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As Good As It Gets: Sierra Madre Wins 2007 All America City Award

By Dean Lee

Winning the oldest community recognition program in the country was only the beginning for Sierra Madre volunteers. The celebrations are next. Their hard work landed the city one of 10 spots to be called a 2007 All-America City, an honor which will be incorporated into the city's centennial celebration.

"It is weird to think on its 100 birthday, the city will forever be known as a 2007 All-America winner," said, Elisa Weaver, Deputy Director of Community and Personnel Services. "The thrill is indescribable, the pride you have for the city, just being American."

Weaver said the city's presentation Friday night was short lasting only 10 minutes with about 30 residents



Representing the city in Anaheim: (left to right) P.J. Siberell, Rebecca Liston, Katie McKiernan, Thurman Spicer, Marilyn Diaz, Kaitlin Liston, Aliya Crochetiere, Brenden McKiernan, Gio Costello



The Sierra Madre Delegation makes a moving presentation before the National Civic League's judges. The home grown Wistaria was definitely a plus. -Photos courtesy of the City of Sierra Madre

and city staff delivering short scripted speeches that highlighted the Youth Activity Center, Senior Housing Project and the protection of the city's open space. A total of 60 Sierra Madre residents went to the National Civic League's All-America City competition.

She also said this year was very different from last year when the city came in only as a runner up. "I really think we won because we involved the community so much more," she said. "I didn't find out we were even a finalist last year until after the city manager said so and then we all had to come up with something quick."

Last year former City Manager John Gillison, not only filled out the application, but hand picked Downtown 101, an "immersion" series of DSP community input meetings, that offered mixed results, as part of the city's presentation. Controversy over the DSP put residents

at odds and led to Measure V being put on the ballot.

In January, the committee's application chair Josh Moran, outlined the reasons the League rejected Sierra Madre in 2006. One reason was the fact that the application did not have more quantifiable examples of the City's accomplishments. This year, among other things, the All-America City Awards Steering Committee highlighted a study showing a drop in teen delinquency in direct relationship to the opening of the YAC in the mid 1990s.

Before becoming Mayor Enid Joffe suggested including the city's new paramedic program into the application and Gillison suggested the volunteerism behind Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. Both ideas were later incorporated into this year's application. (cont. pg. 7)



Delegate Ann Durgerian in her special 'hat'. At the end of the presentation, delegates tossed their many different hats, which symbolized the various aspects of volunteerism into the air.

Mayor Gives State Of The City Address: "We're On The Mend"

By Susan Henderson

Two days after presiding over one of the most well run council meetings in recent history, Sierra Madre Mayor Enid Joffe gave her State Of The City address to members of the Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast event was held at Hart Park House and was catered by Corfu Restaurant. Southern California Gas and Edison were the sponsors.

"In my personal opinion, the state of the city is... Improving," said Joffe.

"We survived Measure V."

"We have paramedic service for the first time in our history."

"We are having a great Centennial Year with lost of wonderful celebrations."

"We will dedicate a new park - hopefully this fall."

"We have started a dialogue with the community on a potential settlement of the 1 Carter and Stonehouse lawsuits."

"We won the All American City Award!!" She called the award the, "Nobel Prize For Constructive Citizenship."

The Mayor thanked all of the volunteers and staff who worked on the AACA and allowed audience members to speak about the award. Then Joffe got down to business. "We have numerous challenges facing us," "The city's long term financial condition; the lack of consensus on the long range economic and physical development of the city; another possible initiative battle - the Police Initiative; and a potential recall battle." "We have a real need for dialogue in this city but we need to do it in a constructive manner"

The Mayor's presentation included the newly approved budget and a warning that we will have to make tough choices in the future. Nevertheless, "We're on the mend."

New Approach From City Hall: Open Dialogue On Development Issues Council Directs Staff To Attempt Settlement of Stonehouse Conflicts With Developer

By Susan Henderson

The Sierra Madre City Council, in an unprecedented move, held an open meeting on Tuesday to discuss the status of the lawsuits pending on the Stonehouse Development. Normally such discussions are held in closed session, however, the council, Interim City Manager Don Hopper and City Attorney Sandra Levin, all felt that based upon past experience, it would benefit the community to have an open meeting. The meeting was conducted in the same manner as a closed session would have been with the addition of the opportunity for the public to hear and comment on the matter at hand.

Councilman Don Watts recused himself from discussions on the project because of past relationships. Watts wants to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Levin began with an historical overview of the key points that prompted the lawsuits. Namely, 35 applications for new homes in the hillsides were denied because the developer did not comply with (continued pg. 6)

Introducing: Trisha's Truth:

Trisha is a 14 year old High School freshman who has picked up her pen this summer to talk to her peers. This young lady has something to say that will interest both young & old.

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Sneak Peek New Tesla Motors Roadster Saturday, June 16 in Sierra Madre

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Saturday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Sunday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Monday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Tuesday:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



City of Sierra Madre June Events

- 15 - Friday Family Movie Night - 7:30 PM - Kersting Court
- 16 - Doggie Day - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Sierra Vista Park
- 18 - Pool Open for the Summer
- 18 - Community Services Commission - 6:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 20 - Tree Advisory Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 21 - Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 22 - City Hall Closed
- 23 - Centennial Lawn Party - Memorial Park
- 23 - LAUNCHZILLA Sierra Madre Film Festival - 7:30 PM - Memorial Park
- 23 - Sierra Madre Film Festival - 1:00-6:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 24 - Sierra Madre Film Festival - 1:00-6:00 PM - Council Chamber
- 26 - Regular City Council Meeting - 6:30 PM - Council Chamber
- 27 - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 PM - Conference Room
- 30 - Healthy Family Fun Splash & Splash - 9:00 AM - Sierra Madre Aquatic Center

For more information on these and other City programs, call 355-7135 or visit www.cityofsierramadre.com.

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.



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 grades 1 through 6. Learners entering grades 2 through 6 are encouraged to join the more rigorous "Challenger's Division." 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. Volunteers going into grades 7 and up are needed to help with the Summer Reading Club. 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.

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.

Roy Roams' 91024

The All America City Award is the talk of the town. "It's about Civic Pride", says Mayor Joffe. We know what she thinks, but what about the rest of the town? Well, Roy went walking the other day talking to mostly regular citizens not on any committee or otherwise involved in city politics and this is what we heard:

Most Frequently Asked Questions:

"Will We Get Money For It; "What's It Do?" "What Does It Mean?" "Why Did We Want It?"

Bragging Rights:

There were 9 other cities that were also crowned including Santa Rosa in Northern California. There were also 10 cities that did not make it, including Calabasas. That means we get bragging rights.

Winners

- Flowing Wells, Arizona
- Santa Rosa, California
- Sierra Madre, California
- Hollywood, Florida
- Polk County, Florida
- Lewiston, Maine
- Barnstable, Massachusetts
- Clinton, North Carolina
- Hickory, North Carolina
- Dubuque, Iowa

Maybe Next Time

- Calabasas, California
- Kissimmee/Osceola Cnty, Florida
- Covington, Georgia
- Lombard, Illinois
- La Porte, Indiana
- Fort Wayne - Allen Cnty, Indiana
- Independence, Oregon
- Lawrence, Kansas
- Shawnee, Kansas
- Laredo, Texas
- Radford, Virginia

Comments Worth Repeating:

"Sierra Madre Is The Nicest Place"
"It's Terrific. We need a boost"
"One of the best things that could have happened to us."

- Anonymous 3 year resident
- Lisa Fowler - 30 year resident

-Mike Comer

Most Praised Committee Member:

-Elissa Weaver

Congratulations To Everyone!



Volunteers Needed:

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

Also, help is needed for the hamburger booth on the afternoon/evening of July 3rd and following the parade on July 4th.

Please save the dates. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Bonnie Coulcher
Phone: 626-355-7005 or
sierramadrevolunteers@yahoo.com

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

The Sierra Madre Public Library offers free computer classes year round to the public. If you're contemplating buying your first PC, classes are available in Basic Computer I & II, to help take the anxiety out of learning essential computer functions. Basic Internet I & II will teach you the ins-and-outs of email, and how to navigate smoothly through cyberspace. Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced levels of Word are also offered, as well as classes in Excel and Desktop Publishing.

Registration forms are available at the Library's Circulation Desk. A \$20.00 deposit per class is required when you register, which is refunded upon attendance.

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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
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What you CAN bring to an event (examples):

- Brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs.
- Household electronic waste which includes: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cellular phones, etc.

What you CAN'T bring to an event:

- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Tires and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.

For a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring or information on events, contact:
1 (800) CLEAN-LA • www.800CleanLA.com, or
1 (800) 238-0172 • www.lacsd.org

The Wild West

With Kyle McClure

Yearbook

For those of you who have chosen professions that do not require daily interaction with thirteen-year-olds, the yearbooks have arrived. They are currently being passed and signed. In code. With indecipherable acronyms. What do they mean? It is best that we don't know.

