

Oh What A Night (and Day)!Halloween In Sierra Madre Continues To Draw Thousands

By Susan Henderson

Despite the threat of rain showers, mudslides and more economic disaster, Halloween in Sierra Madre didn't disappoint the thousands of visitors that came to town.

Goblins, witches, robots, mummies and more made their rounds.

The day started with students at Sierra Madre Elementary School visiting a very unique "Wax Museum" designed and staffed by the third grade students in Mrs. York's classroom. This reporter tried very hard to test the 'wax characters', but they never winked as students from other classrooms filed into the special entrance and worked their way around the school.

On the left, the 'wax' version of Mrs. York and one of her students can be viewed.

After school, children of all ages went Trick or Treating in Downtown Sierra Madre, where shop windows were decorated by students earlier in the week. Many then went on to



The figures in this Wax Museum looked awfully real!



participated in the Halloween Parade and Costume Contest sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre Community Services Department and the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. Judges for that event really had a tough job selecting the top three winners in five different age groups. Winners of the 5-6 year old category (bottom left), Abby Gagnier, Johan Thuen and Jeffrey Dieguez wore some of the most creative costumes of the evening.

There were other activities that enhanced the evening for young and old alike in the downtown area including an Enchanted Garden sponsored by the City of Sierra Madre, A Halloween Festival, sponsored by Bethany Christian Church and a Haunted House at the offices of the MountainViews-Observer.

The biggest draw of the night, however, were the many homes throughout the city, including the famed Alegria showcases. In fact, one Sierra Madre resident, pictured above in his 'orange' vehicle, just sat back and enjoyed the view. This gentleman resides at the home of Doug and Heather Parker, who along with their brother Chris, created a pumpkin wonderland for all to see. Chris makes an annual trip from North Carolina just for the event.

According to Cpl. Charles Kamchamnan of the Sierra Madre Police Department, despite the crowds and warm weather, the evening was happy and rather peaceful.

No Utility Users Tax Relief for Small Business

By Dean Lee

The Sierra Madre City Council did not exactly reject the idea of implementing a User Utility Tax cap for businesses that generate sales tax on Tuesday, but instead voted to take no action and opted to wait for the creation of an oversight committee. They said, at that time, they would direct the newly formed board on how to proceed.

Mayor Kurt Zimmerman said he could only think of reasons "not to have a cap."

"First it's not equitable, it's difficult we know, to administer based on past experience and to some degree it is a betrayal of the voters trust," he said. "It may also have a negative impact on our ability to compensate our public safety employees."

The issue came up after the Chamber of Commerce asked about a similar plan implemented in 1993. Staff said very few people took advantage of it because the filing process was difficult. City Attorney Sandra Levin said language in the new tax gave them options on whether or not to establish and implement a cap.

Zimmerman said that he wanted to wait until there was some hard data they could evaluate. He also said that he was sympathetic to business although he added that he did not think a tax would drive them out of town. He said the biggest problem was landlords charging too much rent.

Mayor Pro Tem Maryann Macgillivray said they first needed to pick an oversight committee, something that was also a part of Measure U. "...which I thought we were going to establish before the fact," she said. "But I guess it's an oversight committee we're going to establish after the fact."

She further explained that the committee was charged with reviewing, making recommendations concerning the audit and appropriate expenditures of the funds collected. "Now that would be a very appropriate time to determine what the financial impact would be," Measure U created a 12% User Utility tax.

Resident Fay Angus said manipulating what the voters voted on was in violation of their trust. Many agreed with her including Zimmerman. Angus said the measure passed because it was "equitable and fair." Something that everyone in the community would pay for it.

Macgillivray also asked about making policy decisions on an item that was voted on by the people. Levin said that was up to them. Angus disagreed.

"There would be no exemptions," she said. "Because all of us, any businesses, any non-profits, any churches, any schools, private schools residents, we all use the emergency services that this was

designed to finance."

Macgillivray later said Measure U was emotionally charged by using the police. She then took the opportunity to swipe at them for a lawsuit filed by the Police Officer's Association against the city on a separate issue dealing with the hours they work.

Angus also pointed out that a study done by staff failed to find any city around the San Gabriel valley that has a cap on their UUT for businesses.

However, no one was against the idea of a break for business owners.

"I'm not actually opposed to providing some sort of help for our local downtown businesses," said Council member John Buchanan. "Because they, not only pay the property tax, many of them pay a sales tax, and many of them also happen to be residents who pay their own property tax and utility tax,"

Buchanan first said he did have some issues with a cap, later saying that residents with businesses and a home in the city could end up paying the UUT twice. Earlier in the meeting City Manager Elaine Aguilar said there were 3,400 business licenses issued last year, of which, 743 of them were to people in the 91024 zip code.

The Mayor also said the city had a hard time evaluating the cost of a cap program. "We don't know what that will be," he said adding that the city had budgeted and committed itself to increase police pay for three years based on UUT revenue estimates. It was said at the time the UUT could bring in between \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million a year after 2010.

Buchanan said if they were to implement a cap program it should only apply to licensed business, that they should pay the tax directly, not through a third party, and that they would have to actually operate a store front, "then if they reached a certain amount of UUT in a year, they would be eligible for some kind of rebate for every \$1 over that amount up to a cap of \$200 or \$250." "What I'm still having a problem with is how to administer all of that."

Both Council members Don Watts and Joe Mosca had little to say on the issue. Mosca said some relief should be looked at although the administration problem should be worked out. Watts said he saw it as business giving them money instead of taking a tax deduction, "I don't see this as being a make or break item."

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Thanks primarily to resident Vern Hensel, new color coated flyers will be included with Sierra Madre utility bills. The Sierra Madre City Council approved the idea Tuesday night.

After years of prodding from resident Vern Hensel and others, Mayor Kurt Zimmerman introduced the idea to the council. Questions still remained as to why it had taken so long to come. Residents, including Hensel, complained about the lack of clarity in the bills over a year ago. There have also been two lawsuits against the city over incorrect billing.

The issue is that some single family homes have been billed for more than 10 years at the higher rate established for multi unit properties. A resident currently has no way of knowing which rate is being applied to their account. Hensel discovered a few years ago that his single family home had been over billed at the higher rate in excess of several thousand dollars. Since there is a statute of limitations of 1 year for reimbursements from the city, the amount that he, or any other resident who has been incorrectly billed can recover is minimal. Sources indicate that there may be as many as 75 homes currently being over charged.

The new notifications will go out twice a year.

The notice simply states the account type - whether residential single unit, residential multi unit or commercial. It then explains how charges are calculated by meter size and consumption.

The cost to the city for the inserts would be small according to City Manager Elaine Aguilar. She explained it was not currently possible to put that information on the bill itself due to the limits of the existing computer software. "The flyer will be used," she said. "as a way of getting additional information out to the public to make sure our records reflect what the account really is." She noted that last spring the city began including a statement at the bottom of the bill which indicates the water charge consumption at \$1.79 per unit. Resident Bill Tice suggested they put back the trash collection fee on the bill to save money. "It shows more the exact amount," he said "It's better that way, also it saves a stamp."

Council members, Don Watts and John Buchanan, both simply said they thought the city was on the right track. Mayor Pro Tem Maryann MacGillivray also said she was satisfied with the staff's recommendation.

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THERE IS ONLY ONE REASON THAT BARACK OBAMA SHOULD BECOME OUR NEXT PRESIDENT...*Because We Need Him! Now!*

By Susan Henderson/Editor and Publisher

Unless you have been buried under a rock for the last eight years, you have witnessed the total decline in the quality of life in this country. Whether it has been in the form of the destruction of our economy, the cultivation of an environment of hate at home and abroad, the turning of the American dream into a real nightmare, our the lack of credibility America has with the rest of the world, you must certainly recognize that our country is in critical condition. We need a strong leader, right now, who can step up to the plate and start the process of making America - America again. That leader is Barack Obama.

Don't be deceived by the desperate attempts that are being made to discredit Obama. He is what he is. He is a highly intelligent, strong, logical American man with a *plan, a vision and the ability* to implement the change we need. He is not just talking about change in Washington, but change across this country.

I remember when I was a kid, occasionally.

you would see a hobo sitting in the opening of a freight train. We didn't call it homelessness then. We also had parts of town (Philadelphia, Pa., home of the 2008 World Series Champions just in case you hadn't heard) that were known as 'skid row' where the very downtrodden and a few homeless lived. Hobos and people living on skid row were few, not hundreds of thousands, and definitely not families as it is today. And I would venture to say that there was not one person living in a freight train or on skid row that was there because their job had been shipped overseas or that the home in which they had invested their life savings in was foreclosed upon because of market manipulation. We need to get back to that America where you had faith that if you put your money into a retirement account it would be there when you grew old.

What we are experiencing in this country right now is really incomprehensible and someone has to start fixing it. Of the five people running for the office of President, there is only one who has

the judgment, foresight, integrity, intelligence and compassion to get things moving in the right direction again. His name is Barack Obama. Barack Obama who also had the good sense to pick a qualified running mate, Joe Biden.

And to the Republican party, if you want my consideration, give me candidates with substance who will articulate their plans so I can make an informed choice. Give me someone who seeks to unite as opposed to divide. John McCain's campaign has been about dividing and distracting us - first Palin, then Joe the non-Plumber. Don't tell me the sun is shining when we are in the midst of a storm.

We are looking for a leader not puppets and desperate candidates.

We don't need a President that will move into the White House and have to deal with the baggage he is bringing with him. We need a leader who is traveling light and ready to go.

Barack Obama is the leader we need now. He knows how to build the path to our future.



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Proposition 1A YES -Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act. It may sound strange supporting a bond measure in this economy, especially since it is mandatory that if payments are not made from the sale of the bonds that the money come out of the state's general fund which pushes other budgeted items further down the list, but folks, we must clean up this air and creating more efficient transportation systems will help tremendously. It takes a lot of faith that our financial situation will improve, but since several major environmental groups have given Prop 1A the ok, we believe passing it is the right thing to do.

Proposition 2 - YES Standards for Confining Farm Animals. Cruelty inflicted for the sake of higher profits is unconscionable and unnecessary.



Proposition 3 - YES

Children's Hospital Bond Act. Grant Program.

If you need to be convinced that the health of our children is a priority let me remind you that at one time you were a child and no doubt required medical care yourself. Wouldn't it have been wonderful to have had access to the kind of services we can provide today? Imagine that!



Proposition 4 - NO Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.

Opponents of this campaign have misled many into believing that a Yes vote will stop child predators. All I have to say is this: Take a day and volunteer at any agency that helps pregnant teen girls seeking an abortion without their parents, and you will see young women who are facing situations brought on by irresponsible adults, of greater consequence than the pregnancy. Don't throw these young women back into the lion's den. As I said before, if you have to lie to win my vote, then there is something terribly wrong. Don't let them lie to you.

