

City Prepares For A Tough Year In 2009

A Failing Economy And Little Or No Support from County and State Government Will Demand Extraordinary Leadership From City Officials

By Susan Henderson

Sierra Madre, population 11,000 plus is a unique town a stone's throw from the second largest city in the United States. The city prides itself on maintaining its village character and charm while providing services that many towns twice its size cannot afford.

However, with an uncertain economic future at the county, state and national levels, it may become more difficult to maintain the current level of services to residents.

Investments Protected

A few months back, City Treasurer George Enyedi spoke of the city's local investments as being "relatively safe". Sierra Madre participates in what is known as the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) which is part of a larger fund, the Pooled Money Investment Account (PMIA) and each have safeguards that protect local government money. According to the Office of the State Treasurer, "...moneys placed with the Treasurer for deposit in the LAIF by cities, counties, special districts, nonprofit corporations, or qualified quasi-governmental agencies shall not be subject to either of the following: (a) transfer or loan pursuant to Sections 16310, 16312, or 16313, or (b) impoundment or seizure by any state official or state agency." Therefore, in light of the budget crisis in Sacramento, we can rest assured that what money the city has, is safe from takeover by the State.

That may be of some consolation, however city officials still are under pressure to keep Sierra Madre running smoothly. Roads must be repaired, infrastructure improvements must be made, etc. The funds for many of these projects come from the state and the federal government and their fate is uncertain. And, other revenue generated from sales and property taxes will be impacted by the current recession.

New Appointments

Nevertheless, the city administration continues to move forward. On Tuesday at the first city council meeting of the year, four staff appointments will be announced. Elisa C. Weaver has been appointed as Director

of Community and Personnel Services; Richard Temple filed the vacant Building Official slot; Patrick Trevino is the new Water Superintendent and the city will also welcome Sgt. Donna Cayson to the police Department.

Elisa Weaver, who served as the Interim Director will fill the position left vacant by Michelle Keith, City Manager of Bradbury. Richard Temple will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Steve Pock.

Fire Marshall Vacancy?

Numerous inquiries have been made concerning the position of Fire Marshall last held by Rich Snyder. Since July, 2008, Snyder has been on leave, the type and extent of which is unknown. That position is one of only two paid positions in the Fire Department. Several conversations with Fire Chief Heydorff did not answer the question raised by several residents, "Do we have a Fire Marshall anymore?"

Calm Before The Storm?

In a recent conversation with City Manager Elaine Aguilar she reported that "things are kind of quiet right now", a situation that could change at a moments notice.

City staff has been very successful at preparing for mud slides and educating residents about mud slides and fires. The last rain event all systems functioned well in terms of the new 'Flag Alert' system which keeps residents posted on the level of danger created by the rains.

But there are some lingering problems that are not going to be resolved anytime soon. It is unlikely that the four major development projects, Howie's Market at the corner of Baldwin and Sierra Madre Blvd.; the Skilled Nursing Center Project on Sierra Madre Blvd.; the Stonehouse project and the project at One Carter will make any immediate progress. Stonehouse and One Carter, in addition to being mired down with lawsuits, are luxury home developments in a real estate market that is seriously troubled, and the initial proposals for Howie's and the Skill Nursing Center include residential units.

AN ANGEL IN SIERRA MADRE

Angel Throop Named Citizen of the Year

By Bill Coburn



Chamber President Ron Brandley presents a bouquet of flowers to Citizen of the Year Angel Throop Tuesday. Throop was honored for her work with the Sierra Madre Wine and Jazz Walk. Photo by Bill Coburn

On Tuesday, Chamber President Ron Brandley presented Angel Throop with a bouquet of flowers donated by Leonora Moss, and informed her that she had been named Citizen of the Year. Throop, owner of Angels Everywear, spearheads the Sierra Madre Wine and Jazz Walk, now in its third year, which brought more than a thousand people into Sierra Madre businesses on October 25th, and raised \$55,000 for City of Hope. In its three years, the fundraiser has contributed \$115,000 to City of Hope. Downtown Sierra Madre was alive with a dozen jazz bands performing at multiple venues in downtown Sierra Madre. More than three dozen participating merchants served food from local restaurants and catering companies and wines from the award-winning San Antonio Winery. In addition to the benefit to local merchants of all the traffic in their stores, the local merchants' participation in the event and the year long preparation for the event fostered a sense of community and philanthropic spirit among the business owners. Throop was nominated for her role in the event by several members of the community, and the Board selected her from among several nominations they received.

Angel is married to Jeff Throop, and the two have a combined family of five children, two of his and three of hers. Angel's daughter Ashley is expecting the Throop's first grandchild.

Ms. Throop, who opened Angels Everywear in 2003, downplayed her contributions to the community, saying "Thank you, thank you, thank you. It's not just me, it's Karen, it's Donna, it's Sindee, it's everybody... You all should be getting this" to several friends (and Wine and Jazz Walk Committee Members) that had arrived to show their support. The announcement had been scheduled for 4pm at Throop's store, but as Brandley was making his way there, Throop stepped out of a local coffee house right in front of him, and the presentation was made right there in Kersting Court, a little early. Unfortunately,

this meant several people missed the presentation, among them husband Jeff and his parents.

In 2000, Angel's father-in-law George Throop (Sierra Madre's Older American of the Year in 2006) was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, and Angel's neighbor, City of Hope's Dr. Jeff Weitzel, suggested he undergo treatment at City of Hope. Angel was very impressed with the hospital and its staff as the elder Throop went through his treatment which included chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant. Today, George Throop says he is "the oldest patient in remission" at City of Hope. It was this experience that led her to select City of Hope as the beneficiary of the Wine and Jazz Walk. "I just knew I wanted to give back to them in some way, because I thought...the people are so wonderful, and just the whole experience, and obviously a good outcome for him."

"She is an amazing friend to everyone and a good citizen too!!!" said Sindee Riboli, who works with Angel each year to put on the Wine and Jazz Walk, and who herself received a nomination for the award. "She's very deserving," added George Throop.

The Citizen of the Year award is presented each year to an individual for their contributions during the previous year, and the Wine and Jazz Walk was the major factor in the Board's decision to present Throop with the award. But Angel has a long history of fundraising, going back to the early 90s in her native Jacksonville, FL, where she was involved with a March of Dimes fundraiser that featured Martha Stewart. Since settling in Sierra Madre, she has helped with numerous auctions and other charitable events, including having chaired or co-chaired the Crystal Ball fundraiser for LaSalle High School, the Mardi Gras Night fundraiser for the Arcadia Methodist Hospital Foundation, and the Juniors of Social Service Candlelight Ball.

Throop will be honored at a dinner to be held in the Chandelier Room at Santa Anita Park on January 30th. The dinner is also the annual induction of the Chamber's new Board of Directors. Tickets are \$50, to reserve yours contact the Chamber of Commerce at (626) 355-5111.

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Skilled Nursing Center - No word as to what will be done with this boarded up eyesore. Photo By S. Henderson/MVO



One Carter - denuded hillsides with no activity or than shoring up the area in the event of heavy rain and mudslides. Photo By S. Henderson/MVO

Sierra Madre City Council Meeting,
Tuesday,
January 13, 2009
6:30 pm

Agenda Includes:

Leaf Blower Regulation
Moratorium On The
Acceptance Of Mills Act
(Historical Property)
Applications

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January 2009

An Invitation: Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Please Join In The Fun

There is another structure of Sierra Madre volunteerism that many aren't that aware of or participate in, and that's the Meals-on-Wheels program. You've heard of it? But do you know what these volunteers really do on a daily or weekly -- or even monthly -- basis?

Susan Clifton, Sierra Madre Senior Coordinator, suggests that those whose interest is piqued should come to a coffee at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Hart Park House (Senior Center). And absolutely everyone is invited to attend the coffee and enjoy the camaraderie.

"Here's an opportunity to be involved as much or as little as you'd like," Susan said. "It's an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed service to Sierra Madre in no more than an hour at a time. A week, a month, whatever your schedule permits. It's the Meals-on-Wheels program," Susan explained.

What exactly do these volunteers do? Someone is needed only on Monday through Friday to drive around a specific route in Sierra Madre for about an hour to deliver meals to the permanently homebound citizens. Susan stated that it's also a service for those who have recently had surgery or an accident and need meals brought in for a short period of time. There are about 13 homebound in Sierra Madre now.

Helpers are needed for approximately an hour, beginning at about 11:45 a.m. Darlene Traxler is the volunteer Meals-on-Wheels coordinator, who schedules a monthly log of

those who are able to assist in this program. The routes are planned to expedite the job. Darlene can be reached at 355-6220 or 355-0256 for more information.

Susan Clifton, senior coordinator, explained, "We contract the meals through YWCA Intervale Senior Services out of Covina. It's because of our volunteers that we're able to continue this very important service."

She described the program: "Volunteers drop off food once a day, weekdays only, which is the main daily hot meal for the homebound. Once a week on Wednesday two frozen meals are delivered so the recipients have meals for the weekend. There are two routes: northeast and southwest sections of town."

Susan said that two faithful volunteers -- Loyal Camacho and Nellie Haynes -- come in early to receive the food from the caterer and package each meal for the volunteer drivers.

Civic Club volunteers also provide tray decorations plus table favors for the senior center. They have available 70 favors monthly.

Susan said, "The Meals-on-Wheels program is very important in Sierra Madre. The size of the town makes it possible to offer this service. For some individuals it's not only a hot meal but also warm greetings, as well as an opportunity to check on your neighbors." Susan concluded, "Here's an opportunity to encourage volunteers to participate in an already thriving program."

CHINESE NEW YEAR STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

Children are invited to a special Chinese New Year after-school Story Time at the Sierra Madre Library on Monday, January 26 at 3:30 p.m. Theme-related stories and a fun craft will be presented by Youth Services Librarian Meegan Tosh. The program is part of a series of multi-cultural programs planned for 2009 at the Library. For more information call Meegan Tosh at (626) 355-4672.

FORMER NEW YORK GIANT TO SPEAK AT
SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

Al Barry, former offensive lineman with the New York Giants, will discuss and sign his new book, *The Unknown Lineman: The Lighter Side of the NFL*, at the Sierra Madre Library on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. Barry, along with Frank Gifford, Rosy Grier, Pat Summerall and Jack Kemp, faced the Baltimore Colts in the 1958 NFL Championship in what has been called the "The Greatest Game Ever Played." Barry (No. 68) was the starting offensive left guard for the Giants that day, in what was also the

first playoff ever to go into Sudden Death Overtime. Barry was inspired to write his book after former President Richard Nixon told the team at their 1993 reunion in New York City that he believed offensive linemen were the real unsung heroes of pro football. In addition to the Giants, Barry also played with the USC Trojans, Green Bay Packers, and the Los Angeles Rams. His talk will offer a behind-the-scenes look into what it was like to play pro ball during the birth of the modern era of the NFL.

LA Opera Speaker Bureau – Das Rheingold

The Los Angeles Opera Speaker Bureau has a wonderful lecturer, Angela Wood who will discuss its current opera production, *Das Rheingold* by Richard Wagner. The lecture will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, Arcadia, on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:30 pm. This opera is about gods, goddesses, giants and dwarves struggling to be lords of the ring, but as Wagner's mammoth music drama unfolds, the ring's curse unleashes its vengeance.

Angela Wood, the Los Angeles Speaker Bureau volunteer, has a free lecture every other month. Space is limited and reservations can be made by calling the Arcadia Community Center at 626.574.5130 before January 13.

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SMGSA offers one of the oldest Amateur Softball Association (ASA) girls fastpitch softball programs available in the area. Compare before you decide where to play softball next spring!!

- No residence restrictions. All age-eligible girls are invited to play ASA softball in Sierra Madre. Friends, classmates, and neighbors from all cities are welcome.
- No experience required. Beginners are welcome in all age divisions.
- Safety is a top priority. Reduced Injury Factor softballs are used in 8U and 10U Divisions. Approved batter's helmet faceguards required in ALL divisions.
- SMGSA has been an ASA registered league since 1994.
- SMGSA is the largest league in the area. Last spring over 350 girls played on 29 teams in four age divisions.
- SMGSA offers extensive postseason opportunities for those selected to all-star teams. All regular season players are eligible for all-stars. There are NO residence boundaries. In 2008 our seven all-star teams played dozens of games throughout Southern California.

Come to one of the registration dates listed above. Registration fee is only \$150 through January 10th. Registration forms available via download at www.smgsa.org/registration.html

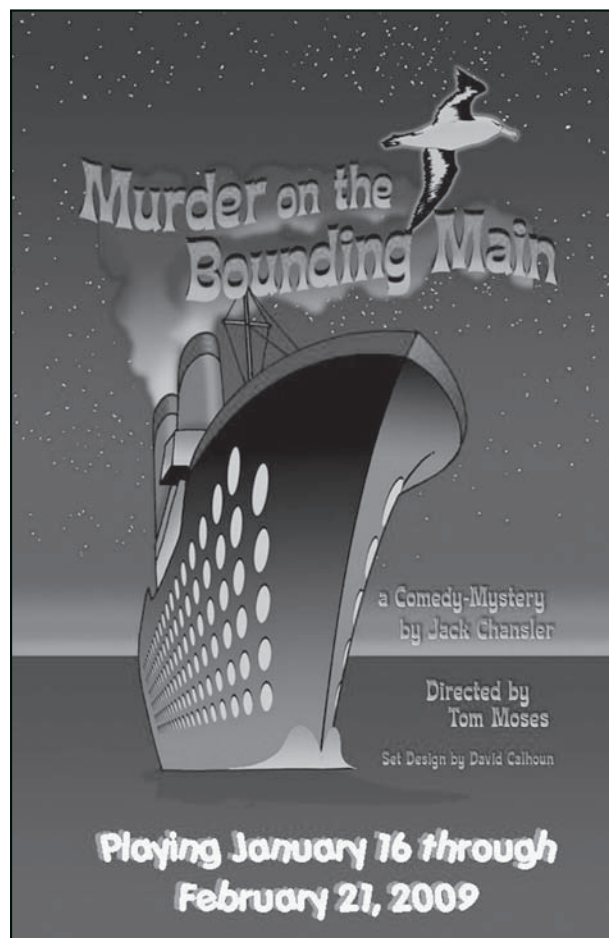
For additional information, please visit our league website at www.smgsa.org. To reach a league representative, please call the league hotline at (626) 355-3899, or email SMGSA at smgsa@smgsa.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year						
4	5 Fire Safe Council City Hall 7:00	6	7	8 COORDINATING COUNCIL 12:00 YAC 3:00 BARKS & BOOKS FOR KIDS SM Library 6:30 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting City Hall	9	10 January Carnation
11 MLK	12	13 City Council 6:30 pm	14 Arts Commission 6:30 pm Council Chambers	15 Planning Commission 7:00 Council Chambers	16	17
18	19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	20	21 Tree Commission 7:00 Council Chambers	22	23	24
25	26 CHINESE NEW YEAR YEAR OF THE OX	27 City Council 6:30 pm	28 Library Trustees 7:00 City Hall Conference Room	29	30	31

RESTORATION PROJECT CLOSES MT. WILSON
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The Skyland Slope Restoration Project on the Mt. Wilson Trail will cause the trail to 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.

