### From Start To Finish



41st Mt. Wilson Trail Race Draws 321 Former Sierra Madrean Kevin Koeper, No. 1 above, started the race in the lead and finished at the head of the pack, making this his fourth overall win. Sharon Pevsner of Sierra Madre had the best overall time for females at 1:16:32 and ranked 7th overall. The race is one of California's oldest and attracts runner from across the state. -Photos by Jacqueline Truong



Sharon Pevsner of Sierra Madre had the best overall time for females at 1:16:32 and ranked 7th among all runners. 90 women entered the race.



Owen Keller (right) finished 1st with a time of 7:13. in The Kids Fun Run to the top of Baldwin and back. Children 10 and over were also able run in the 8.6 mile race, Miranda Stiver, 10 won the girls 10-14 division and Mason Stout Blackman won the boys 10-14 group. Both are from Sierra Madre



### A Word Of Thanks From John Grijalva

First, I want to thank everyone that attended the Memorial Day Ceremonies at our Veteran Photo Wall. Speakers were Congressman David Dreier, Mayor Enid Joffe and Bill Scholte, an ex-marine that spoke about raising the flag on Iwo Jima and it was quite moving. Joe Echevarria acted as M.C. and did a great job.

get the info required.

There is no charge to have photo on the wall. The photos are paid for by the sale of the bricks that surround the wall on the "Walk of Honor". The bricks are 4"x 8" and 8"x 8". Message consists of 3 lines, 20 squares each or 6 lines, 20 squares of 5 brick is \$150.00 and 8"x 8" brick is \$350.00. Call John or Bud for info on bricks. I want to



thank Suzie McConnell and Chris Cimino from the city for placing chairs in the park and Ted Evans from the VFW for the sandwiches and drinks.

### Let Them Lead The Way Ward Family 4th of July Parade Grand Marshals

By Hank Landsberg, Co-Chairman of the Fourth of July Committee

The Ward Family, owners of the The Ward Family, owners of the oldest business in Sierra Madre, has been chosen Grand Marshal for the Centennial year's 4th of July Parade. Concerning their leading this year's Fourth of July Parade, Richard Ward said, "If's a real honor." and Jeff answered, "The mere".

said, "It's a real honor." and Jeff answered,
"It's great."

E. Waldo Ward & Son, producers
of gourmet jams, jellies and specialty
foods, was established in 1891 by E.
Waldo Ward Sr., 16 years before the
town's incorporation in 1907. E. Waldo
Ward Jr. continued the business, leaving
it to his son, Richard, to operate. Jeff,
Richard's son, joined the business as the
fourth generation in 1988.

The Wards carry on with the same
Seville orange trees (plus many other

Seville orange trees (plus many other varieties) and on the same plot of land at 273 Highland in Sierra Madre. E. Waldo Ward Sr. bought the lot of land across the street from their present location from town founder, Nathaniel Carter for almost \$3,000, then bought the land where the business now stands on the north side of the street in 1900. In 1902,



Jeff (L) and Richard (R) Ward, of E. Waldo Ward & Son.

### Swender Escapes And Is Captured - Defendant accused of masterminding the brutal Memorial Park Defies Judge By Susan Henderson

By Susan Henderson

Ryan Swender, the 18 year old Sierra
Madre resident awaiting trial on attempted
murder charges, escaped from house arrest
last weekend. Swender, after posting a 1
million dollar bond, was placed on an ankle
bracelet for monitoring 24 hours a day.
According to Deputy District Attorney
Kathryn Ralliff, the defendant's actions were
in defiance of the court's ruling against him
last month. In May, Superior Court Judge
Leslie E. Brown denied Swender's requests
to be freed of the monitor so that he could
attend a 'recording session' in Las Vegas.
Swender later removed the bracelet despite
which alerted police immediately.
On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Swender was captured by a
bounty hunter and returned to jail. The next

On May 23<sup>ad</sup>, Swender was captured by a bounty hunter and returned to jail. The next day, Swender told the judge, "I had stuff to do." Swender's attorney offered the court an apology to which an agitated Judge Brown stated, "I don't accept that" and ordered Swender to be held without bail pending trial. Swender, and co-defendants Marvin and Richfield Chang are charged with multiple felony counts including attempted murder for the December 1<sup>ad</sup> stabbing of an innocent Sierra Madre teen. Trial is set to beein in mid-lune. begin in mid-June.

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### 5-Day Forecast for Sierra Madre, Ca.

Longitude W118.0, Lattitude N34.2







### City of Sierra Madre May Events

25 - City Hall - Closed
25 - MWTR Pasts Feed - 6:00 pm - Kerstling Court
26 - Mount Wilson Trail Race - 7:30 pm - Kerstling Court
26 - Healthy Family Fun AWTR Kids Fun Run - 8:00 am - Kerstling Court
28 - Healthy Family Fun AWTR Kids Fun Run - 8:00 am - Kerstling Court
30 - All-America City Presentation Rehearsal - 6:00 pm - Sierra Madre Room



Barn Closure: The Barn will be closed

on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, all day. The Barn will be open the following Sunday, June 10 from 10am-5pm for continuing construction and floral work.

### Volunteers Needed:

We will need any help you can provide to support the July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>rh</sup> Sierra Madre Parade and Community Picnic. Help will be needed in prepping 900 roses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and selling them along the parade ro ute on the 4<sup>th</sup>. on the 4th

Also, help is needed for the hamburger booth on the afternoon/evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and following the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please save the dates. Any help you can provided

will be greatly appreciated. Contact Bonnie Coulcher Phone: 626-355-7005 or sierramadevolunteers@ yahoo.com

### WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Farmer's Market

Every Saturday to 12:30 p.m. B-B-Berries. Lili's herbs, honey, menudo & tamale stand. Bring the kiddies. PHS parking lot 2925 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.



Sunday Nights
Sunday Nights
Let's Sing Opera & Broadway
Pianist Danny Guerrero & Friends
322 Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre (626) 836-5414

> Beantown 45 N. Baldwin Time for Ice Cream (626) 355-1596

Lucky Baldwin's 21 Kersting Court (626) 355-1140 Mary's Market

561 Woodland Drive (626) 355-4534 The Harvey Hyde Show

Every Sunday 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Hard-hitting, high impact sports talk radio KSHP Las Vegas - 1400 AM

Live! from BURGER CONTINENTAL 535 South Lake Avenue Pasadena

### Sierra Madre

2007

### All-America City Awards

Community Competition

### You are invited...

To celebrate Sierra Madre's second nomination as an All-America City Finalist!

> Join us as we strive to be named a 2007 All-America City by the National Civic League.

### June 6-8, 2007

Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, California

\*All registrations are considered donations through our partnership with the Sierra Madre Community Foundation and are tax-deductible as charitable gifts for those who itemize their donations.

To register or for more information, contact Elisa Weaver 626-355-5278 or city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us

### A RoyRoams' 91024

EEEeyikes! Apologies to The Honorable Mayor of Sierra Madre, Enid JOFFE, for the misspelling of her name last week. Must have been all that caffeine!

And the fastest man in Sierra Madre is not...... former Mayor John Buchanan. Although he did finish with a nice round number, it wasn't number1, or 20 for that matter. However, John gets an A+ for the effort.

There's Bad News and

There's Bad News and Good News

The bad news is that Sierra Madre will not be hosting a Relay For Life this year due to what has been called a 'lack of volunteers' The Good of volunteers'. The Good or volunteers. The Good News is that citizens will have the opportunity to help the City of Hope by supporting the upcoming Wine and Jazz Walk later this year. this year.

Is That Pale Green? Is that Pale Green?
Traveling afar to the
beloved "green city" of
Pasadena recently,that's
down the hill then
make a sudden sharp
right, I discovered that right, I discovered that of the millions spent to refurbish the historic City Hall they forgot one thing. Bike Racks. Can you imagine that? Wonder where Mayor Bill Bogaard parked his bike after the bike to work week two weeks ago. But wait, at lest part of the \$114 million did go to painting everything or the \$114 million dig go to painting everything aroundthehistoric capital environmentally "green" from the parking meters to certain bathroom fixtures.

Footsteps we definitely don't want to follow PUSD recently changed the order of the 'public comment period'. Teachers and other staff first, public last - if the bell doesn't ring. Not good. good.

### Big Brown Bag Sale! All you can fit in a brown grocery bag \$3 per bag • Fill as many bags as you like Sierra Madre Woman's Club 550 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre One block East of Michillinda per bag Wistaria Thrift Shop Sat., June 2 • 9 am to 3 pm

ewelry, linens, kitchenware, glassware, bot supplies, decorations, workshop and gare bottom prices on items too big for a bag. Proceeds support club philanthro

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### SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

### ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

"Summer Sleuthing at the Library," Sierra Madre's first Summer Reading Club for adults, will start Monday, June 25, and run seven weeks, through Saturday, August 11. Adults from all communities are invited to stop by the Library Circulation Desk any time on or after June 25 to register for this free activity. Participants will receive program guidelines and a Mystery-themed Suggested Reading List (although reading choices are not limited to mystery/ detective novels). The first one-hundred people to register will receive a special program incentive.



