

Shaken, But Not Stirred

Nancy Walsh Returns Home To A Very Warm Welcome



Sierra Madre Senior Commissioners welcome Walsh home. (l to r) Alice Hultsman, Ann Luke, Bill Robinson, Paul Neiby (seated), Chairperson Nancy Walsh and Ann Bixel. Also in attendance but not pictured, Susan Clifton, Pat Birdsall and De Alcorn. Photo by S. Henderson

The Sierra Madre Senior Commission gave an impromptu welcome reception to Chairperson Nancy Walsh after her recent ‘adventure’ in Mumbai. Walsh, second from right, was in wonderful spirits as always. Despite the 36 hours she spent locked down in her hotel room as terrorists invaded, when she left India, she continued on with her vacation. Her next stop was Dubai.

A group of militant terrorists allegedly based in Pakistan carried out the November 26-29 attacks on India’s financial capital which killed 172 people, including nine attackers. The terrorists commanded

two five star hotels, the Oberi Trident (where Nancy was staying) and the Taj Mahal. Ironically, Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay, is the home of Bollywood. Bollywood the theme of the Sierra Madre Rose Parade Float.

Walsh returned to Sierra Madre on Thursday, very willing to talk about the ordeal. She will be the guest speaker at the Sierra Madre Kiwanis meeting on December 16th, where she will share her story. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple - 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre at 12 noon. For reservations, contact Pat Birdsall at 626-355-7290.

Sierra Madre Rose Float Update

By Dean Lee

Construction of the 55 foot ”Bollywood Dreams,” the Sierra Madre Float Association most ambitious project to date, was in full swing this week. Volunteers began working around the clock in perpetration for Sunday’s Tournament of Roses mechanical inspection where everything that moves must work, including seven tall retractable trees, six waterfalls and even the top of an elephant. The inspection is set for 7 a.m. sharp.

The float must also be fully enclosed with foam so inspectors can take temperature readings. There will even be a fire drill where, at any time, all the riders must be off the float in 45 seconds, although that is not what the association is worried about. “We need volunteers,” they screamed.

“We have run out of time,” said Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Colcher. “We have to get it enclosed by Sunday. We cannot postpone the inspection, there is no time.”

This is the biggest and most costly float by the association to date. The Indian wedding scene is 55 feet in length, has six water falls, palm trees, and the one large elephant. A 20 foot long Dholi

and 12 men will carry the bride most of which will be volunteer firefighters.

Director of Decoration, Kat Sappington, explained the float’s idea came from the parade’s theme “Hat’s off to Entertainment.” She said Mumbai India, home of “Bollywood,” is the largest and fastest growing movie industry in the world.

Colcher said a big concern was whether or not all of the waterfalls would be working by the inspection, “Now do you see the panic that we’re in?” She explained that the float would be scrutinized if any of them even splashed too much. She said the elephant also had to come apart to meet the tournament’s maximum height limit 16.5 feet collapsed.

The float already has passed a first inspection in November. “You could not even proceed unless you fixed any elements,” She said they had only one element that was not satisfactory, “That was fixed within 15 minutes.”

This time around she said they were not so sure. If the float is not ready on Sunday Colcher said the Tournament inspectors would have to come

City Experiences First Yellow Alert - All Goes Well

By Dean Lee

City Staff held another “mud” meeting Wednesday night in City Hall and, although only a handful of people showed up, the meeting was devoted to resident feedback after the first real rain storm since implementing the new alert systems.

Resident and Real Estate Agent Carol Canterbury said her biggest complaint was that during last week’s storms the power went out and any TV or computer warning was useless. She also said the most visible signs were the lighted police message boards on the side of the roads.

Director of Public Works Bruce Inman said burned areas from the recent fires in Chino Hills and Sylmar had no effect on Sierra Madre. He said Los Angeles County had plenty of resources. He also did not anticipate a shortage of K-rail, the cement barricades used to block mud. Inman said the county was back Friday securing the Stonehouse property.

He also said the rainstorm produced less than a county’s Phase One rain storm. He said the phases go to three. He was worried that if they put up yellow flags too often, people would get use to them.

“Their phase three is potentially overflowing Sierra Madre Dam,” he said. “That thing’s 80 feet tall.”

Inman explained the city’s two immediate concerns were removing the “bulkheads” put up in 1978 to catch debris above Skyline Drive and to secure a small canyon at the end of Sunrise Hill, a private street. He said this small canyon was virtually unknown but had the potential to release 6,000 cubic yards of debris during a rainstorm. He said they were putting a removable barrier across

the street.

He said the Conservation Corps, which built the Skyline Drive bulkheads, agreed to take them out, although doing so would take two months. Inman said every time it rains these old bulkheads had a chance of becoming projectiles.

“They’re getting 7,000 yards of debris and all those sheet metal panelings through a little opening in the house,” he said explaining that everything funneled through a single house in the 800 block of Skyline Drive. He said he could only imagine one of the panels blocking the drainage during a rainstorm, thus sending mud and debris through the neighborhood.

At the beginning of the meeting Inman briefly went over the city’s alert system including, Ready, Set, Go a colored flag system staring with green and ending with red.

A green flag is activated under a prediction of 80 percent to 100 percent chance of rain. This is when residents should get “ready,” he said. Yellow is activated when a county Phase One is called, when small, isolated debris and mudflows are possible. Affected residents should get “set” to leave their homes. City Manger Elaine Aguilar said during this time cars can be towed wherever signs are posted. Red means “GO” and residents should evacuate, according to Inman.

He also explained the city’s other awareness program “Ready For 7.” He simply said residents should be able to be on their own for seven days. Aguilar also urged residents to sign up for email blasts on Emergency Information at cityofsierramadre.com.



and has won awards two years in a row. For more information on how to volunteer and/or donate, visit sierramadroserosefloat.com.

Snow and Santa Come To Sierra Madre Dickens Village Provided Was For Everyone



The Thomas Family was delighted to attend their first Dickens Village.

Photos & Story By Susan Henderson

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce and local organizations and merchants put on another spectacular Dickens Village event last Saturday, full of fun and treats for the entire family. Merchants opened their doors to hundreds of visitors to the city. Sierra Madre Women’s Club, Civic Club and Rotary Club were among many other organizations that sold baked goods and other items to support their causes. And, of course, Santa Claus and Snow really captivated the children attending the event.

The driveway adjacent to Bank Of The West was turned into a Winter



It was a fast and furious ride in the snow!

wonderland and children and adults took a slide down a slope of real snow. The weather for the day was just cool enough to make keep the snow from melting and the trip down the hill was fast and exhilarating for all.

In Kersting Court, before the arrival of Santa, Carolers sang Christmas songs, inviting participation from the crowds, When Santa arrived, the children could hardly wait to sit on his lap and give him their requests.

There was also a Dickens Trolley that ran throughout the downtown area for families to ride and enjoy all of the sights. The day was funderful!

Tragedy Strikes Good Samaritans

Sandra Montellano shot, her mother killed while delivering gifts to needy children in Tijuana Over The Thanksgiving Weekend

A familiar face to many in Sierra Madre, especially to members of the Sierra Madre Rotary, the news of the tragic incidents have been devastating. Monellano, who worked for the Destination Group in town, often assisted her employer, Tom Brady, with Rotary events. She has been described as a very giving, and kind person. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, however, as she was delivering gifts to needy children with her mother in Tijuana, they were the victims of escalating violence that ended the life of her mother, Anna Montellano, 53 and has done extensive, possibly irreversible damage to Sandra.

She has undergone numerous surgeries duuring the week to repair damage done by gunshot wounds to her neck, eye, jaw and hands. Sandra faces at least 6 months to recover from her injuries.

The funeral for Anna Montellano will be held on Saturday in Azusa.

The Sierra Madre Rotary club has established to help the family with burial and medical expenses.



Sandra (right) with husband Jose and unidentified friend earlier this year. Photo courtesy T. Brady

Donations can sent to:

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Attn: Gomez & Montellano Families

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RESTORATION PROJECT CLOSES MT. WILSON TRAIL

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The California Conservation Corps began the Skyland Slope Restoration Project on the Mt. Wilson Trail earlier this week. The project will be headed by the Corps with the help of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue. Due to the nature of the project, the Mt. Wilson Trail will be closed weekdays for the next two months. The Mt. Wilson Trail will be accessible on the weekends and holidays. The public is urged to please use alternate trails out of Chantry Flats or Bailey Canyon during closures.



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holiday present!*

Advent and Christmas Events at St. Rita's

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No Room at the Inn: A display of over 130 Nativity Sets loaned by local families in a revival of an old community tradition! Sponsored by St. Rita Parish in association with Sierra Madre and East Pasadena Churches. Proceeds benefitting those for whom there is "No Room at the Inn." **Friday, Dec. 5, 7-9:30pm:** Preview night for adults, \$15. **Saturday Dec. 6, 1-7pm; Sunday Dec. 7, 8:30am-3pm.** \$3 adults; accompanied children free. O'Malley Hall

Christmas Pageant: St. Rita School presents their annual all-school production. A reception and a visit from Santa will follow the performance. **Thursday, Dec. 11, 7pm.** No charge. St. Rita Church then O'Malley Hall **Advent Concert of Lessons & Carols by The Community Chorus of Redlands:** This 80 member chorus, which has toured extensively, will perform their moving choral and instrumental music, with seasonal anthems, readings and carols. Director Jeffrey Rickard, longtime Choral Director

at University of Redlands, grew up here in Sierra Madre, and was the Ascension Episcopal Church organist during the 1960's. **Sunday, Dec. 14, 5pm.** Reception follows. Freewill offering benefits the choir. St. Rita Church then O'Malley Hall

Candlelight Walk and Christmas Caroling: Another special Sierra Madre community tradition! Bundle up, bring a sturdy candle and meet on the steps of St. Rita's. The group gets larger block by block as hundreds carol all the way down Baldwin. At Kersting Court's Nativity scene, readings and more carols conclude this wonderful evening! **Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:45-8pm.** Meet at St. Rita Church.

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve: 4pm Children's Mass; 10pm: Music and Meditations followed by 10:30pm Vigil Mass with Full Choir and String Quartet. Christmas Day: 8:30am and Noon Masses For more information, call 626-355-1292 or visit our website at www.St-Rita.org



Banna Beag Mall Performs In Kersting Court



The band Banna Beag Mall, a celtic/eclectic group, will be playing live in Kersting Court on Dec. 13 and 20 from 1:30 until around 3:00. They will play a variety of holiday and Irish tunes to entertain shoppers and diners. Come enjoy live music as you shop!

Alverno's Annual Candlelight Celebration Wednesday, December 26, 2008 7:00 pm

Please join us for Alverno High School's beloved holiday tradition Candlelight Celebration and Enjoy the beauty of Alverno High School's Villa del Sol d'Oro as the procession leads you through a live re-enactment of the story of Christmas.