**Sierra Madre Little League
Tryout Information for Spring 2009!**
All Tryouts at Heasley Field -Sierra Madre
 Bring your baseball equipment—Wear long pants and cleats and Arrive early to warm up
 Pick up your tryout number when you arrive
Wednesday January 7th
 11 year olds at 6:00 PM
 12 year olds at 7:00 PM
Saturday January 10th
 10 year olds at 8:45 AM
 9 year olds at 10:30 AM
 8 year olds at 1:30 PM
 7 year olds at 3:00 PM
 If you are unable to attend Tryouts you may participate in a make-up session:
 11 and 12 year olds: Saturday, Jan 10th at 8am
 7, 8, 9, 10 year olds: Tuesday, Jan 15th at 6pm
If it is impossible to attend the scheduled tryout dates, contact Tim McKiernan, Player Agent, timckiernan@yahoo.com or 836-3780 for a tryout.



Sierra Madre Playhouse presents
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"MURDER ON THE BOUNDING MAIN"
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Opening Night: Friday, Jan. 16, 2009

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Fridays at 8pm:
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 Saturdays at 8pm:
 Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21
 Sundays at 2:30pm:
 Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15

Regular Admission Prices:

\$20 Adult \$17 Seniors 65+
 \$17 Students under 18
 \$12 Children 12 and under

For reservations by phone, call 626-256-3809

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY EVENTS

BARKS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS On the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m., starting with January 8, children are invited to read to gentle and friendly dog visitors. Dogs will be accompanied by Pasadena Humane Society volunteer and Sierra Madre resident Dorothy Raymond who brings several of her specially trained dogs to area libraries for this popular program. For more information call Meegan Tosh at (626) 355-4672.

Bargain Book Table Sale 1-12 to 1-17-09

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will have a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, January 12 through Saturday, January 17, 2009, during the Library's public open hours. Featured subjects will include Biographies, Fiction, Art, Historical Fiction, Children's and Specialty books, all in good condition. All books will be sold at the bargain price of \$1.00 each. These every-other-month book sales provide funding for Library resources and programs.

The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday & Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (626) 355-7186
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Sierra Madre Rose Float Association 2010 Float Design Contest

This year's design contest will be held from Monday, January 5th, 2009 till Saturday, February 7th, 2009. We recognize that the official Tournament of Roses Theme Announcement will occur in mid-January, but we are confident that it will be: "2010-A Cut Above".

Design Guidelines:

1. Designs must be received no later than Saturday, February 7th, by 6PM at P.O. Box 603, Sierra Madre, CA 91025.
2. Design submissions need to take into consideration the Tournament of Roses 2010 theme. ("2010-A Cut Above").
3. Designers should consider the appropriate use of float riders, Sierra Madre Rose Princesses/Escorts (2-4) and animation. Float designs should represent a float no longer than 55 feet and 18 feet wide.
4. The design contest is open to all ages (need not be a Sierra Madre resident nor a Sierra Madre Rose Float Association member). Designs developed by Groups, Art Classes or other organizations are gladly received. Designers are encouraged also to submit more than one design.
5. Please provide a title to the float design. Submission may include a written description (no more than 100 words) of the concept and possible animations.
6. While only a very simple sketch is required to illustrate the concept, more detail can help in the selection process.

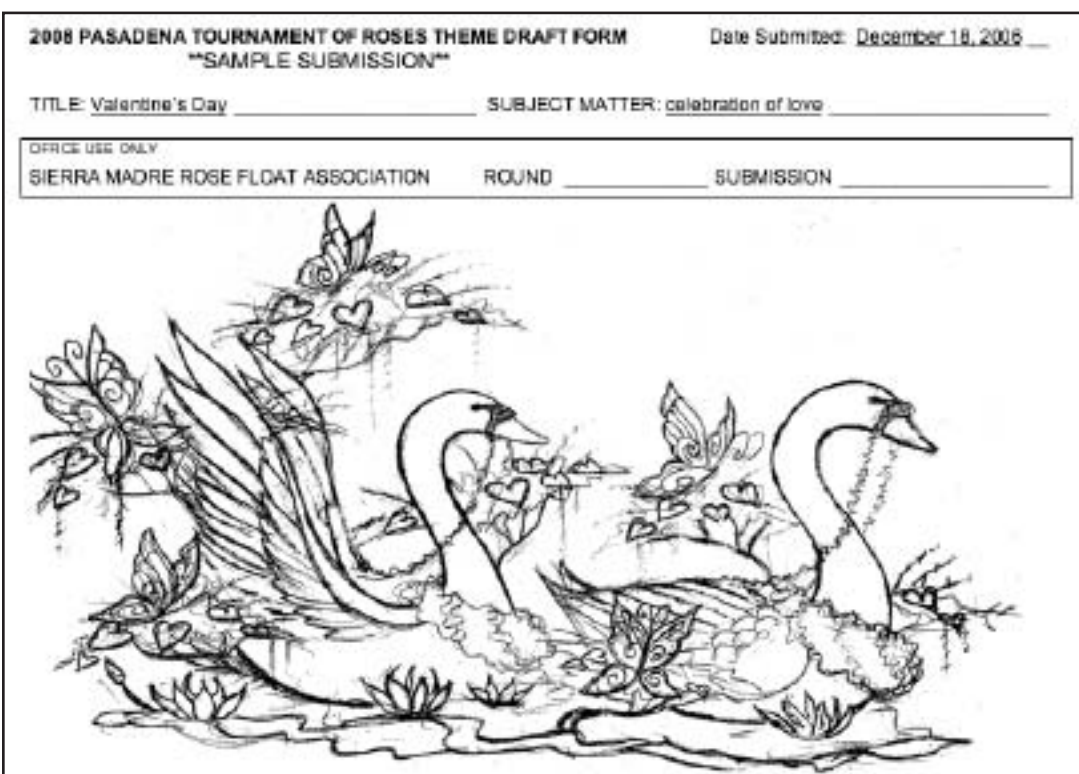
Design Rules:

1. Designs must be submitted on an 8 ½ X 11 "Theme Draft Form" in black & white pencil. No color drawings or oversized drawings will be accepted.
2. Designs submitted to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association will become the property of the Association and may be modified by the Association to achieve construction and floral requirements.
3. Designers will be required to sign a Design Release form certifying the originality of their design and assigning those design rights to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.
4. The designer(s) may be asked for consultation.
5. The designer understands that he/she will receive no compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the design and that the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, City of Sierra Madre and/or the Pasadena Tournament of Roses have no obligation of any kind towards designer(s).
6. Submitted designs are not returnable.
7. Mail all designs to:

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P.O. Box 603

Sierra Madre, California 91025

For further information, please call the Sierra Madre Rose Float Barn at 626-355-7005, leaving a message on the answering machine. We will return your call as soon as possible.



Above: A sample image of a Sierra Madre Rose Float Design submission from 2008
Below: Rose Float Release Form.

For more information and complete forms, visit www.sierramadrerosefloat.com



SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION

Rose Float Design Release Form

For 2010 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade

By submitting the entry form, the designer(s) grants the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association the exclusive right to use and modify the design and the ideas represented by the sketch of the design submitted with this entry form, as well as any explanation provided. Designer(s) warrants and represents that he/she has not submitted the same or any similar sketch of the design to any other agency participating in the next Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Designer(s) understands that he/she will receive no compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the design and the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, any legal successor, the City of Sierra Madre and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses have no obligation of any kinds towards designer(s). **By signing this entry form I/we agree to these terms. (Must be signed by legal guardian if submitter is not 18 years or older).**

Please complete sheet as follows:

Designer Float Theme: (Your Float Title) _____

Name: (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

I AM 18 YEARS OR OLDER: YES NO

SIGNATURE _____

Date: _____

Arcadia Gold Line Station Discussed

Photo and Story By Dean Lee

Reactions were mixed Thursday morning as local and state officials discussed the extension of the Metro Gold Line through Arcadia and what impact would be now that the expansion will be put off five years due to the passage of Measure R. There were twenty-five people in attendance.

Talks of a station between Front and Santa Clara Streets quickly turned away from the rail station itself and focused on parking. It was proposed that the original 2-story design be increased to four.

"This is not just for a rail station, it's for everything," someone blurted out after Deputy Director of Development Services for the city Philip Wray indicated that the city was not so sure they wanted such a massive structure in the area. He also said they looked at partnering with local adjacent businesses for parking, including a 24-Hour Fitness owned by developer Dorn Platz.

There was also some concern over the current design which has the parking and platform on two opposite sides of Front Street forcing those who park to cross the street. They also said they wanted the station in a populated area so riders would feel safe getting off the train.

No amount was given for the total cost of the station but it was estimated that a bridge elevating the tracks over 1st Avenue and Santa Clara would cost between \$12 and \$13 million of which \$8 million is paid for by taxes. The other \$5 million would come from the city according to Development Services Director Jason Kruckeberg. He also said putting the project off five years would have an impact on cost.

"This will definitely have an impact," he said. "What we are trying to do now is look for ways to cover that shortfall because we can't get any more money from the voters, that was capped." He did say the city's money was collecting interest although not fast enough.

Other officials referenced comments made by Foothill Extension Authority Director Habib Balian who said the project would probably not start seeing any money until 2013. MTA officials were meeting later that afternoon to discuss more options for a proposed long-range plan.

Opponents of Measure R maintain that the measure was only a vehicle used by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to fund a "pet" project extending a Metro rail line from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica. Villaraigosa complained Wednesday that funding was taking too long. The proposed "subway to the sea" is not scheduled to open until 2037 according to MTA board members.

The proposed Gold Line extension to Montclair is more than 50 percent "design" complete Wray said. When complete, the extension will transverse 11 cities. "It took about a year to complete, and as far as the Gold Line is concerned, the preliminary engineering is complete," he said. "We actually have a set of plans for Arcadia in our office." He invited anyone that wanted to see them to come to his office.

It was also noted that businesses in the proposed area would be demolished although city staff was careful to use the term "lost."

Measure R, passed by voters in November, increases sales tax a half-cent funding county transportation projects.



Twenty Five people gathered to discuss an Arcadia Gold Line Station

Fabulous Fabrications – A Jewelry Show

"Fabulous Fabrications" will kick off with an opening night reception, Friday, January 30th from 7-9:00 p.m. Twenty-one jewelry artists from all over Southern California will be on hand to display and sell their work, all of which has been fabricated by the artists (not merely assembled). Individual pieces range from small and delicate, to big and bold. A wide variety of techniques and materials are represented



including gold, fine silver, sterling silver, precious metal clay, all manner of gems-some with sandblasted designs, handmade glass beads, lamp work beads, raku clay beads, precious metal clay, enameling including cloisonné and champlevé, and even paper and resin. These individual artists, who show at a number of festivals throughout the country, will be assembled under one roof for Friday evening and Saturday only.

"Fabulous Fabrications" will be held at Creative Arts Group located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre. Hours are 7-9 pm Friday evening January 30 and 10-5 pm Saturday, January 31.



Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team member Bruce LaMarche accepts donation from Rotarians Dr. Wayne Walters and Carmen Thibault (president). LaMarche noted that donations to SMSR, like most non-profits nationwide, are down in the current economy. Send your donation to Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, PO Box 24 Sierra Madre, CA 91025 or visit www.SMSR.org and contribute using PayPal or credit cards. Photo by Bill Coburn

Correction: In last week's edition the date of the next Sierra Madre Municipal election was incorrectly stated. The election will not be held in April, 2009. The election for the three council seats will be held in 2010.



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News From Your Community For Your Community

City Sets Three-Year Goals

By Dean Lee

It was a long day Thursday for city council members, all city department heads, as well as City Manager Michael Beck and City Attorney Michele Bagneris as they spent the day strategically planning goals for Pasadena over the next several years.

Before setting five broad goals for 2009 through 2013, the group collectively decided on a new 25- word mission statement for the city, "The City of Pasadena is dedicated to delivering exemplary municipal services responsive to our entire community and consistent with our history, culture and unique character."

As the meeting came to a close Council Member Margaret McAustin remarked there was a lack of public input. Facilitator Marilyn Snider said she thought the turnout was the best she had seen. Normally the public does not show up she said.

"That's all great except for the part where you say we have had input because I don't think it's right, in Pasadena we really have had input," she said. "I don't have any problem with policy makers setting direction for the city but we are out of sync with our constituents."

