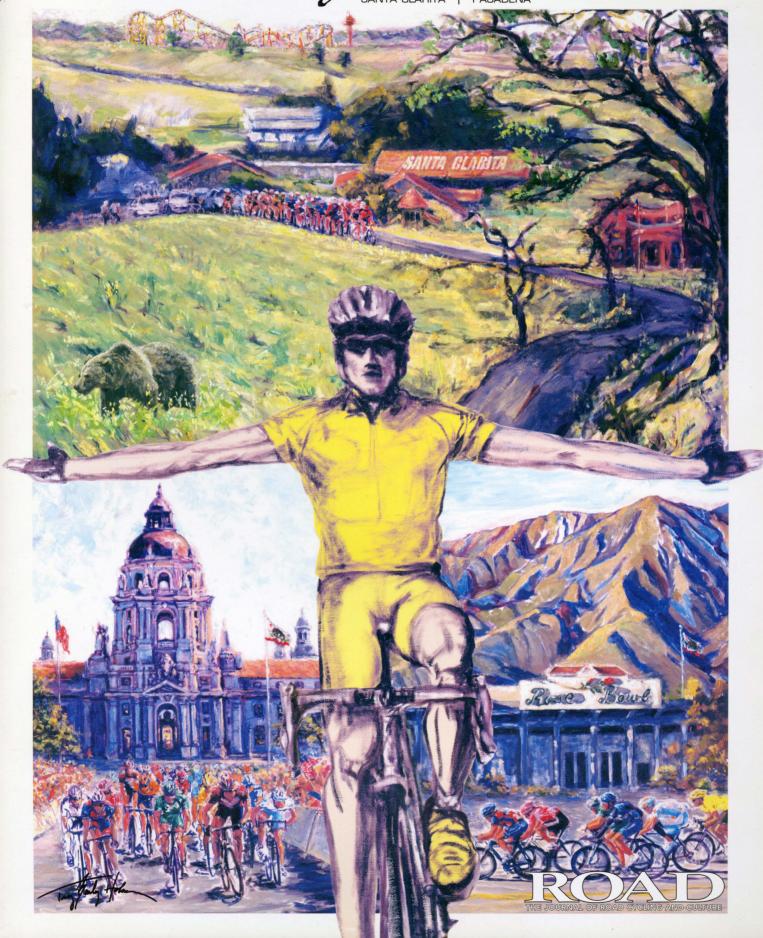
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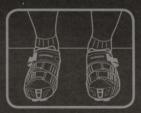
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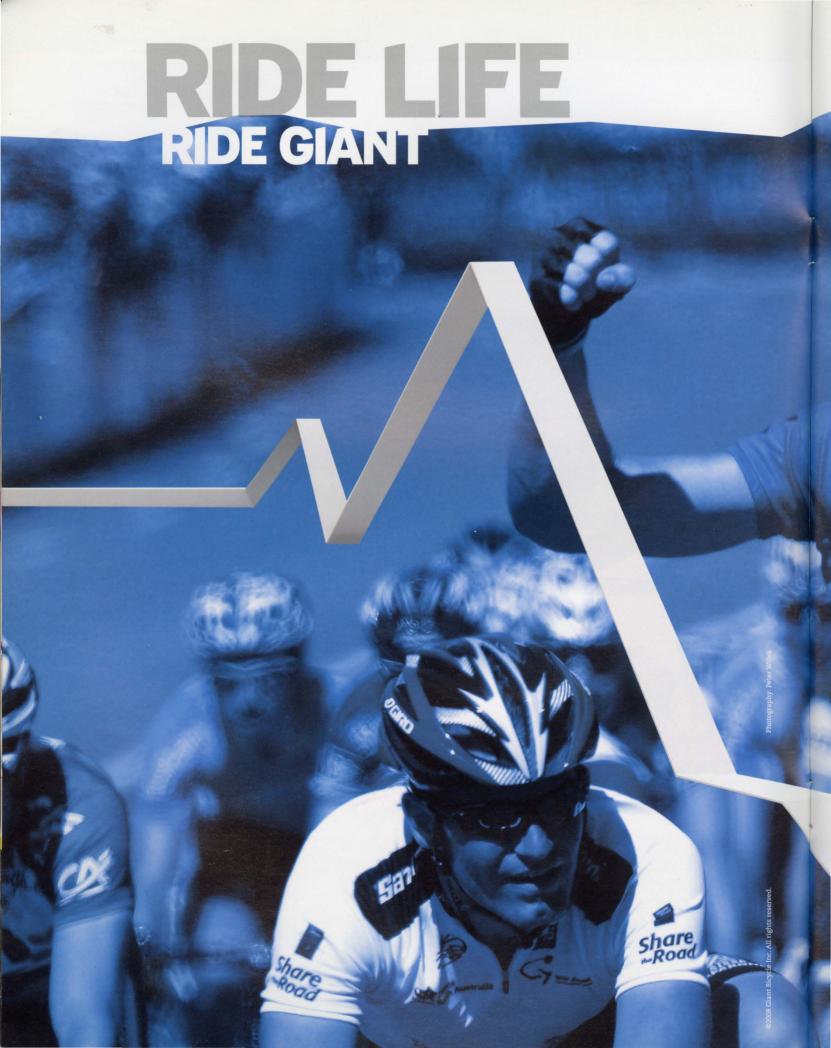








