

Soon To Be Known As....JP Morgan Chase

In what appeared to be one fell swope, somewhere between the close of business Thursday and Friday morning, the bank regulators took over Washington Mutual and sold it to JP Morgan Chase Bank. In the largest bank failure in the nation's history, the FDIC decided to move quickly and avoid any further 'run' on WAMU's deposits. In recent months, more than \$16 billion dollars have been withdrawn by customers fearful of what became inevitable, WAMU's failure.

Bank officials were very careful in their dealings with customers and the press, primarily because the change was so rapid and unexpected. Ricardo I. Siordia, Vice President/Manager of the Sierra Madre branch, was still wearing his WAMU shirt and referred all inquiries to the Chase public relations office.

WAMU, that recently reported assets in excess of \$ 307 billion, was sold by regulators for 1.9 billion. Depositors are insured by the FDIC, however, with the recent wave of bank closings, the FDIC itself is concerned about its ability to

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Sierra Madre's Washington Mutual branch did not have customers lined up to take money out of the bank.. In fact, this picture taken around 9:30 Friday morning, shows an unusual lack of activity.
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Free Overnight Parking, Going, Going Gone

By Dean Lee

After a wild turn of events, the City Council Tuesday night ended a long practice of, with a simple phone call, giving free 30-day overnight parking passes to visitors of the city —instead opting to sell ticket books at \$1 a night similar to a plan now employed in parts of the city of Chicago.

“I would ask that we adopt that resolution that the police department use, if they find it feasible, to adopt the use of coupon books,” Councilmember John Buchanan motioned. “With coupons not to exceed the price \$1 per night.

Mayor Kurt Zimmerman seconded the motion.

The council unanimously agreed for a trial two month period after exhausting other ideas, including buying a dedicated answering machine to free up dispatchers or allow residents to get passes online.

“By making this resolution, I just want to clarify that we are eliminating all free overnight parking....” said Police Chief Marilyn Diaz. “To require anyone who wanted to park a visitor, guest car, family member's car, [to pay the fee] overnight in the city.”

Councilmember Joe Mosca said he favored “low tech” ideas that did not include buying a proposed ticket dispensing machine at \$35,000 that would also need maintenance. He also suggested using volunteers to answer phones. Diaz said the cost of the machines could be lowered to \$11,000 if they purchased it through or with Glendale.

The experimental ticket book idea came after resident Hope Smith suggested, at first shouting from the back of the council chambers; how it was done

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Leaf Blower Ban Blows Away

By Dean Lee

The idea of an outright ban on leaf blowers fell through the cracks at the city council meeting held Tuesday. Instead the asked the city manger and police chief to bring back a comprehensive plan that would restrict the use of leaf blowers and educate the public about the health risks associated with them.

The council also asked for more information about leaf blower exchange programs and about the city's own use of the blowers.

Most of the hour long conversation focused on either the noise factor or the heath issue although Mayor Kurt Zimmerman said he got a number of emails over the financial implications.

“I received a number of emails from residents that pointed out, I think correctly, that such a ban could take money out of the pockets of the gardeners if they're being compensated on a per job basis,” Zimmerman said. “It would certainly take money out of the pockets of residents.”

He also said that it was important to point out in cities that have banned leaf blowers, there is no water rationing, “so what residents and gardeners use instead is the hose, and we don't have that option.”

Many agreed with longtime resident Bill Tice who said,

at issue, was the heath risks associated with the blowers. “There's a lot of dust,” he said. “Gardeners go into the flowerbeds and don't rake the leaves they just blow them out and creates dust... my suggestion, attack the heath issue.”

Tice said he had been a gardener for 29 years.

In some cases homeowners have had to replace nutrients in gardens because so much topsoil is blown away explained another resident who is also a gardener.

Councilmember John Buchanan said blowing dust into the street or other people's yards should be stopped. “I'm trying to think at least of a decent enforceable law that says hey, whatever device you use you don't get to blow it into your neighbor's yard, or out into the street, or up into the air in such volume that it creates a heath risk.”

Buchanan also said severely limiting the hours of use would concentrate dust during the time they were allowed. However, most residents he spoke with called for an outright ban.

Councilmember Maryann MacGillvray suggested they restrict the use of all gas powered gardening equipment, including lawnmowers, weed wackers, trimmers and edgers. She said

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Sierra Madre Farmer's Market Tries Something New

By Bill Coburn

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market, which began operation in late May of this year, is making some changes in an attempt to better serve the needs of its customers, and to try and increase weekly attendance. Effective this week, in anticipation of daylight savings time, the Farmer's Market, located in the Mariposa parking lot behind the shops along Sierra Madre Blvd, will be open from 3 to 7pm each Wednesday.

While the change in hours is expected to help with lighting issues during the fall and winter hours, the days will continue to get shorter, and so the Market has now begun to add evening lighting, which was a concern for some customers.



The number of vendors at the Sierra Madre Farmer's Market varies, usually in the range of 25 - 30 vendors. Vendors come from all around, including some from Sierra Madre, among them Wildflour Baking Company, Sierra Madre Candy Company, and Zia Sun Salsa. Vendors making their way here from outside the area include Bill's Bees, which was recently awarded “Best Local Honey” by Los Angeles Magazine, and Gourmet Grill Masters, which serves free range rotisserie chicken, and was recently cited by the LA Times in an article titled “Choosing the Top Rotisserie Chicken in L.A.” An extensive variety of fruit and produce, as well as seafood, tamales, kettle corn, and cobbler are all available at the market. A complete list of vendors can be found at the Market's website, www.SierraMadreFarmersMarket.com, which also has an e-mail form to send suggestions or comments.

About half the vendors are “Certified Farmer's Market” vendors. According to Tanja Castle, Market Manager for Scholastic Gardens* (which runs the Market with the Community Services Department), that means that “the farmers have been inspected and certified by the Department of Food and Agriculture and given permission to sell their products directly to the end users (customers) at specific venues (such as Farmer's Markets) without the usual requirements of packing and labeling their produce into standard size boxes

and packets, and without any middle men. Anything they sell at the market came directly from the farm. For the customer, this is a better guarantee of freshness and nutritional value as these are local California farms and often the produce has been picked from the fields the day before market day. In comparison, vegetables and fruit that are imported from other countries could spend days or weeks in transit. Often the produce must be picked unripe so it can survive the trip, and once in the U.S. it is gassed to artificially ripen it. This results in nice-looking produce, but the nutritional value is diminished.”

The market has suffered some from the extended stretch of hot weather, with temperatures heading upwards of 90 or even 100 degrees nearly every Wednesday this summer. Though the stands themselves are generally covered and the produce and other food items protected from the sun, and though there are shade umbrellas and chairs to sit on in the shade, that type of stifling heat is still somewhat daunting. After a brisk opening, attendance has not maintained its early promise, and it is hoped that by changing the hours and adding lighting, more people will be encouraged to come by in the cooler evening hours to enjoy the village atmosphere, live entertainment, and of

course, the produce and prepared foods available. Additionally, the marketing program for the Market is being expanded. While the change in hours, the addition of lighting, and the expansion of marketing are all part of the fine-tuning of the market, the critical element in determining whether the market continues in Sierra Madre is whether residents leave their home on Wednesday afternoon, and encourage their friends and neighbors, even those from surrounding communities, to avail themselves of the certified produce available.

“The Market has been popular and we'd like to run it through the fall and winter,” said Ms. Castle, “and provided we get the continued support and patronage, we'll be able to do that.”

*About Scholastic Gardens - Their purpose is to improve diet and nutrition by providing sources of fresh, locally grown fruit and vegetables through certified Farmer's Markets. Their special emphasis is on working with local schools and youth activity groups to educate children about good nutrition, the concept being that good eating habits, well taught at an early age, become good eating habits for life. Scholastic Gardens donates to existing programs with profits from the Farmer's Market.

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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.

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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 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.


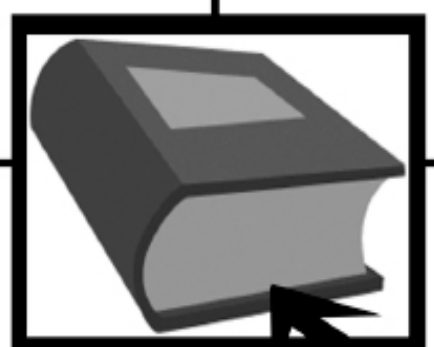

Items may be dropped off at "El Retiro," but please call first to Jim Whitson at (626) 355-0782. Janet Ten Eyck, president (626) 351-9235

Submitted by Phyllis Chapman

Author Nights

Poet and Holocaust survivor **Zahava Sweet** will read from her book of poetry, *The Return of Sound*, Saturday, October 11, at 3:00 p.m. at the Sierra Madre Public Library. Born in Poland, Ms. Sweet endured the terrors of Auschwitz during World War II. After the war she moved to Israel, and later emigrated to America; she currently lives in Monrovia, CA. Her book is a reflective meditation on her life, and the triumph of the human spirit despite unimaginable pain, tragedy and loss. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library.

Mystery Author **Marja [sic] McGraw** will discuss and sign her latest books, *Bubba's Ghost* and *A Well-Kept Family Secret*, at the Sierra Madre Library on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. A Southern California native, Ms. McGraw worked in civil and criminal law for 15 years. She has appeared on various TV and radio shows, and is a member of and former newsletter editor for Sisters in Crime, a worldwide organization for women mystery writers. Sponsored by The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library. For further information on programs and services please visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 7:00 pm Senior Community Meeting, Council Chambers 3:00 pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bargain Book Table, Sierra Madre Public Library, September 15th - 20th During Normal Operational Hours						
	Community Services Commission Meeting Council Chambers 6:00 Pm	15	16	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Council Chambers 7:00 pm	17	18
		23	24	Library Board of Trustees Meeting City Hall Conference Room 7:00 pm	<div>Calendar For The Month Of September</div>	
28	29	30				



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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LEAF BLOWERS (from page 1)
should at least have peace and quiet before 7a.m. She also said if people don't want leaf blowers used they should simply tell their gardeners not to use them.

Councilmember Don Watts said he had a friend now living back east that owned a leaf blower manufacturing company, and who would be willing to help the city put together an education plan on the proper use of a leaf blower. Watts focused attention on the noise.

Getting rid of older more polluting blowers was Councilmember Joe Mosca's goal although he agreed with most of what the other council members had to say. He especially wanted to see some kind of education program put it place.

"As far as having impact on this issue and trying to better the quality I think [we should be] looking at an education component," he said. "And, trying to encourage, trade out or exchange some of these leaf blowers."

Police Chief Marilyn Diaz said if a ban was implemented enforcement could not be done solely by the city's one code enforcement

officer. She said they would have to either hire a second code enforcement officer or have other officers enforce the ban.

Diaz noted that they recently did a noise study of the city comparing it with previous readings taken in 1993. The results indicated that the city is, in regard to leaf blowers, relatively quieter now then it was before. She also said it was an infraction in most cities with a ban but she was aware of one city that considers it a misdemeanor.

