

Safety Precaution: Sierra Madre To Tow Vehicles On High Alert Days

By Dean Lee

In anticipation of this year's rainy season the city council unanimously approved Tuesday night restrictions on parking in the canyons, which includes towing cars, on yellow and red flag alert days.

The affected streets are: Mount Wilson Trail, Churchill Rd., Skyland Dr., Fern Glen, Fern Dr., Idlehour Ln., Canyon Crest Dr., Orange Dr., Woodland Dr., Brookside Lane, Sunnyside Lane, Yucca Trail, and Holly Trail.

The move came as part of a new city evacuation campaign, "Ready Set Go" a part of which sets up the green, yellow and red flag system.

"A yellow flag is put up when there is a phase two alert," Police Chief Marilyn Diaz explained. "When it's predicted that a light localized forecast of small isolated debris flow may happen."

She continued, "Red flags can go up for a phase two or three —phase two means there is a moderate level of debris or mudflow expected in a widespread area. And a phase three, the most serious, is the significant potential debris or mudflow over a widespread and specific area."

Diaz also said that a green flag is when weather forecast predicts 80 percent to 100 percent precipitation in the local area. She also said the warning is activated in conjunction with the Los Angeles County alert system.

Councilmember Joe Mosca first raised concerns over how residents would be notified of the system.

"We'll be producing a monthly mud newsletter that will be mail to everyone," City Manager Elaine Aguilar explained. "As the chief mentioned we have an e-blast system... we are also putting notices in the local paper. We're also notifying through neighborhood watch, we will be having additional community meetings, every way we can think of to get the word out."

Aguilar encouraged everyone to sign up for the e-blast, by giving the city an email, through the city's website: cityofsierramadre.com. She said residents would then be sent the e-blast notification on important events in the city.

She also said police will be placing notices on cars in the affected areas on days before the towing.

Mosca then asked if the city was at risk by allowing residents to stay during what are called "mandatory" evacuations, while having the ability to take residents vehicles.

"Are we getting ourselves into any legal issue... we can't force them to leave their home?" He asked later saying "when they do decide to leave [if] their car is gone [thus] putting them in a dangerous situation."

City Attorney Sandra Levin said the city's obligation was to protect the community as a whole, although she suggested using Mosca's arguments to show the danger in both saying in a home after an evacuation and leaving a car on the street blocking emergency vehicles. She suggested putting it in the mud newsletter.

"People need to understand that they have an obligation, both to themselves, to protect themselves, and get out of harms way, because we can't be in the position of trying to rescue everyone," Levin said, adding that residents also have that obligation to the community as a whole.

Councilmember John Buchanan asked if a physical flag needed to be raised before cars are towed, something Aguilar said they might not have time to do.

"If we get a freak storm like we did in May, we won't have time to post any flags," she said. "We are going to do it if we can."

Aguilar said flag were symbolic of the alert, but not necessary for enforcement. Levin said the flag status would always be posted on the city's website. Levin also said there would be permanent signs "no parking on yellow and red flag days," in the areas. Diaz also said they would put up electronic messaging signs visible to people entering the canyons.

The potential for debris flows resulted after the Santa Anita fire in April left the hills above the city barren. Aguilar said the debris flows in May, caused by the fire, that affected Marlborough Terrace and the lower canyon, were created by only .5 inch of rain.

Welcome Dickson Podley



Bill Podley, with scissors, joins Judy Webb-Martin (center) in the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony at Friday night's Open House officially welcoming Webb-Martin Realtors as a Dickson-Podley Company. Also pictured are members of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Webb-Martin/Dickson Podley staff members, and City Council member John Buchanan. Photo By Bill Coburn

Sierra Madre Police Officers Association Files Suit Against City

After the city council upheld the actions of Police Chief Marilyn Diaz regarding hours of work for Dispatchers and Patrol Officers, the Sierra Madre Police Officers Association filed a lawsuit on October 8, 2008.

Represented by the law firm of Lackie, Dammeir and McGill, APC, This is the same firm that represented the Association during contract negotiations in the past.

The lawsuit alleges, among other things, that the city and Chief Diaz in particular, did not have the authority to change the hours earlier this year. The changes were made, as reported in a previous edition of this paper, in an effort

to have the department operate more efficiently and address budget challenges facing the department.

Diaz changed the hours of dispatchers and patrol officers from three 12 hour days to 5 eight hour days, in an effort to reduce overtime and enhance officer performance without the excessive use of sick time.

The Association contends that the Chief did not have the authority to do so based upon the agreement reached by the city in December, 2007.

Currently, the case is scheduled for a case management conference on March 9, 2009.

Chamber Chili Cook Off A Zero-Waste Event



MVO Publisher Susan Henderson won 3rd Place in the Chamber's Chili Cook Off this week. The event was also an environmental hit. All utensils, dishes and cups were made of zero waste products from corn & sugar cane courtesy of Waste Less Living (www.wastelessliving.com).

Photo By Dean Lee

Controversial Sierra Madre Downtown Overlay Zone Revisited

By Dean Lee

After a rather mellow 40 minute discussion Tuesday night that included the embattled Measure V passed by voters last year and the now defunct Downtown Specific Plan, the Sierra Madre City Council decided that the Planning Commission should once again review the Downtown Overlay Zone to see if its original intent is still valid.

The Downtown Overlay Zone, adopted as an emergency ordinance in 2005, was established as a guide for types of business permitted in the downtown area until the DSP was completed. The intent was to direct and limit what businesses could be built at both the Howie's (Taylor's) Market site and the vacated Skilled Nursing Center.

The overlay zone came under fire from local business owners and the Chamber of Commerce, who say it is costly and unnecessary. It prohibits some existing business owners from moving their shops to other locations in the downtown area, they said.

Others, such as Councilmember Don Watts, said it could be used to attract certain types of businesses, thus generating more tax money for the cash strapped city.

Councilmember John Buchanan suggested a few other ideas.

"Perhaps distinguishing

between construction and existing business, so if someone wants to move to an existing building and it's a permitted use, why somebody should pay \$3,000 for that privilege may not make a lot of sense," he said. "However, if someone wants to build a brand new building to house them, then that's a whole other review process."

Buchanan went on to suggest a more limited Conditional Use Permit process for interior remodels than that which would apply to underdeveloped parcels of land, such as Howie's and the Skilled Nursing Center.

He also suggested they go back and look at some of the community input from the 2005 Downtown Specific Plan Study Sessions. Mayor Kurt Zimmerman said he was a little nervous when he hears "vision plan" and "Downtown Specific Plan administrative review." Zimmerman was an outspoken proponent for Measure V, opposing the DSP.

Ron Brandley, President of the Chamber of Commerce and a former Planning Commissioner, said they should scrap the whole thing because of the failed DSP.

"I happened to be on the Planning Commission when we did this overlay," he said. "I think that if you were to go back to the planning commissioners that voted for this, they would be against it now."

Brandley agreed with others that said the (cont. page 3)

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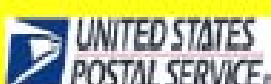
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

Author's Night

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.

Bargain Book Sale

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library during the Library's public open hours. Featured subjects will include Fiction, Nature, Biographies, The Old West, Children's and Specialty books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00.

Monday October 20 through Saturday, October 25

Community Social

Learn about the City of Sierra Madre Departments and local community groups this Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Sierra Madre Library. This is a great opportunity to gather information about local community groups. The event will begin at 10:00am and run through 12:00pm. For more information call 626-355-5278.

Halloween Happenings

Downtown Window Painting

Applications for the Sierra Madre Downtown Window Painting are due on Monday, October 20, 2008. Applications can be picked up from the Community Services Office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information call 626-355-5278.

COLOSSAL RUMMAGE SALE

The semi-annual rummage sale, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, of the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, will be held Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, at the church.

The church is located at 695 West Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Profits from this sale will be used to support the many ministries, local and nationwide, that the United Methodist Women sponsor.

Sale items will include adult clothing/shoes, craft stuff, children's clothing/toys/shoes, bathroom accessories, household items, books holiday fare, and much more.

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				8 Arts Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 pm		
				15 Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Council Chambers 7:00 pm	11 Poetry Reading at the Library, 3:00 pm	
				16 Third Thursday Book Club, Library, 11:00 am Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 7:00 pm	18	
19	20 Community Services Commission Meeting Council Chambers 6:00 pm	21 Author Night at the Library, 7:00 pm	22 Library Board of Trustees Meeting City Hall Conference Room, 7:00 pm	<div>Halloween is on Friday the 31st! Trick-or-Treat in the Business District!</div> 		
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Five Kilo Youth Run

Get out and get active! The Pasadena Marathon is sponsoring a 5K run on November 16, 2008. Training runs for this race will be held at Sierra Vista Park in front of the Youth Activity Center. Training runs will start this Sunday at 4:00pm.



Silent Cinema For All Ages

This October, offerings for our Sunday Silent film night will be three comedic short films. The first is a film from the famed duo of Laurel and Hardy called "Two Tars". Stan and Oliver play two sailors on leave and have, again, managed to get into another fine mess involving a 1928 version of a traffic jam. The roads were hazardous even then! The Buster Keaton classics "The Boat" (1921), features a handmade boat that is too large to be removed from the cellar where it was built and "The Blacksmith" (1922) which chronicles the demise of a new Rolls-Royce and the ruin of the blacksmith's business.

The films will be run on October 26 at 6:30 PM at the Sierra Madre Masonic Temple, 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre. Again, we are fortunate to have the incomparable Bob Mitchell play the Wurlitzer organ to accompany these three silent classics. Mr. Mitchell will celebrate his 96th birthday two weeks before this performance.

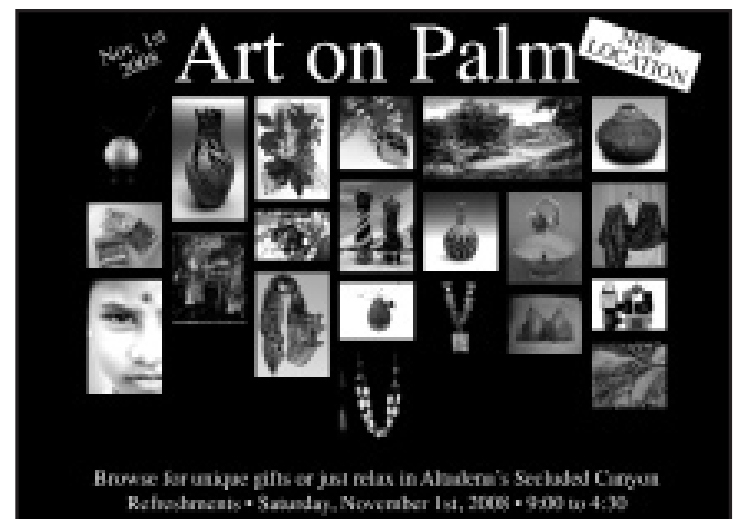
The tickets are a \$20 donation. Tickets will be available at Savor the Flavor, Kersting Court and Arnold's Hardware on Sierra Madre Blvd. or call (626) 355-8129. All proceeds go towards the publication of the new history of Sierra Madre, a project soon to be completed by the Society.

Popcorn and beverages will be provided by the Society. Please call (626) 355-8129 if you have questions.

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The Annual St. Elizabeth Parish Fiesta will be held October 24-25 at 1879 North Lake Avenue in Altadena (corner of Woodbury and Lake). This years Fiesta will have international cuisine, games, a talent show, a beer garden, a cake walk, live entertainment, a raffle, and much more. This is a great event for the whole family! The hours will be 2pm-10pm Saturday October 25 and 12pm-8pm Sunday October 26. For more information please call 626-797-1167

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HEAL THE BAY FOUNDER DOROTHY GREEN

Dorothy Green, a California environmental activist best known as the founder of the influential water-quality group Heal the Bay, passed away at her home Monday in Los Angeles after a long battle with melanoma. She was 79 years old.

A onetime stay-at-home mom, Green would later embark on a journey of hands-on activism and self education, becoming one of the state's most respected authorities on water quality issues. Spurred by the social disruptions of the early 1970s, she would serve as a mentor to generations of volunteers, scientists and public policy makers throughout her life.

Initially gathering a few concerned colleagues in her living room in 1985, Green grew Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay into one of the state's most powerful environmental organizations. The science-driven group now has some 15,000 members and wields considerable influence on water-quality issues throughout the state.

Under her watch, the organization's first major victory was successfully advocating for the upgrade of Los Angeles Hyperion and Carson sewage treatment plants to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. The group also devised the trademarked Beach Report Card, which provides water quality grades to the general public for more than 500 beaches statewide.

Green would later help found the California Water Impact Network, a nonprofit group that advocates for the equitable and environmentally sensitive use of all the state's water resources. She also helped establish the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and remained its president emeriti for the rest her life.