The yearbook is a frightening and dangerous thing. Did you know this? It may seem to be nothing more than a happy collection of passport photos spiced with candid shots of the walk-a-thon, the spring musical, the volleyball team in action against Northview, and microscope labs. But don't be fooled. The middle school yearbook is far from innocuous. It is concrete, published and distributed, evidence of how little we matter. If there were any doubts about a person's status in the middle school social hierarchy, the arrival of the yearbook, and the (actual, literal) self-examination that follows, makes it crystal clear that most of us are fleas on the stray dog that is about to be euthanized at the humane society of the middle school campus world. Dorks.

You must have done this back when your own yearbooks arrived in your first period class or your "homeroom" or wherever. You looked through every single page of the new yearbook, searching for pictures of yourself. Admit it, you scoured the thing. Of course, there was the one picture you could always count on (unless you were absent on picture day and make-up picture day. What is with that? Did you have mono or something?) That would be the alphabetized one next to the girl you had been standing in line behind since kindergarten. But you were looking for other pictures, pictures that showed you standing in the world with people who may have even looked like friends. You probably made a list, an index, of all of the pages on which you could be found. Maybe you even shared this list with your peers as you signed their yearbooks. "See me on page 6, 14, 82, 112 and 114. KIT. Let's party this summer! Call Me! BFFFFF"



Did you really appear on all of those pages? I hate you. We all do. Those of us who weren't in the yearbook class with you, I mean. The ones you teased when you came in and took our pictures while we had our social studies textbooks open on our desks, or while we were standing in line to buy powdery white donettes at snack time. You made us think that we had a prayer of showing up in the Illustrated Who's Who of Middle School. But we never really did. Did we? There wasn't even film in the camera. Whatever.

Am I coming across as bitter or resentful or damaged? Sorry about that. I'm OK, now. Really I am. The electroshock therapy is really starting to stick. Seems like it anyway... this time around. It's because when I was a 7th grader, I spent four hours pouring through my own yearbook, seeking any evidence of my existence. Foreground, background, anyground. I was looking through photographed windows, at reflections and shadows, trying to figure out, with the help of context clues (sun position, other people in the picture, type of activity being undertaken) if I was anywhere to be found on that campus.

Eventually, I was able to find a picture that showed two people running in P.E. clothes. These were people that I know for sure (probably, I think) I may have run next to in P.E. at some point during the school year. And, if you look to the left of them, just at the edge of the frame there is an elbow. It is a goofy looking elbow with freckles. It looks insecure. I think it's mine.

I wish that as a 7th grader I would have had it in me to find this funny. I wish I could have made it in to a joke. I could have gone around signing everyone else's yearbooks right on top of that picture, drawing arrows pointing at my elbow and talking loudly during class (but in a way that my teachers found charming and disarming.) All of the girls would have been impressed. But I wasn't that kind of 7th grader, was I? If I had been, you can bet there would have been more than just a picture of my elbow in the yearbook.

The 4th of July T-shirt for 2007

This T-shirt features a clever design that highlights Sierra Madre's Centennial year. The T-shirt, which is a fundraiser for the all-volunteer 4th of July Committee, shows the parade in two centuries. Committee Co-Chairman Hank Landsberg remarked "We wanted to illustrate the city's Centennial this year, so we took some artistic license and 'split' the parade down the middle!"

"The left side shows the parade in current-day, but the right side depicts the parade several decades in the past. On the left, you'll see familiar buildings and businesses, but on the right, you'll notice the Hotel Shirley, a telegraph office, and the assay agent. There's also an old bicycle with kids to match."

Even though the parade is shown on Baldwin Avenue (more artistic license), the actual 4th of July parade will come down Sierra Madre Blvd as it always does.

Hank also said "At the last minute, we were able to add a banner with 'All-America City' when we heard that Sierra Madre had won this prestigious award."

4th of July T-shirts cost \$18 each, and are now available at The Bottle Shop in downtown Sierra Madre. Proceeds from shirt sales help pay for the 4th of July Parade and other Independence Day festivities in our town.

INTERACT CLUB OF SIERRA MADRE 9th ANNUAL DOG WASH & 50:50 RAFFLE

@ SIERRA MADRE'S 2nd annual DOG DAY

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007

WHERE: SIERRA VISTA

COMMUNITY PARK &
RECREATION CENTER

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$15.00 for Large Dogs

\$10.00 for Small Dogs

Sneak Peek New Tesla Motors Roadster

Saturday, June 16 in Sierra Madre

The 100% electric Tesla Roadster will be on display here in Sierra Madre, this Saturday, June 16, from 9am and 12 noon. The roadster and Tesla Motors staff will be in downtown Sierra Madre, on Kersting Court, just northwest of the intersection of Sierra Madre Blvd and Baldwin Avenue.

The Tesla Roadster is making headlines nationwide, with its 100% electric, 0-60 mph in about 4 seconds, 135 miles per gallon equivalent at a cost of 2 cents per mile. 2008 release price is currently \$98,000. This special showing prior to the Beverly Hills Concours event.

If you miss this special car in Sierra Madre, the Tesla Roadster will join more than 100 exotic cars at the Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance in Beverly Hills the next day, Sunday June 17, from 10am to 4pm, at the 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Rodeo Drive. This year's event will have a "Cars of California" theme, celebrating the art of California car culture and elite design and exemplifying the spirit of California

For more information, visit their website at http://www.teslamotors.com/learn_more/events.php or contact: Aaron Platshon aaron@teslamotors.com

Sierra Madre's 2nd Annual Kid's Public Safety Academy

Have you ever wonder is my child safe? Does your child know what to do in an emergency? Is your child safe? Really Safe? Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation a free program for kids and their parents is happening this summer throughout Sierra Madre.

The City of Sierra Madre KIDS Safety Academy, an eight week program for KIDS ages 5 to 11 and their parents to learn about safety in the following areas playgrounds, internet, bikes and skateboards, mountain animals, hiking, water, as well as recycling and so much more. Presentations will be made by the Sierra Madre Police Department, Community & Personnel Services Department, Department of Public Works, Sierra Madre Search & Rescue, and Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department.

Parents and children will meet at different locations throughout the City on seven consecutive Saturdays, beginning July 7 - August 25, 2007 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Registration for the program is now being accepted for this amazing program with the Community & Personnel Services Department. Space limited to 30 kids and their parents and remember it's FREE. Please call 355.5278 to register - TODAY or come by and see us at 611 East Sierra Madre Blvd. A week before the program begins all confirmed participants will be mailed-out the class schedule with locations.



JUNE

23 - 24 - Film Festival (2 days), at Sierra Madre School Auditorium / City Hall / Playhouse

23 - 100-Year Lawn Party at Memorial Park, 2-6 pm

24 - Concert: Music from 1907 at Church of the Ascension

30 - 4th of July Crazy Rhythm Hot Society Orchestra at Memorial Park, 7 pm

JULY

1 - 4th of July Celebration Concert at Memorial Park

3 - 4th of July Celebration Concert at Memorial Park

4 - 4th of July Parade at 10am and Picnic follows

4 - Postal Stamp Cancellation at Memorial Park

28 - Healthy Family Fun Days: Hike to Bailey Canyon at Bailey Canyon Park, 9 am

CENTENNIAL PINS are now available for \$5 each at various shops in town.

CENTENNIAL CALENDARS listing commemorative events throughout 2007 in the community have been sent to every home in Sierra Madre. Additional copies of the beautiful commemorative calendars are available at the library.

Sierra Madre Film Festival



Kersting Court in "The Invasion of The Body Snatchers" - 1956

The Sierra Madre Historical/Preservation Society is sponsoring a film festival in honor of the Sierra Madre Centennial. The films will be screened in the City Hall Chambers on Saturday afternoon, June 23 and Sunday afternoon, June 24.

Saturday

4:00pm Eaton's Water. This is a 30 minute dramatized account of Benjamin Eaton's successful efforts to bring a dependable water supply to the Indiana Colony (later named Pasadena). The script was written by Michele Zack, author of the forthcoming Sierra Madre Centennial History. She will be here to introduce the movie.

5:00pm - Last Drop of Water. This 13 minute film was made in 1911 at a time when pioneer movie producer, D.W. Griffith was filming in Sierra Madre. Though very brief, it contains a tale of unrequited love, a wagon train saga, an attack by hostile Indians, a desperate search for water, an unexpected but noble act by a bad guy, and cavalry to the rescue. It contains some photography that, even now, is startling in its novelty and beauty. Though filmed in this area, it contains no landmarks at all recognizable to us.

5:30 pm - The Search for Billy. This 45 minute documentary was made in the 1960s. A CBS crew accompanied the Search and Rescue Team during a frustrating but successful search for a boy named Billy who had become separated from his Boy Scout Troop and was lost for several days in rugged terrain in Ventura County. It is a well told story and a fitting tribute to the work of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team.

6:30 pm - This Was Pacific Electric. This one hour documentary tells the story of the rise and fall of the world's greatest electric railway. It begins in 1872 with L.A.'s first horse car line and continues through to the last red car in 1961. The story was pieced together with rare film footage, hundreds of photographs and extensive interviews.

Sunday 3 full length cinemas:

1:00 p.m. - The Seven Little Foy's (93 minutes) This movie, filmed in 1955, is the fictionalized biography of Eddie Foy, famous Vaudeville era performer, and his seven children. It was filmed in part at the Pinney House. There are those in this town who fondly remember the filming.