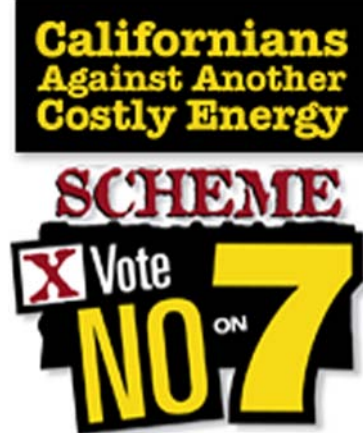
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Proposition 5 - YES

Nonviolent Drug Offenses. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation. There is no doubt that the abuse of drugs is an epidemic in this country. It has created a new class of 'criminals' that are actually the victims of a trade this economy has profited from. Drug addicts who have committed non-violent crimes don't need to be thrown into prisons with hardened criminals who will use their addiction to further exploit them. Drug addicts need treatment and rehabilitation, a much more cost effective solution for this society. This measure is an expansion of Prop 36 which has been effective in getting junkies off the streets, off drugs and back to work without throwing them into prison.

Proposition 6 - NO Police and Law Enforcement Funding. Criminal Penalties and Laws. We don't need more jails, we need more schools. We don't need to take money from

our already strapped general fund to make companies that build, operate and supply jails any wealthier than they already are. No more jails. Not now.



Proposition 7 - NO Renewable Energy Generation. Another Bond measure that is poorly written, ill timed and profit oriented. We can't afford this bond measure. No. No. No.

Proposition 8 - NO Eliminates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry.

Once again, if you have to lie to get my vote then something is very wrong. This measure has exploited children for heaven's sake, in an attempt to further a religious agenda. As one very well respected colleague said, "Prop 8 is being largely supported based on pro-voters religious beliefs. So it begs the question: Is it the function of a government to take religious beliefs and make them into LAW, forcing ALL citizens to conform to such religious beliefs? I don't think so!" This is a blatant attempt to dismantle the US Constitution. Don't fall for it. If your marriage is threatened and needs protection because of how your neighbors live, then I hate to inform you, but you have a huge personal problem.



Proposition 9 - NO Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole. At some point we have to stop letting people pull our chains. There is no question that victims have rights, however this bill does absolutely nothing to protect victims. Much of what opponents contend it will do is already being done. This is a measure put forth by grieving families of murder victims that are no doubt in pain, but they are attempting to ease that pain the wrong way.

Proposition 10 - YES Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy. Again, some bond measures are a necessity. This measure is supported by Ed Begley, Jr., Former Congressman Ron Dellums and the American Cancer Society, and those endorsements tell me that it is the right thing to do.



Proposition 11- YES Redistricting. This proposition did not receive overwhelming support from anyone. The last time we passed a measure that would allegedly hold politicians accountable was term limits and that ended up costing us millions of dollars. We do need to change the way districts are drawn, but be careful.



Proposition 12 - YES Veterans' Bond Act of 2008. We can't do enough for our veterans who risk their lives for our country. Think about it, they are willing to die for you. If this bill will help remedy the lack of support veterans have experienced in recent years, by all means vote yes!



For Additional Ballot Information Go To:
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These local campaign offices in Pasadena are working literally night and day in hopes of getting their candidates elected. Photos by Lee/Baxter/MVO



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Author At the Bookstore

Sierra Madre resident and author Christopher Cobb discusses and signs his new illustrated book, "Van Wyck and the Pirates of the Outland," Sat., Nov 8 at 5 p.m. at Sierra Madre Books, 18 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. This post-apocalyptic, noir-inspired mystery starts in the canyons of Sierra Madre and travels across the Southland and into the deserts outside Palm Springs. With stunning illustrations by artist Scott Griffin. This event is co-sponsored by the Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission.

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BARGAIN BOOK SALE

WHAT: 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, Mysteries, Children's and Specialty books, all in good condition. Stock up on goodies to give or to keep. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each.

WHEN: Monday November 10 through Saturday, November 15. Please note that the Library will be closed for Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11.

WHERE: The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday & Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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.

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<h1>November</h1>				<h2>Thursday 6</h2> <p>Mudslide Awareness Meeting 6:30PM Sierra Madre School Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber Senior Community Commission 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber</p>		
<p>General Election 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM At Your Local Polling Place 4</p>						
<p>Community Services Commission 6:00 p.m. Council Chamber 10</p>		<p>Tree Advisory Commission 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber 12</p>		<p>Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber 13</p>		5
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On Tuesday, Nov. 4, The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club will present a fascinating program about robotic surgery. The program will feature David Seck, Visitor Services Associate from the City Of Hope medical center in Duarte.

The program, entitled "New Projects in Robotic Surgery", will explore the use of robotic surgery for removal of prostate cancers. This project began at Caltech and, when it was ready for Phase 3 testing on human subjects, City of Hope became involved with the program.

The presentation will be at 12 noon, at the Masonic Lodge at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, just east of Baldwin Ave. The public is invited, and lunch will be served. Lunch costs \$10 per person, and reservations are required. To make reservations, please call Harriet Lyle at 355-6786 no later than noon the previous day.

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"Hey, You're the Salsa Lady!"

Photos and Story By Chris Bertrand on Special Assignment

After just a few months at the Sierra Madre Farmer's Market, residents have started recognizing Theresa Armstrong around town as "The Salsa Lady." Her New Mexican style salsa, sold under the Zia Sun label, is quickly becoming a local hit.

After moving to Sierra Madre twenty years ago from New Mexico, Armstrong found the local salsas missing her beloved New Mexican-style flavors. She called her mom for a recipe to start making her own, then found it was too complicated, the vivacious Armstrong laughs. She fine tuned her own recipe over the years, playing with the flavors and textures, until she perfected the right fresh and bright blend. She gave salsa as gifts, the way some of us might bring a plate of cookies or a hostess gift to a party. The enthusiastic responses kept coming in saying, "You should sell this. REALLY!!!"

She started out slowly, selling Zia Sun salsa for parties and corporate events, eventually expanding to three flavors, two reds at different heat levels, plus my family's personal favorite, the green salsa, which she prepares in a local certified kitchen.

Armstrong has been particularly grateful to neighbors and the local business community for their help in getting her started. Special encouragement came from local business owners and St. Rita School families, particularly the Studio 3 trio of artists, Moira Love, Elena Alonzo and Gloria Prins.



When Armstrong needed a food scientist to do the required chemical food analysis, shelf life and ingredients listing prior to marketing, Savor the Flavor owner, Karen Keegan, came up with a referral to another Sierra Madre local, Karen Swisher. Bean Town owner, Mathew Krantz, arranged for her to sell her products at his cafe. So many have pitched in, truly personifying the caring, small town image Sierra Madre is proud of.

It's a family affair, with help from husband, Joe, who adds the "calmness that keeps us going." Even their ten year old daughter helps by affixing the labels. Armstrong's 3 year old tags along on sales calls occasionally, and is known to get up asking, "Are we selling salsa today?" Armstrong quips, "We're in this together, for the long haul!"

Zia Sun salsa was enjoyed at Capelli Court on Baldwin, during City of Hope's Wine and Jazz event on Saturday afternoon, October 25, and at the St. Rita Harvest Festival at Baldwin and Alegria the same day.

Need a salsa fix, and can't get to Sierra Madre's Wednesday afternoon Farmer's Market? Zia Salsa is now sold in the new refrigerated case at Bean Town, 45 N. Baldwin, Sierra Madre. You can also email special orders, large and small, to "The Salsa Lady" at ZiaSalsa@verizon.net or call her at 626-831-8882. *Chips 'n' salsa, anyone?*

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By Peter Dills
Avanti Café



Over the past few months I have made it a point to let my readers know that I am in a constant search for the family-owned restaurant. You may accurately say this is the Holy Grail for this Restaurant Critic. It is the American dream for many, and a business which has put many a child through diapers and college. It may stem from some kind of shameful guilt which I carry. You see, I have written about the Big Chains almost exclusively these past few months, but I vowed that I would return to my true love, the Local Corner Restaurant. I think I found the Grail. Tap your heels together three times and just repeat the words, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home."

It has been there right in front of me the whole time!

Avanti Café has been on the corner of Union and Lake in Pasadena for 21 years and, for the past 14 years, they have been utilizing a wood fire pizza oven. They are responsible for some of the area's best gourmet pizzas. On my last visit I completely enjoyed the glazed Apple Pizza (\$15.95) and a traditional Pepperoni Pizza (\$12.85).

One of the tests I put to each restaurant I review is their soup. Avanti Café makes an unbelievable Chicken Barley Soup: all I can add is, "Wow!" If you live in the area for any length of time you have certainly passed the Avanti Café countless times. Need another reason to stop the next time? The Giuseppe Pizza (\$17.95) is loaded with Spinach, Ricotta, Chicken Breast, Mushrooms and Red Peppers, all very fresh and perfectly baked in these flavorful ovens.

The setting at Avanti is as you would expect for a restaurant like this; unpretentious and very welcoming. There is a small parking lot in the back and seating is fairly limited, but Avanti maintains a nice selection of beer and wine. It has won the appetites of many loyal customers, along with numerous awards which are showcased. I give it thumbs up. Well worth the drive from wherever you are reading this. My daughter Lauren has to have the Garlic Knots with each visit. She knows her stuff, and you will love them too!!!

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No Butts, Smoking Ban Now Enforced

By Dean Lee

An 11th hour attempt by some restaurants to stop a city ban on smoking in outdoor areas was of no avail Monday night as the city council unanimously approved the second reading of an ordinance aimed at protecting residents from secondhand cigarette smoke exposure.

Areas include shopping malls, unenclosed areas of bars and restaurants, areas within 20 feet of service waiting lines, outdoor public gathering events, special events, parades—including the Rose Parade—and fairs, and at least 20 feet from doorways, windows, openings, or vents into any enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.

There was very little conversation between council members although a number of people from the public spoke both for and against a ban. Alexis Nassif, the owner of Holly Street Bar and Grill threatened to close if the ordinance passed.

"I would say that 75 to 85 percent of business is smokers on our patio," Nassif explained, "and in this economy right now we're doing the best we can to stay afloat, I mean it's been a battle, it's going to get worse."

She also said the restaurant had been in the city 21 years, "family own and operated."

In her opinion, "I believe it should be the right of the business owner and the patrons if they want to frequent a restaurant that does allow smoking." Others did not see it that way including one resident who said he has bronchitis and had hip surgery due to secondhand smoke.

"You have the chance to eliminate these and more deleterious effects," said Kenneth Peter who has long supported a ban.

Another resident who also said, she too, was disabled because of long exposure to



cigarette smoke, believed she had the right to go the same places as anyone else.

"I can't go to the restaurant, which the Holly Street people were here," she said. "I've been on that patio and I can't see where they could have any place where the smoke would not get to a person."

She added, "Smoke unfortunately does not obey the signs."

Nassif had made a plea with the council to make an exception that would allow them to have smoking outside. Council member Sid Tyler asked if there was some way physical separation could be achieved between smokers and nonsmokers, "So that those who would smoke on the patio don't have their smoke wafted into those who don't like it." He said.

She explained that they have two levels of the patio with a 20 foot setback. She said the Pasadena Health Department came and took pictures to see how feasible it would be. The idea of exemptions was not brought up again.

Another Pasadena bar owner, John Smith, said he thought a ban should go to a vote.