Dorothy Green was simply the most influential water quality activist in California for the last 30 years, said Mark Gold, her protégé and current president of Heal the Bay. What made Dorothy most extraordinary was her ability to attract talented volunteers of all skills and turn them into tireless activists who feel privileged to protect the environment.

Green's zealous determination and innate intelligence, coupled with a warm personality, enabled her to build consensus among diverse stakeholders. Her genuine manner defused confrontation and won her admiration and respect from all interested parties on sensitive environmental issues. Behind the scenes always supporting her was her husband, Jack Green, who died in 2005.

Born in 1929 in Detroit, Green came to California to enroll at UCLA as a music



Dorothy Green and Heal the Bay President, Mark Gold, at his 20th Anniversary celebration in July 2008. Determined leader scored clean-water victories by inspiring collaboration, volunteerism.

major and played the cello in the school orchestra. She would later start a family and enjoy life raising three children.

She became swept up in the activism of the early 1970s, beginning her career as a water quality advocate in 1972 by working on the campaign to pass Proposition 20, the ballot initiative that established the California Coastal Commission. She then became president of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, which marked her introduction to the issues surrounding sewage treatment and its disposal.

She also served as a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power commissioner for three and a half years, and chaired the most important water policy conference in the state, the California Water Policy (POWER) Conference, for the past 17 years.

The U.S. government honored Green's three decades of leadership in 2006, bestowing her with the prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award. In the fall of 2007, the University of California Press published her book Managing Water: Avoiding Crisis in California.

Green is survived by three sons, Joshua, Avrom and Herschel, and three granddaughters, Jessica, Katherine and Tara.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the California Water Impact Network, the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council or Heal the Bay

Information and Photo provided by Heal The Bay

San Gabriel
San Gabriel Post Office To Be Named
For Former Mayor Chi Mui

Post Office May be First in the Nation Named After Chinese-American

This week, Rep. Adam Schiff announced that the San Gabriel Post Office will be named after former San Gabriel Mayor, Chi Mui at a dedication ceremony at the post office on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Rep. Schiff authored the legislation (H.R. 5477) to pay tribute to former Mayor Mui by naming the post office after him, and it was signed into law by the President in August. A search by the Congressional Research Service indicates this may be the first post office in the nation named for a Chinese American.

"Chi Mui was a well-respected and dedicated leader in San Gabriel and I am excited to take part in this dedication ceremony," said Schiff. "October 25th will be a proud day for former Mayor Mui's family and the entire San Gabriel community."

Who: Rep. Schiff, former Mayor Mui's wife Betty, and other community leaders.

What: Dedication Ceremony naming the Post Office after from Mayor Chi Mui

When: Saturday, October 25, from 10:00-11:30am

Where: San Gabriel Post Office -- 120 S Del Mar Ave.

Mayor Mui spent a lifetime bettering his community as a volunteer and public servant. Mayor Mui passed away on April 27, 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. The bill was cosponsored by nearly every member of the California House Delegation.

SM Chamber Endorses Measure TT

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, after polling its members, has announced that it will endorse Measure TT, the Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre School Improvement Bond. Measure TT is a proposed \$350 million bond that the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) placed on the November 2008 ballot. It will make the district eligible for an additional \$115 million in funding from outside sources, bringing the total allocation of Measure TT related funds for PUSD schools to \$465 million.

According to the PUSD, funds will be used first to improve safety and health concerns, i.e., seismic and code upgrades, etc. Second use of funds will

be for facilities upgrades such as repairing leaky roofs and fixing plumbing. Third priority use of funds will be for program equity, such as building or upgrading science and computer labs. Fourth priority will be for other modernizations such as improved efficiency in energy use, refurbishing recreation areas, etc.

At its September Board meeting, the Chamber Board voted to make information about Measure TT available to its members, and to poll them as to whether or not the Chamber should endorse it. The members voted to endorse the measure. For more information about the measure, visit the school district's Measure TT web pages at www.pusd.us/tt.

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overlay zone was predicated on the DSP. "We were moving towards a direction of providing something for the downtown and then, of course, it never saw the light of day." He said. "This emergency ordinance stayed in its place and we've heard a couple of horror stories already."

Brandley also clarified why the Planning Commission had excluded hair salons and barbershops, something that had puzzled the council earlier.

"If I remember correctly, we specifically prohibited hair salons and barbershops because generally they do not provide any kind of sales tax," he said. The council had just amended the overlay zone to allow hair and nail salons after a number of complaints.

There were also a number of missed opportunities, such as

putting in wine bars, Brandley said, adding that wine bars generate sales tax and have become somewhat popular.

A number of residents also came out to support Highlander Liquor. It was said that the store had stopped selling alcohol for a short time and could now not get a license because of the overlay zone.

Brandley also suggested that they let the guidelines of Measure V dictate what goes into the downtown. "To try to itemize every business that we want in this community, it doesn't work because you're going to miss one," he said. "You missed the wine bar because, five years ago, wine bars weren't such a big deal."

Measure V set downtown development limits to two stories, 30 feet, and 13 units per acre. Watts cautioned that it's important to remember that

Measure V was about building parameters and the overlay zone was about use.

Before Brandley spoke, Watts also said they should look at it from an economic perspective.

"What economic incentives can we give to sales tax producing business, as opposed to services business that don't collect sales tax, or residential, or what ever don't create that tax base?" he questioned, although he also agreed the issues needed to be looked at by the Planning Commission.

Council members Joe Mosca and Mayor Pro Tem Maryann MacGillvray said very little about the overlay zone. Mosca agreed to the Planning Commission review. MacGillvray asked if the overlay zone could be used to prohibit adult business, something Buchanan said was beyond their control.



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City Approves 20-Year Landfill Energy Deal



A pipe vents methane gas from Scholl Canyon Landfill Photo D. Lee/MVO
By Dean Lee

The city added to its Renewable Energy Portfolio Monday night a 20-year Power Purchase Agreement with Ameresco for the energy output of the Skunk Creek Landfill Gas Project —reducing green house gas emissions by approximately 16,500 tons per year.

The project will generate an estimated 30,000 megawatt hour (MWh) per year representing roughly 2.4 percent of Pasadena Water and Power's forecast fiscal year 2011 retail sales according to city staff.

The Skunk Creek Landfill is located in Phoenix Arizona.

The contract is scheduled to start transferring energy on or before

Dec. 31 2010,

New City Manager Michael Beck said Pasadena is in a market where renewable resources are hard to find.

"They're even more difficult to find along our transmission grid," he said. "And then be able to import that power into the city."

He added that the contract also meets the objectives under the city's urban environmental accords and other green goals.

The city's cost would be \$78 MWh staff said and would have an escalation of one percent per year. Staff added that they found the amount to be competitive for the market.

Energy would be transmitted through an agreement with the

Arizona Public Service Company (APS) for the delivery of the power to Pasadena. It would first be delivered to the Westwing Substation in Pasadena then fed into the city's existing transmission entitlements.

The Project's delivered energy cost is expected to be approximately \$550,000 per year more than non-renewable market energy sources according to forecasts provided by Ventyx Energy LLC. This brings the city's delivered cost to \$100 MWh in the first year staff estimated.

The rate would be passed on to customers system-wide though an almost unnoticeable four hundredths of one penny per kwh increase staff said.

Councilmember Chris Holden asked about the associated risks saying in the past the city had got itself stuck with long term contracts when the markets changed.

Staff said the contract is based strictly on the delivered energy. "If Ameresco delivers one MWh we pay them for one MWh," they said. "There is no further commitment to pay them. The only risk would be entering into the Arizona Public Service Company's tariff they added.

The city currently has to other gas to energy contracts, one with Minnesota Methane Landfill Gas and the other with Ameresco Landfill Gas —Chiquita Canyon in Santa Clarita.

Congressional Election Forum Held



Congressman Adam Schiff speaks during forum

By Teresa Baxter

Last Saturday the Senior Advocacy Council of Pasadena, the American Association of Retired Persons and the Villa Gardens Advocacy Group staged a forum—held at the Pasadena Senior Center—to let the public hear the platforms of the 29th District candidates running for a congressional seat.

California's 29th congressional district covers part of Los Angeles County and takes in Alhambra, San Gabriel, Burbank, Glendale, South Pasadena, Glendale, Temple City, Monterey Park, and Pasadena.

Current Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA) shared the spotlight with Republican candidate Charles Hahn and Alan Pyeatt, of the Libertarian Party. Each candidate was allowed equal time to present their campaign promises. Afterwards, attendees were able to ask questions pertinent to the political climate and how it may influence their vote.

First up was Charles Hahn, who promised to get rid of inheritance taxes, lower health care costs, while also supporting the Social Security Fairness Act. He also proposed to give a \$250 tax credit to "anyone who rescues an animal from a pound and gives it a loving home." Hahn was the first to express disdain about the rewarding the Wall Street "Fat Cats" and the current economic bailout plan.

Pyeatt stayed on topic for his Libertarian message, while always referring to the leaflet provided at the forum, to reinforce the message of the Libertarian Party.

He said that Libertarians believe that they should control their own lives, and should not be to the dictates of others.

"We don't need our government to tell us where to live, who to marry, whether to smoke, how to think or pray or eat fast food," said Pyeatt. "We can decide those things for ourselves. We also don't need government to redistribute our income, overthrow our foreign governments, or take money from productive wage-earners to bail out failing businesses."

While the first two candidates brought up their agendas and personal platforms, Schiff opted to use his time to stoically speak specifically about the economy. In fact, Schiff opposed the first economic package, stating on his blog, "The House voted on a 700 billion dollar bailout of financial institutions whose books were ravaged by the ownership of trillions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities of questionable value. I believe the plan proposed by Treasury Secretary Paulson was not sufficiently protective of taxpayer dollars, and I opposed it." Schiff eventually voted for the second economic package.

"I'm going to forego talking about myself and focus on the economic challenges. Many of you I'm sure, have been watching with great dismay...and what we're seeing is a crisis in confidence," he said. "We're in uncharted territory and I can't give you an answer—with certainty—whether we can plod ahead, but I hope that we can."

A Tribute To A Muse



By Teresa Baxter

A heartwarming tribute to a man's quest for love was poignantly displayed last week at an exhibit in the Ballroom of the Castle Green. It was a few years ago when E. Milton Wilson, a long time Pasadena resident, wanted to make an impression on a woman that he wished to court—a woman named Norma who lived in Florida. So, in 1993 he began sending whimsical correspondence on postcards, with his creative artistic renderings, to his

muse.

"I was courting my now wife Norma with verse from 5,000 miles away and realized I was using only half of the talents of

my idol e.e cummings," said Wilson. "Then, some crude imitative paintings of such artists as also-idol Paul Klee started to be included into the mailings"

Wilson's connection to Pasadena spans many decades. His father, Elmer Wilson, was impresario at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium from the 1930's to the 1970's. Growing up, Wilson majored in chemistry at Pomona College. He then went on to become a rocket scientist at Aerojet, which was followed by an executive position at Parsons.

Family friend and local artist, Victoria Hibbs saw the miniature works of art and thought they were worthy of an exhibition.



Postcards hang at Castle Green as part of tribute

Pasadena Homeless Connect Day to Improve Lives

Event Scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual Homeless Connect Day, which strives to link those in need with resources and services to improve their lives, will be held on Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 180 Mentor Ave., Pasadena.

This one-day, national event connects the homeless population to a wide variety of direct services locally. The first Homeless Connect Day in Pasadena was held a year ago, welcoming 243 individuals and linking them to more than 2,000 services in a thriving, positive atmosphere. Twenty-two households came off the street and found shelter that night.

"The innovation of Homeless Connect Day fuses political and civic will in a one-day, one-stop array of resources, providing hospitality and support for a pathway out of

homelessness," said Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard.

Services offered on-site will include a medical clinic, STD testing and rapid response HIV testing, benefits screening and assistance, California ID cards through DMV and the vouchers to pay for them, pet therapy, housing placement and referrals, substance abuse screenings and referrals, shuttles to showers, budgeting assistance, veterans services, dental referrals, vision screenings, massage opportunities and more.

Similar to last year, 50 agencies will participate, and 50 volunteers from the community are expected. The goal is to exceed last year's totals of providing 72 flu shots, 76 blood pressure screenings, 38 mental health screenings and 400 lunches served.

"The objective of this event is to address as many of the barriers to housing that the



Mayor Bill Bogaard speaks in 2005 outlining the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness

homeless population faces in an immediate and direct way," said Kitty Galt, an Outreach Specialist with Passageways and coordinator of Homeless Connect Day in Pasadena. "Public agencies and community groups are invited to join the effort to reach out and provide services."

Sponsors this year include: Pacific Clinics, The Salvation

Army, Kaiser Permanente, Shelter Partnership, Pasadena Host Lions Club and Union Station Homeless Services. This is a collaborative event with service providers, the City of Pasadena, area businesses and community volunteers.