3:00 p.m. - The Family Plot (121 minutes) This 1976 cinema is Alfred Hitchcock's last. It was filmed in part in Sierra Madre. The plot of this thriller is a witty and complex combination of comedy and drama. In it, a zany cabbie pairs up with a phony psychic in trying to find and exploit the long lost Rainbird family fortune.

5:30 p.m. - Invasion of the Body Snatchers (80 mins) This 1956 movie, filmed in Sierra Madre, is locally famous and has attained an almost cult status. In the small town of Santa Mira, a local physician named Dr. Binnell becomes concerned by increasing visits from townsfolk complaining that their nearest and dearest are simply not themselves. As a sense of alarm gradually spreads, Binnell's investigations reveal that the complaints are not mere delusion, but that the previously peaceful town is being taken over by an alien force - dopplangers who resemble their earthly counterparts in almost every way, save for lack of human emotion.

Tickets will be on sale at City Hall on Saturday beginning at 2 pm and Sunday beginning at noon. The cost of a ticket is \$5. Children admitted free. You can attend the lawn party and other festivities in Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon, drop by City Hall to view those cinemas you're interested in.

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Fire Safe Council TIP OF THE WEEK
From Caroline Brown

You have all seen the Fire Danger Levels signs along the roads in the National Forests, with an arrow that points from Green-Low to Red-Extreme and Black-Critical referring to fire danger conditions. Along with this goes a declaration of Red Flag fire conditions that are announced on television news reports when the arrow is in the red.

The Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council will be assisting fire prevention measures as part of their newly established Red Flag Fire Patrol. While you are busy doing needed brush clearance around your property, you will see Fire Safe Council Red Flag Fire Patrol signs on private cars assisting the city when the Fire Marshal declares the conditions of fuel moisture, air temperature and wind conditions to have reached Red Flag Alert. All residents, as they drive around the foothill areas, can be alert for signs of fire danger.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be July 9, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Call the Fire Marshal for information on brush clearance or use these websites: www.firesafecouncil.org or www.fire.lacounty.gov/forestry/BrushManagement. Contact the us at: 355-9350, smfiresafecouncil@hotmail.com

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

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
LIVE FUEL MOISTURE 1981-2007
AVG ALL AREAS - CHAMISE, CEANOTHUS, SAGE, SAGEBRUSH

Current condition
Normal July condition
Critical

Defensible Space
In order to protect your home during a wildfire, we need 100 feet of clearance between your home and the hazardous brush. Aggressively trim and thin the vegetation from around your home but do not completely remove the vegetation to mineral soil.

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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, June 3rd, to Saturday June 9th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 181 calls for service.

Sunday, June 3rd:

1:57 PM - Theft from vehicle, 400 block West Orange Grove Ave. The owner of a parked car reported her wallet and credit cards stolen. The owner said she left unattended unlocked car between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM Saturday, 6/2. The loss was estimated at \$50.00.

Monday, June 4th:

1:09 PM - Petty theft, 27 South Baldwin Ave, public lot. The owner of a commercial vehicle reported a magnetic sign and DMV registration tabs were stolen from his parked truck. The truck was parked at 6:00 PM Sunday, 6/3 and the loss was discovered at 8:00 AM Monday 6/4. The loss was estimated at \$175.00.

Wednesday, June 6th:

8:57 AM - Vandalism, Auburn public lot. A resident reported the driver's side aluminum trim damaged on his parked car. The owner believes the door was damaged at his residence on Carter or in the parking lot. The car was last seen undamaged at 6:00 PM Tuesday, 6/5 and discovered when reported. The repair was estimated at \$500.00.

Thursday, June 7th:

1:23 AM - Theft of bicycles, 300 block North Mountain Trail Ave. A resident reported her unlocked side gate open and her two bikes missing. The first bike was described as black the second bike was a "Giant" bike with a brown woven basket, black luggage rack, black gel seat and two stickers, bikenow.org and Patagonia. The loss was estimated at \$600.00.

8:07 AM - Grand theft, 500 block West Highland Ave. A contractor called to report several power tools were stolen from his job site. The tools were described as: 2 red Hatachi air compressors, 1 Bostich finish gun, 1 Hatachi nail gun, 1 Dewalt radial arm saw, 1 Dewalt cord-less drill and a Dewalt "Sawzall". The tools were last seen Friday, 6/1 at 4:30 PM and discovered missing Saturday, 6/2 at 8:30 AM. The loss was estimated at \$3150.0

Friday, June 8th:

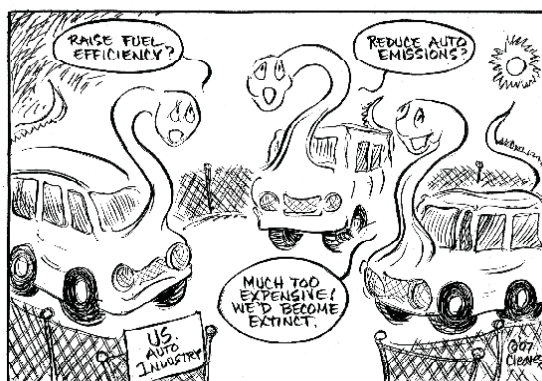
3:25 AM - Vandalism/Graffiti, 100 block East Grandview Ave. A resident reported graffiti to a telephone switch box. The graffiti damage was documented, but it is unknown when the loss occurred. No removal estimate was available.

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District 6 Quarterly Town Hall Meeting: Housing Caps, Road Construction, Fire Prevention, Big Issues with Area Residents

By Dean Lee

Just hours before catching an airline flight to Cape Canaveral in Florida to watch last week's shuttle launch as a personal guest of Congressman Adam Schiff, City Councilman Steve Madison held a town hall meeting with a solid turnout. The event was held on June 7 at the Tournament of Roses' Tournament House. Madison said nothing about the trip to Florida until the meeting was almost over although he had plenty to say when he got back.

"It was great but I want to make sure it's known that me and my son went on our own," he said Monday night. "We were guests but I went for my sons benefit. No one paid for the trip, not NASA or the city. I paid for the whole thing myself."

Madison also said that the two of them were given a tour of the space center, met former astronauts, and were briefed about the 11-day mission that added solar power arrays and a new truss segment to the International Space Station. The 4:38 p.m. (est) launch of Shuttle Atlantis was flawless. "You could not have asked for better weather," he said.

The meeting started with Pasadena Fire Chief Dennis Downs saying the city was looking into a traffic signal preemption program as a way to deal with a rise in traffic congestion and adding response times. He also said the city was considering "Tow Away Zones" for high risk narrow canyon areas, most of which are in Madison's district, on red flag days.

"When a fire engine or ambulance turns on their red-lights there's an emitter in that light bar capturing a receiver turning all the lights green for half a mile," he said. "You can set it however far you want so the traffic can clear in front of you."

Downs also said this year's Americafest, 4th of July celebration, at the Rose Bowl would go on, but said, his department along with Pasadena police would be stepping up enforcement. "In the past we have only warned people caught with fireworks; with few arrests," he said. "This year anyone having fireworks will be arrested, so even if you just hear them do not hesitate to call 911."

In an effort not to cut the town hall meeting short, Madison took questions right up to the point where city staff ushered him out the door with a choice, - he go or miss his flight. The crowd then followed him outside still asking questions reminiscent of a high profile lawyer withholding legal information. The councilman had said earlier he was a former federal prosecutor so the scene was fitting.

Although the meeting was billed as a town hall style, most of what was said came in the form of city updates. Residents did however, speak out opposing plans for a new cell phone tower in their district. They also demanded answers to the slow progress of repaving Avenue 64 to which they got the exact response they sought: the overdue project was ahead of schedule. Most accepted the absurdly confusing response.

According to most, the \$2.3 million project for street lighting, electric system undergrounding [sic], and street



District 6 Councilman
Steve Madison

Photo Courtesy City of
Pasadena

improvements was originally scheduled to be finished in 2003.

The city also got \$6 million in highway and bridge reconstruction money from the federal government, Public Works Director, Martin Pastucha said. He described the funds as "extremely hard to get" and said "on top of that, we were asking for the monies for Historical reconstruction and seismic retrofitting of the Laloma Bridge."

"This wasn't the cheapest way to go," Madison said. "But it was the right thing to do and I'm glad the other members were on board with this. At first I wasn't so sure that was going to happen."

Planning and Development Director Richard Bruckner said a cap, put into the city's General Plan 15 years ago, of just over 5,000 new housing units for the "core downtown area," was only 400 units away. The council had considered relaxing the caps, something Madison said he did not support. Bruckner said staff recommended that the caps stay in place.

The city also voted last month to place a citywide moratorium on construction of all new cell towers Madison said. The first reading of that ordinance was done Monday night. The applicant of the controversial new tower in District 6 has now put everything off until next year Madison said. "They are not happy," he added.

Nothing was said at the meeting about a new citywide WiFi agreement with Earthlink. That plan will place wireless receivers throughout Pasadena on ever light pole in the city with an estimated cost of \$5.8 million over seven years to provide the city's 133,936 residents with services although Madison said Monday the two plans were very different.