"If these people want to pass a law they should sit in front of Vons, get a petition together, get enough people

to put that petition on a ballot, and put it to the city of Pasadena," Smith said.

He also said he thought that only a small number of residents were behind the ban. "They are a small group of people that have come through the back door of this city council and had you guys put this on the bill." He said.

He also threatened that he would lose 25 percent of his business with a ban forcing him to layoff an equal amount of employees. "Which means, 25 percent of the people of Pasadena that are employed under me are going to lose their job." He said.

The council had directed City Attorney Michele Bagneris to prepare the ordinance at a May 5 meeting. Staff said due to additional communication by them, the return of this proposed ordinance was delayed. No further explanation was given. The council passed first reading last week with on opposition at all from businesses.

The issue was interrupted Monday night for about 40 minutes for a scheduled presentation by Assemblymember Anthony Portantino regarding the State of the State. Most of what he had to say dealt with the troubled economy.

Rose Queen Crowned

For Second Year In A Row An Arcadia High Student Wins Top Honors



Corky Conzonire, President of the 120th Tournament of Roses, places the crown on 91st Rose Queen Courtney Lee of Arcadia at the Coronation Ceremony on Thursday. Photo by Bill Coburn

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.

Officials Rally in Opposition to Measure R



Hammond (Left), Antonovich (Middle)

By Dean Lee

Standing on the site where the proposed Monrovia Gold Line station would be built Monrovia Mayor Rod Hammond was joined Wednesday by other San Gabriel elected officials all opposed to Measure R. State Legislators and Congressional representatives were also on hand.

There message was clear, Measure R, a proposed half-percent sales tax,

which has been included on Tuesday's ballot would not go to funding the Gold Line Foothill extension.. Most of the money would go to project on the "west side," of Los Angeles they said.

Congresswoman Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Hammond all said Measure R was propaganda for L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's personal projects including a subway to these areas extending

the Red Line, projects in the San Fernando Valley and interchange improvements for the 405 and 91 freeways.

Many opposed the measure since the Foothill Extension was taken off a fast track priority funding list in July. The MTA refused to commit \$80 million to the project that would have given \$320 million in federal matching funds they said.

Solis said "If Measure R passes, the voters in the San Gabriel Valley will be paying almost \$61 more per year but would likely receive less than 50 percent back on this investment." She continued, "Rather than approving Measure R, we should continue to urge Los Angeles officials to work with us to achieve equitable investments in transportation in the San Gabriel Valley."

For more information regarding the Metro Gold Line - Foothill Extension contact the Construction Authority at 626-471-9050

New "Green" Tram Dedicated at Descanso Garden

Zero-emissions electric tram will service the 300,000 annual visitors to the La Canada botanical garden



LA CANADA – October 29, 2008. Today, Descanso Gardens in La Canada unveiled a new zero-emissions electric tram, the first step in fulfilling its vision of becoming a fully sustainable facility. An estimated 300,000 visitors attend the 150-acre botanical garden a year, and the new environmentally-friendly tram is expected to be well received by Garden guests.

Taking place under the shade of a 300-year-old oak tree, the dedication welcomed civic leaders who helped make the tram a reality, namely Los Angeles Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Chief Deputy for the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation John Wicker and officials from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

Descanso Gardens Executive Director David Brown welcomed the guests, calling the tram "an inspiration to the 300,000 visitors who come here each year. Thanks to all of you for helping to make

it possible."

Supervisor Antonovich agreed, adding that the tram "is a positive step in protecting the lungs of the children and all who visit here. This new tram is quiet, safe and reliable. I'm looking forward to riding it."

Funded with grants by the AQMD and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the new tram – consisting of a battery-operated tug plus three trailers – replaces an aging propane-fueled internal combustion engine that was noisy and decades-old. One of the latest in clean industrial technology, the new vehicle has an all-aluminum frame and can pull up to 5,000 pounds. The tug simply plugs into conventional electric outlets for overnight charging.

As part of the dedication, officials boarded the tram for a tour of the Gardens which included a stop at the recently renovated Boddy House.

Schwarzenegger Appoints Baum to the Community Colleges Board of Governors

Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees member, Geoffrey Baum, has been appointed to the Community Colleges Board of Governors by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I am honored that Governor Schwarzenegger has given me this opportunity to work with interim Chancellor Diane Woodruff and incoming Chancellor Jack Scott on behalf of the more than two million community college students statewide," said Baum. "By providing affordable, quality education and retraining students of all ages for new careers, California's community colleges will play a critical role helping our state and nation meet the many challenges we face in the years ahead."

Baum has been a PACCD trustee since 2001 and represents Area 1 which covers La Cañada

Flintridge, West Pasadena, and Altadena. He joins the 17-member Board, which formally interacts with state and federal officials and other state organizations.

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors sets policy and provides guidance for the 72 districts and 110 colleges that constitute the system. The Board of Governors also selects a chancellor for the system.

Since 2001, Baum has served as the assistant dean for the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California. He worked for C-SPAN as executive producer from 1999 to 2000 and as a senior producer from 1989 to 1993. From 1994 to 1999, he served as the assistant vice president of marketing and public relations at Claremont



Geoffrey Baum

McKenna College. Baum, 45, was the acting senior editor for National Public Radio's "Marketplace" in 1994 and was an editorial assistant for the Army, Navy, and Air Force Times from 1986 to 1987. He was a substitute English teacher for the Huntington Beach High School District in 1989.

Baum also serves on the Board of Directors for the Armory Center for the Arts, the Foothill Family Service advisory board, and Claremont McKenna Alumni Association. Additionally, he is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Non-fiction Peer Group.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Recycling Tires

By Pat Birdsall

Tire recycling is still a fairly untapped area. But it's a promising one. The energy used to produce a pound of virgin rubber is 15,700 BTUs. Producing one pound of recycled rubber requires only 4,600 BTUs—a savings of 71%.

Recycled rubber can be used for tires, adhesives, wire and pipe insulation, brake linings, conveyor belts, carpet padding, lawn mower and tractor tires, hoses, sporting goods and many other products.

Ground rubber "crumbs" can be added to asphalt for paving roads, runways, playgrounds and running tracks. Rubber added to asphalt will increase pavement life by 4 or 5 times, and reduce the amount of resurfacing materials required.

Most tires produced today contain less than 10% recycled rubber, which could easily be increased to 30%.

Some Simple Things to Do: * Buy the longest-lasting, most fuel-efficient tires possible. Ask your tire dealer about the "rolling resistance" and the mileage performance of the tires you're considering buying.

Make sure your tires are properly inflated, balanced, and (every 6-8,000 miles) rotated.

If you have a choice between tire dealers offering roughly equal prices, and one recycles, patronize the recycler. At least, ask what the dealer does with old tires; if they're not recycled, see if it's possible in your area to take them to a tire recycling center.

Support local and regional efforts to recycle tires, and to convert discarded tires into energy.

Some Tire Trivia: * Some 240-260 million tires are discarded annually in the U.S. In fact, right now there are billions of tires clogging landfill space all over the country.

Some landfill operators don't even accept scrap tires...or they charge more because tires often don't stay buried—they trap gas and float to the top of landfills.

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Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

Our next Fire Safe Council meeting will be November 3, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers. We will be preparing for the Great Southern California Shake Out, November 13, 2008, at 10 a.m.

What level of preparation are you at right now? If the earthquake evacuation kit, located in your car, is not equipt to keep you functioning for 7-10 days in an emergency then you are one of the many that Cal Tech's seismologist Lucy Jones refers to as those

"who prepare the day after" the earthquake.

Think back to July 29, 2008, 11 a.m., the day of the recent Chino Hills earthquake. Where were you? What if you had to stay at that location for the next 7-10 days. How would you have functioned?

Throughout the week of November 10-14 there will be earthquake related seminars throughout Los Angeles County which you can access through: www.shakeout.org/drill

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

Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, October 19th, to Saturday October 25th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 238 calls for service.

Sunday, October 19th:

5:56 PM – Arson investigation, 611 East Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Vista Park. Smoke was reported coming from a ravine to the northeast corner of Heasley Field. The Sierra Madre Fire Department responded and extinguished three small brush fires. The fire, which is of suspicious origin, is currently under investigation by the police/fire investigator, Captain Giannone.

6:40 PM – Petty theft, 49 South Baldwin Ave, Foothill Center of Spiritual Living. A black wallet, driver's license, credit cards and cash was stolen from a purse during a church service. The crime occurred Sunday, 10/19 between 9:15 am and 10:00 am. The loss is estimated at \$96.00.

Monday, October 20th:

12:15 AM – Run-away vehicle, 500 block Mount Wilson Trail to the rear of 380 Churchill Road. An unoccupied car accidentally rolled off the road from Mount Wilson Trail. The car was found over turned with its wheels in the air behind 380 Churchill Road. A towing Company responded with a special mountain recovery team. The residents at 380 Churchill Road were unharmed and were temporarily evacuated while the car was being extracted.

Tuesday, October 21st:

12:28 PM – Vehicle tampering, 400 block North

Canon. A parked car had its rear tire punctured by a sharp object. The sidewall was damaged between 10:00 pm Monday, 10/20 and 8:00 am Tuesday, 10/21. No loss estimate was available.

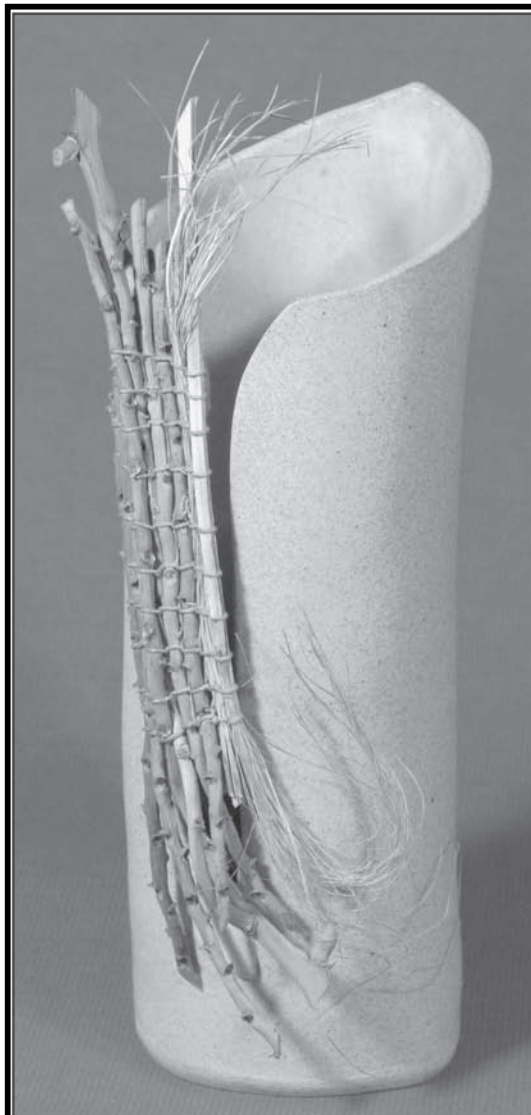
Wednesday, October 22nd:

7:45 AM - Felony evading at Hermosa Ave and Orange Grove Ave. Officer Berry was conducting traffic enforcement for east/westbound Orange Grove Avenue and Hermosa Avenue. An adult male driving a white Ford was stopped for a speeding violation. The motorist sped away and a vehicle pursuit ensued through the City of Pasadena and back to Sierra Madre. The driver eluded the police by turning eastbound on Ramona Av from Michillinda Av. The Ford was later found backed into a garage and unoccupied in the 300 block of Ramona Ave. The driver was positively identified and is being sought.