Director of Public Works, Bruce Inman said he had looked into leaf blower exchange programs.

"According to AQMD it's an extremely competitive program," Inman said. "They don't have that many leaf blowers to exchange, so they go very quickly." He also said he signed the city up on a mailing list to be notified of any upcoming program. Right now, according to Inman, the program has no funding.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is the air pollution control agency for most of Southern California.



PARKING (cont. from pg. 1)

in the Chicago neighborhood she had just moved from.

"I'm recently new here but we lived in a very small community, predominantly Italian, and parking was a huge problem. So, because we couldn't waste police time, what that particular neighborhood decided on was, we bought ticket books," Hope said.

She explained, a ticket would be filled out by a resident giving their name, address, license plate of the visitor's car and date of the pass. The council agreed that a new pass would have to be filled out each night a guest's car was parked overnight. "If there is any problem an officer could just knock on the homeowner's door," Councilmember Maryann MacGillivray said.

What seemed the perfect solution solved a number of problems between residents, the council and police. Prior to Hope's comments, Diaz had suggested installing a parking machine and charging \$3 a night for temporary parking. She also asked that they raise the regular overnight fee from \$70 to \$120, an unpopular move with everyone.

"We have one dispatcher [per shift], the number of calls is continuing to increase, we want that dispatcher concentrating on things other than taking down names and license numbers of people who are going to be parking in front of their house overnight," MacGillivray at first said. "The remedy we have proposed is one that changes the way we have done things for a very long time, and imposes a fee that we haven't had to impose... so maybe we need to look at this in a little different way."

Diaz said police were receiving, on average, 35 calls a night for overnight parking alone,

something installing a machine could relieve. Most of the calls came in the early evening, she explained, also reporting that between 2006 and 2007 the overall number of service calls rose by almost 4,000.

City Attorney Sandra Levin said they needed to be clear what to do with unused tickets if the program were to go belly up; "You don't want them to go to waste," she said. How many tickets would be sold in each book was also not decided as well as if a waiver would be given for low income families. Buchanan asked that they deal with those issues at a later meeting, urging to adopt the resolution immediately.

Levin added she would draft the resolution and it would take effect after being signed by Zimmerman.

All money currently made from overnight parking goes into the general fund, something Councilmember Don Watts said he disagreed with, although he voted in favor of the ticket books.

Watts said, "If I knew it was going towards police services or some other thing in the city that we absolutely need," then he said he would fully support it. He also said he thought the system worked fine now, without needing to be changed.

In related news, the council also approved restricting overnight parking in the Auburn Parking lot. As a temporary move, the lot will now be off limits from 12 p.m. to 6 a.m. Criticism came from a number of business, including the Sierra Madre Playhouse and Starbucks, after they first suggested closing the lot from 10p.m. to 7a.m.

If successful the restrictions could be placed on all city owned parking lots, staff said.

WAMU (from pg. 1)

cover demands made as a result of the country's current economic crisis.

According to the press office, demand depositors should notice very little change in their banking. Regular customers will have the same account numbers;; the same Washington Mutual name on your account;; the same checks, debit cards, credit cards, deposit slips;; same online banking website and passwords; same branches & ATMs; same familiar bankers, and same great service!

Investors in WAMU,however, face other challenges, as do those who have purchased shares in WAMU through their retirement accounts. According to news reports, "investors were wiped out". The rumor of WAMU having financial difficulties has

been mentioned in the news of late, however, no one expected the sudden total collapse.

Certain retirement accounts, where consumers designate the allocation of funds, recently sent letters to their participants notifying them of trouble with Citibank. It too, like WAMU, was heavily involved in sub-prime mortgage lending.

The only other bank failure of the magnitude of WAMU was in 1984, the Continental Illinois National Bank, which had \$67.7 billion in today's dollars. Indymac's assets were 32 billion.

It is not clear how JP Morgan Chase will handle the WAMU staff caught in the crossfire. It is believed, however, that in less than a week, the appearance will change.

Arcadia

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Duarte

Congresswomen Linda and Loretta Sanchez Join Stellar List of Authors to Speak, Sign Books at 6th Annual Duarte Festival of Authors, Oct. 4 at Westminster Gardens

Congresswomen/sisters Linda and Loretta Sánchez have joined the list of authors to speak and sign their books at the 6th annual Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. in Duarte. Their newly released book -- part memoir, part motivational guide for young women everywhere is "Dream in Color: How the Sánchez Sisters are making History in Congress" as the first sisters or women of any relation to serve in the history of Congress. They will speak at 3 p.m.

The Duarte Festival of Authors, presented by The Friends of the Duarte Library, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Other major authors to be featured are 2007 Pulitzer Citation recipient Ray Bradbury, ("Martian Chronicles," "Fahrenheit 451"), who will speak at 1 p.m., Stephen J. Cannell, New York Times bestselling author ("At First Sight") and creator/writer of more than 40 hit TV series including The Rockford Files, speaking at 2 p.m. Bestselling author Denise Hamilton ("The Last Embrace") will speak at 12 noon, and D. J. MacHale ("Pendragon: Journal of an Adventure Through Time and Space") whose young

adult following of readers is legion for his bestselling fantasy series of nine novels, will speak at 11 a.m.

There will also be author panels throughout the day that will include topics such as writing, publishing and marketing books, inspirational/ personal growth, the Latino experience, and writing for children and young adults. Author panelists will include Naomi Hirahara ("1001 Cranes") and Barbara Jean Hicks ("The Secret Life of Walter Kitty") on the Children's/Young Adult panel at 2:30 p.m.; Gustavo Arellano ("Ask a Mexican!," "Orange County: A Personal History") and Enrique and Gilda Ochoa ("Latino Los Angeles: Transformations, Communities and Activism") on the Latino Experience panel at 1:30 p.m. Colleen Bates ("Hometown Pasadena"), Patricia Kokinos ("Angel Park: A Novel"), and Elizabeth Pomeroy ("Pasadena: A Natural History") will speak on the 10:30 a.m. panel about exploring Los Angeles and beyond and how to get published and market your books. Authors Cheryl Russell ("Thankyouology: How the Art of Saying Thank You Transforms Your Life"), Citrus College professor Dale Salwak ("The Teaching Life: Letters of a Life in

Literature"), and Petra Eiko ("Seeds of Truth") will be among the Inspirational/ Personal Growth panelists at 12:30 p.m. The 11:30 a.m. True Stories panel will feature Phyllis Gebauer ("Hot Widow"), Thome Selby ("Events in the Future, Forgotten Tense-Poetry"), and Amalia Starr "Raising Brandon" Parenting My Son to Live Successfully with Autism, Epilepsy, and Learning Disorders").

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Stewart Antiques of Beverly Hills will offer an appraisal clinic for antique books, jewelry, art and other small treasures. The public is invited to have their items appraised for a \$5 donation per item to benefit the Friends of the Duarte Library.

Local artists Mark Wood, Poppy Cannon-Reese, and Debra Holladay will be among fine artists who will display their work at the festival. Pasadena's Armory Center for the Arts will offer a free crafts workshop for children from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

For more information call (626) 357-4151 or visit www.friendsoftheduartelibrary.com.

City Honors Employees, Volunteers at Sierra Madre Awards Dinner
By Bill Coburn

The annual Sierra Madre Honors awards dinner to recognize top City employees and local volunteers was held at the Villa del Sol d'Oro on the campus at Alverno High School on Thursday, Sept. 15th. The evening was emceed by Dennis Packer, the stadium voice of the USC Trojans football team. Packer recently retired from LAPD after 35 years. Packer and his wife, Judy, recently purchased property in town and are building a new home in the lower canyon. It was a rare evening, as all five Council Members were in attendance.

The evening opened with a welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kurt Zimmerman, followed by the invocation by Police Chaplain Wayne Walters. This was especially appropriate because Walters is also a member of the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre, which was the recipient of the first award given out, the Wistaria Award, which "recognizes a City/Community partnership and is presented to a local business or organization whose major contributions to the City and Community have demonstrated a true partnership which assists in and provides services, programs and enhances the general welfare of the community as a whole."

Winner of the Public Service Award, aka Employee of the Year Award, was Jun Redil, a 19-year employee with the Water Department. During that time, he has advanced from Water Distribution M-Man to Lead Worker to his current position of Water Foreman. Mr. Redil also serves as the City's on-call person, and has done so for fifteen years, which takes on greater magnitude when one considers that he lives in Pomona, and must travel all the way to town for any water or sewer emergency.

Paramedic Coordinator Greg Christmas received the Public Safety Award, given to a Sierra Madre employee or citizen who

has taken lifesaving action to protect and maintain the safety of the Community. Christmas was hired to develop Sierra Madre's new paramedic program at its inception in 2007, and has since also joined the Volunteer Fire Dept., where he was instrumental in the development of the first 18-week Volunteer Fire Academy, which has already benefited the City with the certification of sixteen new members of the Department as Shift Fire Fighters. He also created the City's Fire Explorer Program, which provides training for 15 - 17 year olds.

Captain Larry Giannone received the Police Chief's special award, with SM Police Chief Marilyn Diaz stating that "I have never worked with a professional colleague who has demonstrated such integrity and extraordinary commitment to the policing profession. His competence, commitment and compassion are unparalleled." Giannone, a 26-year law enforcement veteran, has worked for SMPD since 2006, and is responsible for updating, repairing and programming all 30 police radios, computers in the police vehicles, and the car radio equipment. He specializes in arson investigation, and is credited with creating a positive, energetic work environment through his leadership. In that work environment, the City has seen a 20% drop in crime and a 59% increase in arrests from 2007 to 2008.

Dr. Paul Neiby received the George Maurer Lifetime Service Award as an acknowledgement of significant contributions to the Community over many years. Neiby is a past-president and current member of Sierra Madre Kiwanis, a member of the City's Senior Community Commission, sits on the Board of Directors of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society, contributed to the Senior Master plan, and is also a past Sierra Madre Public Library Trustee. In addition, he has been instrumental in the development of the soon-to-be published Sierra Madre History Book, and has been vital to the success of the City's Oral History Project. Neiby is currently recovering from two strokes he has suffered this year, and was unable to attend. Fellow Kiwanian and Award namesake George Maurer accepted the award on his behalf.

Also recognized at the event were the City Commissioners, members of the Community Arts Commission, the Community Services Commission, the Library Board of Trustees, the Planning Commission, the Senior Community Commission and the Tree Advisory Commission. Plaques were presented to outgoing Commissioners Tom Janzen and Ilona Volkmann of the Community Services Commission and Marianne Siberell of the Library Board of Trustees.



Outgoing Community Services Commissioner Tom Jantzen checks out the plaque he received recognizing his service on the Commission. Photo by Bill Coburn

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Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

City Buys New \$2 Million 'Quiet' Helicopter



Photo MD Helicopters Incorporated

By Dean Lee

Without any discussion the city council Monday night unanimously approved the purchase of a new police helicopter with improved quiet technology. The item was part of the consent calendar, a series of routine items, voted on unless removed for separate discussion.