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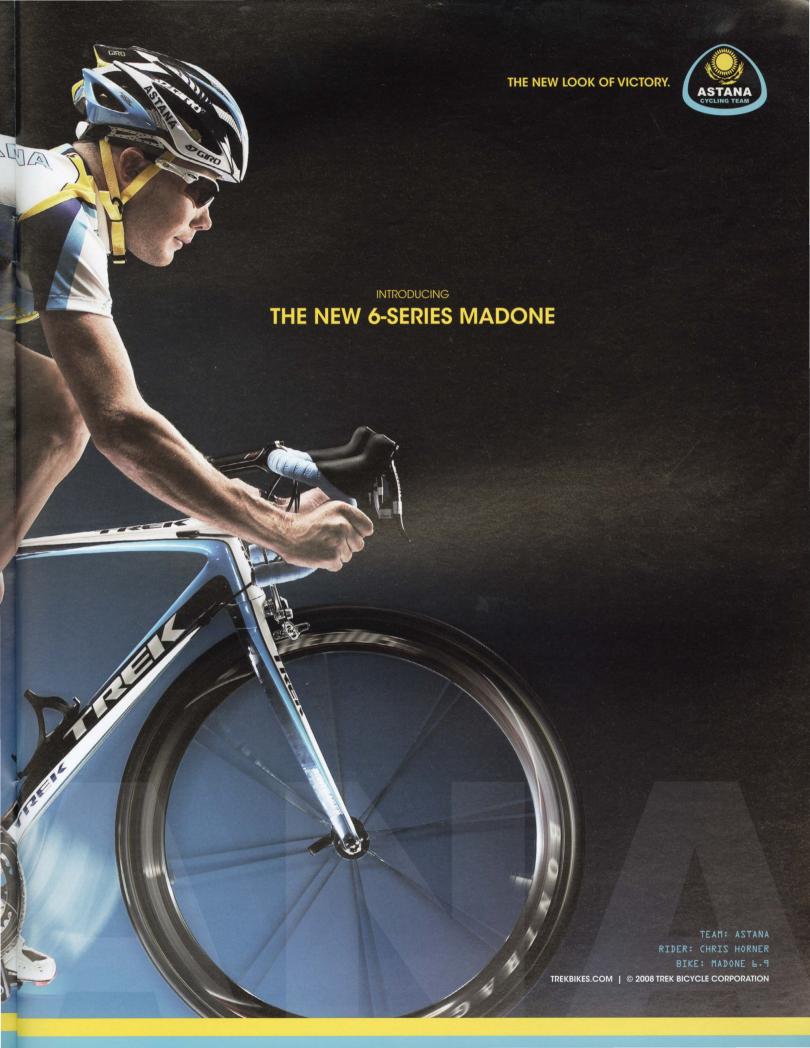