While McAustin was speaking Councilmember Victor Gordo held up five fingers signifying the number of people in the audience excluding the press.

Snider then suggested they present the Strategic Plan to the public at the next regularly scheduled meeting Jan. 26.

The goals include maintaining fiscal responsibility and stability and to support and promote the local economy. Beck, who was credited with masterminding the retreat, said the point of it was to get a jump on next year's budget. "Especially in a down-turned economy," he explained.

Other goals include to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure, Increase conservation and sustainability and improve mobility and accessibility throughout the city.

The was the first time the city has had a strategic planning retreat.

Tree Protection Meeting To Be Held

The community is invited to comment on possible revisions to the city of Pasadena's tree protection ordinance, including regulations on private property, during a public meeting Monday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. at Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Since its inception in 2002, hundreds of trees have been saved through regulatory review of requests to remove public trees and protected native, specimen and landmark trees. The ordinance has also led to an extensive planting of replacement trees.

Homeowners, developers, arborists, architects, commissioners, neighborhood organizations and community groups are encouraged to attend this second in a series of workshops co-hosted by the Design Commission and the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee.

An Occasional Doo Dah Storm is Brewing

Ann Lau Picked as 9th Annual Thorny Rose

Dean Lee

It may be a bit smaller than Pasadena's signature Rose Parade, the rules maybe a little more relaxed, it may not cost as much to participate and does not falsely claim millions line Colorado Blvd. to see it, but this year's 32nd occasional Doo Dah Parade is set, organizers say, to be as wacky and wild as ever come Jan. 18.

So how does a parade that has Claude Rains & the 20-Man Memorial Invisible Man Marching Drill Team, Snotty Scotty & the Hankies, BBQ & Hibachi Grill Team, Caesar's Circus, Men of Leisure Synchronized Nap Team, The Spawn of Captain James T. Kirk, the Bastard Sons of Lee Marvin and other perennial favorites top itself?

Well, award one of its top honors, the "Thorny Rose," to a human right's activist that is know for her political theater in front of the Tournament of Roses House protesting last year's China float in the Rose Parade, is a good start.

The Doo Dah Parade itself is a spoof on that parade.

Ann Lau, head of the Visual Arts Guild and others are best known for portraying the harvesting of human organs, fake blood and all, from unwary corpses to make a point about human right's violations in China. This was just one of many protest Lau has been a part of in Pasadena.

She was once even removed by the Pasadena Police Department after trying to deliver a letter to 2008 Tournament President CL Keedy during an event with the Queen and Royal Court. Parade spokesperson Patricia Hurley said what they look for is a citizen that is "distinguished by their brazen, often, confrontational style, indifference to public decorum and Lone Ranger bravado." Lau fit the bill she said.

Lau was unaware Thursday night she had won the award. "I am so glad," she said. "I would love to accept the award. I will definitely be there."

Lau said her goal was to be a pain in the side of Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard who she said would not write a letter denouncing human rights violations in China last year. She did however later praise him for hosting the



Charles Phoenix
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city's first celebration of human right on the 60th anniversary in December of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Lau said she panned to further gain attention about human rights in China during the parade.

Hurley said Charles Phoenix, known for his live, hilarious Retro Slide Show performances, fun-filled School Bus Field Trip Tours, crazy kitchen experiments and colorful coffee table books, will be this year's Grand Marshal.

Phoenix said in a press release, "I'm thrilled to

be the Doo Dah Grand Marshal this year, 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."

Parade director Tom Coston said, "Charles is simply hilarious, graciously wicked and a truly artistic spirit—that spells Doo Dah."

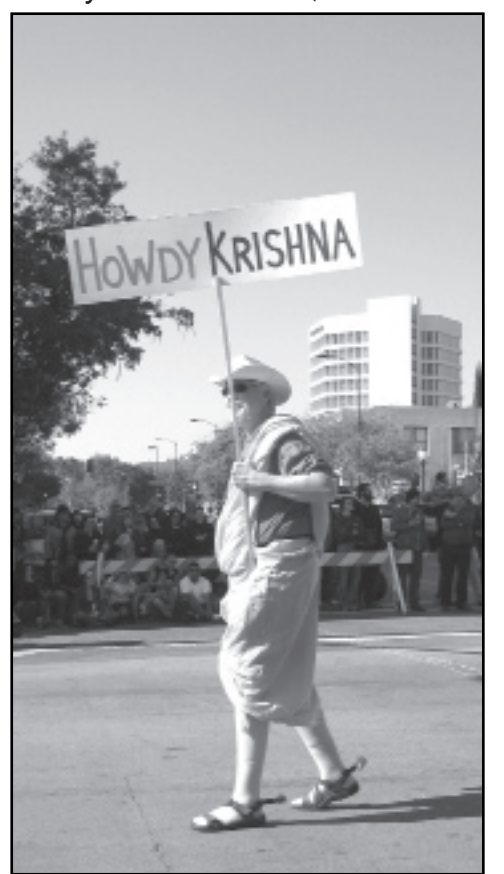
He will be traveling the parade route standing on the tailgate of a 1964 Ford station wagon that was



Ann Lau



Julie Klima (right) "Skittles" was selected as this year's Doo Dah Queen



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 Hurley said.

Julie Klima "Skittles" was also selected as this year's Doo Dah Queen and will be honored as she rides down the parade with her with her signature pink doll-like hair.

The two mile parade begins at the corner of Raymond and Holly in Old Town Pasadena and

ends on Pasadena Ave.

There is also a \$7 all you can eat pancake breakfast in Memorial Park before the parade starts. The parade, which is free, starts at 11:30 a.m.

The parade will also be streamed live on the internet by this newspaper at doodahlive.com or on the parade's official website pasadenadoodahparade.info.

For more information call 626-590-1134.

The Lamanda Park Branch Library has plenty to do this January

Let's Explore: Pirates!

Lamanda Park Branch Library's school-aged program, Let's Explore will explore "Pirates" on Saturday, January 24 at 1 p.m. Join us as we set sail with a special pirate program complete with stories, games and a very special shiver-me-timbers, guest!

The La Pintoresca Branch Library is ocated at 1355 North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena. For more information call (626) 744-7268.

Science Experiment Lab

There will also be a Science Experiment Lab on Tuesday, January 27 at 3 p.m. for all budding scientists. Join in and learn about cool science experiments. Call (626) 744-7268 for reservations.

Miss Spider Book Party

The Library will host a Miss Spider Book Party on Thursday, January 29 at 3:30 p.m. Join the fun as we listen to our favorite stories from the Miss Spider series by David Kirk. We will also make a cool craft, play fun games and enjoy a tasty snack. This program is designed for children ages 5 – 12 years.



Environmentally Speaking, Did You Know? Don't Blow Your Top

By Pat Birdsall

Depending on the program, many recyclers will not recycle bottle caps, since they are usually a different type of plastic from the bottle. While bottles are often plastic #1 PET or plastic #2 HDPE, the bottle caps tend to be made of plastic #5 polypropylene. Often, these caps are chopped off during the recycling process and sent to landfills. Once in landfills, these lightweight caps easily blow in the breeze, get picked up by animals or get caught in water runoff and eventually make their way to the sea. Sea animals are eating the plastic and dying as a result.

The story about this environmental catastrophe touched the vice-president of packaging development at Aveda, a company specializing in environmentally friendly beauty and hair-care products. He made it a personal goal to see how Aveda could collect the plastic in the ocean, and turn it around to use in their packaging. Unfortunately, the plastic in the ocean is too degraded to reuse, so the company re-focused on preventing it from reaching the sea in the first place.

Aveda researchers realized the old caps could be remade into pellets and molded into new caps and packaging. Now, Aveda's caps on select products are the first to be 100 percent recycled. "We aren't adding any chemicals. We could make caps the same color, but we don't want to add any dyes," said Evan Miller, Director of New and Environmental Media. "The first product we launched it on, every bottle had a different color. Even though they all ended up being gray, it's cool that every bottle is kind of unique." The first product was Aveda's Vintage Clove Shampoo. To celebrate the company's three decades of environmental awareness, the vintage-style bottle is made out of a minimum of 80 percent recycled milk jugs, along with the company's new, 100 percent recycled caps.

Kicked off at New York Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2009, the program collects caps at Aveda stores, participating salons and over 80 schools and Boy and Girl Scout troops around the country. So far, the campaign has been very successful, and at the time of the December 29, 2008 interview, Aveda had already collected 65,000 pounds of plastic caps!

The program accepts caps that are rigid polypropylene plastic. This includes caps that twist on with a threaded neck such as caps on shampoo, water, soda, milk and other beverage bottles, flip top caps on tubes and food products (such as ketchup and mayonnaise), laundry detergents and some jar lids such as peanut butter.

Excluded from collection are pharmaceutical lids and non rigid lids such as yogurt lids, tub lids (margarine, cottage cheese), and screw on lids that are not rigid. If you can bend or break the lid with your bare hands, than it does not meet the rigid plastic definition. Please do not include any metal lids or plastic pumps or sprayers. Unfortunately too much of the wrong types of materials can contaminate the recycling process.

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A Weekly Spotlight on Sierra Madre Volunteers

Rod & Joan Spears

Rod and Joan Spears -- Power Couple

It's the scene out of a '50s movie; she swam competitively at the L.A. Athletic Club and he was a lifeguard at the L.A. Swim Stadium. They met and married -- music swells, scene fades.

Rod and Joan Spears agreed on many things when they were first married but one very important factor to both was volunteering in many ventures. Even before they moved to Sierra Madre they were avid volunteers, and, since moving here, their enthusiasm has grown.

Both California natives, they grew up in Southern California, he as a graduate engineering student, who worked on the famous Space Needle in Seattle, and she with education courses at University of Southern California and Pacific Oaks College. They moved to La Canada where the family lived for 36 years.

Five children later, four of whom live in California (one in Las Vegas), they continued involvement in the schools. Joan was an instructional aide then. After the children pursued college, she went to Caltech to become "secretary to the secretary of faculty." Joan was able to use her education and managerial skills as assistant to the director of a summer program called SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships) that continues today.

"Joan came up with a program she called REACH with the concept of hiring high school seniors, college and graduate students to teach disadvantaged kids, 4 to 5 years of age," Rod explained. It worked so well at All Saints Church, where they attended church then, that they took the program to St. Mark's Church in Altadena.

Rod participated in the famous Voting Rights March in the mid-'60s. "Shortly after that historic march, President Johnson spearheaded the Voting Rights Act through Congress," Rod explained.

During the next decade -- in the '70s -- Joan and a group of other quilters started making quilts for neo-natal babies born at Huntington Hospital. The women continue to meet weekly, making up to 130 quilts a year.

Other "Joan activities" include Sierra Madre Senior Commission, Huntington Hospital,



Descanso Gardens, Sierra Madre Chamber Board, Creative Arts Group Board, Civic Club, and Sierra Madre Police Department.

It was in 1999 that the Spears bought a shell of a house on north Canon in Sierra Madre, and, using Rod's talent as a structural engineer, transformed the falling-down house into a handsome home in a beautiful rustic setting. By the year 2000, they were able to move in with the bare necessities, and now it is a dramatic home on a large, wooded acreage.

Rod has a Structural Engineering office in Pasadena and uses his talents on the State Response Team for Earthquakes as an engineer. In the early '90s, he was with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He was also with the 71-member Urban Search and Rescue Team. Then, Sierra Madre Fire Chief Bob Spears asked Rod to become a consultant for the local department. The obvious segue was to be a member of the local department, and now he is treasurer of the Sierra Madre Firefighters Association.

Rod is also on the Regional Task Force Four Board, and, as a structural specialist, is called to various area emergencies to determine the safety of the structures. He was a consultant on a recent fire in Alhambra.

One special love of the Spears is the Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue Dog group. They now own three rescue dogs and a one-toothed, 12-year-old rescue cat.

When asked why the Spears take time for volunteering, Joan said, "We will always be available for projects that are important to us, no matter how small."

They also enjoy spending time with eight grandchildren.

Volunteers are needed to help in a wide range of activities in Sierra Madre. Please contact De Alcorn at 626-355-4793 or dalcorn@cityofsierramadre.com for more information.



Fire Safe Council "Announcements and Observations"

Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council received a grant for a "Chipper Program" to help homeowners in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (the area north of Grandview) with the removal of the brush they have cleared from their property.

You will be receiving a letter detailing this program and the start date. Your responsibility will be to hire, at your own cost, workers to thin out, not "strip" your property, the highly flammable vegetation within the 100 ft. of your structures. Remember, this does not just pertain to native vegetation. In the Triangle Fire report in Vol. 2, #46, of the MVO it was noted that burning embers from the wildland area of the fire, blowing miles ahead of the fire front, landed in the ornamental vegetation that was planted by the homeowners close to their walls and fences. It was these burning ornamental plants that led to the many instances of the

home being burnt to the ground.

You will receive information on which ornamental plants should be targeted for removal and suggestions for replacement as well as how the reduce the fuel load of native vegetation on your property. You will not be living on barren earth but with well maintained "defensible space." These same plants were called out in the Oakland Hills fire of 1991, the fire that started the formation of California's Fire Safe Councils, and were also mentioned time after time by the TV news reporters during the fire storm that destroyed 500 mobile homes in Sylmar this past November.

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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A Word From Superintendent Diaz

Dear PUSD Families and Community Members,

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season provided plentiful opportunities for rest, enjoyment and restoration. As we approach the end of the first semester, we are maintaining our focus on accelerating academic achievement, enhancing instructional rigor and relevance, and building organizational capacity. Guided by the Approach

to Excellence II, which establishes the priorities for the 2008-09 school year, we are working hard to implement key instructional and organizational initiatives to serve all PUSD students. I would like to update you on our progress in several of these areas.