"The new 'quiet' helicopter would be assigned to fly night patrol over Pasadena, since 95 percent of the noise complaints from residents are during evening hours," The agenda report reads drafted by Captain of Air Operations, Robert Mulhull. Pasadena police helicopters also fly over Sierra Madre and Altadena according to residents.

The cities of Glendale and Burbank also operate a similar series of MD 500 police helicopters the report also says.

According to Mulhull the city is buying the helicopter as part of a purchase order partnering with the city of Houston Texas who is buying eight of the exact same model.

Mulhull explains what makes the MD 500E quite is new technology of both the main rotor and tail rotor. By incorporating a five blade main rotor and a four blade-tail rotor system, rotor noise will be cut in half.

The MD 500E helicopter

is rated 4 db lower than the city's current helicopters which have a db of 84. The ratings are based on Federal Aviation noise data.

Noise is measured in decibels (db) and small changes in db levels produce large changes in noise amplitude the report says.

The new MD 500E will also be much faster with a top speed of 175 mph. Currently the city's helicopters reach 120 mph. Mulhull said this gives them an increased response time for emergency incidents.

"The police department's fleet also includes two military surplus helicopters manufactured in 1969 and 1971," he says. "The age of the current helicopter fleet is a concern and these aircraft are in constant need of repair and routinely taken out of service for unscheduled maintenance."

He also explains that department's fleet has an average of over 12,000 flight hours each. That is equivalent to driving 500,000 miles in an average car.

The actual cost for the helicopter is \$1,578,103. Tax and the addition of police equipment bring the total cost to the city of \$2,069,000.

The funds were included in the police department's fiscal year 2009 operating budget.

Rose Bowl Loop Closed To Traffic

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

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

The city of Pasadena reminded 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 guided walkers; slashed lines along the buffer zone were used only to pass others. Police also urged bicyclists to 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 helped alert everyone of the temporary closure.

The idea of closing off the area came last year during a number of meeting with peleton cyclist and residents of the area. The city had received complaints about the peleton, where cyclist ride more than two abreast, sometime five or more. The cyclist suggested blocking the street as a safety measure. The issue was again brought up during more meeting when walkers, joggers and rollerbladers also through it might be a good idea. Reports said Thursday night's pilot program was an overwhelming success. Information was provided by Rose Bowl Stadium General Manager Darryl Dunn.

South Lake Parks It For A Day

By Teresa Baxter

Last Friday the South Lake Business Association and EPTDESIGN collaborated with CB Richard Ellis, a global leader in commercial real estate services and Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, a leading national horticultural services company, to offer a different perspective regarding the use of public parking spaces in a bustling shopping district.

The PARK(ing) Day project was conceived four years ago by San Francisco-based art collective, REBAR, as an event where organizations, design firms, activists and citizens could participate in a creative and unique



Students have fun with miniature golf as part PARK(ing) Day Photo T. Baxter /MVO

open spaces in a relaxing environment."

Last year students at Pasadena City College created the lone Pasadena

set up a miniature golf course at their parking spot and promptly paid the parking fee.

"This year they wanted to

when the meter expires the students will pack up in search of a new spot to set up."

This year, CB Richard Ellis and Valley Crest expanded the project by also landscaping parking spaces in Atlanta, Chicago, Charlotte, Denver, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Orlando, San Francisco and Washington D.C., setting a record for the most park installations by any one organization or partnership since the event began, said Bill Lewis, a director at CB Richard Ellis.

"The representation of the groups here today reflects the diversity of ideas from our South Lake community," said Lewis. "We had the fun and energetic students with their miniature golf course; we had the creative EPT architects that designed something different with the tires and plants; then there was the corporate world of Valley Crest and CB, which did very structured and traditional landscaping."



Park Bench sits in a parking space as part PARK(ing) Day Photo T. Baxter /MVO

experiment to explore the dimensions of ecological sustainability, design, and creative vision in parking spaces throughout cities across the country.

The Shops on South Lake has historically been considered the tony destination of distinction when it comes to high-end shopping and dining. When Gina Tleel, executive director of the SLBA, heard of a nationwide event she decided that Pasadena should participate.

"It fell into my lap and we hooked up with EPT. In a matter of a week I received calls about participating in PARK(ing) Day," said Tleel. "Corporate Center was already in the planning phase and it all fell into place so quickly. We all came together to raise awareness about the use of public parks and

tribute to PARK(ing) Day in front of a Hummer dealership. Coincidentally, this year they chose South Lake for their friendly "guerilla" take-over. Under the observation of Deena Capparelli, a professor of media studies and visual arts at PCC, the students

do something in a higher profile business area and they spent a day looking around. They liked this location because of the open courtyard," said Capparelli. "We didn't realize that it had gone through the City Council to make it a legal thing. So,



Tires used as planters during the city's first PARK(ing) Day Photo T. Baxter /MVO

College Launch Welcomes Attendees to Rusnak



HGTV Host Steve Watson was the Master of Ceremonies at Rusnak Audi's "Keys to Success". The free event, sponsored by College Launch, featured a fall fashion runway show, student makeovers and a college interview panel to prepare students for future success. Rusnak's "Keys to Success" also featured a silent auction with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the La Cañada Flintridge Educational Foundation. College Launch is a premier academic college counseling firm in Pasadena.



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Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Free Recycling Through the Mail

By Pat Birdsall

*This first ran untitled a few weeks ago so I promised I would reprint it...

March 17, 2008-- Washington, DC—Free and Green Those are the goals of a pilot program launched today by the U. S. Postal Service that allows customers to recycle small electronics and inkjet cartridges by mailing them free of charge.

The "Mail Back" program helps consumers make more environmentally friendly choices, making it easier for customers to discard used or obsolete small electronics in an environmentally responsible way. Customers use free envelopes found in 1,500 Post Offices (including Sierra Madre), to mail back inkjet cartridges, PDAs, Blackberries, digital cameras, iPods and MP3 players—Without having to pay postage.

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There is no limit to the number of envelopes customers may take. The pilot is set for 10 areas across the country, but could become a national program this fall if the pilot program proves successful.

The Postal Service recycles 1 million tons of paper, plastic and other materials annually. Last year, USPS generated more than \$7.5million in savings through recycling and waste prevention programs. The nation's environmental watchdog, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the Postal Service eight WasteWise Partner of the Year awards, the agency's top honor.

The Mail Back program is another example of the Postal Service's commitment to sustainability. More than half a billion packages and envelopes provided by the Postal Service annually are nearly 100 percent recyclable and are produced with the least harmful materials. Based on the recycled content of these envelopes and packages, more than 15,000 metric tons of carbon equivalent emissions (climate change gases) now are prevented annually.

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Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

Our next Fire Safe Council meeting will be October 6, 2008 at 7 P.M. in the City Council chambers. We will be organizing our Red Flag Alert patrols for the upcoming fire season.

Please attend this meeting and become a part of our Red Flag Fire Patrol.

You may have seen in the news that Fire Watch teams are being set up in Santiago Canyon (Orange County), the scene of the devastating fires from last October and November. Neighborhood Watch programs are influential in this effort, too. Alert citizens helped in the arrest of the arson suspect in the rash of brush fires set in the Griffith Park area last month. The source of the suspicious origin of the Sierra

Madre fire started above the Chantry Flat gate in April is still unknown.

If you are interested in participating in either the Neighborhood Watch or the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training please call the Police Department and leave a message for Chief Diaz-355-1414.

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

Call Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, 355-0741, for information.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, September 14th, through Saturday, September 20th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 258 calls for service.

Sunday, September 14th:

12:37 AM – Arrest / Possession of Hashish Oil and Marijuana / 00 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. An officer stopped a man running a stop sign. During a lawful search of the car, the officer found hashish oil and marijuana in the car. The man was arrested and transported to Sierra Madre Police Department for booking.

1:07 PM – Vehicle Vandalism / 100 block of E. Highland Ave. A woman reported that between Saturday, September 13th, and Sunday, September 14th, someone used an unknown object to shatter the driver's window to her vehicle, which was parked in front of her house.

Monday, September 15th:

8:25 AM – Arrest / Suspended Driver License / 00 block of W. Orange Grove Ave. An officer stopped a man for speeding. During a check of the man's driver license, the officer learned that the man had a suspended driver license. The man was issued a citation for the violations.

Tuesday, September 16th:

3:16 PM – Auto Burglary / 100 block of E. Mira Monte Ave. A woman reported that on Tuesday, September 16th, someone used an unknown object to shatter the driver's window to her vehicle, which was parked in the street. The suspect took her purse from the rear driver's seat of her vehicle.

Wednesday, September 17th:

4:23 PM – Identity Theft / 200 block of Olivera Ln. A woman reported that on August 25th, someone used her personal information and illegally used her debit card to purchase over \$500.00 worth of goods.

6:11 PM – Auto Burglary / 100 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A woman reported that on Wednesday, September 17th, someone used an unknown object to shatter the rear window to her vehicle, which was parked in the street.

Thursday, September 18th:

7:52 AM – Hit & Run Non-Injury Traffic Collision / A man reported that he swerved to avoid a collision with another vehicle turning left and collided with the curb. The other person did not stop and left the scene.

Friday, September 19th:

9:39 PM – Arrest / Suspended Driver License / 400 block of N. Michillinda Ave. An officer stopped a motorist for speeding. During a check of the man's driver license, the officer learned that the man had a suspended driver license. The man was issued a citation for the violations.

Saturday, September 20th:

7:04 AM – Hit and Run Injury Traffic Collision / 100 block of W. Orange Grove Ave. The police department received several telephone calls of a man on a bicycle that was hit by a motorist who drove away without stopping. The Sierra Madre Police & Fire Departments responded. Paramedics took the man, an Arcadia resident, to the hospital due to his head injury. He also suffered a punctured lung and fractured ribs.

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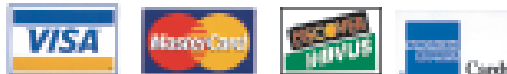
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Pasadena, CA: On Friday, September 26, the Mayfield Senior School Choir, a vocal ensemble of 20 young women at a Catholic, all-girls, college preparatory high school in Pasadena, will raise their voices in harmony with the Second Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church Choir, a 15-member, traditional African-American gospel choir from South Central Los Angeles, as part of the 2008 World Festival of Sacred Music. The groups will sing together as one unified choir, and will be accompanied by the church's 10-piece band, which includes strings, horns, piano, organ, and guitar.

This extraordinary performance is the vision of Dan Ostermann, who heads up the music department at Mayfield Senior School and also performs regularly with the Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church Choir band. An accomplished musician and composer, Ostermann specialized in jazz and African-American music studies at the California Institute of the Arts, and is a virtuoso trombonist.

The Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church Choir meets each Sunday in South Central Los Angeles, and many of its members (who range in age from 40-60 years old) have been steeped in gospel music from their earliest memories.

Since Ostermann joined the Mayfield Senior School faculty in 2007, it has been his dream to bring the two hemispheres of his musical life closer together—to facilitate a collaboration between his students and his church colleagues that would foster more than just musical harmony.