### KIDS SUMMER READING FUN AT SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

"Get a Clue," the Summer Reading Club at the Sierra Madre Public Library, will start Monday, June 18 and run eight weeks, through Saturday, August 11. Children of all ages from all communities are invited to join this free activity. Sign-ups will be in the Library's Children's Room starting June 18.

There is a division for non-readers and a division for school-aged readers entering

There is a division for non-readers and a division for school-aged readers entering grades 1 through 6. Learners entering grades 2 through 6 are encouraged to join the more rigorous "Challenger's Division." Readers will receive prizes along the way based on the number of hours they commit to reading each week. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion at the conclusion of the program. Books do not have to be library books but should be age appropriate. Students in grades 7 and up can join "You Never Know @ Your Library!" These readers will be challenged to read eight books in eight weeks, and will receive prizes for every two books they complete. All participants will receive a Certificate of Completion at the conclusion of the program. Volunteers going into grades 7 and up are needed to help with the Summer Reading Club. This is an opportunity to earn community service points, work on a scouting badge, make new friends, and learn about the Library. Applications are available now at the Library.

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library sponsor the Summer Reading Club, and the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club is sponsoring this year's Challenger Sleuth Division.

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The Sierra Madre Public Library is located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre. For further information on this program and other Library programs and services please visit the Library's web site at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us or call (626) 355-7186

### Lost Cat

Last seen several months ago on Mt. Wilson Trail. I assumed he was long gone, but now I think he may be all right and in the neighborhood. Name; Doc

Large, blackish-brown, longhaired altered male. Identifying marks: Irregular black splotch on roof of mouth.

Bald spot where you would apply flea medicine on the back of the neck, the size of a quarter, growing in with white hair.



# heWild West

# Sports Injury Diagnosis

One thing I appreciate about my doctor (other than his ability to prescribe high-powered pain medication when my cornea is scratched by stupid pieces of cheap pressboard that fly directly under the safety goggles I swear I was wearing while I operated that circular saw) is his sense of dramatic timing. This is a man who knows how to deliver news. No hemming and hawing, no sidestepping or tiptoeing around from him.

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He just holds up my X-ray and says, "hmph." Then he sits there all comfortable and relaxed (well, as comfortable and relaxed or a consistency of the side of the possible meanings of that one little vocalization. It's not even a word. Does it mean, "Here is a pathetic reason for a person to make a doctor appointment... even if he does have a laughably low pain threshold?" Or, "Now that's something I've never seen before?" Or, "Oh lordy, where's my bone saw?"

Then my doctor looks me in the eye (straight down into the depths of my soul – I cringe) and tells me, "There's a fracture all right."

This is not the news I came to hear. There is not supposed to be a fracture. A fracture is the worst possible outcome. And not because of casts or crutches or anything like that. A fracture means that my wife is right. I should not have waited a week to see the doctor. It means that I definitely should not have hobbled around the mall yesterday, or around work the two days before. A fracture means that her shocked look was justified. That I dae, says hep ut it when I was lying on the couch with ice on my ankle as it swelled to elephantine proportions and turned the beautiful deep purple of a Maui sunset, "so broken." It means that playing soccer on Thursday nights with the other slightly chunky 30 plus has-beens and never-wases is, in fact, a dumb idea, and that I need to resign myself to a sensible form of exercise. Lap swimming. Exercycling. Eating corn chips in front of the TV. That's what it means.

But wait. Here comes my clever doctor with My Dramatic Sports Injury Diagnosis Part II. "However,"

he says, "it's not the fracture I am most worried

about."
Ahh! What? What? What are you most worried about?! What is worse than my broken foot? Cancer of the ankle? Consumption? Bird Flu? Ebola? How

or the anxie? Consumption? Bird Flu? Ebola? How can you even tell by looking at an X-ray image? Tell me the bad news, Doctor!

OK, um... so the bad news turned out to be the sprain. And it turned out that (strangely) the fracture didn't even really count as news at all. It was just the

didn't even really count as news at all. It was just the warm-up portion of the doctor patient shtick we were performing.

My fractured bone is apparently an extra one that some people are born with and other people aren't. I think it's floating around somewhere by my Achilles tendon. Broken. But it doesn't matter. Nobody cares because it have represented to the country of the country in the country of the c think it's floating around somewhere by my Achilles tendon. Broken. But it doesn't matter. Nobody cares because it bears no weight. Its only purpose is to help make a doctor sound smart when he tells his patient what it is called. Something with many syllables, maybe starting with a "g"? I asked my doctor to repeat it four times and I still wasn't able to get it properly stored in my brain. This was bothering me a lot (I even did some lackluster internet research) until I remembered that I can only name like 12 bones of my skeleton anyway. Why should I worry about this little one nobody else has? The real bad news was that I had/ have an ankle sprain, a "grade two" or "grade three," he told me. Which means that when I landed all gracefully and athletically (stupidly and doofusly) my ankle experienced "significant tearing of the ligaments," making the joint "very loose or unstable" (according to my stapled info sheet). My doctor presented me with a piece of stretchy plastic bag and a sheet with various ankle exercises that I have been diligently carrying out. My three year-old daughter is copying them and creating some of her own. She pushes against walls and lies on her back with her feet straight up in the air. "Look, Dad, I'm doing my exercises." She now skips the Strawberry Shortcake Band Aids and heads for the couch to elevate her boo boos.

So anyway, I am not "so broken" thank you very much, beautiful kind wife. I am merely "completely torn" and "very loose and unstable." Hmph.

From The Desk of Phyllis Chapman



Photo by Katina Dunn

BOARD INSTALLATION BEGINS WOMAN'S CLUB  $2^{\rm ND}$  CENTURY

Dixie Coutant was DIXIC COUTAIN WAS
installed President for
a second term of Sierra
Madre Woman's Club
at their Installation Tea
on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Installed
with her were: 1<sup>rt</sup> Vice
President — Betty
Mackie 2<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Betty
Mackie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice
President – Mary Carney,
Recording – Secretary
– Anne Montgomery,
Corresponding Secretary
– Peggy DePalma,
Treasurer – Annie
Scalzo, Auditor – Alma
Mays and the Board
of Directors – Phyllis
Chapman, Karlene
Englert, Ginny Kackney

of Directors - Phyllis Chapman, Karlene Englert, Ginny Kackney and Eleanor Hensel. Using a gem theme, Marilyn McKernan was the Installing Officer. She and her late husband, William, were past Sierra Madre Citizens of the Madre Citizens of the Year. Special recognition and praise was given to her and to club member Jan O'Day as they were presented Honorary Life Memberships for their "above and beyond" service in the years they have been members of the club. The tea brought to a close a year of Centennial

a year of Centennial Celebration for the club with a host of special birthday activities.

With the theme

Organized in 1907, the year also for the incorporation for the City of Sierra Madre, the city and the club have grown together with the club a major contributor over the years to the social, civic and philanthropic benefit of its members and the community. The past year was also

and the community. The past year was also one of successful fund raising enabling the group to contribute \$10,000 to a list of worthy local causes voted by the members and maintain "Essick House", their historic clubhouse, as a city cultural landmark and community meeting place.

place. The first activity planned as they begin their second century is to welcome tentury is to welcome the community to their 31st July 4th Pre-parade Open House from 8 a.m. to 10a.m. They will be traditionally saying "Happy Birthday" USA with a free light breakfast to all who traditionally to all who traditionally saying the saying to all who attend. Their clubhouse location at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd is the starting point for the

hometown parade. For more information please contact Phyllis Chapman (626) 355–3928

LEAD (cont. from pg 1) red barn was built to hold the family's water in the tower.

The senior Ward was a food broker with James P. Smith Co, a New York importer of foods staying with the foods, staying with the company for 30 years before branching off and starting his own food manufacturing business. The ranch began at 3 ½ acres and remains that today.

The two Seville orange trees, imported from The two Seville orange trees, imported from Spain, and the origins of the production still stand today. They now have many more Sevilles, kumquats, Dancy tangging Valencies tangerines, Valencias, lemons, grapefruit, blood oranges, tangelos

blood oranges, tangelos on the property.
"We've planted many more trees," Richard pointed to the substantial grove. "It's the last remaining grove in L.A. County," leff added. "We're like the Napa Valley for grapes because of the good water and good climate."

Richard said of his son Jeff, "I had one chance in 1,000 for my son to join me in the business. I'm thrilled."