Members of Alverno Singers don their coziest winter wear for Candlelight Celebration.

The Alverno Singers and the Alumnae Choir will delight everyone with Christmas carols in the Villa after the procession. We will also be serving warm holiday refreshments. Families are welcome. Candle distribution will begin at 6:45 at the Villa.

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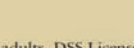
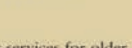
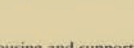
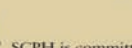


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* Select a fresh Christmas tree that is kept in water at all times. Needles on fresh trees should be green and should not fall off easily. Don't put your tree up too early or leave it up longer than two weeks after the holidays. Dry trees can ignite easily and create fires that can spread rapidly to nearby combustible materials.

* Place your tree in a safe place away from heat sources such as a fireplaces and heating vents.

* Maintain your holiday lights. Inspect your lights before you use them to ensure they don't have frayed wires, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, or excessive wear. Only use lighting that is listed by an approved testing laboratory. Don't leave the lights on when you're not home.

* Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Don't link more than three light strands unless the directions indicate it is safe. Periodically check the wires; they should not be warm to the touch.

* Use only non-flammable decorations that are placed away from heat vents. If you use an artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

* If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where children and pets cannot knock them down. Do not leave lit candles unattended. Never leave the house with candles burning.

* Keep fresh batteries in your smoke detectors and practice your family evacuation plans.

For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/disaster or contact Emergency Management Coordinator Lisa Derderian at lderderian@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-7276

Sierra Madre Assemblyman Visits SM Middle School



(left to right) Helen Stapenhorst -Sierra Madre School PTA President, Garrett Newsom - Assistant Principal, Assemblyman Anthony Adams, Mikala Rahn - SMS parent, and Steve Johnson - District Director for Assemblyman Adams

Assemblyman Anthony Adams (District 59) visited Sierra Madre Middle School on Friday at the invitation of Sierra Madre PTA President Helen Stapenhorst. He was greeted and given a tour of the campus by Assistant Principal Garrett Newsom and members of the Student Council. Mr. Adams was treated to a few select numbers by the Performing Arts Kids, interviewed by journalism students for the student newsletter and took in the beauty of the Native Garden project which is tended to by students and a faculty advisor. Photo and Story by Darla Dyson

City Manager To Speak On Emergency Procedures

Sierra Madre City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, and along with James Carlson will present a program on the city's emergency procedures in times of mudslide, fire, etc. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting. Lunch reservations required. (\$11 for non-members) Contact Ann Luke at 626-325-3111.

Fire Safe Council Celebrates Third Birthday



The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council celebrated its' 3rd birthday this week at its regular monthly meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Gary Hood, FSC member, Curt Kaplan, guest speaker from the National Weather Service, and Mike Kinney and Caroline Brown, FSC members. Photo By S. Henderson

Kiwanis Christmas Party and Open House



Ken and Shirley Anholt along with Jackie Pergola and Nina Bartoli enjoy an evening with friends at the Kiwanis Christmas Party and Open House at Casa Del Rey on Tuesday. Members brought toys for the Foothill Unity Center Christmas Toy Drive.

The event also marked the launch of Kiwanis evening meetings which will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

La Canada Santa's Brunch at Descanso Gardens

Get in the holiday spirit at Descanso Gardens during Winter Weekend, Dec. 13 and Dec. 14.

Patina Catering's popular tradition of Breakfast with Santa returns to Descanso Gardens this year. What better way to welcome the holidays by sitting down with family and friends, enjoying a gourmet brunch with Santa!

Sample menu items include: winter Waldorf salad, blueberry pancakes, wild mushroom and artichoke frittata, turkey sausage and mini pastries.

Adults and children can also decorate their own sugar cookies, visit with Santa and hear storytelling. Afterward, families can stroll through the Gardens - the Courtyard and Boddy House will be decorated - and ride on the Enchanted Railroad.

Don't forget to bring your cameras and capture photos of loved ones in a festive setting.

Santa's Brunch seatings are at 9:30 and 11 a.m. both days. Cost: \$42 (\$35 members) adults, \$15 for children 4-12, and free for children 3 and younger.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

High-tech Bus Data System OK'd

By Dean Lee

Soon bus riders in Pasadena will be able to retrieve real-time local ARTS Shuttle arrival data on their cell phones and/or on signs at bus stops. The over \$1 million Intelligent Transportation System project includes \$834,077 in federal funds with a required local match of \$208,520.

The city council last month approved an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to act as the pass-through agency for the funds charging the city \$41,704 for the service. Staff said Metro would only manage the funds.

Assistant City Manager Julie Gutierrez said Thursday the system would work similar to train stations with a digital display. She said similar cities have the arrival system including Portland and Glendale. Buses would use GPS and the data would be sent through an internet interface staff said.

Department of Transportation Director Frederick Dock said, "This gives us as the framework to communicate information through fixed or ultimately, if we are able to work it through our traffic management center, over a web based interface."

Dock added that they were still working on how the overall mechanics would work. He also said that if they decided not to use the real-time system the information would still be on fixed displays.

"It would say, 'bus arriving' in a given number of minutes," he said.

In related news, the city council also authorized the extension of First Transit to operate the ARTS and Dial-A-Ride for the next two months after their contract ended in November. Last year a number of local bus drivers threatened a strike over First Transit working conditions. The extension will cost \$763,000.

Staff said the change in the economy has had an impact on the two revenue sources, Proposition A and Proposition C, which fund the ARTS and Dial-A-Ride. The city is looking at revising the funding program.

First Transit also asked for an hourly rate increase by three percent from \$53.83 to \$55.44 for the ARTS Bus and from \$54.17 to \$55.80.

Gutierrez also said the city will have new busses added to their fleet but did not give any details.

Approximately 1.7 million passengers ride ARTS buses yearly. The transportation department has also intensified promotion of multimodal transportation options, including bicycling, walking and carpooling. For more information call 626-744-3725 or visit cityofpasadena.net

Tis' the Season



Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein led the official tree-lighting ceremony Thursday. He turned on the lights of the 20-foot Washington Noble fir at 6 p.m. The lights, donated by Pasadena Water and Power, are energy-saving, light-emitting diodes (LED) that use about 90 percent less energy than incandescent tree lights and do not produce any heat according to city staff. The tree is decorated with large, colorful ornaments. The McKinley After-School Performing Choir under the direction of Robin Turrentine also sang songs of the season. Photo D. Lee/MVO

Top Administrators Appointed

Pasadena City Manager Michael J. Beck announces two top administrative appointments. Andrew M. Green has been appointed director of finance, and Steve Mermell has been named assistant city manager.

A third appointment, director of housing, a new city department, will be announced next week.

Green, currently finance director for the city of Reno, has more than 28 years of experience in municipal finance and management. Previously, he led the finance departments of Rialto and of San Bernardino. He was team leader for the financing package required

to complete Reno's railway grade separation project, Downtown Events Center and other major projects.

As finance director he will be responsible for developing and monitoring the city-wide budget, which this fiscal year is \$614 million and includes 2,230 full-time employees. In his new capacity he will manage 130 departmental employees engaged in accounting and reporting, treasury and debt management, purchasing, risk management, pension system administration, payroll, billing and collections, auditing and information technology.

Mermell, currently acting

director of finance, will be one of two assistant city managers reporting directly to Beck. His permanent position is deputy director of finance. He has worked for the city for nearly 20 years in a variety of roles, including as acting assistant city manager, budget administrator and purchasing administrator.

"We're building a solid foundation from which to meet our city's challenges" said Beck. "The newest members of our executive team are highly accomplished, with successful track records in initiative and effectiveness. I'm pleased to announce their appointments. They will complement the excellent, existing senior management team."

Urgent Care: Considered

By Dean Lee

This Monday night the city council is set to consider approving \$331,000 for the preparation of the architectural design and contract documents for an Urgent Care pilot program at 3160 E. Del Mar Boulevard.

Staff said this was the most feasible location even after looking into potential alternative sites such as the former Saint Luke's Medical Center although the city only looked at sites that could be leased or purchased. Other criteria included, lease or purchase cost, east Pasadena location, minimum of 8,000 square feet, need for tenant improvements or build-out, willingness to convert office space for medical use, willingness to allow after-hours and weekend use, access to public transportation, and available parking. The pilot program will last five years.

In other news The city council will also will consider approving the establishment of speed limits on certain portions of Lida Street, Raymond Avenue, Rosemont Avenue and West Drive

Charles Phoenix Selected 32nd Doo Dah Grand Marshal

Entertainer, author and pop-culture expert Charles Phoenix has been known for his live, hilarious Retro Slide Show performances, fun-filled School Bus Field Trip Tours, crazy kitchen experiments and colorful coffee table books. Now he will be known for leading the notorious Doo Dah Parade, alter-ego to the Tournament of Roses, as its 2009 Grand Marshal.

The parade will make its way down Colorado Boulevard in the historic Old Pasadena District on Sunday, January 18th, stepping off at 11:30am.

Fans across the nation know Charles Phoenix for his hip and highly original take on kitschy and classic American culture, which is characterized by an infectious enthusiasm and keen eye for oddball details.

Charles is a recurring correspondent for NPR's Day to Day and guest on The Martha Stewart Show. LA WEEKLY chose Charles for the cover of its 2008

People issue, calling him the "Kodachrome King." Parade organizers feel that Phoenix is a perfect match for an event that's widely known as a send-up of convention and

social norms. Doo Dah head Tom Coston says, "Charles is simply hilarious, graciously wicked and a truly artistic spirit—that spells Doo



Celebrate the holidays with Charles Phoenix
Photo credit: Golly of California

Dah." The Grand Marshal's entourage will also be pure Charles Phoenix. He will be traveling the parade route standing on the tailgate of a 1964 Ford station wagon that was special ordered by the Tempton, California Fire Department.

It's fire engine red, complete with a siren on top and will be towing a vintage matching travel trailer trailed by dozens of champion roller skaters. The spectacle is everything!

"I'm thrilled to be the Doo Dah Grand Marshal this year," says

PCC President to Sign College Climate Commitment Pact

Expressing a desire to reduce Pasadena City College's carbon footprint, PCC President Paulette J. Perfumo will sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment on December 9 at a noon ceremony in Galloway Plaza. By signing the commitment, Dr. Perfumo and PCC thereby recognize: the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects; the scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely being caused by humans; and the need to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80 percent by mid-century at the latest, in order to avert the worst impacts of global warming and to reestablish the more stable climatic conditions that have made human progress over the last 10,000 years possible.

PCC will be the 603rd institution of higher education to pledge its support of the commitment. All 50 states are represented among the signatories.

