take a closer look.

I asked this man if any one seemed to be at home. He said no. I said that I knew that our police chief was interested to learn of people going around neighborhoods when people were not home. He moved quickly to his truck and drove on! I parked my car and knocked on the door inside the gate. The homeowner was thankful for my concerns and the button on the automatic garage door closer was being activated as I returned to my car.

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.

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](http://www.shakeout.org/drill) Will you be self-sufficient for 7-10 days in the event of a disaster event? Call Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, 355-0741, for information.

## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, September 7th to Saturday, September 13th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 258 calls for service.

Sunday, September 7th:

8:16 AM- Theft, 100 block of North Mountain Trail Avenue. Between September 6th at 6 PM and September 7th at 8 AM, unknown suspect(s) entered into the victim's unlocked car parked in a rear carport. The suspect(s) took tools, CDs, and a briefcase from the car. The total loss of property was valued at approximately \$1,950.

9:50 AM- Auto burglary, 00 block of Esperanza Avenue. Between September 6th at 6:30 PM and September 7th at 9:30 AM, unknown suspects entered into the victim's locked car. The suspect(s) took 2 pairs of sunglasses from the car. The total loss of property was valued at approximately \$75.

9:50 AM- Theft, 00 block of Esperanza Avenue. Between September 6th at 6:30 PM and September 7th at 9:30 AM, unknown suspects entered into the victim's unlocked car. The victim could not identify amount of property taken from the vehicle at the time of the report.

9:50 AM- Auto burglary, 00 block of Esperanza Avenue. Between September 6th at 6:30 PM and September 7th at 9:30 AM, unknown suspects entered into the victim's locked car. The suspect(s) took 1 Apple Ipad from the car. The total loss of property was valued at \$300.

9:50 AM- Auto burglary, 00 block of Esperanza Avenue. Between September 6th at 6:30 PM and September 7th at 9:30 AM, unknown suspects entered into the victim's locked car. The suspect(s) took miscellaneous paperwork from the car. The paperwork had no monetary value.

9:50 AM- Auto burglary, 00 block of Esperanza Avenue. Between September 6th at 6:30 PM and September 7th at 9:30 AM, unknown suspects entered into the victim's locked car. The suspect(s) took 1 Sirius Satellite radio device from the car. The total loss of property was valued at \$300.

9:26 PM- Runaway juveniles, Auburn Avenue and Montecito Avenue. Officers contacted four youth for disturbing the peace. Investigation revealed two juveniles were reported runaways. The

two juveniles were taken into protective custody and transported to the police station where they were later released to their parents.

Monday, September 8th:

8:41 PM- Arrest, Grandview Avenue and Baldwin Avenue. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed the driver was unlicensed. The motorist was cited and released on a written promise to appear in court.

9:19 PM- Arrest, 400 block of West Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed the driver was unlicensed. The motorist was cited and released on a written promise to appear in court.

Wednesday, September 10th:

7:59 AM- Arrest, 1900 block of Vista Avenue. An argument took place between husband and wife. Investigation revealed the wife was the victim of spousal abuse. The husband was arrested and booked into Pasadena Jail for remand.

8:19 PM- Arrest, Highland Avenue and Baldwin Avenue. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was booked into Pasadena Jail for remand.

Thursday, September 11th:

1:31 PM- Vandalism, 200 block of West Sierra Madre Blvd. A man reported at an unknown date and time, unknown suspect(s) damaged the hood of his girlfriend's car with an unknown object.

8:01 PM- Theft, 300 block of Churchill Road. Between September 7th and September 11th at an unknown time, unknown suspect(s) took 2 packages that were left on the victim's doorstep. The total value of the property lost was approximately \$90.

Saturday, September 13th:

11:05 AM- Arrest, 400 block of East Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed the driver's license was suspended/ revoked. The motorist was cited and released on a written promise to appear in court.

10:12 PM- Arrest, Michillinda Avenue and Sierra Madre Blvd. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was booked into Pasadena Jail for remand.

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## Sierra Madre Police Department Honored



Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz (center) represents the SMPD at the event.  
Photo by Daryl Burns

San Marino Congregational Church, UCC, held its first “Public Safety Sunday” service on Sunday, September 14, 2008. The special worship service honored the vital work of police officers, firefighters, paramedics and others who provide public safety services in the West San Gabriel Valley.

Among those recognized were representatives (17 in total) from:

- San Marino Police and Fire Departments
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## Mayfield Senior School Welcomes New Students & Faculty Begins Year-Long Bicentennial Celebration

On Tuesday, September 2, Mayfield Senior School welcomed 77 freshmen, from 22 different schools, as the newest members of the 300-strong student body. New to the Mayfield Senior School faculty for the 2008-09 academic year are: Chris Berg—English, Kimberly Christensen—Physics, Marian Finn—Religious Studies, Mary Forsyth—World History and International Relations, and Tanya Melby—Sciences. Ann Babcock, who taught at Mayfield Senior School from 1995–2001, returns to the Mathematics department, and Lori Holtrust will return as the Director of College Counseling.

A highlight of the coming year is the school's celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Cornelia Connelly, foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. The year-long bicentennial celebration kicks off on Sunday, October 5, at the annual Alumnae Homecoming Mass and Family Picnic. At the heart of this celebration is a community commitment to complete 200 Actions of service as a tribute to Cornelia Connelly and her Society's motto, "Actions not Words." These actions will be integrated into the curriculum through art, study, interpretation, and analysis, and will support the school's Service Learning objectives.

Mayfield Senior School is a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school for young women grades 9–12. Noted for its rigorous academic program, which includes 22 Advanced Placement and honors courses, Mayfield's curriculum is underscored by a philosophy of educating the "whole child," which also encourages commitment to and excellence in the arts, athletics, community service and spiritual growth. Members of the Class of 2008 are attending colleges across the country, including Yale, Stanford, Harvard, Georgetown, University of Notre Dame, Santa Clara University, USC and many UC campuses.

The nurturing environment at Mayfield Senior School allows each student to flourish in an atmosphere of close personal attention. The school maintains an average class size of 16 students, and a faculty-to-student ratio of

1:8. Head of School Rita McBride emphasized the strong, supportive community in which Mayfield students thrive: "We aim to build a strong sense of community in our young people—a sense of connection so strong and pure that it will inspire them, sustain them and motivate them to action," said McBride.

Families interested in learning more about Mayfield Senior School are invited to attend the school's Open House on Sunday, December 7 from 1–4 pm. For additional information, please contact Director of Admissions Clemmie Phillips at (626) 799-9121 ext. 210, or visit [www.mayfieldsenior.org](http://www.mayfieldsenior.org).



### PUSD State Of The Schools

Pasadena Unified School District Board President Tom Selinske delivered the annual State of the Schools address last Tuesday at Eliot Middle School. The event brought parents, students, PUSD staff and community members together to hear about the progress and direction of public schools in Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre.

According to the text of the speech provided, Selinske entered into his presidency aware of the opportunities and challenges he would have to face to support greater student success in the school district. He shared factors that he believed were needed to lead to transformational change within PUSD.

"I see a community who has struggled for decades with diminishing resources as evidenced in our continual budget cuts over the last decade. While California funds our schools at a level that is 46th in the nation, I see hundreds of parents, staff and community volunteers who got involved in the budget protest this year," he said. "I see a community that is coming together with a realization that it takes all of us to support all of our children, from community leaders to parents and civic organizations." Selinske highlighted partnerships that were established in the last year regarding community cohesiveness initiating the beginning of a new era of cooperation and collaboration to leverage resources that will meet the needs of students. "As a result of joint meetings held with the City Councils of Pasadena and Sierra Madre, the Altadena Town Council, and Pasadena City College, we have established growing partnerships to support student achievement." Joint projects include improvement of student safety, more enrichment activities, and expansion of college and career opportunities. T. Baxter.MVO

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## Video Games: Helpful or Harmful?