9:55 AM – Commercial burglary, 350 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Bank of America. A bank employee reported a crime in progress. Officers arrived and arrested two adults for commercial burglary, identity theft, and fraud. The suspects were transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand. The District Attorney filed five felony counts against each suspect.

Friday, October 24nd:

10:02 AM – Identity Theft, 400 block North Baldwin Ave. The crime occurred between Wednesday, 10/1 and Friday, 10/03. The loss is unknown at this time.



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asteroid belt orbiting Epsilon Eridani at a similar distance of 3 astronomical units.

EPSILON ERIDANI MAKES ME THINK OF MR. SPOCK, the alien crew member in Gene Roddenberry's original "Star Trek" series. In one of the novels that followed the TV series, this star was named as the location of Spock's home planet, Vulcan. I don't suppose it's likely that any planets orbiting Epsilon Eridani, billions of years younger than our Sun, would have had time to evolve an advanced being like Mr. Spock—but it's fun to imagine.

The power of the "Star Trek" series to inspire young people and draw them into scientific careers was considerable—and Leonard Nimoy, the man who played the character of Spock, decided to perpetuate that inspiration by donating the money to create Griffith Observatory's new Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon auditorium.

Over the years, I'm sure many of us have been inspired by the realistic projection of the starry sky at planetariums like that at Griffith. In its recent renovation, Griffith upgraded its aging star projector to a state-of-the-art sky projecting system that can give the audience highly realistic views of the starry sky from many perspectives. New York's Hayden Planetarium had earlier installed a similar system. And most recently, Chicago's Adler Planetarium replaced its 40-year-old mechanical star projector with the very best electronic system available. With the help of Illinois Senator Barak Obama, a special Federal grant for science education was obtained, providing \$2 million of the planetarium system's estimated \$10 million total cost.

But you may have already heard about Adler's new planetarium projector—it's become rather famous. In recent debates, John McCain referred to it disparagingly (and misleadingly) when he ridiculed Obama for earmarking \$2 million for "an overhead projector for a Chicago planetarium."

Quite an "overhead projector"!

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

Astronomers have discovered that the nearby star Epsilon Eridani has two rocky asteroid belts and an outer icy ring, making it a triple-ring system. The inner asteroid belt is a virtual twin of the belt in our solar system, while the outer asteroid belt holds 20 times more material. Moreover, the presence of these three rings of material implies that unseen planets confine and shape them.

The star Epsilon Eridani is slightly smaller and cooler than the Sun. It is located about 10.5 light-years from Earth in the constellation Eridanus. (A light-year is the distance light travels in one year, or about 6 trillion miles.) Epsilon Eridani is the ninth closest star to the Sun and is visible to the unaided eye. It is also much younger than the Sun, with an approximate age of 850 million years (the Sun's age is roughly 5 billion years).

Epsilon Eridani and its planetary system show remarkable similarities to our solar system at a comparable age.

Our solar system has a rocky asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, about 3 astronomical units from the Sun. (An astronomical unit equals the average Earth-Sun distance of 93 million miles.) Using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, the team of astronomers found an identical

From the Inside Out: Life Energies

By Mary Carney



When someone says they get an energy session, Polarity, Prana, Qi Gong, Reiki, Joh Rei or something else, what are they talking about?

Each of these is a focused form of the innate, inborn human capability of extending soothing, healing far infrared energies through the hands to someone else.

As in all areas of life, some people do something better than others. Take golf. Tiger is today's best; there are handfuls of other masters around the world, but the number of those with lesser abilities quickly increases to those of us (like me) who require 17 whacks from tee to hole. (While I probably could get better, golf's just 'not my thing'.)

The same principle applies in the field of "energy work". There are absolute masters of this ability to boost life energies that help people heal. Most masters live quietly, sharing their gifts in a variety of ways. Two of the world's most well known living "healers" are John of God (Brazil) and Sai Baba (India). Hundreds of others in other countries are as skilled. We even have an extraordinary healer, based in Sierra Madre, who works with both Johns Hopkins and Andrew Weil. It takes a special type of person to be able to use these energies and to handle the never-ending supplication of people who desperately want someone else to take on the responsibility of "healing" or "fixing" them. Unless one is an exhibitionist, that pull gets really "old" after a while.

Let's face it, lots of people think their bodies are like cars. They want to take it to a mechanic, who - in a very short time - will tune it up so they can get on with things, without having to change any more of their daily routines. Live people are different than metal cars.

Each one of us has our ingrained "habits" of living - brushing & flossing, showers, laundry, housecleaning. Eating. Prudently saving 10% of all monies received for "later".

We are living, biological beings, and if things have developed one way over time, we can turn that around and have them develop in the exact opposite way, from the inside out over time - if we choose.

If we decide to create new habits - increase eating fresh foods with lots of life force enzymes - we can be amazed at the gradual increase in energy and feelings of well-being. If we decide to move our bodies a bit more it will be more flexible - first a rocking chair (how decadent! but very supportive if one is stiff), maybe a swing (a sky chair for that up and down bounce as well as movement in all the other directions?). A (mini) trampoline? Walking. A car trip, riding horseback, swimming (no "falling down" in the water)

or a Cruise - continuous vibration and up and down movements there, too. Tilt-A-Whirls at the Fair. All movements help increase cell wall flexibility and energy storage capacity.

Each of the energy therapies mentioned at the start are great ways to help keep our energy levels up. Those "in the know" are drawn to one style or another: Reiki and Joh Rei are Japanese; from India comes Prana; from China comes Qigong (Chi Gong). Tai Chi (China) is an exercise discipline that helps develop stronger internal energy flows and increased storage capacity. Western Polarity and Therapeutic Touch focus on balancing energy flows between joints of the body. And every single one of these uses human generated Far Infrared frequencies, 5-25 microns (nanometers-) that NASA has determined are essential for human life.

In today's world, the medical community is searching for physical tools that can reliably emit these same healing energies. Yet each of us is unique and ever-changing. We birth 300 billion new cells every single day into a life that says, "I'm just going with the flow" or "I reset my flow to this direction and keep it going that way." While we have similar human "patterns", we each exercise our free will in decision-making. And that free will eventually overrides all external inputs. So, why not learn more about "hands on" for yourself?

If you're interested in learning more about the interface between hands-on and "medical tools", join the ladies from the San Gabriel Valley District of federated women's clubs' at their Fall Council and Health Fair, Saturday, 11/15 at the Walnut Senior Center, from 9:30 am-2 pm. In addition to interesting demos and exhibits and a Mexican Fiesta lunch, Dr. Kazuko Hillyer, a master of Far InfraRed energy work, is flying in from New York to be the keynote speaker on "Far InfraRed and Your Immune System". A prepaid \$12 reservation must be made by November 5 with any of the 29 federated women's clubs in the SGV area (www.gfwc-sgvd.org). Sierra Madre Woman's Club (SMWC) is, of course, right here - 355-4379, and send your check to SMWC, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd so I receive it by 11/5. Make your reservation now! I look forward to meeting you there!

Mary Carney received her four-year degree in polarity healing energy work in 1987, is a Trinity College Certified Natural Health Practitioner, is studying to be a Naturopath, and has a private "healing energy" practice. If you want to know more, email me at m.carney@mobserver.com.

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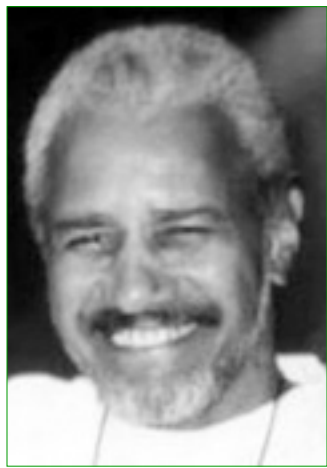
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The Last Of The Ballot Box Series

Alas, this is the last of the ballot box series. My thanks to the publisher for the opportunity to participate in this point-counterpoint format regarding the candidates and their campaigns. I wish to congratulate my opponent, Greg Welborn, for doing such a great job in making this an interesting weekly interface. Perhaps we'll meet some day.

I, for one, will be ecstatic when this campaign is over, the voting is done and Barack Obama is president. In all of my 20 years in politics I've never seen such an ugly, vicious and divisive

campaign as that currently being run by John McCain and his beauty queen politician, Sarah Palin. When this campaign is over I will not have to suffer the noise of the lies, epithets and shouts of "Kill him" emanating from the McCain / Palin campaign. I will not have to suffer the preposterous notion that a member of the "Keating Five" is concerned about the welfare of the poor and the middle class. I will not have to bear the ignorant palaver of a Vice Presidential Candidate who thinks humans picnicked and walked with Tyrannosaurs and Raptors ala an idyllic version of Jurassic Park. I will not have to endure the notion that a naval pilot, whose military career was, in most respects, a fiasco, knows how to win a war. Or that someone, who is a complete academic failure, knows how to solve the economic crisis. I won't have to listen to Barack Obama being called Marxist, Socialist or Communist in a pejorative sense by people who've not the slightest idea of the ideologies or history associated with those titles. I won't have to listen to John McCain and other members of the Republican Party try to justify Sarah Palin's \$150,000.00 wardrobe and make-up bill in the face our current and catastrophic economic crisis. I will not have to listen to all the code words such as, working class, blue collar workers etc. being bandied about as verbal shrouds for racists, anti-feminists, xenophobes and other socially challenged types. I won't have to listen to another word by "Joe the plumber" who is, himself, a fraud and too dumb to realize he is being used by two people of equally diminished capacity.

Once this campaign is over and Obama is president, I look forward to watching him heal this nation and stopping the divisiveness. I look forward to Obama's solid, well thought out plans to help the poor and the middle class. I look forward to Obama stopping the war and bringing home the young servicemen who've been used as pawns and fodder in this, the greatest, most devastating oil and money grabbing scheme in history. I look forward to Obama's abolishment of the lies and deception that have been hallmarks of the current administration and would no doubt continue as much of the same under John McCain. I look forward to a vastly improved healthcare system that satisfies the needs of everyone, and not just a few at the top. I look forward to improved infrastructures and safe bridges. I look forward to a cessation of outsourcing our services and manufacturing. I look forward to an increase in employment and wealth for everyone. I look forward to help, homes, jobs and resettlement for the forgotten victims of Katrina. I look forward to a president who will be respected around the world. I look forward to not feeling embarrassed or, perhaps, being afraid to admit I'm an American, when traveling to other parts of the world. I look forward to a government that exists for the people, and is by the people. I look forward to seeing the culmination of something I've been fighting for all my life but never thought possible. I look forward to telling my grandchildren I played a part in the election of the first African American President and that one of them, in the new scheme of things, could be president someday. And, finally, I look forward to partying like hell in the streets of D.C. and at one of the inaugural balls after he is sworn in.