"This ban would not have affected that," he said. "The wireless communication signal requires only a small box. These cell towers are very large. They have to cover a much larger area."

Some Linda Vista and San Rafael residents may be the only one's not getting the services. Mounting is a particular problem in areas not adjacent to main city streets a staff report says.



Chef Lagasse hosts both "The Essence of Emeril" and "Emeril Live," which reaches more than 78 million homes daily.

Chef Emeril Lagasse Coming To A Rose Parade Near You

World renowned Chef Emeril Lagasse will be the Grand Marshal for the 2008 Tournament of Roses. This year's theme, "Passport to the World's Celebrations", the 2008 Rose Parade will pay tribute to festivities from around the globe.

Lagasse will ride in the 119th Rose Parade in front of a worldwide television audience, and toss the coin before the 94th Rose Bowl Game on January 1, 2008.

He is a national TV personality and a best-selling author. He operates nine restaurants including three in New Orleans, two in Las Vegas, two in Orlando, one in Atlanta and one in Miami. Lagasse joined the Food Network in 1993 and celebrated his 1500th show with the network in 2005.

PCC Stabbing Suspect Sought in Brutal Attack of Police Cadet

Photo and Story By Dean Lee

At press time, Pasadena police investigators were still looking for a suspect in connection with a stabbing Sunday at Pasadena City College that left a police dispatcher with a collapsed lung and multiple stab wounds to his hands.

According to the police, PCC police cadet Ralph Humphrey was attacked from behind with a knife shortly before 4:22 p.m. in the school's police dispatch office located in the T Building. The call came to PPD from the school's own officers, spokesperson Janet Pope Givens said.

Humphrey was immediately transported to Huntington Hospital and was in stable condition. Givens also said investigators still had no suspect description or a motive.

PCC police put up alert flyers on doors around the school's main buildings and other high traffic areas asking for public help. They are describing a 5 foot 10 inch tall male Hispanic with a possible tattoo on his elbow.

"Because the cadet was attacked from behind he could not give us a description," Givens said. "We are asking anyone that might have seen someone running from the school Sunday to call our investigators at 626-744-4522. We don't know what he might have looked like."

Other reports described a white male 6 foot 2 inch tall with curly red hair wearing jeans and a t-shirt. Givens said it is not uncommon to get multiple descriptions although in this case she said misinformation had been given out.

Juan Gutierrez, PCC's director of public relations said the original signs were put up just to inform the PCC community of the attack. They were being revised after re-interviewing Humphrey, he said.

The school buildings are normally closed Sundays although one instructor was getting ready for Monday's finals in the T Building. The instructor was handcuffed, questioned and later let go after police confirmed his identity.

"At first I came out to see why they were slamming all the doors and then I saw they had guns," said printing instructor David Cuatt. "I kept telling them I'm not the guy. But yah, they're going to believe you?"

Cuatt said he did not see anyone else in the building.

Givens said PCC is an open campus allowing the public to use facilities such as the track, "It's a shame when something like this happens."



Not a Friendly Sign: PCC Student body president, Natalie Courtney, reads a campus alerts put up Monday by police after a stabbing Sunday. The situation brought Pasadena police to the school with their guns drawn something longtime PCC officers said showed they also needed to be armed. Courtney has lobbied the school against the idea of guns on campus.

No More Cell Phone Towers or Massage Parlors For Pasadena, Council Says

By Dean Lee

The Pasadena City Council extended a 45-day moratorium Monday night during a very short meeting. The action, first taken in April, is on new massage parlors in the city. The decision was made to extend the ban after city staff said they needed more time to research legal matters surrounding a more permanent ban.

In April former Council Member Paul Little called for a complete ban on new massage parlors saying that the council should also impose requirements that limit any parlors operations to at least 500 feet from any residential neighborhoods and be at least quarter mile from a similar operation unless it is in the central business district. He also said that background checks should be done on operators and technicians prior to hearing a conditional use permit application. Little requested a change in the city's zoning codes after reading a local newspaper article on what he referred to as, "illegal massages." The council then agreed. In May Little stepped down giving up his seat to Robinson after being on the council for 11 years. Little was appointed Monday by the council to The Rose Bowl Operating Company. "Your suggesting this is a way of getting back at Paul Little?!", Bogaard asked jokingly referring to Little's leaving before they voted on massage parlors.

During the meeting all present voted for banning ground mounted cell phone towers and put in place another ordinance that would reduce residential impact fees for new elderly residential care facilities. Not present for either vote were council members Jacques Robinson and Chris Holden.

In May, stunned T-Mobile representatives walked out of the meeting after the council unanimously upheld the decision of the city's board of zoning appeals denying the

placement of a wireless antenna on an existing city light pole. That motion led to the city's decision regarding a current ban.

City Attorney, Michele Bagneris said any moratorium could open up the city to lengthy litigation although the new ban now does not apply to antennas such as the one proposed by T-Mobile.

Before the meeting closed Bogaard asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Pasadena Public Health Director Wilma Allen who passed away June 6. She retired in March after 17 years of service to the city.

In other related news:

The Rose Bowl Operating Company approved, during a special meeting June 7, recommendations that the City Council direct city staff to work with the Pasadena Police Department in preparing a City Ordinance prohibiting bicyclists from riding more than 2 abreast on any public street. A city permit would now have to be issued for an event or activity that involved cycling according to the RBOC. This will include the area around the Rose Bowl the Board said.

The proposal came after complaints of injuries to pedestrians and cars as cyclists swarm around the Bowl four and five deep. For sanctioned events, police would monitor the activity.

A number of council members hurried off after the meeting to attend a \$1,000 a person fundraiser for Senator Barack Obama that fetched \$500,000 for the Democratic presidential candidate, Mayor Bill Bogaard and Council Member Steve Madison both made it just in time. Bogaard shook hands with Obama and welcomed him to the city.

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The Big Bully

By Susan Henderson

bully: (n) - hired ruffian

First of all, I want to set the record straight. There is nothing that I am about to write that I didn't say to 'the big bully's face (or at least under my breath). Secondly, I never got the chance to let him know that I knew who hired him. So, you will know something that he thought he got away with. Third, I was never scared of the bully - he wasn't mean - we just thought he was. And fourth, I miss my big bully. Now, he had a given name, but I never called him by it. I'm not quite certain what the consequences would have been. When I was really annoyed with him I would address him as, "the big bully". He wasn't just hired to pick on me, however. He had his sights on three others, too. They were scared of him. I wasn't. In fact, I was the one who gave him his name. He should not have transgressed against me. If he hadn't, people would never have started calling him the big bully too. You see, one day I was helping him. He had a lot of work to do. He was painting a room. I was his assistant. We were working together hand in hand. He requested, I fetched. I really got enthusiastic about helping this nice man. That is, before he became the big bully. As I was going about my merry way, helping with a little paint here, and a little paint there, the bully turned on me. Suddenly, he picked me up, walked me to the door, set me on the outside of it and shut the door. He locked me out. I knocked. No response. I cried, he said - "go see your mother". I was devastated. So I sat, and I sat for what seemed forever. Sooner or later I knew I would see him again. Then the door opened and he came out for something. I don't really know what. What I do know is that I slipped back inside the room where we were working and waited. When he started up the ladder, I grabbed his leg and bit him. "You big bully, you put me out". Then I followed his advice. I ran to my momma. "Daddy is a big bully. He put me out when I was helping him." Now, because I was a little over three years old, everyone thought what happened and my reaction was hilarious. (Yes I had a large vocabulary at three. I probably handled the language better then.). So Daddy became known as the big bully. It was later that I found out the moniker was properly placed because as we grew older he became the hired ruffian. The good news was, however, anyone could hire him. For a penny, he would convince my mother to give me whatever it was she had decided not to give me. He never raised his voice, but he could certainly get his way. And even though he was kind and generous to a fault, no one in the family, including his dad, ever let him live that title down. Happy Father's Day Dad, I wish you were still here. Happy Father's Day to all of you. Remember, the impressions you make and the love you share with your child will last for their entire life.



The Day Of Our Fathers

By Hail Hamilton

It truly is amazing the time dads find to spend with their kids teaching them the lessons of life. They teach their kids the importance of hard work, perseverance and pride. They teach their kids the worth of loyalty and trust. They teach them that the ends don't justify the means, and that there are no short cuts to success. These are hard lessons for kids to learn, but fathers everywhere teach these lessons daily with love and patience.

My father was a saint. Oh, he had his faults like most fathers but he was a saint, nonetheless. Maybe someday I'll write a book about my dad, like Tim Russert did in *Wisdom of Our Fathers*.

I owe my old man so much that I don't know where to begin. He taught me a lifelong love of sports and sportsmanship. He was a stern disciplinarian, but he was always fair. I know how much he loved me and my brother. He was a man's man, but he was sensitive and caring to a fault. He taught us duty, responsibility and honor. But he also taught that it was alright to cry, that feelings and emotions were what made us human. He taught that expressing passion was good, as long as it was positive and constructive.