Ostermann began by expanding the School's traditional choral

repertoire to include traditional and contemporary American Gospel music, which encourages students to connect in a very personal way with their faith. He then pounced on the opportunity presented by the World Festival of Sacred Music, which is run in Los Angeles every three years, to introduce his students to—as he describes the Second Mt. Carmel singers—"a fire-breathing contemporary Gospel choir."

"The combination of these two different choirs clearly illustrates the common ground we share as spiritual beings communicating with each other and the heavens, regardless of the context or background, which is an integral concept of the World Festival of Sacred Music," explains Ostermann.

According to WFSM-LA director Judy Mitoma, "Our goal is for the events to invite seemingly unconventional partnerships between professional artists and community performers and between traditional and experimental artists to encourage community building that transcends borders."

The 2008 WFSM-LA event comprises 41 events over 16 days at venues across the greater Los Angeles area, including the Getty Center, the Armory Center for the Arts, the Pacific Asia Museum, Museum of Latin American Art, and the Skirball Cultural Center. Mayfield Senior School is the only high school in Los Angeles to host and participate in a performance for the 2008 World Festival of Sacred Music. Since its inception in 1931, Mayfield Senior School has been committed to providing instruction in music and the arts as an integral component of its mission to educate the "whole person," in mind, body, and spirit.

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For more information about the World Festival of Sacred Music and to view details of this event, please visit: <http://www.festivalofsacredmusic.org/0926Mayfield.html>

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It seems to me like more and more teenagers are striving to be like "everyone else". Acceptance within peers is a pretty important in today's youth. I see it all the time at my high school. Kids everywhere are trying their best to "fit in" and have "the look". Most of them are doing everything they can to avoid looking different, unique, "weird", and, most importantly, like themselves.

A friend of mine recently asked me, "What's so great about being different?" What's so great about being different? What's so great about being the same is the question! When you "do your own thing", people take notice and will respect you more. It takes a strong person to be able to branch out from the crowd and say, "this is who I am." How much strength do you have to have in order to be like everyone else? Not much. People admire those that carry themselves with an air of confidence.

What if others think what you're going for isn't "cool"? Things are what you make them out to be. Let's say, you're experimenting with a new wardrobe. If you slump around school acting self-con-

scious, people are going to be able to tell. Others may not react to your new clothes in a positive way if they see you don't feel good about them. On the other hand, if you walk around tall with your head held high, people will see that you don't care what others think. They'll see your confidence and admire your ability to stand out and be unique. More people will respect you by simply being you.

Ever heard the saying "well behaved women rarely make history"? If you want to be known, if you want people to remember you, you've got to stand out. This goes along with applying for colleges, also. Sure, many colleges are looking for the student with the 4.0 GPA, but the grades alone won't get you into the top ranked schools. Colleges are looking for the students that stand out, the ones that are in different clubs. They are looking for the students who are involved in extracurricular activities, sports, and their community. Students who are unique; students who have got something besides just grades going for them. They are looking for those who dare to be different.

PUSD Proposes Police Presence At Middle Schools

By Teresa Baxter

At the previous Pasadena Unified School District board meeting it was recommended that the Governing Board consider a proposal to expand School Resource Officer Services to Washington and Wilson Middle Schools, and this week the agenda called for the adoption of the proposal.

During public comment, a representative for District 1 Councilmember Jacque Robinson spoke on behalf of Robinson, urging the board to delay adoption of the proposal until further parental and public input could be gathered and considered. It was implied that there needed to be more time to evaluate the impact of police presence at a middle school level.

A presentation was given to the board by John Zamora, PUSD director of child welfare, in support of expanding School Resource Officer services. Generally, the purpose of an SRO to integrate into the fabric of a school's administration to provide a link between school age children with their community, as well as provide essential services and referrals to their families.

"We've talked about building relationships early on in the middle school, and explained that hopefully young middle school students matriculating into high school will have formed those positive relationships with police," said Zamora. Pasadena Acting Chief of Police Christopher Vicino commended the partnership that has grown between the school district and the City of Pasadena and spoke in favor of the proposal. He then invited the board members to spend a day with an SRO to witness their daily routines.

"I would like for you to take my invitation to spend a day with a school police officer and watch a student come up and give him a hug and invite him to lunch," said Vicino. "It doesn't have to be scheduled...we can arrange for you to ride with any of the officers on any campus you want. It would be a great experience for you."

During open discussion most of the board members seemed in favor of supporting the proposal, with a focus on student safety. Board member Esteben Lizardo said that Robinson's request for a delay in the adoption needed to be discussed.

"I don't see any issue with trying to expand some of the discussion...at each of the middle schools," he said. "I strongly suspect that the program might be better received and it doesn't necessarily create a

conflict for someone like me who's an avid supporter. It's a suggestion, on my part, that we take up the request by Councilmember Robinson and look at how that would affect our decision making process."

Board member Renatta Cooper chose to issue a statement, rather than participate in the discussion. Cooper was concerned that the board would proceed without honoring Robinson's request.

"What the rush is, I'm not really clear. It is your prerogative to ignore my argument based on my experience with PUSD and the Pasadena police," said Cooper. "But I have seen too many African American young men come into meetings pending expulsions wearing bracelets which indicate they are on probation for their involvement in activities that when I was in school they would not be expelled for."

By the end of the meeting Lizardo motioned to table the proposal until further collaboration with Robinson and the community could be completed, which was seconded by board member Scott Phelps. The board then voted in favor of tabling the proposal until further notice.

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Wall Street Crisis: The Role of the Federal Reserve

By Hail Hamilton

One of the problems with the financial world is that the average American does not understand it. Take for example the popular wisdom about the Wall Street crisis. According to this view: No cog in the federal government's machine of financial regulation let down the country by failing to prevent the latest—and largest—shakeout on Wall Street; the entire system did. In short, most people think the current financial meltdown is the culmination of 28 years of deregulation and lack of oversight. Although true, this view misses an important point.

Nowhere in the avalanche of bad news is the Federal Reserve called to account. Blaming the entire system or the Republicans or the Democrats or lax regulation conveniently ignores the Fed's role in creating excess liquidity out of thin air—trillions of paper dollars backed by nothing in particular. Without the flood of cheap cash the Fed ginned up, credit would have retained a higher cost and been less available. When banks

are awash in cheap paper, they seek to lend it. If there is so much paper that all the credit worthy borrowers have drunk their fill, then banks begin turning over rocks to expose the sub-prime and sub-prime borrowers.

Debt instruments have always been a source of interest revenue, but if the creation of these instruments is based on loans that have little chance of repayment, failure is inevitable in the long run. At this point, the holders of the paper look to the entity that “guarantees” the debt. In the end, it is the “full faith and credit” of the US government to whom they turn. Of course, that government has plenty of “faith,” but their “credit” is insufficient to make good the tsunami of bad paper and worthless debt obligations that are coming due.

What to do about the issue of the Fed's illegitimate and self-destructive role in the debasement of our currency? There truly is nothing much that can be done to stem the tide of default. Certainly printing up even more “money” to bail out the hapless banks and shareholders, as the Bush

administration proposes, will only exacerbate the problem and further debase the already anemic US dollar. And what is enough---\$700 billion—\$1 trillion—or MORE? Neither of the anointed candidates seems to have a clue as to the severity of the crisis, let alone any sort of real plan of action. At this point, the US economy is truly a lurching zombie, mindlessly stumbling from one disaster to another.

The future is not rosy. We look to history to get a peek at the future, and it does not look good. Think depression, or perhaps hyperinflation, or maybe massive deflation, or even stagflation. Without true leadership that faces the problem and pulls the country together to survive the debacle, it will even get worse. But, hey, this is all too depressing. Let's concern ourselves instead with abortion rights, gun control or the phony “war on terror.” Let's blow whatever capital we have left on brainless wars of occupation, military weaponry and desperate “bail-outs” of doomed banking entities. Better still, let's ignore the whole mess and hope for the best. Sounds like a plan to me.



Presidents And Their Children

Rich Johnson

“How could Sarah Palin possibly take on the duties of the Vice President of the United States with 5 children to care for. She obviously hasn't done a snap job as one of them is even pregnant out of wed-lock. The shame of it all.”

Have you heard that one? I have. Does that register on the sexism meter? I mean, Robert Kennedy had 10 children and one on the way when he was a candidate for president, a considerably tougher job than veep. Yet, I don't remember any mention of him abandoning the supervision of that healthy size clan to Ethel.

Well, you know me. I am going to dig deep in my trivia library and count the number of children other presidents have ignored when taking on the duties and obligations of president. Let's charge right in.

George Washington had no children of his own, but he did have 2 stepchildren when he married the Widow Martha Custis. John Adams had 5 children, so he has met the Palin threshold. If it was okay for him to have 5 children and be president, is it sexist to think Palin should stay home with her 5 children? You tell me.

Tom Jefferson had 11 children, 5 of them maybe, with Sally Hemmings. That hits the Bobby Kennedy quotient of 11. Hmmm.

Madison had 1 and Monroe had 3. Manageable. Quincy Adams had 4 and Andrew Jackson had one. Van Buren had 4. Harrison had 10 and Tyler had 15 children. 15. Wow! I guess there was no television in those households. Polk kept it to one and Taylor had 6. Fillmore had 2 and Pierce had 3.

Buchanan had 0. We should check to see whether his presidency was the best run administration. Lincoln had 4 kids. Johnson had 5 and Grant had 4. Hayes had 6 and Garfield had 7. Arthur had 2 and Cleveland had 6. Harrison had 3 and McKinley had 2.

Moving into the twentieth century, Teddy Roosevelt fathered 6 and Taft had 3 swinging in the backyard of the White House. Wilson had 3 and Harding had 2. Coolidge and Hoover had parity, having 2 each, and FDR had 6. All that and the Depression too, not to mention a minor World War. Truman had 1, Eisenhower had 2. Kennedy had 2 as did LBJ. Nixon had 2 and Ford had 4. That makes sense as the Fords slept in the same bed, or so I have heard.

Carter had 4, as did Reagan. Bush Sr. had 6 and Clinton had 1 (well, that we know of). And George Bush had 2 twin daughters.

So let's tally. We had 42 presidents (remember Cleveland was president twice) and we count 156 children. So the average number of children per president was 3.71 which does put Palin on the high side of the average. However, 19 presidents (more than half) have had more than 4 children. Oh, and I forgot, Ms. Palin is running for Vice President.

I just can't help but think how the Democrats would have responded to the Republicans challenging a Democrat female Vice Presidential candidate on how she could run for office with 5 children? The outrage would be on the front page of everywhere. Then again, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

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Stuart Tolchin On...LIFE The News Before It Happens

Events race by so quickly that by the time this weekly newspaper hits the stands my week-old articles seem like they are talking about ancient history. For this reason, combined with the fact that I now have a poster proclaiming HOPE hanging in my window, plus the fact that I have just obtained new glasses which allow me to see into the future, it is now possible for me to give you the news before it happens.