"Most of the business is cold packing, many for other companies with their formulas... We keep busy," Jeff said. Richard added, "A busy kitchen

is a happy kitchen."
E. Waldo Ward & Son have made their own labels by computer since 1993. Before that, they actually used a Linotype machine to strike the logo. They are also able to

logo. They are also able to imprint labels for other packing businesses. When Jeff started working for the company in 1988, they had "seven or eight" employees. Now they have as many as 20 in their peak season with up to 10 full-timers. A large amount of their business is mail order, business is mail order, particularly around particularly around holidays. Wave to Richard and Jeff

Ward as they lead the 2007 Centennial year Fourth of July Parade. Contact: HankLandsberg

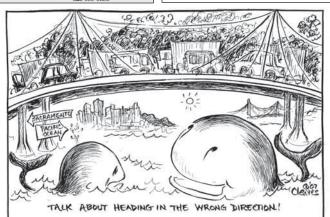


Artists Open Studio Sunday, June 3, 2007 1:00 - 5:00 pm

14 open studios
 visit with the artists
 see where and how they work
 shuttles and walking maps will be available

\$10 / person Tickets Available at: Community Recreation Center Creative Arts Group and Leonora Moss

Tickets can be charged at the Community Recreation Center 626-355-5278 For more information email city@ci.sierra-madre.ca.us



### CIVIC CLUB BOARD INSTALLED

With the theme "Serving the community with a heart filled with grace", Jane Zamanzadeh was installed President of the Sierra Madre grace", Jane Zamanzadeh was installed President of the Sierra Madre Civic Club for the year 2007 - 2008. The installation took place at a gala dinner held in the Monrovia restaurant attended by 60 members and guests. Other officers installed were: 1st Vice President, Dean of Chairs - Sue Quinn, 2st Vice Presidents, Ways and Means - Ann Bixel and Jean Coleman, Ways and Means - Ann Bixel and Jean Coleman, 3rd Vice Presidents, Membership - Darlene Crook and Colleen McKernan, Recording Secretary - Theresa Smith, Corresponding Secretaries and Bulletin - Paige Terry, Treasurer - Sharon Murphy and Parliamentarian - Pat Alcorn.

Alcorn.

Installing Officer
Marcia Bent presented a heart pendant to each officer carrying out the president's theme. Bent was very surprised when she was named Honorary Life Member of the club for the outstanding

service she has given. She joined the club in 1985 and remarked that it truly has been a "labor of love" and having such a good time in the club

over the years.
Retiring President is
Suzanne Decker. She was
presented special gifts
of love and thanks for a club year brimming with success plus a beautiful scrapbookofmemorabilia

scrapbookofmemorabilia for her year.
Linda Wochnick, Chair of Friends of Civic Club recognized 40 nonmembers who helped at variousclubeventsduring the year, presented each a roll of Life Savers. Also, a donation was made to the American Cancer Society in their name. Crook and Zamanzadeh

Society in their name.

Crook and Zamanzadeh
both serving as
Membership Vice
Presidents this past
year were chairs of
arrangements for this
evening of installation
and recognition and recognition.





### Fire Safe Council TIP OF THE WEEK From Caroline Brown

The fatal wildfire of last fall, where five U.S. Forest

The fatal wildfire of last fall, where five U.S. Forest Service firefighters perished protecting an empty mountain cabin has raised two important questions. One of which is too late for us whose homes are already built in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: will municipalities continue to allow homes to be built further and further into these wildfire "red zones" where there is the expectation that the fire agency will protect those houses? As our fire season heats up we should answer the second question as we can not expect firefighters to risk their lives defending property.

If more than six million homes interface with these steep brush covered slopes If more than six million homes interface with these steep brush covered slopes, a situation that might expand by 20 percent in the next ten years, homeowners will have to accept more of the responsibility for fire protection and have to answer the second question with the following action: Prepare a defensible space around your home following the California State Fire Marshal's guidelines. You have received your brush clearance postcard from the Sierra Madre Fire Marshal which clearly spells this out. The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be June 11, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. We need your participation and input.

For information on brush clearance remember to check out <a href="www.firesafecouncil.org">www.firesafecouncil.org</a> or <a href="www.firesafecouncil.org">www.firesafecouncil.org</a> or <a href="www.firesafecouncil.org">www.firesafecouncil.org</a> or <a href="www.firesafecouncil.org">additional</a> information. For information call: <a href="mailto:355-9350">355-9350</a> or <a href="mailto:assafecouncil.org">emailto:assafecouncil.org</a> or <a href="mailto:assafecouncil.org">assafecouncil.org</a> or <a href="mailto:assafecouncil.org">assaf

### SIERRA MADRE RENEWS ENFORCEMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES

### SIERRA MADRE MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURE

Passed October 25, 2005

Section I - All residents and businesses within Sierra Madre are hereby directed to conserve water through implementation of Phase I water conservation measures as described in SMMC 13.24.060:

- A. There shall be no washing of sidewalks, walkways, patios, driveways, or parking areas by a water hose.
- B. No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains unless such water is part of a recycling system
- C. No restaurant, café, deli, or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale, shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested by the customer.
- D. No customer of the water department shall permit water to leak from any facility on the premises
- E. No lawn, landscaping, or other turf shall be watered or irrigated between the hours of ten a.m. and four p.m.
- F. No lawn, landscape, or turf area shall be watered in a wasteful manner. Nor shall any water be wasted if the existing if the existing conditions may be corrected or reasonably modified.

Section II – The Public Works Department, shall wherever possible within existing working hours, incorporate Items A, D, E, & F into its maintenance schedule.

Section III - This resolution shall remain in effect until superseded by further City Council Resolution or until the water emergency has ended.

Section IV - Staff is directed to exercise all reasonable means to disseminate to the community information about water conservation and the urgent need to conserve.

### SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, May 20th, to Saturday May 26th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 255 calls for service.

8:24 AM – Vandalism, 200 block San Gabriel Court. A resident reported a parked car with its driver's side window smashed. The owner and said he parked his car at 7:30 PM Saturday, 5/19 and was unaware of the damage until Sunday morning. The repair was estimated at \$100.00.
10:52 AM – Vandalism, 100 block Rancho Road. A resident reported her car's driver's side window was smashed. The car was parked Saturday 5/19 at 3:00 PM and the damage was discovered Sunday 5/20 at 10:45 AM. The repair was estimated at \$100.00.

11:15 AM – Vandalism, 00 block Lowell Ave. A resident reported her driver's side mirror was smashed. The owner said she was awakened by a loud smash at 2:30 AM, but was unaware it was her car that was damaged. The repair was estimated

### Monday, May 21st:

 $12:09\ PM$  – Grand theft, 400 block North Lima St. A resident reported a plastic storage bin containing a credit card terminal was stolen from his unsecured carport. The Lipman-Nurit card terminal was last seen at 6:00 AM Sunday, 3/11 and discovered missing at 12:00 PM Monday, 5/14. The loss was estimated at

4:40 PM - Vandalism/Graffiti, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd, Youth Activity Center. 4:40 PM — Vandalism/Grafitti, 611 E. Sierra Madre Bivd, Youth Activity Center. A city employee reported graffit on the second floor stair well. The damage was removed, but described as "SMS" SINNS. No damage estimate was available. 7:16 PM — Vandalism / Graffiti, Toyon Rd and Grandview Ave. A city employee reported stickers placed on two street signs. The stickers were removed and left no permanent damage.

### Tuesday, May 22nd

11:34 AM – Vandalism/Graffiti, 440 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Library. A library employee reported damage to the men's restroom. The letters SMS, 2007 and an unrecognizable word were scratch in the mirror and plastic towel dispenser. The damage occurred Monday, May 21st between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. No damage estimate was available.

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4:12 PM — Residential burglary, 400 block East Orange Grove Ave. A resident reported the side door of her home pried open. The suspect(s) took a flat screen TV and Toshiba lap top computer. The crime occurred between 9:00 AM Tuesday and 2:00 PM. The estimated loss was \$3,000.

### Wednesday, May 23rd:

9:43 AM – Stolen vehicle, 500 block Woodland Drive. A black two door 1994 Honda Civic was stolen. The car was taken between 9:00 PM Tuesday, 5/22 and 9:00 AM Wednesday, 5/23.

9:52 AM – Vandalism/Graffiti, 330 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Pantorium Cleaners. The owner reported painted graffiti to the sidewalk, walls, a trash receptacle, the "No Parking" sign and concrete wall. The damage occurred between 7:00 PM Thursday and 7:30 AM Friday, 5/25.

4:35 PM – Vandalism, 87 West Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre Playhouse. An employee reported the rear door handle was smashed and the door was standing open. It did not appear that anything inside had been disturbed. The damage occurred between 9:00 AM Tuesday, 5/22 and 4:30 PM Friday, 5/25. No repair estimate was available.

### Saturday, May 26th:

3:25 AM – Vandalism, 200 block W. Grandview Ave. An out of town visitor reported her parked truck was egged between 3:15 and 3:55 AM, on Saturday, May 267th. No repair estimate was available.

### 2007 BRUSH FIRE SEASON IS HERE!

Due to the driest winter on record, the condition of the brush in and around the foothills of Sierra Madre is expected to hit critical levels 2 months earlier than normal. Now is the time to start clearing the brush from around your home. Brush Inspections start May 1st

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### The Mt. Wilson Observer



### City's Northwest Commission Overreacts - Fails To Disclose Information

By Dean Lee

What started out a special meeting of Pasadena's longstanding Northwest Commission to finalize an appeal for part of a \$65,000 Community Development Block Grant, ended up nothing more than a whole series of possible open meeting law violations including the withholding of public documents something the community said they have a right to see.