Our ongoing focus on student achievement is built upon high-quality teaching and learning in every classroom. Students continue to receive periodic assessments to monitor their progress and provide appropriate enrichment or intervention. Our Instructional Services Division is providing additional support to principals and teachers through enhanced professional development, coaching, and classroom observations. We are providing targeted support to improve the academic performance of English Language Learner and Special Education students. In 2009, we are planning to introduce new and innovative instructional programs for USD students, including a dual-immersion language program in Spanish and Mandarin, and an early college-high school in partnership with Pasadena City College.

We are deepening implementation of programs started last year at the secondary level. The Excellent Middle Schools initiative introduced improvements in teacher training and collaboration, longer instructional blocks and advisory periods that promote positive student relationships and school climate. Over the next few months, the Excellent Middle Schools team will engage parents to discuss progress to date, strengthen parent involvement in middle schools, and work on transition programs from elementary to middle to high school. John Muir High School will continue its focus on improving student performance and increase community partnerships to support its small learning academies. In March, PUSD will submit a comprehensive proposal for funding to implement a district-wide program to provide multiple pathways to college and careers.

PUSD is working diligently to expand its organizational capacity in many areas, including strategic planning, infrastructure

investment, accountability, and communication. Later this spring, the Board of Education will lead a community-based strategic planning process to link PUSD's vision and values to the efforts underway to improve student performance and ensure all students graduate prepared for college and careers.

I would like to thank the community again for its support of Measure TT, which will provide a locally-controlled source of funding to upgrade our instructional, recreational and enrichment facilities while providing much-needed technology infrastructure to improve instruction and communication. Over the next several months, the Board will appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee, develop a timeline for completing projects, and make key decisions related to grade configuration, attendance areas and facilities for priority instructional programs. Investments in technology are helping to improve the timeliness, accuracy and accessibility of data. Access to high-quality data will enable PUSD to measure its performance and be accountable for improvement.

Negative news about the state budget shortfall poses a significant threat to PUSD's financial stability in the upcoming year. Recently, the Governor announced his 2009-10 budget proposal, which includes approximately \$5 billion in cuts to K-12 public education. Since PUSD receives the majority of its funding from the state, we are anticipating the need for reductions in the current and future fiscal years. We are preparing to meet the fiscal challenges ahead by reviewing our existing budget and cutting back on expenditures, and the budget will remain at the forefront of the Board's agenda as we learn more about the implications of the proposed cuts. We will keep the community informed as the budget process moves forward, so please look for updates and opportunities to provide input on our website at www.pusd.us.

Despite these economic challenges, we will maintain our focus on improving student achievement and providing a high-quality, equitable education for all students in PUSD. We are fortunate to have highly-skilled, dedicated teachers, classified staff, school administrators, parents, students and community members working together to achieve the best for our students. Thank you for your contributions to the academic success of PUSD's students, and I look forward to breakthrough results in 2009!

Sincerely, Edwin Diaz

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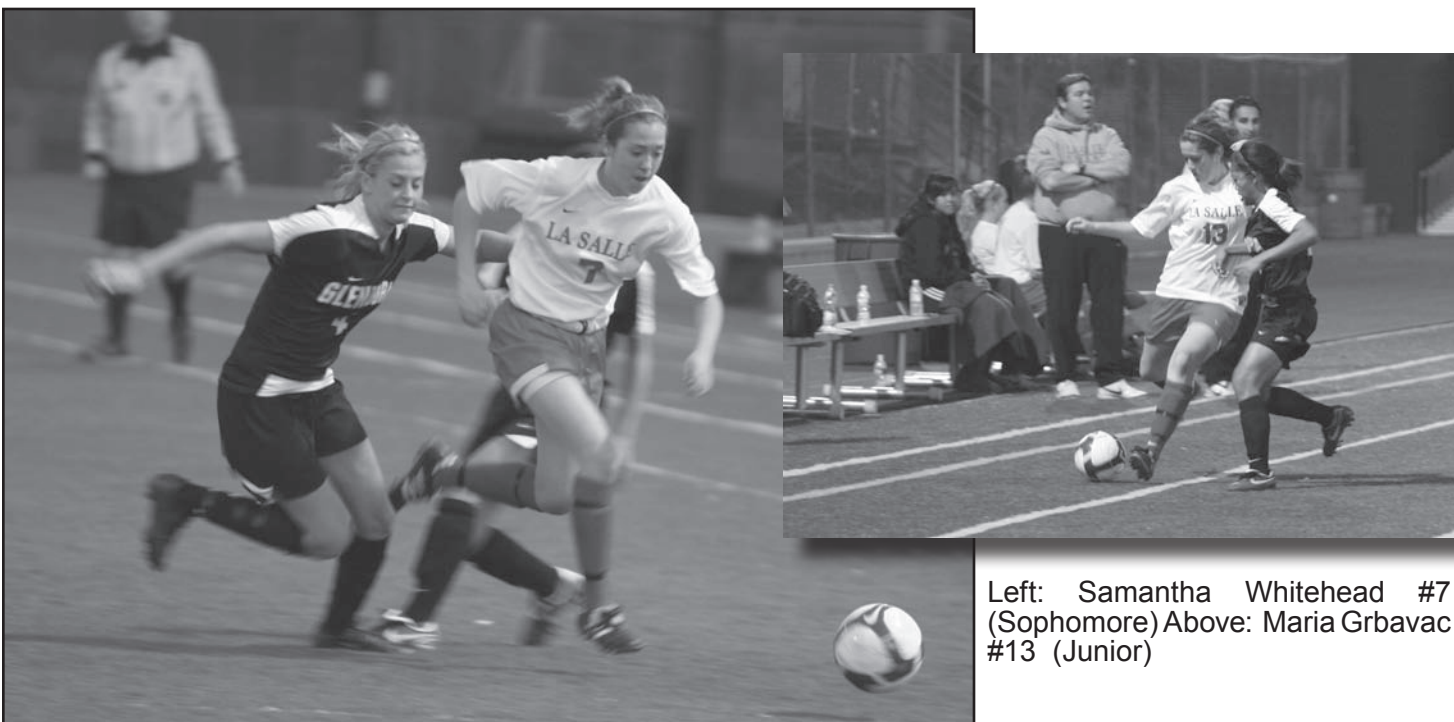
What is Being "Smart?"

What would it be like to attend college without being old enough to drive, live on campus, or even legally enter a club? Po-lite (PJ) Stewart Jr. could tell you exactly what it's like. This teenager isn't a freshman in high school, but a freshman in college. Dealing with college classes full time at only fourteen years old is challenging, especially at a prestigious school like Southern University in Baton Rouge, La.

You would think this kid might think he's some kind of genius being the youngest in his class and probably his whole school, but in fact, PJ is quite humble. "I don't think I'm smarter than anyone else," he explains. "I believe anybody can do just as well as I have if they put the time in". Sure, he can say that, but he's the kid in college isn't he? I read an article about this boy in a magazine and thought to myself, "Well, this guy just has it all, he's so smart. There's no way I could ever do what he's doing and I'm older than he is..." But, in fact, I have come to find that in reality, no one is smarter than any one else.

Everyone is different. We all know that, but how many of us realize that because everyone is unique, it automatically means we each bring something to the table? Sure, some may be "book-smart", but those same people might not know a thing when it comes to art, or creativity. PJ is right. We could all be as "smart" as he is if we put the time in, but just remember that everyone is smart in their own way without even trying.

LaSalle's Girls Soccer Team Starts The Year Off Right Team Captures 2-1 victory over Glendora High School



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Applications submitted for siblings during the general Open Enrollment application period will not receive preference. The general open enrollment application period is January 12 - February 10, 2009

Good Luck Myriah Harris & Thanks A Million!

Ms. Myriah Harris, 19, visiting from Elkhart, Indiana learned a lot about the newspaper business this week. Upon her return home she will be entering college for the first time. Perhaps she'll be back during the summer for an internship!

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Susan Henderson

THE OTHER CHEEK

When I was a child, I remember my brother Henry getting into ‘hot water’ with our mother over his reply to her request that he follow the teachings of the Bible. Mom told Henry that when he was attacked by others he should “turn the other cheek” and walk away. Henry’s response was, “Okay, but after I turn the other cheek, can I hit them then?” Of course we all thought it was a great response, but Mom was not amused. I thought of dear Henry when I received a telephone call this morning pointing

out another attempt at character assassination by a former columnist for this paper and his associates. Until now, I have not responded to their attempts to discredit me. One only has to consider the source of their comments to understand why. However, after this last attack, which has the appearance of being ‘official’ and accurate, I am going to listen to my big brother. I have already turned the other cheek many times. It is time to consider Henry’s advice. Now, I really don’t have time to respond to every allegation that is thrown at me. I learned long ago that people never talk about those who aren’t doing anything. They only have a tendency to attack those who try to do what is right. As some of you may know, my former

business associate in another paper, Katina Dunn, filed suit against the corporation that owned that paper and me as a shareholder. That suit led to a trial which recently concluded and in which Ms. Dunn claimed victory. Since that time, there has been a lot of behavior that doesn’t seem like that of a ‘victor’, all attempts at attacking me and this publication.

The most recent attack was a letter that was written from The University of California Berkeley which states that there was no academic record of H. Susan Henderson, Harriet S. Henderson or Harriet Henderson Carpenter attending the school. That may very well be correct. I know H. Susan and Harriet S. (and anyone reading this who calls me Harriet will be in BIG trouble), but I have no idea who Harriet Henderson Carpenter is. What is true, is that lawyers generally don’t ask questions that they don’t already know the answer to. That request was sent knowing full well that I married Henderson long after attending Berkeley and therefore the names submitted would yield the answer they wanted, not the truth. Counsel for the plaintiff also attempted something similar in identifying my attendance at Ohio State. By the way, neither inquiry was admitted as

part of the trial as it wasn’t relevant. And as for the other source cited in a 14 year old newspaper article when I was a high ranking political official, once again, they attempted to gain confirmation of my attendance using my married name. It appears in the case of Dunn, et al, that they weren’t interested in the truth, but rather in creating a document that on the surface discredits me. Dunn and her attorney’s knew full well what my maiden name was, when I used it etc., however, either through incompetence or an attempt at deliberate deception or both, they requested information that they knew would yield a negative result. I shall not spend any more space discussing either Dunn or Sir Eric, aka John Crawford. I will say that it is probably very clear why I don’t associate with either anymore.

By the way, the mystery that they keep trying to exploit is the fact that I am 56 years old and my oldest child will be 42 on his birthday. At my own request, long before knowing any of these people, those records were sealed. They were sealed not because of any wrongdoing, but because of the bigotry and narrow mindedness that existed at the time. I am quite proud of my accomplishments and nothing can take away from that. There is a lot more to my story, but you will have to wait for the book.

I will say this however....I have raised 5 children, three by birth and two that I adopted, and have never spent one day in a police station with them, nor have I ever spent any time trying to convince others to obstruct justice. *The cheek has turned.*

Stuart Tolchin On..LIFE



prayer mean and does prayer require belief in some creator sky-God who is all ears and listening to these prayers? No, I really don’t think any particular belief is required and in fact this whole idea of belief may be the obstacle. I began this article by saying “I want to believe” but somehow didn’t know what to believe. Maybe the crucial thing is the ‘wanting’ and not the ‘belief’.

Here I am at a new paragraph with perhaps a new understanding. Praying without ceasing or constant compassion require a constant availability to the present. Being lost in worry about financial security or the ecological future of the planet is not to be in the present. Being wedded to past ideas and past positions is to be closed to the experience of the present. The questions that we use to greet one another, “How are you?” “What’s happening?” or in the Yiddish greeting of “What is a Jew doing?” are simple reminders to be conscious of our present experience; and really, I think, it is our present experience as loving, caring, (some might say God-fearing) people that will show us the way. My dog does it very well. His senses are always alive to what’s going on right in the moment while I tend to get lost in thought and worry and fail to notice very much. Really, one doesn’t have to believe anything—just noticing the miracle of each moment is enough to keep ourselves attached to the path of our own vision and to experience that “wanting” that is at our very core.

After rereading this, I think I’ve concluded that my “wanting” does not require me to construct a world of good guys and bad guys so as to identify with one group and to oppose another. It is enough to connect with my present experiences compassionately, doing my best to feel the connections between myself and everything else and knowing that my attitude shapes my experience. HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR

SO THIS IS LIFE

I want to believe. Believe what I don’t know but I want to passionately care about some truth and want to devote myself to sharing that truth with others. Unfortunately, at this particular moment I find myself without belief. Maybe I’m talking about religious faith but I don’t think so. Religion, to me, has always seemed like a bunch of silly stories designed by those in power to keep people in line and docile. It’s hard for me to believe that anybody ever literally believed these stories; instead, I believe that people get the point that it is necessary to do what the powerful tell you to do or else you will be in big trouble and nobody will help you. I have always experienced my secular Jewishness as an exception to this rule. I read somewhere that the word “Hebrew” in some ancient language meant “the people from the other side of the river”. To me this meant that the identity of a Jew was tied to the experience of being a representative of and even a member of the oppressed. To me being a Jew meant to be always aware of what was right and what was wrong. It meant being aware and interested and CARING about what was going on in the world. The major thing required of any Jew is compassion. It is this continual compassion that acts as a rudder, a compass, that enables a Jew to find the correct way along the path of life and this path must be made bright so that others can follow its direction. All right, so where is the path? I think a constant focus of attention may be required. Some religions talk about praying without ceasing. I never understood this term. What can constant

From The Desk Of...Glenn Lambdin Saving A Part Of Our Forgotten History: Part 3



The last two weeks I have shared how I nominated the old City owned Christian Science church to the State Register of Historical Places. Last week I gave the history of the church at the local level while this week I am giving some of the California and national ties the church had in the Christian Science and New Thought movements.