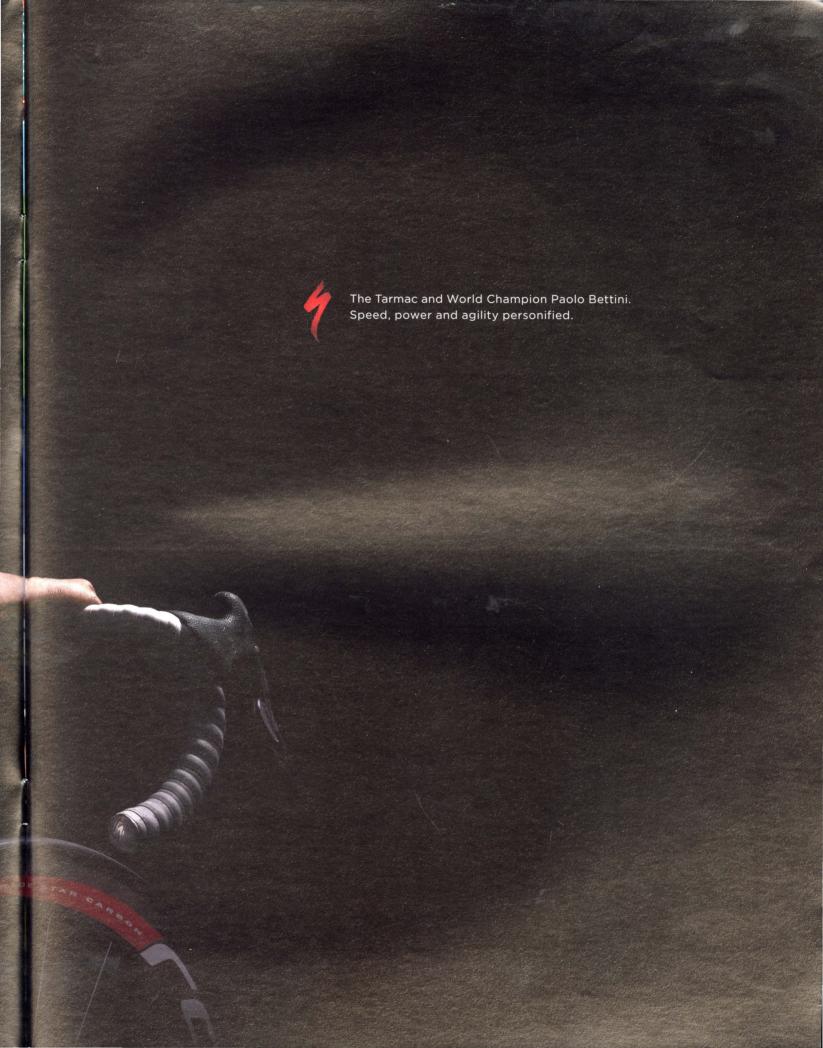
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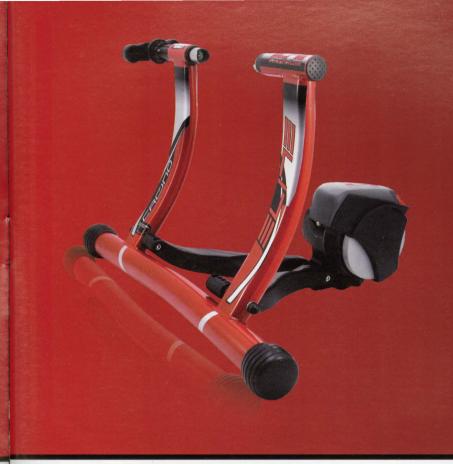


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Santa Clarita is the quintessential Southern California experience, offering year-round sunshine, a distinctive blend of urban sophistication and small town charm, worldclass theme parks, history, and a variety of activities and accommodations for visitors of all ages. Best of all, just 30 miles from Los Angeles, Santa Clarita is within close proximity of other Southern California points of interest.