For more information please contact Passageways at (626) 403-4888.

She brought the idea Wilson's son Larry, who then contacted the Light Bringer Project, which provided the Castle Green location for the display. "I had heard about the postcards and then one day I saw them," said Hibbs. "Because I am an artist and I have lived in New York all I could think about was how to get this exhibition going. I just planted the seed and said there really has to be a show."

E. Milton Wilson, now 80, resides with his wife, Norma, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The exhibition marked his inaugural show, but he will continue his creative correspondences in what he says are an almost daily habit and relaxing hobby. He has branched out to also sending them to his daughter, Alicia Cortite in Santa Monica and to his son, Larry Wilson in Pasadena.

"They get sent out about five a week still. It's been fun and I encourage everyone to do the same thing," said Wilson. "It all started as a joke to show my now wife how wonderful I was and she fell for it."

Smoking Ban to Again be Heard

According to city staff, "the city council will consider conducting first reading of an ordinance that would increase protection to residents from harmful secondhand smoke exposure in outdoor public places not covered in the existing ordinance, including shopping malls, unenclosed areas of bars and restaurants, service waiting lines, public events, and a reasonable distance from doorways, windows, openings and vents that lead to enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited."

The issues first came to the council and was passed in early May. Council member Steve Haderlein said Monday night that he did not know the reasoning behind why

it took so long to come back to them.

"I would think it has something to do with the complexity of the ordinance but I really don't have a good answer," he said.

During the May council meeting the chamber was packed with both smokers and nonsmokers. Both sides were so divided that police had to break up a number of arguments that broke out in the hallway. At one point a smoker started yelling insults at Pasadena Public Health Director Takashi Wada who simply ignored it.

As part of the ordinance smoking would be banned from the Rose Parade. If approved the ordinance would take affect in 30 days.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Composting Part III

By Pat Birdsall

Applying Compost- To determine how much compost is needed for garden beds, multiply the square footage of the area to be treated by the thickness that will be applied. A 3-4-inch layer of finished compost can be worked into the tops of garden soil before planting in spring or late fall, or a handful can be transplanted into the hole before planting annuals and perennials. A half-inch of compost can also be applied as a top dressing for shrubs and plants several times a year.

For a flower bed containing existing perennials, estimate the area that those plants occupy when determining how much compost is needed. If half the area is already covered with plants, you'll need half as much compost. Mix one part finished compost with two parts soil for a nutritious potting mix for houseplants. When planting seeds, use less compost and more soil to allow roots to take hold firmly.

The plant derived nitrogen and phosphorous in homemade compost is more easily absorbed than the concentrated synthetic varieties found in bagged fertilizer, and, loaded with micronutrients, compost improves soil structure and provides valuable nutrition to foster plant growth.

Resources: The following web sites and phone numbers are resources for a large variety of composters and other organic gardening supplies:

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Fire Safe Council “Announcements and Observations”

A car hits a rock, a spark results and the 300 acre brush fire burns a house and barn in Marin County. The fire in the Sierra Madre foothills last April was a close call and a wakeup call for us. Take a good look at the hills above the burned area and you will see dry Chaparra--fuel ready for the right conditions. All the residents of Sierra Madre need to continue their hard work on brush clearance and preparation of “defensible space” around their homes and outbuildings.

Continuing preparation for mud and debris flow in underway. Any questions can be addressed to Bruce Inman, Sierra Public Works Department, 355-7135.

Are you continuing to prepare for the Great Southern California Shake Out, November 13, 2008, at 10 a.m.? 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? Where are your earthquake preparation supplies stored as you read this announcement? If it is not in your car and you are at work, having a cup of coffee on the boulevard, etc. you will be cut off from your supplies and it may be a long walk to get to them.

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 5th, to Saturday, October 10th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 299 calls for service.

Monday, October 6th:

10:09 AM – Grand theft, 500 block Las Rocas. A catalytic converter was stolen from a Toyota pick-up parked in the home's driveway. The loss occurred between 10:00 am Saturday, 9/20 and 6:30 am Monday, 10/6. The cost to replace the part was estimated at \$666.00.

1:23 PM – Residential burglary, 100 block East Grandview Ave. The suspect entered the home by forcing open the bathroom window. The crime occurred between 2:00 pm Sunday, 10/5 and 12:40 pm Monday, 10/6. The loss consisted of a 3" x 12" blue/white marijuana pipe and 5 grams of medical marijuana. The case has been referred to the detectives' bureau for additional investigation.

Tuesday, October 7th:

11:02 AM – Grand theft, 700 block West Sierra Madre Blvd. Tools were stolen from a contractor's work truck between 9:30 and 11:00 pm, Tuesday. The tools were taken from the unlocked storage bed. The loss included: Makita jack hammer, Hilti core machine, Milwaukee hammer drill and a Skill saw. The loss was estimated at \$2,360.00.

11:11 AM – Auto burglary, 141 West Highland Ave. The passenger side window of a 2009 Lexus was smashed and a purse was stolen. The purse, which was in plain view contained: a BlackBerry,

cash, gold earrings, A Coach wallet and misc gift cards. The total loss was estimated at \$1850.00. Officers did follow up investigation and identified and arrested a suspect.

2:47 PM – Commercial burglary, 12 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Happy's Liquor Store. A man walked into the store an left with a six pack of Corona beer without paying. The crime occurred between 2:35pm and 2:40 pm, Tuesday. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic with a shaved head. The loss was \$14.99.

Thursday, October 9th:

5:11 PM – Residential burglary, 00 block Lowell Ave. The suspect(s) entered the yard through a rear gate and attempted to enter the home through the back door by breaking the glass. A storage shed was broken into, but nothing was taken. The crime occurred between 5:00 pm Sunday Tuesday, 9/16 and 5:00 pm Thursday, 10/9. The total loss was estimated at 300, the cost of repairing the broken window and damaged door.

Saturday, October 11th:

5:35 PM – Residential burglary, 600 block West Montecito. The suspect(s) entered the house through the unlocked front door, no sign of forced entry. The crime occurred between 11:30 am Saturday and 5:30 pm Saturday, 10/11. Taken was an IMAC computer, Apple IPOD, Kodak digital camera, a wallet, two purses and \$21.00 cash. The total loss was estimated at \$1992. Officers are following up leads.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, October 5, through Saturday, October 11, the Police Department responded to 980 calls for service of which 136 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 5:

Between 6:30 p.m. on October 4 and 8:00 a.m. on October 5, an auto burglary occurred in the 200 block of South Fifth. Unknown suspect smashed a car window and removed a \$1,500 laptop computer.

Units responded to Campus and Santa Anita around 10:53 p.m. on the report of a reckless driver speeding through the area. Officers arrived at the location and heard screeching tires and saw a car sliding sideways. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver had no license and he was arrested on October 2 for driving while under the influence. Officers detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath, his speech was slurred, and he was also in possession of prescription antidepressants without a prescription. The 37-year-old male was arrested at the scene for reckless driving, driving while under the influence, unsafe turn, and possession of a controlled substance.

Monday, October 6:

Shortly before 2:30 a.m., officers responded to Baldwin and Cambridge regarding a solo rollover traffic accident. The car was found on its roof, and the 21-year-old female driver was uninjured. She was intoxicated and was arrested at the scene for driving while under the influence.

Units were dispatched to Colorado and Harvard around 9:50 p.m. in reference to a hit-and-run traffic collision. A man on a moped was struck from behind by a vehicle, and the driver left the scene. The possible suspect vehicle was later located in the 600 block of South Santa Maria, and the 26-year-old female driver indicated that she felt her tire go flat but did not believe that she collided with anything or anyone. The car was impounded as evidence for further investigation.

Tuesday, October 7:

A traffic stop was made in the 700 block of West Huntington around 5:27 p.m. for an expired registration. A consent search of the vehicle revealed a bottle containing narcotic capsules, green leafy substance resembling marijuana, and three credit cards belonging to three different account holders. A 51-year-old male was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and receiving stolen property.

Around 6:45 p.m., units responded to Claire's at Westfield mall regarding a woman detained for theft. An 18-year-old was detained for stealing merchandise from the store, and a private person's

arrest was made. A search of her purse incident to arrest revealed metal knuckles and green leafy substance resembling marijuana. The woman was taken into custody for petty theft, possession of marijuana, and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Wednesday, October 8:

Units were called to the 800 block of Palo Alto around 1:10 p.m. in reference to a fraud investigation. The victim received an email from her bank regarding an overdraft on an account. She checked her accounts and found three unauthorized charges.

A fatal traffic collision occurred at Golden West and Duarte around 11:41 a.m. An 83-year-old male pedestrian was struck in the crosswalk by an 88-year-old male driver. The victim was transported to AMH and was pronounced dead shortly upon arrival.

Thursday, October 9:

Between 9:55 a.m. and 10:35 a.m., an auto burglary occurred at the 24-Hour Fitness parking structure located at 125 North First. Unknown suspect damaged a door lock to gain entry into a vehicle, disabled the alarm, and took CD's, purse/wallet, and a Bluetooth device. Shortly thereafter, the suspect also used the victim's credit card to purchase gasoline in Monrovia.

A grand theft occurred in the 100 block of Christina around 12:17 p.m. Unknown suspect(s) stole gardening equipment, worth over \$1,600, from an open truck bed.

Friday, October 10:

A traffic stop was made at Mayflower and Camino Real around 11:17 a.m. for a vehicle code violation. The 28-year-old male driver appeared very nervous and agitated. He admitted to using methamphetamine, and it was determined that he was under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant. The man was arrested at the scene without incident.

A stolen vehicle was found traveling on Baldwin near the 210 Freeway around 4:16 p.m. A high-risk traffic stop was conducted, and a 42-year-old female driver was arrested for vehicle theft. She indicated that the car was a rental and she was behind on her payments.

Saturday, October 11:

An auto burglary occurred between 10:05 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. at the racetrack. Unknown suspect smashed a car window and removed an envelope containing \$1,000.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m., units were sent to Santa Anita and Duarte regarding an indecent exposure incident. An LASO sergeant in his patrol unit was driving in the area when he observed a male juvenile exposing himself and was gyrating in front of a stopped vehicle. A 17-year-old male was arrested at the scene, and he was later cited and released to his father.

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Trish's Truth

by Trisha Collins

iPods: Built to Break?

In today's society, almost everyone has an iPod. The music-playing, photo-displaying sensation Apple Inc. put out in 2001 has taken the world by storm yet again. If you haven't seen the colorful, aesthetically pleasing billboards promoting Apple's latest iPod, you will. The latest iPod, called the "nano-chromatic", comes in 9 vibrant fresh colors and is even sleeker than the last. This iPod has plenty of new features, including an accelerometer which allows your songs to be shuffled by simply shaking the device, Pretty cool? For only \$149, this sounds like a pretty good deal, but was this iPod built to break?

Most people with who own iPod's eventually experience the same things. Cracked screens, busted hard drives, the slowly dying battery, and the list goes on. It has been rumored that all iPod's were built to last only about two years. Almost days after the warrant expires, they supposedly start breaking down. Journalist for the New York Times, Joe Nocera, explains that "...consumers buy (the iPod)

with the expectation that they'll put all their music on it and they'll carry it around for a good long time. And when that doesn't happen, they feel betrayed".

Why is this? I think that Apple Inc. engineers do this on purpose. My theory is that it's all planned out, and it makes sense. The thing is, Apple Inc. wants to keep you buying their products. They know all about fashion trends. Most youth today want the latest thing, what's "hot" and what's "fresh", but there are still people who wouldn't want to waste their money on something when what they've got works just fine. But if what you've got begins breaking down right around the time a newer version comes out, what would you do?

So, before you go out and purchase the new nano-chromatic iPod, know that it's not going to last forever. In fact, you'll be lucky if it's still intact when the next round of iPods are put out next year.

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Student Exchange Program

Pasadena - The Pasadena Sister Cities(PSCC) Armenia Sub-Committee is looking for applicants for their Pasadena/Vanadzor mutual student exchange program, the deadline for which this year is November 28, 2008.

PSCC's Armenia Sub-Committee has managed past student exchanges with positive results. High school students from Pasadena, sixteen and over, who spend time in Vanadzor, come back raving about the warm hospitality, family values and the cultural heritage of Armenia. Reciprocally, students from Armenia who visit Pasadena spend time with teachers, intern with professionals and live with American and locally established Armenian families, to get immersed in the local culture. This is a volunteer program where students pay their own travel fare but are housed and entertained by families in the host city. The exchange is managed from Pasadena through affiliates in Vanadzor, with a meticulous accounting of all expenses.