State and National Historical Significance: The history of the Christian Science and New Thought movements in California date to 1887, when Annie Rix Militz, a student and follower of Mary Baker Eddy’s, headed west setting up Christian Science Homes throughout several of the major cities in California such as Berkeley, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Oakland. Oddly, Rix established a Home in Sierra Madre. At that time, unlike the larger major cities, Sierra Madre was not much of a town in that it was a new unincorporated settlement being established by Nathaniel Carter. Additionally, in 1894, not only did Rix establish a Christian Science Home in Sierra Madre, but she took up residence in Sierra Madre, developing a Christian Science community. Over a brief period of time, Rix’s Christian Science theology, as did many of Eddy’s follower’s, evolved and changed. As dis-sentation grew between these different factions, Mary Baker Eddy started suing them over the right to the use of the name, “Christian Science.” In the 1890’s, Annie Rix renamed the “Christian Science Homes” to “Homes of Truth” after Mary Baker Eddy won the exclusive legal right to the Christian Science name. Regardless of their differences, Rix continued developing the practice and establishing a religious science community in Sierra Madre, throughout California, and the

U.S., setting up Homes of Truth in major west coast cities and throughout the U.S. Annie Rix and her sister, Harriet, published their Master Mind Magazine in Sierra Madre from 1911 -1917. Annie Rix Militz, a Sierra Madrean and founder of the Homes of Truth, is considered one the “greats” of New Thought.

The Christian Science movement, with its roots deeply embedded in the New Thought Movement, was not only a spiritual movement which developed in the United States during the late 19th century, but can also be recognized as a component of The Woman’s Movement and social reform in America with Sierra Madre playing it’s role. During the time of Mary Baker Eddy’s early years founding her religion, America was going through a social reorganization. The Civil War had recently ended solidifying the abolition of slavery while the Woman’s Suffrage movement was gaining serious momentum in both the United States and England. In a time when women were not even allowed behind the pulpit or accepted in the medical healing profession, Mary Baker Eddy emerged as a leader within the Woman’s movement. According to Wikipedia, “The New Thought Era was a feminist movement in that most of its teachers and students were women; and has been described as a form of feminist theology, with its churches and community centers mostly led by women, from the 1880s to today. “While she was not a feminist per se, Eddy acted outside of conventional gender roles by founding and leading a significant American denomination, and she did support some feminist causes such as women’s suffrage and the right of women to hold property. In fact, she was praised by such figures as Clara Barton and Susan B. Anthony, who expressed some interest in her teaching as well.”

Next week, I will explain my reason for nominating this property and how the property will be affected should the State place the property on their list of historical places.

Love and Marriage From A Different Perspective



Rich Johnson

Whether you are at the beginning, middle, or end of a romantic relationship there are a plethora of materials designed to help explain why you are where you are. Books, DVD’s, and late night cable programs are readily available to explain where you went wrong, where you are in the process of going wrong, or how you will soon be going wrong. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah! What we need is information from a fresh perspective. An untapped reservoir of new ideas and thoughts on relationships. We are in luck. I have tapped into a source of unlimited perspectives virtually ignored by the relationship and self-help community. Whom? Why kids under 10 years of age! Let’s see what they have to say. An eight year old girl named Judy was asked at what age people should get married? Her reply, “Eighty-four. Because at that age you don’t have to work anymore and you can spend all your time loving each other in your bedroom.” At the other extreme Tommy, aged 5 told us, “Once I’m done with kindergarten, I’m going to find me a wife.” Good luck Tommy. Mike, 10, told us what usually transpires on a first date: “They just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.” Is it better to be single or married? Lynette, 9,

tells us, “It’s better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them.” Nine year old Roger was asked what falling in love was like. “Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life.” Hmmm. David, 8, told us lovers hold hands a lot because they want to make sure their rings don’t fall off, because they paid good money for them. Ava, 8, reminded us of a quality necessary to be a good lover: “One of you should know how to write a check. Because, even if you have tons of love, there is still going to be a lot of bills.” Carin, 9, was asked how a person learns to kiss: “It might help if you watched soap operas all day.” Finally, on how to make love endure: eight year old Roger suggests that you “Don’t forget your wife’s name. That will mess up the love.” Randy, aged 9, offered this up: “Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take the trash out.” Thank you kids. In closing let me tell you I have had the opportunity to enjoy three unbelievable meals at the Derby Restaurant on Huntington Drive in Arcadia. WOW! It was all good. The best entre’ was Noni’s Brasholi which is a thinly sliced piece of sirloin wrapped and stuffed with Italian breading, parmesan cheese and in a mushroom sauce. The steakhouse salad was also unbelievably tasty. Dining there is a good thing. If you go there tell them Rich Johnson sent you. They have no idea who I am...at least I hope not.

Israel’s Lonely Battle

War has broken out again in the Middle East, and while it is very easy to cast blame on all sides, it can be even easier to blame Israel alone for the current conflict in Gaza. News coverage of this war follows the familiar pattern established for almost all wars in the Middle East which involve Israel: the Arabs are peaceful, they wish only to have their bit of earth in the sun, and, like parents everywhere, they simply want to raise their children to have better lives than they currently have. That familiar story line, unfortunately, is nothing but a fairy tail intended to create moral confusion in a situation which could not possibly demonstrate greater moral clarity. Whatever we may wish to believe, Israel has been forced into a war it must win, which it seems destined to fight alone against tragically misplaced world opinion.

We have been told for years that all the Palestinians wanted was their own nation-state. Their leader, Yasser Arafat was offered just that at President Clinton’s Camp David meetings. The Palestinian response was a rejection of what they claimed to want more than life itself and the instigation of the intifada. Fast forward to 2005 when Egypt brokers a cease-fire in which Israel abandons Gaza and cedes physical and political control to Hamas. Any normal honestly aggrieved people would have thanked their God and set about the task of building a society in the land they had just won. For Hamas, and the Palestinians they ruled, this should have been an even easier task because the Israelis left fully intact all the infrastructure they had painstakingly built over the years they had controlled the territory. There were courts, schools, hospitals and even greenhouses. The Israelis gave the Palestinians something which no other occupying political power had ever given them – a relatively well developed sovereign territory. If that were the beginning of the happy ending, we would have peace in the Middle East today.

The reality is that, while happy endings often times take work, they never come to people who don’t want them. Political leaders, cultures or people groups that don’t want peace, that don’t want to build rather than to destroy, that don’t want to secure for themselves a bright future don’t deserve and rarely achieve the happy endings the rest of us seek to obtain and to preserve. Hamas used its time in power and in full control of Gaza to re-arm, to turn the entire territory into a terror base, to train terrorists and finally to launch its next attack on Israel.

Hamas rejected the extension of the Egyptian-brokered cease fire and began launching missiles (again!) into Israel, purposely targeting civilian centers, not military sights. On this point, two very important points need to be made. First from the purely legal perspective, as the United Nations debates what actions to take, let us all remember that Article 51 of the U.N. Charter gives every nation the right to defend itself against attack, and international law specifically defines the purposeful targeting of civilians as a war crime. Second from the realm of common sense, even president-elect Obama commented, when touring the Israeli city of Sderot, that if his two daughters were exposed to rocket attacks in their homes, he would do every-

thing in his power to stop those attacks. Wouldn’t we all?

It’s too easy to treat the Middle East as a foreign place, over there somewhere with strange sounding names, and to talk about the need for peace. Its distance makes it easy to not take this personally



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and to fail to understand what we, ourselves, would do if somebody rained rockets down on Sierra Madre. I can guarantee you that if some group holed up in the hills above this city started throwing rockets, which were meant to kill some and maim many more, at the elementary school or at Bean Town, there would be no shortage of calls for immediate action or of volunteers to defend the city. That is all that Israel is trying to do – that Israel must do.

Will there be some innocent Palestinian injuries and deaths in this current conflict? Absolutely. But, lest that be the grounds for some misplaced accusation of shared guilt, let me relate just one incident which demonstrates the monumental moral differences between the two combatants in the Gaza War. Alan Dershowitz, a noted law professor at Harvard and no war hawk by anyone’s definition, recently wrote about the efforts the Israeli air force took to minimize innocent victims. When a family’s house in Gaza was being used to manufacture rockets, the Israeli military called the residents and gave them 30 minutes to vacate the house. Instead, the owners called Hamas which immediately sent women and children into the home to act as human shields. This was the perfect win-win for Hamas and the epitome of evil incarnate. If the Israelis backed down, the rockets could be used to kill more Israeli civilians. If the Israelis continued their entirely justified plan to eliminate the threat, Hamas would have dozens of dead women and children for the international press corps. We may think our politicians in the U.S. are cynical, but nothing tops that.

Despite the clear evidence of who is at fault in this conflict, despite the staggering moral differences between the two forms of government and their respective attitudes toward life and the protection of civilians, Israel is dealt condemnation and faces international isolation in a battle for its very survival. If Hamas is not vanquished, it will continue to attack Israel with any means at its disposal, and those means are getting more and more sophisticated with the help of Iran. More importantly, if, in the end, Israel does not survive, then the last great hope for freedom and representative democracy in the Middle East will perish. That may not seem all that important geopolitically, but does anyone really believe that Hamas and its terrorist agents would not then set their sights on bringing down the great Satan itself? It may take years, or even decades, but as Israel goes, so goes the U.S. Maybe it’s not such a lonely battle after all.

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File No. 09-0016833

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLEAN HEART MINISTRIES**, 16120 SO. HASKINS LN., CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WALTER MILLS**, 16120 SO. HASKINS LN., CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **WALTER MILLS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/06/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CROCKER PLATING**, 12415 SHOEMAKER AVE., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **APT CORPORATION**, 3216 ARBOR RD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **ANTONIO A. MANALO/PRES.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **EZ FINANCING PLUS**, 10345 HELENDALE AVE., TULUNGA, CA 91042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DAVID FABIAN GURREA**, 10345 HELENDALE AVE., TULUNGA, CA 91042. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **DAVID FABIAN GURREA**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/06/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/06/2009.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOOVER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, OF**, 1771 MOORE LANE, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LOUIS S. CORNEJO**, 3671 S. NORMANDIE AVE., L.A., CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **LOUIS S. CORNEJO**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/96.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA CONFIDENTIAL ENT.**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **THEANA VASDEKIS**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **THEANA VASDEKIS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MODIFYFAST**, 11245 183rd ST. #123, CERRITOS, CA 90703. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BARRY JACKSON**, RENTIA JACKSON, 2443 CAMERON AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **BARRY JACKSON**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/06/09**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/10/08.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **POETRYLA**, 1440 23rd ST. APT. 208, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HILDA WEISS**, 1440 23rd ST. APT. 208, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **WAYNE A. LINDBERG**, 1507 16th ST. APT. 9, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **HILDA WEISS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/29/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2007.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROYAL TIME EVENTS**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **THEANA VASDEKIS**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LOREAL CHAN**, 2572 S. WESTGATE, L.A., CA 90064. This Business is conducted by: **A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP**. Signed: **THEANA VASDEKIS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/07/09**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TOUCH OF EDEN ENTERPRISES**, 1116 N. GARDEN AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **STEVEN J. BARR**, 1116 N. GARDEN AVE., COVINA, CA 91724. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **AMG MACHINE CO.**, 14037 GARFIELD AVE. #G, PARAMOUNT, CA 90763. This Business is conducted by: **JOINT VENTURE**. Signed: **STEVEN J. BARR**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **01/05/09**. 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. 2009-0016394**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **AMG MACHINE CO.**, 14037 GARFIELD AVE. #G, PARAMOUNT, CA 90763. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 3/15/01, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 01-0429728. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JESUS-MANUEL DIAZ**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. 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: **HECTOR DIAZ**.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2277456

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1. BISTRO LA PROVINCIA CATERING 2. BISTRO LA PROVINCIA RESTAURANT**, 1247 SUNFLOWER AVE., GLENNDORA, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JESUS-MANUEL DIAZ**, 13700 MARINA POINTE DR. #1006, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is conducted by: **HUSBAND AND WIFE**. Signed: **VERONICA TOVALIN-DIAZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. 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
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BOCA DEL RIO, INC.**, 3706 WHITTIER BLVD., L.A., CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **BOCA DEL RIO, INC.**, 3706 WHITTIER BLVD., L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **DAVID MACIAS**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on MAY 15, 2007.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JUST GLASS FUSING**, 14930 GOODHUE, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TRONNIE VAN WINKLE**, 14930 GOODHUE, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **TRONNIE VAN WINKLE**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MAKE-UP BY LALA**, 22898 HILTON HEAD DR. #323, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **LAURA ARGOMANIZ**, 22898 HILTON HEAD DR. #323, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **LAURA ARGOMANIZ**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. 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
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SOPHIE GIRL CO.**, 505 N. ETHEL AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **SOPHIA HOWETH BLONDELL**, 505 N. ETHEL AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **SOPHIA HOWETH BLONDELL**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/31/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/30/2008.