Although many negative speculations about video games have been put out, recent studies have shown that video games can actually be pretty beneficial towards their players. Video games not only increase the amount of fun you're having, but also help your eyes when played in moderation. The University of Rochester in New York suggests that "...playing video games for an hour or so on a daily basis actually heightens one's visual acuity." What that simply means, is that by playing video games you can improve your vision.

Ever thought video games could be used for medicinal purposes? It turns out that video games can actually help patients suffering from conditions like amblyopia, commonly known as "lazy eye". Not to forget that playing video games can help increase a person's

hand-eye coordination skill dramatically.

Knowing this information doesn't necessarily mean you should immediately begin playing video games everyday in the name of "I'm improving my vision." Playing video games everyday can also create eyestrain and, if played too much, could be psychologically harmful. But, hey, a quick hour before bed couldn't hurt right? Wrong. The Washington Times explains that playing video games before bedtime could possibly disrupt your body's biological clock.

The next time you're playing hours and hours of your favorite game on your Wii or PSP, remember that although you're improving your hand-eye coordination and vision, be aware that you could also be straining your eyes. Do the right thing and play video games in moderation because they can be both helpful and harmful.

## PUSD UPDATES PHONE SERVICE - New District Office Number As Of Monday, September 15

Pasadena, CA – Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) announced that the first phase of updating and upgrading the District's telephone systems has been completed. Telephone numbers at two schools and the District's main office have changed. "The new telephone system is one of several District-wide telecommunications system improvements underway, which signal our commitment to improve communications and the infrastructure to better serve our students, schools and families," said Superintendent Diaz.

As part of the first phase of implementation, new telephones were installed at John Muir High School. The school's new phone number is (626) 396-5600. The new features include "E-911," an emergency communications system to ensure that when any teacher or administrator dials 911, emergency responders will instantly know where the call originated.

New telephones were also installed at Rose City High School, which expanded its campus into the former Oak Knoll Center. Offices at the Oak Knoll Center, may now be reached by calling (626) 396-5620. Telephones at the District headquarters were also replaced with a new system. Effective

Monday, September 15, the District's phone number will change to (626) 396-3600. Calls to the old number will be automatically forwarded to the new number for several months. The change was necessary to ensure uniformity across the district and to provide a higher-quality phone system.

New telephone systems will be installed at all PUSD schools by May 2009. Installation of the new phone systems will reduce costs by eliminating redundant phone lines and decreasing frequent, costly repairs to the old phone system, which was more than 30 years old.

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## Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE Show Time

Pulitzer Prize winning author Professor Jared Diamond in his highly praised work, "Collapse", has written that when societies ignore nature and build astonishing monuments to themselves they are guaranteeing their own demise. During the past month we have watched non-stop celebrations of monumental self-congratulation representing the expenditure of billions of dollars for the purpose, I guess, of demonstrating the glorious and glitzy nature of our imagined future; a future that would present previously unimaginable prosperity to the rest of the world.

First, let me talk about the Beijing Olympics. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies revealed a New China to the rest of the world. A post-cultural revolution China now dedicated to the glories of ostentation and glamour. A China that out-Disneyed Disney and presented a fantasy front of beauty and modernity. By fiat, the 15,000 participants in this Potemkin demonstration of excess were ordered to smile and make nice. When I was in Europe I visited the Thierienstadt Concentration Camp which had been constructed for the sole purpose of misleading Red Cross Inspectors into believing that prisoners were being treated in a humane manner. In truth, as you may have heard, Concentration Camp internees were being systematically starved, brutalized and murdered. The presentation of the camp was like a Broadway Production designed to distract everyone from what was really going on. I do not mean to imply that present day China is comparable to Nazi Germany; rather I am simply saying that China has used the Olympics to present a positive picture that ignores many of the problems and inequalities and blatant human rights violations and environmentally destructive practices that are commonplace in present day China. Such behavior can be seen as falling into the category of social conduct described by Professor Diamond such that China may be on the road to destructive collapse rather than its predicted path to twenty-first century domination. Time will tell.



## The Politics of Lipstick

By Hail Hamilton

This week the blogs were a-buzz about Obama's "Lipstick on a Pig" Statement. For example, a video clip posted on YouTube contains part of Obama's comments leading up to the "lipstick on a pig" expression: "Let's just list this for a second. John McCain says he's about change, too. Except -- and so I guess his whole angle is, 'Watch out, George Bush, except for economic policy, health-care policy, tax policy, education policy, foreign policy, and Karl Rove-style politics. We're really gonna shake things up in Washington.' That's not change. That's just calling... the same thing, something different. But you know... **You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig.**"

Atlantic.com blogger Marc Ambinder noted in a September 9 post headlined "Obama Did Not Call Sarah Palin A Pig," the *Chicago Tribune* reported on October 12, 2007:

McCain criticized Democratic contenders for offering what he called costly universal health care proposals that require too much government regulation. While he said he had not studied Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton's health-care plan, he said it was "eerily reminiscent" of the failed plan she offered as first lady in the early 1990s.

"I think they put some lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig," he said of her proposal.

*Washington Post* columnist Eugene Robinson reported on September 14, 2007:

"I think that both General [David] Petraeus and Ambassador [Ryan] Crocker are capable

I do not mean to only pick on China. When viewed against the declared Bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers and the concomitant 504 point decline in the New York Stock Exchange, the American nominating conventions and interminable Presidential campaigns are similarly revealed as exercises in disinformation designed to distract the American public from the bankruptcy of its own political system. While the almost universally discredited Bush administration continues to mismanage or ignore the true problems facing the world, the two political parties present vacuous beauty contests displaying their pageant winners to the world. When both parties unequivocally demand CHANGE, and the entire country is foundering, it is clear that CHANGE IS NECESSARY RIGHT NOW. Most Americans don't know that in Parliamentary systems like the United Kingdom and Israel a call for a vote of confidence can be demanded, which can quickly result in the ouster of an incompetent administration. The United States system must somehow be modified to allow for such drastic action in an emergency.

Of course neither party has demonstrated the expertise really necessary to gain public confidence. The establishment of the Democratic Party supported Hilary Clinton in the primaries. The campaign was managed so ineptly that the more Senator Clinton campaigned, the more unpopular she became. I will vote for Senator Obama in November; but, quite frankly, right now he seems more interested in running for Pope than for President. It is not necessary to speak to crowds of 80,000 in Denver or 200,000 in Europe to demonstrate that one is popular. Instead, it would be appropriate to present programs and potential appointees to at least give some credence to our desire to have present problems handled effectively. Maybe, by the time you read this article things will have calmed down. Right now the show that is being presented seems simply stale, irrelevant, and self-congratulatory and believe it or not, I have heard that "Collapse" is being made into a musical.

Yes, I'm angry and I'm scared. Aren't you?

people who have been given an impossible assignment," Sen. Barack Obama said yesterday in a telephone interview. "George Bush has given a mission to General Petraeus, and he has done his best to try to figure out how to put lipstick on a pig."

Indeed, former McCain aide Torie Clarke's 2006 book is titled: *Lipstick on a Pig: Winning In the No-Spin Era by Someone Who Knows the Game.*

In a September 9 post on *The Wall Street Journal's* Washington Wire blog, reporter Amy Chozick baselessly asserted that Sen. Barack Obama's statement that "[y]ou can put lipstick on a pig; it's still a pig" "played on [Gov. Sarah] Palin's joke during the Republican National Convention that the only difference between a pit bull and a hockey mom was lipstick." Chozick provided no evidence for this assertion, and, in fact, Obama did not mention Palin.

Obama has been hammering the Republican ticket for adopting his change mantra. "This is a guy who supported George Bush 90% of the time. What does that say about somebody's judgment that they agree with George Bush 90% of the time?" he said.

"You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called 'change,' it's still going to stink," Obama said. "After eight years, we've had enough of the same old thing. It's time to bring about real change to Washington and that's the choice you've got in this election."

The McCain campaign quickly struck back, convening a conference call with reporters and former Mass. Gov. Jane Swift to paint the common expression as a sexist jab at Palin. "As far as I know there is only one candidate in this contest who wears lipstick," Swift said.