These are things we can all look forward to if we get out and vote for Barack Obama. The air will seem cleaner then. And, for me, my dream, this time, will not have been deferred.

A bientot!

Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor:
Re: Proposition 8

It is reported that the backers of Proposition 8 have expended some \$27,000,000 in an effort to amend the Constitution of California to take away the right of people of the same sex to marry one another.

Proposition 8 is not necessary to protect their rights not to marry a person of the same sex or to urge their children and others similarly – they are free to not marry whomever they wish. Instead it is for the purpose of imposing their religious concept of what does or does not constitute acceptable conduct on everyone. Other people of different religious persuasions disagree with them, but those people's views would be overridden by Proposition 8. One of the great traditions of this country is freedom of religion.

The ads charge that that it is necessary to prevent schools from "teaching gay marriage". There seems to be a sharp difference in competing ads as to whether this is happening or might happen, but it is not clear what this specter means. Suppose that some kid mentions to the teacher that little Johnny has two mothers/fathers (living together as domestic partners). What are the backers saying that the teacher should say under the circumstances and would it make a difference if the mothers/fathers were married so that the constitution should be amended to address that issue? Actually Proposition 8 doesn't say anything about what teachers should say at all.

My right to be married is not affected by Proposition 8 although I have friends who would or might be impacted. We all do. It greatly concerns me, however, that there might be some highly motivated person with \$27,000,000 who could try to amend the California Constitution to take away some right that I enjoy. If we vote yes on Proposition 8, we encourage that kind of conduct and the expression "it's a free country" will lose some of its meaning. *Eric Olson, Sierra Madre*

ELECTION 2008:
Shame, Shame Shame!

Shameful are those being employed by the GOP in this election. While you may or may not agree with the policies of one side or the other, it unfortunately is NOT the policies that have become the main issue in this election. Instead what is being hotly debated by the people on either side is the validity of the lies that are being spread, pretty much unilaterally. While I am on the email lists of many people and organizations that have democratic or more liberal leanings, I have not received one hateful email containing rumors about Sen. McCain...even though there are numerous dubious issues in his past that have been quietly reported in the mainstream press. From my conservative friends, however, I have received countless number of emails containing vicious lies and innuendos about Sen. Obama, nearly none of which have ANY validity...and all of which could have been factually checked in any number of non-partisan and unbiased sources. But most of the recipients of these emails are not concerned with TRUTH. They are just looking for some way to validate their prejudices...be they racial, social, political or religious. They have either checked out the facts with a totally biased source (such as Rush Limbaugh's website), or have not checked the accuracy at all, and then they have maliciously and irresponsibly forwarded it to everyone in their address book. If these were just lies about the governmental policies of Sen. Obama, it would be different, but these are lies that feed on the fears of conservative America...fears targeting race, religion and character. They are lies that have created a great deal of fear and hate amongst the right wing...and it is not confined to just the uneducated and ignorant. Many who should know better are also choosing to be willfully ignorant. Educated and intelligent people are making a conscious

decision to accept these lies as indisputable facts when they know that there are places to check their validity before they spread them to others as truth. The fear and hatred are intense among those who comprise some of the more uninformed segments of our population. These conditions serve as a hotbed for those who are prone to violent and detestable acts...there are hundreds if not thousands out there who are capable of being driven to commit them. The GOP knows this yet has once again has continued to use the same old tactics, selling its soul in an effort to win an election. This time the target is easier than ever, and we have so much more riding on it. In choosing not to stand up to his party (except on several recent occasions that were way too late in the game) Sen. McCain has put Sen. Obama's life in jeopardy. By not coming out and dispelling the rumors being spread by his party and its followers, and instead allowing them to perpetuate and fester as hate and fear within the party's ranks, he has painted a huge target on Sen. Obama's back. Already this week a white supremacist plot to kill Obama and slaughter many other innocent people was discovered and thwarted. Watching some of the recent rallies was a very scary experience. These rallies are filled with terrified, hateful individuals regurgitating the lies that they have been fed over the course of the campaign... "He's a Muslim"... "He's a terrorist"... "He is a dangerous man"... "He answers to secret Arab friends"...lies that only serve to compound the preexisting racial issues that many of them already harbor and give further justification for any action they may feel they need to take to protect themselves

Election '08, The Choice Before Us

In less than one week, Americans will head to their local school, church or community center to exercise a right and privilege that many in this world still do not enjoy. I want to take the space of this week's article, the last before the election, and write from my heart to each of you. Those who read this paper consistently won't be surprised to learn that I want you to vote for John McCain, but you may be surprised to learn I actually have hope that in fact significant numbers of you will vote for John McCain.

**Gregory J. Welborn**

In the world today, there are large numbers of people who seek to prevent freedom from establishing an outpost in that sea of tyranny and oppression which is the Mideast, who seek to diminish our ability to support freedom where it does exist and who seek to visit the fight onto our own shores and destroy the freedoms we Americans take for granted. Today, they wear the mask of Islamic terrorists, but that is not an indictment of Islam or Arabs. In years past, they wore the mask of Serbians, Russians, Germans and Japanese. The enemies of freedom have very little in common based on the color of their skin, the language they speak or the faith they espouse. But what has always been consistent is their disdain for weakness and respect of power.

Sadly, Americans have historically been slow to remember the lesson of history that appeasement never works but only serves to embolden our enemies. With all due respect to Senator Obama's foreign policy intentions, he is young, inexperienced, perceived as weak by those in the dark violent corners of the world, and he will be severely tested by those who seek to steal freedom. John McCain will suffer no such fate for he has already established his bona fides as a man of deep conviction and resolute strength who will vigorously defend the interests of freedom when they are jeopardized.

On the domestic front, the stakes in this election are just as great. America remains the economic juggernaut of the world. Millions of people the world over – many in the most economically depressed of regions – depend on a strong U.S. economy to improve their lot in life. We face a financial crisis right now that is still largely confined to the residents of Wall Street. Yes, unemployment is up and there is talk of an imminent recession, but the breadth and depth of the recession is far from certain. Americans are a resilient people, and we can bounce back from what ails us currently. Ultimately, those of us who live on Main Street will be O.K. unless more damage is done by a new administration.

Our financial markets got into trouble because congressional Democrats pushed lenders into making risky loans to consumers who wouldn't otherwise qualify for those loans. Three years ago, Senator McCain called for stricter oversight and reform of this process, but Democrats and Senator Obama opposed those reforms. Credit markets froze up, and the economy teeters between mild recession and severe depression. The next administration can make things worse – a lot worse. Increasing taxes, even taxes on the "rich" is misguided at best, but more likely disastrous. Senator Obama's desire to redistribute wealth rather than insure that it is created in the first place shows ignorance of and hostility toward those very people who actually create jobs. Senator Obama's promise to give 95% of Americans a tax break when only 60% of Americans actually pay taxes is ridiculous at face value. Beyond that, his spending plans cannot be possibly be implemented without massive tax increases. It is simply mathematically impossible to think otherwise. Make no mistake; President Obama's spending and tax policies will sink our great economy to depths unseen in a lifetime. President McCain's policies will restore the economy's vigor and health and allow us to meet the economic and political challenges we face in the world today.

Lastly, I would challenge those of faith and those with even a general sense of a transcendent morality greater than their own selfish interests to think twice before voting for Senator Obama. Let me be blunt. When an embryo is aborted in the first several weeks, there may be room for debate. When a fully developed baby is partially pulled from the womb and then killed by the insertion of a blunt object in its brain, no debate is possible. Partial birth abortion is a horribly hideous manner of killing a human. Senator Obama has refused to halt these killings and has voted to deny aid and comfort to the few babies who survive the procedure. How a society treats its weakest speaks volumes about its character and charity. President Obama promises to strip us of both.

Elections are waged over many issues, and with the benefit of hindsight many are seen to be but subtle differences in shadings of grey. This election stands along side only a handful that have been waged over issues of profound and long-lasting significance. A vote for Obama will weaken us internationally, economically and morally. A vote for McCain will strengthen the last best hope for mankind. Think hard, and vote wisely.

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and their country. It is very frightening to think what may result from this situation...it is embarrassing to know that the world is watching this and basing their opinion of Americans on what they see at these rallies. We should all be ashamed for any contribution we have made to this debacle and for allowing ourselves to be manipulated in such a way. Perhaps a victory for Obama will show that these tactics will no longer work and they will finally be put to rest. Perhaps choosing a candidate to support could get back to being about what ideas and policies each one brings to the table...and real issues would be the subject of debate among voters, instead of wasting time and energy debating verifiable facts. Perhaps in abandoning hate mongering tactics we could foster tolerance and peace instead of hate and fear. The key to this all lies in our leaders. They need to use their power for change. It is up to all of our politicians, our clergy and our media to put those ideals as priority over winning, over religious dogma, and over ad revenue and make creating a kinder, more gentle and accepting society a reality. If they continue to use the power they have been granted to spread hate and fear, we are in for some pretty scary times.

Kim Clymer-Kelley, Sierra Madre

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Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE Maybe It's All For The Good

For most of my life I have been concerned about things that were happening to other people. Wars happened all over the world, people starved or even were genocidally murdered and I dutifully read about it; still it was stuff that was happening to other people and I was just a spectator. Yes, I was at Berkeley during the Free Speech Movement and yes, I listened to the speeches that were made from atop police cars, but in my heart I know that I left early-before the arrests- because I had to go and study for a mid-term or something.

What I'm trying to say is that even when I was there in the midst of an event it always felt like that I was more or less a spectator whocould choose to go home anytime I chose and avoid the whole thing. Even a thousand years ago when I was flown to Mississippi as a civil-rights worker and participated in candlelight marches and was housed in a Baptist Church filled with music day and night and could feel that People's lives were changing right before my eyes; even then, it still felt like someone else's experience to which I was just a fortunate spectator who could fly back home whenever I wanted.

Even in 1965 when I drove with my blind-salesman-father into South Central L.A. to check on the welfare of his customers who I guess had stayed at their cigar stands all night to guard their inventories and their way of life even then it felt like I was watching someone else's experience. It seemed crazy then and it still seems crazy now to even write about it; but I remember driving down Central and describing the fires and the chaos to

my father and finally convincing him that we had to go home, which we did.

I've been swept down rivers, been maced at demonstrations, been through earthquakes and fires just like the rest of us, survived operations, and experienced the death of loved ones and still always felt that soon it would be over and I could go home. It's odd to say that even though I live in constant fear of some vague and far-away calamity I am never really scared about what's going on around me as it always seems to be happening to someone else. TODAY I'M SCARED. People around me are losing jobs and homes while the Presidential Candidates, a week and a half before election, are posturing like passengers on a sinking ship who refuse to notice that the water level is already up to their knees. The Great Greenspan, who with unchallenged power ran our economy for more than a decade, now blithely states that he made a mistake and didn't know what he was doing. Nobody, including me and you, knows what they're doing and the environment and the economy and the unbelievable incompetence, arrogance, and ignorance which surround us provide me with no hope. Well, at least gas prices are going down so we'll be able to drive home as long as there is a home to go to.