Exchange program students are the best ambassadors of goodwill to propagate the benefits of mutual visits. PSCC's Armenia Sub-Committee calls upon schools, residents and businesses in Pasadena, interested in sending students over, to contact amalmonson@sbcglobal.net, PSCC Student Coordinator, for information or applications.

Mt. Wilson Vista Council Girl Scouts Host Family Science Festival 2008!

Dr. Morgan Page Of USGS Keynote Speaker

An exciting line-up of exhibitors includes the United States Geological Survey, Southern California Earthquake Center, Sierra Madre Search & Rescue, NASA/JPL, California Science Center, Monrovia Rockhounds, Pasadena Fire Department, Huntington Hospital, LA County Fire Department, Pasadena Water & Power, Mono Lake Committee, Stargazer Publishing Company, Girl Scout Troops hosting science activity booths, and more!

Sunday, October 19, 2008 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
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It's all about science these days at Girl Scouts - Mt. Wilson Vista Council. Hundreds of Los Angeles area Girl Scouts and their families will be on hand for a fun-filled day of exploring the wonders of science.

Emergency preparedness and the wonders of planet earth take center stage at this year's festival as numerous hands-on activities explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Girls will travel from booth to booth with an Earth Exploration Passport to complete activities and earn recognitions including an Earthquake Awareness patch. They will learn about earthquakes and how to prepare for them - a must for all SoCal residents - and about general emergency preparedness strategies. Girls will have a chance to experience earthquakes of different magnitudes in the Pasadena Fire Department QuakeHouse, as well as meet local scientists and learn about careers in the STEM fields. Dr. Morgan Page from USGS) will be the keynote speaker. She currently studies earthquake statistics at the USGS in Pasadena. Plus, the Mt. Wilson Vista Council Robotics Teams will be in action as they combine their skills in engineering and math with creativity and teamwork.

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SEVEN PRINCESSES BEGIN THEIR REIGN AS THE 2009 ROYAL COURT FOR THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES - Seven Rose Princesses Selected From More Than 1,100 Pasadena-area Young Ladies

The seven members of the 2009 Tournament of Roses Royal Court were announced today at Tournament House from a group of 34 finalists. As ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Royal Court members will attend more than 150 community and media functions leading up to the 120th Rose Parade and 95th Rose Bowl Game on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

The seven Rose Princesses are: Mary Gaule (#41), 17, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy; Jasmine Jenkins (#799), 17, La Salle High School; Courtney Lee (#929), 17, Arcadia High School; Bridget McDonald (#714), 18, Pasadena City College; Molly Novell (#224), 18, La Salle High School; Lauren Valenzuela (#385), 17, Arcadia High School; Quinn Young (#337), 16, La Canada High School.

The announcement follows a three-week-long process in which more than 1,100 Pasadena-area young women participated. Selections were based on a range of qualities including public speaking ability, poise, academic achievement, community involvement and personality. "Selecting the Royal Court from our 34 finalists was a very difficult task as they are all extremely talented and personable young women. We are very pleased with our final choice and officially welcome the Royal Court members who will be representing the Pasadena Tournament of Roses this year. They are truly remarkable and will be wonderful ambassadors for our Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game," said Thomas Willis, Chair of the Queen and Court Committee.

Mary Elizabeth Gaule, 17, is an Altadena resident and a senior at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

She is a member of her school's senior dance company and a co-captain of the St. Francis High School Varsity Cheer Squad. She is also a member of her school's LIFE (Living in Faith Experience) team, in which she helps to plan and lead all school retreats. Mary is interested in studying psychology and law at either of her top two college choices, Villanova or UCLA. Her parents are John and Ellen Gaule. She has one sibling, Joseph, 14.

Jasmine Janae Jenkins, 17, is a senior at La Salle High School and resides in Pasadena. She is a member of Phi Alpha Chi and volunteers with numerous organizations including Reading Leaders, which works to advance children's reading skills, and the LA Food Bank, where she prepares meals for the homeless. She also enjoys poetry, dance and collecting coins. Jasmine hopes to attend either Loyola Marymount University or Spelman College to major in child psychology, and she hopes to one day work with disadvantaged children. Her parents are Michael and Renee Jenkins. She has one sibling, Jade, 15.

Courtney Chou Lee, 17, is an Arcadia resident and attends Arcadia High School. She serves as captain of her school's varsity volleyball team, president of the Arcadia High Senior Men and Women group, and is a committee member of the Methodist Hospital Foundation. Courtney also dedicates her time as a Girl Scout and founded the youth philanthropy group, Teens Promoting Stroke Awareness. She hopes to study business and history at the University of Southern California. She enjoys many forms of dance, including traditional Chinese dancing, jazz and hip hop, and attending USC home football games. Her parents are Andrew and Ulanda Lee. She has

two siblings, Kristen, 19, and Preston, 15.

Bridget Kathleen McDonald, 18, is currently a freshman at Pasadena City College and has been a resident of Pasadena all her life. She attended the Westridge School for Girls for high school. She studies Environmental Studies and will be transferring to the University of Southern California in the fall of 2009. Bridget is an active volunteer for the Pasadena Humane Society, where she helps with fundraising and the care of animals. She played varsity tennis the first three years of high school and was the varsity team captain her senior year. She also enjoys photography, cooking and playing the piano. Her parents are Richard and Rosemary McDonald. She has one sibling, Katie, 15.

Mary "Molly" Patricia Novell, 18, resides in Sierra Madre and is a senior at La Salle High School. She is the president of her high school's Interact service group and is a member of numerous other service groups in addition to her participation on both the water polo and swim teams. Outside of school, Molly enjoys spending her time with her friends and family, doing community service and playing sports. She hopes to study journalism in college. Her parents are Mark and Kathy Novell. She has two siblings, Kaitlin, 21, and Michael, 15. Lauren Nicole Valenzuela, 17, is a Temple City resident and a senior at Arcadia High School. She is a member of the Orchestras Dance Company and participates in a charity dance show every year. She also made an appearance in last year's Rose Parade as a dancer. Lauren enjoys dancing, cooking and going to concerts, musicals and the beach. She plans on transferring to a four-year university after attending Pasadena City College,

where she hopes to attain a degree in business. Her mother is Patricia Valenzuela. She has two siblings, Stephanie, 24, and Ryan, 22.

Quinn Olivia Young, 16, is a senior at La Canada High School and resides in La Canada. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Varsity Song Squad at her high school. Her hobbies include mosaic tile work, dancing, calligraphy, fashion illustration and traveling. Quinn recently spent a month in France to participate in a language immersion program. She hopes to attend USC, Vanderbilt or Boston College to study business or communications and pursue a career in the fashion industry. Her parents are Eugene and Kelly Young. She has one sibling, Willa, 14.

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From The Desk Of..Glenn Lambdin Behind the Smokescreen of Proposition 8

Several months back, I wrote a piece on why I supported same-sex marriages. As I stated then, I am a supporter of the American ideal that mandates equality for all Americans, all the time, and without exception. I believe this to be the foundation of American

democracy and the basis for my support of same-sex marriages.

In our upcoming election, Proposition 8 is attempting to add a constitutional amendment to deny same-sex marriages and overturn the current State Supreme Court decision that allows same-sex marriages. For those of us that are opposed to Prop. 8, and are in favor of same-sex marriages, it's a simple matter of equality for all Californians. Unfortunately, the proponents of Proposition 8, those that are against same-sex marriages, are promoting their cause via careful wordsmithing and by misdirecting your attention away from their true core values. To reveal their honest feelings towards same-sex marriages would force them to admit publicly that they are not interested in equality, but rather are determined to force their religious dogma on the entire state. The proponents are doing everything they can to side-step the fact that their cause is really nothing more than your garden-variety discrimination and homophobia rooted in religious doctrine.

Starting with the legal name of Prop. 8, its easy to see how the proponents are side-stepping and throwing smoke screens. The Official Voter Information Guide that was sent to every registered voter in California lists the legal name of Prop. 8 as, "Eliminates Right of Same -Sex Couples to Marry. Initiative Constitutional Amendment." Now that's pretty clear. It "eliminates" a "right" of a specific class of Californians. The proponents, wishing to create a diversionary smoke screen, refuse to call the initiative by its legal and rightful name and instead call Prop. 8 the "Protect Marriage Amendment." Not a bad tactic but I have to ask them, "Protect marriage from what?" How can continuing to allow same-sex couples their current constitutional right to marry possibly harm a single existing marriage or a future marriage? It can't, and again, it's a simple case of discrimination and homophobia.

Protectmarriage.com is the mouthpiece for the proponents and lists many supporters, links, and arguments. Several of their statements caught my attention. For example, this one. "...Californians will be forced to not just be tolerant of gay lifestyles, but face mandatory compliance regardless of their personal beliefs." And I have to ask them, "As opposed to what? To be allowed to be intolerant of gay lifestyles?" And since when should personal beliefs supercede fundamental rights of equality and constitutional law? Or, how about this statement from protectmarriage.com. "The California Supreme Court's ruling that created same-sex "marriage" is a threat to every family." Well, let me say with all certainty that it didn't pose a single threat to my family. Of course, the proponents of such an outrageous statement fail to demonstrate how one single family was "threatened" by the Court's ruling. Cut through the smokescreen and all that is left is homophobia.

So who are these proponents and from where are they really basing their claims? Protectmarriage.com lists the proponents mainly as religious organizations. Religious organizations that justify their homophobic doctrine in part by a biblical scripture found in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10: (New International Version) "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

While I recognize that the proponents honestly believe that they are doing God's work, I find it sad that they don't have the courage to honestly, openly, and proudly stand for their convictions. Rather, they hide behind their smokescreens and deception. What I find even sadder is that the biblical text found in 1 Corinthians was not even the words of Jesus but rather the words of Paul the Apostle, a Roman, the founder of Christianity as we know it today, and a man who never even met Jesus yet claimed to be Jesus' spokesman. Two thousand years later, Paul's words still evoke discrimination and bigotry.

Cut through the smokescreens of Proposition 8, and the real question is,

"Does discrimination belong in our State Constitution?"



Rich Johnson

Liberar Ella!

Common decency and an ingrained sense of right has compelled me to share the plight that has suddenly befallen a Sierra Madre friend of mine. She is a unintentional victim of the new city parking lot restrictions and needs to be freed (liberar in Spanish).

Here is the backstory: My friend Ella, in her 50s, has lived in the same house on Windsor Lane for years, even as a child. Several years ago the city wanted to put up "No Parking Anytime" signs on Windsor Lane. Some municipal official determined the best place for one of the signs was right in front of my friends little casita (She's Mexican). The problem? According to the city fathers the sign

needed to be right where her driveway poured out into the street. (Hmmm.) As it was all negotiated out, my friend's father (also Mexican, coincidentally) agreed to have the city construct a curb directly in front of his driveway. The sign could then be placed strategically in the right place as per city engineer's precise calculations. The city told my friend's padre that, in exchange, he could park in the city lot into perpetuity (That means a long time which is perpetuidad in Spanish). Fine up until last week. Ella read in this very heralded newspaper that beginning in November she can no longer park in the lot overnight. And she can't park on the street in front of her house. And she can't park in her driveway. This municipal misfortune takes on an even more human interest component as my friend is functionally disabled at the moment.

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Liberar Ella! Free Ella! Finally a cause we can really believe in. Let's galvanize the 'Yes on V' committee and combine them with the 'No on V' committee to take decisive action. It's righting wrongs like this that can bring us together in harmony as a city.

What's more, once this column gets out, the movie studios will be after us for the latest "poquita chica versus the big bad politico" blockbuster. We can have local actor Kevin Dunn play Ella's father. And local actress Loretta Weeks can play Ella. Of course, Glenn Lambdin would be perfect as the evil and menacing corrupt politician. Yeah I know he's not an actor, but he has had lots of a menacing politician experience.

I will be printing up the "Free Ella" and "Liberar Ella" lawn signs that can, for environmental concerns, be put in the same holes that your McCain or Obama signs are now using.

**Wisdom From A Cup Of Coffee:
The Way I See It #298**

"Our prejudices arise from the fear of things we do not understand. If my generation has a single goal, it must be to promote education-education that advances us not only technologically, but also intuitively and emotionally. In today's fast-paced world, advancing has to mean more than scientific discovery, it is our responsibility to force ourselves beyond our comfort zones and become knowledgeable about the people around us. --Jessica Arden Ettinger, Starbucks Customer and Univ. of Virginia student



Hail Hamilton

Racism, Dirty Politics, Cindy & Sarah

Immediately after Thursday's Presidential Debate, U-Tube posted a 5-minute Web video of John McCain referring to Barack Obama as "that one." Accompanying the video was the following statement:

"In our country's history of racial and ethnic divide, one phrase has come to signify that the utterer is surely out of touch with modern racial/ethnic sensitivities... That dubious phrase, sometimes uttered without understanding its impact, 'those people,' or its slightly more pejorative cousin, 'you people'... To the listener recipient there is no mistaking its meaning—it's a way of saying, 'you don't belong,' you're not one of us; you're part of the 'others'..."