"Community colleges are places of lifelong learning and as we come together as a community of learners, what better place to learn together about this critical issue before us, and help create a brighter future for future generations," Dr. Perfumo said.

The commitment was set out because colleges and universities are considered ideal settings to develop workable new strategies, systems, behaviors and technologies that



can be scaled up to the community and state levels. According to the commitment, "Higher Education is also a \$317 billion economic engine that employs millions of people and spends billions of dollars on fuel, energy, products, services and infrastructure."

By signing the commitment, PCC is committed to developing a comprehensive plan in pursuit of "climate neutrality." Within two years of signing, an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral must be developed. The institutional action plan will delineate a target date for compliance and set interim targets for goals and actions with mechanisms for tracking progress, and calls for expanded research on achieving climate neutrality. In addition, climate neutrality and sustainability are to be made part of the curriculum and educational experience for all students.

Perfumo plans to implement a multi-track approach, including "green-collar job" certifications and teaching sustainability across the PCC curriculum, as well as a "greener" approach to conducting PCC's business.

Phoenix with his usual verve. "I nearly collapsed with joy when the call came because it puts me that much closer to my biggest goal in life – to be the Grand Marshal of the grandest parade on the planet – the Rose Parade. The Doo Dah is just a stepping stone for me."

The 32nd Occasional Doo Dah Parade will celebrate the post-holiday season in its typically loud, irreverent style. Once a grassroots event begun in 1978, Doo Dah soon gained national recognition as the twisted sister to Pasadena's 'other parade,' featuring a woolly range of

mischief, grounded superheroes, political pundits, homegrown satirists, art car inventors, and other bohemian frolickers. This year's Grand Marshal follows in the footsteps of anti-consumer evangelist Reverend Billy, performing artists Culture Clash, rock-a-billy king Ray Campi, novelty DJ Dr. Demento, singer-songwriter Ian Whitcomb and Doo Dah's signature Synchronized Briefcase Marching Drill Team.

A native of Ontario, California, Charles is very proud to have been

educated at the Used Car Lot School of Style; Disneyland School of Design; and Shopping Mall School of Sociology. As a teen he discovered thrift

shops as museums of merchandise: the perfect place to study the underbelly of our mass consumerism culture.

While working as a fashion designer in Los Angeles, Charles stumbled

upon a shoebox full of someone's old Kodachrome travel slides in a Pasadena thrift shop. The box was marked "Trip Across the United States 1957." He knew he'd found a treasure but had no idea that these slides

would change the course of his life. Soon, collecting orphaned slides became an addiction that inspired his first Retro Slide Show

performance, "The Retro Vacation Tour of the USA." Charles, thus, transformed the classic living room slide show into a high-octane celebration of mid-century American culture.

For more information: www.pasadenadoodahparade.info

A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

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Paul Neiby

"Volunteerism has nothing to do with wanting to be a honcho. If something needs to be done, you must leap in. There is no altruism involved."

Paul Neiby, M.D., is known for his activism, his energy, his willingness to jump in and get the job done. The surgeon, who practiced medicine in Arcadia for 30 years, said, "I'm a rebel. I have been most of my life and I have no apologies."

Paul said he just wanted to do his craft and take

care of his yard. He didn't care about local politics and issues... well, that is, until 25 years ago when Sierra Madre City Council decided to remove 80 trees along Orange Grove to make room for more traffic on that busy street. The Neibys have lived on Orange Grove since 1976 when he bought the 1 1/2-acre plot, and the possibility of added traffic made Paul's blood boil. After a flurry of activity, the problem was solved between Sierra Madre and Arcadia City Councils (the towns split ownership of Orange Grove Ave.) when they agreed to save the trees and widen the street.

But that was just one of Paul's forays into action.

When he was on the Sierra Madre Library Board, Paul wanted to continue the Oral History Project that was started by Janie Kistner before her death. With the help of other volunteers the project was resumed (Suzi McConnell and Jay Whitcraft helped) and the work has continued for six years with about 40 interviews of local celebrities already completed.

About six years before Sierra Madre's Centennial in 2007, several local people, including Neiby,

decided the town needed an illustrated, interesting history book. Michele Zack has completed the book and it should be out soon, Paul said. He has also put a considerable amount of money in this project. Jeff Lapides is completing artistic production of the book.

Now that he's on the Senior Commission, Paul has been enthusiastic about renovation of the Hart Park House. He also is a happy supporter of Sierra

Madre Kiwanis Club and served as its president for a year. He's also coordinating Kiwanis Key Clubbers.

As if that isn't enough volunteerism, Paul was an attending surgery staff member at USC for 17 years. This past year he received an award at the Wistaria Volunteer activities for his unique Sierra Madre activities.

The surgeon received his medical education at the Universities of Iowa and Pennsylvania.

In 1961, he joined the Navy and was

assigned to Okinawa before the Vietnam War.

On their plot in Sierra Madre, the Neibys have a variety of plants, trees and vegetables. Paul is a member of the Rare Fruit Society. Also on the property is a Ramada that contains a fireplace built by Gutsum Borglum, the famous sculptor of Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.

Louise is a retired nurse, and the Neibys usually take care of a variety of animals, both domesticated and feral. Their home is always open to many friends who come to visit from around the world. "I've had a wonderful life," Neiby concluded.



Photo By S. Henderson



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know?

Eco-Friendly Gift Giving

By Pat Birdsall

This week and next, we will offer "green" gift suggestions that are as varied as the people on your shopping list...

1- Charms for Change: Darfur- Give a gift that benefits more than your recipient. 100% of the profits from a beautiful silver Africa charm necklace will go directly toward aiding victims of the ongoing Darfur genocide through the ABC Home and Planet Foundation. (\$50-\$100) www.abchomeandplanet.org/darfurcharmsforchange.aspx

2- For that urban tree hugger on your list- dedicate a tree in his or her name at Tree-People, a non-profit organization offering sustainable solutions to urban ecosystem problems. Gift certificates range from \$25 to \$100. www.treepeople.com or call 1.818.753.4600.

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5- Designer Allison Teich is famous for rescuing discarded vintage fabric and converting them into chic and durable totes. www.teichdesign.com

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Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, November 23rd, to Saturday November 30th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 295 calls for service.

Tuesday, November 25th:

7:48 AM – Arrest, Orange Grove Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation, speeding. A records check revealed the driver had a suspended driver license. The driver was issued a citation for the violations and released on a written promise to appear.

12:11 PM – Arrest, Sierra Madre Blvd and Santa Anita Ave. A motorist was stopped for a traffic violation, speeding. During the investigation the driver, a San Gabriel resident had a suspended driver license. The driver was issued a citation and a written promise to appear.

4:12 PM – ID Theft, 300 block East Grandview Ave. A resident reported he has been a victim of an identity theft. The loss occurred between Tuesday, 11/11 and Tuesday, 11/25. The case is currently under investigation.

Wednesday, November 26th:

3:39 PM – Arrest, 45 North Baldwin Ave. Two men were reported intoxicated at Bean Town. The Monrovia residents were arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Friday, November 28th:

11:56 PM – Arrest, 00 block Suffolk Ave. A man was staggering on the sidewalk and was arrested for public intoxication. Officers took him to the Pasadena Jail for remand.

Saturday, November 29th:

2:45 PM – Arrest, Carrying loaded concealed firearms, Bailey Canyon Park. An informant reported three men carrying ammo pouches walking in Bailey Canyon Park. An officer stopped the men. During the investigation the officer found two rifles and a .44 magnum revolver in a carrying case. All firearms were loaded. The men, all residents of Whittier, were arrested and transported to the station. The case is currently under investigation.

Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, November 23, through Saturday, November 29, the Police Department responded to 824 calls for service of which 114 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 23:

Around 2:56 p.m., the Department's automated license plate reader system alerted officers to a stolen vehicle that was traveling southbound on Santa Anita. A traffic stop was made at Live Oak, and all four male Hispanic occupants were detained. A screwdriver was found on the floorboard and wires were hanging from beneath the ignition column. Two juveniles, ages 16 and 17, were taken into custody for grand theft auto, and the other two subjects were released at the scene. Record checks revealed that both of these juveniles were recently arrested for another vehicle theft.

Loss prevention personnel from Macy's advised that they had detained a woman for theft around 4:36 p.m. The suspect took merchandise into a fitting room and concealed about \$459 in clothing items in her purse. A private person's arrest was made, and the 39-year-old Asian was taken into custody for grand theft.

Monday, November 24:

Units responded to the 1000 block of Mayflower around 11:36 a.m. in reference to an embezzlement report. The victim advised that she wanted to buy a house in April and she gave the realtor/suspect \$3,000 to take the house off the market, and he then asked for \$19,500 in cash from the victim so he could obtain a cashier's check to give to the mortgage lender. Once the male Asian suspect received the money, he did not return the victim's calls nor carry out his duties. A check with ReMax revealed that the suspect has since resigned from the company.

Around 2:38 p.m., officers were dispatched to Hampton Inn, 311 East Huntington, regarding a grand theft. A patron advised the manager that two computers were missing from the lobby area. The manager was unable to locate the computers and later checked the surveillance video. She discovered that two male Hispanic suspects took the computers around 4:09 p.m. on November 23.

Tuesday, November 25:

Shortly after 8:30 a.m., units were sent to the 00 block of East Colorado regarding a domestic violence call. A 49-year-old male Asian suspect grabbed his wife by the throat and forcibly threw her to the ground. He also struck her in the face prior to fleeing the location.

A grand theft occurred at Burlington Coat Factory, 1201 South Baldwin, around 8:12 p.m. A male African-American suspect, 25 years of age, wanted to see a \$1,300 diamond and gold pendant. The sales clerk said that she needed an ID before she could take jewelry out of the display case. The suspect yelled and claimed discrimination because he was black, demanded to see the manager, and continued to cause a commotion. Since the manager was not available

and to avoid a scene, the sales clerk removed the pendant from the display case and showed it to the suspect. He then took the pendant and fled the location. An area check was conducted, but the suspect was not found.

Wednesday, November 26:

A 20-year-old male Caucasian was arrested at 24-Hour Fitness around 8:25 a.m. for receiving stolen property. The subject was seen entering the location without anything in his hands, and he entered and exited the locker room several times, behaving suspiciously. Later he was observed leaving the fitness center with a black duffel bag. The black bag was found in some bushes and the victim's wallet and car keys were discovered in the parking structure.

Around 1:06 p.m., a victim came to the police station to file a fraud report. The victim has been out of the country since July and he returned home to find a delinquent bill for over \$5,400. Unknown suspect(s) obtained the victim's credit card information by unknown means and made unauthorized online purchases.