Maybe, things will seem better after the election or maybe it is all for the good. Now I feel involved in the uncertainty of my own survival—maybe this is what being alive to face the certainty of eventual and inevitable demise is all about. Yes, maybe it's good - but it sure is scary and it's not vague and faraway!!

Vote No on **^ H 8**



By Kim Clymer-Kelley

Though it is far from a recent trend, the direction in which this country is being led is none-the-less a frightening one. As each election season rolls around, an examination of campaign tactics being used serves to bring that fact into clear focus once again. Ads that play to the fear and hate of the naive, the uneducated, and the willfully ignorant segments of the population dominate the media.

They feed us lies and twisted truths. They cause the voting public to be misled and misinformed and their attention to be focused on debating the accuracy of the rumors that are being spread rather than issues...rumors that many choose to believe simply to validate the side they have taken on an issue. The current economic conditions and the issues on the ballot, this election season in particular, has raised that fear and hate to a most palpable level. In a recent drive around the northern part of Arcadia, I was deeply disturbed by the number of "YES ON 8" signs in the yards. No other issue illustrates more clearly how generating hate and fear is being used to manipulate the public. The television and radio ads supporting this issue play to every fear that men and women of this country have toward the gay population. For some reason, (one that I have never even come close to understanding) the existence of gay individuals poses a great threat to a large portion of our society. Many use their religion to rationalize their fear, quoting scripture to legitimize their feelings. But it is all too obvious that their trepidation comes from some private issues within each individual who harbors such feelings toward those who are homosexual by nature. What I find most aggravating and disturbing, and appalling is that religious and political leaders, rather than trying to dispel such prejudices, instead use them to manipulate the public to serve their own agendas. Even with my own limited knowledge of the Bible and Christ's teachings (I attended Presbyterian and Episcopalian Sunday School thru the 9th grade... much to my disliking) as far as I can recall, the main message that I got was that you should be good and kind to others and not judge them...that will ultimately be God's job...and that we are all equal in God's eyes. That belief in the equality of all people is reflected in our Constitution, and although in our history there have been lapses in judgment that created laws that discriminated against various segments of our population, they have, as our society matured, been corrected. Slaves were freed and then given the right to vote, women were granted the right to own property and to vote, interracial couples were allowed to marry, Native Americans and others had their religious freedoms protected, and schools, transportation, and public places were desegregated. Each of these victims of legal discrimination endured much painful suffering, many personal sacrifices, and countless hard fought battles to win their equality. It took their courage and the courage of some brave lawmakers to listen and to do what was right but not very popular with their conservative and bigoted constituents. My fellow columnist, Glen Lambdin was very accurate in his assessment that gay marriage is not a religious issue (religious issues have no business in legal matters)...it is a matter of upholding the notion that we are equal under the laws of this nation. This is a matter of allowing a gay couple to enter into the same legal contract that a straight couple is allowed to enter into... it is as simple as that. The ads that say that a church or minister can be sued if they refuse to marry a gay couple are outright lies...any church can practice their religious freedom and refuse to perform a marriage



Yes, Halloween is all about ME

Many of you aren't aware that all the hoopla surrounding Halloween is actually an annual tribute to me. That's right, your humble, journalistic servant was born on Halloween back in the year they first tested the hydrogen bomb (also seems fitting). Upon learning that little known truth about the day of my birth, people are typically prone to instantly nod their heads and say, "Yes that does explain a great deal about Rich."

I choose to believe it true that every year on October 31st, people worldwide dress up to look as weird as they can in my honor. Mindboggling isn't it? And considering my girth (though dwindling) it's no shock the holiday spawns millions of dollars in candy. Had Jack LaLanne been born on Halloween we would have been handing out apples and nuts. See how lucky we are it was me?

Pondering my birthday takes me back to a trip down memory lane. Ahhh, the 50's, 60's, especially. Join me in my time travel excursion and see if you remember the following:

1. Automobile headlight dimmer switches on the floor.
2. Ignition switches on the dashboard.
3. Margarine in plastic bags that had to be squeezed.
4. Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
5. Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

Now, let's take the "Older Than Rich Quiz." (Wonderfully submitted to me by my even older friend, Jeff Openden. Count all the ones that you remember (not the ones you were told about). Ratings after the test.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Tiny wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard bottle caps
7. Party lines on telephones
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P. F. Flyers tennis shoes
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Parkway4-6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H greenstamps
16. Hi-fi's Stereos
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulbs
20. The Hudson Hornet
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Bathtub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't go around telling your age

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than Rich!

I had a chance to interview Jane Fuller, a wonderful local Sierra Madre jazz singer/guitarist. She has a terrific light and airy voice and plays guitar much better than I do. But wait!! You are in luck as she is performing November 15th at Café 322 from 6-8pm. The evening could be a wonderfully romantic combination of subdued lighting, fine food, and great jazz music. I suggest making reservations. Call Café 322 at (626) 836-5414.

ceremony for a gay couple....that right is also guaranteed in the constitution and protected in the Religious Freedom Act. Any claims that this law would **force** everyone to accept gay marriage is also nonsense...obviously no individual can be forced to like the fact that two people of the same sex are married...they can feel however they want about it...they are just not allowed to discriminate against them....which they cannot legally do whether they are allowed to marry or not. No teacher is going to be forced to teach about gay marriage to young students...marriage is generally not a part of the primary school curriculum now, and there is nothing in the gay marriage laws that make it mandatory to teach anything about marriage of any kind. No one is going to be telling a child that they have to marry a person of the same sex, if a child asks about who can legally get married, they will just be told that the law allows anyone to marry. Maybe with such an open, tolerant, and non-threatening approach to the subject, the next generation will grow up in a kinder and less hateful and fearful environment. The law does not tell people how they have to feel about gay marriage, it just ensures that those who are homosexual are treated the same in the eyes of the law as those who are heterosexual. **Period.** It cannot force a church or its members to wed a gay couple or recognize these marriages in any way except where it pertains to the law outside the church.

The scare tactics of the Prop 8 proponents are shameful. They are knowingly lying and intentionally promoting hate and fear.



Are YOU Voting or Are The Commercials?

on TV"? At the polls is where you put that saying into play.

I also believe that if you're going to support a prop or a candidate publicly, you should know what you're talking about. I had a conversation today with a guy that strongly disliked a presidential candidate. I asked him what it was he liked about the candidate he was supporting and he couldn't tell me a single thing. It's incredibly foolish, to me, to support something only because of what you saw on TV or what you heard. Those secondary sources just aren't reliable and are definitely not credible.

If you want real control over what you're voting for, go to the source before you make a decision. That means taking 5 minutes out of your day to actual read the whole document and not just the excerpt they put on TV. That means comparing both candidate's actual plans and ideas on issues. Don't let the media vote for you, take control of your privilege and right by being educated on the issues.

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File No. 08-1897111
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CANA REMODELING**, 11563 DARTMOUTH DR., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JING CHUN GUO**, 11563 DARTMOUTH DR., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JING CHUN GUO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 24/OCT/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1899339
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CARIBBEAN SEA**, 10337 S. WESTERN, L.A., CA 90047. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FLOYD FLORES**, 10337 S. WESTERN, L.A., CA 90047. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FLOYD FLORES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/24/08**. 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. 08-1899480
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHAVEZ DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE**, 14852 RAYFIELD DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **EMMA S. CHAVEZ**, 14852 RAYFIELD DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EMMA S. CHAVEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/24/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/24/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1905486
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GUADALUPE'S RESTAURANT**, 817 W. GLADSTONE ST., AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIA A. PADILLA**, 553 W. BAYLESS ST., AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA A. PADILLA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/27/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1994.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1905710
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NEW MORTGAGE FREEDOM**, 7500 TOPANGA CYN. BLVD. 2nd FL., CANOGA PARK, CA 91303. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MYRNA G. FARIAS**, 18380 LAKE ENCINO DR., ENCINO, CA 91316. **GABRIELA A. SILVA**, **HUGO J. SILVA**, 4182 PRADO DE LA PUMA, CALABASAS, CA 91302. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: MYRNA FARIAS.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/27/08**. 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. 08-1913139
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NIKA L.A.**, 1027 W. S. LOS ANGELES ST. #55, L.A. CA 90013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AMELIA FORSUELO**, 17800 E. COLIMA RD. #588, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AMELIA FORSUELO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/28/08**. 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. 08-1898478

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WEALTH LENDING**, 2413 PACIFIC COAST HWY. STE. #201, LOMITA, CA 90717. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CUE X REALTY, INC.**, 2413 P.C.H., STE. 202, LOMITA, CA90717. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION. Signed: ESTRELLANET DE LA CRUZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/24/08**. 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. 08-1889712
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **A&C TAX SERVICES**, 9519 TELEGRAPH RD. STE. H, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CLAUDIA AYALA**, 8249 WILKINSON BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90606. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CLAUDIA AYALA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/23/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1890169
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALPHA TRANSMISSIONS**, 711 S. SOTO ST., L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANDRES NUNEZ**, 720 S. SOTO ST., L.A., CA 90023. **JUAN CARLOS NUNEZ**, 3713 PALM AV., LYNWOOD, CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ANDRES NUNEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/23/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/14/2005.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1891169

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **AMERICAN AND ASIAN ATTORNEY SERVICES**, 288 W. VALLEY BLVD. #208, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MING-TA CHIN**, 288 W. VALLEY BLVD. #208, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MING-TA CHIN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1856579

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ASN WHOLESALE**, 839 ALFORD ST., GLENDORA, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ARNOLD NILLASCA**, 839 ALFORD ST., GLENDORA, CA 91740. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARNOLD NILLASCA.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/28/1998.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1882383

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BUMP-N-SAVE**, 3833 E. 2nd ST. #205, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WACKYB LLC**, 3833 E. 2nd ST. #205, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: PATRICK BRADY/MGR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1890052

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CAPILLA DEL ROSARIO RESTAURANT**, 654 N. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CLAUDIA DEL ROSARIO OSULLIVAN**, 654 N. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA 90004. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE. Signed: CLAUDIA FRANCES OSULLIVAN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/23/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/22/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1873615

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **FLOWER COMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES**, 1305 BRIARGATE LN., COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **RUBEN ALVARADO**, 1305 BRIARGATE LN., COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUBEN ALVARADO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/21/08**. 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. 08-1882378

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INES RODRIGUEZ EXPORT**, 927 VICENTIA AVE. #D, CORONA, CA 92880. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **INES RODRIGUEZ**, 927 VICENTIA AVE. #D, CORONA, CA 92880. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: INES RODRIGUEZ.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/22/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1890572

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **J&B GIFT SHOP**, 927 VICENTIA AVE. #D, CORONA, CA 92880. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JAMES MARVIN BROWN**, **ELLA MAE BROWN**, 722 W. ROSECRANS AVE., COMPTON, CA 90222. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: JAMES M. BROWN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/23/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/21/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1856525