"In light of that history, our nation forever owes Senator John McCain its gratitude for answering the following question during the second Presidential Debate... What is the singular form of 'those people,' or 'you people'? And the answer (according to Senator McCain) is... You know who voted for it—"THAT ONE!"... You know who voted against it—"ME!"... Thank you, Senator McCain, for clarifying that for us."

Apparently racism is alive and well and the McCain-Palin team has decided to use it for all its worth in the final weeks of the presidential campaign. It is also apparent that the McCain camp has decided to make character (or the lack of it) and fear (or the threat of it)—rather than the affairs of state—the primary issues of the campaign.

Worse still, the McCain camp has decided to use the candidate's wife to tar and feather Obama in hopes of convincing the remaining undecided voters that he is unfit to be President.

On Tuesday, Cindy McCain lashed out at her husband's Democratic opponent, telling a Tennessee newspaper that Obama has waged the "dirtiest campaign in American history." (I guess Cindy is too young to remember Richard Nixon.)

"What I have found is that it's necessary to make sure the American people understand what we have to say, what we stand for as a husband and wife, and what we will do for the American people if we're lucky enough to be elected," she told the Tennessean.

On Wednesday, Cindy McCain was again at the podium. This time she was accusing Obama of not supporting her soldier son, who is deployed in Iraq, by not voting for a military appropriations bill? Obama voted against the bill because it did not contain a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. What she didn't mention is that her husband voted against a similar bill because it did contain a timetable for withdrawal. Incredible! Absolutely incredible!

To be fair, in the past few days, both campaigns have become more aggressive in their attacks.

In an admitted effort to turn the dominating narrative away from the nation's ailing economy, McCain's campaign has launched a new offensive questioning Obama's trustworthiness. It noted Obama in the 1990s worked in a nonprofit group with a founding member of the Weather Underground. It did not mention that Obama was eight years old in 1969 when Bill Ayers, now an English professor, founded the 1970s radical group.

Obama's campaign retaliated Monday with a 13-minute Web video detailing the Arizona senator's involvement in the Keating Five Scandal. Remember the 1989 collapse of Lincoln Savings and Loan and the \$125 billion dollars it cost taxpayers to bailout the whole S & L industry?

And now we get a preview of the second episode of Troopergate.

According to the Washington Post:

"An Alaskan state legislative investigator found Friday that Governor Sarah Palin abused her executive power when she and her husband engaged in a campaign to oust her former brother-in-law from the state police force..."

"Defenders of Palin, the vice-presidential nominee, called the report's release, coming less than four weeks before Election Day, a politically motivated attempt to damage the ticket of Senator John McCain and Palin..."

"The report will go to the Republican-dominated state legislature for possible further action...."

And so it goes.

**Stuart Tolchin On...****LIFE****We're In The Banking Business**

So how does it feel, Big Spender, to be a Bank Owner, a denizen of Wall Street? Yes, fellow- Plutocrat; as of today, we are no longer just unwilling taxpayers, we Americans are shareholders in mighty, though slightly teetering, banking concerns. We are now in the position of having our interests managed by those same bunglers who have already run their own businesses into the ground. Now they can keep playing the same games without taking any risk because they're not going to be playing with their money—they'll be playing with ours!

Why is Socialism, I mean partial-nationalization, of the banks so frightening to most of us? Well, first of all, as anyone who has ever dealt with the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security System or even a local Department of Motor Vehicles Office already knows, the problem is that it's never their problem, it's only our problem. Do you understand what I mean? A governmental agency need not show a profit. It need do nothing to please or attract its customers. Governmental employees are workers usually secure in their positions, who live by only one rule: "Don't get your supervisor so mad at you that he or she will be willing to spend a portion of their usually limited energy to try and get rid of you." In a sense governmental agencies are not alive because they need not be responsive to the needs and wants of their customers. They are the living dead. Perhaps they should be allowed to die—the only problem is that we will die

with them.

I just read the preceding paragraphs over the phone to my wife, who said the whole article is pretty boring. Worse than that, she said that it sounds like John McCain! HELP!! Suddenly, I understand the problem. I am just like fat, complacent America.

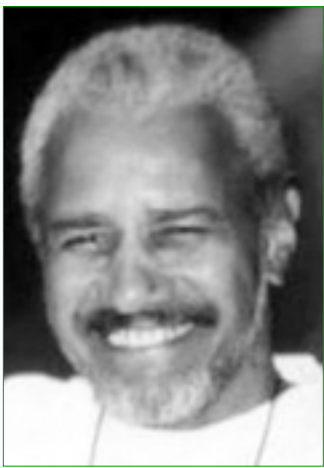
Indifferent to the needs and wants of my readers (imaginary though they may be) because I am not paid for my efforts and receive little or no feedback from readers. Am I the living dead? There must be some interaction or things get stale and predictable. We must be responsive to one another. As always it's up to you and me to do the right thing. We need to take charge.

I must admit that until right now I expected that Obama would be elected and that everything would pretty much take care of itself. It's probably true that no matter who is elected, it is necessary for each of us to be more involved in our own lives. Let's stop just talking only to ourselves and to people who think the same way we do and actually try and learn something new. Let's find inspiration and get out of the banking business and into the living business. What I mean. I guess, is that I'm already tired by this continual worry about the future. LET'S GET BACK TO THE PRESENT and stay sensitive to what's going on around us. It might be pretty interesting.

Less regulating and more participating.

The Candidates' Prescription For Health Care

Obama & Healthcare



Ralph McKnight

What is there to say about America's health care system except, for most of us, it is busted, broken and in many circumstances, inaccessible. The number of uninsured in the U.S. has increased over 6 years in a row to the extent we now have over 47 million Americans for whom, in the main, health insurance does not exist even in the most fundamental sense. In 2000 the CDC determined that our senior citizen population would double from 35 million to 71 million by 2030. The chronic diseases associated with aging will mean increased burdens on our medical and social systems. The United States has one of the worst infant mortality rates in the developed world. In 1960 the U.S. was ranked as 12th but is now ranked as 29th compared to other countries. According to a United Nations report, even Cuba has fewer children dying before the age of one than does the U.S. The United Nations and Save the Children place part of the blame on a U.S. healthcare system that is not accessible to all. When confronted with these kinds of current and impending crises the need for an effective and universally accessible health system becomes clear and apparent. Barack Obama's health plan will serve to mitigate many of the problems cited above. Below are but a few elements of Obama's health plan that would serve to assist in the resolution of some of the healthcare problems that currently confront us as well as those we shall have to deal with in the future.

- Obama's plan gets more for your money, spending far less per capita for coverage of the uninsured.
- Obama's plan makes a bigger dent in covering the uninsured. Over a 10 year period, the Obama plan covers over 47% of the uninsured, while the McCain plan covers less than 5% (Over a 10 year period, McCain's plan spends roughly seven times more (per capita) than Obama's to cover each of the forecasted uninsured)
- Obama's plan builds upon the existing system of employer-sponsored insurance and expands the government's role in providing insurance for those without access through their employer.
- Obama's plan provides subsidies to ensure affordability, and leaves the larger part of the present tax treatment of health insurance premiums intact.
- Obama's plan strengthens employer coverage, makes insurance companies accountable and ensures patient choice of doctor and care without government interference
- Obama's plan will make health insurance work for people and businesses, not just insurance and drug companies
- Obama's plan will require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions so everyone regardless of their health status or history can get comprehensive benefits at fair and stable premiums.
- Obama's plan will establish a national health insurance exchange with a range of private insurance options as well as a new public plan based on benefits available to members of Congress that will allow individuals and small businesses to buy affordable health coverage.
- Obama's plan will reduce costs and save a typical family up to \$2,500 as reforms phase in.
- Obama's plan will lower drug costs by allowing importation of safe medicines from other developed countries, increasing the use of generic drugs in public programs and taking on drug companies that block cheaper generic medicines from the market.

- Obama's plan will pay for his \$50 - \$65 billion health care reform effort by rolling back the Bush tax cuts for Americans earning more than \$250,000 per year and retaining the estate tax at its 2009 level.

Under the McCain Health Plan millions would lose coverage, health costs would worsen and the insurance and drug industries would continue to abuse the citizens with price gouging and other monopolistic practices.

- McCain will dismantle the employer-provided system that now covers over 60 percent (about 158 million) of non-elderly Americans, forcing million who now get fairly decent health insurance on the job to buy whatever they can on the market.
- McCain feels that \$2500 annually for individuals and \$5000 for families is sufficient for health care coverage.
- McCain and his retinue of troglodytes think that the problem in health care is that Americans have too much insurance.
- McCain and his advisers think it is good for individuals and families to pay more because it makes them think twice before seeking health care.
- McCain wants to abolish the regulations that currently exist in most states that require companies to insure people with pre-existing conditions.

In short, the McCain health plan is very much like his campaign, his life in the military, his tenure as a student at the naval academy and his life in general ; an absolute intellectual and social disaster. The sobriquet of maverick he's chosen for himself is not one that suggests his deeds of merit but, rather, a series of stumbling, effete attempts to assign value to his existence. This country cannot continue to endure the sort of cataclysmic leadership of the sort we've had for the last eight years. McCain's convoluted and insensitive health plan is a precursor to more failed leadership and needs to be blunted at every turn.

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McCain's Real Change for Education & Healthcare



Gregory J. Welborn

For someone running as the agent of change, Barack Obama continues to show us just how little change he's actually willing to tolerate in critical areas such as healthcare and education. Admittedly life is full of ironies, but who would have guessed that John McCain would be the real radical agent of change.

Under our existing healthcare system, the vast majority of Americans get their health insurance from their employer. The employer pays the premium and takes the tax deduction. Now the employee is receiving a benefit, but he or she really doesn't have much control. Healthcare plans are designed to benefit the employer so choice is limited, selection of doctors restricted and coverage terminated if the employee leaves. Meanwhile, the government has continuously mandated more and more services be covered forcing costs to go up. If individuals try to buy insurance on their own, they get no tax break and end up paying higher prices.

McCain offers real change to this clearly broken system. He wants to put individuals on the same footing as employers, allowing them to use tax free dollars to buy the coverage they actually want. With real competition injected into the system, costs will come down, employer plans will open up, and people will always be able to choose their doctors and –most importantly – keep their coverage when they change or lose jobs.

Obama wants to continue the same system of government control and to expand it even more by replacing private insurance with a public insurance system. The government would of necessity start making more and more medical decisions for patients, costs would skyrocket, taxes would increase and personal control over doctor selection and level of care would evaporate.

In short, McCain wants to move to a better quality, lower cost and more flexible system. Obama wants to adopt the Canadian system, which hasn't done very well. In Canada, dogs get hip replacement surgery in under a week, but it takes humans up to 3 years.

Time and again, it's been proven that when the government takes over and pays for something, political calculation interferes, quality deteriorates and costs balloon.

The candidates take the same positions in the arena of education. Americans are primarily educated in a public system controlled and financed by government. Recent international education tests showed that U.S. students ranked 24th out of 29 industrial countries whose students took the test. We did worse than Poland, Iceland and Korea.

Lest one think we're just being stingy with education budgets, these test scores have been falling even as we've increased education spending by 40+% over the last 10 years. We spend almost two times more per student than the average among industrial countries.

So why does quality go down when spending goes up? Parents and students don't exercise any real control in the education system. There's no real choice of schools, except for those wealthy enough to move to better districts or pay for private schools. Obama wants to pump more money into this failing system and give teachers' unions more power to stymie innovation.

McCain's solution is to really change the system. His “novel” idea is to simply give parents a choice of where to send their kids to school and allow them to take a government voucher to pay for it. Instead of the government telling you where to send your child and then sending a check to that school, McCain's plan would allow the parents to select any accredited school and to take the check along with them to that school.

We all know what competition does to improve service and reduce costs. Everywhere school choice has been tried, it has been a resounding success, especially among minority and low-income families. In inner-city Los Angeles, minorities flocked to choice schools when allowed, and their academic achievement trounced the local public school system's. McCain is the candidate who offers minorities real hope and will change the broken system that holds them captive.

In a country where we're almost obsessively concerned about civil rights, you'd think that having the right to control your own healthcare and choose where our kids will be educated would be a winning election issue. Then again, on November 4th, it may very well be. Vote your brain, vote McCain.

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MEASURE TT

Dear Editor:

PUSD's School Improvement Bond, Ballot Measure TT

Voter approval of TT, which will raise \$350 million in bond proceeds and make the Pasadena Unified School District eligible for an additional \$115 million from other sources, will bring urgently needed facilities improvements to the public schools of Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre – and enormous benefit to our young people and our entire community.