When planning your next trip to California make plans to stay in Santa Clarita and enjoy the very best of the state.

Extreme Thrills

Six Flags California Theme Parks Indulge your senses with thrills at Six Flags Magic Mountain and Hurricane Harbor, home to some of the most exhilarating roller coasters and water slides in the world. Magic Mountain features 260-acres of entertainment, including more roller coasters than any other amusement park in the world, while its sister property offers a variety of water-themed activities to help you stay cool in the warmer summer months.

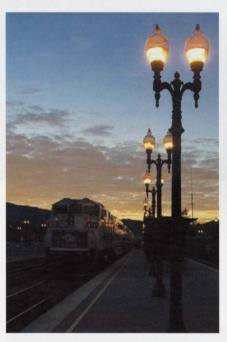
Santa Clarita is also home to the Ice Station Valencia, a 92,000 square foot ice entertainment center; Mountasia Family Fun Center, which features miniature golf, go karts, bumper boats, batting cages, lazer tag and more than 100 arcade games; and The Greens, a premier putting green golf course, bar, and grille.

Serene Surroundings Golf Santa Clarita

In the last decade, Santa Clarita has emerged as one of Southern California's top golfing destinations. The Robinson Ranch and Vista Valencia courses are

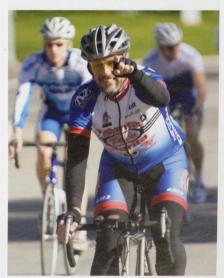














two of Santa Clarita's most popular public golf courses. Just a few minutes West on Highway 126 is the beautiful Elkins Ranch golf course, a favorite among locals.

Tournament Players Club at Valencia and Valencia Country Club are two of the Santa Clarita Valley's private courses, available for tournaments and open to the public for private events and dining.

Outdoor Attractions

The Santa Clarita Valley offers endless opportunities for outdoor adventures, with rock climbing and hiking available at Vasquez Rocks, Ed Davis Park, and Placerita Canyon and boating, fishing, skiing and swimming at Castaic Lake, Lake Piru, Lake Elizabeth, and Lake Hughes.

Year-Round Calendar of Events Each month Santa Clarita hosts a variety of specialty events providing opportunities to get out and enjoy the many distinctive settings and offerings unique to the area.

The year of events kicks off in February with the annual Amgen Tour of California. Just a few weeks after the Amgen Tour of California, March 10-16, the City welcomes the AT&T Champions Classic golf tournament, bringing some of the PGA's best senior golfers to town for a weeklong tournament that includes a Pro-Am tournament, pairing local business leaders, and aspiring golfers with their favorite professional players.

Shortly thereafter the City trades cycles and clubs for spurs and Cowboy hats as Santa Clarita hosts the annual Cowboy Festival at Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio, April 24-27. Recognized as one of the top five festivals of its kind, the Cowboy Festival is a chance to step back in time and relive the magic of the West on a real working movie ranch. The festival is a celebration of Santa Clarita's Western heritage, featuring Cowboy music, authentic Western gear, art, and culinary treats the whole family will enjoy.

The Italian Feast of Santa Clarita then rounds out what will be a lively spring in Santa Clarita, hosted at Westfield Valencia Town Center May 16-18. The event is an authentic celebration of Italian cuisine, art, and culture, and features a Kid Korner. carnival rides, and ample food and wine.

The summer heats up with the City of Santa Clarita's annual Concerts in the Parks series, bringing thousands of families together at Central Park to enjoy live music from some of the region's best acts.

Fall ushers in cooler temperatures and two premier events, the Santa Clarita Street Arts Festival and the Loose Goose Wine Festival. The Street Arts Festival, which takes place the final weekend of September, attracting premier chalk artists who create original works of art on the street in Old Town Newhall. The Festival also includes live music and dance, culinary offerings, and unique art and craft vendors from Southern California.