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MATCHBOX SKATEBOARDING**, 11337 COLLINS ST., N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JAMES DANIEL KEEPING**, 1712 N. BUENA VISTA ST., BURBANK, CA 91505, **KASEY SPECTOR**, 11337 COLLINS ST., N. HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: JAMES DANIEL KEEPING/KASEY SPECTOR.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/17/08**. 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. 08-1873102

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MH ENTERPRISES**, 825 S. LOS ROBLES AVE., PASADENA, CA 91106. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MYOUNG-HEE CHRISTIANSEN**, 825 S. LOS ROBLES AVE., PASADENA, CA 91106. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MYOUNG-HEE CHRISTIANSEN.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/21/08**. 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. 08-1873102

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OSMANI TELECOM**, 373 S. HOOVER ST. #206, L.A., CA 90020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **REZAUR R. OSMANI**, 373 S. HOOVER ST. #206, L.A., CA 90020. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: REZAUR R. OSMANI.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/21/08**. 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. 08-1856322

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RESEDA VILLA SOBER LIVING**, 7436 CAPPAS AVE., RESEDA, CA 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROHAN JOSEPH ABEYSINGHE**, 7436 CAPPAS AVE., RESEDA, CA 91335, **KURUKULASARIYA MARIE ABEYSINGHE**, 8419 YOLANDA AVE., NORTHridge, CA 91342. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ROHAN JOSEPH ABEYSINGHE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on JAN/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1856918

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RESEDA VILLA SOBER LIVING**, 7436 CAPPAS AVE., RESEDA, CA 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROHAN JOSEPH ABEYSINGHE**, 7436 CAPPAS AVE., RESEDA, CA 91335, **KURUKULASARIYA MARIE ABEYSINGHE**, 8419 YOLANDA AVE., NORTHridge, CA 91342. This Business is conducted by: **CO-PARTNERS. Signed: ROHAN JOSEPH ABEYSINGHE.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **10/17/08**. 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. 08-1856918

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **CAPILLA DEL ROSARIO RESTAURANT**, 654 N. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA . The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 11/06/2007, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2007-249742. The business was conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE.** The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime) **SIGNED: MANUEL MARTINEZ MALDONADO, JOSEFINA MARTINEZ RAMIREZ/ OWNER.**
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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.

ROSECRANS AVE. #222, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE RAMON FLORES. #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, LENNIX, CA 90204. 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. 08-187748

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA BARATA LIQUOR MARKET**, 3428 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD, DYNWOOD, 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: **AGENERAL 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: **I. 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., 539 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: **LA LAGUNA SNACKS & FLOWER SHOP, 3305 TYLER AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732.** This 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: **A TOUCH OF GRACE**, 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: **ANORAZAS**, 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 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: **BIGBROTHERTRUCKING**, 9707ALEXANDER 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. 08-1806550

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) TSAI, CHING HUI, 13760 FRANCISCO DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TSAI, 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. 08-1846679

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, 6301 1/4 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-1781009

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ELIPE TRUCKING**, 1537 W. LEONARDO 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: **PETIT TRUCKING**, 115 FERPNINE LN, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PETIT WENG, 115 FERPNINE LN, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PETIT WENG.**

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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. PÜRHEPECHA**, 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) LUTING CHEN, 1513 W. HELLMAN AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUTING 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: **YINGGU WHOLE SALE**, 3857 DUFFEE AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YINGGU CHEN, 3857 DUFFEE AVE., EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YINGGU 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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NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the Hearing on the follow Petition is to be heard on November 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles Superior Court, Northeast District, Pasadena Courthouse, 300 E. Walnut Street, in Department P. Stephen R. Golden Esq. 163366 OLD TOWN LAW OFFICE OF STEPHEN R. GOLDEN, 23 East Union Street, Pasadena, CA 91103-3923, Attorney for Petitioner, Beacon Media, Inc.

CALIFORNIA STATE SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTHEAST DISTRICT, Case No. GS011091. VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE MATTER OF SIERRA MADRE WEEKLY. SIERRA MADRE WEEKLY TO HAVE THE STANDING OF SIERRA MADRE WEEKLY AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.

PETITIONER, BEACON MEDIA INC, ALLEGES: 1. Petitioner is the publishers of the newspaper know as the "Sierra Madre Weekly", hereafter referred to as the "newspaper". 2. The newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation published for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of general character in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles and State of California. The business address of the newspaper is 9125 East Chestnut Avenue, Monrovia, California 91016. 3. The newspaper has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers numbering four hundred (350) in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles and state of California, elsewhere in the surrounding area, and has an average weekly circulation of eight thousand (3,000). 4. For more than three (3) years preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has been established, and has been published regularly every Thursday in the City of Pasadena, County of Los Angeles and state of California. 5. During the three (3) years period preceding the filing of this petition, the mechanical work of producing the newspaper, that is, the work of typesetting it and processing type on paper, has been performed in the City of Arcadia, County of Los Angeles, and state of California: the newspaper has been issued from the same city, county and state, where it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published and published in the same city, county and state; and it has been published as a weekly newspaper on each Thursday of each calendar week. WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing the Sierra Madre Weekly as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in section 6000 of the government code for the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles and state of California. LAW OFFICE OF STEPHEN R. GOLDEN: Date August 22, 2008, Stephen R. Golden, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner

11/11, 11/8/08
CNS-1455305#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **FINE LINE, 24009 ST. MORITZ DR., VALENCIA, CA, 91385.** The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02-23-2005 in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 05-0412619. The business was conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL, ROGER PELTIER. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true and cortt the information which he or shee knows to be fake, is quality of a crime.) **SIGNED: ROGER PELTIER, FINE LINE**

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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

ORDINANCE NO. 1284

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 10.24.04 AND ADDING CHAPTER 10.52 TO TITLE 10 ("VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC") OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ON-STREET PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS ON YELLOW AND RED FLAG ALERT DAYS

WHEREAS, the April 2008 fires above Sierra Madre burned an extensive hillside and mountain area, eroding the natural vegetation;

WHEREAS, this has left the adjacent hillside residential areas especially vulnerable in the event of mud and debris slides during the rainy season;

WHEREAS, to ensure that public safety and public works vehicles can access those neighborhoods in a debris-related emergency, the City Council wishes to enact an ordinance to prohibit parking on designated streets during the activation of a yellow and red flag emergency notification system;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Sierra Madre through the regulation of on-street parking on certain City streets during days of extreme precipitation.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. Chapter 10.52 is hereby added to Title 10 of the Sierra Made Municipal Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10.52 PARKING PROHIBITIONS ON YELLOW AND RED FLAG ALERT DAYS

10.52.010 PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER.

The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Sierra Madre through the regulation of on-street parking on certain City streets during days of extreme precipitation which pose a risk of debris and mudflows.

10.52.020 DEFINITIONS.

The words, terms, phrases, and their derivations set forth in this Chapter have the meanings set forth below:

A. *On-Street Parking* is defined as the stopping, standing or parking of any vehicle on any of the City streets designated in Section 10.52.030.

B. *Yellow Flag Alert Day* means any day that the Fire Department determines weather conditions are such that small, isolated debris and mudflows are possible at specific locations in the City activated with a Los Angeles County Phase I forecast.

C. *Red Flag Alert Day* means any day that the Fire Department determines weather conditions are such that



The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

Reverse Mortgage Advantages

For many seniors, the family home is their biggest asset. However, short of selling your house, there are only a few ways to get access to the value locked inside.

1. Refinancing or taking out a first mortgage with monthly payments. 2. Using a home equity line of credit (2nd mortgage.) This has monthly payments but interest only on money used. The problem here is that the balance grows until you reach the maximum and no way to pay it back. Payments increase as balance is used; not good on a fixed income. 3. Using a reverse mortgage with no monthly payments and guaranteed income.

You've probably heard about reverse mortgages, but aren't completely sure how they work and if they make sense for your situation, so here's the facts:

What are reverse mortgages?

According to Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports:

"A reverse mortgage is a home loan just for senior homeowners. If you qualify for a reverse mortgage, you will not have to make monthly payments on the loan. Instead, the lender pays you. Typically, the reverse mortgage is repaid from your home's equity when you sell the home, move out permanently, or die. You, or those who will inherit from you, can keep any sales proceeds from your home in excess of what you owe the lender. To qualify for a reverse mortgage, you must be a homeowner who is at least 62 years old."

A reverse mortgage allows you to receive a loan against your home with no change in title. This can be in the form of a lump sum, regular monthly checks, a line of credit, or a combination of these. The money is repaid with interest when the borrower sells the house, moves, or dies. The entire transaction is government regulated and insured. You can never default on this loan as there are no payments to make.

How much can you borrow?

The amount you can borrow depends on your age, the current interest rate, and the appraised value of your home. Generally, the more valuable your home is, the older you are, the lower the interest, the more equity you have available to use. In LA County, the limit is currently \$417,000

For example, based on a loan with an interest rate of approximately 3.6%, and a home value of at least \$417,000, a 68-year-old could borrow up to \$250,000 in cash or in a credit line. Another choice is to receive monthly checks for \$1,514 per month guaranteed for life. This assumes nothing is owed on the home. If this same senior owed \$100,000, he or she could receive either a credit line of \$150,000 or monthly checks for \$909 or a combination of both. Remember also that the old mortgage payment is now gone. If that was \$800 per month, the senior benefits by a increase in income of \$1,709! Maybe now, there will be more money than month?

What are some advantages of a reverse mortgage?

A reverse mortgage can help meet your cash flow needs. The additional monthly payments run for the remainder of your life. You are better able to maintain your financial independence and an adequate standard of living. And, with a reverse mortgage, you are able to remain in your home, keep ownership, and increase your monthly income stream.

You are getting, in effect, your own money back from the home. The payments you are receiving consist of the money you paid into the house and any increase in your home's value over the years. This means the money you receive from a reverse mortgage is tax-free.

Many seniors want to stay in their homes for life and not move to a nursing home as they age. The money to pay for in-home help (part-time or full) can be made available using a reverse mortgage. Always check the credentials of any company providing this kind of care.

Reverse mortgages may not be right for everyone, so if you're considering one, first talk with a qualified advisor such as those at HUD-approved agencies, who give free advice.

This article is provided by Bruce Lamarche, a member of Society of Certified Senior Advisors®, www.csa.us. Bruce's company, R & B Reverse Mortgage Services (Glendora) helps seniors make an informed decision about obtaining a reverse mortgage. He can be reached at (626) 335-3412 or visit www.LASeniorMortgage.com.



By Pat Birdsall

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Lights Out

This Halloween, my son Chris and his fiancée Annette offered to dole out candy to the trick-or-treaters who come to my door. I jumped at the chance. For the last three or four years my house has been dark because I haven't been able to keep up with the crowds that are attracted to the terrific Halloween extravaganza created by my neighbors on Alegria. It has grown immensely over the years, as have the crowds it attracts. (I can only hope that Huell Howser doesn't get wind of it.)

For over 30 years I thoroughly enjoyed having kids come to the door for Halloween treats, but the last time I did, I gave out small candy bars and went through 300 pieces: one per trick-or-treater. Yikes! That did it for me. Since I will have reinforcements this year, I called my neighbor for an update on how much candy she and her family gave out last year. She told me that they went through 700-800 pieces. Holy smokes...I had only purchased 400! I was beginning to break into a sweat.