OBAMA RUNAWAY VICTORY IN NATIONAL ELECTION

Barak Obama is the overwhelming choice of All Americans as is demonstrated by his landslide victory on November 4, 2008. Rather than go out of existence the Republican Party has stated that, in the future, the GOP candidate will be selected through a series of American Idol elimination programs. Republican Party spokespeople explain that in this manner a candidate can be selected who will be popular with the American Public and by competing in several programs the candidate will have demonstrated the toughness necessary to rule the nation. The only qualification for selection is that the winning candidate be willing to say whatever he or she is told to say with no requirement of comprehension.. Citing their success with winning candidates like Ronald Regan, Dan Quayle, and George W. Bush, a high placed spokesman said off the record, “It's always better that way. When we have a candidate like Nixon, who actually wants to understand things, he wants to run things and look at all the trouble that caused. Give me incurious, arrogant indifference every time.”

COLLEGE TUITION FREE

In the future college tuition will be free to all attending students who shall agree to participate in specific work programs during summer and vacation programs, which will be rotated throughout the year. A substantial part of these academic curricula will focus on participation in these programs and grades and recommendations will be based on the actual utility of these projects.

INTERNAL REVENUE SYSTEM ABOLISHED

Recognizing that the present tax system based on income places as an unconscionable burden upon almost all but the very rich, it was announced that all income tax is abolished. In its place there shall be a 30% sales tax collected by all sellers. It is hoped that such a tax, based upon consumption, shall close all tax loopholes to actually tax the wealthy, and provide incentives designed to encourage saving.

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS TO BE ELIMINATED

Recognizing that Fast Food restaurants invariably provide high caloric, nutrition-less starchy foods, all fast food restaurants are hereby abolished. An additional reason for the closures is that “Fast Food Restaurants” have been recognized as the root of all evil in that they cause the breakdown of the family as adolescents need not go home to be fed. It is hoped that families will now get together at mealtimes and actually get to know one another.

RESTRUCTURING OF EDUCATION CURRICULA

Recognizing that the present educational system is misguided in its attempt to teach through an archaic and ineffective reading and passive lecture system, it was announced today that a new hands-on learning system will be established. Restless teenagers will no longer be forced to sit indoors; but instead, a new system of learning through doing will be utilized. Students will design, build, create and learn much the way apprentices learned in earlier times.

Okay, there it is the hoped for news of the future. One great benefit has already been realized. I did not explode trying to describe the present plight of our beloved country.

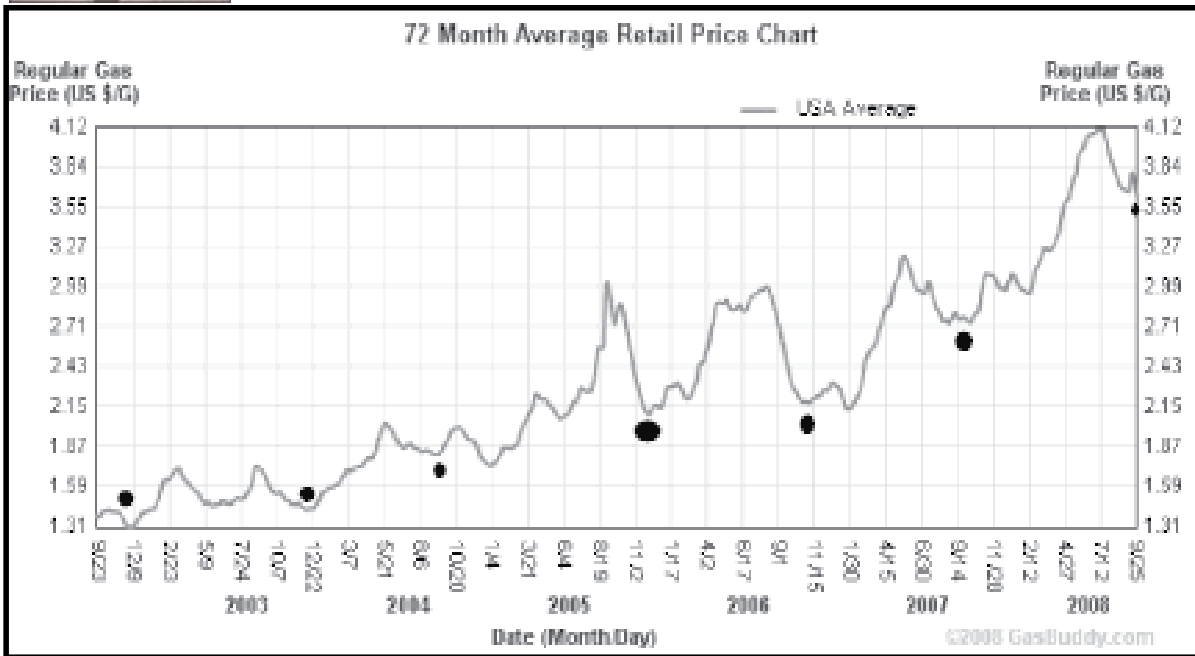
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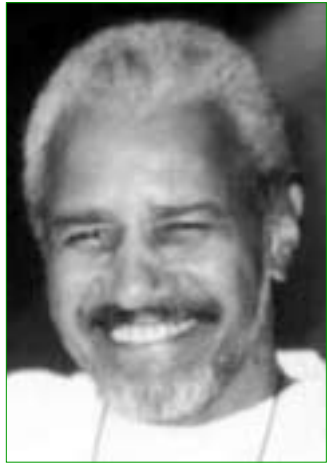
Election Coming Up? Watch Gas Prices Go Down!

Did you ever notice how every year for at least the last six years (and maybe before - but the chart only goes back to 2002), that in late September gas prices start to go down until after the election? I'm not kidding. Just look at the chart below. The black dots indicate the period between September and December.

This is not coincidental. Just after we complete our summer travel with prices through the roof, the cost of petro goes down so we will forget about the other 10 months of the year while we cast our votes. I say that for the 2012 Presidential Elections, that we serve notice on every candidate that if the price of gasoline goes up and down in order to manipulate voters, we will get rid of all of them. By the way, notice how much gas has increased overall since 2002. Absolutely shameful. S. Henderson/MVO



Vice Presidential Choices: Biden or Palin?



Ralph McKnight

Joe Biden

Writing about Joseph Biden, Barack Obama's choice for V.P. running mate, is not an easy chore. His long list of accomplishments is such that the mind is boggled when trying to process the information. I am sorry, in some sense, that I didn't get the opportunity to write about Sarah Palin instead of Joe Biden. Had that been the case I would have had nothing to write about, could have turned in a blank sheet with only her name at the top and I would have been done. But, alas, the touch of the good fairy has, again, eluded me.

Joseph Robinette Biden was born November 20, 1942. He was born to Joseph Robinette Sr. and Catherine Eugenia Finnegan in Scranton Pennsylvania. Joseph Biden Jr. was the first of four siblings. Joe Biden Jr. earned his B.A. from the University of Delaware in Newark and his Juris Doctor from Syracuse University School of Law. Biden subsequently went on to defeat a republican incumbent for the U.S. Senate on November 7, 1972. Biden is now the longest serving Senator in Delaware history. These successes were dashed in importance by the tragic loss of his wife and daughter to an automobile accident that occurred just a few weeks after the election. Biden later married Jill Tracy Jacobs who later became a teacher in Delaware. Biden later suffered a brain aneurysm from which he recovered following an operation and recuperative hospitalization.

During his tenure Joe Biden has cast hundreds of votes on an array of issues some of which include abortion, The Budget and the Economy, Civil Rights, Corporations, Crime, Drugs, Education, Energy and Oil, The Environment, Families and Children, Foreign Policies, Free Trade, Government Reform and on and on and on. His deep and passionate involvement in these issues could, by many standards, qualify him as an expert in much of the legislation he engaged. His knowledge of issues was achieved through hard work, research, conviction and dedication to his legislative responsibilities. Unlike his opponent who thinks, in a sort of primordial fashion, that one need only view another country from a distance to qualify as versant in foreign relations. A sort of "The earth is flat" disposition that prevails among a number of other thorned vagaries of the cognitive dissonance the Republican Party suffers as regards Sarah Palin.

A very brief history of Joe Biden's positions will reveal that he **voted yes** on expanding research to more embryonic stem cell lines, **voted yes** on \$100M to reduce teen pregnancy by education & contraceptives, **voted yes** on prohibiting job discrimination by sexual orientation, **voted yes** on repealing tax subsidies for companies which move U.S. Jobs offshore, **Authored** the Clinton Crime Bill & 100,000 cops on the street, **opposes** teacher led prayer in public schools, **favors** more federal funding for health coverage, **opposes** privatization of Social Security, **opposes** Free Trade, **wants** the U.S. out of Iraq,

Biden is also a long-time member and current chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. In 1997, he became the ranking minority member and chaired the committee from June 2001 through 2003. When Democrats re-assumed control of the Senate following the 2006 elections Biden again assumed the top spot on the committee in 2007. Biden is a long-time member of the U.S. Senate Committee on The Judiciary, which he chaired from 1987 until 1995 and on which he served as ranking minority member from 1981 until 1987 and again from 1995 until 1997. In this capacity, he dealt with issues related to drug policy, crime prevention, and civil liberties.

Joe Biden is the most remarkable and capable V.P. candidate in this country's history and was, in his selection, Barack Obama's most important decision. Unlike his opponent Joe Biden is imminently qualified and prepared to lead this country and give significant counsel to his president if asked.



The Case For Palin



Gregory J. Welborn

The selection of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate is not an insignificant political decision where tokenism and cynical electoral calculation are of little threat. It's about selecting a person who is qualified to serve as President should the principal candidate not survive his (or her) term in office. That's not to say that political calculation hasn't significantly influenced veep selections, but historically those choices have inflicted on us disappointing (at best) and disastrous (at worst) successor presidents. No, this is an important decision, and John McCain has chosen well!

The primary pseudo-analytical reason for questioning Palin's selection is her inexperience. What a laugh that is. Governor Palin could not have stated the contrast better when she explained that the role of Governor was essentially that of a community activist, but with actual responsibility. If "inexperience" disqualifies Governor Palin, then still wet-behind-the-ears Senator Obama should move Biden to the head of the ticket and simply apologize for wasting our time thus far in the campaign by focusing the attention on himself.

Mayor/Governor Palin has managed, in the true leadership sense of that word, the third largest state in our union, which is essential to both our energy independence and our defense (yes! Adventurous Russia's proximity does matter!), and she has done so by successfully taking on the corrupt and insulated community of her own party in Alaska. She didn't just talk a good game – that may have gotten her elected – she had to walk that talk when lots of career politicians were throwing more than darts at her backside. She earned her accolades as an experienced leader with good political instincts and the tenacity to stick to her principles. She is an agent of change. Contrast that with Senator Obama who couldn't even distance himself from the most toxic members of Chicago's corrupt political culture.