Most district schools are over 50 years old, and TT is only the district's second bond issue in 42 years, while surrounding districts have had several in recent years.

TT is one of the best investments we can make, helping to give young people the tools they need to lead fulfilling lives and to compete in a challenging, global economy, where the best jobs will go to the best educated workers – and where education is more than ever a key to opportunity and success.

Investments like these also pay incalculable dividends long into the future for the entire community:

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- ◆ building a stronger workforce,
- ◆ helping retain and attract high quality, environmentally friendly employers offering good, well-paying jobs,
- ◆ reducing school dropouts, delinquency, crime, incarcerations and welfare costs,
- ◆ supporting the local economy and
- ◆ enhancing the overall quality of life.

Please vote yes on TT.
George & Marilyn Brumder, Pasadena

PROPOSITION 8

Dear Editor:

My husband, Bruce, and I are longtime residents of Sierra Madre. We are both teachers serving children in local public school districts. Bruce has two adopted children of

his own and is a wonderful father, and we both understand the importance of being good parents and good citizens. As a family, we are deeply disturbed by the threat Prop 8 poses to us and to thousands of other families across California. I would like to share with you a letter on this issue I just sent to my family and friends.

Dear Friends and Family:

Greetings! How are you? Bruce and I hope you are well. To be blunt, I'm writing to ask for your help.

As you know, Bruce and I married more than 3 1/2 years ago in Vancouver, B.C. We strongly wanted to make this level of commitment to each other, and the only way we could legally do it was to go to our friendly Northern Neighbor, where same-sex marriage is legal. The option of getting a “domestic partnership” here at home was just not good enough, because as you all understand, marriage is a very special, honored and respected institution.

March 23, 2005, was the happiest day of our lives, and our marriage is our greatest treasure. So you can imagine how important it was to us to have our Canadian marriage legally recognized in our own country. On May 15th this year, the California Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional to deny equal protection under the law, including the marriage laws, to couples based on sexual orientation. So now in our home state, we are as legally married as anyone else, and we are thrilled.

Yet we are now at grave risk of losing this. Prop 8 threatens not only Bruce and me with being returned to the status of strangers in the eyes of California law, but also directly threatens the marital

status of more than 11,000 other loving, married same-sex couples. (I'm sure you've noticed, by the way, that the sky hasn't fallen over California!)

For more than 10 months now, Bruce and I have spent countless hours volunteering to fight this hateful, discriminatory effort by the radical religious right. We are proud that the No On Prop 8 campaign has raised more than \$15 million, mainly through smart, energetic and tireless statewide grassroots work.

However, our opponents, largely with help of out-of-state fundamentalist groups, have amassed a war chest of \$25 million, and they are using it to wage a campaign based on scare tactics and dishonesty. Their latest ad even exploits a child to deliver a complete lie.

But because people can be easily fooled, the falsehoods of our opponents seem to be swaying some voters. Recent polls show that support for marriage equality is starting to slip. Up until recently, poll numbers favored us. But now we

are behind. The huge amount of air time that the opponents can buy with their extra \$10 million puts us at a big disadvantage. To be able to win this fight, we need to be able to buy enough air-time to counteract the opposition's lies.

Like the rest of you, Bruce and I realize that money is tight now. We're all worried about finances and the economy. So I hope you know how very much it would mean to us if you could help us defeat the forces of bigotry and hatred on November 4th.

Please think about this.....how would you feel if people were trying to take your marriage away from you at the ballot box?

Can you imagine how devastating that would be? Wouldn't you also try to fight that with everything you have?

With love, hope and thanks,
P.S. Please remember to spread the word for us... VOTE NO ON 8.

Ron Long, Sierra Madre



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1830511**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MESTIZO RECORDS**, 4440 DISTRICT BLVD. STE. 305, VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MANUEL RAMIREZ**, 4440 DISTRICT BLVD. #305, VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANUEL RAMIREZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2002.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1830289**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DIAZ GARAY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**, 925 S. 8th ST. #D, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MIGUEL F. DIAZ**, 925 S. 8th ST. #D, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL F. DIAZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/14/08**. 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. 08-1838849**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CUDAIH SMOKE SHOP**, 7603 ATLANTIC AVE., CUDAHY, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HILARIO FELIX**, 4336 HARTLE AVE., CUDAHY, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HILARIO FELIX**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1837528**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WILLIE'S CUSTOM CABINETS**, 1311 W. EL SEGUNDO BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90222. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WILLIE W. BUYCKS**, 509 PARTRIDGE LN., SAN JACINTO, CA 92582. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WILLIE W. BUYCKS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/92.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1821153**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CANVAS CREATIONS BY RAMON**, 7525 ROSECRANS AVE. #222, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE RAMON FLORES**, 7525 ROSECRANS AVE. #222, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE RAMON FLORES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/10/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on OCT. 6, 2003.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1821756**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EL RINCONITO MEXICAN AND SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**, 10618 INGLEWOOD AVE. #4, LENNOX, CA 90304. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIBEL ARCHUNDIA**, 4142 W. 168th ST., LAWDALE, CA 90260. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIBEL ARCHUNDIA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/10/08**. 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. 08-1877748**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA BARATA LIQUOR MARKET**, 3428 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHINH VA LOONG TAN**, SHI HAN TAN, 621 N. HUNTINGTON AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed:**

CHINH VA LOONG TAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1788419**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **L. FIFTH AVENUE EXPRESS**, 2. **LOU RAZON**, 1539 E. AMAR RD., W. COVINA, CA 91792. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **APPAREL DESIGNS EXCLUSIVE, INC.**, 1539 E. AMAR RD., W. COVINA, CA 91792. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: VP**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1848889**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA LAGUNA SNACKS**, 3305 TYLER AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MAGDALENA JASMIN TAMASHIRO**, 9050 BUHMAN AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAGDALENA JASMIN TAMASHIRO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/16/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/16/2008.

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FILE NO. 2008-1848898**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **L. LAGUNA SNACK'S & FLOWER SHOP**, 3305 TYLER AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/10/2007, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2007-2087758. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime). **SIGNED: JOSE S. TREJO / OWNER**.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1780472**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOUCH OF CRAC**, 330 CALIFORNIA AVE., APT. 507, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GRACE BRUNO**, 330 CALIFORNIA AVE. APT. 507, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GRACE BRUNO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1762276**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANORANZAS**, 1605 W. OLYMPIC BLVD. STE. 1062, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE R. MORALES**, 141 S. ALLEN AVE., PASADENA, CA 91106. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE R. MORALES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/01/08**. 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. 08-1787124**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BEBE HAIR SALON BEAUTY SUPPLY**, 8540 ALONDRA BLVD. #B3, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANDY NGUYEN**, 4292 RIVERFIELD CT., RIVERSIDE, CA 92505. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANDY VU NGUYEN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/06/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1762277**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BIG BROTHER TRUCKING**, 9707 ALEXANDER AVE. APT. C, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALEJANDRO GARCIA**, 9707 ALEXANDER AVE. APT. C, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALEJANDRO GARCIA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/01/08**. 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. 08-1806556**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHING HUI TRUCKING**, 921 N. HARBOR BLVD. #613, LA HABRA, CA 90631. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TSAL CHING HUI**, 13760 FRANCISCO DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TSAL CHING HUI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1806540**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHUNG YA WHOLE SALE**, 53 DAISY AVE. #8, PASADENA, CA 91107. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHUNG YA CHANG**, 53 DAISY AVE. #8, PASADENA, CA 91107. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHUNG YA CHANG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1814680**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EL JEFFE**, 1018 FULTON MALL, FRESNO, CA 93721-2502. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HUSSEIN M. HUSSEINI**, 6301¹/₂ OTIS AVE., BELL, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HUSSEIN M. HUSSEINI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/09/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JULY 9, 08.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1814679**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EL PATRON**, 913 FULTON MALL, FRESNO, CA 93721-2508. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALI HUSSEINI**, 6301¹/₂ OTIS AVE., BELL, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALI HUSSEINI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/09/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JULY 5, 08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1781009**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FELIPE'S IRON WORKS**, 1537 W. EL SEGUNDO BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90222. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FELIPE M. RODRIGUEZ**, 344 FRASER AVE. L.A., CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIPE M. RODRIGUEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/03/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/2000.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**File No. 08-1806763**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KATIE TRUCKING**, 17759 NEARBANK DR., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **KATIE CHEN**, 17759 NEARBANK DR., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KATIE CHEN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1806765**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PEITI TRUCKING**, 115 FERNPINE LN., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PEITI WENG**, 115 FERNPINE LN., POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PEITI WENG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1729764**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **I. PRODUCTOS NATURALES**, 2. **PURHEPECHA**, 2500 REDONDO BEACH BLVD., TORRANCE, CA. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SALOMON BALDERAS GUILLEN**, 15322 VIRGINIA AV. PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SALOMON BALDERAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **09/25/08**. 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. 08-1806764**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TING CHEN WHOLESale**, 1513 W. HELLMAN AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LIU JING CHEN**, 1513 W. HELLMAN AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LIU JING CHEN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1806766**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **YAFANG WHOLESale**, 1676 GAFFREY LN., WEST COVINA, CA 91791. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YAFANG WANG**, 1676 GAFFREY LN., W. COVINA, CA 91791. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YAFANG WANG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1806546**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **YINGJU WHOLE SALE**, 3857 DURFEE AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YINGJU CHEN**, 3857 DURFEE AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YINGJU CHEN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/08/08**. 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. 08-1721556**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS GROUP**, 126 ZAMARA ST., AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROCHELLE FLORES**, 126 ZAMARA ST., AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business

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by Kim Clymer-Kelley

Train Wrecks Of The Angeles (Part 3)



Friday, October 6, 2000 was going to be a hectic day. It was what could be a typical fall day in the mountains...cold and drizzly...a nice change of pace from the summer heat, as long as it did not actually rain...packing in the rain is never very pleasant and not a good idea at all. The Contra dance group was due to arrive in the morning for their hike into Sturtevant. This meant rising extra early to feed the animals so that they would be saddled and ready when the group arrived. I would be taking the entire string of 6 pack animals... the mule, Shonto, and 5 donkeys Bonnie (the mammoth donkey), Bill, Slim, Gus, and Cisco...as well as my horse, Jake. Since there were 40 people coming in, each guest was limited to 10 pounds of luggage. The small donkeys could carry 125 pounds per load (though I kept it to around 100 for the long trip to Sturtevant Camp), Bonnie could carry about 200 (150 for longer trips) and Shonto could carry about 300 (though there was seldom a call for that big of a load). Luggage has a tendency to be bulky, but not too heavy, so that was more of an issue than weight with this type of trip. While the 10 pound limit would only total 400 pounds (maybe as much as 500 pounds if some cheated) spread over 6 animals...a manageable amount of weight, but it could be very difficult to snugly load 40 bulky duffle bags plus other assorted items such as sleeping bags and musical instruments in 12 saddle bags...that is where it gets tricky. I already had a few smaller groups under my belt, but this one was going to be a challenge...especially since I could barely walk on my knee that I had injured the day before. But being the eternal optimist, I figured that I had used up all of my bad luck the day before, and that since Friday, October 6th, 2000 was my 44th birthday, and I was protected by the birthday fairies...nothing could possibly go wrong...fate would never be so cruel.

One by one the cars arrived with the group's members. As each arrived, I weighed their luggage, labeled it with a weight tag, and instructed each party to leave the tag in place and to keep the weight the same for the pack out of camp on Sunday. It was important to know the exact weight of each packed bag, not only for billing purposes, but because the load on one side of the animal had to weigh the same as the load on the opposite side. An unbalanced load would always end up causing the saddle to tilt and, if not immediately corrected, fall off...certain disaster on the narrow, steep and brushy trails. Some of the group decided to head into camp as soon as they were checked in, others waited for friends to arrive so that they could hike together. I continued to greet each car, weigh in stuff, and run back and forth from the "loading dock" to the store to mind the store and parking end of the business. This was very difficult to do since I could not straighten my knee and looked a bit like Quasimodo as I limped around the station grounds...it was still very painful. When the last of the baggage had arrived, I carefully loaded it onto the animals. When I was finished balancing and securing the load tightly to each animal, I did one final check of the cinch straps to make sure that the saddles were all snugly attached. The load was quite a sight to see. Not only was each of the donkey's saddlebags bulging to capacity, but the back of each animal was also piled high. This could be a potential problem because anything piled on the top could shift the majority of its weight to one side or the other with the natural sway of the animals when they move. Eventually this would cause the saddle to list

and then fall off. It was important that the load could not move or work its way free.