Only the top sheet of a circulated agenda packet of redevelopment projects —including the embattled Heritage Square project in which some claim was awarded illegally— was given to the public and only after being ripped from the copy of Northwest Manager Lola Osborne's own report.

"This is all I can give you," she said handing over a ripped map. "The rest of it has not been updated and so its not public documents."

When asked for a copy of a survey, also circulated between members, which

also circulated between members, which suggested ways to gather information from Northwest businesses as to how the city could better serve them, and also as a possible way of bringing more business to the economically disadvantaged area, Osborn also said no.

She then redirected that question to a puzzled looking Jackie Robinson Center staff member and went on to suggest that the center's staff could get the name of someone who could get a copy of the survey to those inquiring. The staff member appeared to have no idea what

other documents that were also not provided to the public requested included information dealing with Community Development Block Grant funds and how they were currently being allocated.

once again the public was redirected to the city's website saying that Development Block Grant funds were listed there but the information did not relate to the Northwest Commission's Tuesday night specific meeting or part of the documentation they were reciting

No member of the commission or city staff ever said when or how any of the information would be made public.

the information would be made public. Only the meeting agenda was made public the commissioners said. Half way through the two hour meeting Osborn had first asked Pasadena City College student photographer, Daniel Belis, to stop taking pictures of the meeting at which time the commission's chair, Robert Barber, said other commissioners were not comfortable being photographed. Belis was on assignment for this newspaper.

Among those sitting on the

Among those sitting on the commission was Maria Isenberg. Isenberg later defended herself against allegations printed in the Pasadena Star

News. The newspaper had reported that an ad hoc Developer Selection Committee, on which she sat, had voted in private over the selection of Bakewell Company/Century voted in private over the selection of Bakewell Company/Century Housing Corporation . The group was recommended to the City Council as the preferred development proposal for the Heritage Square project in Northwestern Pasadena.

"We thought that because the purpose of the computee was to meet only that

of the committee was to meet only that one time, we were not subject to the Brown Act." Isenberg said. "We asked for a private attorney to be there but the

city said they had their own."

She also said they decided that meeting in private benefited the developers. SHe did not explain how it would benefit the

developers.

The committee was authorized by the City Council last year making it fall under the Brown Act's open meeting

laws.

The Star News also reported that all the names in documents released by the city Thursday had the committee's members names redacted although in transcripts on the city's website the names are all there including Isenberg. No other Northwest Commissioner

No other Northwest Commissioner came forward saying they were also at the ad hoc meeting.

Barber later apologized to Belis for any misunderstanding saying he was not sure the city's policy regarding pictures. "It think at the beginning of the control of the co a meeting I'm to announce a request that no pictures be taken," he said. "I'm sorry that I didn't do that. I hope you understand."

understand. Assistant Pasadena City Attorney, Carolyn Williams, said she and others needed to clarify the laws surrounding recording meetings under open meeting laws. Williams is assigned to work with the City's Northwest Commission.
"Section 54953.5 of the Brown Act

Section 54953.5 of the Brown Act States that any person attending an open and public meeting of a legislative body of alocal agency shall have the right to record the proceedings with an audio or video tape recorder or a still or motion picture camera in the absence of a reasonable finding by the legislative body of the local agency that the recording cannot continue without noise, illumination, or obstruction of view that constitutes, or obstruction of view that constitutes, or would constitute, a persistent disruption of the proceedings."

Williams also said. "Anything that is circulated would be public record. I have not talked with Osborn or Barber but they certainly should be giving out

but they certainly should be giving out the documents."

Jackie Robinson Center staff members

also said to Belis the center was open to everyone and not feel excluded. "You can come by anytime," they said. "And take all the pictures you want

### Pasadena's Arts Education Workplan: Immerse PUSD Students with Local Art through 2008 Pilot Program

By Dean Lee

Pasadena's Arts Education Consultant, Pasadenia's Arts Education Constituting. Denise Seider, has big plans for mixing Arts groups with the PUSD—something many said was badly needed. Seider was not shy about sharing her plans with the rest of the Arts & Culture Commission's Nexus Subcommittee on Tuesda during their regular monthly meeting. on Tuesday

Sieder said she is currently working with the District Arts Team (DAT) and the city's Cultural Arts Team (CAT), along with a consultant, to craft a plan that brings students and local Pasadena art organizations together. Although she admitted the idea was not new, what she said they planed to do was a more comprehensive arts program than ever before. "We're filling gaps," she said.

"Anybody that's taken an art class and seen pictures in a book knows that you may see the same art over and over again but you may never get to see the real piece," she said. "Not everybody can go to The Louvre but we have plenty of art here in Pasadena that kids can go and see. It's the real deal and there's nothing

She further explained, "You can go look at a Van Gough but what music was he listening to or what was happening in the theater at that time? That's what we want to explore."

Sieder said the pilot program was in the early writing stages and that she hoped to have it fully implemented by fall of 2008 at McKinley School. According to Seider, McKinley was chosen because it started as an arts magnet school.

"Once we get the program going there, we can just copy that - duplicating it over and over at other schools." she said

TIME

According to Seider, although the city According to Seider, although the city was currently funding her position and the PUSD was funding the districts arts consultant, Marshall Ayers, they were deliberately putting off the programs starting date to give those organizations that want to get involved an opportunity to find funding on their own. She also said the city would help locate possibilities for funding.

eider says that Ayers is looking at how the program could fit into the existing curriculum in PUSD schools. "What we want is to see is where there might be a need and then fill it," she said. be a need and then fill it," she said.
"We might have a lot of visual arts but we linght have a for visual arts out nothing for music for fourth graders. We want someone to come in and provide that."

Subcommittee member, Joan Palmer also added that anyone interested in the future of arts in the PUSD should come see this weekend's exhibition, "No Boundaries." This three day art show will feature more than 300 works created by students in grades K-12 she said. Events will also feature live performances by

For more information on the proposed program, contact the Arts Education Office at 626-795-6981 ext. 353 or online at www.pusd.us

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PUSD Second Annual All District Art Show No Boundaries 2007 Program of Events

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### PASADENA CITY COUNCIL TO PRESENT COMMENDATION TO

DON NICHOLSON IUNE 4

On Monday, June 4, the Pasadena City Council will present a commendation (an honor bestowed by the city for service to the community) to Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) President Don Nicholson Nicholson, the son of Mount Wilson Observatory

astronomer Seth Nicholson, grew up at Mount Wilson attended Pasadena schools, and has been involved with astronomy outreach and service to the Pasadena-area public for many years. All are invited to attend the award presentation, which will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening (at the beginning of the City Council

Those who wish to attend should come to the Council Chambers, Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, southeast corner of the building. Plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. Street parking is available all around City Hall. Please also join MWOA members and Don's friends afterward for a celebratory dinner with Don at the California Pizza Kitchen, 99 N. Los Robles Ave., right across the plaza from City Hall.

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Letter

### Around The Town With Sir Eric Maundry

control the lesser man... Right controls greater one." Mark Twain

The issue of the Southern California

Association of Governments AKA SCAG and its mandate that the City of Sierra Madre allow the building of 138 units of undesired new housing - read-condos - is beginning to resonate here. As it should. After all, and as was made absolutely clear on April 17, this town does not want any such development no matter what the sales pitch or guilt trip that accompanies it. And, unless we were to condemn and raze existing single-family housing, where would we put these 138 "units" anyway? During a put these 138 units anyway: During a recent meeting of our City Council Enid Joffe and Joe Mosca, who both double as SCAG members, were asked about what responsibility they might share in our being blessed with this divisive and unworkable burden upon our town. Their reply was that none of this was their fault and that the onus lies exclusively. fault and that the onus lies exclusively with our legislators in Sacramento. Something that, in my opinion, is a bit south of veracity. The City of Pasadena, south of veracity. The City of Pasadena, where apparently the dark secrets of governance are more readily shared with concerned citizens than they are here, recently prepared a public "White Paper" report called "Whither Pasadena." And, in this interesting document our neighboring city tells a story quite different from the one we're hearing from Enid and Joe. "California law requires that cities prepare a housing element of their general plans, and that the housing element include a description of local housing programs intended to meet the city's 'fair share' existing and future housing needs for existing and future housing needs for all income groups. In our region, the agency responsible for assigning 'fair share' targets is the **Southern California** share targets is the Southern California
Association of Governments or
SCAG SCAG calculates the amount
of housing needed during housing
element cycles. Cities are then required
to develop policies and programs to
foster the development of housing to
accommodate the needs SCAG has
determined with This trooper is called determined exist. This process is called the Regional Housing Needs Allocation or RHNA. If cities do not build in the necessary flexibility to accommodate its RHNA projections, the city risks a lawsuit and/or can lose federal housing funds administered by the state." In