Thursday, November 27:

A hit-and-run traffic collision occurred at Windsor and Newman around 3:17 a.m. A witness heard a loud crash and went out to find a suspect vehicle had collided with a parked vehicle. The suspect then drove away from the accident scene. The witness got into his car and followed the suspect to a church parking lot at Windsor and Cornell and confronted the driver. The 52-year-old male Hispanic was extremely belligerent and a struggle ensued. The witness had to use pepper spray to subdue the driver. Officers arrived at the scene and the driver was taken to AMH for medical treatment. The suspect was so combative that hospital staff had to sedate him.

Between 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 1000 block of South Golden West. Unknown suspect(s) entered the locked garage by forcing open a side window. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole shoes, tools, and other miscellaneous property.

Friday, November 28:

Loss prevention personnel from Hollister advised that they had detained a male juvenile for theft around 11:45 a.m. Two male African-American suspects entered the store with empty shopping bags. One suspect took a pair of jeans, removed the security tag, and concealed it in one of the bags. A private person's arrest was made, and a 17-year-old juvenile was taken into custody for commercial burglary. The other suspect fled the scene.

Shortly after 11:00 p.m., units responded to Sheikh Shoes located at Westfield mall regarding a theft of \$4,620 in cash. The manager advised that it was an extremely busy day and he had to put cash in a locked cash box. He placed cash in the lock box several times throughout the day. Around 9:15 p.m., he found the box still locked but all the cash was gone.

Saturday, November 29:

An attempted strong-arm robbery occurred at the Albertson's parking lot, 298 East Live Oak, around 10:20 a.m. A male Hispanic suspect, possibly 16 years of age, 5' tall, 130 pounds, tried to take a woman's purse by physical force. A witness yelled at the suspect, and he fled without taking any property.

Units were dispatched to Peck Road Water Conservation Park, 5401 Peck Road, around 7:00 a.m. regarding a body floating in the water. A male body was located near the shoreline and the LASO Underwater Operations Unit responded to recover the body. The cause of death of the 48-year-old male Hispanic is unknown at this time.



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Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

At last week's meeting in San Diego of the Association for Fire Ecology one presentation focused on the absolute most important point: homeowner responsibility for wildfire preparation and neighborhood cooperation.

Several aerial photos were shown of neighborhoods in the area of the Triangle Freeway Fire in Orange County. You could pick out the home where the owner had done satisfactory brush reduction down slope from their home and the home burned to the ground anyway. A neighboring house, that had not done brush clearance, caught fire first and the heat from that home caused the ignition of the house that had done required brush reduction.

And besides brush burning from raining embers far ahead of the fire front, what you also see in the photos is the planted, ornamental foliage up close to the homes, all stucco-sided, completely on fire. These were homes built in the last 25-30 years,

not up to the latest fire-code building standards, but thought to be far more fire-resistant than older homes, such as those in the Sierra Madre foothills and canyons, still fully engulfed in flames and burning to the ground.

We have a lot of work to do. There is no time like the present to do ember exclusion retrofitting of your home: the eaves, the roof vents, the underside of the overhanging decks and balconies, to name just a few. Go to www.firecenter.berkeley.edu and follow the links to "toolkit" and "assessment" and do your own home assessment for six areas of concern. Then start with the worst area and work your way through your list.

January 5, 2009 we will begin our fourth year of community preparation for fire, debris flow and other hazard preparation. Have a safe and happy holiday season until then. To volunteer for Sierra Madre emergency preparation, call Police Chief Marilyn Diaz, 355-1414 or Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council, 355-0741.

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Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE

my life has evaporated; someone else is pulling the strings. It's been going on for a long time I think, maybe forever; but I'm just noticing it. Looking back I recall that I had a beard for about thirty-five years then one day, for no particular reason, I shaved it off. Then one day I decided to become a vegan. No particular reason, I heard my friend's father say that being a vegan had made a huge difference in his life and all at once- the next day in fact- there I was a vegan. Not only no flesh or dairy products of any kind but without thinking about it very much I also abandoned coffee, diet soda, fried foods, white bread and white rice, potatoes and pasta.

Oh yes. On this same day I decided to stop taking my three kinds of diabetic medications which something told me was making me hungry and fat. Well, magically I lost fifty pounds in about a day and a half and amazingly enough I had inexhaustible physical energy and was playing golf and tennis on the same day. I bought, without thinking about it very much, these Nepalese singing bowls and regularly played with them. I bought another rather unique antique Chinese bowl that had copper handles. I filled the bowl with water and rubbed the handles and from this friction there appeared multiple fountains within the bowl. I found this surprising and amazing and I displayed this phenomenon to everyone who came by my house. No one was much interested but I really didn't care I was thrilled. Oh, and most surprising of all, suddenly I had this column to write. It

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happened without effort. Rich Johnson happened one day to ask me how I had lost weight and I told him I had become a vegan and he sort of casually said, "Oh that's interesting. Why don't you write me a note about it and I'll talk about it in my column." So, without thinking about it much I wrote him this page long note which, without me even knowing about it, he gave to Susan Henderson, who I had never even heard of- and bang, I'm a columnist who has written a new article every week for about a year and a half..

Now, I absolutely love the opportunity to write these articles and I have kept it up despite the fact that I have stopped doing just about everything else. It's true I was feeling sort of fatigued and one Sunday my son and I had taken my ninety three year old mother to a restaurant where she ordered, as she always does, a chicken salad sandwich. As usual she complained about the sandwich and wouldn't eat it and it made me mad. Without thinking, and without having my wife there to stop me, I grabbed half the sandwich and wolfed it down. That's it the end. For the last six or seven weeks I've had meat (yuk) at every meal. I'm back to drinking multiple cups of coffee a day and my blood sugar is way out of control and the doctor's having me shoot insulin. Every day I say I'm going to get back on my diet and start exercising; but I don't. Please, I need your assistance and also I would love to have feedback on my articles. Please share your experiences of trying to gain control over your life. I think it will help and I need all the help I can get. You can e-mail me at noeltrauts@earthlink.net. I await your message; but maybe just writing this column will bring about some changes. I'll let you know.

**Time to Give Aid to AIDS**

December 1st was World AIDS Day. The theme for World AIDS Day is leadership, with the slogan "Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise". Can we really "stop" AIDS? As of right now, there is no cure for the virus, but I think there are plenty of things we, as a people, can do to help slow down the rate of people infected with HIV/AIDS. It's going to take a lot of effort from our government, society, and, most importantly, individuals.

Government: What can our government do to slow down this epidemic? This epidemic that has killed millions must be dealt with immediately. I think the government should do their parts by investing money in organizations dedicated to finding a cure. There should be more clinics and facilities readily available where people can get tested. The government should also invest more in AIDS awareness and education among youth. Too many of us are out there uninformed on the dangers of AIDS.

Society: I believe society needs to change its mindset. AIDS is looked down upon negatively in society. We need to remember that people infected with HIV/AIDS are people too, and deserve the same amount of respect as everyone else. There are people who know they AIDS and are passing it to partners without telling them. Many do that because they are afraid of what others will say and afraid that the person won't look at them the same. I can understand that, but by people telling their partners they are infected could definitely save lives. If AIDS was more accepted in society, people might be more likely to tell their loved ones they're infected and countless lives would be saved.

Individual: As individuals, we definitely need to do our part. We can't wait for the government to take action; it's got to start with us. That means educating our youth. Promoting safe sex and honesty. People are more likely to listen if they're hearing it from a friend or family member. We, too, need to change our mindset and stop looking at each other with our differences and start seeing each other for who we really are.

**Rich Johnson****Deja Vu All Over Again**

Persons insisting on anonymity have asked your intrepid columnist to actually stand in front of a microphone in a public restaurant, play the guitar and sing another song. I said what the... oh okay. However, to insure palatability, jazz singer and guitarist Jane Fuller is going to sing 99% of the time and I will sing 1% or 2% of the time. Max, I promise. The theme of the evening will be Christmas (Somehow it seems appropriate). Please join us and have dinner. *Where? When? Saturday, December 13th from 6-8 pm at Fresco's Family Restaurant.* You may have heard of Fresco's. It's across the border in East Pasadena at the south end of the Upper Hastings Christmas extravaganza. Apparently they haven't heard of me at Fresco's. Or for that matter heard me ... in front of a microphone that is. So, if you missed my debut a few weeks back at Café 322, you have an opportunity to see me in action. And again, don't forget Jane is really worth coming to see and hear. I hope to see you there.

Moving on, as most of you who read my column with any regularity know, I had gastric bypass surgery to help me control my weight. I had it performed at Huntington Hospital on September 8th of this year. To date, I have lost 80-85 pounds (25 before the surgery). It was one of the few good decisions I've made in my lifetime. One more good decision and I will have to start tallying on my left hand. Of course, I had my first ever, post-op Thanksgiving feast (actually two of them) And it was a Helen of a day. I started out at Fresco's having coffee with friends Helen and Ron. At 11:00 am I went to my ex-wife Helen's house to have all the fixin's with her and my two kids (whose names escape me at the moment). Then at 4:00 I traversed from Monrovia all the way to Arcadia and had yet another feast at the home of friend Helen, her daughter and brother. What did the new me eat? A wee little bit of everything. I would recommend gastric bypass surgery to anyone who is morbidly obese. And I would whole-heartedly recommend Huntington Hospital and Dr. David Lourie. The hardest part of the surgery is typically the private war that goes on between you and your insurance company to get approval. But it is worth fighting for. If anyone wants to contact me and talk about it, I would be thrilled to. Email me at rich@versatape.com.

Obama Health Care Plan By Hail Hamilton

Under the plan, if you like your current health insurance, nothing changes, except your costs will go down by as much as \$2,500 per year.

If you don't have health insurance, you will have a choice of new, affordable health insurance options.

The Obama plan will make health insurance work for people and businesses - not just insurance and drug companies. It will:

Require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions so all Americans regardless of their health status or history can get comprehensive benefits at fair and stable premiums.

Create a new Small Business Health Tax Credit to help small businesses provide affordable health insurance to their employees.

Lower costs for businesses by covering a portion of the catastrophic health costs they pay in return for lower premiums for employees.

Prevent insurers from overcharging doctors for their malpractice insurance and invest in proven strategies to reduce preventable medical errors.

Make employer contributions fairer by requiring large employers that do not offer coverage, or make a meaningful contribution to the cost of quality health coverage for their employees, to contribute a percentage of payroll toward the costs of their employee's health care.

Establish a National Health Insurance Exchange with a range of private insurance options as well as a new public plan based on benefits available to members of Congress that will allow individuals and small businesses to buy affordable health coverage.

Ensure everyone who needs it will receive a tax credit for their premiums.

The Obama plan will reduce costs and save a typical American family up to \$2,500 as reforms phase in.

Lower drug costs by allowing the importation of safe medicines from other developed countries, increasing the use of generic drugs in public programs and taking on drug companies that block cheaper generic medicines from the market.