We left the station before the last of the group had arrived (some had sent their gear ahead to the station with others). While many had gone ahead, there was a large group that waited for the last few to arrive before hiking in. I led the animals down the ¾ mile fire road and then another ¾ mile out the main trail to the Fern Lodge Junction where I left the main trail and climbed up the stock trail that ran some 50-100 feet above the canyon bottom. I followed that trail about a mile past where the lower trail joined it at Falling Sign Junction and then another half mile to where it dropped back down to the stream bed and crossed the water at Cascade Picnic Grove, where I had the mishap the day before. I was grateful to have made it there without a single hitch. I stopped and rested the animals for a few minutes and let them have a sip of water from the stream as we passed through. The weather was good for the animals...it had been so hot on other trips out to camp...the drizzle continued, though lightly, but a quick check of the cargo showed that it was for the most part, being kept dry by the plastic bags that covered the top items on each side...so far so good.

After leaving the picnic grove, we started off over the last mile to camp. About ¼ mile past the grove was the first of two switchbacks that we had to negotiate. I had experienced firsthand the problems that a switchback can cause. Dennis had warned me of their danger and of exactly what could happen to even the most experienced packers if the turn is taken too quickly or if an animal missteps or dawdles. On a previous trip, at the second of these two switchbacks, Bonnie rounded the corner, but the next animal in line, Bill, stopped for a second to grab a bite and missed the turn. With his lead rope tied to Bonnie's saddle and now stretched across the corner with her above and him below, he had no choice but to try to climb the steep hill between them or to pull her down to his level...he opted for door number two, causing her to slide sideways down the hill on top of him. It was a near disaster, quite a scare, and quite a mess to untangle. The first switchback which we were now approaching had two turns. The first was a hairpin turn that crossed over a cement slab at the base of a check dam. It served as a bridge over a small culvert. On the other side of this turn the trail got extremely narrow (15 inches wide) and climbed steeply above the relatively shallow ravine to the second turn. I guided Jake over the concrete and started up the hill very slowly watching each animal as they made the turn. Shonto cleared the turn, I allowed Jake to take a few steps to give Bonnie room, then Bonnie cleared. I allowed Jake to take a few more steps so that Bill could have room. Bill cleared. I repeated this for Slim and Gus and finally it was Cisco's turn. Cisco was 25 years old and very slow...a major dawdler. For some reason he hesitated. Although I was not moving, the other animals continued to close ranks, pulling Cisco's lead rope across the ditch at the corner. He was not budging. Gus, being a somewhat nervous animal, stepped quickly forward crowding Slim in an effort to pull Cisco around the bend. I watched as Cisco planted his front feet, extended his neck, and leaned back onto his haunches pulling back even harder. Gus, losing the tug-of-war, was pulled to the edge of the narrow trail which collapsed under his weight and he toppled into the gully...continued next week.



TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

A Postcard from Palm Springs And A Few Newsworthy Napkin Notes

It has come to my attention that I may have missed a few spots in Palm Springs. I reported on the hot weather didn't I?? I mentioned the short drive didn't I? A few restaurants were reviewed, a hotel, the pool - what could I have missed? Well, an astute reader from San Dimas named Sammy emailed me, and you know what? By George, Sammy, I think you are right. I did miss something important and a rookie mistake, too. What must be added, of course, is the Tram Ride! An absolute must-see when in Palm Springs. It didn't stop there though, "Jesse M" of Pasadena says, the restaurant "Falls" is "the" spot in downtown Palm Springs with their extensive list of Martinis and their stylish atmosphere. Are we done yet? No, Bruin Bill adds that Sherman's Deli in Palm Springs is the "in spot" and that the Marquis Villa is a nice hotel. Great suggestions one and all, and gentleman I tip my hat to you. Old age may be playing tricks on me but with guides like you we won't miss a thing!

Here are a few exciting upcoming Wine and Foods Events.

Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 Il Fornaio

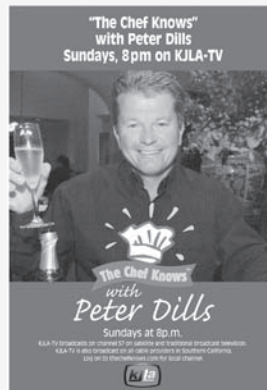
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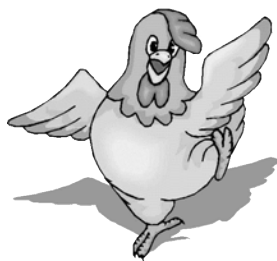
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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Exotic Weather on Distant Worlds

IF YOU THINK OUR SANTA ANA WINDS are a bit much, consider what you might find on an exoplanet. Computer simulation of the atmospheric circulation on one Jupiter-like planet, based on actual observations of planetary temperature, show winds heated to thousands of degrees Fahrenheit blowing at supersonic speeds.

Approximately 300 planets have been discovered around other stars, and for most of those planets, scientists know little more than the mass and orbital properties of the planet. However, for a handful of the brightest planets, temperatures have been inferred from observations carried out with space-based platforms such as NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope. Those observations, and the computer simulations used to explain them, hint at weather patterns truly alien to our Earth-based experience.

Adam Showman of the University of Arizona led a study explaining how a global atmospheric circulation driven by the dayside heating and nightside cooling can drive weather on the so-called "hot Jupiters"—Jupiter-like gaseous giant planets that orbit extremely close to their stars.

"These planets are 20 times closer to their star than Earth is to the Sun, and so they are truly blasted by starlight," Showman says. Their dayside temperatures reach 2,000 or even 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, much hotter than any planet in our Solar System.

"Because these planets are so close to their

stars, we think they're tidally locked, with one side permanently in starlight and the other side permanently in darkness," adds Showman. "So, if there were no winds, the dayside would be extremely hot and the nightside would be extremely cold."



Photo by Aaron Dominquez

Observations conducted last year with the Spitzer Space Telescope showed, however, that for at least one such planet, called HD 189733b, the nightside temperature exceeds 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit—much warmer than expected for a wind-free planet. This shows that winds carry heat from the dayside to the nightside, keeping the nightside warm. Until now, however, no computer models had successfully explained this process in detail.

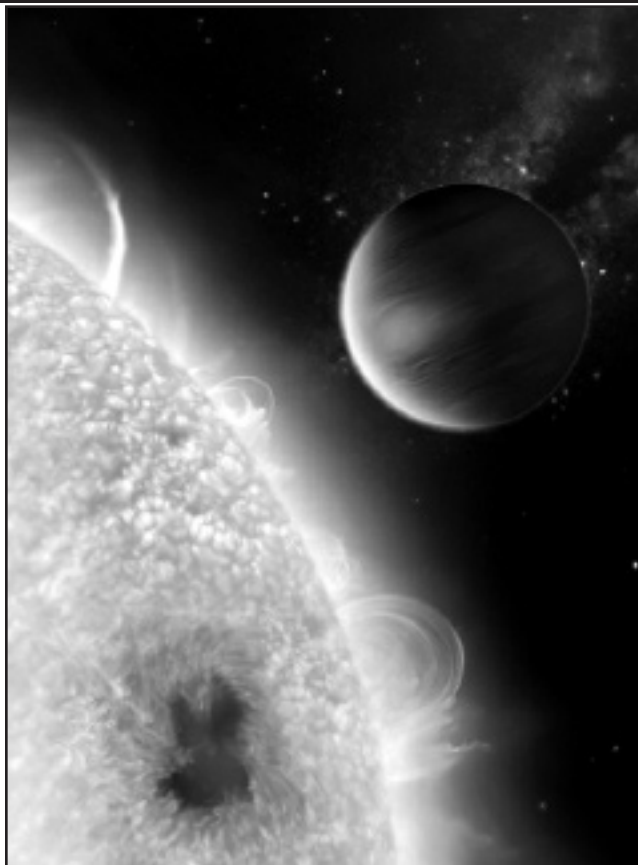
Showman and colleagues performed state-of-the-art 3D computer simulations that, for the first time, coupled the weather motions to a realistic representation for how starlight is absorbed and how heat is lost to space.

The models explain the observed day-night temperature patterns and suggest that, to carry the heat, the planet must have jet streams with speeds reaching a hefty two miles per second or 7,000 miles per hour.

So what's the weather forecast for these planets? "Hot Jupiters are pretty crazy places," says Showman. "Expect supersonic winds and dayside temperatures hot enough to melt lead and rocks. If you tried to visit, you'd be fried to a crisp before you could enjoy the view."

DESPITE THE HOT WINDS, THERE ARE STILL A FEW COOL PLACES LEFT, and one of them is Antarctica. That's where UCLA professor David Saltzberg recently went to conduct research on neutrinos, subatomic particles raining in from space that are extremely hard to detect. Dr. Saltzberg used a balloon-mounted antenna, floating over the Antarctic ice, to pick up radio waves given off by neutrinos striking the ice. He'll tell about what he found, and how he found it, at a public lecture Sunday, October 26, 2:30 p.m. at the Altadena Public Library, 600 E. Mariposa St. in Altadena. The Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA), a volunteer group helping the Observatory on public outreach, is sponsoring this free event. Come at 2:00 and enjoy refreshments before the talk.

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



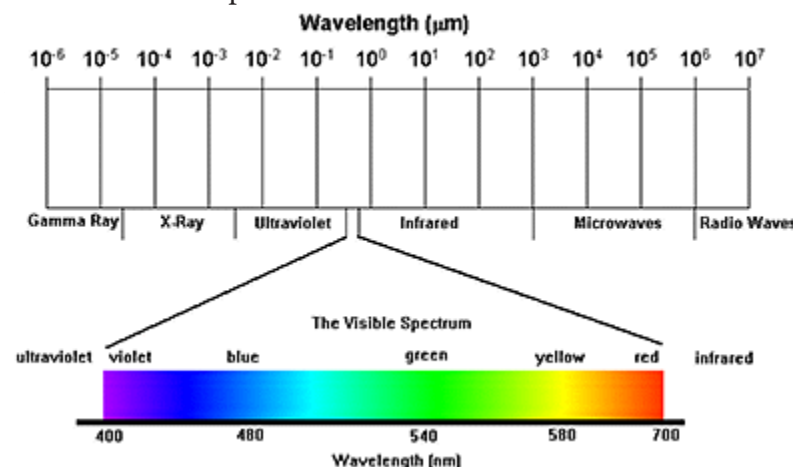
From the Inside Out: Let There Be "Light"

By Mary Carney



This morning I happened to be in the right position at the right time. A beam of early morning sunlight speared through the window, lighting up the tip of my finger left index finger between the knuckle and the book I was reading ... my entire fingertip was a softly infused translucent pink, very different from the normal opaque finger pink I usually see.

In that one moment I was reminded again of how important light - and all its various frequencies - is to our health. We are not "solid" - we are a condensation of frequencies of all kinds which is permeated, moved and affected by those same frequencies. We are translucent - yet our very translucency is masked by the lights under which we spend most of our time.



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One of the reasons this whole issue is so important is to keep ourselves balanced. For example, how long ago were you on the receiving end of X-Rays? If you look at the above figure, you see that the X-Rays are in the Blue / Violet end of the spectrum to the left of the UltraViolet frequencies. To balance a concentrated X-Ray exposure, you need to get energies from the InfraRed part of the spectrum. So, did you immediately get yourself out into the sun to get some of those wonderful infrared rays, as well as those UltraViolet ones that your bones need for good health? I'll bet not ...

Which leads me to a real electric lighting concern. In order to reduce electrical consumption, we are being pushed to convert to fluorescent bulbs. Yes, they save power. Because we spend most of our time indoors, do you really want to be continuously irradiated and interpenetrated by lots of toxic mercury frequencies? Not by a long shot! As of this writing, even the healthiest full spectrum fluorescent bulbs contain mercury. In addition, you can't just "throw out" a fluorescent bulb. They are TOXIC and HAZARDOUS MATERIALS and must be disposed of safely. This means you must safely store until the next Hazardous waste roundup. Heaven forbid any of them break, releasing toxic gases into your home that can settle onto the carpet or furniture, or that you might breathe. Until we get safer bulbs, even with the greater energy usage, incandescents remain the healthiest light bulbs for your home, especially where you spend most of your time ...

It may seem that paying attention to something as subtle as light energy is ridiculous, but not so. If you can get a copy of the John Ott video or DVD, on his time lapse photography processes which illuminated this whole area of reality for us, please do so. It's simply amazing!

OK, so light is more of a "from the outside in" process - but it totally affects how you function "from the inside out". Twenty minutes a day under the sun - that's a great start!

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

"HURRY SICKNESS" - Have You Caught It Yet?

In the world we call civilization there exists an illness that is very contagious. This malady transfers itself from person to person by many means. Our automobiles, cell phones, computers and massive numbers of humans addicted to the exactness of schedules and connectivity causes herd behavior to dominate our lives.