The second reason for questioning Palin's selection is actually the more important to those who oppose her and should be more appalling to the average voter in this country. Simply put, Sarah Palin isn't one of the elites who think they have the right to run this country, doesn't pretend to be one of them, and doesn't want to be one of them. I recently received a chain e-mail from a liberal friend of mine (who hasn't figured out yet that I'm conservative) asking who would I rather hire. It chronicles Obama's and Biden's journey through the elite colleges, and of course law schools, implying great accomplishment by virtue of their very presence there, and then contrasts those with McCain's relatively low rank at the U.S. Naval Academy and Sarah Palin's multiple stops at seemingly no-name colleges.

The problem here is that I don't think graduating from an Ivy League institution or practicing law breeds leadership competence as much as it does arrogant condescension. I'll take the common sense wisdom which comes from hard work in the farms and on the main streets of Middle America over the foolishness which comes from the pompous posturing in the salons of Harvard, Yale or other points east. Give me the Milwaukee housewife Golda Meir or the store-owner's daughter Margaret Thatcher over the super-educated Hilary Clinton. They accomplished real things for their countries. Give me the common-man Harry Truman, who resisted the Russian communists, over the aristocratic Franklin Roosevelt, who was snookered by them at Yalta. Give me the sportscaster Ronald Reagan over the nuclear scientist Jimmy Carter in order to actually confront and defeat the Soviet Union, their generation's purveyor of evil in the world. Education is fine, but it doesn't guarantee competence or character. I'll take the latter two in a leader any day of the week.

Governor Sarah Palin is quite frankly one of the most refreshing and honest political leaders to come along in quite some time. She is accomplished in her own right, and she is a committed agent of change. She walks the talk. But the strongest reason for supporting her is the measure she possesses of that all-too-rare quality, wisdom. Degrees, recollection of mountains of data points and self assurance in front of a camera do not give one wisdom. Wisdom is the ability to understand human nature, see the world as it is, not as you want it to be, discern what action needs to be taken and communicate that vision to a nation and its public servants so as to actually accomplish positive and significant change. These are the qualities which years as a mayor, a governor, a wife and mother, and a member of the common class in this great country have instilled in Sarah Palin. They are the reasons that I support her candidacy for the Vice Presidency and, just possibly, for her ascension to the Presidency.

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Other Vice Presidential Candidates:

American Independent Party: Keyes/Drale

Wiley S. Drake - is a California-based pastor who first attracted national attention in the 1990s for protesting Disneyland's first "Gay Day" and for protesting a 2 Live Crew concert as obscene. He also tangled with Buena Park city officials over sheltering the homeless on his church's property. Rev. Drake is also a radio announcer. He was vice president of the national Southern Baptist Convention in 2006. In 2008, former diplomat Alan Keyes, after mounting unsuccessful campaigns for the nominations of the Republican Party and Constitution Party, formed a new third party, called America's Independent Party. In July 2008, the party met in Sacramento, California and selected Rev. Drake as his vice presidential nominee. Source: Wikipedia

Green Party: McKinney/Clemente

Rosa Clemente is a community organizer, journalist and Hip-Hop activist. Born and raised in the South Bronx she is a graduate of the University of Albany and Cornell University. A much sought after commentator, political activist, community organizer and independent reporter, Rosa has been delivering workshops, presentations and commentary for over ten years. Rosa's academic work has been dedicated to researching national liberation struggles inside the United States, with a specific focus on the Young Lords Party and the Black Liberation Army. While a student at SUNY Albany, she was President of the Albany State University Black Alliance (ASUBA) and Director of Multicultural Affairs for the Student Association. At Cornell she was a founding member of La Voz Boriken, a social/political organization dedicated to supporting Puerto Rican political prisoners and the independence of Puerto Rico. She is the running mate of Presidential Candidate Cynthia McKinney. Source: www.gp.org

Libertarian Party: Barr/Root

Wayne Allyn Root is the 2008 Libertarian Party Vice Presidential nominee. He is one half of the high-profile Presidential ticket of BARR/ROOT. Wayne is telegenic, dynamic, charismatic, enthusiastic, fiery, passionate, opinionated, and OUTSPOKEN in his Libertarian beliefs for limited government, lower taxes, dramatically reduced spending and more freedom for the American people.

Wayne is proud of his Las Vegas, Nevada roots. Nevada is a state known for independence, self-reliance, personal responsibility, rugged individualism, more freedom for the individual, smaller government, and anti-tax fervor. Nevada has no state income taxes, no business income taxes, no inheritance taxes and property taxes that are limited by law. Wayne believes the biggest (and best) difference between Las Vegas and D.C. is that in Vegas, the people gamble with their own money- as opposed to Washington D.C. where the politicians gamble with the taxpayers' money.

Wayne's resume is a throwback to our Founding Fathers. He is the quintessential "ANTI-Politician." Source: <http://www.rootforamerica.com>

Peace & Freedom Party: Nader/Gonzalez

Matt Gonzalez was born in McAllen, Texas in 1965. He received a BA degree from Columbia College, Columbia University, 1987, and a JD from Stanford Law School in 1990. He worked as a deputy public defender in San Francisco from 1991-2000. In 2000 he was elected to the 11-member San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which supervises a city with a budget of \$6 billion.

He is best known for having led the effort to implement Instant Run-off Voting, also known as Rank Choice Voting, in San Francisco, where it has been successfully implemented to obtain a majority outcome without the need for costly run-off elections. (It is often promoted as a solution to the "spoiler" claim.) In 2003 Gonzalez was elected president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. This was particularly noteworthy as he was the sole Green Party member. Since leaving office, Gonzalez has been practicing law in San Francisco focused mostly on defending civil rights. Source: www.votenader.org

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LZ MOTORS CO.**, 612 N. LINCOLN AVE. #C, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WEITAO LI, 612 N. LINCOLN AVE. #C, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755.** This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WEITAO LI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/22/08**. 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. 08-1693982

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NICEDAY INN**, 8463 GARVEY AVE., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **VINCENT TONG, PI-O JAN, 3853 E. COLORADO BLV., PASADENA, CA 91107.** This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: VINCENT TONG.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/19/08**. 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. 08-1703826

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NUVO SIGNS**, 354 S. LEMON AVE., WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **5 DIAMOND PROMOTIONS, LLC., 354 S. LEMON AVE., WALNUT, CA 91789.** This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: U. AWAN/CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on SEPT 22, 08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 08-1694540

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **T&S MAINTENANCE**, 21321 E. VENTON ST., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TOMAS RODDA, SONIA RODDA, 21321 E. VENTON ST., COVINA, CA 91724.** This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND and WIFE. Signed: TOMAS RODDA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/19/08**. 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. 08-1633745

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 4th AVE., L.A., CA 90019. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PLACIDO PONCE, SABINAALVILLAR, 1406 6th 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. 1st 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., CA 90035.** 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, 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: NAZO HOKAKIMIAN / 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

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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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FILE NO. 2008-1541257

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **THE SMOKING ASTERIX, 230 N. MARKET ST. #109, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301**. The fictitious business name referred

to above was filed on 07/01/08, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 20081170663. The business was conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: LOAN K. CHU /OWNER.** Publish: MountainViews-Observer Pub. 09/08, 09/15, 09/22, 09/29/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2008-1541724

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STRIKE FORCE SECURITY SERVICES 16140 SATICOY ST., VAN NUYS, CA. 91406**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CRESTLINE MEDIA CORP 92 WEST LAUREL AVE. SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024**. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: NORA BETH CREST**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/18/08. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on AUGUST 26, 2008.

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no alternative but to return home to my roots – I am coming home, Ma. I am returning to the mom and pop restaurant, where mercifully, you only need to spend a single hour's labor for a lunch. Yes, they are still out there, lurking on street corners, back alleys and strip malls, all of which I await to discover. Guess what? I found one that is pretty good, and just in time.

It is located in a strip mall directly across the street from PCC. TT's Seafood is its name and saving you some money is definitely their game. Well, not all of it because let's face it, who cares if you save some money if the meal is a nightmare. For the price of the meals here, which are absurdly economical, the food is superior and far surpasses those few green pictures you must surrender. Good food at some great prices, sign me up; I may not need to take that second out on the house after all. The restaurant is very small and has limited seating. On this visit I ordered the Broiled Salmon (\$8.50); as good as any Salmon that I have had for twice the price, plus they included two sides. Are you kidding me? It makes you want to kiss the owner; I hope she doesn't mind; I hope it is a she. I opted for the Vegetables and Cole Slaw. My daughter wisely choose the breaded Shrimp (\$7.00), accompanied with French fries. We are a happy family, we share and I was exceeding pleased with both dishes. This is a value place and well worth the money. A few months ago I did a story on Fish and Chips and I noted that Fish and Chips are like kissing your sister. Here at TT's the entrée is (\$6.50), are you kidding me? Now that's a bargain! Pucker up, Sis.

For once in a long time I felt a sigh of relief when the bill arrived. After spending money like a California Politician last month, it was a good feeling to have some money left in my wallet. If you enjoy The Sesame Grill Restaurant in Arcadia, you'll love TT's Restaurant. Why? Same owners and they know what they are doing. This is the fourth Restaurant in the same location in the past five years. I really think this one is a keeper and will be sustainable. I guess next year I may just need to travel to Sacramento to help those poor Politicians.

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CARL STRUYCKEN: Leaning Towards the Paleolithic

By Christopher Nyerges

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Carel Struycken has long been interested in the principles in Permaculture not only as it relates to growing fruits and vegetables but also in the perspective he takes on most human activities.

Struycken, who has lived in Pasadena for the past 25 years, is an actor who played Lurch in the Addams Family, as well as roles in Star Trek, Men in Black, Witches of Eastwick, and others. He was born in Holland, and grew up in Curacao in the Caribbean, and moved back to Holland at age 15. We meet on the eve of move to Catalina Island, to discuss his efforts at home food production and permaculture.

He shows me the Bible of Permaculture, Bill Mollison's "Permaculture: A Designers Manual" which details a way in which we can grow food and live with the land in accord with nature's principles. ("Permaculture" is a coined term meaning "permanent agriculture.")

"The whole idea of permaculture is to put in as little work as possible, and allow nature to find its balance," says Strucken, who produced all the vegetables for a family of 5 for many years using these principles.

"I'm also a big fan of Fukuoka, author of 'The One Straw Revolution.' If I had the time, I'd love to go to Japan and work on his natural farm, and work there and learn about his methods," says Struycken.

Both Mollison and Fukuoka are advocates of natural farming, which means planting what is appropriate for the area, tilling as little as possible, letting all the leaves and old plants serve as fertilizer for the new plants, and using natural methods for bug control.

Using permaculture methods, Struycken grew lots of Asian greens, mostly those members of the mustard family that had the highest nutritional value. He grew herbs, tomatoes, yard-long beans, and 14 fruit trees.

His yard is terraced with cement rubble, pieces of old cement walkways that have been neatly stacked to form impressive and long-lasting walls using a material that is normally discarded. He also experimented with raised beds because the soil in his garden area was so bad.