The reaction set off a frenzied dive into the opposition research vault. Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton sent reporters a *Chicago Tribune* article published in 2007 during the Democratic primaries that cites McCain criticizing Hillary Clinton's health care plan. "I think they put some lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig," McCain is quoted as saying about Clinton's proposal.

Apparently the difference between a more hopeful kind of politics and old-fashioned attacks is **lipstick**.



## While I Was Out...



Rich Johnson

Your erstwhile columnist is back. He should check with the editors of this fine publication to see if he was missed. Then again, maybe not.

If you are wondering where I was, let me give you a hint by telling you I can bring a note from my doctor next week. All right, all right enough lollygagging around. I had surgery early Monday morning, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Where? You mean where on my body, or where geographically? I had surgery at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena and I had surgery in the abdominal region. Yeah, Stuart, like the Adbominable Snowman. (Just Kidding).

I had gastric bypass surgery. That's the procedure overweight people can opt to have when all else fails. You probably noticed from my smiling and cherub-like face that I struggle with my weight. Have struggled since I was about 10.

I didn't rush into this. I spent about a year and a half investigating the program and then going through a batteries of tests to insure I would survive surgery. I had a couple of speed bumps derail me, (like the atrial fibrillation I wrote about a couple of weeks ago)

I was in the hospital from Monday Morning through Wednesday late afternoon. The surgery was done laparoscopically, which means I have 5 each little one inch long scars from the incisions. From what I understand, the surgeons operate on

you from across the room and it looks somewhat like they are playing a video game. Cool! Hope to all you parents of video game addicts. My doctor was Dr. David Lourie' and I can't say enough good about him. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

There was very little pain associated with the surgery. The worst pain was self-inflicted when I slept on the hospital bed wrong. Don't do that. There is also pressure, because they inflate your chest cavity with air so they have space to move around in. The air doesn't dissipate when they sew you up and it takes a couple of weeks to work its way out.

My first week I was on water, liquid protein drinks (good and fruity) and an occasional sugar free popsicle or jello. I lost 24 pounds that first week. On Tuesday I went to the doctor to be weighed and checked. Let me tell you it was the first time in my life I went to the doctor looking forward to being weighed. What a rush! The doctor gave me permission to go on clear soups. I got some beef broth and you would have thought it was a steak dinner.

Unlike a diet where it is too easy to cheat and get derailed, it's hard to cheat when you have had bypass surgery. You can do it and people have, but you have to be creative and it ain't easy. Like the person who threw a Tommy's burger in the blender and made a shake. I ain't gonna do that. If anyone out there has been thinking about this and would like to chat about it write me at [rich@veratape.com](mailto:rich@veratape.com). It's one of the best decisions I have ever made (second only to writing for this paper)

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Mountain Views-Observer,

Significant exception is taken to Ms. Hoge's commentary on the Opinion page of September 12.

First comment "...which gives the conspiracy theorists yet more fuel, as I said, I cannot blame them." this infers empathy for those who believe the planes did not bring down the buildings. It is amazing that terrorists 'get an A' on understanding the raw destructive physics of a 767 hitting a tower at 300 mph combined with the ignition of over 100,000 pounds of aircraft fuel, while so many Americans cannot.

Second comment, "the Right has advanced so far into our local media...Nationwide also." If this were the case, we should be seeing the press assign 'liberal' or 'left wing' as adjectives to the opposition party's candidates, as often as they do when it comes to conservatives. The lack of such declarations is demonstrative of an opposite reality than the one claimed by the writer. Add to this, the so-called, 'Fairness Doctrine' being advanced by the Democratic Party, and you have a pure attempt to achieve through legislation that which has not been achieved through the free market's competition of ideas.

Third comment, "...my own responsibility to fight hate and not the hate we find overseas, but the hate we find here in our own backyard." There is some agreement here, but probably not of the type Ms. Hoge would entertain, as a problem. For years, we have seen and heard pure, white steel hot, hatred directed toward the President through bumper stickers, music, and movies describing him as a village idiot, Nazi, liar, buffoon, conspirator, etc... No one is saying that you can't disagree with the man. However, the HATE demonstrated by the opposition eliminates room for rationale debate, and gives comfort to our enemies - as our domestic leader is feared more and labeled as a terrorist, instead of the terrorists themselves. This is not a first in our history. All one has to do is read the editorials and political cartoons on Lincoln during the Civil War.

Finally, of all the reflections on 9-11, the one that goes unmentioned in the writer's article is the absence of another strike on this country during the past seven years. If we had been hit, the President would surely be to blame, but should not the reciprocal be true? After all, the absence of such a strike did not arise from:

- our enemies realizing the error of their ways,
- the University and City of Berkeley's routine harassment of our military recruiters,
- or someone giving the terrorists hugs and wind chimes.

Instead, another strike has not happened because we have a leader who does not give terrorists Miranda rights, and ensures the bad guys can't rest because America's best are on their trail. Any doctrine short of this can be called 'preemptive surrender.'

Val Usle  
Sierra Madre





**A Word From The Publisher/Editor - Susan Henderson:** November 4, 2008 may very well be the most crucial election day in our nation's history. As citizens, we must accept responsibility for who we chose to lead us. We must participate in the process. And, we must make informed decisions, not decisions based on traditions, party loyalties, personal likes or dislikes, or personalities. We must stop choosing our elected officials like we choose race horses. Our nation is in big trouble and we need to pay attention. To that end, I have added a special section to the paper entitled, ***The Ballot Box***. It's purpose is to give you an unadulterated view of Election 2008 from both sides of the aisle. There are two new columns from two distinguished writers with opposing views. Democratic activist, Ralph McKnight of Pasadena will share his opinions on the candidates and issues from the left, and Columnist, Gregory Welborn of Arcadia, a Republican, will present his opinions from the right on the same subjects. This week they start with the Presidential nominees. Next week, the Vice Presidential candidates, followed by three weeks on the top issues that concern Americans.

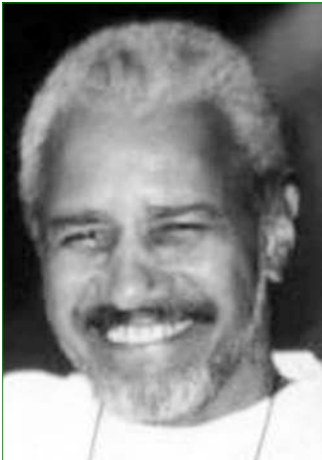
In addition, ***The Ballot Box*** will include information on the statewide, county wide and local issues that our readers will be voting on. There are several very important measures on the California Ballot and during Presidential Elections, we often pay little attention to anything else. This segment of the MountainViews-Observer will help you keep abreast of everything that is on the ballot.

We encourage you to share your thoughts and comments via Letters To The Editor, as it is my personal belief that unless we can have honest dialogue regarding the issues that face us, we will make uninformed decisions. You may contact us via email at [editor@mvoobserver.com](mailto:editor@mvoobserver.com) or fax 626-609-3285 or by writing us at: MountainViews-Observer, 280 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 327, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024. If you have questions, please ask our columnists. And most importantly, don't just take their words for it, check out the facts. Go to: [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org) and verify what you read and hear, not only in this publication, but also what you hear on television and radio.

Remember, this is OUR country, and unless WE participate in the process, we cannot complain when our interests are not represented.

# The Next President: Obama or McCain?

## Obama - The Obvious Choice



**Ralph McKnight**

black that is in all of us.

Barack Obama sets the standard as the ideal family man, scholar, achiever and humanitarian. These traits have, thankfully, spilled over into his political career where his demeanor has allowed him the ability to cross the aisles of the senate and work successfully with both parties in the Illinois Senate creating programs like the state Earned Income Tax Credit. In three years it provided over \$100 million in tax cuts to families across the state. He also pushed through an expansion of early childhood education, and after a number of inmates on death row were found innocent, Senator Obama worked with law enforcement officials to require the videotaping of interrogations and confessions in all capital cases.