Require hospitals to collect and report health care cost and quality data.

Reduce the costs of catastrophic illnesses for employers and their employees.

Reform the insurance market to increase competition by taking on anticompetitive activity that drives up prices without improving quality of care.

The Obama plan will promote public health. It will require coverage of preventive services, including cancer screenings, and increase state and local preparedness for terrorist attacks and natural disasters by freeing hospital emergency rooms from serving as clinics for the poor.

The Obama plan will be paid for without new taxes. Barack Obama will pay for his estimated \$50 - \$65 billion health care reform effort by rolling back the Bush tax cuts for Americans earning more than \$250,000 per year and retaining the estate tax at its 2009 level.



profit for its owners and employing hundreds of thousands of Americans. This is the auto industry we should be watching.

If you're scratching your head trying to figure out what I'm talking about, let me direct your attention to the 12 "foreign" auto makers manufacturing cars in the U.S. Among their names, you'll find Toyota, Honda, BMW, Kia and several others. I've used the word foreign only because their headquarters are outside the United States. With almost all of these, though, their actual ownership is spread across the globe and well represented by Americans. Just as is the case with Ford, GM and Chrysler, people who own stock in all these companies live in Japan, England, Germany, the U.S. and elsewhere on the globe. I own some of all these companies, as do most readers I suspect, through my 401K, IRAs and other mutual funds. The headquarters location isn't important, nor really is the ownership breakdown. What's important for our discussion is where these companies have chosen to build multimillion dollar manufacturing plants and whether they are successful at it or not.

If we look at all of the U.S. automotive industry, we find some very interesting facts, which aren't receiving the press they deserve. First of all, the "foreign" companies are profitably building cars in the U.S. using American workers and now make 54% of the cars we buy. Second, GM, Ford and Chrysler actually make cars in other countries and sell them quite profitably there. So what's the difference? Why are the Big 3 on the verge of collapse and looking for a taxpayer bailout?

The answer is simple. "Foreign" cars and domestic cars compete for the same buyer's loyalty and dollars. The prices for cars of comparable quality and size is about the same. It is the cost structures which are radically different. Let's look at two examples which are representative of the rest. Toyota has 18% of the U.S. market vs. GM's 19%. Toyota offers three product lines, while GM offers eight. Toyota sells through 1,500 dealers, while GM sells through 7,000. Toyota can be, and in fact is, more efficient at the production, distribution and sale of cars than GM. But the most important factor is that Toyota pays Americans an average of \$48 per hour, including salary and all benefits, but GM has agreed with its unions to pay an average of \$73 per hour. You don't have to be great in math to figure out that GM will never be able to compete with Toyota in the U.S. given its inefficiencies and cost structure. The Big 3 don't suffer this cost difference overseas, that's why they're profitable overseas, but not in the U.S.

Before we lapse into the kneejerk reaction that the "foreign" manufacturers are treating American workers unfairly, let's consider that Americans eagerly take those jobs and several attempts to unionize those "foreign" plants have failed in fair and open elections. American workers lucky enough to get a job with a "foreign" manufacturer know what's happened to their UAW Detroit brethren. They would rather be employed for a long time at generous wages and benefits by a growing company than employed for a short time at greater-than-generous wages by a dying company.

As to the promise by the Big 3 presidents to change and mend their ways, the only change they need is to bring their labor costs into alignment with the other car manufacturers in America as well as with other U.S. manufacturers across most industry groups. That \$48 per hour number is comparable in most manufacturing jobs in the U.S. If the Big 3 made this change, they wouldn't need Washington's help or our money. Investors and lenders would line up to give them money if these changes were made, because they realize how well the investment in the "foreign" manufacturers has turned out.

Sadly, Big 3 management and the union leaders have been in denial for a long time. At this point, they can either renegotiate those labor costs way down or let bankruptcy do it for them. That's a scary word, I realize, but it won't be the disaster that's portrayed. Bankruptcy doesn't have to mean the disappearance of a company. Out of bankruptcy would come a stronger car company, employing Americans at fair wages and benefits, with a strong probability of reclaiming lost market share. Some workers would be laid off, but the savings car-buying Americans would receive would percolate elsewhere through the economy, and eventually the laid-off workers would find gainful employment in sound, not feeble, companies.

We can only hope and pray that Washington listens to the voters. A recent CNN/Opinion Research Corp. poll showed that 61% of Americans oppose a Detroit bailout. There is no margin for error that skews that result, and there is no economic theory which supports the subsidization of management and labor leaders who have created an unworkable business plan. There may be a couple of sick family members, but overall America's auto industry is very healthy. Let's hope Washington doesn't kill it.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2118141

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CENTURY COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICE**, 16387 FORREST HILLS LN., HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSEPH FELIZ**, 16387 FORREST HILLS LN., HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: JOSEPH M. FELIZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2088204

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **INKIT**, 4976 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FERNANDO LOPEZ**, 4810 TEMPLETON ST., L.A., CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: FERNANDO LOPEZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/25/08**. 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. 08-2118449

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JD TRAVEL & TOURS**, 2008 W. CARSON ST., STE. 204, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOVI BEN DUMABOC**, 519 W. 220th ST., #30, CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: JOVI BEN DUMABOC**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/02/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2139355

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KRMA CLOTHING**, 2202 S. FIGUEROA ST., L.A., CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIA C. LINERO**, 846 S. BROADWAY #802, L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: MARIA C. LINERO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2117654

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LINC CHEN MAINTENMENT**, 1110 W. VALLEY BLVD. #6207, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHIU TSANG**, 1108 W. VALLEY BL. #6207, ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: CHIU TSANG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2138307

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NISHANTHA PITIGALA AGENCY**, 766 MONTECITO DR., L.A., CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SENERATH NISHANTHA PITIGALA**, 766 MONTECITO DR., L.A., CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: SENERATH NISHANTHA PITIGALA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2107643

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROYAL RECORDS MUZIK**, 1816 DIANE DR., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ERIN G. ALLEN**, 1816 DIANE DR., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: ERIN G. ALLEN**.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/01/08**. 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. 08-2138984

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOUTH BAY HANDYMAN**, 4056 W. 164th ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ANDREA KRISTY**, 4056 W. 164th ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: ANDREA KRISTY**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/04/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/30/2003.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2103992

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE BRIDGE INSURANCE SERVICES**, 12149th PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HECTOR ALVARADO**, 15536 ORIZABA AVE. #B, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: HECTOR ALVARADO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/01/08**. 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. 08-2115894

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. THIRD DEGREE BURN 2. 3rd DERGEE BURN**, 131 E. 92nd ST., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE ARENAS**, 131 E. 92nd ST., L.A., CA 90003. **JESSE A. BARCOS**, 9227 SAN VICENTE AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. **Signed: JOSE ARENAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/02/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FILE NO. 2008-2138983
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **SOUTH BAY HANDYMAN**, 4056 W. 164th ST., LAWNDALE, CA 90260. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 8/3/07, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2007-1839994. 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: ANDREA KRISTY OWNER**.
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FILE NO. 2008-2139354
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **KRMA CLOTHING**, 2202 S. FIGUEROA ST., L.A., CA 90007. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 9/2/08, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2008-1580181. The business was conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) **SIGNED: NICHOLAS BOWES/OWNER**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2033919

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ALL AMERICAN FIRE PROTECTION CO.**, 3109 BUCKINGHAM RD., GLENDALE, CA 91206. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SERGIO RAFAEL IRIZAR**, 3109 BUCKINGHAM RD., GLENDALE, CA 91206. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: SERGIO RAFAEL IRIZAR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/18/08**. 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. 08-2054422

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

ALPHA-X ENTERPRISES, 1307 W. ALAMEDA AVE., BURBANK, CA 91506. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MICHAEL CAMARILLO**, 1307 W. ALAMEDA AVE., BURBANK, CA 91506. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: MICHAEL CAMARILLO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/20/08**. 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. 08-2026461

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **C. OWAMBO & ASSOCIATES/OKOLI INTERNATIONAL**, 10308 PARK ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GODWIN OKOLI**, C. OWAMBO, 10308 PARK ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: GODWIN OKOLI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/17/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NOV. 17, 2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2033858

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **2nd CENTER FOR NURSE EDUCATION & TRAINING**, 6444 E. SPRING ST. #124, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CHARLES M. FRYE**, 6444 E. SPRING ST. #124, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: CHARLES M. FRYE**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/12/08.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2052008

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CREDIT BANC SOLUTIONS GROUP**, 9350 FLAIR DR. STE. #108, EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MAI DIRECTORS DIVISION I, INC.**, 9350 FLAIR DR. STE. #108, EL MONTE, CA 91731. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. **Signed: HECTOR RANGEL/PRES.**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/18/08**. 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. 08-2054421

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIRANDA TILE**, 21002 MENLO ST., TORRANCE, CA 90502. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JOSE MIRANDA**, 21002 MENLO ST. TORRANCE, CA 90502. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: JOSE MIRANDA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/20/08**. 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. 08-2013215

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. POPULAR REALTY 2. POPULAR MORTGAGE GROUP**, 15928 CLEAR SPRING DR., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **VERONICA RIVARA**, 15928 CLEAR SPRING DR., LA MIRADA, 90638. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: VERONICA RIVARA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/14/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2034440

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. SOUND CRAFT RECORDING STUDIO 2. GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION GROUP 3. GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS 4. GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES 5. WORLDWIDE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP**, 11271 VENTURA BLVD. #368, STUDIO CITY, CA 91604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MISSING LINK REKORDZ**, 11271 VENTURA BLVD. #368, STUDIO CITY, CA 91604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GREEN VALLEY PKWY**, #603, HENDERSON, NV 89014-2120. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. **Signed: K. KHASHAYARI**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/18/08**. 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. 08-2053745

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TEODORA'S GIFT**, 400 S. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FRANCISCO LUQUIN**, 14023 CERRITOS AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA 90708. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: FRANCISCO LUQUIN**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/20/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2006.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2051286

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE EAST LA SOCIETY OF FILM & ARTS (TELSAFOA)**, 2227 CHESTNUT AVE., LB, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JUAN ESCOBEDO**, 2227 CHESTNUT AVE., LB, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. **Signed: JUAN ESCOBEDO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/20/08**. 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. 08-2054201

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **THE FRAME HOUSE**, 12 N. FIRST AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **CULTURE**, 121, INC., 12 N. FIRST AVE., ARCADIA, CA 91006. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. **Signed: JANE GARZONA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/20/08**. 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. 08-2033638

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM**, 2104 ORANGE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **NATIONAL COALITION OF PROFESSIONALS AGAINST CRIME**, INC., 2104 ORANGE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. **Signed: MALIK SALEEM**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **11/18/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on SEPT. 1990.