work together in an intricate partnership to force housing into towns that do not want it. And they back it up with threats want it. And they back it up with threats of curtailed funding and legal action. SCAG's enabling of undesired and destructive development in towns as illustied for it as ours is hardly the passive paper shuffling role the two SCAG members on our City Council described. Between us kids, this document renders their anemic "I know nothing!" Sergeant Schultz-style defense completely laughable.... In a paragraph that is about as ironic as a city document is allowed to get, this Pasadena development report then asks the following question: "There are of course several problems with this approach. First, many object to a process whereby, with all due respect, persons at SCAG or in Sacramento can impose on a municipality the requirement that the city allow real estate developers to build additional units, no matter how dense or built-out that city may already be or how desirous its residents are of

limiting density, traffic and congestion. Putanotherway,ifhundredsofthousands of new residents wish to relocate to Southern California from other parts of the U.S. or the world, why should a fully built-out city like Pasadena have to risk compromising its quality of life and overwhelming its infrastructure to make room for them? Can you imagine something this forthcoming and direct coming from the three pro-development members on our City Council? I certainly can not. Their oblique agenda would not permit such frankness even if they were capable of it. One other thing I'd like to point out. In his March '07 mailer Joe Mosca states as one of his attributes the following: "Member of the Community, Economy, Housing and Development Committee - CEHD - Southern California Association of - Southern California Association of Governments - SCAG. The goal of this committee is to improve the quality of life for all residents in the six county region of Southern California by planning for the future." How forcing the communities of this vastly overpopulated region to build the stated SCAG goal of 700,000 new units of housing in 8 years is going to improve the quality of life of anyone except real estate developers and their hirelings is beyond me. This fighting city hall stuff is hard work. Someday I will have to take a moment and figure out have to take a moment and figure out how I got involved in the first place. This town gets the most unlikely people to do the most uncharacteristic things. But for now I think I'll head for the backyard now I think I'll head for the backyard for a couple of cool drinks and a good

As always I can be found at eric. maundry@yahoo.com. Cheers!



Dear Editor - More Thefts

'We know exactly how resident Ed Miller feels regarding the "theft of his mountain

We have been here for 54 years. Thirty eight years ago we added a bedroom. Before we could build, we had to write and notify all neighbors within 600 feet about the

we could build, we had to write and normy an integnors within coor table. The addition. It was not a two-story.

Here, on our street, a two story addition has been built has and none of us were notified. It has spoiled our street of one story homes. Our privacy has been invaded and especially the view of our mountains and our neighbors view of the valley. Plus, the values of our property will go down.

The planning commission and inspectors should be more concerned.

Thomas Best, Resident



Six months ago I began riting for The Mt. writing for The Mt. Wilson Observer with a series of editorials about Memorial Park and the lack of enforcement of the Municipal Code as it applies to the Park. I chose the Park because chose the Park because of its proximity to City Hall. My idea was to shine light on a problem I consider emblematic of what is wrong with our city government—namely, the ineptitude and mismanagement by those charged with the execution of our laws. Unfortunately, Memorial

Unfortunately, Memorial Park became a sideshow during the recent Measure V campaign. I was scurrilously attacked and libeled with impunity by anonymous bloggers for my stand on the Park, for my stand on the Park, as well as my outspoken support of Measure V. Even my wife was held up to public ridicule for expressing her beliefs. Of course, the real reasons behind the fight to take back Memorial Park were

lost under an avalanche
of misinformation
disseminated over the
Internet. As residents became preoccupied with Measure V, the status of the Park returned to what it had been before the controversial campaign took over—day laborers took over—day rapolested by business unmolested by either the police or city government. Now Sierra

government. Now Sierra Madre is faced with another assault by developers. This time it is our hillsides they covet. Despite the best efforts of Councilman John Buchanan and City Attorney Sandra Levin, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment
Appeals Board recently
denied Sierra Madre's
request for a revision
of the City's mandated housing allocation. This means the City could be forced to allow 138 units

Back to Where It All Started-Memorial Park? By Hail Hamilton

> of "affordable housing" on the hillsides or "up zone the flatlands." This also means Memorial Park

will again be sidelined.
Which brings me back
to where it all started—
Memorial Park? I know Memorial Park? I know the issue of the solicitation of work by day laborers and those hiring them was discussed at length by the City Council at its March 13th meeting. At that time there was a great hoopla made about the legality and enforceability of the Park enforceability of the Park ordinances applicable to non-permitted business use by individuals and groups of individuals. A representative from A representative from Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund even threatened a lawsuit if the City tried to enforce anti-solicitation ordinance.

consideration, I recommend that the City

After

Council take an entirely different approach and immediately adopt an ordinance—like the one used by the City of San Marino—requiring the licensingofallcontractors, subcontractors and independent contractors (i.e., day laborers) doing business in Sierra Madre. This would avoid any court challenge on First and Fourteenth Amendment grounds. Amendment grounds. It would also make homeowners responsible for making sure those they hire are properly

they hire are properly licensed.

More importantly, it would give the SMPD a much needed tool to enforce all laws—City, State and Federal—in Memorial Park. It would also be a course of much also be a source of much needed revenue for the City—from FEES and FINES! For these reasons, I urge all Sierra Madre residents who want to take back Memorial Park to contact City Council Members at 355-7135 and make your voice heard. REMEMBER IT'S YOUR PARK AND YOU PAY FOR IT!



Alverno, Arroyo Pacific Academy, La Salle, Maranatha, Pasadena High School, St. Francis, Sierra Mesa Middle School, The Barnhart School, The Gooden School, Field Elementary, Sierra Madre Elementary School, Bethany Christian, St. Rita's, Wilson Middle School, Odyssey Charter School, Norma Coombs Alternative School, Weizmann Day School and the PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### La Salle Graduates - 194 Seniors



**Pasadena, CA** - La Salle High School graduated 194 seniors at its 48<sup>th</sup> annual Commencement on Friday evening, May 25. Commencement excercises took place at the Church of the Nazarene, next to the School. Kimberly N. Parker and Blake M. Shaw received La Salle High School General Excellecne Awards. Kyle J. Sinclair delivered the Commencement Address and was chosen for the honor by the

100% of La Salle's graduating class will attend college next year including Scott White who was accepted at all three US Military Academys and chose the US Naval Academy at Annapolis to matriculate this summer.

### La Salle's Scott White To Attend Naval Academy

Pasadena, CA - La Salle High School senior, Scott White, received his commission to the United States Naval Academy from Captain Richard Estrada USN during Senior Presentation on May 24. "I've wanted to attend the Naval Academy since I was in elementary school," he says. "My Grandfather was a Marine and I may join that part of the Navy after graduation. I even thought I might get stationed on the USS La Salle, but they recently decommissioned her. That would have been pretty cool," he said. Scott will spend the summer in boot camp at the Academy in Annapolis,

At La Salle Scott was a member of the Nation Honor Society, the California Scholarship Federation (NHS/CSF) and the Spanish Club. Scott believes his language skills will be an asset as he intends to study Political Science and International Relations and Linguistics Arabic) at the Naval Academy. "It will be tough at the Academy, especially after attending a school with such a close community where everyone knows each other, but La Salle is college prep so I think I'm ready to go," commented Scott. Scott was also three year varsity letterman in golf.

Scott is the son of Stephen and Cheri White of



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### UCLA Wins Alverno Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Valedictorian Bianca Paraguva and Salutatorian Mary Claire Malooly

Sierra Madre, CA Bianca Paraguya has been named Alverno High School Valedictorian for the Class of 2007. Bianca has chosen to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where she will major in Political Science. UCLA is also the destination of Salutatorian Mary Claire Malooly, who will major in Physiological Science. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are recognized for the highest and second highest grade point averages in specified course work.

Bianca and Mary Claire have been best friends since freshman year when Bianca arrived at Alverno from Immaculate Conception School in Monrovia and Mary Claire came from Pasadena Towne & Country. Bianca made her mark in academics and Campus Ministry. Under her leadership, Alvernostudentsperformedrecord numbers of service hours (17,000 hours of service in 2006-07) and lived out the school's philosophy of service to others. As well as shining academically, Mary Claire led the Alverno basketball team to their first league championship to their first league championship in a decade. Both of these young women are Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Nominees.

Alverno is a Catholic, college-prep

high school for girls in Sierra Madre. The 73 graduates of the Class of 2007 were accepted to the University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Cruz, San Diego, and Santa Barbara; to California State Universities at Channel Islands, Chico,DominguezHills,EastBay Hill, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Humboldt, Northridge,

Angeles, Humboldt, Northridge, Pomona, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, San Francisco, San Diego, and Sonoma. The out-of-state and independent institutions that accepted Alverno graduates include Arizona State University, Azusa Pacific University, Boston University, California Lutheran University, Citrus College, Clark Atlanta University, Colorado State University, Dominican University, Illinois Art Institute, International University, Dominican University, Illinois Art Institute, International Academy of Design & Technology, Johnson & Wales University, Kansas State University, Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola University Chicago, Marquette University, Marymount College, Michigan State University, Mills College, Nevada State University, Northern Arizona University, Occidental College, Pasadena City College, Regis University, Santta Barbara City College, Santa Clara University, Seattle University, St. Francis University, St. John's University, St. Mary's College of St. Catherine, United States Army: Active Duty, Universitat de Barcelona, University of Fuget Sound, University of Puget Sound, University of San Diego, University of San Diego, University of San Prancisco, and the University of Southern California. We congratulate our graduates and we are proud of them all!