In the U.S. Senate, he has focused on tackling the challenges of a globalized, 21st century world with fresh thinking and a politics that no longer settles for the lowest common denominator. His first law was passed with Republican Tom Coburn, a measure to rebuild trust in government by allowing every American to go online and see how and where every dime of their tax dollars is spent. He has also been the lead voice in championing ethics reform that would root out Jack Abramoff-style corruption in Congress.

As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Senator Obama has fought to help Illinois veterans get the disability pay they were promised, while working to prepare the VA for the return of the thousands of veterans who will need care after Iraq and Afghanistan. His opponent John McCain has consistently fought against benefits for returning veterans especially those benefits encompassing education arguing that if they become educated they would be disinclined

to return to the military.

The argument for Barack Obama is quite simple. Because of his intelligence and analytic abilities, he is not prone to making hurried, un-thoughtful and rash decisions when it comes to our security and overall quality of life. The economic mess we are currently in is the result of constant "over the cliff deregulation" of the sort that Obama's opponent has championed since his culpability as one of the economic thugs of the "Keating Five". (Remember the savings and loan collapse of the late 80's and early 90's?) Obama has constantly called for more scrutiny of the deregulation box of candies wielded so heavily by McCain and his cronies. In consequence of his efforts in that regard Barack Obama has shown he would, by far, be the most sensible and logical choice to deal with these uncertain times.

Obama has already earned the respect of the world's leaders, a sorely needed ingredient in any world leader (something we've not had for the past eight years). He does not precede his bid for the presidency with cover-ups the sorts of which have become the hallmark of the Republican Party and many of it's members.

Barack Obama knows which way is up and will not need to be "teleprompted" through the presidency. Unlike his opponent, Barack Obama would seek to broaden the civil rights of women and other socially repressed groups and bring them in line with what are the fundamental rights of all American citizens. In short, Obama is the obvious choice for American citizens who wish the very best for their country.

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## The Case For McCain

This may seem strange coming from a conservative, but I do believe that change is needed in D.C. Simply put, there is way too much dysfunction in our nation's capital. The lure of power seems to inordinately draw from our population those who are especially partisan and those who are more than willing to waste hard-earned taxpayer money on politically motivated, ineffective projects. I believe it is possible to change this system, although it will be very difficult, and that one of the two candidates is much more likely to be successful in this effort.

While the vast majority of Americans – from both parties – agree with the need for change, there is much less agreement on how to bring it about. Let me suggest three logical criteria to use: (1) elect a candidate who has clearly demonstrated his willingness to battle his own party's interests, (2) elect a candidate who has the necessary experience and knowledge of how D.C. actually works to actually force change, and (3) reduce the power that D.C. has over us and the money they extract from us in order to minimize the damage caused by the partisanship

and boondoggles. On the basis of these three criteria, I believe the clear choice is John McCain.

John McCain's well-earned reputation evidences a willingness to take on his own party's interests. He has been savagely attacked by Republicans while admiringly praised by Democrats for these very efforts. His partnerships with Democrats are almost legend: McCain-Kennedy, McCain-Feingold, and McCain Lieberman. Senator Obama has no such credentials. In fact, he couldn't even reach across the divide of his own anger to select Hillary Clinton as his running mate.

Making change happen in D.C. will take more than desire. It will take experience, and here again McCain is the better qualified candidate. The halls of power are strange



**Gregory J. Welborn**

and treacherous. Many a reformer has come and gone without achieving their goal. Those in power wish to stay there, and they are very practiced in seducing reformers, compromising them and then spitting them out, defeated and depressed. I know this from friends in D.C. in both parties who have told me how the naïve and inexperienced are dispatched. From knowing how to twist arms to knowing how to staff affectively, changing D.C. will require the discernment and wisdom that stems from lengthy experience, from both failed and successful attempts at reform in which the hard lessons are really learned.

While I desire change and believe that change is possible, I must also be honest in acknowledging that total change isn't possible. There will still be some partisanship and some abuses of power and purse. John McCain's philosophy of lowering taxes and reducing the size of government better insulates us from partisanship and abuse than does Obama's desire to increase the federal government's size and budget.

With all due respect to Senator Obama's insight into the electorate's desire for change and the success of his oratorical skills in pushing the issue to the top of the mainstream agenda, the candidate who can actually help us achieve the dream is John McCain.

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The sovereignty of the American people is being destroyed. To address this crisis we must restore our moral sovereignty, beginning with the truth that all persons are endowed by God with certain unalienable rights, starting with the right to life itself. I therefore support ending legal abortion, outlawing human cloning, as well as forbidding all forms of scientific research that require the destruction of human life at any stage after fertilization. We must also restore the integrity of our physical sovereignty, using all appropriate means, including physical barriers, electronic surveillance, and the creation of a U.S. Border Guard to control our national borders. We must strictly enforce our immigration laws to take down the "Y'all Come" sign corporate factions have erected to lure cheap labor across the border and steadily erode the economic equity American workers have achieved through hard fought social and political battles. To restore our Constitutional sovereignty we must impeach and remove from office judges who stubbornly seek to dictate the law rather than apply laws made by our duly elected representatives. If elected I will of course not appoint such judges, but more importantly I will act on the President's sworn duty conscientiously to follow the Constitution, rather than the contrary opinions of dictatorial judges. To restore our economic sovereignty I will vigorously seek to abolish the Federal income tax and replace it with a Constitutional tax system, funding the Federal government by means that do not require the surrender or violation of fundamental Constitutional rights.

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Throughout his distinguished career, Bob Barr has proven that he is the leader Americans need to restore confidence of the American people in the future of their nation. Both working for the American people as a Congressman from Georgia and afterwards partnering with groups dedicated to protecting civil liberties, Bob has shown a commitment to shrinking government and giving power back to the people. Americans know that the answer to today's problems is not more government, and Bob will work tirelessly to cut taxes, reduce government spending and restore our civil liberties lost during the Bush administration. Having seen the true nature of government from inside and out, only Bob Barr has the qualifications, the passion, and the commitment to work for the American people in their interest—not the government's. Since leaving Congress where he served as the vanguard of the Second Amendment, Bob worked to increase individual liberty through such organizations as the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the American Conservative Union as the 21st Century Liberties Chair for Freedom and Privacy. For his work on protecting the privacy and civil liberties of all Americans, legendary New York Times columnist William Safire dubbed Bob "Mr. Privacy." If there is one candidate who consistently comes down on the side of the American people's rights, it is Bob Barr. Bob knows the answer is less government, and has proven that he will deliver the real change necessary to lead America into a new era of prosperity and freedom.

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*Corporate control of government, with wasteful spending and sweetheart deals, has taken the power away from average Americans. Power must be returned to the people, whose needs should be met before corporations. Our campaign and the Peace and Freedom Party propose a national, single-payer health care system for all; free college education; and repair of the crumbling infrastructure of our cities and schools, increasing jobs and quality of life. Eliminate WTO and NAFTA, which drain jobs, and sharply increase the minimum wage. Tax such things as pollution, Wall Street securities speculation, and excessive corporate executive pay, instead of taxing labor. Eliminate all payroll taxes up to \$50,000. Crack down on corporate crime. Cut the bloated military budget, with total corporate and military withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, and support real peace in the Middle East. Stop money control of politics with full public financing of elections. Defend voter and candidate rights with an election day federal holiday, nationwide same-day voter registration, and fair ballot access laws for all parties in every state. To solve the energy crisis, we must invest in renewable wind and solar energy, and adopt a carbon pollution tax, while halting fossil fuel subsidies. End attacks on civil liberties like the patriot act and the "war on drugs." Abolish the death penalty and end private prisons. A free society must ensure that all Americans enjoy full and equal rights, socially, legally, and politically.*



## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1633745**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLASSIC EVENTS**, 1004 WEST COVINA PKWY. STE. 232, WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SIXTO NAVARRETE, JR., 2413 LEAFDALE AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SIXTO NAVARRETE JR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1632311**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COASTAL FINANCIAL**, 761 E. GREEN ST. STE. 10, PASADENA, CA 91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) S.N.S. INC., 761 E. GREEN ST., PASADENA, CA 91101. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: L.H. / CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/24/2002.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1624369**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HEAT PHYSICAL THERAPY**, 838 CYPRESS AVE. #9, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HEATHER PETERSEN, 838 CYPRESS AVE. #9, HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HEATHER PETERSEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/09/08**. 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. 08-1633930**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. LONG BEACH PLUMBING and HEATING 2. LONG BEACH PLUMBING, HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING 3. CERRITOS PLUMBING 4. CERRITOS PLUMBING and HEATING 5. CERRITOS PLUMBING HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING 6. ARTESIA PLUMBING 7. ARTESIA PLUMBING and HEATING 8. ARTESIA PLUMBING HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING 9. WHITTIER PLUMBING 10. WHITTIER PLUMBING and HEATING 11. WHITTIER PLUMBING HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING 12. LA HABRA PLUMBING 13. LA HABRA PLUMBING and HEATING SERVICES 14. LA HABRA PLUMBING and HEATING 15. LA HABRA PLUMBING HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING** 13212 EDWARDS RD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BELLFLOWER PLUMBING and HEATING, INC., 13212 EDWARDS RD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION Signed: RODOLFO PERALES / PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1640417**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **P and S CLOTHING LOGO PRINTING**, 1302 4<sup>th</sup> AVE., L.A., CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PLACIDO PONCE, SABINAALVILLAR, 1406 6<sup>th</sup> AVE., L.A., CA 90019. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE. Signed: PLACIDO PONCE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1639774**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SQUARE ONE GROUP**, 10119 JERSEY AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANTHONY MICHAEL ROMO, 10119 JERSEY AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY ROMO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1639902**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. SUNLIGHT INVESTMENTS 2. SUNLIGHT ESTATES**, 760 W. REDONDO BEACH BLVD., GARDENA, CA 90247. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DARWOOD CHUNG, SUSAN CHUNG, 800 W. 1<sup>st</sup> ST.#805, L.A., CA 90012. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE. Signed: DARWOOD CHUNG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/11/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JANUARY 6, 2003.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1632579**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE 4 LESS**, 1171 S. ROBERTSON BLVD. #290, L.A., CA 90035. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)STEPHANE BENHAMOU, 1214 S. BEDFORD ST. #3, L.A., CA90035. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: STEPHANE BENHAMOU.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1606352**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WEST COAST CREDIT SERVICES**, 761 E. GREEN ST., STE 10, PASADENA, CA91101. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) S.N.S., INC., 761 E. GREEN ST., PASADENA, CA 91101. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: NAZO HOVAKIMIAN / CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/05/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/24/2002.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1630509**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WILL TRAIN U**, 5503 WOODRUFF AVE., LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REGINAL GARY, 1900 E. OCEAN BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: REGINAL GARY.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/07.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 20080025476**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STRIKE FORCE SECURITY** 16140 SATICOY ST. VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID WALKER & ASSOC., INC. 5678 ORCHARD PARK DR., SAN JOSE, CA. 95123. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID WALKER & ASSOC., INC.** 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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## 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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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**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 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.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1550132**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLIX PRO**, 10% HALSTED CIR., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WALTER ALARCON, 10% 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.

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

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

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## FILE NO. 2008-1531984 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1579213**

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

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1596740**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE CRACK OF DAWN**, 418 N. EDINBURGH AVE., L.A., CA 90048. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALAN TRAYNOR, BOYDE EVENS, 418 N. EDINBURGH AVE., L.A., CA 90048. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ALAN TRAYNOR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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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, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LOAN K. CHU.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **08/26/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 08-1588823**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANGELS HAIR DESIGN**, 12252 S. PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHAUN RAMOS, 5762 WESTERN AVE., BUENA PARK, CA 90621. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHAUN RAMOS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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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. 08-1589384**

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. 36<sup>th</sup> ST. APT. A, L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: **AN 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 business name or names listed above on N/A.

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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 PUBLISHING 5. WAGONWHEEL RECORDS 6. WINDSOR RECORDS**, 10061 RIVERSIDE DR. #731, TOLUCA 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.

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## TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

## My Evening With a Restaurant Critic



As many of you may know, my Father has made a reservation for the chateau in the sky. Today he is sitting at the big table and dining with the Master. Please indulge me, as I rerun my final Father's Day article for him.

My entire life has been an eight-course meal. In my late teens I had the distinguished position of bagger at the local supermarket, and later with references, I was able to move to Jurgensen's Gourmet Grocery. There I was to learn about fine wines, exotic cheeses and my kryptonite, dry aged beef. I guess it all started there because at twenty-three I was pretentious about food. For many years I thought that was where it all started for me, there in those markets, but over the years I have discovered that I was wrong. You see for me, it really started long before that but I didn't know it. It all started with someone that I respected and idolized. We all have people that we look up to, admire and wish that we were more like. For some it is the great baseball player; maybe a religious figure, for others it is a musical master or profound artist. How many times in life, if ever, do you get a chance to sit with those that inspire us and challenge life with a robust vigor? For most, we will never get the opportunity. I can claim one glorious prize in this life; I have had the opportunity to observe, talk with and lastly follow in the footsteps of one person that holds that torch. It seems these days with the strong wind of individual independence blowing that we have lost something. Something that is going quietly into that night and soon may be gone forever.

Many of you know that my Father, Elmer Dills, was on TV and radio for twenty-eight years here in Los Angeles. I had the opportunity to dine and share with my mentor a few weeks ago. I have been out with my Father at least five hundred times but like a fine wine, wisdom increases in its depth and flavor as it ages. This week I want you to sit and hear from the one who instilled the passion and kindled the love for what has become a life's work, a life's love for me.

On this night our adventure took us to Madeleines in Pasadena. Seems that my Dad is a regular there and lately he's been a little under the weather. I have heard him say nothing but praise of this place, so it's off to Madeleines.

"Table for three please," on this evening we have, my daughter Lauren (future Critic), Pops and Me. Whenever I see courteous, well-behaved children, I know their parents are invariably going to be nice people. Likewise whenever I get a compliment, I know it goes beyond me. As we sit to dine, there is no call for attention from my Father, just a smooth easy in being on his court. As we talk, I am struck that there is no air of condemnation but rather one of deep respect for the people that more often than not get it right. My dad, the restaurant critic, doesn't even ask what the ingredients of the dishes as he orders. He doesn't request to see the sommelier. Is he a restaurant critic, I am waiting for a sign? It is just like going to dinner with a group of friends.

Madeleines is located on Green St. at the bottom of an office building. There are many different rooms, much like a Victorian house; there is a patio, a bar, and a large dining room. We sat overlooking the patio with the view of a fireplace that added a perfect touch of ambience. The restaurant is quietly attractive, cozy and well spaced. You feel a little smarter here, knowing that Albert Einstein often slept upstairs while he was visiting Cal Tech.

We began with a cheese plate (\$9), nice but it could have used less nuts and more of cheese and crackers. My Dad is a creature of habit like many of us. He orders the Rack of Lamb, "I just loved it," he enthusiastically offers, like a young kid would say. The waiter was kind enough to have it cut for him. Daughter Lauren ordered the Pork Chops and gave it two thumbs up. Now that is a compliment. Not sure if high heels work in this business though, as you never know when you may encounter a chef that feels you have leveled capricious discourse with your pen on the one hand and possess a frying pan in the other.

I order the Spencer Steak; of course I am the difficult one, so once we get the steak the way I wanted it cooked, it vanishes quickly. Madeleines goes by Restaurant and Wine Bistro, the wine list is extensive and I am told, carefully selected. I ordered a split of Veuve Cliquot at (\$38), the price seemed reasonable compared to Ruth Chris at (\$25) for one glass. I have just come to the conclusion that I just have to surrender to these wine prices. I struggle to see the value in these prices, but maybe it's just me. To complete our evening we order dessert, too complicated for me, let's have some simple and well-constructed dishes!!!