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FILE NO. 2008-2277431**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **BOCA DEL RIO, INC.**, 3706 WHITTIER BLVD., L.A., CA 90023. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 7/16/07, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2007-1671825. The business was conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FERNANDO SALAZAR/PRES.**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05, 01/12, 01/19, 01/26/2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2221663

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ANN NAILS AND SPA**, 3718 BROADWAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HANG NGOC LUONG**, 3718 BROADWAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **HANG NGOC LUONG**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/16/08**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALDERON'S COURIER**, 10614 S. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PATRICIA ELIZABETH CANALES**, 10614 S. HOOVER ST., L.A., CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **PATRICIA ELIZABETH CANALES**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/16/08**. 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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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CHINA BAKERY CHAIN**, 9436 JACOB LN., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ASAP SHOW, INC.**, 9436 JACOB LN., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **NORBERT YUAN/P**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

LN., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ASAP SHOW, INC.**, 9436 JACOB LN., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **NORBERT YUAN/P**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **DIRTY GORILLA PRODUCTIONS**, 4902 OLINDA AVE., L.A., CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **FARSTAIRE QUINTIN BROWN II**, 4902 OLINDA AVE., L.A., CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **FARSTAIRE QUINTIN BROWN II**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/16/08**. 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. 08-2201999

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENFINITY LLC**, 9 LOS FELIS DR., POMONA, CA 91766. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ENFINITY LLC**, 3914 SEATON PL., LAS VEGAS, NV 89121. This Business is conducted by: **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**. Signed: **PAUL JOHNSON/PRES.**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **1.0001.COM 2. CHAEBOUT EXCHANGE**, 9436 JACOB LN., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ASAP SHOW, INC.**, 9436 JACOB LN., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **NORBERT YUAN/P**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 08-2210209

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KEVIN LIU**, 6654 CHESHIRE PL., RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739. This Business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL**. Signed: **KEVIN LIU**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/16/08**. 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. 08-2226500

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TINY SPIRIT HOME SERVICE**, 9206 ROSE ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **GJA CAPITAL, INC.**, 1117 DESERT LN., LAS VEGAS, NV 89102. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **MARQUES JORDAN/PRES.**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/18/08**. 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. 08-2200991

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TNT ADVERTISING**, 300 S. LEMON CREEK DR. #B, WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **TNT ADVENTURES, INC.**, 2011 LAKE CANYON DR., WALNUT, CA 91789. This Business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. Signed: **RENU TAGHABONI/PRES.**. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on **12/15/08**. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **TNT ADVERTISING, 2011 LAKE CANYON DR., WALNUT, CA 91789**. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 12/31/07, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2007-2866679. The business was conducted by: **A CORPORATION**. 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: **RENU TAGHABONI/PRES.**.
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Looking Up

With Bob Eklund

A Roadmap to Space: Looking Back—and Ahead

Last November, the Pasadena-based Planetary Society presented its “Roadmap to Space” to the Obama transition team that is organizing the new Administration’s plans for NASA. In early 2009, the Society intends to present its plan for space exploration to Congress.

A LIBRARY ON MARS

U.S. space projects in 2008, backed by the Planetary Society, were prolific. In May, the first library was placed on Mars, on board the Phoenix spacecraft. In it were the hopes and dreams of science fiction writers and astronomical artists, as well as of Society members who sent this gift to be discovered by the future explorers of Mars. The message from Earth, called Visions of Mars, landed with the spacecraft near the Martian north pole, bringing with it the works of Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury, and Arthur C. Clarke, along with names of all Planetary Society members.

In February, the Planetary Society announced the winners of its Apophis Mission Design competition. The resulting worldwide attention demonstrated to the

media and the public the dangers posed by near-Earth objects (NEOs). The Society also continued to support both amateur and professional astronomers engaged in the search for and tracking of NEOs through its Gene Shoemaker grants.

The International Lunar Decade that the Society proposed is off to a fast start. Japan, China, and India all sent successful spacecraft to lunar orbit. The space agencies are now working on a plan for an International Lunar Net as the next stage, with new lunar landers planned for the coming decade.

LOOKING AHEAD TO A YEAR OF CHANGE

In 2009, the Living Interplanetary Flight Experiment (LIFE) will be prepared for launch aboard Russia’s Phobos-Grunt mission. The experiment will test to see if microbes can survive a long journey between worlds.

Other 2009 plans include ongoing support for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, with radio observations in Argentina and optical observations in

Harvard, Massachusetts. These dedicated searches are unique. And the Society remains committed to launching the first spacecraft using a sunlight-powered solar sail.

“Space exploration creates a positive future for our generation and for our children’s generation,” Planetary Society Executive Director Louis Friedman points out. “2009 will indeed be a time of change, both difficult and exhilarating. Global challenges will create global opportunities.”

MEANWHILE, THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY 2009 (IYA2009) had its U.S. opening on January 6 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Long Beach. The gala event commemorated the 400th anniversary of the first scientific use of a telescope by Galileo Galilei in 1609. The ribbon was cut via a photo-electric device using light from the Pleiades star cluster, about 400 light-years away. The light left the Pleiades around the time Galileo first looked through his telescope.

All this was reminiscent of an event this writer witnessed, as a young child, at the opening of the Chicago “Century of Progress” world’s fair in 1933. Light that had left the star Arcturus about 40 years before, just as the previous Chicago world’s fair closed, was picked up by the great 40-inch telescope at Yerkes Observatory (where I was living) and used to throw a switch that turned on the fair’s lights.

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



Photo by Aaron Dominquez

Paul the Cyberian: Online Safety: Phishing

Phishing is the illegitimate process of attempting to acquire sensitive information such as passwords, usernames and credit card details by pretending to be a trusted entity in an electronic communication. Emails claiming to be from legitimate internet sites such as ISP’s, e-commerce sites, social networking sites, banks and the like are commonly used to dupe users into revealing sensitive information that they would never ordinarily give to an untrusted entity.

Phishing falls under the category of computer security threats known as social engineering in that a certain amount of human interaction is required for threats of this type to be successful. In the case of phishing, an unsuspecting user is directed to “confirm” account or credit card information, usually through an email or instant messaging request. The user is then directed to a fraudulent web site and asked to re-enter account and credit card information in order to verify his or her identity and keep the account active. These fraudulent websites often have the look and feel of the authentic websites they were designed to mimic but a closer look can often reveal that something “phishy” might be going on.

This type of internet security threat is not concerned with how well your computer may or may not be updated with the latest security countermeasures. The best protection against this type of scam is to know and verify exactly who it is you’re dealing with before responding to a request for sensitive information. Look out for misspellings in the body of the email request or an email address that bears no resemblance to the requesting entity (e.g. you receive an email requesting confirmation of your account information from ITSupport@Iwant tohelpyou.com and you do your online banking at yourbank.com). Look out for an email link that points to one URL but redirects you to a link that looks nothing like the one you clicked on or that ends in an unfamiliar way (e.g. yourbank.nz instead of yourbank.com). If you have any doubts whatsoever about an official-looking request for information you receive via email pick up the phone and call the institution in question before responding to that request. Better safe than sorry.

The bad guys have lots of time on their hands and they’re quite good at what they do. Don’t be the easy mark.

From the Inside Out: Nibbling For The New Year

By Mary Carney

Looking back ... Looking ahead ... What changes will this new year bring?

Around the world there are all kinds of food customs that address and support our body’s fuel intake needs ... early breakfast, the 10 am coffee / pastry break, 1 pm lunch, 4 pm nibble, the citified cocktail hour, and, in some cultures, dinner at 10 pm.

With all the eating I’ve been (not) doing, what’s coming up for me is digestion. Twice in the last month my stomach has rebelled at what I’ve put in it. I’m starting to pay more attention, because my health starts with my digestion. Since I’m a “fundamentalist” who makes changes slowly, changing my eating patterns, especially while “cooking for two” plus “fitting in” to corporate work schedules, is a big challenge.

Too, there remains some early imprinting from an airline executive decades ago. He didn’t understand why he was gaining so much weight ... he only ate one meal a day - dinner - (just coffee for breakfast and lunch.) Like him, I’ve noticed that it’s too easy to “get busy” on the computer as soon as I get up, which leads to skipping breakfast so I can “finish up just one more thing” before going on to the rest of the day - which sometimes leads to skipping lunch (I know better!) and thus a huge hunger by dinner - if I last that long.

During my nine years as a university food service manager, I and my body loved staff meal-times. Breakfast - 6 am; Lunch, 10:30 am; Dinner, 4:00 pm (student service started at 6:45 am, 11:15 am and 4:45 pm.) Just about the time I got the afternoon munchies, a meal break was scheduled so all staff could eat freshly prepared, from scratch, real food.

Now, if I use my crockpot wisely, we could eat between 4 and 5 pm instead of my 7 pm lovingly prepared from scratch dinner. No matter how I hustle, it takes me about an hour to clean fresh fruits and veggies; and then cook them (I know, I know ... Fresh veggies are the mantra, not cooked ones. But I like my food warm!) And, while I am comfy with fresh veggies lightly cooked in clear stock, my other half grumpfs if dinner isn’t more “solid.” Since we’re taking natural health classes together, and this info is coming from someone other than me, his shifting awareness is giving me more flexibility and support for change - but it’s still a challenge for me to change a lifetime of dinnertime preferences.

The most recent trigger for this proposed change? “Digestion stops at 9 pm.” Ulp! That means any of my lovingly prepared dinner that hasn’t yet been processed by 9 pm “stops in place” for about 10 hours, doing not so healthy things in my gut overnight, leaving me inadvertently imitating that overweight airline executive. Timing is everything, they say.

So my challenge for the coming year is revamping healthy dinners for two. Reducing portions a tad, increasing freshness, keeping the warmth and comfort I need, selecting more easily digestible ingredients. Better digestive enzyme support. Sometimes, you know, this “from the inside out” stuff is a real toughie. Anyone else want to “weigh in” on this?

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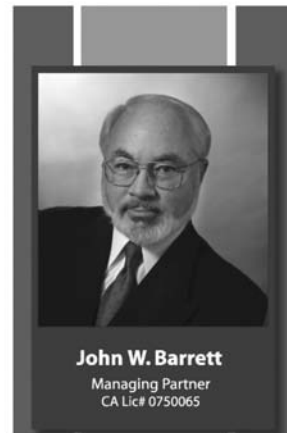
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The Mountain Clymer

by Kim Clymer-Kelley



Terra Pretta for Our Terra Firma

I am sure that each and everyone of you out there has at least one "guilty pleasure"...some of which I am sure that you have made New Year's resolutions to avoid during the coming year. I know I have many...to many to count...chocolate, ice cream, popovers at Mary's Market, endless games of "spider solitaire" on my computer and my morning sudoku...waist expanders and time wasters to be sure. But one of my guilty pleasures....one that I am often embarrassed to mention...is falling asleep nightly to the voice of George Noory on his "Coast to Coast AM" radio show...arguably the radio equivalent of "The Enquirer". Frequent topics of discussion are close encounters with aliens and UFOs, national and global conspiracy theories, astrology and numerology, miracle cures and anti-aging discoveries, Bigfoot and Chubacabra sightings, ghost stories, and ancient and modern prophecies. It is hard to tell who is crazier, those who call in or the guests who are being interviewed...all I know is that it is thoroughly entertaining and that often a guest will be on with some not-so-crazy information...frequently I actually wake up in the morning with some fascinating piece of information to research online. Thus was the case a couple nights ago when one of the guests was detailing some new discoveries that have the potential to change the world dramatically. In my research, I found that he knew much about which he was talking.

Two of the most tantalizing technological advances could make a measurable difference in solving our global warming problem. The first is the research being done in the field of sustainable agriculture. Deep in the Amazon region of South America, ancient peoples created a very fertile soil that we now call terra preta. They made it by smoldering wood and other organic debris at a low temperature in a low oxygen environment by setting fire to these organic waste materials such as fish bones, kelp, trees and grasses, manure and humand waste, food wastes and pottery shards and burying it in the soil to slowly burn. This created charcoal which, when combined with the existing soil, created a rich environment in which fungi and bacteria thrive and multiply creating a self-perpetuating, self-expanding bio-community. Not only does the initial process serve to lock a large amount of carbon away into the soil, but the soil it creates, unlike most soil, consumes far more carbon from the atmosphere than it puts out, thus removing carbon from the atmosphere and locking it away. This soil is exceptionally fertile and remains so for hundreds if not thousands of years without the use of fertilizers (except maybe occasionally some charcoal) or crop rotation techniques to maintain its fertility. It not only rejuvenates itself, but it

also expands at the rate of 1 cm/year. Can you imagine if all of the agricultural lands of the world converted to this inexpensive and totally organic method of farming?

I recently saw a documentary on a man who is teaching similar techniques to third world farmers in India. The farm lands there were barren and could not produce without the chemical fertilizers and insecticides sold to them by Monsanto. The land had been destroyed by years of use of their chemicals. The ecosystem and water supplies poisoned by their use. There was a total absence of living matter in the soil and the soil was rock hard and could not absorb water. Growing crops there required great expense and a lot of water, but the farmers had no choice but to continue using the chemical system. Monsanto also supplied the farmers with their seeds and gave them low interest loans if they used their products putting them in a situation where they had little choice but to continue doing things the way that they were doing them. It was a hard sell for this teacher to get farmers to trust in his methods and to make the switch. Those who did have had great success. Within months, the soil was teaming with life and had become soft and absorbant. Insecticides were no longer needed because the return of a healthy eco-community brought the return of the native birds that had abandoned the previously dead land. They serve as natural insect control. Everything was once again in balance. It was miraculous. Introducing this method of farming would be healthier for the planet and all life on it and would dramatically reduce carbon in our environment.

What obstacles stand in the way? Well, aside from formulating a plan and funding it, which is a very daunting but feasible task, there is the matter of some very powerful international companies who would stand to lose a considerable amount of business. They will no doubt do all that they can to delay or stop efforts to convert the world's agriculture to such a system...at least until they come up with a way to make money at it. In my opinion, the U.N. and other international aide organizations should be hard at work and focusing their resources on implementing this new technology as soon as possible. It could save our planet...it could save us all from the unnecessary poisons that we pump into our environment with the current farming methods...it could help to feed our ever-growing population without further damage to the environment.

See what fascinating things can be learned during a restless night's sleep...next week the second of the new technologies discussed... "bucky tubes".

New Foundation Members Bring Finance, Computer Expertise



Photo by Benn Martin

Two Sierra Madre residents, one part of a five-generation local family and one an arrival in 2003, have joined Sierra Madre Community Foundation Board. Both Gretchen Lee and Alan Tierney will be members of the Finance Committee.