Most of all, I miss my dad. I wish he had lived to know his grandchildren and been able to spend time with them. I know he would have loved them and taught them what he taught me. I'm sure they would love him as much as I do, and would miss him as much as I do. I can hear my old man every time I have to discipline my kids, as every father occasionally must, laughing at me and saying father to son, one dad to another: "PAYBACK IS A BUMMER!"

Being a father is not easy, especially in today's world where there are so many demands made of dads. If you're a businessman, how much time is spent away from home on business trips? If you're a professional of one sort or another, how much time is spent preparing for whatever it is you do professionally? If you are a tradesman or a laborer who earns your living with the skill of your hands and the sweat of your brow, how tired are you when your return home each evening after a hard day of work? Yet fathers all across the nation find the time to play catch, coach Little League, and serve as Scoutmasters.

CITY HALL (cont. from page 1)

Sierra Madre's Hillside Management Zone Ordinance. The developer, Dorn Platz, filed seven lawsuits challenging the process and validity of the ordinance. Levin suggested, that rather than proceed to trial, it might be in the city's best interest to settle the matter out of court. If Dorn Platz is willing, the litigation will be put on hold while the negotiations go forth.

On June 4, Hopper and Director of Development Services, Matt Marquez, held a town hall meeting with residents in the area to hear their concerns with the project. Mayor Joffe and Councilman Mosca also attended as observers.

As with the citizens who spoke at the council meeting, the primary concerns are the density of the proposed project; the placement of homes on steep slopes; the proximity of the new homes to existing homes, especially to be built behind Lilliana Dr.; the potential interference with wildlife above the HMZ line; the size of the proposed homes; the loss of privacy and disturbance/erosion of the hillsides.

Councilman Zimmerman expressed concern about the number of acres dedicated to open space and whether or not that space would be open to the public. Kathy Teagarden, representing the developer indicated that there were 75 acres dedicated for open space and the it would indeed be open to the public.

Resident John Cassera asked that all members of the Council and Planning Commission come out and physically inspect the homes on Lilliana for a better understanding of the residents concerns.

With a 3-0 vote (Councilman Mosca was not present due to a family emergency), the council directed staff to enter into a Stay of Litigation and begin negotiations of a settlement agreement that would be acceptable to both the developers and the community.

Other Council Meeting Actions:

--Renewal of the City's Contract with Community Media of The Foothills for Cable Channel 3

--Approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the July 4th Parade

--Approval of a rate increase by Athens Management. The increase will amount to approximately \$1-2 per month for residential properties and \$8-10 dollars per month for commercial properties.

--The resolution denying the vesting tentative tract map for 110 E. Montecito was sent back to staff for revision. Councilmember Buchanan noted that the printed resolutions did not reflect the actual vote. The matter will be placed back on the June 26th agenda.

--2007-2009 Public Budget Hearing
Karen Schneider reviewed the budget item by item. Don Hopper noted that in the first year of this budget we will accomplish pretty much "everything we want", but the second year we will have to either come up with new revenue sources or go into our reserves. "He complimented the city on how well we do 'more' with 'less' but cautioned, "You are living on borrowed time."

--The Chamber of Commerce was granted an award of \$5,500 from the City of Sierra Madre to recruit more businesses into town.

The budget was approved unanimously.


There was some discussion on the status of the two pending projects. Hopper suggested that we sit down with the owners in the same manner that we are approaching Stonehouse and try to reach an agreement.


During public comment, Barbara Cline commended and thanked the council for such an informative



Sierra Madre 2007-2009 Budget Summary

"That Giant Sucking Sound You Will Hear In Months 12-24 Will Be Our Reserves Drying Up" - Spoken from the dias at City Council Meeting Regarding Budget Shortfalls

 REVENUES (in thousands)			
FUND NAME	Projected FY 06-07	Proposed FY 07-08	Proposed FY 08-09
Unrestricted:			
General Fund	\$5,773	\$ 5,975	\$ 6,153
Restricted:			
All Other Funds	\$11,972	\$12,175	\$11,149
Total Revenues	\$17,745	\$18,150	\$17,302

 EXPENDITURES (in thousands)			
FUND NAME	Projected FY 06-07	Proposed FY 07-08	Proposed FY 08-09
Unrestricted:			
General Fund	\$5,949	\$ 6,072	\$ 6,149
Restricted:			
All Other Funds	\$15,256	\$15,881	\$13,204
Total Expenditures:	\$21,205	\$21,953	\$19,353

On Tuesday, the City Council authorized the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to identify potential revenue sources. The committee will consist of the Interim City Manager, The Mayor, Councilman Zimmerman and five citizens. Each councilmember will appoint one constituent. This committee will work with staff in an effort to find solutions for our budget challenges. If you are interested in serving, please contact any member of the City Council.

ALL AMERICA (from page 1)

According to Weaver, the idea of using open space preservation throughout the city instead of just Bailey Canyon, came up at the last minute with an overwhelming positive response. "Volunteerism ended up being the overall theme that tied everything together," she said.

"The League was not looking for a perfect city. We talked about everything, including the HMZ, the DSP and One Carter," she said. "They wanted a community that worked together to solve problems."

Weaver also oversaw all the fundraising efforts. The committee was able to raise \$12,000 for marketing and publicity, postcard printing, mailings, application preparation, and the presentation. With the city's underpaid police and other city funding problems Weaver said the Committee wanted to make sure none of the money came from the city's general fund. Last year's trip was

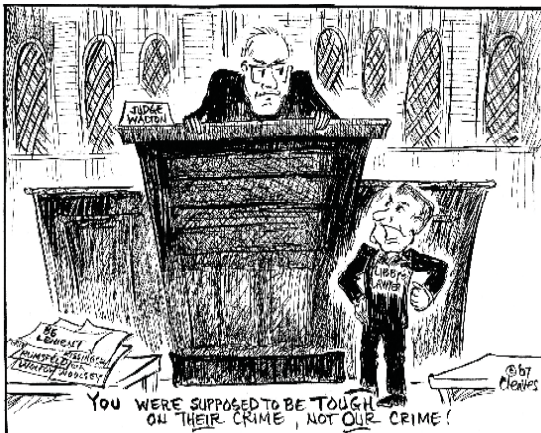
paid for through redevelopment funds. This year the money all came through sponsorships and donations.

"We had a goal of \$15,000 so we had to cut costs a little," she said. "I did not want to spend it all. I wanted to bring back some of the funding, and that we did."

"All the youth spots were filled and we sponsored many seniors with donations," she said. The committee first planned to sponsor 100 spots, and even though that did not happen, Sierra Madre had the largest delegation at the awards.

Weaver also said they used the YAC to highlight open space by using Proposition 1A funding through the help of the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy and Caroline Brown.

She said the city will soon have the All-America City logo on city banners and other city sites. "We are working on that as well as having a city wide celebration reenacting part of the winning presentation."



Murphy's Law

By Rich Johnson



First, many thanks to Dave Howard of Sierra Madre for writing a complimentary letter to the editor about this humble reporter.

Now, What is the definition of Murphy's Law? There are several. The shortest is whatever can go wrong will go wrong and at the worst possible time. So, who was Murphy? Edward Murphy invented measuring devices that didn't measure, at least correctly. But enough about him.

Murphy's Law caught on and hundreds of variations have emerged over the last 60 years. In a quest to bring enlightenment to faithful readers, this paper is reproducing Murphy's Law as it pertains to computer system definitions. You are encouraged to keep this column near your computer for future reference.

- I. Memory: The part of a computer system that is insufficient.
- J. Error Message: A request to OK the destruction of your own data.
- K. File: The part of the computer system that cannot be found.
- L. Processor: The part of a computer system that is obsolete.
- M. Manual: The element of your computer system that is incomprehensible.

Since there is room, highlights from Murphy's Laws of Combat may prove equally helpful:

1. If the enemy is in range, then so are you.
2. Try to look unimportant. The enemy may be low on ammo.
3. Teamwork is essential. It gives the enemy someone else to shoot at.
4. Never draw fire. It irritates everyone around you.
5. Never forget your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
6. When you've secured the area, don't forget to tell the enemy.

Now as to pertaining to Rob Bagdasarian:

There appears to be no record of Will Rogers ever meeting you. For those of you who don't know Mr. Bagdasarian, he has a blog. And recently, in a mean spirited way, he publicly criticized dozens of local Sierra Madreans (this reporter included), for allegedly publicly criticizing dozens of other local Sierra Madreans, in a mean spirited way. Is there a final Murphy's Law buried somewhere in there? And thank you to Arthur Bloch's for compiling hundreds of examples of Murphy's laws in a book entitled, *Murphy's Law 2000*. If you would like to comment on this column contact either Mr. Bagdasarian somewhere in the cosmos or the author at rich@versatate.com.



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Alverno Junior Earns National Academic Recognition



Alverno High School junior Olivia Urranga has been tapped by the College Board as a National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar.

This program was created in 1983 by the College Board (creator of the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT and AP programs) to provide national recognition for exceptional Hispanic high school seniors and to identify these academically gifted students for colleges and universities. Olivia has been an outstanding student at Alverno. She is a member of National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation, and made an awesome impression in Alverno's first year of track & field competition as well as playing on the school's

championship cross country and soccer teams. She has already earned AP certificates in U.S. History, Biology, and English Language. Olivia is a third year Ambassador, as well as Secretary of the Alverno Student Union. Olivia is a graduate of San Gabriel Mission Catholic School in San Gabriel.