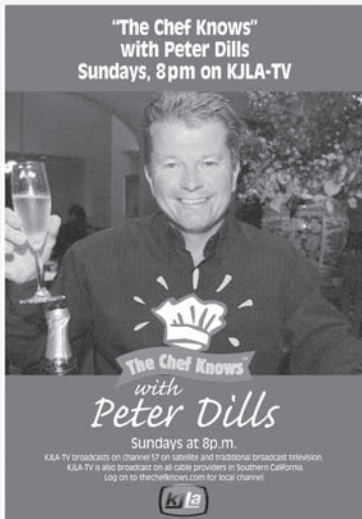
Yes, the entrees were memorable. I have to say, it will be added to my top 5 list in and around Pasadena.

Back to Dad: the waiter asks, "how was the meal" and I know 99% of you when asked will give the response "Fine, Thank You." Nope, the restaurant critic said, "The lamb chops were great!!!" And the dessert was acknowledged by a shrug of the shoulders, which told it all. That is the honesty and passion that got me involved in this business. Today I still work at a restaurant to keep up on the trends and I even get a crazy dream that I may own one someday. You can be sure that my Dad will be one of the first to give a thumbs up or a shrug of the shoulders if I do.

Happy Fathers Day – I would never trade sitting across the table from you for anything in this world.

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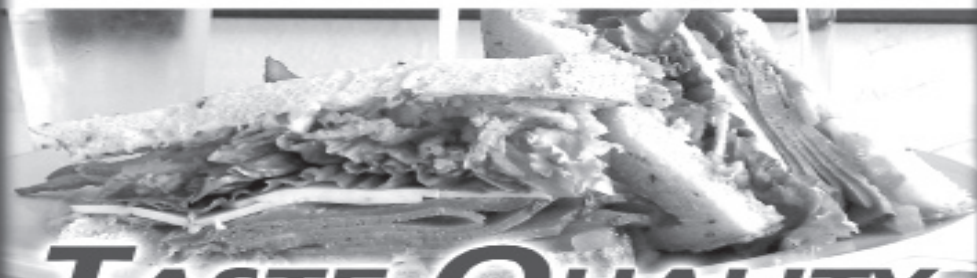
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By Jeff Brown

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## Hallucinogenic chocolates doom Berlin sweet shop

**BERLIN (Reuters)** - Police closed down a Berlin sweet shop after discovering the owner was selling chocolates and lollipops laced with hallucinogenic mushrooms and marijuana.

## Experiment Boosts Hopes for Space Solar Power

**WASHINGTON** — A former NASA scientist has used radio waves to transmit solar power a distance of 92 miles (148 km) between two Hawaiian islands, an achievement that he says proves the technology exists to beam solar power from satellites back to Earth.

## Dad chases nude boy from daughter's room with pipe

**DELTONA, Fla.** - An angry Deltona father whacked his teenage daughter's boyfriend with a metal pipe after finding the boy naked in his daughter's room. Authorities say the father, 45, didn't even know his daughter had a boyfriend or that the youngster had been sneaking into the home for more than a year.

## Near-Death Experiences: What Really Happens?

**LiveScience.com** Many reports of near-death experiences sound the same: a welcoming white light and a replay of memories. But now scientists aim to study what really happens to the brain and consciousness when someone is on the verge of dying.

## Man suspected of sausage and spice attack set free

**SANGER, Calif.** - A man suspected of breaking into the home of two California farm workers, rubbing spices into the face of one man and smacking another with an 8-inch sausage has been set free.

## Mediterranean Diet Cuts Death From Chronic Diseases

**(HealthDayNews)** -- People who eat a strict Mediterranean diet are at less risk of developing heart disease, cancer, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease, Italian researchers report.

## Mom allegedly uses daughter's ID to be cheerleader

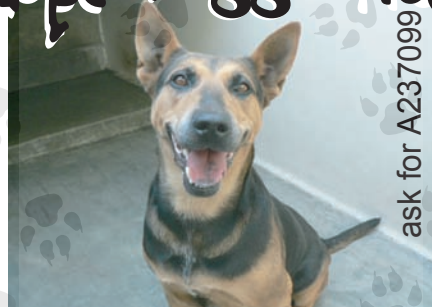
**GREEN BAY, Wis.** - A 33-year-old woman stole her daughter's identity to attend high school and join the cheerleading squad, according to a criminal complaint filed against the woman.



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## Looking Up

With Bob Eklund



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### FIRST PICTURE OF LIKELY PLANET AROUND SUN-LIKE STAR

Astronomers have unveiled what is likely the first picture of a planet around a normal star similar to the Sun.

Three University of Toronto scientists used the Gemini North telescope on Mauna Kea in Hawaii to take images of the young star 1RXS J160929.1-210524 (which lies about 500 light-years from Earth) and a probable planetary companion of that star. They also obtained spectra to confirm the nature of the companion, which has a mass about eight times that of Jupiter, and lies roughly 330 times the Earth-Sun distance away from its star. (For comparison, the most distant planet in our solar system, Neptune, orbits the Sun at only about 30 times the Earth-Sun distance.) The parent star is similar in mass to the Sun, but is much younger.

"This is the first time we have directly seen a planetary mass object in a likely orbit around a star like our Sun," said David Lafrenicre, lead author of a paper submitted to the Astrophysical Journal Letters and also posted online. "If we confirm that this object is indeed gravitationally tied to the star, it will be a major step forward."

The existence of a planetary-mass companion so far from its parent star comes as a surprise, and poses a challenge to theoretical models of star and planet formation. "This discovery is yet another reminder of the truly remarkable diversity of worlds out there, and it's a strong hint that nature may have more than one mechanism for producing planetary mass companions to normal stars," said Ray Jayawardhana, team member and author of a forthcoming book on extrasolar planets entitled "Worlds Beyond."

The team's Gemini observations took advantage of "adaptive optics" technology to dramatically reduce distortions caused by turbulence in Earth's atmosphere. The near-infrared images and spectra of the suspected planetary object indicate that it is too cool to be a star or even a more massive brown dwarf, and that it is young. Taken together, such findings confirm that it is a very young, very-low-mass object.

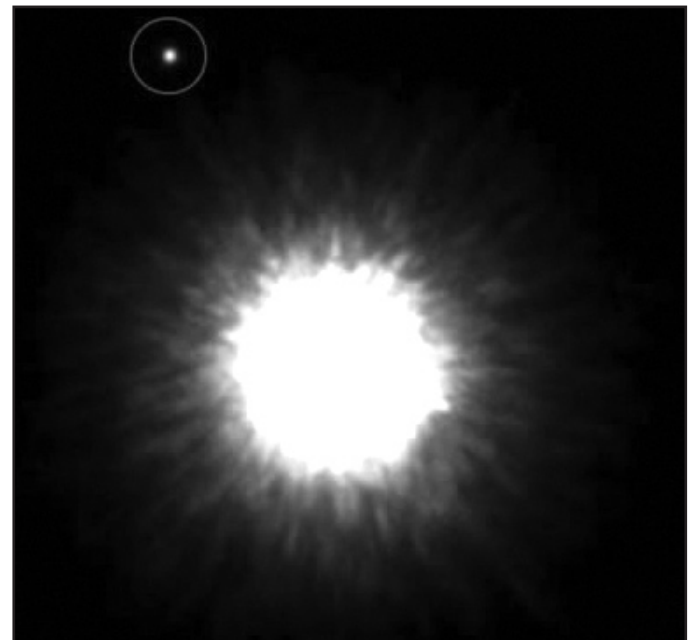
Even though the likelihood of a chance alignment between such an object and a similarly young star is rather small, it will take up to two years to verify that the star and its likely planet are moving through space together. "Of course it would be

premature to say that the object is definitely orbiting this star, but the evidence is extremely compelling. This will be a very intensely studied object for the next few years!" said Lafrenicre.