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### YOUTH Needed to Serve on the Community Services Commission.

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a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup>
Monday at 6:30 p.m.
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For more information, please contact Michelle Keith at the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-7135.

### Weizmann Day School Thursday, June 7 6:30-7:30 pm

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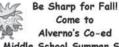
For further information please contact Lisa Feldman, Head of School 626-797-0204

### La Salle High School Celebrates 2007 Reunions

Saturday, June 23, 2007

La Salle High School will celebrate the reunions for the classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1979, 1982, 1987 and 1992 in the Dining Pavilion at the School.

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# TABLE FOR TWO by PETER DILLS



It finally happened; "C" List stardom. You know Bill Cosby or Rock Star - Bono would be an "A" list star, and a local weatherman would qualify for a "B" list star. I don't want to get anyone in trouble so I will use aliases. I went to my local 'Big Bucks' Coffee Shop and the Barista who looks like Sangai from American Idol says "I know who you are" and punches the screen a few times and waa-laa, no charge. Wow this gig at the paper and my TV Show "The Chef Knows" is finally paying off. You see a Ventie Chai Tea Latte is \$3.80!! Heck I could get use to this.

One more thing; how come the people that can afford things get things for free? I guarantee if Angela Jolie and Brad Pitt walked into the Il Foranio, someone would pick up the check; but those who need it the most well... You Know. I digress.

Join me on June 3rd, for the Taste of Alhambra. This fundraiser for local charities costs \$40 in advance and \$50 on the day of the event. Many local restaurants including Diner on Main, Charlie's Trio and Angelena's; live music by the MVP's, and all tastes included in admission

Please call the Chamber of Commerce at (626) 282-8481. Located on Main and First st.

Taste of Alhambra starts at 5 PM. Go to www.tasteofalhambra.org for complete details



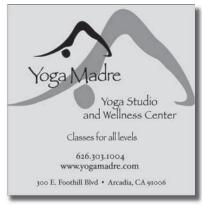




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### Bustin' Out All Over...



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In his 2006 book, Chasing Spring, author Bruce Stutz described his crosscontinent pilgrimage during a season. Stutz's account might be considered a kind of sequel to North With the Spring, written in 1950 by literary naturalist Edwin written in 1950 by literary naturalist Édwiñ Way Teale. Teale detailed his 17,000-mile trek from Florida to the Canadian border, keeping pace with the advancing spring from the Spring Equinox to the Summer Solstice. Stutz's trip, on the other hand, took him 6,000 miles by auto from Louisiana to Montana, plus a plane flight to Alaska where he finished the season in a sleeping bag on the tundra, falling asleep under the Midnight Sun.

In Teale's time, no evidence of climate

In Teale's time, no evidence of climate In Teale's time, no evidence of climate change was visible, and he spoke of the eternal, unchanging nature of the seasons from year to year. Stutz, writing more than a half-century later, spoke of the fragile nature of our climate on an apparently warming globe. "Timelessness," he said, "isn't what it used to be...Arctic sea ice is more than 3 feet thinner than it was 30 years. ago...What will your and my children's and grandchildren's springs be like? Will the poetry of the season still make sense to

One thing that hasn't changed is the amount of daylight on a given day at a given

latitude. On June 1, after noting that there were 15 hours and 43 minutes of daylight, Stutz wrote from Glacier National Park, "This is my last and most northern stop in the Lower 48, along the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel, which divides the Unites States and Canada. With three weeks of spring remaining, the light lingers until just after 9 p.m. Since my trip began in March, I've gained some four hours of daylight—just a sixth of a day, but with those extra four hours the average amount of solar radiation reaching the northern hemisphere each day has more than doubled "

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LONGER DAYS—they're with us. So let's enjoy our Southern California summer while we can. Here's to June, whether her days are cloudy and cool with "June gloom" or bright with early-summer heat!

### SO SOON

June—and a cloud-bud

Blooms on the dry northern ridge...
So soon, the summer.
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### MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY

NEWS... MOUNT WILSON DIRECTOR RECEIVES AWARD – Harold A. McAlister, Director of Mount Wilson Institute and of Georgia State University's Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy (CHARA), has been named the 2007 recipient of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's Mulhmann Award, given for development of innovative research instruments and techniques. The CHARA Instruments and techniques. The CHARA Array project team at Mount Wilson, which Dr, McAlister heads, was also cited as a recipient of the award, which will be presented in October in Seattle

Mount Wilson Observatory's CHARA array, a long-baseline optical interferometer using a combination of six 1-meter telescopes, provides the resolving power of a telescope one-fifth of a mile in diameter. It is the most powerful instrument of its kind. CHARA observations have led to the first measurements of the sizes of some of the smallest stars.

# WorkForce with Madeline

Q: I will be entering my senior year of college in the fall with a major in accounting and will be starting the recruiting process. I'm interested in working for a small to mid-size company. My friends are all applying to the "giants." They tell me that once one of these companies is on their résumé, their chances of eventually getting hired at another company will increase. What do you think I should do?

A: If you're interested in working for a smaller company, then go for it. Many times there is more interpersonal contact with higher-ups at such firms, and your learning chances could possibly increase. Often you are given more responsibilities and opportunities for advancement. Companies that are always in the headlines and are highly recognizable can certainly be exciting places to work, but so are many lesser known companies. These are the ones that are frequently overlooked or even dismissed by new job seekers.

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It disagree with your friends. It's not where you have worked but what you have done there and the knowledge you have acquired.

Q: I have selected three people who have each said they would be happy to serve as a reference. Would it be appropriate to include these names at the bottom of my résumé?

A: References should not be considered part of your résumé. Attach a separate page and label it "References." Make sure this page is as carefully formatted as vour résumé.

as your resume. Include each reference's name with title/degree if applicable (Dr., MSW), relation to you (supervisor, principal), and contact data (current place of employment/address, work and/or cell number, e-mail). Be cautious about using his/her home address and phone number since some people do not like to be bothered with work-related issues outside the office. Don't forget to put your name at the top of this page.

Your references need not be submitted with your resumé, but it's a good idea to be well be information readily available.

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Direct your questions to Madeline at comptype2@aol.com or 888-489-8372 (8 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Friday)

### **BiblioFile**

Troublesome Young Men: The Rebels Who Brought Churchill to Power and Helped Save England



Troublesome Young Men is Lynne Olson's thrilling account of how a few daring Member's of Parliament defied the strong Chamberlain government and its policies that tried to appease Europe's tyrants and eventually forced the Prime Minister's resignation. On May 7, 1940, the British House of Commons began one of it's most important debates in its history. The outcome would decide the future of Troublesome Young Men is

outcome would decide the future of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's government, of Britain itself as well as repercussions for the rest of the world. This is an impressive true story of genuine political leadership, intrigue and courage during a time of war. In the 1930s, as the Nazis threatened western civilization, Winston Churchill was the loud voice warning of the coming danger. He was up against a powerful establishment that wanted no dissent. But he was not entirely alone. Harold Macmillan, Robert Boothby, Leo Amery, Ronald Cartland, and Lord Robert Cranborne held similar views about the German outcome would decide the future of Robert Boothby, Leo Amery, Konald Cartland, and Lord Robert Cranborne held similar views about the German threat and joined up with Churchill on this issue. During 1939 and 1940, Olsen describes in detail the public unrest that become widespread throughout Britain, as people realized how unprepared they were to fight Hitler. We see inspiring, exciting scenes of parliamentary battle and personal dramas that played out in the nation as Britain faced fascism mostly on its own. She describes amazing stories of behind the door political chicanery. We get to know the parliamentary players in detail, as well as the impressive Lady Bonham Violet cheering on those troublesome

men from the sidelines. And there is Leo Amery's impassioned speech to the House of Commons with his famous line to the PM "In the name of God, go," Neville Chamberlain was a strong leader of his government, convinced of the righteousness of his policies. He had around him a staff of conservative advisers who were as like and narrow minded as he was. He called his critics in parliament ignorant, unpartiotic and foolish and treated the opposition with contempt. He scared and coerced the media, and like Richard Nixon used ditry tricks like Richard Nixon used dirty tricks including phone tapping those who opposed him. He was determined opposed him. He was determined to leave a significant mark on public affairs no matter what, with the result of many foreign policy disasters that did his country damage. To oppose the power elite and the popular Prime Minister who could ruin your career was a difficult choice for the troublesome young MP's. To support Churchill was not a sure thing but these rebels were forthright in their opposition and courageous in their convictions. As they saw it, they opposition and courageous in their convictions. As they saw it, they had to save Britain and to take over was the only way. Olsen's writing is very descriptive as she takes us back to that time. In the first chapter, We Are Going To Die, "There was racing at Goodwood and Ascot, cricket at Lord's tennis at Wimbledon, the regatta at Henley. There were dances and dinners, night club eating and house parties in the country. But the highlight of the 1939 London season was the coming out ball at Blenhiem Palace for the seventeen year old Lady Sarah Spencer Churchill, Daughter of the Duke of Marborough. In this magical setting it was easy to forget that half a continent away, hundreds of thousands of German troops were of thousands of German troops were massing on the border of Poland. Europe was on the Brink of war." This is a history book at its best about an

is a history book at its best about an important time and place with strong characters stepping up to help their country in its time of need. Lynne Olsen is a former White House correspondent for the Baltimore Sun and author of Freedom's Daughter. For book recommendations or comments you can contact me as jab33jab@yahoo.com