Alverno, a Catholic, college-prep high school for girls in Sierra Madre, has 285 students and offers a rigorous college-prep curriculum, an innovative leadership program, and quality arts and athletics on a historic 13-acre campus. We congratulate Olivia and her family on this impressive achievement.

-Photo and Story by Candace Siegle

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURS MAKE BUSINESS PROFITS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Altadena, CA. Students at Odyssey Charter School will raise funds for local charities through sales from a variety of businesses they have created at a Charity Marketplace Saturday June 16th.

Saturday will see the culmination of weeks of planning and work for the young business entrepreneurs at Odyssey. The school will throw open its doors to the community as the students go to work selling a wide variety of handcrafted items, baked goods or provide fairground-style entertainment in this all-school event. Charity Marketplace is now a five year tradition at Odyssey Charter School. It is one element to Odyssey's "Classroom Without Walls", which teaches Social Responsibility. Charity Marketplace began in Odyssey's 3rd year of operation in the wake of September 11th. The students decided to create a "Charity Marketplace" to assist local charities. Since then, each year, students are given the opportunity to create their own business or work for another student-run business.

Each business must keep inventory records, supply orders and a stick to a budget assisted by a start-up loan from the school which is paid back at the end of the project. The businesses create business names, logos and business cards. "I have learned how to crochet so well and I am proud of how good the things I am making are" says fourth grade student Pascal Roberts "I think my business will be very good this year."

This year, the money raised for the charities will be split evenly amongst four charities, Habitat for Humanity, Pasadena Humane Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Union Station Foundation. The week after Charity Marketplace students write letters and send a check to the selected charities. Over the past five years student businesses have donated over \$3,500 to local charities. All members of the community are invited to this family event, enjoying a barbecue and games and to visit the marketplace on Saturday, June 16th from 11:00 to 2:00 on the Odyssey North Field.



TRISH'S TRUTH



Who Says Summer Is Just A Season?

By Trisha Collins

Summer. You've heard the phrase, "A picture can tell a thousand words"? Well, is it possible for a word to be able to tell a thousand more words? If so, "summer" is definitely that word. For an example, if you were to tell an older man "summer", he probably wouldn't think of words like: beach, fun, carefree, and love. Same as if you told a toddler the word "summer", they most likely wouldn't react to the word as you do, a teen. Ah yes, summer, a teenager's favorite time, or worst? Who better to tell, than a teenager herself, the one that experiences it all first-hand? The season is here, and the time is summer.

What some adults don't understand, is that summer is the best time for a teen to be a teen. This is the time for us to do what we do best! Shop, go to see movies, eat, relax, and be free! Free of the pressures of our social lives, school and all that comes with it. The days seem endless in summer and this season tends to bring a sense of happiness. A weight has been lifted off of our shoulders and no one can bring it back down, not in summer.

Though, for some teens, this

sudden coming of summer is a sudden loss of hope. June brings graduation, which also entitles separation of our friends. The end of 8th and 12th grade is the hardest time. You soon realize that all you have is summer, and once it's over, that's it. Great as it is, summer ends just as quickly as it began.

Mostly, summer is all about finding the perfect summer love. The kind you hear in movies and magazines. Finding that special someone and spending the whole summer with them. I'm not sure if guys are looking for any love in the summer, but I do know that it's a good time for them to work hard on any sports they're trying to pursue. Summertime is also ideal for teenagers to make some extra cash at a summer job. I know I'm applying for a job at Jamba Juice for the summer. This season is full of free-time, so why not spend some of it putting a little change in your pocket?

Summer is a word of different meanings for different people, but I think that we all can agree that summer is a season that describes everyone (young and old): special.

Final Four Chosen For New PCC Campus President By Dean Lee

The Pasadena City College Board of Trustees narrowed the field of candidates for the position of campus president to four. The new president will also oversee The Pasadena Area Community College District a unique and powerful position because PCC is the only school within the district at this time.

The final list includes a current community college superintendent/president and a current PCC VP. All of the candidates come from within the state even though college administrators said they anticipated applications from all over the country if not the world.

Thom Armstrong, from Copper Mountain College; Gary Browning, College of the Desert; Monte Perez, Golden West College and Lisa Sugimoto, from Pasadena City College, will advance to the second round of interviews. Those interviews will be conducted by the PACCD Board of Trustees on June 20.

Armstrong has held the post of superintendent/president at Copper Mountain College since 2004. Previously, he served as vice president of Instruction for Citrus College and Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore.

Browning has served at her current post since 2003. She served as Director of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges from 1999 to 2003.

Perez has held the position of Vice President of Student Services at Golden West College since 2004. Before then, he served as provost of Academic Affairs at National Hispanic University.

Sugimoto has been with PCC since 2003 as the Vice President of Student and Learning Services. She also

spent 14 years as Dean of Counseling, Student Development, and Support Services at Long Beach City College according to the college.

A number of PCC governing bodies held open meetings gathering input from community leaders along with faculty, staff and students on what they thought a



Lisa Sugimoto, PCC VP is among the final four. -Photo courtesy PCC

new ideal leader should be qualified to do. They agreed that an applicant should have the ability to promote and apply the principles of shared governance and have sensitivity to the multicultural diversity of the college community, faculty, staff, and student body among other things.

One student said he thought a new president should increase the library's study rooms, increase computer availability for student use, monitor restroom maintenance and improve textbook prices and stock.

PCC's current president Dr. James Kossler announced his retirement earlier this year after holding the position since 1995. Kossler said his years as President were the single greatest privilege of his professional life.

The College Board of Trustees will announce PCC's next president July 6 during a special meeting open to the public. More information is available concerning the presidential search at:

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Serving as a youth commissioner is a one year commitment from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Work on the City's Youth Master Plan.

For more information, please contact Michelle Keith at the Community & Personnel Services Department at 626-355-7135

TABLE FOR TWO by PETER DILLS

The Best Pizza Around?



Just reading the headline I am sure that many of you have your favorite pizza joints in and around the San Gabriel Valley. Once I was known as the Pizza Czar, my car even sported the license plates to prove it. Pizza is a true passion and everyone has their opinion just like sex, politics and religion. My daughter Lauren likes Dominos and Little Caesars. I personally cringe with the thought.

Domenico's in East Pasadena has been serving up Pizza Pie since the early 60's when Rose and Dominic Bitonto opened a small deli. Since then, the sons have taken the reigns on this family owned business. Is it the best? Well, I think it is pretty darn close. Last week I was in the mood for Pizza, so after nixing my daughters wants we headed to Domenico's.

First up we ordered the anti pasta salad for one at \$5.25 (easily enough for two). Pizza Time!! I ordered a medium pizza with half bacon bits and half pepperoni (\$12.20). To me I like the hint and smell of sourdough and lots of cheese. I enjoyed the pie immensely.

Pizza Rating: The Crust - 9, The Sauce - 8, Value - 10, Taste - 9, Cheesey - 8 **Overall** - 9 A very good neighborhood pizzeria. Domenico's offers the usual Italian Faire including pizza, spaghetti, garlic bread, salads. Beer and Wine **Worth Checking Out:** Randy's Calabrese Special (\$14.60 to \$21.95) - cheese topping with artichoke hearts, broccoli, tomatoes and margarita pepperoni. **Heads Up:** The restaurant closes for summer vacation; call ahead for hours. So where was the pizza invented? According to Pizza Today Magazine it was invented in Italy and brought to the US via New York. We now have Chicago, California and New York style Pizza; there is even a restaurant in the valley that imports their water from New York. Italians claim that a margarita pizza is the only authentic way to order a pizza - too boring for me!!

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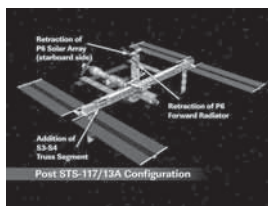
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On Friday, June 8, the Space Shuttle Atlantis began an 11-day mission that is vital to completing the International Space Station (ISS). As of this writing, the Atlantis had successfully docked with the ISS and was preparing to install a set of 240-foot-long solar panels on the Space Station. When the ISS receives a final set of solar panels and batteries about a year from now, it will be equipped to support a crew of six instead of the present three. The new solar panels need to be unfolded in space like a huge road map. They will be attached to an end of the Space Station's girder-like backbone via a huge "truss" segment weighing 18 tons. Atlantis (STS-117) had been scheduled to launch in March, but a severe thunderstorm in February had moved across the launch site at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, pelting it with golfball-sized hailstones that damaged foam insulation at the top of the fuel tank. The delay allowed NASA to use this flight to exchange U.S. Space Station crew members ahead of schedule. Flight engineer Sunita Williams, who set a record for space walks by a female and became the first astronaut to run the Boston Marathon (on a treadmill) in space, will be replaced by another American, Clayton Anderson.

This mission is the 118th Space Shuttle flight, the 28th flight for Atlantis, and the 21st U.S. flight to the ISS. The launch of STS-117 marks the 250th orbital human spaceflight. The end of this mission will leave thirteen flights remaining in the Space Shuttle program until completion of the Space Station in 2010.