The Jupiter-sized planet has an estimated temperature of about 1800 Kelvin (about 1500 deg C), much hotter than our own Jupiter, which has a temperature of about 160 Kelvin (minus 110 deg C), and its likely host is a young star of type K7 with an estimated mass of about 85% that of the Sun.

A full-resolution image of the star and planet is available at: [www.gemini.edu/sunstarplanet](http://www.gemini.edu/sunstarplanet)

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## The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

**OLDER, SMARTER AND EMPLOYED:  
Tips for Using Your Experience**

A new trend is emerging in today's workplace that could favor experienced older workers.

David DeLong, author of "Lost Knowledge: Confronting the Threat of an Aging Workforce", says, "Despite the current frustrating job picture for many older workers, opportunities are going to open up in the years ahead as a huge wave of boomers leave the work force." Today, the largest group of workers is over 40. As our population ages, and more leave the work force for retirement, employers experience a knowledge drain. Institutional knowledge that retiring workers take with them is irreplaceable.

As the workplace shifts in favor of more mature workers, what can employees who are older do to capitalize on their experience? Consider the following:

1. Fight aging stereotypes. There is a stereotype that older workers are just looking toward retirement or looking for part-time work. Show that you can add value immediately . . . say, "Here's how I can fit into the team." Demonstrating your willingness to work with others will ease the common fear that older workers are bossy.

2. Emphasize accomplishments. It might be wise to highlight only recent accomplishments that are relevant to the job. Another common mistake is to brag about depth of experience as a virtue unto itself. Quantify your accomplishments. How many people have you supervised? How much money did you generate for the company? How many trainings did you conduct? This makes your experience tangible and relevant. Avoid the long-winded brag-fest of things that are not relevant. Your presentation and age should allude to your overall competency.

3. Keep learning. According to the Society of Human Resource Management, the greatest concern employers have about hiring older workers is that they won't keep up with technology. Whether you want to keep your job or are trying to find a new one, one of the most important things you can do is continually update your skills. This may include obtaining specific certifications, attending professional development seminars or learning new computer programs. Check out commu-

nity colleges for an inexpensive option.

4. Look for the right fit. Look for companies that value wisdom. Look for newer and smaller companies. They tend to hire more mature workers. Check out AARP's Best Employers for Workers Over 50 and use these companies as models for your job search or as roadmaps for helping your current employer adapt.

5. Do your homework. Research your target company and the industry to gain more knowledge for the interview process. If you are familiar with the industry, make sure you are up on trends and events. You will be well prepared and actually surprise your interviewer with knowledge you have about the company. Basically, you are showing that you care about the organization. Great selling point!

6. Show confidence without arrogance and don't be afraid to be enthusiastic. The combination of willingness to be part of a team effort, experience, and enthusiasm can be a tremendous asset. With this attitude you should not appear to be a threat to that younger person who is interviewing you.

7. Pass it on. Increase your value to an employer by showing your willingness to train others with knowledge you possess. This should not jeopardize your job security. It can actually make you more valuable as a trainer and demonstrates your commitment to the company's wellbeing.

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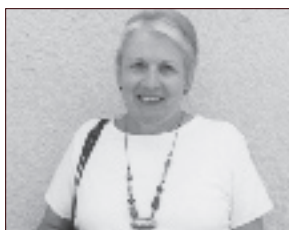
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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

### When Food Gets Even

By Pat Birdsall

The other day I had to rearrange some items in my freezer to make room for a container of ice cream. I rationalized the "needing it like a hole in the head" argument with the fact that since I had chosen strawberry ice cream, I had covered two of the five basic food groups—dairy and fruit. Works for me! I went to move a bag of frozen peas on the top shelf that was just one helping short of a pound. I usually put a rubber band around open bags, but this time I put a small, and I might add cheap, plastic clip instead. I couldn't believe what happened next—in seemingly slow motion, the bag opened up and the contents emptied out into the freezer, under the freezer, all over the kitchen floor and even into my bedroom a couple of feet away. They looked like miniature green ball bearings. It took mere seconds to happen and quite some time to clean up. Whenever I open the freezer now, a few peas fall out. One of my cats batted one out from underneath my bed this morning. Good grief! I think I'll be finding them for months to come.

It reminded me of the time I decided I wanted to make my own popcorn, not just put a bag in the microwave oven. I purchased a popcorn popper, a jar of Orville's finest kernels and of course, what I really wanted, butter. I measured the amount of corn suggested on the instruction sheet and plugged the popper in. It was so loud that it kind of startled me... My cats had trouble getting enough traction to hightail it out of the kitchen. Well, this should be worth it though I thought, as it slowly started to pop. Pop, pop, pop and then popopopopopopopopop! The bowl is full, I'd better grab another one, but they're across the room and popcorn is going everywhere—what to do, what to do? While I was sweeping up popcorn, the what to do finally came to me—why didn't I just unplug the machine? Level headedness and practicality have never been my strong suits.

The last experience I'm going to share has probably happened to most, if not all of you. Have you ever smelled something unpleasant but couldn't quite figure out where it was coming from or what it was? This might go on for a few days with the odor intensifying to the point that you begin to think some poor little creature has succumbed somewhere in your house and is in the process of decomposition. You search and search and finally narrow it down to a cupboard. You gingerly open the door expecting to see the worst when you discover that the putrid smell is coming from what used to be Idaho's finest baking potato. A truly unbelievable and unforgettable smell. A prime example of food "getting even," in spades.

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By Pat Birdsall

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**Spicy Chicken Pasta- One Pot Dinner for One**  
Coarse salt

- ½ cup penne rigate (ridged) or other short pasta
- 1 boneless, skinless chicken breast half, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 plum tomato, seeded and diced
- 2 Tbs tomato paste
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbs extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ tsp red-pepper flakes
- 3 cups baby spinach (3 ounces)
- 1 Tbs fresh lemon juice

- 1- In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook penne until al dente, adding chicken during last 2 minutes of cooking. Reserve ¼ cup pasta water. Drain pasta and chicken; return to pot.
- 2- To pot, add tomato, tomato paste, garlic, red pepper flakes and spinach; season with salt. Cook over medium, tossing, until spinach is barely wilted, about 1 minute. Remove pot from heat; stir in lemon juice and enough pasta water to create thin sauce that coats pasta. Season with salt if necessary, and serve immediately. Everyday Food

## For Your Funny Bone

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found an elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet—who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, I asked if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

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Here's one way of making sure a sales promotion won't bankrupt your business. A sign in a local barber shop read "We offer senior-citizen discounts. Must be at least 80 years old and accompanied by a parent."

### Quote:

**"It wasn't the Exxon Valdez captain's driving that caused the Alaskan oil spill. It was yours." - Greenpeace ad, NY Times, 1990**

### Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Friday:** Ping-Pong- 1:30 PM

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

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



### Monthly Excursions:

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

**September 20-** Fillmore Train Trip- (10:00 AM-5:00 PM.) Take the bus from the Sierra Madre Senior Center to Fillmore and catch the train to Santa Paula. A 3-course meal will be served in one of the vintage dining cars. Enjoy a one and a half-hour layover to see the interesting sights. \$49.00 per person. For more information and reservations call (626) 355-7394.

**October 16-** Save the Date- 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM-Excursion to Julian to celebrate the apple season. Details to follow.

**Fall Swim Pass-** The Sierra Madre Pool is open as of September 2nd for lap swimmers and water walkers. For more information call 355-5278.

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

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

**NEW Program- Financial Consulting**  
Johee 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





Chris Bertrand

## One Of A Kind:

*Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them*

By Chris Bertrand

## Monrovia Groundbreaking Will Begin Building New Lives For 4 Families

Spirits and emotions were high on Saturday, September 13, when Habitat for Humanity of San Gabriel Valley broke ground at 1214-18 Sherman Avenue in Monrovia. This newest development will construct four simple decent dwellings for low-income families. These four families, the Del Grosso, Quiroz, Naccarati and Nava families have been selected through a rigorous application and interview process and are required to help build the homes.