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### One of a Kind:

Featuring unique homes & gardens... and the people who create them

Story and Photos By Chris Bertrand

Growing a community garden Under Leigh Talmo's careful tutelage



Patty Johnson waters the memorial floral display

During the year I've lived here in Sierra Madre, I've often driven wistfully past the small, community garden behind City Hall in Memorial Park. behind City Hall in Memorial Park. We have so many native creatures in our home's neighborhood; I can't even consider putting in a vegetable garden. The deer, the bear, ground squirrels, moles, birds, you name it. I'm just asking for heartbreak. One day, I decided to take action, wandering into see the always helpful, Susie Mc Connell, in the city officer, to the considerable offices, to put myself on the considerable waiting list for a spot in this precious,

waiting list for a spot in this precious, fenced plot. She sent me to the garden's chaperone and mentor, Leigh Talmo. Many around town know her to be the gardener extraordinaire, the gardener's gardener. In 'real life' she is a children's gardening teacher at the LA Arboretum, just down the street on Baldwin in Arcadia, and runs a landscaping business. Just for grins, she also runs Sierra Madre's community organic garden.

A couple of years ago, the plot was in disarray, weed filled and neglected, and the city was considering closing the garden. Leigh and other green thumbed citizens banded together, preparing a plan

garden. Leigh and other green thumbed citizens banded together, preparing a plan to revitalize the garden and structure its usage. The city decided they liked what Talmo and friends proposed, and work got underway. The weeds were pulled. Critical fencing to keep out animal scavengers was donated and installed by Patrick Warren, of Sierra Madre's Warren.

Fence. Worm casting and compost bins were donated, so the weeds and spent plants never go to waste. Today, passersby can view the verdant, veggie, herb and fruit-filled result: a fee based rental system for interested gardeners. Renters are responsible for maintaining their plots bringing and gardeners. Refliers are responsible for maintaining their plots, bringing and using their own tools, and agree to use only organic gardening methods, and to plant no trees. It's a place where like minds and green thumbs meet, work their plots, share the fruits of their labors, and even set a spell in a few chairs dotting the garden.

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Each plot is as different and personal as the next. I met Patty Johnson lovingly watering the tiny memorial flower garden created in memory of a "founding

gardener", Pat Reneau, who passed away last year. All contribute in maintaining this colorful floral border. She spoke fondly of the camaraderie shared among the gardeners, and that they help cover each other, when travel takes them away

each other, when travel takes them away from watering their gardens. One couple has created an elaborate trellis system for peas. Another boasts an artichoke plant worthy of Watsonville's professional fields. Sugar cane is even under cultivation. The usual suspects appear in most plots. Tomatoes and strawberry beds, of course. There's nothing like these two, plucked fresh, othing like these two, plucked fresh, eaten still warm from the vine. Some plots are incredibly manicured, with timber dividers and bark mulch. Others are more relaxed in appearance. are more relaxed in appearance.
Talmo is very proud that the garden



Leigh Talmo at work in her own plot

is all organic, as are all her corporate clients, using no chemical fertilizers or pesticides. She smiles, musing that even her most elite clients have taken up the organic philosophy and way of life, sometimes bringing their compostable items back from trips to second homes. It's part of what works in this town. People like Leigh Talmo see a need, volunteer, and step up to the plate, or garden plot, in this case, creating a very special place for old and young to meet on common ground.

ground.
Know of a unique home, garden or person who helps create them, that might be of interest to our readers? Contact Chris at C.Bertrand@TheMtWilsonObserver.com



Carol Steinberg comes over almost every day to care for her garden



# BIRD'S EYE VIEW

The Queen of Parking Lot Hell and Me...

I can't believe I'm actually admitting this publicly after all of the harsh things this publicly arter all of the harsh things I have had to say about them, but here goes...I now own a cell phone! My son and his girlfriend gave me one for Mother's Day. I think it might have had something to do with an experience that I had while paying a visit to my tax man in Pasadena a couple of months ago.

in Pasadena a couple of months ago. I was enjoying a lovely Saturday afternoon until I went to park my car in an underground parking lot. I pulled in andstraight ahead was anopen spot. How fortuitous! I saw a car pull away from it and I pulled in . "Fortuitous" ended, and the "queen of parking lot hell" took its place. I heard a woman screaming at the top of her lungs, "Didn't you see that I was backing into that space you stupid b...?" That was just the beginning. She got out of her car and started banging my car with her hands, all the while calling me names. She came right up to my window and was just about to punch me in the face but stopped. I don't know my window and was just about to punch me in the face but stopped. I don't know whether it was because she saw I was a lot older, or she assumed that I had a cell phone. She said, "Go ahead and call the police, you ugly b..." I got out of the car and told her I would move mine, but this Irish person who dwells inside of me had to add that I didn't see the situation

the same way that she did. I moved my car, but in passing her I felt compelled to tell her in an extremely sarcastic tone, 'Have a nice dasay.' She yelled out that she was going to get me. I didn't realize that I had to walk past her car to get to my appointment! I tried being as cool and casual as one can be while their knees are knocking together. I was so shaken that I walked into the wrong office and sat in a stranger's

I was so snaken that I waiked into the wrong office and sat in a stranger's waiting room until they asked me what I was doing there. I finally found the right office and quite frankly, have never been so glad to see my accountant, or any accountant for that matter. He was kind enough to walk me to my car after the appointment. I fully expected the car to be keyed or strewn with garbage. Amazingly, everything was intact. I would like to think that maybe she was there for anger management classes. All I knew was that I was safely on my way.

Whew!
I wish I could say lesson learned, but I know myself better than that as does my son who just winced when I told him my tale, hence the cell phone for Mother's Day. If you hear someone say in an unnaturally loud voice, "Can you hear me now?" It just might be me.

In case you don't feel old enough let me tell you that last Friday, May 25th, western civilization celebrated the 30 year anniversary of the release of Star Wars. And yes, I admit it, I, who once said I wouldn't stand in line to see my mother crowned Queen

of England, stood in line at the Chinese Theater in Hollywood to see Star Wars. Star Wars was turned down by every major studio in Hollywood save one. 20th Century Fox. Alan Ladd Jr., head of Fox gave George Lucas the green light cause he really liked Lucas first movie of the start of the s

American Graffiti'. So, was it a solid investment for Fox Studio? Let's do the math: There have been six episodes in the Star Wars franchise (franchise is studio-

Star Wars franchise (franchise is studio-ese for multiple movies of the same name). Over the past 30 years Star Wars movies have generated \$4,322,000,000 dollars worldwide. That's billions not millions. And that doesn't include video sales, rentals and merchandising. By the way George not only got a big piece of the profit for Star Wars, but he also got the rights to all the sequels AND ALL of the merchandising. (Note to parents: for heavens sake buy camcorders for all of your children.) So, how are the other "franchises" doing?

No an or your children.) So, how are the other "franchises" doing? Harry Potter may very well pass Star Wars over the next year. There have been

four movies so far and they have grossed \$3.516,000,000 in worldwide ticket sales. And there is a new one coming out soon. Lord of the Rings three flicks grossed

### Been to a Movie Lately?

By Rich Johnson

\$2,911,000,000. Spiderman so far has earned \$2,399,000,000 spread over three films. And finally, Pirates of the Caribbean has earned \$2,182,000,000 so far after three movies (Of course the third one has been out a week. I predict those numbers will go un.

third one has been out a week. I predict those numbers will go up). So when Mel Brooks, in his film parody of Star Wars entitled Space Balls, said the sequel to that movie would be titled "Space Balls II: The Search for More Money" he wasn't just whistling Dixie. Mel, I'm still waiting for the sequel. Finally, let me share some fascinating statistics about the 50 top grossing movies of all time. You have to go half way down to number 24 to get to a 'R' rated movie. What's more, only 3 of the top 50 movies

way down to number 24 to get to a k rated movie. What's more, only 3 of the top 50 movies were rated 'R' (can't you read Hollywood?). The Matrix Reloaded (no.24), The Passion of the Christ (no. 32), and Terminator 2: Judgment Day (no. 46). 5 of the top 50 movies of all time were rated 'G, 15 movies were rated PG, and 27 were rated PG. 31. I know you all want to know the highest grossing movie of all time! If you said, "Titanic" you were right. It grossed \$1,835,300,000. Number two was the last Lord of the Rings movies at \$1,129,219,252. Pirates 2 was third, the first Harry Potter was fourth, and the fourth Star Wars movie was fifth. I guess we could consider Titanic a chick flick. Then that would mean in the top 50 grossing movies there are only two

flick. Then that would mean in the top 50 grossing movies there are only two chick flicks. The other one is Ghost starring Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze. By the way, did you know Bruce Willis was first offered the role that went to Patrick Swayze? I wonder if our governor was first offered the lead in Dirty Dancing? Cause he sure can tapdance now!