We, as seniors, have seen other times. We grew up in times that moved slower, were more courteous, and operated efficiently with much less "connectivity". We did not need to be connected with telephone devices stuck in our ears while we grocery shop or drive our cars. The pace of life was slower and more regulated, yet accomplishments were the same if not better.

These accomplishments were obtained without the gut-tightening, stress-inducing pressure of today's pace of life. This pressure produces ulcers, road rage, and stress levels that destroy relationships. We must ask ourselves if we are caught in this insanity or are we using our experience to slow down life around us and live with quality?

As I drive the freeways and see the craziness, I look at the drivers who are speeding, tailgating, and weaving. I look to see some evil stereotype that I can blame. It never works. I see those who look like my daughter, my father, my friends, and . . . myself. Yes, even I can find myself doing this herd behavior at times. Do we drink more caffeine to "keep up" with those around us? Who among us has not been pressured in this way?

When we realize this, what do we do to stem this illness? We all know the practical saying, "There's never enough time to do it right, but always time to do it over

again." As those experienced in life, are we above this problem epidemic?

I would encourage all of us to demonstrate courteous behavior and slow this crazy world down with an example that stands out. Hold a door open for another hurried person (yes, even a youngster.) Tell the stressed out checker at the market that she has a beautiful smile. Resist anger as speeders blaze past us on the freeway. Smile and thank those doing us a service, and mean it!

There is powerful magic in courteous behavior. In the same way that the hurry-sickness drives people to bad behavior, our positive examples will help stem this negative tide. No, we are not going to fix the world. However, we have a responsibility to not join the lemmings heading for the cliff edge.

In resisting this behavior, we will improve the quality of our own life. Faster is not better. Time moves at the same rate for all of us. Less is better. A few simple things done well are superior to many tasks done poorly. Are we part of the problem or the solution? Be moving peacefully and purposefully through life we can be an example that teaches. Make good choices. Choose to life at your own terms, not at the pace that others seem to demand.

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

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By Pat Birdsall

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

"Bass-O-Matic" Redux

After fighting a virulent virus for over two weeks, I'm happy to report that my two cats Visa and Rosie, are both well. I can't tell you how happy that makes me, but I'll try... The first and very obvious reason is that they have both regained their health without suffering my culinary catastrophes?

The first night Rosie came home all I could get her to try was ice cream. I figured if I combined something "smelly" with a dairy product it might just do the trick. So, I put a can of salmon in the blender with some Half & Half and pushed the puree button. Yukaroadies! I was instantly transported back to 1979 and a skit done by Dan Aykroid on Saturday Night Live. You might remember it-- it was the "Bass-O-Matic" demonstration. The details make me too nauseous to repeat but, by virtue of the name, if you didn't see it I'm sure can figure it out. If I had a stronger stomach maybe I could turn this "recipe" into a money-making endeavor. Then again, maybe not...

A few things went by the wayside during this "nightmare." I had birthday that I had mixed feelings about... I was gaining another year certainly, but more importantly, medical insurance after not having any for 20 years. Oh well, I can have a party some other time sans any seafood hors d'oeuvres, of course.

During this period I also hadn't paid my monthly visit to the hairdresser. My "natural" Lucy Ricardo shade of red was failing fast. The lyrics for "A Whiter Shade of Pale" were constantly coursing through my brain...What to do, what to do? I thought it would be okay for awhile and that no one would notice—I just needed to hang out with shorter people. I'm 5'4", so this might prove difficult. It would limit me to hanging out at a pre-school or attending a reunion of the "Wizard of Oz" Munchkins. Of course, neither option was practical so I put on my most pitiful voice and placed a 911 call to my hairdresser. She fell for it, and I'm here to tell you that "Lucy" is back!

Upcoming Health Education Seminars and Lectures

Orthopedic surgeon Richard W. Vanis, M.D. will discuss the latest advancements in hip and knee replacement at a free seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Dr. Topics will include leading edge technology such as computer navigation systems that help the physicians place the joint, ceramic and all metal implants, and mini-incision techniques that help reduce pain and promote quicker recovery.

For more information or reservations, call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Arcadia Senior Citizens Services will host a lecture on Alzheimer's prevention on Tuesday, October 21 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the Arcadia Community Center. Dr. Vincent Fortunascé, renowned neurologist will use his DEAR (Diet, Exercise, Accentuating the brain reserves, Rest and Relaxation) will teach participants the importance of a comprehensive approach to battling the disease. The lecture is free but requires a reservation. Call for reservations at 626.574.5130

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI: Warning!

A stranger coming to your door offering to rake your leaves might seem like an innocuous circumstance, but in actuality, it could be the beginning of a con artist's scheme to separate you from your money and your valuables.

It is a fact that most people are generally cautious when they interact with strangers. Hence, a con artist has to break this coldness if he wants to cheat his victim. They typically warm up their targets by flattering them or by claiming that they have met before. They are usually very friendly, charming, persuasive and extremely nice; all of which serve to disarm prospective victims. They are great actors and like chameleons, they are able to change their personality to suit the the role they play. Once trust is established, the rest is easy.

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP AT ALL TIMES!

~Helpful Hints~

Take a old (or new) tennis ball and carefully cut a 2-inch slit along one seam--you now have an ingenious place to hide your small valuables at the gym, in a locker, in your car...anywhere.



Happy Birthday
Sole Krieg and Pat Birdsall

Recipe of the Month: A is for Apple

*Sprinkle thin slices of apple lightly with sugar, then sauté in butter for 5 minutes, until golden. Fold into mashed potatoes.

* Cut small cubes of apples and celery, then combine with walnut pieces. Toss with mayonnaise and season with chopped parsley, salt and pepper. This is a great autumn salad.

*Substitute chopped apple for chopped celery in tuna salad.

*Instead of lettuce, thinly slice apple on a turkey or ham sandwich. Top with mayonnaise or honey mustard.

*Note: Fuji and Gala are great for snacking. When slicing or cubing apples, dip in 1 or 2 tablespoons of fresh lemon juice to keep from browning. Drain and pat dry.

Sheila Lukins-Parade

For Your Funny Bone (All are guaranteed to provoke groans and boos)

Three vampires walk into a bar. The waitress comes up to them and asks what they'll have. The first vampire says, (Transylvania accent inferred) "I'll have a glass of O Positive." The second vampire says, "I'll have a glass of AB Negative."

The third vampire says, "I'm the designated driver, I'll just have a glass of plasma." The waitress turns toward the bartender and yells, "Gimme two bloods and one blood lite!" ~

What do you call someone who puts poison in a person's corn flakes?
A cereal killer.

Why do mummies have trouble keeping friends?
They're so wrapped up in themselves.

Quote:

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.
~Stanley Horowitz~

Activities:

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

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

Monday: Free Strength Training Class with volunteer Lisa Brandley 1:00- 1:45 PM

Tuesday: Bingo: 1:30-3:30 PM .25c per card. Yoga- 5:30 PM- 7:00PM Instructor Andrea Walsh- \$6.50 for seniors (50 and over.) Call 355-5278 for more information

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

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One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them By Chris Bertrand

A Rare Pasadena Event: Estates Pasadena New neighborhood under construction in East Pasadena

A complete new neighborhood under construction is a rare event in Pasadena these days, according to Estates Pasadena agent, Yvonne Chien. Certainly, there are lots of mid-rise condos going up in the city center, but single family home communities in this established, century plus city are few and far between in this era.

If you drive Sierra Madre Boulevard just east of Sierra Madre Villa, you've likely noticed the red flags. Twenty-eight new homes from 2900 to 3500 square feet will fill this area soon. Two developers, Ying Enterprises, Inc and Pacific Rim Communities Builder have joined forces to build the project. LCRA, a local, award winning architectural firm from Pasadena was awarded the design, and has focused on its intimate knowledge of Pasadena neighborhoods to ground the project to its local roots.

Other contributors are tied closely to the local community, including, B&E Engineering of Arcadia, for site design and engineering services. James Fu, an alumnus of Pasadena's Art Center College of Design consulted on "Art and Design" features.

Two model homes offer potential buyers the opportunity to view two of the three floorplans in a completed state. As of October 14, five of the twenty-eight are either sold or in escrow. In fact, one buyer had her heart set on the first model home, and agreed to buy and close escrow on the home, renting it back to the developer. The eight homes currently offered in the current phases offer generous homesites, with 7217 to 8628 square foot lots, some with mountain views.

The models I saw are in tune with what I see buyers seeking for today's SoCal lifestyle, with flexibility in bedroom configurations, to accommodate a dual master in one home, and an office or upstairs bonus room instead of a bedroom. A pantry is convertible to a wine cellar. Another floorplan tucks an optional wine chiller under the open staircase in the dining room. A kitchen desk area off the kitchen allows for homework to be done within an adult's earshot, yet out of the commotion of the kitchen. Something that appeals to me... the desk can remain a bit messy, and not show in the kitchen!



Those seeking design inspiration will find small outdoor porches and balconies, a paint technique that looks like wallpaper, and pleasing, soothing styling that is distinctive but still mainstream.

Current prices run \$1,455,000 for 3069 square feet to \$1,625,000 for 3484 square feet. The floorplans include up to five bedrooms and four and a half baths. A substantial credit or upgrade allowance was offered at the time of this interview. Check the website for current incentives.

The Estates Pasadena neighborhood is convenient to I-210, less than a mile to the Gold Line station serving downtown LA and walking distance to the local elementary school. Extensive shopping is just a couple of minutes away, along Foothill and Colorado.

Estates Pasadena is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5 at 800 Sierra Madre Villa Avenue in Pasadena. Call Yvonne Chien at 626-355-2468 or visit www.EstatesPasadena.net for more information.



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KEEPING SCORE TENNIS EVERYONE? – Courting Time In Pasadena

By Ray Masters

About two months ago, my wife and I suddenly had the same brilliant idea. "Let's start playing tennis!" we said to each other, out of nowhere. After being satisfied that, in fact, I can sometimes read my wife's mind, we set about acting on our healthy impulse.

But why did we have this simultaneous impulse and where could it lead? To retrace, we were both thinking about getting healthier, having spent too many nights watching "American Idol". My wife's calf injury, sustained over a year ago when she tried to beat out a bunt against our fearsome and fleet footed son, had finally healed, and she was again ready to get moving again. We wanted something relatively inexpensive, because \$4 and \$5 gas alone chews too much into little things like mortgage bills and car payments. We wanted to do something as a family. My son still doesn't get why Mom isn't into covering him on fly patterns or chasing his mammoth hits all over the outfield, but tennis was a good compromise here.

So we invested in some tennis balls, which are, amazingly, about the same price as they were when I first took up the sport in the 70's. We discovered a plethora of relatively inexpensive racquets out in the marketplace as well. It could be that tennis is actually cheaper to play now than back in the day.

Now, to find a court.

Finding a public tennis court during a tennis boom is a fine art, a genetic trait, really, like being able to get a good parking space close to the mall entrance. One needs to know when to seek out a court, when to wait out the current occupants of said court, and when to fold and try another location.

As a general rule, the kids wearing jeans using one tennis ball between four players are short timers; the family with the personal coach and the eight-year old prodigy in tow are probably going to stay awhile.

There are the mathematical permutations of courts divided by occupants equals likelihood divided by time. To simplify, I am talking about whether you camp out in front of a set of four courts in a popular locale or two in a more out of the way spot. If the two are full, you could be in for a long wait, but if they are truly out of the way, no one will be using them, right? See the logic?!

Then you have the matter of lit courts, which is the point of this whole story. You see, there aren't many public courts with lighting in this area, but there could be, if the City of Pasadena built them at the public high schools and the neighbors didn't complain (too much. I add these two words because there is never no complaining when someone puts up lighting, unless it is seasonal. And even then, there is complaining if there's too much, unless you live in Hastings Ranch...). So, the point of this story is to get the City to think about putting lights in at the tennis courts at the PUSD high schools so I can play tennis without waiting. See the logic?!

And yes, after all this, we are out and about several nights per week, a regular tennis playing family. Our weights are down, we are toned, our spirits are high, and we spend so little on the sport that we actually get to eat afterwards.

One problem. We are a sweaty mess after tennis. Could the City put in showers by the courts, too?

Big M Boosters 14th Golf Tourney Monrovia Boosters Swing For Scholarship Dollars

Friday, November 7, 2008, Brookside Golf Club will be the site of the 14th Annual Big M Boosters fund raising golf tournament to benefit Monrovia High School athletes and pep squads. The Big M boosters organization has provided financial support through scholarships

for qualified Monrovia High School athletes to assist with the expense of a college education for decades.

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Long-time Monrovia High coach and teacher Byron Greer, who started the Big M Boosters back in the 1970s, was among the golfers in 2007 and will be again this year. Greer has been brought out of retirement as an interim dean at the school this year. Photo by Annette Simpson



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