The smaller the plot, the harder it is to practice permaculture methods. Still, Struycken never raked up and discarded leaves. Under his avocado tree, he allowed the leaves to accumulate into a thick layer of mulch. "The layer of avocado leaves is well over a foot thick, and when you look into the bottom of the pile, it is all naturally producing rich soil," he explains.

All the kitchen scraps are recycled in many compost heaps, and he worked at cultivating the earthworms that naturally occurred in his yard so that they would do the tilling that farmers ordinarily do.

He purchased ladybugs years ago since they eat the "bad" insects, and he found that the ladybugs like the fennel plants. So the secret to keeping ladybugs around is to grow fennel, explained Struycken.

Permaculture does not involve raking away leaves or garden scraps, but using them for the

next generation of fertilizer. Although Struycken has tried to produce all of his needed fertilizer from his own back yard, he has found the need to occasionally bring in chicken and horse manure for his crops. "I stopped using the horse manure, though," he says, "since I found that it produced too many weeds."

"I was always amazed that I never had to do anything to my lettuce, and it was always perfect. The ecosystem took care of itself," explained Struycken. He said that though there were many spiders and bugs in the garden, whatever bugs that ate his lettuce got eaten by some other bug. This is one of the basic principles of permaculture – that nature, largely left alone, will find its own balance.

Struycken, who has been in the movie business for about

30 years, wants to do a series of documentaries where he shows sustainable communities throughout the world so that the principles can be preserved for others to learn from.

"The Amish are the most successful sustainable farmers and they are using early 18th Century technologies," he says with a smile.

Struycken pauses to explain the difference between paleolithic and neolithic in order to make a point.

"Humanoids have been around for at least a million years," he explains, "and modern humans have been here maybe 500,000 years. The paleolithics were the hunter/gatherers, and the neolithics were those who were settled in one place and who began agriculture," says Struycken.

"When we settled, we had to make the effort to force ourselves into the new mindset, but our true nature is paleolithic," Struycken explains. He then shares a few comparisons to make his point.

The paleolithics lived in the here and now, they were more primitive by our standards, but they controlled their populations, had fewer taboos and laws, had less possessions, and managed to live on what the forest provided. He cites the Bushmen of the Kalahari as an example.

"Now, when you had agricultural and cow-raising people who lived adjacent to the primitive people, the Bushmen would rarely die of hunger, though the agricultural people would die of hunger. This is because the agricultural people learned to rely on, and expect, much more. When cattle died, due to drought, for example, the agricultural people suffered far more than the Bushmen. The farmers also had to work a lot harder, usually 7 days a week, whereas hunter/gatherers worked maybe 3 days a week."

Struycken cites the Bushmen and many others to illustrate that one of our "problems" is that we are so advanced that we have lost our primal paleolithic nature. Today, systems for gardening, farming, commerce, building, etc., are all essentially neolithic and therefore unsustainable into the future, according to Struycken.

In this sense, Struycken believes that the details of our very survival can be gleaned by looking to the past at the details of sustainable societies. Struycken is optimistic, idealistic, and believes that the solution to our problems is to properly understand the living principles of (so-called) primitive peoples.

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What You Should Know About Online Scams

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What you should know about online scams

Online scammers typically focus their efforts on gathering the sort of information that may appear on a loan application or other financial transactions: names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, credit card and bank account numbers--as well as passwords and personal identification numbers (PINs). Thieves use this information to create fraudulent accounts for their own use and then go on spending sprees that end up on your credit report.

One of the most popular ways by which thieves steal personal information is through a scam called phishing. A phishing scam begins with an e-mail to potential victims that appears to come from a legitimate business, such as a bank or software company. The message asks you to submit credit card information, Social Security numbers, bank account information or other personal data under a false pretense. This pretense is often a moneymaking opportunity, but it might also be a seemingly routine request to verify personal information. The scammer's e-mail may even include a link to a legitimate-looking Web site to capture this information.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, an estimated 9 million

Americans have their identities stolen each year, and about a third of all reported victims of identity theft are teenagers. They make attractive targets because they have good credit, seldom carry much debt and may be less savvy about keeping their personal information secure.

Signs of a scam

- You don't know the person who has sent you the message.
- You are promised large sums of money for little or no effort on your part.
- The request contains a sense of urgency.
- The sender repeatedly requests confidentiality.
- You're asked to provide money up front for a processing fee or to pay the cost of expediting the process.
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- The scammer offers to send you copies of banking information or other evidence to prove his or her activity is legitimate--but this evidence is easily faked.

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SOLAR WIND AT 50-YEAR LOW

With Bob Eklund

Data from the Ulysses spacecraft, a joint NASA/European Space Agency mission, show that the sun has reduced its output of solar wind to the lowest levels since accurate readings became available. The sun's current state could reduce the natural shielding that envelops our solar system.

"The sun's million-mile-per-hour solar wind inflates a protective bubble, or heliosphere, around the solar system. It influences how things work here on Earth and even out at the boundary of our solar system where it meets the galaxy," said Dave McComas, Ulysses' solar wind instrument principal investigator and senior executive director at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas. "Ulysses data indicate the solar wind's global pressure is the lowest we have seen since the beginning of the space age."

The solar-wind plasma is a stream of charged particles ejected from the sun's upper atmosphere. The solar wind interacts with every planet in our solar system. It also defines the border between our solar system and interstellar space.

This border, called the heliopause, is a bubble-shaped boundary surrounding our solar system where the solar wind's strength is no longer great enough to push back the wind of other stars. It marks the outer limit of the heliosphere, acting as a shield for our solar system and warding off a significant portion of the cosmic rays outside the galaxy.

"Galactic cosmic rays carry with them radiation from other parts of our galaxy," says Ed Smith, NASA's Ulysses project scientist at JPL. "With the solar wind at an all-time low, there is an excellent chance the heliosphere will diminish in size and strength. If that occurs, more galactic cosmic rays will make it into the inner part of our solar system."

"The sun cycles between periods of great activity and lesser activity," Smith adds. "Right now, we are in a period of minimal activity that has stretched on longer than anyone anticipated."

MEANWHILE, THE MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY is reporting an unusual lack of

sunspots. No spots at all were observed visually at the 150-foot solar tower from July 19 to September 22, when a very small sunspot group finally showed up. The new spot-group has a magnetic polarity opposite to that of the spots seen previously, indicating that a new 11-year activity cycle has begun.

Sunspots—dark areas on the sun that are cooler than the rest of the solar surface and contain intense magnetic fields—have been observed ever since Galileo first looked at them with a telescope in 1611. Spots continued to be noted by 17th-century astronomers until 1645, after which practically no spots were seen until normal solar activity finally returned in 1715. This 70-year period is known as the "Maunder Minimum," and it coincides with a period of reduced temperatures on Earth known as the "Little Ice Age."

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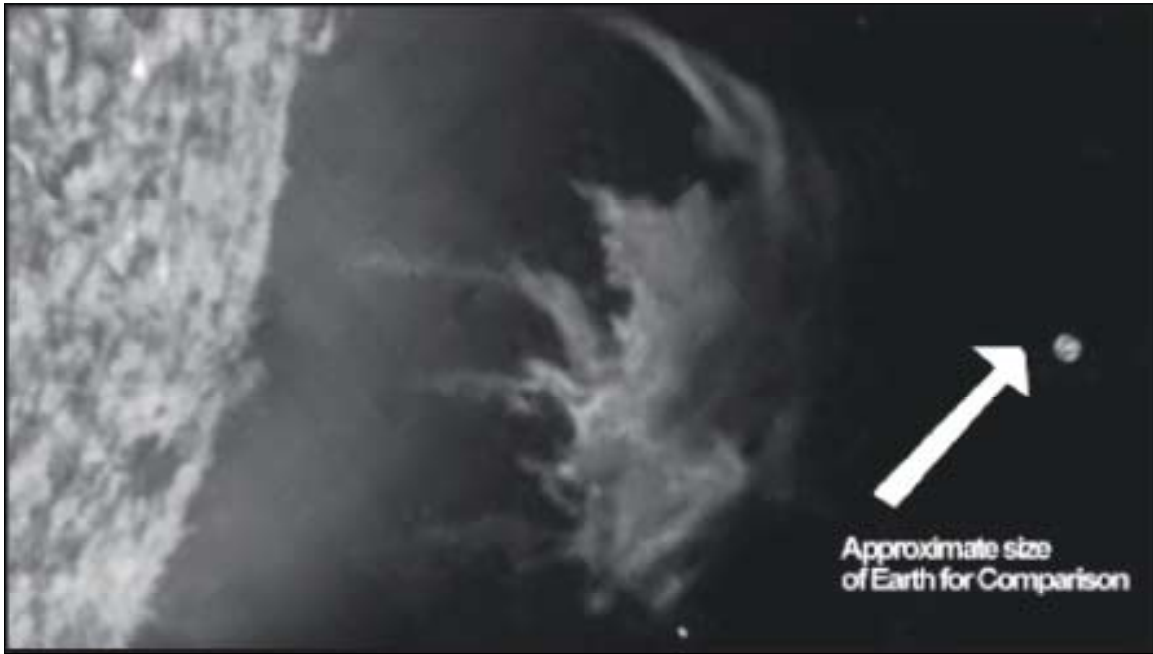
"ALIEN VOLCANOES" is the title of a free public lecture being presented by the Mount Wilson Observatory Association at the Altadena Public Library, 600 E. Mariposa St. in Altadena, this Sunday, September 28, at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Rosaly Lopes, a principal scientist at JPL, will speak on volcanism as observed in various parts of the Solar System, especially on Jupiter's moon Io. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served before the talk beginning at 2:00 p.m.

If you'd like to learn more, you can contact Bob at beklund@mvobserver.com

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From the Inside Out:
Lightening Your Liver's Load

By Mary Carney

To Live: (verb) To be alive, to maintain oneself, to be located or stored; to pass through or spend the duration of; to be absorbed by or involved with.

Liver: (noun) from live. One who lives. The liver, our central processor of fats, the central body filterer of all blood, the storage location of glycogen (sugars) that are converted into certain kinds of energies when required; a determiner of an individual's temper, grayish reddish-brown color.

To Live: to engage in living with zest and enthusiasm, or maybe to just "get by" energetically. Some of us think we "live" with our hearts - considered by some to be the storage place of the spirit. Yet sometimes our zest for living, our spirit, just doesn't have any "oomph", and wed prefer to hide under the covers and make the world go away.

That "gotta hibernate" feeling may be because our liver is "out of sorts". Since the liver is also considered, by some, to be the "Seat of Self", the center of our "Self Identity" and even the "General of the Army", an out-of-balance liver can indeed result in us feeling really "down"!

When I look at liver health from an energetic point of view, I begin by knowing I'm one of those energetically designed to be "self-directed", and who gets impacted by others who just have to tell me what to do. It's a life lesson for me to learn how to keep gracefully on track when my nearest and dearest decides that I (we) need to do my project "his" way ... So, when I'm feeling out of sorts, I check to see how much resentment and anger have I built up from not figuring out yet how to do things the way I "know" they need to be done.