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FILE NO. 2008-2053932
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **TEODORA'S GIFT**, 11453 FOSTER RD., NORWALK, CA 90650. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on FEB. 29, 2004, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 04-0453016. 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: FRANCISCO LUQUIN OWNER**.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

Melting Pot

Recently, I had a discussion about a restaurant that I rather enjoyed, which a friend of mine felt was a disappointment. While the food was excellent, he felt the service was pedestrian. It took me a week of mulling it over but I have come up with a response that I think he should consider. Everything today seems to be about speed, faster and faster we go until they have to make the signs longer on the road so we can read them. A dining experience

is not Carl's Jr and 120 seconds or your meal is free. This is not a slogan you want to experience each evening. In Europe it is customary to have slow, methodical service. The reason behind this is, well, they are European. Actually, they believe that the guests should have time to talk and enjoy the meal. Here in America it is no different. At some places you have to acknowledge that you're both dining and having an experience, and it's important to understand that the servers are trying to enhance your experience too, by giving you a respectful amount of time and not rushing you through like cattle through a chute. Dining out is not a turnstile evening, but a long embrace. Don't get me wrong, service should be efficient. I expect it to be. Just remember to try and not rush the sunset, it won't listen anyway and some things just shouldn't be hurried.

Dining is an experience, so let's review the Melting Pot Restaurant in Pasadena. It is located on the second floor, just below JJ's Steakhouse. The Melting Pot has the appearance of a sleek and sophisticated restaurant, but it gives me a casual and earthy feeling. It suggests a distinctive air of a dreamy occasion, my thoughts hover about what an ideal place this would be for Valentine's Day. I guarantee you had better dispose of that notion though, or make your reservation as hastily as when your eyes depart from this page!!! So what is the Melting Pot? Is it a Fondue restaurant? Bar? Shabu Shabu? Well, all of those, I say. Heck, you can indeed go to the bar and enjoy a cheese fondue while sipping on a Cucumber Mojito. I did that on my first visit and enjoyed both.

Okay, I'm beating around the bush with you here because I really can't pinpoint or categorize this restaurant; it carries a unique set of characteristics which sets it independently apart. It's an Experience with a capital E. In addition to the Cheese Fondue, entrees include meats such as, beef, chicken, lobster, shrimp, scallops and a variety of vegetables. How does this work?

I started off with the cheese fondue, where you dip your bread or vegetables into your choice of melted cheeses; I had the Wisconsin Trio Cheese. Then came a salad, the only mediocre part of the meal. And then you order your entrée and cook it yourself. Each table has a pot that boils and bubbles, and you place your food item in and cook it and dip!!!

The Melting Pot is modern, dark and attractive. To allow you to enjoy the staging of the meal, all the booths have a dimension of privacy and are spacious enough for all the items, such as dipping sauces, which eventually end up on your table. When you go to the Melting Pot, you would be wise to consider, it not only a meal but a place of entertainment as well. You are cooking two bites of food at a time.

How much? Depends on what courses you order. My best guess is around \$90 for two, which includes an adult beverage for both of you. The featured big night out is the four course meal with The Cheese fondue, Salad, entrée and a dessert. Chocolate Fondue of course!

Yep!!! It's a keeper, check it out!!!

The Melting Pot, 88 W. Colorado Blvd., 2nd fl., Pasadena. (626) 792-1941
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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

Omega Centauri — Glittering Giant of the Southern Skies

Omega Centauri is one of the finest jewels of the southern hemisphere night sky, as the European Southern Observatory's latest stunning image beautifully illustrates. Containing millions of stars, this globular cluster is located roughly 17,000 light-years from Earth in the far southern constellation of Centaurus the Centaur (which also contains Alpha Centauri, the nearest star to Earth).

This new image is based on data collected with the 2.2-meter Max-Planck telescope, located at ESO's La Silla observatory in the arid mountains of the southern Atacama Desert in Chile. Omega Centauri is about 150 light-years across and is the most massive of all the Milky Way's globular clusters. It is thought to contain some ten million stars.

Omega Centauri has been observed throughout history. In ancient times, the great astronomer Ptolemy catalogued the cluster as a star. It was not until much later, in the early 19th century, that an Englishman, the astronomer John Frederick William Herschel (son of the discoverer of Uranus), realized that Omega Centauri was in fact a globular cluster. Globular clusters are some of the oldest groupings of stars to be found in the halos that surround galaxies like our own Milky Way. Omega

Centauri itself is thought to be around 12 billion years old.

Recent research into this intriguing celestial giant suggests that there is a medium-sized black hole sitting at its center. Observations made with the Hubble Space Telescope and the Gemini Observatory have showed that stars at the cluster's center are moving around at an unusual rate—and the cause, astronomers



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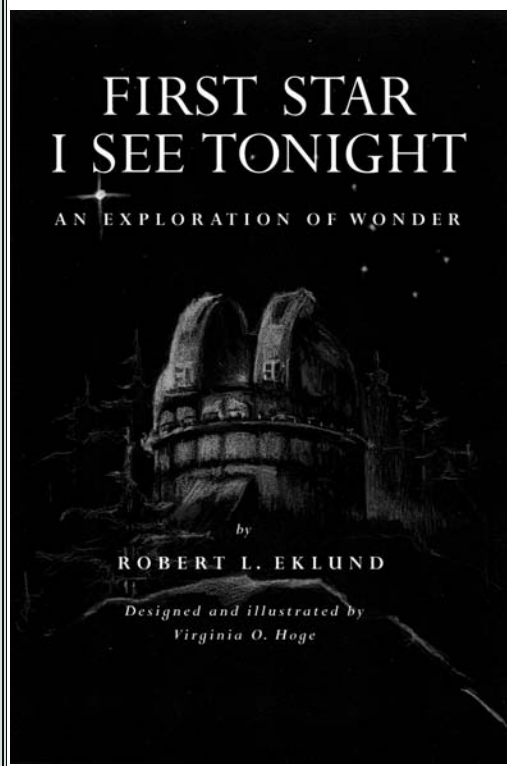
have concluded, is the gravitational effect of a black hole with a mass of roughly 40,000 times that of the Sun.

The presence of this black hole is just one of the reasons why some astronomers suspect Omega Centauri to be in fact the heart of a dwarf galaxy that was largely destroyed in an encounter with the Milky Way. Other evidence points to the several generations of stars present in Omega Centauri—something unexpected in globular clusters,

which usually contain only stars formed at one time. Whatever the truth, this dazzling celestial object provides professional and amateur astronomers alike with an incredible view on clear dark nights.

ANOTHER SPECTACULAR IMAGE WAS FORMED BY TWO PLANETS AND THE MOON on the evening of Monday, December 1. I hope many of you were able to see it. Laura and I had the good fortune to be at a special event at Griffith Observatory that night (Griffith is normally closed on Mondays), and an hour or two after sunset the view to the southwest from the observatory's balcony was unforgettable. The crescent moon, Venus, and Jupiter (Venus was the brighter of the two planets) were closely grouped and hanging low over a dense bank of fog that covered the city westward from Hollywood. Here and there, the fog was lit from beneath by brighter patches of city light, glowing like a phosphorescent sea. Watching those astro-jewels sink slowly into the luminous fog, I wondered if I had ever seen anything more beautiful. (More on stellar jewelry and Griffith Observatory next week.)

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



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The Mountain Clymer

by Kim Clymer-Kelley

Thanksgiving
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With a very special thanks to the new owner of Mary's Market, Caroline Dapper, we were able to hold our third annual Thanksgiving Dinner for all of those Sierra Madre residents who were all dressed for thanksgiving and had nowhere to go.



Kim on Thanksgiving

on a bad knee.

As in the past, we will be holding another dinner on Christmas Day at 5 pm at Mary's Market (thanks again Caroline). If it is anything like the others we have had it will be a fun, festive, and filling event. So far on the menu is Roast Leg of Lamb, Broiled Salmon, Spiral Cut Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Fresh



Jean fiddles the evening away!

Vegetable Lasagna, and assorted veggies, beverages and deserts... plus any favorites that others might want to bring.

We look forward to seeing all of you who have no one to share your Christmas dinner with... all are welcome. For more information call me, Kim Kelley, at 626-355-1629.



Jack really appreciated Katreyla's hard work!



Dave, above, and Joe, right, did a little strumming after a great meal!



Sierra Madrean Cycling 545 Miles

By Teresa Baxter



When a co-worker at Villa Gardens Retirement Community asked Silvia Samuelson if she would be interested in participating in the upcoming AIDS/LifeCycle 7 day, 545 mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles she immediately said yes, and then realized she would need to buy a bike.

"I had never ridden a road bike, but I liked the sound of the challenge and the cause," said Samuelson. "So I decided then that I would commit to riding a bicycle from San Francisco to L.A."

Now in its eighth year, the event benefits the HIV/AIDS-related services of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, two of the largest AIDS service providers in the country. Since its inception, AIDS/LifeCycle has raised more than \$40 million for HIV/AIDS

services.

Samuelson registered to participate and then began her search for the right bicycle, which she found at Stan's Monrovia Bicycles. Stan is well known in the cycling circuit, so he made connections to riding groups to help Silvia begin her training regimen.

"In order to accomplish this Herculean task, I am committed to a training regimen that includes riding at least three to four days a week, most of which is early in the morning," she said. "On Nov. 8th I rode in my first organized ride, about 700 cyclists traveled through Upland, Covina Hills, Glendora and about 2 miles up Mount Baldy Rd., I am currently riding about 50 to 80 miles a week."

Samuelson has chosen the theme of "People Helping People" to motivate her and decided that she wanted her purpose to be more personally involved by singling out a specific person to ride for. Through friends she was able to connect with "Glenn," who has been living with HIV/AIDS for over twenty years. Glenn attributes his longevity to a healthy diet and keeping a positive attitude, which he gets from reading the spiritual writings of Deepak Chopra.

The ride will be taking place on May 31 to June 6, and cyclists are required to raise a minimum of \$3,000 in donations. Samuelson has set a goal to reach \$5,000 and currently has raised \$1,115 through sponsorship from representatives of Nestle Nutrition, Unicity. Right at Home, Party Works of Monrovia, Dr. Kyle Umland and Dr. Robert Chu, to name a few. To make a donation, please visit www.tofighthiv.org/goto/ride.silvia.ride



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The Senior

By Bruce Lamarche

“Myth Buster” Reverse Mortgages



The Reverse Equity Mortgage (REM) is a government insured product to help seniors who have equity in their homes but are short on income. Social Security, these days, does not seem to provide “social security”. Many seniors live hand-to-mouth when Social Security or pension checks are all there is. The REM can provide monthly income deposited directly to the bank, a credit line, cash up front, or a combination of these. The loan is simply a mortgage loan which charges interest only on funds as they are disbursed.