Gretchen, originally from Tustin (CA) came to Sierra Madre with her husband, Gavin, five years ago. They now have two children, ages 4 and 21 months.

Gretchen is a graduate of Scripps College (Claremont) and is the Chief Compliance Officer for Gamble Jones Investment Counsel, Pasaadena. Gretchen began her career in the Financial Services Industry with Dean Witter in Glendale.

Throughout her life (since age 8) Gretchen has played softball and is a member of the Sierra Madre Adult Slow Pitch Softball League (the team's name is "2 Tired 2 Play"). She now plays second base because it's "way too slow to play catcher as I formerly did."

The new Foundation member is formerly a long-time volunteer for the Wellness Community - Foothills. She is also treasurer of the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council.

Gretchen said, "I am honored to have been selected to join Sierra Madre Community Foundation. This gives me an opportunity to meet members of my community and give back to the community that serves me and my family well."

Alan Tierney, the second new Foundation

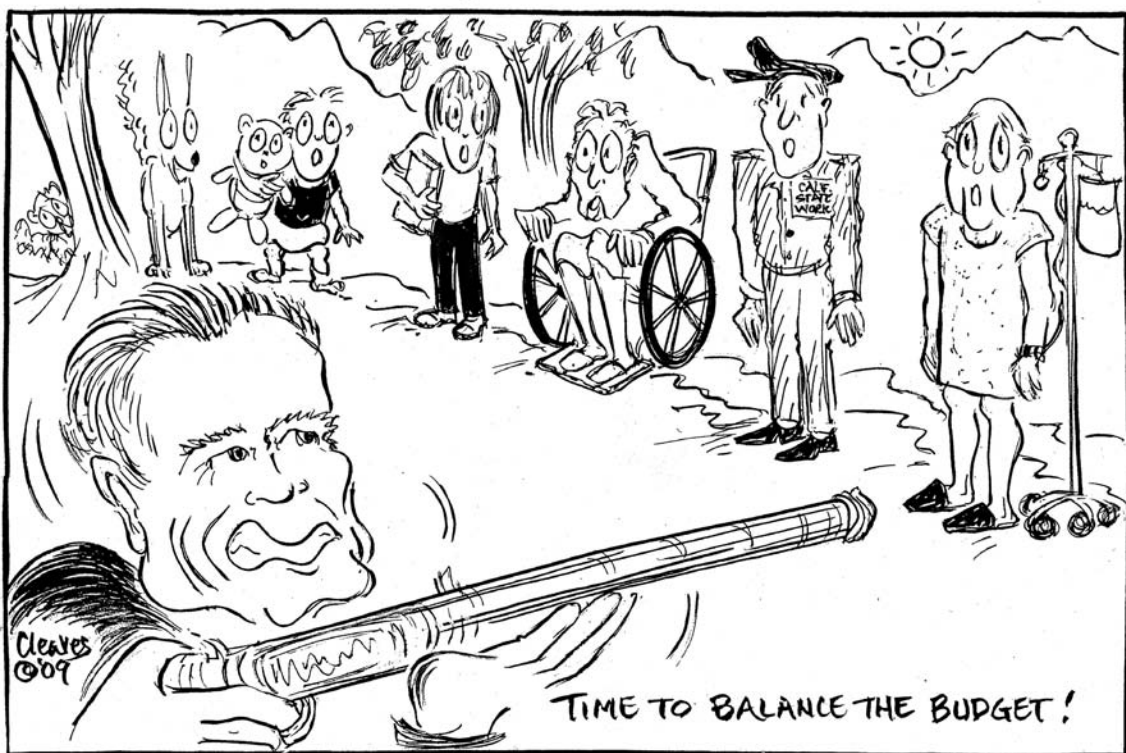
member, has two sons who are the fifth generation of the Frederick/Tierney clan that began with the Bigelows, Jeannie Frederick's parents, in the 1940s. Alan's mother, Joan, is Jeannie's daughter. Then there are Alan's two sons, Nicholas and Jaxson (6 years and 3 years, respectively). They are the great-great grandchildren of the original Sierra Madreans dating back to a house they lived in on Auburn in the 1940s.

Alan grew up in Sierra Madre and participated in Pony/Colt and Little League. He was a Boy Scout and attended Sierra Madre School. Alan graduated from Pasadena High School in 1989, and later from Humboldt State University.

The long-time Sierra Madrean joined NestleUSA in 2000, working in their computer department. He is also a partner with Ben Smith in Village Domain, a computer company in Sierra Madre.

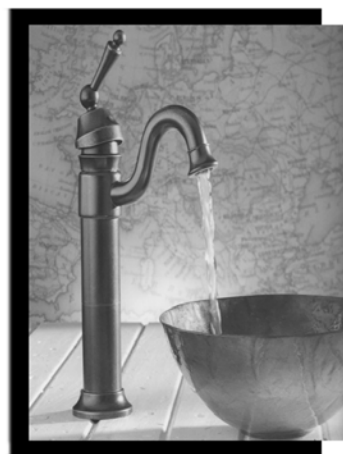
Alan's wife, the former Michelle Keith, is now Bradbury city manager, having been City Community Services Director in Sierra Madre for a number of years. Michelle is also from an original Sierra Madre family.

Alan said he is following in the footsteps of generations of Sierra Madre volunteers. "The Sierra Madre Foundation membership is my first-time volunteer experience. I'm eager to make the most of it and see what we can do," Tierney concluded.



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The Sierra Madre City Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the upcoming Canyon Zone Committee!

The City is looking for motivated, enthusiastic, creative, and friendly volunteers to serve on these important committees which help plan for the City's future

What is the role of the Canyon Zone Advisory Committee?

Regulations pertaining to the development of a Canyon Zone have been discussed and studied in the past, but have never been finalized. The formation of a 5-member Committee will assist City staff in reviewing the draft zoning provisions that were previously developed, review the goals and objectives for the Residential Canyon land use designation, analyze its relevance, and provide input in to the process of developing new zoning guidelines for the Canyons. The Committee will be staffed by the Development Services staff and legal counsel. Developing zoning guidelines will require review of residential development standards, technical in nature, such as building massing, height, setbacks, building square feet, lot coverage, parking, design, and landscaping. Also topics such as allowable deviations or exceptions from standards, permit process, and preservation and design relating to the unique residential setting and rural character of the Canyon areas, may also be reviewed by this Committee. The Committee will also provide input to the General Plan Steering Committee in their review of the Residential Canyon land use designation of the General Plan. The Committee's role is solely advisory. Final approval of the new guidelines can only be granted by the City Council acting upon the Committee's and Planning Commission's recommendations.

How much time is involved?

The recommendation of draft zoning guidelines could take approximately 6 to 8 months. Participation on the Committee will require a commitment to attending monthly meetings during this period. Initially, in order to gain as much public input from Canyon area residents, a public workshop may be held. Attendance at a Planning Commission and at a City Council meeting to report on progress and to recommend zoning guidelines will also be expected. All regular Committee meetings will occur at pre-set meeting dates and times (pursuant to Brown Act requirements), and would be expected to last approximately two hours.

For an application, visit www.cityofsierramadre.com look for Commission application
For more info call Danny Castro, Development Services Director. (626) 355-7135

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General Plan Steering Committee (GPSC)

The GPSC is a five-member committee, appointed by the City Council. A City Councilmember and a Planning Commissioner will attend meetings to act as liaisons to report the progress of the GPSC to their Council and Commission. The GPSC will be staffed by the Development Services Director and legal counsel.

What is the role of the GPSC?

The role of the GPSC is to meet on a regular basis to review the work products of City staff and consultant, provide input on those products, and provide the policy direction necessary to advance the update process. As initial tasks, the GPSC will be asked to provide staff direction as to the overall vision for Sierra Madre, priorities for development within the community, and more specific land use policies on which the GPSC will focus its efforts. The GPSC's role is solely advisory. Final approval of the updated General Plan can only be granted by the City Council acting upon the GPSC's and Planning Commission's recommendations.

How much time is involved?

The General Plan Update process is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete. Participation on the GPSC will require a commitment to attending monthly meetings for an approximately two-year period. If necessary, there may be occasions when the GPSC meets twice per month. There will also be occasions when GPSC members are expected to attend public workshops on Saturdays. All regular GPSC meetings will occur at pre-set meeting dates and times (pursuant to Brown Act requirements), and would be expected to last approximately two hours.

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TABLE FOR TWO

By Peter Dills

The Year that Tested the Restaurant Industry

Across almost every industry this past year there have been trials. The restaurant industry also witnessed its share of failures, we witnessed it both on a national and local level. Let's take a look at the shifting scenery and reminisce for a moment about the ones we lost. This is a Dead Pool to be sure but a far less macabre version. I am sure that I am going to miss a few of these.

Here is their obituary. Gordon Biersch has closed its doors, the brew pub with upscale food lasted for about fifteen years which is good for an industry that averages just about two! Rumor has it that a seafood restaurant is slated to take the space over.

Hooter's, renowned for their chicken wings, perky girls and provocative uniforms has shut its doors, my sources tell me after a long battle with The City Of Pasadena, Hooter's was unable to get a full liquor license and the girls a full uniform. After they had expanded and the economy receded they let the chickens out the back door.

Madre's restaurant on Granite replaced the legendary Chronicle. Jennifer Lopez couldn't get this restaurant off the ground, similar to her career of late. Rumor has it that various patrons lost their appetite after watching Gigli. Truthfully, she was seen there about two times in three years and some felt they were getting the cold shoulder; patrons were excited initially but had reasonably anticipated in seeing her from time to time. We don't seem to be seeing here on the big screen either. It is a good location, I am sure something will take its place quickly.

Scarantino's on Colorado, over thirty years in the business and the economy forced a close to their doors. I believe there is still a Scarantino's located in Burbank.

I recently walked past the Dena House on De Lacey and to my dismay; the kiss of death was resting in the window... Closed for Remodeling - Open next Month. Well, we'll see about that one. I remember when it was Brignole Health Club, and then it was Jerry's

Deli, also The Pasadena Brewing Company, The Union Cattle and one more that eludes my Woodstock plagued memory.

My favorite beer hall/sports bar was Crown City Brewery, their lease expired and they also walked the plank. My agents tell me that owner Jack Robinson is searching for a smaller location for a Rocky like comeback.

The Wheatberry was a small bakery/restaurant on Lake but is now six feet under.

In South Pasadena the 750 ML, you got it Davey's Locker. Now that I think on it, I rarely visited the afore mentioned restaurants, just too many out there for one mouth.

It wouldn't be right to start the New Year like this though, after all the New Years is about rebirth and growth. Here are some openings that caught my eye;

Gregg and Bob Smith have opened Spit-fire Grill at the old Club De Lacey. Very good place for a drink, I have no comment on the food at this point.

Maybe you can't make it to the Islands this month but you wouldn't mind the tribal fire like your last luau, throw in some great fish dishes, well you can get all of that and much more at the recently opened Roy's. This place is sizzling in The Pasadena Playhouse district.

Also opening in East Pasadena, next to Robin's BBQ is the Stone Fire Grill. No details on the menu at this time but the location seems odd.

To all our old and expired acquaintance - I say Good Night and Thank You. Welcome to all our new neighbors, I think I am starting to feel hungry again.

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The Senior Spot

By Bruce Lamarche

THE WORST OF TIMES . . ARE THE BEST OF TIMES



Ok, ok . . . I know what you are saying. My investments have dumped value, the economy is bad, unemployment is up, my property has dropped in value . . . we could go on. These are difficult times. But, consider another view. Most of us have our health, the roof doesn't leak, we have food for a few days at least and no one is shooting at us! It often seems trite to say "count your blessings", but perhaps we need to do just that. Many folk in other parts of the world would consider themselves very blessed if they had these same conditions that we fuss and worry about.

Old-married married folk will fondly remember the times when we were first married and struggling. We felt so close to our spouse and there was a certain happiness in that struggle that we sometimes loose with the modern definition of success. Most of us say that those were good years.

What is success anyway? Is it accumulation of "stuff" or getting our investments to grow, a big house, or a fancy car? Perhaps we should redefine success as being healthy and having family or friends who love us and to have a purpose in life that helps others. Maybe it's as simple as growing into being a "good person".

These so-called bad times are an opportunity to get back to basics. Think of the simple joys we have lost as we get busy and stuck into

patterns of modern behavior. We watch TV mindlessly, stress over money, and watch the news with its endless stream of negativism. Hold the phone! What about sitting with someone special and quietly playing a board game in the evening and laughing? What about taking a walk with someone and just holding hands? How about enjoying a simple and inexpensive meal (well seasoned, of course) with a glass of wine? Ask a neighbor over for dinner and a game of cards or curl up with a really good book. Tell stories to your children or grandkids (grown or not). They need to know of your experiences and the family history.

I think it is time to get back to a simple way of living and start controlling our life. Each day spent is a day of your life that you are trading for some activity. Will it be spent in stress or worry or will it be a day that has quality of life as its foundation and improving your relationships as an activity? Choose well, it is your life.

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

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Glaucoma and Cataracts!

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Registration is required as space is limited. If interested in attending this free seminar please call the Arcadia Community Center at 626.574.5130 before January 20th.

For more questions, please contact Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

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A science proven method, from The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription, a book by Dr. Vincent Fortanasce that was released August 2008.

The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription is the perfect self-help resource to advise caregivers, those fearful of memory loss, and those at risk for Alzheimer's disease.

The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription shows you how to: Prevent your risk of Alzheimer's by as much as 70%, improve your brain-power despite its rapid drop in agility after age 40, determine your Actual Brain Age vs. Chronological Age, Know what to eat and more importantly, how and in what proportions, utilize Alzheimer's-preventing recipes and shop for optimal brain health, assess your risk for developing Alzheimer's disease, including sentinel risk factors (stress, sleeplessness), extrinsic risk factors (obesity, hypertension, addictions), and intrinsic factors (age, genetics, prior head injury or heart attack) and pick the right doctor for you.