But that's not the only source of liver imbalance. One of the biggest is overdoing something in our diets. We all know the pancreas and sugar have a relationship, and when things are long-term out of balance we can develop diabetes.

Well, one of the liver's special tasks is dealing with fats. Specifically, it produces bile, which is stored in the gall bladder, which gets added to digestive process as foods move from the stomach towards the small intestine through the duodenum. In that short 6" tunnel, the bile begins breaking up the fats and oils from globules into tiny particles for future conversion into glycogen for storage in the liver.

So, what happens if there's more fat than bile?

The liver winds up storing fats, as well as glycogen, in its storage areas. This extra burden of fat slows down the liver's ability to do its job. When there's a "fatty liver", things really begin getting out of whack. The slower the liver goes, the more fat gets deposited into the liver until it "can't move", which is called cirrhosis. Too much cirrhosis and boom - a dead liver, which means we don't live much longer, either.

Me? While I never did much dairy, I've very much enjoyed cheeses - especially fresh baked Philadelphia Cream Cheesecake, mmm. Since arriving in California 26 years ago, I began using butter because I worked for an environmental nutritionist who was adamantly against all forms of hydrogenated fats and oils. Of course I also used olive oil, as well as other healthy oils. But since last winter, after some blood tests showed some unsettling liver enzyme levels, and then when I found out I was allergic to both gluten and bovine dairy, my consumption of all dairy, as well as gluten grains, chocolate and sugars pretty much dropped off the charts. I know our livers can regenerate, rebuild and repair themselves, almost faster than any other organ in the body. All we have to do is nutritionally support them to do so.

Since I eliminated most of the fats and glutens, I thought I'd share that most of my aches and pains are totally gone, and, during the recent "sister" get-together to honor my one sister's "big" birthday, we went zip-lining, rock wall climbing, and finished up with playing some Wii exercise games. I'm happy to report that according to Wii, I'm only 37 years old ... to go from being the "matriarch" (ugh!) to the youngest is pretty great! I keep telling you, it's all a job from the inside out ...

So, let's hope your blood tests all come back showing your liver enzyme levels totally balanced, if they're "out of whack", it may be time to look at a liver cleansing diet. One of my favorites is The Liver Cleansing Diet, by Sandra Cabot, M.D., website www.liverdoctor.com. If you're willing to dedicate a couple months to supporting your liver in regaining its ability to take care of you, the detailed information she offers is an excellent place to start.



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The Senior

By Bruce Lamarche

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Keep Your Brain Fit!

Maria walks two miles every day and then heads off to a class at the local college. Sam swims laps at the fitness club three times a week and studies a foreign language online in the comfort of his own home. Charles has a daily ritual of reading the morning paper as well as favorite books and magazines. He also works out in his small home gym.

What do all these seniors have in common? They're concerned about maintaining their mental capabilities and keeping their brain circuitry in good working order. At the same time, they're maintaining their physical health. Mental health is directly affected by physical fitness. Good blood circulation is needed for brain function!

Most of us are aware that good health practices can make a difference in our general health and longevity. Research over the years has shown that eating right, maintaining appropriate weight, exercising regularly, and avoiding tobacco can enhance our physical fitness. Spending time with family and friends, reducing stress, and seeing the doctor regularly, also add to one's sense of well-being.

Did you know that your exercise routine can also boost your brain health?

Researchers at the University of Illinois found a significant relationship between physical activity and maintenance of brain function as we age. One finding was that persons over age 65 were less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease if they exercised up to 30 minutes three times a week. The same researchers found better performance on cognitive tests and higher levels of cerebral blood flow in those over-62-year-olds who exercised or continued working as compared to less active retirees. The idea that the brain automatically deteriorates as we get older is not accurate! Instead, under the influence of exercise, brain connectivity is maximized and actually enhanced.

Mental exercises? It's not just physical exercise that keeps the brain going strong. Some studies suggest

that mental exercises such as reading, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and solving numbers problems may have a protective effect. But it might take more than that.

Dr. Lawrence Katz, Professor of Neurobiology at Duke University Medical School, and co-author of the book, Keep Your Brain Alive, thinks we should really challenge the brain by doing exercises called 'neurobics'. Because we have a tendency to do things the same way, some brain pathways are under-used, but if we use one or more senses differently, or do a routine activity in an out-of-the-ordinary way, we promote new connections in the brain. Some of these 'neurobics' include:

Use your nondominant hand to brush your teeth, comb your hair, or get dressed.

Read a paragraph of the newspaper upside down.

Learn another language, or at least some useful phrases.

Memorize your grocery list instead of depending on a written one.

Drive a different route to work or the mall.

Take a short trip to somewhere you've never been before. Explore. If you have not been to a museum or the Huntington Library in the last few years, go!

Check out a non-credit course at your Community College. For \$30, or so, you can stimulate your brain on something that you've always been curious about.

Attend free lecture series at various universities. Check out Cal-Tech for some very interesting topics.

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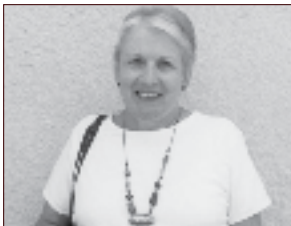
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By Pat Birdsall

My cat Visa is a flame-point Siamese mix that I rescued along with a few others-- many of them feral-- from an area in Temple City that I can only describe as an armpit. Cats were discarded as readily as the trash—Visa was so tiny and so sick that she didn't have the energy to run from me. I was able to scoop her up and put her in a cat carrier. Now what do I do with her? It was 7:30 PM and my veterinarian's office was closed. The only option I had, I thought, was to take her to a local emergency pet clinic. She had tests, medication, and spent the night. The next morning I picked her up at the crack of dawn... okay, so it was 7:00 AM. The receptionist told me the amount I owed for the care and feeding of this tiny ball of white fluff-- Holy smoke! I didn't have enough cash, nor would Donald Trump, quite frankly, so I had to whip out a credit card. It was my VISA card... hence, her name.

That was in November of 2000, fast forward to today... I had noticed that Visa was acting strangely, which for a cat can sometimes be the norm. She kept trying to hide and then I noticed that she was drooling and pawing at her mouth. Not good. It was lunchtime and I knew the vet would be closed until 2:00 PM. Plenty of time to change my clothes and get her into a carrier. What on earth was I thinking? I had the sense to know not to make ANY noise, let her see, or even guess that the cat carrier was within a five mile radius of our house. Then, I committed a major faux pas. She was under my bed, so I closed the bedroom door. I never close the bedroom door-- what in the hell was I thinking? I must have moved my bed back and forth, forth and back 10 times...of course she always eluded "capture." I finally decided to be blasé...I took a shower, dressed and put on my face, acting like 'catching' her was the last thing on my mind. It worked! She entered the bathroom; I closed the door, picked her up and hung on to her for dear life until I got her into the carrier. Voila! So much for the shower-- I was in urgent need of deodorant reapplication. (I think they need to bring back the Five Day Deodorant Pads, at least I would have been covered for a few more days.) Next, I had to scrape Visa's short white fur from my lips and the rest of my face. If it was closer to Christmas I could have rented myself out as a rather effeminate Santa Claus. But I digress... "The trip to the Vet" (Next week)

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

<p>FYI:</p> <p>Recognizing a Stroke (A reminder from Joan Spears)</p> <p>A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions that begin with the first 3 letters of the word STROKE. S - Ask the individual to SMILE. T - Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (coherently). R - Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks call 911 immediately. Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked,' if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.</p>	<p> Recipe of the Month:</p> <p>Spicy Chicken Pasta- One Pot Dinner for One</p> <p>Coarse salt</p> <p>½ cup penne rigate (ridged) or other short pasta</p> <p>1 boneless, skinless chicken breast half, cut into 1-inch chunks</p> <p>1 plum tomato, seeded and diced</p> <p>2 Tbs tomato paste</p> <p>2 garlic cloves, minced</p> <p>1 Tbs extra-virgin olive oil</p> <p>¼ tsp red-pepper flakes</p> <p>3 cups baby spinach (3 ounces)</p> <p>1 Tbs fresh lemon juice</p>
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By Chris Bertrand

Hidden away in Sierra Madre: One spectacular garden, two homes

Marie Springer has poured her heart and soul into the garden at their Sierra Madre home. Last year, I did an article about the garden itself, which rose from dirt and weeds about seven years ago when Springer took on gardening as a new habit, passion and lifestyle.

She learned to first to improve the soil then she planted many of the fruit trees from the seeds of fruits her family deemed the most delicious, both familiar and exotic. She haunted the aisles of Home Depot regularly, availing herself of the expertise of the certified specialists at the Monrovia store, applying it fervently to create this serene haven, hidden from the street.

Beautiful golden gates open to a long driveway, leading to both homes, yet neither is visible from the street. Winding pathways lead around and through the 18,000 square feet of cool shaded landscape to a meditation area, the orchard, the pool, an arbor, RV parking and, yes, a chicken coop. Even the driveway is stamped with Springer's plant design.

Now the owners have decided to retire to Marie Springer's native Costa Rica, and hope they'll find a buyer who will treasure the garden as much as they do. The family remodeled and expanded the original 1946 home in 2005 to accommodate two separate families.

The single level, main home offers 1960 square foot with four bedrooms and two baths, a magnificent full wall fireplace in the living room and a formal dining room. The second, newer 1500 square foot home includes two second floor bedrooms and a full bath. You'll find high end stainless steel appliances, Brazilian hardwood flooring, slab granite, travertine and gorgeous wrought iron work in the home. A two car garage is attached to the newer home.

Both homes open to the beautiful secluded pool, surrounded by more of Springer's garden inspiration and perspiration. Each home still retains a more private area for each family screened by trees. Pride of ownership is clear as you see Springer carefully tending her landscape nearly every morning.

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Realty Co. According to Semcken, the “green” design of the stadium will cost nearly a billion dollars less than the Dallas Cowboys recently completed stadium, and the privately financed project is centrally located in an area that offers the NFL 15 million potential customers. The nearly 600-acre project site will feature a 75,000 seat stadium with 175 suites, 1.5 million sq. ft. of office buildings and more than 800,000 sq. ft. of retail, a 5,000 seat live theater, a satellite NFL Hall of Fame, and 25,000 parking spaces. Semcken reported

that they anticipate having all building approvals by the end of the year, and hope to have an NFL team in place (playing in a temporary location such as the Rose Bowl or Coliseum) shortly thereafter. The project, expected to be completed in 2012, is expected to generate nearly 12,000 jobs during construction, and more than 6,700 jobs on a continuing basis. According to Semcken, one Super Bowl alone could benefit the area to the tune of \$300 million dollars in just one week.

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Saturday, October 4, 2008

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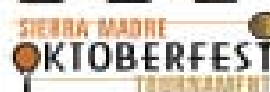
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Please return registration forms to the Community Recreation Center or City Hall no later than Monday, September 22, 2008. For additional information call 626-355-5278.



Registration Form



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