Money can be used for any purpose. Lucille N. of Glendora wants to do some much needed fixing on her home. Harvey S. of Azusa wants to pay for his grandchild to go through college, something the parents can't afford. Others simply want to make their \$700 mortgage payment to disappear and instead receive a check for \$1,500 per month (an income improvement of \$2,200!). These are just examples of things that can be done. Each person is an individual with their own needs. The REM can be tailored for each individual.

- SO, WHAT ABOUT THE MYTHS?
1. The lender takes ownership of the house. FALSE - The homeowner retains full title and ownership.
 2. I can be thrown out of my home. FALSE - The homeowner can stay in home until they no longer live there.
 2. I can owe more than my home is worth. FALSE - Homeowner can never owe more than the value of the home.
 3. My home must be paid for to qualify. FALSE - While a certain amount of equity is required to allow for lifetime monthly advances, your existing mortgage can be included in the transaction.
 4. The lender gets part of my equity when I die or move out and the loan is paid

off. FALSE - When the loan is paid off, you (or your estate) pays off only the principal balance (including advances made) and any interest accrued.

5. My income or credit may not be enough to qualify me. FALSE - There are NO income or credit qualifications to obtain a REM.

6. My children (heirs) will object to me doing a REM. FALSE - Experience demonstrates heirs are in favor of Reverse Mortgages.

7. You can't refinance a Reverse Mortgage. FALSE - Existing loans can be refinanced at reduced costs for more money.

8. They cost too much. FALSE - The government has recently reduced the costs. They are no more expensive than forward FHA loans. (Current rate is about 3% !)

9. There won't be any equity left in the house for my heirs to inherit. FALSE - If market inflation is as bad as 4% a year you will still gain equity faster than the loan uses.

Reverse Equity Mortgages have proven a very useful tool for many seniors to allow the freedom to actually “live” life and not just “get by”. It is important to consult with a REM professional who is approved by HUD to get the facts. Check out AARP's info on this at www.aarp.org/revmort.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: “It has been said that there is no fool like an old fool, except a young fool. But the young fool has first to grow up to be an old fool to realize what a darn fool he was when he was a young fool.”

--Harold Macmillan
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) 335-2564 or by e-mail - blamarche@verizon.net.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI:

Please don't forget seniors in nursing homes this holiday season—many of them have no family of their own and this time of year can be rough, especially when other residents are being visited by loved ones who lavish them with gifts and treats. **Here are a few appropriate gift ideas to brighten their holidays:** (All can be a combined effort by many) **Warm socks**-Nursing homes usually issue booties that are thin and unattractive. A nice pair of thick, colorful socks with skid proof bottoms is a wonderful gift. Check at the front desk for the number of people living at the nursing home, and buy socks for everyone. **Toiletries**-Quality hand lotions, shaving cream, shampoos, and scented soaps are also great gifts that seniors appreciate receiving. Buy an assortment and take them for distribution to all. **Lap robes**- They are typically 30x40 blankets that fit over the shoulders or over the lap to keep a person warm. For people who crochet, one can be completed in less than 3 hours using scrap yarn. **Time**- Your time visiting with them is the most precious gift of all.

~Helpful Hints~

Club soda to the rescue this holiday season! Use it to clean grease stains from double-knit fabrics and to remove stains from the carpeting. Overindulge? Club soda with a dash of bitters will work wonders on an upset stomach caused by indigestion or a hangover.

Recipe of the Month:

Cranberry Cream Pie



2 ½ Cups whole-berry cranberry sauce

1 pastry shell (9 inches), baked

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

2/3 cups sugar

2 eggs, lightly beaten

3 Tbs all-purpose flour

1 tsp vanilla extract

1- Spread cranberry sauce over the bottom of pastry shell. In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs, flour and vanilla on low speed just until combined. Pour over cranberry layer. 2- Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes or until center is set. Cool on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours before cutting. Serves 8 RD.com



Happy Birthday

December Birthdays: Rose Fafach, Levon Yapoujian, Bonnie Garner and Helen Reese

For Your Funny Bone

It's so rare to be offered a meal on an airliner these days that I was surprised to hear the flight attendant ask the man sitting in front of me, “Would you like dinner?” “What are my choices?” he responded. “Yes or no,” she said.

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Flying to Toronto at Christmastime, I arrived at the airport check-in. As the security guard cleared my bags, I noticed a sprig of mistletoe dangling above him. “What's the mistletoe for?” I asked. “That?” He smiled. “That's so you can kiss your luggage goodbye.”

Quote: From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it. ~Katharine Whitehorn~

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

Tuesday: Bingo- 1:30PM- 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 Wednesday-Community Lunch & Learn Program

Thursday: Game Day- 1:00PM- 3:30PM- Poker, UNO, Scrabble, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, Pinochle...you name it.
Yoga- 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM \$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

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

Thursday, December 18- 9:30 am to 4:00 pm- “Christmas Around the World” - The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum's annual holiday exhibit featuring 30 beautifully decorated trees representing the countries that President Reagan visited while in office. Menorahs given to him while he was in the White House will also be on display. There will be time to tour Air Force One, and to see other parts of the Library & Museum as well. \$16.00 per person for transportation, admission & audio tour. Lunch is on your own at the Café. Menu prices range from \$4.95-\$7.95 for soup, burgers, sandwiches and salads. For more information or to register, please call the Senior Desk at 626.355.7394.

January 15, 2009- Senior Day at the Races- Santa Anita Park- More information to follow.

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

Financial Consulting- Financial Consulting- 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Hart Memorial Park House from 10:00AM- Noon. Please call (626) 355-7394 for an appointment.

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Special Holiday Celebration December 21st at the Fremont Centre Theatre, South Pasadena

In response to overwhelming demand, INSIDE PRIVATE LIVES, the interactive theatrical experience where audiences go behind the headlines into the private lives of very public personas, has extended its run again at the Fremont Centre Theatre in South Pasadena through March 1, 2009. The production was Los Angeles Magazine Pick of the Month (Sept. 2008) LA Weekly "Pick of the Week" in 2007 and "Pick of the Fringe" at the 2007 Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The production returned to Los Angeles this past September 7.

INSIDE PRIVATE LIVES makes audience members part of the action, as they are encouraged to confront and challenge the likes of cult leaders, celebrities, political operatives, sports figures and other notorious newsmakers of the 20th century. Scandals and secrets are revealed. Six controversial figures are featured at every performance, and with a gallery of over fourteen notorious newsmakers to choose from, every show is different.

Creator/producer Kristin Stone says, "The response from our Los Angeles audiences continues to be absolutely thrilling, we are not only extending our run for the second time, we are continuing to add even more controversial characters to our line up in the weeks ahead, including John Dillinger (Dec. 14, Jan. 4, and beyond) as well as previously announced Ann Landers (Dec. 21, Jan. 4, and beyond) and Albert Einstein (Dec. 14, Jan. 4. And beyond)"

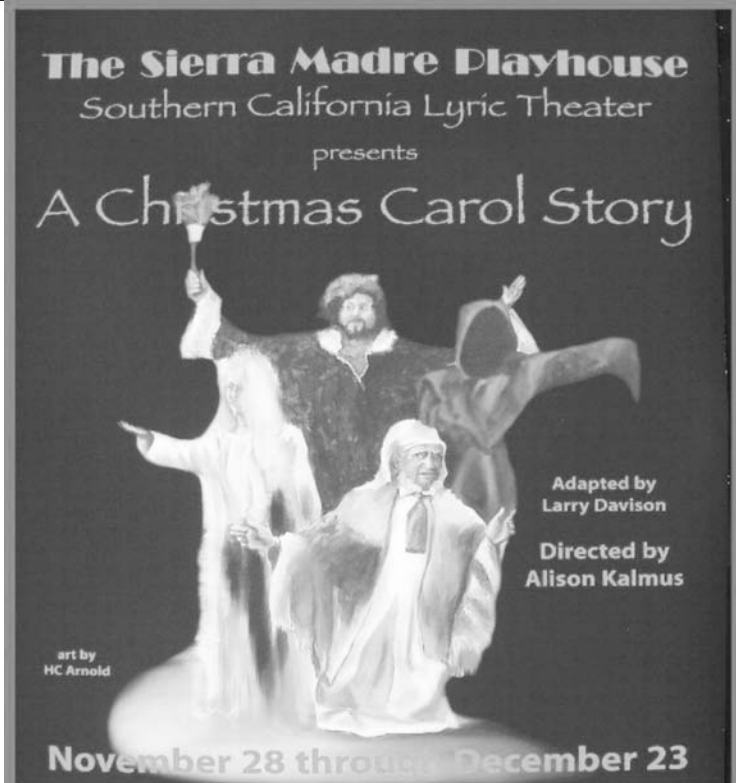


In addition, on December 21, INSIDE PRIVATE LIVES will celebrate the Holiday Season with food and wine in the courtyard prior to the show, and theatergoers who bring five new or gently used children's books will receive \$5.00 off regularly priced admission. Books go to benefit "One Book One Child" (OneBookOneChild.com) an organization that sends books to children who have none. Theatergoers should use the promo code "BOOKS" when purchasing tickets for Dec. 21st show.

INSIDE PRIVATE LIVES is created by Kristin Stone ("The Boob Tube" at Second City Theatre, L.A.) and directed by Lee Michael Cohn (co-author of the bestseller "Personal Handbook For The Actor.") INSIDE PRIVATE LIVES is presented by Kristin Stone Entertainment, in association with Lissa and James Reynolds, Fremont Centre Theatre and the California Performing Arts Centre.

The ensemble cast, which also features Kristin Stone as Christine Jorgensen includes: Freddy Douglas as King Edward VIII, Leonora Gershman as Julia Phillips, Diana Morrison as Ann Landers, Molly Hagan as Aimee Semple McPherson, Jade Carter as John Dillinger, Maddisen Krown as Jane Roberts, Adam LeBow as Elia Kazan and Albert Einstein, Mary MacDonald as Marge Schott, Eileen O'Connell as Brownie Wise, Paul Thomas Ryan as Bobby Sands, Bryan Safi as Billy Carter, David Shofner as David Koresh, Drew Droege as Jack Valenti, and Shelia Wolf as Wallis Simpson.

INSIDE PRIVATE LIVES plays at Fremont Centre Theatre, 1000 Fremont Avenue in South Pasadena. Performances are Sunday evenings at 7:00pm through February 22. Tickets are \$25.00 with a \$5.00 discount for students and senior citizens and can be purchased by calling Theatremania at 866-811-4111 or online at InsidePrivateLives.com. There is a free parking lot and ample street parking. For more information visit www.INSIDEPRIVATELIVES.com.