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### Gomez PCC Track

By Larry Bortstein



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Joaquin helped City Gomez Pasadena College the state's

junior college track and field championship meet last month, he followed by 40 years the example set by his father. In 1967, Jesse Gomez helped PCC capture the state

iunior college cross-country championship. Helatercompeted

for the Lancers' track team in 1969 with friend Pat Williams. The school's state champion cross-country squad and the school's track and field program were both coached by Larry Knuth.

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In 1970, the elder Gomez would get his first coaching job as an assistant with the Long Beach Poly High School boys' track and field team. The man who gave Gomez his job was Long Beach Poly head coach Jim Richardson. Both were graduates of Long Beach State. Gomez returned to PCC, where he was an assistant coach for state championship teams in 1978 and 1984 under then head coach Skip Robinson.

In the next 23 years, Gomez would eventually become a PCC head coach for track and field and cross-country. During that time, despite some strong individual teams, the Lancers' couldn't win another state title in any sport. Ten years ago, Gomez's cross-country team just missed winning the state title as the team's top runner was beaten at the finish line for the deciding points. But 40 years after he experienced the joy of a state title win as a student-athlete, Gomez was on the sideline as an assistant coach watching Joaquin finish third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the state junior college 3,000-meter steeplechase at the state junior college

title meet, May 18-19, at the College of San Mateo. And who was the head coach for PCC? It was Jim Richardson, who was hired to take over the track and

field program last year after a successful career at both Long Beach City College and Long Beach Poly. And who was assisting Richardson along with Gomez? Pat Williams, who also had been a long-time assistant

at PCC the past 29 years.

And who did Coach Gomez bring in to help work with his son in an unofficial capacity? It was none other than

Knuth, Gomez's coach from 40 years earlier. Skip Robinson is in his 12th year as the college's athletic director. He's the man who hired Gomez and Richardson-both PCC Sports Hall of Fame

and Richardson—both PCC sports Hall of Fame members.
"You couldn't write a movie script that could match us winning the state title with all of these connections," said the elder Gomez. "I guess it was meant to be. To see my son be a part of a state champion 40 years after I was on a winning team, it's just a very special thing. How do you beat that?"
Gomez refuses to take credit for the success of the

Gomez refuses to take credit for the success of the team and lavished praise on Richardson, Williams and

Knuth.
"They deserve all the credit," Gomez said. "Williams has been the backbone of the track and field program here for many years. Richardson brings out the most in young people. He has a gift in being able to relate to the

young people. He has a gift in being able to relate to the athletes with his personality.
"Coach Knuth came back last year when Joaquin enrolled at PCC. I asked him to work with my son because I felt I might not be objective in my coaching with him. Knuth told me 'I'm the coach, you're the father.' And that's exactly the advice I took."
Joaquin Gomez's third-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, gave PCC a much-needed six points to start out the competition on Day 2 of the state meet.
"He ignited us because it was the first event of the day and the team rode that to victory," the proud father recalled.

"Joaquin has had his ups and downs this season. He had a big-time finish to the race and he positioned himself well to take third. The guys ahead of him were the two best runners all season in that event. I'm so proud of

recalled.

### Sierra Madre Little League

By Larry Bortstein

Events of June 2 kick off a whirlwind month of activity for the Sierra Madre Little League, according to president Pete Siberell and information director Ralph Seymour.

The June 2 schedule at Heasley Field:

1:30 p.m. Music/dunk tank/diner open/special menu
Coaches softball game, Majors & Minors
vs. Farm & T-ball
3:30 pm. Farm All-Star Game
Tournament of Champions Minors
championship game, Yankees vs. Dodgers
Closing Day ceremonies
8:30 p.m. SMLL slide show and movie
("Angels in the Outfield")

George Bent's Minor division Dodgers won the second-George Bent's Minor division Dodgers won the second-half title and play Dave Arden's Yankees to determine the SMLL representative in the Tournament of Champions. Pizza, corn, cotton candy, fresh popcorn, sno-cones and more will be in plentiful supply at the Diner. Those planning a team party at Sierra Vista Park can have pizza ordered in. Parents are asked to fill out an evaluation form for their children's teams' managers and coaches so they can maintain a top-notch group of people to teach the vounseters.

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League officials have placed on the Grand Slam

"Heasley Home Run Heroes" sign in centerfield the
names of the players who have hit home runs at Heasley
and the inter-league partner parks this year.
By virtue of SML's league constitution, Closing Day is
considered the general meeting of all the members and on
June 2 you will hear about the league's accomplishments,
financial health and plans for the future.

On the same day, sign-up forms will be available
for those who may be interested in an organized
baseball league that would play between Labor Day and
Thanksgiving.

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Phil Gleason's Indians have won the honor of representing SMLL in the Majors division of the Tournament of Champions. Having received a bye in the first round, their first game will be on Tuesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. at Victory Park in Pasadena. The winner of the Minor TOC game on Closing Day will play Pasadena Central on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. In addition, the two second-place teams in the Majors and Minors will be playing for the "Arcadia City Championship" in a four-team tournament comprised

Championship" in a four-team tournament comprised of Arcadia American, Arcadia National, Santa Anita and SMLL.

SMLL.

Brent Bartlett's Major division Giants open with
Arcadia American on Monday, June 11 at 5 p.m. at Hugo
Reid School. At the same time, the TOC Minors runnersup also play Arcadia American at Longden Field.
If one or both of the Sierra Madre teams wins its first
TOC game, the championship game is on the respective
fields on Saturday, June 16 at 11 a.m.



# View From The Couch

By Stanley J. Forrester

### DRAMA

When I am in the car driving around during the day I like to listen to Sports Talk Shows, all of them. It gives me some idea of what is going on in the minds of fans, and what the hot topic is for the day. Well, lately the buzz has been Kobe and the Lakers, It all started with the age old question, "did Kobe demand that either he or Shaq be traded?" A reporter for the La Times wrote that a high ranking Laker insider said that Kobe did issue such an ultimatum. According to the ultimatum. According to the informant, Kobe was adamant that he and Shaq could not coexist on the same team and that

exist on the same team and that one of them had to leave.

Well, that article in the Times set Kobe off and he made the rounds on radio and TV stating that he was not the cause of Shaq leaving. According to Kobe, it was the decision of the owner Dr. Buss. Kobe emphatically says that Buss. Kobe emphatically says that he had nothing to do with Shaq being traded. However, the day after Shaq was traded Kobe signed a multi year, multi million deal to keep him in a Laker uniform. The timing of those two events caused the public to believe that Kobe really was responsible for the beloved Shaq being shipped off to Miami.

Kobe took the heat and never let Kobe took the heat and never let on that it was Dr. Buss, the owner, and not Kobe, the player, that decided to trade Shaq. On Tuesday however, with the resurrection of this very tired story, Kobe insisted that he wanted to remain a Laker. But he wanted the team to get some players and perhaps even the basketball guru, at least for the Lakers, Jerry West so that the team could get back to their

Well, come Wednesday morning and what do I hear? Kobe now wants to be traded. Kobe now wants to be traded. He says it's a matter of trust. He says he has been lied to by the Laker management. According to Bryant, management has no intention of having a winning team. Phil Jackson told Kobe (so Kobe says) that management told him [Jackson] that they are in a rebuilding mode, and will not be competitive for several years. This troubled Kobe and he has put all this information on his website. this information on his website.

this information on his website.
Now, all of the allegations may be true, but should it be aired in the paper, on radio, on TV, or on the internet? Why did a Laker insider feel it necessary to tell a Times reporter that Kobe caused Shaq to be traded? Why did that insider feel that this was the time to bring up that old news? Did it really happen at all? Anyway, why did Kobe after saying that it was not true all over TV and Radio, feel that it was necessary to trash the organization, the players and

feel that it was necessary to trash the organization, the players and Kupchak?

To Kobe, Dr. Buss, Jimmy and Jeannie Buss (who have sounded off one time too many), Laker Management, the Laker insider, and Phil Jackson, we Laker fans deserve better. Kobe, when you had your problems in Colorado we supported you. Dr. Buss, we attended, even when the team was not winning. The Lakers to have one of the leagues best attendance records. records.

What has happened to the great

What has happened to the great Laker's organization? At one time it was the pinnacle of class and professionalism. Now it has been reduced to a bunch of whiners. We, the fans, don't deserver this.