This timetable brings the sad recognition that the remaining shuttles—Atlantis, Endeavor, and Discovery—are approaching their collective curtain call. Completion of the Space Station will mean an end to the Shuttle program, according to present plans. "It's a little bit like taking your old car that you really have enjoyed, and trading it in on a new one," said Wayne Hale, the Shuttle's Program Manager. Future plans call for a new set of rockets and capsules—the Constellation program—designed to send astronauts to the Moon and perhaps to Mars.

SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS may be able to view the ISS and Atlantis in the evening sky for the next few days (at last report, the Atlantis had extended its mission two days and was scheduled to return to Earth as of June 21). For more details and viewing times, go to www.heavens-above.com. Click on the blue word "Select"; choose "United States"; then type in "Sierra Madre." You can then get a list of viewing predictions for the "ISS" and (once it has undocked from ISS) the Space Shuttle Atlantis ("STS-117").



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A résumé by itself is impersonal whereas in a letter you can be more descriptive and give yourself a "human face." For example, you might want to say that your background of 12 years in customer service has enabled you to tactfully handle irate clients and remain calm in stressful situations. If you are in marketing, you might want to emphasize your outgoing personality as well as your persuasive communication skills and how these have resulted in many new clients and cross-selling to existing clients.

The cover letter also serves the purpose of explaining specific circumstances such as perhaps your interest in changing careers or your absence from the workforce for a number of years.

Q: I recently had an interview and am a bit concerned about the outcome. I feel I answered the interviewer's questions appropriately, but when I finished with my answers there seemed to be long periods of uncomfortable silence. Do you think the interviewer was waiting for me to add more information?

A: If you answer a question to the best of your ability, then you are done with that particular question and answer. Don't attempt to fill the silence. If you do, you could wind up rambling on and adding meaningless information which you might later regret.

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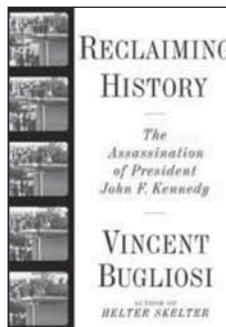
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Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

By Vincent Bugliosi



distorted and lied about the official record when they find it antithetical to their conspiracy ideas. They discredited the Warren commission which did a fine job. They see Oswald as either a member of a high level conspiracy as some patsy who worked for anti-castro exiles to mafia, to get Bobby off their back, or U.S. intelligence agencies or right wing groups who resented his probable pull back from Vietnam.

If your innocent usually there is hardly any evidence. There were 53 separate pieces of evidence pointing towards Oswald's guilt. His gun was the murder weapon. He flees the building and 45 minutes later he kills a policeman in his desperate flight. He told constant provable lies when interviewed by the police afterward. It's been 43 years and not one credible word has leaked out with regard to any conspiracies. The FBI did 25,000 interviews and found no Oswald link with any groups. Oswald was very unstable, unreliable and no one would conspire with the guy. Oswald would be the last person they would go to. He used a \$12 rifle and was not a marksman. He had no getaway plan, and was out on the street with \$13 hailing down cabs after the murder. He once tried to defect to the Soviet Union. They turned him down and he tried to commit suicide. No one knows exactly why Oswald killed the President. From his diaries he had delusions of grandeur, revered Castro and just 5 days before the assassination Kennedy urged the Cubans to rise up against Castro. He also hated the United States. Why did Jack Ruby kill Oswald? Did he silence him for the mob? He was not involved anyway with the Mob. He was a police buff, a snitch for them, and had emotional and mental problems. He idolized Jack Kennedy and took his death very hard. Most of all, he thought he would be a hero. He believed in vigilante justice, he didn't even think he would get punished for the murder. The Los Angeles Times said this book is for the ages, finally someone who has put all the pieces together and no one who reads the book can come to any other conclusion that Oswald killed Kennedy alone. He has reclaimed the truth. Enjoy!

For any book recommendations or comments please email me at jab33jab@yahoo.com

Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy by Vincent Bugliosi

Many Americans still believe in all the conspiracy theories. Finally in *Reclaiming History* Vincent Bugliosi the famous prosecutor of Charles Manson takes a hard comprehensive look with a prosecutorial eye and gets to the real truth of what happened. Researched over 20 years, its 1600 pages long, 1 1/2 million words and is the only book that covers every aspect of the case. He looks at all the conspiracy theory and covers the magic bullets, JFK's body movements in the car, the grassy knoll, Jack Ruby, Bobby Kennedy, LBJ, etc.etc.

Within hours of the shooting everyone in Dallas law enforcement concluded that Oswald was the killer. At its core it is not a difficult case if it was anyone other than the President. It could have been prosecuted in 3 days. But there was an instinctive desire to believe in conspiracies, that dark forces were involved which gave more meaning to his death. Not some silly little communist Oswald. It was a visceral reaction that someone who was like a king could be struck down so easily. There must be more involved. Bullets hit anyone they hit and it doesn't matter who pulls the trigger. People believe in conspiracy because of all the unceasing conspiracy books, the Oliver Stone movie, lectures, etc., which penetrated the thinking of people. From the 1st word to the end the theorists have

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The Two Lives of The Blinn House:

Architectural Legacy and Dynamic Home to Pasadena's Women's City Club



Exterior of Blinn House - The Blinn House sits amid the Fuller Seminary campus in downtown Pasadena

On a turn of the 20th century visit, Pasadena entranced Chicago lumber magnate, Edmund Blinn, with its mild climate and the invigorating cultural opportunities. As a result, the industrialist commissioned popular Chicago architect, George W. Maher to create an estate in the elite Ford Place, a four block square enclave of prestigious Pasadena estates. Located in the heart of today's downtown Pasadena, much of the surrounding neighborhood now encompasses the Fuller Theological Seminary campus. The 9800 square foot, three story Blinn House is California's only example of Maher's work. As a contemporary of Frank Lloyd Wright, both of their designs embodied a uniquely American architecture, the Prairie style. This early 1900's architectural philosophy discarded the ornate fussiness of the Beaux Arts style, employing more simple rectangular lines combined with impressive arched entries, and bringing nature into the abode.

Two signature architectural themes recur throughout this building. The broken pediment, an artistically interrupted arch is repeated throughout the home. The front door, cut to this



Staircase - The broken pediment, an interrupted arch pattern, is seen throughout the home.

shape and surrounded by the same pattern, makes the initial design statement; the oak staircase again traces the elegant pattern, as do the doorways, stained glass windows, pergola lanterns and more.

The wisteria (they choose the traditional spelling) vine motif naturally and intentionally begins outside with vine covered pillars, then moves inside to intricate stained glass windows and light fixtures. The piece d'resistance, a magnificent gold glass tile, floor to ceiling mural wraps around the fireplace in the living room. Originally believed to be a Tiffany work, historians now believe the Chicago glass artist, Orlando Gianinni created this magnificent piece of permanent art. Interesting how styles do come around again, glass tile

is once again in vogue, as seen in May's Showcase House at Descanso Gardens. The Blinn House foundation, which took over the support, preservation and loving, meticulous maintenance of this property in 2003, welcomes donations and volunteers in preserving this Pasadena legacy. In July, they will undertake a \$1 million capital campaign to upgrade the infrastructure, preserve and maintain the home. Designated in both a National Register of Historic Places and the California Register, their informational flyer eloquently states, "This architectural treasure cannot be replicated, and once gone, cannot be replaced."

The Pasadena chapter of ASID, American Society of Interior



Glass Tile Fireplace Surround - The repeated wisteria motif, as seen in this fireplace mural, brings nature indoors

Designers, with local design, industry and educational representatives, has designated Blinn House as their 2007-8 Community Service Project, and will lend extensive expertise and volunteer hours in the upcoming restoration and preservation project. Historical preservationists interested in donating services or products may contact ASID Blinn Renovation Chair, Gail Jamentz at soulinteriors@charter.net or 626-795-3185.

Home to the Women's City Club of Pasadena since their purchase of the estate in 1945, The Blinn House provides a unique home and venue for women "actively involved in business, civic affairs, education and philanthropy" offering educational, social, business meeting, networking, casual and fine dining opportunities. The Blinn House offers qualifying non-profits without their own meeting space, a reduced cost membership program with venue privileges. The day I visited, several groups attended events in this busy, elegant place, from a lively networking luncheon, a cultural gathering for a piano concert and a long standing bridge group on the sun porch.

"Having the support and expertise of the ASID Pasadena Chapter designers is invaluable to our organization," said Charlotte Reith, President of the Blinn House Foundation. "We can't wait to see the home's transformation, and invite the public to tour the space and enjoy the building."

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW

By Pat Birdsall

Just When You Thought No One would Notice...

As I have mentioned before, the older I get the larger the make-up bag. In order to leave the confines of my little abode to go anywhere, I feel that I have to wash and blow dry my hair, and then put on my face. The hair, because mine is very fine and I sleep on my sides. In the morning I look like Woody Woodpecker. Brushing and combing just seems to accentuate the "look." Not a pretty sight.