According to the official website, homeowner families are chosen according to their need, their ability to repay the no-profit affordable mortgage, and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat. They are required to pay a 1% cash down payment and must be citizens or permanent legal residents, living in sub-standard or overcrowded rental housing. Perhaps the most recognized Habitat for Humanity volunteer, former President Jimmy Carter became involved with Habitat for Humanity twenty four years ago. In addition to fundraising, Carter involves himself with the actual building process in the annual Jimmy Carter Work Project "blitz build."

This San Gabriel Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity has already 39 homes in the San Gabriel Valley, with 11 under construction now in Glendale. Tom Doud, president of the SGV chapter, said the pre-development plans for the Monrovia build have been the easiest ever. The current Sherman Avenue location arose from Monrovia Councilwoman Mary Ann Lutz interest. She is part of the Kenwood (Glendale) Women's Build team for SGV Habitat. Her city made not one, but two adjacent lots available to Habitat for Humanity so four affordable homes could be built. Monrovia has been extremely supportive and welcoming from the very beginning, according to Doud, from Scott Ochoa, city manager, the Redevelopment Agency, the city staff, elected officials on down to the Sherman Avenue neighbors.

19 years ago in 1989, the first local Habitat project in Pasadena, proceeded under very different circumstances. "We scrapped for everything to build that first home," Doud mused, with resistance at every turn. Since then, Habitat has proved time and again, that Habitat has a positive ripple effect in the community. They expect Monrovia's venture to be no different. Progress of a



Habitat development always engenders homeowners to improve the properties around it. Monrovia can expect fresh paint and home improvements to blossom as the rafters of the Sherman homes rise.

The families have proved deserving and look forward to becoming a shining star in the community. Janelle Williams, Family Selection Committee co-chair spoke of the grueling process of selection, chuckling that the Del Grossos have become known for their application of humor to the direst of circumstances.

Each family shared a bit of their background, challenges and commitment, with nary a dry eye in the audience. Some, like the Naccaratis, had applied time after time. After three heartbreaking rejections, Sandra Naccarati had to shoulder the application for Monrovia, as Marco had traveled out of country. The Navas commented that they quickly realized that life is not easy here when you're not well educated, and chose to focus on their children's education. The Quiroz family, from Los Angeles, has a pastor as head of their seven member family. Williams quipped, "If you need a blessing, Raymond is your man!"

Quiroz had so much faith in their success in the Habitat application process; he circled this date on the calendar, noting "Groundbreaking for our home." All articulated their gratitude for this opportunity to build a more secure life for their families, and looked forward to becoming active and giving back to their new community.

Ann Dougherty, Sherman Habitat Homes Campaign Chair, gave special thanks to Monrovia Council Member Mary Ann Lutz and Monrovia resident Donna Baker "who planted the seeds to make this development happen." Expected completion of the Sherman Avenue homes is December, 2009, though the families hope and pray for an earlier completion.

In addition to the raising the last \$183,000 of the \$533,000 cold hard cash budget needed to complete the Sherman Avenue homes, volunteer crew leaders are particularly needed. The highest demand is for Saturday crew leaders, though dedicated weekday leaders are also needed. Crew leaders must be skilled in framing, building plan reading and able to teach general construction skills to less experienced volunteers.

Sonja Yates, Executive Director, called for volunteers from all walks of life to partner with them on this journey. "At the end of the day, our volunteers are VERY tired, but the reward is priceless. Volunteering may be a life changing experience."

To volunteer, contribute financially or donate materials or services, visit Habitat's website at [www.sgvhabitat.org](http://www.sgvhabitat.org) or call 626-792-3838. Later this fall, Habitat's ReStore, located for years in northwest Pasadena, will be moving to 410 S. Irwindale Avenue in Azusa. This outlet sells donated construction and household items, new and used, which helps fund their projects.



**432 Patterson Ave., Monrovia** **\$1,589,000**  
Beautiful 5br, 4.5ba, 4,450 sq. ft. home built in 2004. Features study, loft, family rm, cathedral ceilings, crown molding, lots of balconies, salt water pool & spa, outdoor kitchen w/bar & Pergola. Lot 11,504 sq. ft.  
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**722 Ocean View Ave, Monrovia** **\$769,000**  
Front house - 3bdr, 1.75 ba, remodeled kitchen w/granite, central air, 2-car garage, lrg yard. Rearhouse - 1bdr, 1ba, separate yard & 1-car garage. Live in one & rent the other house.  
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**584 Acacia St, Sierra Madre** **\$1,388,000**  
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Open Sunday 1-4

1828 Cogswell Rd., El Monte \$599,000  
3300 Tyler Ave., El Monte \$389,500  
602 N Willowbrook Circle, Monrovia \$799,950  
5306 N Muscatel Ave., San Gabriel \$675,000

Open Sunday 2-5pm

1745 Elevado Ave., Arcadia \$1,280,000  
584 Acacia St, Sierra Madre \$1,388,000

Open Sunday 2-4pm  
1122 W Huntington Dr #9, Arcadia \$295,000  
582 Huntington Dr "C", Arcadia \$475,000  
416 California St "C", Arcadia \$649,000  
300 E Forest Ave., Arcadia \$679,000  
1827 S 10th Ave., Monrovia \$585,000  
722 Ocean View Ave., Monrovia \$769,000  
1829 S 10th Ave., Monrovia \$790,000  
844 E Foothill Blvd., Monrovia \$899,000  
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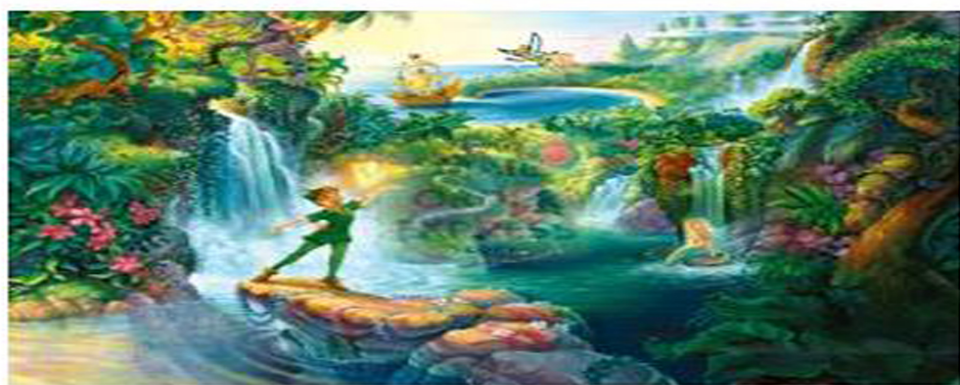
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Saturday, October 4, 2008

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Lunch Only - \$25

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

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

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



### Registration Form



Check One: ☐ Golf & Lunch \$65 ☐ Golf Tee Sponsor \$100  
☐ Tennis & Lunch \$45 ☐ Lunch Only \$25  
☐ I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

For tennis players - Please circle playing level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

I would like to play on a court / golf (indicates other registered players names): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby 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.

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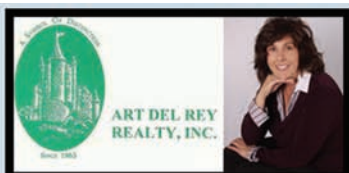
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Monrovia

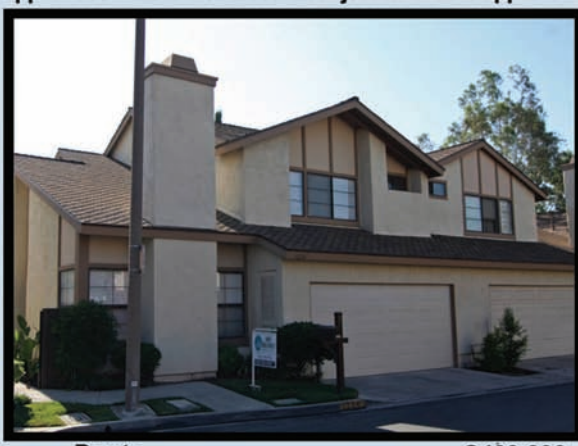
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