Just then, the phone rang. It was my son Chris... "Hi Mom, guess what? We have an opportunity to take advantage of low airfare to Philadelphia, and we can see Tully {my grandson} for Halloween! We're leaving late tonight and will be home on Monday. Isn't that great?" As I have said before, I'm not exactly Mother-of-the-Year, so my first thought was, "What are you crazy? You're going to leave me by myself to give out the candy?" Just then, the "kindly grandmother gene" that must have been recessed for a generation or two kicked in... "Great son! Give Tully a big kiss from Grandma!"

Now the dilemma...Do I try this by myself? I have to remember that I can't have any fluids after midnight the night before Halloween. Okay, okay, maybe at noon on the day itself-- potty breaks are not a possibility-- Neither is dinner or anything else, for that matter. I will just have to stand by the door like a sentry "at the ready," with a bowl of candy in my hands and plenty of backup candy at the ready. Cue the violins, this is getting pathetic.

Knock, knock, knock... Ding-dong, ding-dong, ding-dong... TRICK-OR-TREAT!!! TRICK OR TREAT!!! Hmm, on second thought, LIGHTS OUT! Maybe next year...

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall



FYI: Charity "Hit" List

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.

On Sunday, November 9th at 1:00 PM, please help commemorate Veteran's Day with the Sierra Madre VFW-Harry L. Embree Post # 3208, at the Sierra Madre Veteran's Photo Wall in Hart Memorial Park; 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sharing their war-time experiences will be VFW members Gordon Caldwell and William Newbery.

~Helpful Hints~

Sharpen your scissors by cutting through a sheet of fine-grit sandpaper to finish off the edge and keep your cuts clean.



Happy Birthday

Lena Zate, Carmella Frontino and Alberta Curran

For Your Funny Bone - From the Military

Army... Shortly after joining the Army, I was in line with some other inductees when the sergeant stepped forward with that day's assignments. After handing over various tasks, he asked, "Does anyone here have experience with radio communications?" A long-time ham operator, I shouted, "I do!" "Good," he said. "You can dig the hole for the new telephone pole."

Navy- The new ensign was standing his first night watch on the bridge of a destroyer. Far out on the horizon, the USS New Jersey was conducting a night gunnery exercise. The ensign, seeing the flashes of light from the battleship, ran excitedly up to the signal bridge and pointed out the "Morse code" coming from the other ship. Ensign: "What are they saying? What are they saying?" Signalman: "Boom. Boom."

Air Force- An Air Force fighter pilot ejected from his jet and wound up on a deserted island. There he stayed, unfound for 11 years. One day, there appeared a beautiful woman, who simply walked out of the surf. "How long have you been here?" She asked. "11 years," the fighter pilot replied. "When is the last time you had a cigar?" "11 years." She opened a pocket and gave him a cigar. The fighter pilot took it, and puffed in delight. "When was the last time you had a drink?" the maiden asked. "11 years." She opens another pocket and pulled out a beer. The pilot drank the whole bottle in one gulp. "When was the last time you played around?," the lady asked with a gleam in her eye. "11 years," the deprived pilot replied. The woman started to unzip the front of her wetsuit. "YOU'RE KIDDING ME?"

said the pilot. "You got golf clubs in there!!!!?"

Marines- Two airmen were driving across country on leave. They come to a Marine Corps base and decide to visit. They approach the gate and the Marine Guard walks up to the driver's window and taps on it with his nightstick. The driver rolls down the window and the Marine smacks him in the head with the stick. The driver says, "Why'd you do that?" The Marine says, you're on a United States Marine Corps Base, son. When I come up to your car, you'll have your ID card ready?" The driver says, "I'm sorry, we're in the Air Force and we didn't know." The Marine examines the card and gives it back to the driver. The Marine then walks around to the passenger side and taps on the window. The passenger rolls his window down, and the Marine smacks him with the nightstick. The passenger says, "What'd you do that for?" The Marine says, "Just making your wishes come true." The passenger says, "Huh?" The Marine says, "I know that as soon as you pull away you're gonna say, 'I wish that sucker would've tried that stuff with me!'"

Coast Guard- A friend, driving home from a fishing trip in northern Michigan with his boat in tow, had engine trouble a few miles inland from Lake Huron. He didn't have a CB radio in his car, so he decided to use his marine radio to get help. Climbing into his boat, he broadcast his call letters and asked for assistance. A Coast Guard officer responded, "Please give your location." "I'm on Interstate-75, two miles south of Standish." The officer paused, "Could you repeat that?" "I-75, two miles south of Standish." A longer pause. Then an incredulous voice asked, "How fast were you going when you hit shore?"

Quote: In war, there are no un wounded soldiers. ~Jose Narosky~

Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday: Ping-Pong- 1:30 PM

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



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

Monthly Excursions:

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

The December excursion is in the planning stages. Will publish information as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

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

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Lions Sight Program- Arcadia Community Center- Free vision care for low-income seniors 2nd Wednesday of each month 2-4 PM. To qualify for the program, interested parties must be 62 and over, have a yearly income below \$25,900 and must live in Arcadia, Temple City, Monrovia, Duarte or Sierra Madre. Limited appointments are available per month. Call 626.574.5130 to make an appointment for November 12.

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HOMES & PROPERTY

One Of A Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

Vintage! Vintage! Vintage!

Whether it's that one of a kind boudoir mirror framed by incredibly delicate, Venetian glass, priced at \$3200, or \$58 decorative stone spheres for a bowl in the living room, Susan Kotora is the "go to person" for unusual items that could really solidify the period style statement for your home, or add a vintage touch to your wardrobe with period clothing, fabrics and even shoes.

Kotora's business, "Vintage! Vintage! Vintage!", located in the Antiques Center of Pasadena, offers unusual, past era items ferreted out by her eagle eye for quality and distinction. One of her favorite items on the floor right now is a pair of chairs, perfect for an authentic mid-century look. She just loved the lines of the chairs, so snatched them for her collection. After adding new black and white fabric upholstery to replace the orange vinyl, the two are ready as a fresh look for today, offered at \$1500 for the pair.

A sofa that could be straight out of the movie "LA Confidential" has been reupholstered, as well in a shimmery, off white material that can give a special room that extraordinary focal point. Speaking of movies, the film industry taps this place regularly, as a resource to lend reality to film and TV sets. Kotora herself supplied fabric for one of Christopher Lowell's third season shows on unusual homes and design dilemmas.

Kotora also points out the positive, "green" component of reusing good quality furnishings. It's a great way to pay homage to the past, reduce the need for manufacture of new items, and perhaps destruction of these old items.

That unique \$3200 mirror is a mint condition, one of a kind, probably 40-50 years old. Designed with a smoke central mirror, hand applied Venetian glass flowers create a pink and yellow frame that has somehow stood the test of time intact.



Chris Bertrand

A true Monterey sofa in Kotora's showroom space is a very real find for collectors of this era's furniture, with a price tag of \$2375. She comments that it's almost unheard of to find this original fabric on a piece of this era. "Smalls", those decorative accessories that can really cement a successful design, include a 45 piece "Lilac Central" glassware set, sporting a \$1200 price tag, white women's boots from not just another era, but another century at only \$99, and much more from lighting fixtures to a 9'x12' Nichols Rug imported from China in the 1930's, priced at \$2155.

Antiques and period furniture aficionados, including Barbara Streisand, haunt Pasadena Antiques Center, searching the eclectic nooks and crannies for that special sofa, chair, rug or "small." Kotora is one of about 30 designers and up to 130 businesses who display and sell in this, the oldest "antiques" cooperative in L.A. With 33,000 square feet in the two level, main center plus the adjacent annex, wonderful, unique items come in on a daily basis.

She comments that buyers like to search out special items here, especially because the designers are often on hand to interact personally and advise them. She's been part of this well-respected cooperative since 1991, and chuckles that when she began here, she was considered one of the "young, new kids on the block, and now I'm the old fogey!" Probably the best looking old fogey I've seen!

The Pasadena Antique Center and Annex, 444 and 480 S. Fair Oaks, is open seven days a week from 10-6, manned by many of the cooperative's designers. Packing and shipping can be arranged, too. Susan Kotora is onsite on the lower level at "Vintage! Vintage! Vintage!" on most Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10-6. For more information, call Susan Kotora directly at 626-825-8156. You can call the Center at 626-449-7706 or visit their website at www.PasadenaAntiqueCenter.com



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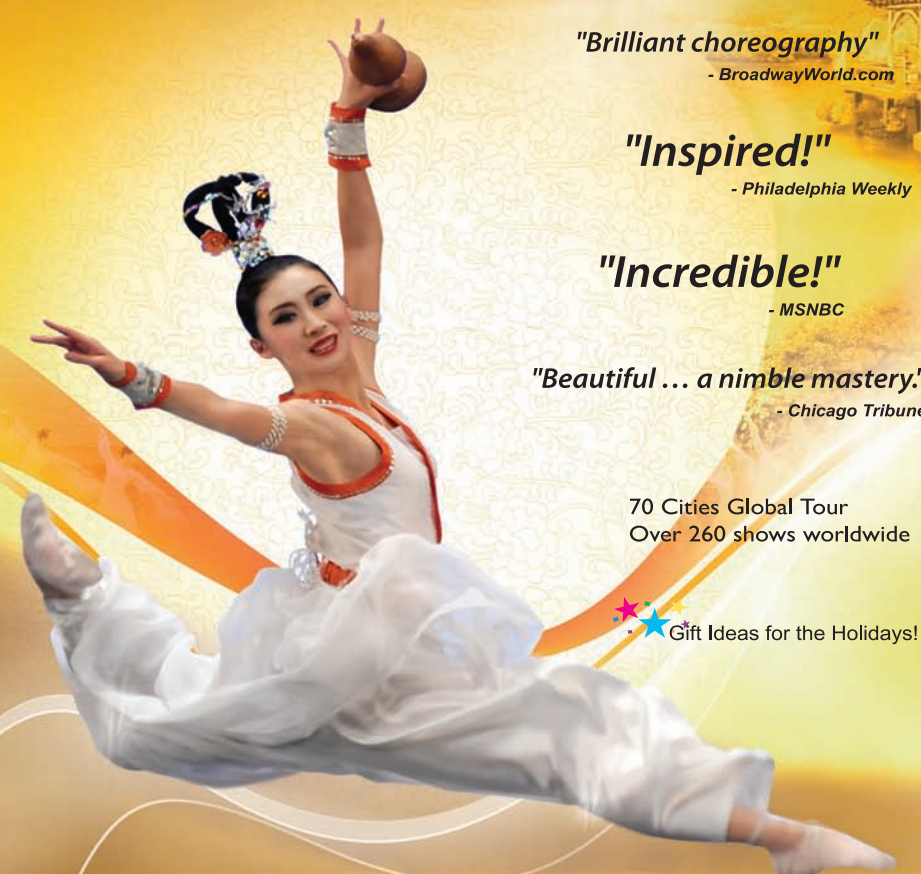


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