Some days I just don't feel like going through the tedious routine, as was the case this past Saturday. I thought I would just get some things done around my house, throwing on some clothes that any self-respecting thrift shop would refuse, and just enjoying putting about. As long as I avoided looking at anything that would show my reflection, like mirrors, I was OK. OK, that is until I realized that I was out of birdseed. You might say to yourself, "Birdseed, what's the big deal?" The big deal is this, I think I am feeding every bird north of Grandview and they depend on me for sustenance. (Okay, a tad on the melodramatic side), but I had to get to the store for a bag or two.

I thought, if I just put on my straw cowboy hat, sunglasses and lipstick, I could just dart in the store, get the seed and dart out again without anyone seeing me. Ha, ha! Silly girl! I must have seen at least six people that I know. I thought they certainly wouldn't be able to recognize me in my get-up. Ha, ha again! Why, when caught in a circumstance of one's own making like this, does one of the people who says hello happen to be blessed with natural beauty- great hair, clear skin, a dazzling smile, and dressed to perfection?...and of course the last person on earth you want to run into.

After extricating myself from the conversation with her, I picked up the seed, nodded to the other five acquaintances and went on my merry way truly humbled by the experience. Upon arriving home with my avian repast I was happy that my fine feathered friends were glad to see me. I don't think they cared that I was wearing a hat, sun glasses, lipstick and raggedy clothes. Okay, maybe the magpie did...just can't please that one.

Church of the Ascension Presents: "Composers of 1907"

From the time of its founding in 1885, the Church of the Ascension has hosted musical events on its grounds. In our city's centennial year, we feel it is appropriate to continue the tradition.

On Sunday, June 24 at 7:00 pm, Church of the Ascension presents "Composers of 1907" an evening celebrating the music of George Chadwick, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Scott Joplin, and John Philip Sousa. Ranging from the classical to the popular, these compositions would have appealed to the varied tastes of Sierra Madre's 1907 music lovers.

Dr. Debora Huffman, Ascension's Director of Music, is the Associate Dean for Student Affairs at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. For this special evening, she will be combining the talents of musicians from USC, Ascension, and friends in a presentation of Chadwick's "Quartet No. 4 in E Minor", Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Songs of Travel" and "Five Mystical Songs", Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Cello Sonata in G Minor", three Rags by Scott Joplin, and John Philip Sousa marches including "Stars and Stripes Forever". Artists include the Avanti String Quartet, Christopher Isaak, baritone, the Festival Choir of Ascension, Michelle Beauchesne, cellist, pianists Mary Au, James Hopkins, and Catherine Miller, and the USC Brass Quintet.



Sierra Madre Church of the Ascension will host a centennial concert on its' grounds June 24th.
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Following the concert, a reception will be held in the fellowship hall. Reservations are recommended for this free concert. A free will offering will be accepted.

Church of the Ascension is located at the corner of Baldwin Ave. and Laurel at 25 E. Laurel in Sierra Madre. For further information please call 626-355-1133.

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SPORTS

Mastering All:
Nolan Shaheed

By Larry Bortstein

When he's not putting up record times on the track, he's playing the trumpet for some of the luminaries of modern music.

Any way you look at it, Pasadena resident Nolan Shaheed has exceptional wind power.

"My running makes me a better trumpet player and my trumpet playing makes me a better runner," said Shaheed, who recently was named USA Track and Field Masters Athlete of the Year for 2007.

He will go to Orono, Maine, the first week of August to receive his award. It's his second such title. He received his first in 2001. For the past few years, Shaheed, who will turn 58 on July 18, has ranked among the top 50-and-older competitors in the world at 800 meters, 1500 meters and a mile. He also takes part in numerous 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter races and trains six days a week—often running the 3-plus miles around the Rose Bowl.

He is the current world record-holder for men over 50 in the 800 (1:56.65), the mile (4:26.75) and the 3000 (8:54.73).

"I'd rather run than play trumpet, but I can't make the same money," laughed Shaheed, a slender 5-foot-9, 122-pound man, who regularly steps into music studios to accompany Stevie Wonder and Electric Light Orchestra and whose work has been heard behind the vocals of the late Marvin Gaye.

"The Pasadena Jazz Institute is one of my favorite places to play," he said. "I'm there often with my five-piece orchestra. The acoustics there are great." Shaheed practices the trumpet six or seven hours a day and runs three hours a day. "The running I do helps me hit the higher notes easier and helps me sustain notes longer," he pointed out. "I often wonder why more people who play a brass instrument don't run. It really builds up your lungs."

Shaheed, who briefly ran track at Muir High School, didn't get back into the sport until he was 27.

"I was heavily involved in my music, playing with Count Basie and traveling all over," he recalled.

Shaheed's boyhood musical idol was Louis Armstrong, generally considered the greatest trumpet player of all time. "I was all set to meet him years ago, but then I heard a report that he had just died," he said. "That was a real disappointment."

Shaheed's wife, Sharon, with whom he has three daughters, also has a combined musical and athletic expertise. She runs a piano studio and holds a black belt in taekwondo.

He is proud that he weighs now what he weighed in high school. "Besides all the running, I watch what I eat," he said. "I don't eat anything that's white. That usually means it's processed. I eat brown rice and the bread I eat is

whole wheat and toasted.

He calls Stevie Wonder "one of the best people and most brilliant musicians I've ever met. That's not just because he's overcome the handicap of being blind, but he's never sold out and done trashy music. The only problem I have with him is that sometimes he'll get me out of bed at two o'clock in the morning and tell me to come down to the studio!" Shaheed's next competitive race will be at USC in early July. He intends to compete in several 400-meter races this year but has no interest in attempting the marathon distance of 26 miles, 385 yards.

"That's too much running," he laughed. "The longest I ever ran at one time was 18 miles and that was by accident."

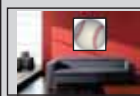
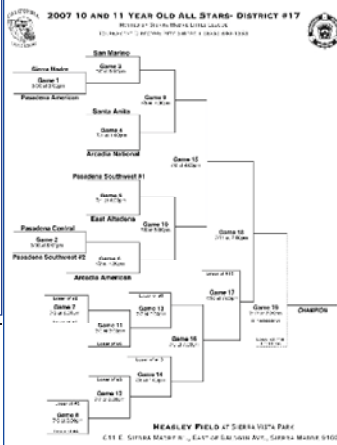
"I was in Portland, Maine, with Diana Ross and I went out for a 10-mile run. But I got lost out on the roads and by the time I got back I'd run 18 miles!"

-Photos courtesy Nolan Shaheed

Smart & Fast:
Alverno's Olivia Uranga

Olivia Uranga jumped hurdles with ease on and off the track this year. Full Story Page 8

Sierra Madre Little League To Host All-Stars



View From The Couch

By Stanley J. Forrester

THE BEST

Sometimes in the barber shop or after a round of golf, the talk will center on who is "the best" or who was "the best" in their sport. We all have our own assessment as to who "the best" is or was. When Earvin and Larry played were you a Bird Man or a Magic Fan? Did the "Sweetness" of Walter Peyton replace that "Man Among Men" running of Jim Brown? Could the "Brown Bomber" go toe to toe, or ever catch, or land a punch on Ali "The Greatest"? Who would win that heavy weight fight? All of these scenarios are interesting propositions and make for good barber shop talk. However, my position has always been that athletes of one era could not be compared with those of another.

Lately the conversation has had a new twist on "who is the best". Now the issues are which athlete is the most dominant in his field. We seem to have stopped comparing men within the same sport. Now we want to know who the best is overall.

The two most often mentioned last week in this

particular barber shop were Tiger Woods and Roger Federer. Both men have been dominant in their respective sports. But the question became, does one outshine the other? Their sports are so different - tennis for Federer and golf for Woods, yet they are alike. Both are individual sports, meaning that there is no team to help. However, the golfer does have the caddy to discuss the needed shot. On the other hand, the tennis player has no one.

Federer's accomplishments are staggering. He has been rated Number One in the world for over three years - 176 weeks consecutively. He holds ten major titles. In winning the Australian Open this year he never lost a set. Let that fact sink in for a moment - during the entire tournament he never lost a set. That is beyond impressive. Since 2005 he has won every major tournament, Australian Open, U.S. Open, Wimbledon everything except The French Open which continues to elude him. The career Grand Slam of Tennis continues to elude him. Rafael Nadal has beaten Federer in the French Open finals for the

past three years.

Tiger Woods on the other hand, has been Number One in golf for a total of 447 weeks. This number is not consecutive for Vijay Singh held onto No.1 for 32 weeks. Woods first became numero uno within eight months of turning pro. He has won every major tournament at least twice. He held all four major tournament titles at once. Since it was not in the same calendar year that accomplishment was referred to as the Tiger Slam. During his entire career, he was won just about one out of every four tournaments he has entered, 57 out of 222. Amazing.

So how do you come down on this conversation? Is it Roger or Tiger? They each say that the other is more dominant in his sport. I have decided that not only can you not compare athletes of different eras; you should not compare athletes of different sports. Both of these young men are outstanding athletes and do not need any comparison. They are both worthy champions in their chosen sports. They are both "The Best".

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