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Theatre 360's production of *BABES IN TOYLAND* is the perfect recipe for the holiday season. Victor Herbert's timeless musical adventure follows young Alan and Jane as they run away from rules and chores to the magical world of Toyland, a place where toys talk, imagination soars and anything can happen!

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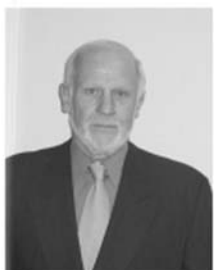
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One Of A Kind: Featuring unique homes & gardens and the people who create them

By Chris Bertrand

Age of Elegance: Custom Stained Glass and Cabinetry



Above: Mick Luken, flanked by his window creations designed to match the originals at SM Congregational Church. Right: Custom cabinetry from Age of Elegance sometimes utilizes exotic, art glass for a dramatic effect.

I love getting phone calls and emails from readers saying, "I have a great story idea for you!" Recently, I received just such a call from local business owner and Sierra Madre resident, Tom Brady. He loved the custom stained glass created during a home remodel, designed and built by a (then) Sierra Madre company, Age of Elegance.

"Mick Luken's a one of a kind craftsman who built his business by word of mouth" Brady comments. "They restore and build custom stained glass windows of unparalleled quality. They are great people and have been part of our community for YEARS! They did it on time and on

"Mick Luken's a one of a kind craftsman who built his business by word of mouth" Sierra Madre resident, Tom Brady

budget as promised." A delighted customer, I'd say.

The Brady girls happily posed, showing off the eight types of stained glass used for the pass-through connecting their study to the living room, created by Mick Luken. For years, they crafted restorations and new windows from an East Montecito facility in the old warehouse district in Sierra Madre.

Now located in Monrovia, Age of Elegance creates stained glass for home and commercial applications. Another division of the company, KCM Cabinetry creates elite custom cabinetry, sometimes incorporating art or stained glass. As an industry partner for ASID, the Interior Design professional organization, they'll soon launch a mini-showroom within the new Pasadena Design Center, an outgrowth and expansion of Pasadena Wood Floors another ASID industry partner. The showroom is located at 181 S. Rosemead Boulevard in Pasadena.

Luken took me over to the Sierra Madre Congregational Church, where he installed new



windows, designed to match other existing church windows in October, 2007. The minute detailing and craftsmanship reflect his demanding and exacting standards. Rightly proud of his work, I would never have guessed that the old and new windows were many decades apart in age. Actually there had previously been a blank wall where these four windows now offer light and inspiration to the congregation.

Just a few blocks away, another stunning example of his work can be easily viewed at the Prefontaine home on West Laurel. This magnificent Craftsman home utilized a front door, and five matching sidelights, again of a vineyard theme like the Bradys. The Prefontaine's design uses a gorgeous, shimmering glass that catches and reflects the sunlight from the outside in iridescent yellows, blues and violets. Inside, light and color dance in the foyer, but privacy is maintained by the translucent but not transparent choice of glass. The amazing effect from the outside is like seeing the grapes in silhouette, with the sun behind them. Absolutely brilliant!

Contact Mick Luken at "Age of Elegance" at 626-358-0694.

Keep those recommendations coming! Know of an interesting home, garden or person who helps create them?

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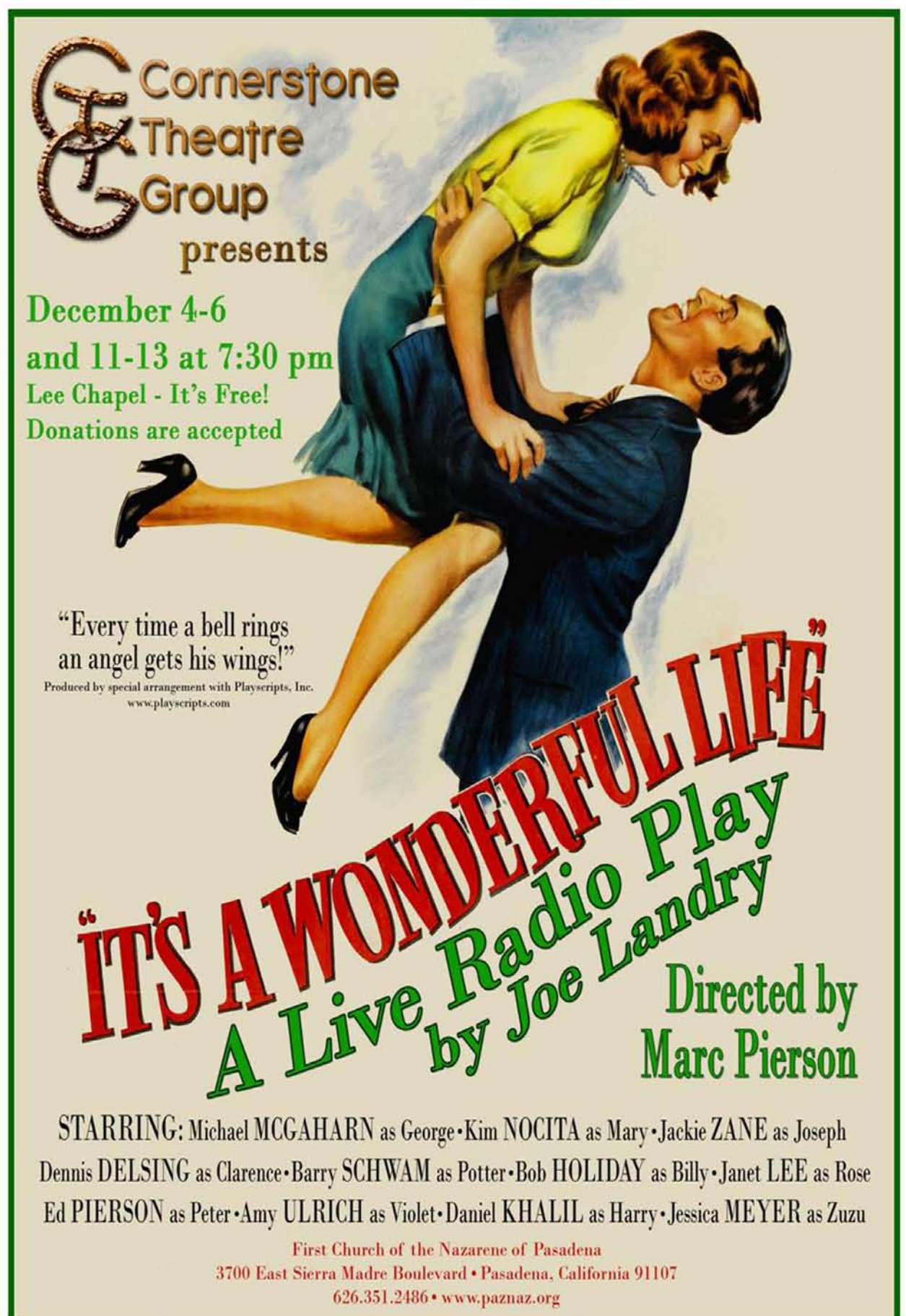
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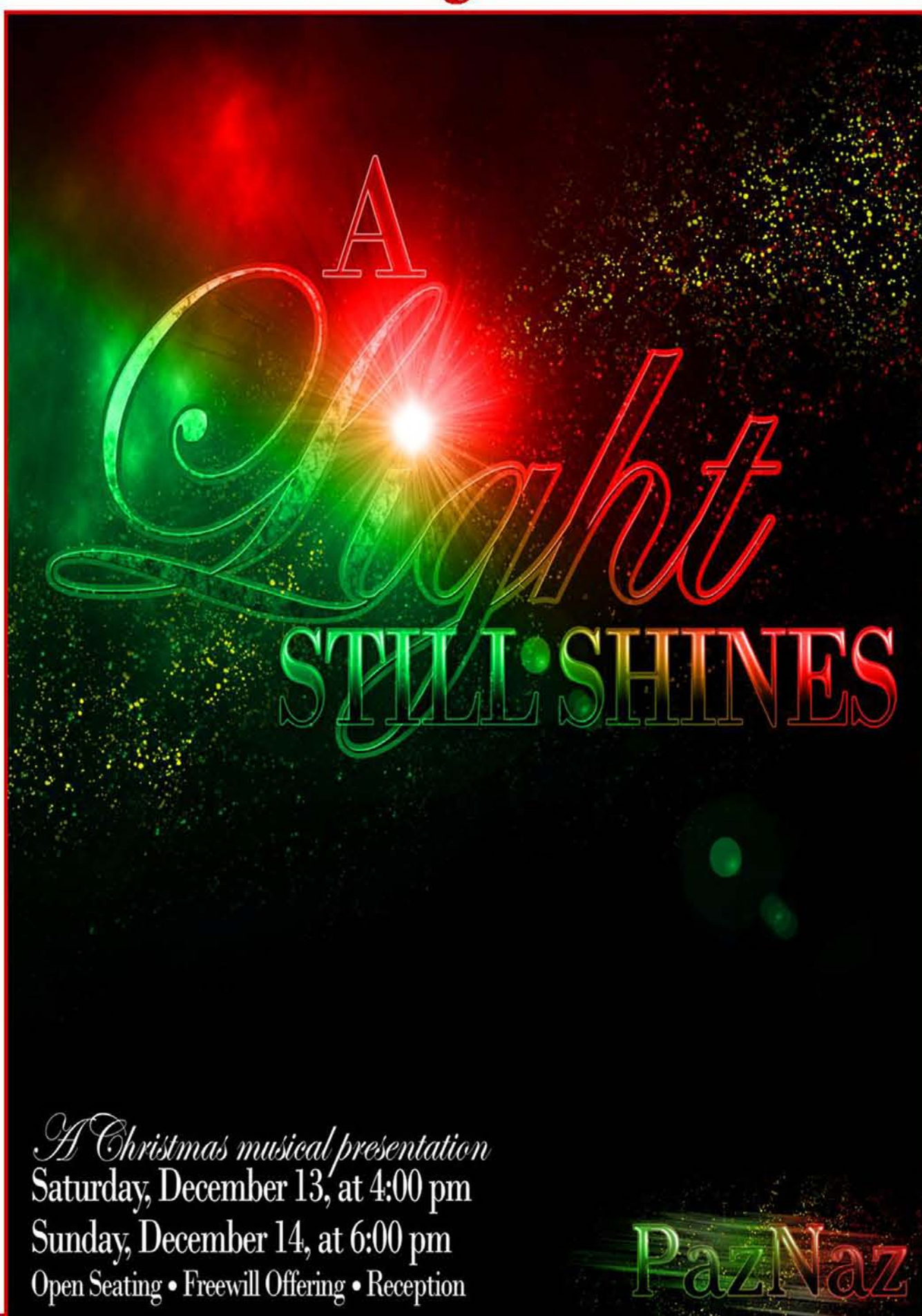
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