The book also answers important questions, including: Do you have the Alzheimer's personality or genetic predisposition, why are women twice as likely to get Alzheimer's disease, the genetic test for Alzheimer's disease – should you have it, why isn't there a magic cure on the horizon, and how is the FDA advice for a high carb diet the root of the Alzheimer's epidemic?

For the millions of men and women at risk for developing this devastating illness and for those who love them, The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription is a lifesaving breakthrough.

Dr. Vincent Fortanasce has helped thousands of individuals over a prestigious medical career of nearly four decades as a world-renowned neurologist, psychiatrist, and rehabilitation specialist. For him, Alzheimer's is a very personal, as he cared for his father who had Alzheimer's and now his 95-year-old mother suffers the affects of the disease.

Now, Dr. Fortanasce presents a unique four-step program to prevent or delay Alzheimer's disease for anyone at any age in his breakthrough book, The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription: The Science-Proven Plan to Start at Any Age (Gotham, August 2008). Dr. Vincent Fortanasce, ranked as one of the best physicians in America, has treated high-profile individuals such as Pope John Paul II

and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer, Tommy Lasorda. He's helped thousands of individuals over nearly four decades as a world-renowned neurologist, psychiatrist, and rehabilitation specialist. He is donating all profits of his new book, The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription, as he has with the last four to charity, the Fighting Alzheimer's fund.

Dr. Fortanasce was moved to write his newest book, The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription once his father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. His mother, 95, still fights the Disease.

As a physician and bio-ethicist, he has appeared on 60 Minutes, Today Show, Dr. Phil, Dateline, CNN's Paula Zahn

Now, Hard Ball with Chris Matthews, XM satellite radio and scores of national and local television and radio shows. Frequently sought out as a medical expert, Dr. Fortanasce is a regular spokesperson for the California Medical Association at the Senate and Legislature assemblies. He's been quoted in the New York Times, Sports Illustrated, USA Today, U.S. News & World Report, the Los Angeles Times, Time Magazine, The New Yorker, and many other prestigious publications. His syndicated radio program, St. Joseph's Radio Presents, Mother Angelica Network EWTN, has a listenership of more than 170,000.

Dr. Fortanasce has been a rehabilitation director for a quarter-century and his Neurology Rehabilitation unit was ranked in the Top 10 on the West Coast. He is also an assistant clinical professor for both the School of Biokinesiology and the Department of Neurology at the University of Southern California.

A board certified neurological rehabilitation specialist, he has lectured widely, from the Institute of Living at Yale, to Stanford, and was twice named Outstanding Lecturer of the Year at University of Southern California School of Medicine. Dr. Fortanasce has published numerous articles and has had four successful trade books published.

He was trained in psychiatry at the Institute of Living, a Yale affiliate hospital; in neurology at USC; and in neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation at the prestigious Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS...

By Pat Birdsall

FYI:

Make 2009 the year that you make a scrapbook or a journal about your life. You have a great story to tell and your family and friends would love to experience it with you. For example: Where were you born, who was in your family, what happened to you as a child, when and whom you married, etc. Include pictures and other mementos. Getting started is the hard part but once you do, you'll find the journey rewarding.

~Helpful Hints~

Tin cans--The Afterlife...*When you're having a large dinner party. Lock card tables together by setting adjacent pairs of legs into empty cans. You won't have to clean up any spills caused by the tables moving this way and that.* Make a birthday keepsake by decorating the outside of a small candy tin, line it with felt or silk, and insert a penny or, if you can find one, a silver dollar from the birth year of your friend or loved one.

Recipe of the Month:



Easy Slow Cooker Pot Roast- The Ultimate "Comfort Food"

4 pounds chuck roast
Salt & pepper to taste
1 packet dry onion soup
1 cup water
3 carrots, chopped
1 onion, chopped
3 potatoes, peeled & cubed
1 stalk celery, chopped
* Season roast with salt & pepper to taste. Brown on all sides in large skillet over high heat. Place in the slow cooker; add soup mix, water, carrots, onion, potatoes and celery. Cover and cook on low setting for 8 to 10 hours.



Happy Birthday!

January Birthdays:
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For Your Funny Bone

Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's Holiday party. Jack is not normally a drinker, and he didn't even remember how he got home. As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he might have done something wrong. He forced himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins next to a glass of water on the side table. Next to them, a single red rose! Jack sits up and sees his clothing all clean and pressed. He looks around the room and notices that it is in perfect order; spotlessly clean. He takes the aspirins and cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror. Then he notices a note hanging on a corner of the mirror written in red and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left to get groceries to make your favorite dinner tonight. Love you! Jillian."

He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper. His 16 year old son is also at the table eating. Jack asks, "Son, what happened last night?" "Well, a taxi brought you home after 3 A.M., drunk and staggering around. You fell over the coffee table and broke it; you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door." Confused he asked his son, "So why is everything in such perfect order around here? I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?" His son replies, "Oh *THAT*...Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you screamed, "Leave me alone, I'm married!!" Broken Coffee Table: \$239.99- Hot Breakfast: \$4.20- Two Aspirins: \$.38 Saying the right thing at the right time: PRICELESS!

Quote: An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. ~ Author Unknown~

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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:

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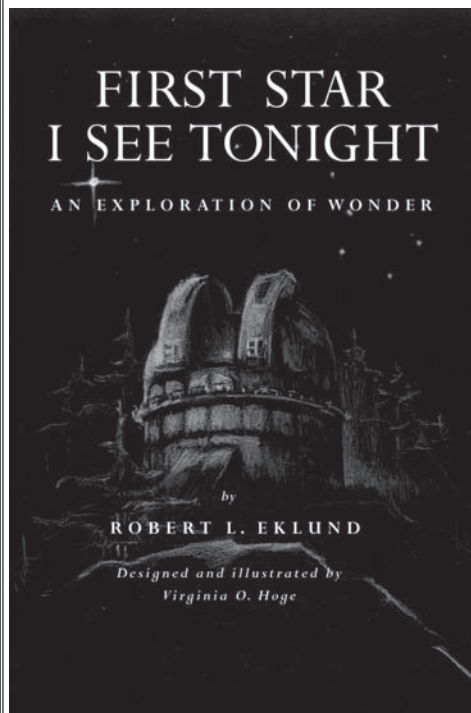
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The annual "Trip to the Mission" was started 21 years ago by Bruce Pfeiffer, an agent in the Coldwell Banker's Arcadia Regional Office. After 20 years of leading the drive to the mission, Bruce handed over his duties to Dean for the first time this year. What started with a small group of agents in a single office 21 years ago has evolved into a large and successful effort by agents from numerous real estate offices in the area.

Dean would like to thank all of the people that donated their time, clothing, and money to the mission this year. The Union Rescue Mission was extremely appreciative of everyone's generosity.

Coldwell Banker's Arcadia Regional Office is located at 15 E Foothill Blvd in Arcadia



Dreier Introduces Economic Recovery Through Responsible Home Ownership Act

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas, CA) today introduced legislation aimed at incentivizing responsible home ownership and unclogging the glut of unsold homes currently serving as a drag on our economy. The Economic Recovery Through Responsible Home Ownership Act, H.R. 7325, would provide temporary tax credits for home buyers who provide responsible down payments on the homes they purchase. Congressman Dreier plans to introduce the legislation again at the start of the 111th Congress in January.

"Home ownership is the foundation of the American dream, but our current economic crisis is arguably the result of too many people buying homes they could not afford and irresponsible lenders who took advantage of them," Dreier said. "As a result, hardworking families are having a harder time being able to purchase a home and unsold homes are sitting on the market. What's needed is a temporary incentive for responsible home purchases with a significant down payment. This will achieve two things. First, it will help families who want to make a purchase and second, it will help get the real estate market moving again."

The bill will create a new tax credit for 2009 and 2010 for every home purchase made with a down payment of at least 10 percent. A home buyer making a down payment of 10 percent will receive a \$5,000 tax credit. A home buyer making a down payment of 15 percent will receive a \$10,000 tax credit. The credit will be available to all home buyers, not just first time buyers. In order to prevent speculators from taking advantage of the incentive, home buyers who do not maintain ownership of the home they purchase for at least three years will have to repay the tax credit in full.

Dreier said responsible lending and borrowing will be key to a long term economic recovery. "As we get our economy and the real estate market back on its feet, we should take steps to reward those who responsibly put equity into their homes with significant down payments. I believe this bill will do that."

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As a nice ending to a difficult year, the city of Arcadia was named California's best city in which to raise kids by Business Week Magazine. That was quite an accomplishment for a relatively small community to receive such national recognition.

In compiling their national list of family/kid-friendly communities, Business Week took into account population; family income; school performance; number of schools; household expenditures; crime rates; air quality; job growth; the number of museums, parks, theaters and other amenities.

Arcadia has long been a community that values and devotes considerable resources and energy to the next generation. With everything that is going on in the world at this time and the challenges that many people are facing, the positive and cooperative spirit of Arcadia is special and something to hold on to for the future. As Lucky Baldwin said many years ago, "By Gads! This is paradise."



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Angel will be honored at the annual Citizen of the Year/Board of Directors Installation Dinner to be held at Santa Anita Park in the Chandelier Room. Tickets are \$50/person. Tables for ten may be reserved for \$500. Call 355-5111 to order your tickets or to reserve your table.

Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities

More than 200 movers and shakers of San Gabriel Valley commerce and government will be in attendance, with a heavy concentration from the Sierra Madre area. Get your business' name in front of them, and at the same time, congratulate Angel on being named the Citizen of the Year.

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Avec plaisir....Djibril N'Doye Shares His Life and Art With Pleasure!

An unassuming single level the artist, Djibril N'Doye. life with one step over the

I visited N'Doye's home room after room brimmed and ink monochromatic and studio plus a room devoted art created by women of his

I was completely work, nearly completely distracted from his animated and the background of the works' themes and the techniques taught artist. Never trained in "art appreciation" myself, collection in thirty something years governed by only one captivated us. N'Doye's art fits my bill, though I've never a farmer, two resonating and intertwining subjects.

His early days of artistic endeavors began with the readily "Bic" pen. Though low in cost, his utensil allowed no pencil might. There could be no erasure. This early work when introduced to N'Doye in Senegal in the 1990's, when she purchased two of his monochromatic works, today displayed in his studio. This medium trained his hand and his eye for the careful work of his current medium, woodburning.

N'doye's art has found its way to the small and big screen, with his Millet woodburning seen recently in "Akeela and the Bee" and on "The Shield" through a Burbank broker who leases art studios for use in film.

I listened to comments of several collectors of N'Doye's work, particularly one who chose to decorate her home, based on the focal point of this artist's work. She chose fabrics, materials and styles to complement her collection and to draw the eye of all comers directly to his work.

Another collector commented on her attraction, actually an immediate connection to his work, saying it removed the boundaries of East and West, blurring the lines and distance of ocean or geography, instead showcasing universal themes of water, food and women. Others commented how one could feel the direction, purpose and joy in the events and tasks of everyday life; one saying she could sense where the women were going, their gait, and even what they would do when they got there!

N'Doye says, "It is an opportunity to observe the rhythm of such daily life... find(ing) comfort in (it's) predictability," with such works as 'Pounding and Millet', 'Sorting The Rice', 'Sifting Flour', 'Peasant At Rest', 'Returning from Market'



Djibril N'Doye and his wife Mary, a lifelong Sierra Madre Resident

home on North Sunnyside in Sierra Madre barely contains the joy and passion of Nothing outside prepares a guest for the immediate immersion into African everyday threshold.

during a brief lull between his weekend shows during the December holidays, where with his signature wood burning pieces, giclee prints of some of the favorites, pen colored pieces, his working to the colorful, woven basket home country, Senegal.

mesmerized by N'Doye's passionate education about of this accomplished, yet self we've accumulated a moderate principle, we bought what been to Africa, and never been

available and inexpensive margin for error the way a was what caught his wife's eye,

and "Women at the Well."

N'Doye and his wife, Mary, a Sierra Madre native, continue to blur the lines of culture, race and religion, this time in real life. They met, courted, then married after meeting on Mary's Senegalese trip in the 1990's as part of a film team sponsored by Earth Watch. Mary comments that though it might seem that on the surface they have little in common, in fact, they found they have much in common, as they forged a life here in the small town of Sierra Madre.

Both families, though initially surprised, are enthusiastically supportive. Here in Sierra Madre, N'Doye's mother in law spent two years getting to know him by gardening together. Though their languages might have separated them, the love of the earth bound them together. Djibril and Mary initially spoke through their common language, French, and she still translates a few words to English here and there, when he looks to her for insight, so French phrases still color his English.

In N'Doye's native tongue, Wolof, his word for the communal "bow!" of life and the art that speaks of daily life and finds the underlying commonality among us all is "Ndap li." It's why his



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N'Doye burning wood

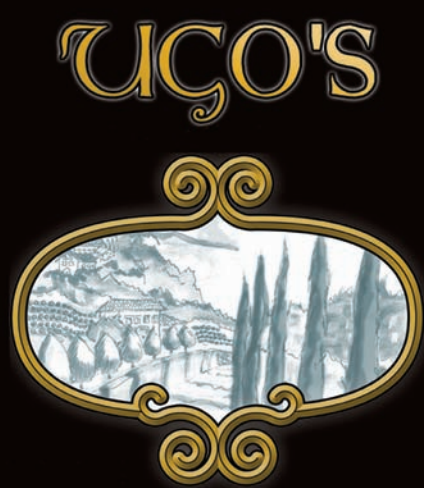
work finds such a broad appeal.

To see more of this artist's work, visit www.DjibrilNDoye.com or contact him for a private showing at



Left- N'Doye's Lullaby Walk

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