The fourth annual Loose Goose Wine Festival, October 2-5, includes a golf tournament, extravagant gala dinner, and two days of live music and wine sampling at Bridgeport Park. The event has become one of Los Angeles' most well-known and well-respected wine events.

Finally, the City of Santa Clarita challenges the nation's top runners at the annual Santa Clarita Marathon on November 2. The race is an official qualifier for the Boston Marathon, and features a half-marathon course, 5K run, and a Kid K. These events, in conjunction with theater productions from the Canyon Theatre Guild, Repertory East Playhouse, College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center, and California Institute of the Arts, contribute to a robust activities calendar ensuring guests continually revisit this distinctive Southern California destination.

Signature Shopping and Culinary Delights

Travelers from around the globe delight in Santa Clarita's culinary scene. From recognized brands, which include BJ's Brewhouse & Restaurant, Sisley Italian Kitchen, Stonefire Grille, and Bucco Di Beppo, to specialty eateries including Salt Creek Grille, WolfCreek, Egg Plantation, George's Bistro, and Maru Sushi, the area offers something for everyone.

For wine enthusiasts, All Corked Up, Vino 100, and Valencia Wine Company offer some of the Santa Clarita Valley's most comprehensive collections of wines and spirits, in addition to monthly tasting events.

Santa Clarita is also a dynamic shopping destination. Westfield Valencia Town Center is at the heart of Santa Clarita's retail offerings, home to hundreds of nationally-recognized brands and specialty boutiques alike. The center extends outdoors for alfresco shopping along Town Center Drive, where one-of-a-kind stores feature products, services, art, clothing, and gifts you will be proud to show off back home.

Old Town Newhall is another point of interest for shopping, with several Santa Clarita-specific eateries, sporting good stores, clothing boutiques, and more.

Accommodations

Location is everything in Southern
California and Santa Clarita is uniquely
situated just minutes from the region's
other premier attractions. Hyatt Valencia,
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and more can all be found right here in
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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BOB KELLAR

The City of Santa Clarita is proud to be a host city for the 2008 Amgen Tour of California and I am confident that when all is said and done we will look back knowing we were part of something very special.

Santa Clarita is not new to hosting great events. In March the City will once again host the AT&T Champions Classic golf tournament at the Valencia Country Club and in April the City welcomes back guests from all over the world for the annual Cowboy Festival at historic Melody Ranch and Motion Picture Studio.

Santa Clarita has a rich history and today is one of the premier destinations for business, families and fun. As Mayor of the City of Santa Clarita I could not be more proud of our City and invite you to visit us again. Our doors are always open.



Santa Clarita The Quintessential Lifestyle

Santa Clarita has a sense of style all its own. This is a community where high energy and serene surroundings go hand in hand, where people care about their community, businesses thrive, and visitors enjoy an endless array of leisure activities.

Santa Clarita was designed to embrace a variety of lifestyles. Whether you prefer a carefree townhouse or apartment living, the excitement and convenience of an urban loft, a more traditional single-family setting, or an active-adult community, you will feel right at home. Consistently ranked among the nation's safest communities, City residents enjoy one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

Comprised of four distinct communities - Valencia, Saugus, Newhall, and Canyon Country, Santa Clarita offers an eclectic mix of relaxed rural atmospheres, quaint small town settings, manicured suburban neighborhoods, and the metropolitan town center experience. The City celebrates

the unique character of each community while working together to protect the essence that has drawn residents to Santa Clarita for decades.

Recreational Opportunities

Santa Clarita boasts nearly perfect weather year-round, with sunny skies and mild seasons. Residents and visitors alike embrace the community's idyllic setting, which allows for endless recreational fun.

With more than 32 miles of off-street trails, more than 15 miles of on-street bike lanes, and 30 miles of paseos located throughout the community, it is no surprise that Santa Clarita was recognized as one of the county's most bicycle friendly communities by the League of American Bicyclists.

In addition to the miles of paved pathways throughout the City, Santa Clarita is also proudly home to one of Southern California's most distinguished Parks. The Eighty-acre Central Park boasts multi-use and softball fields, practice areas, and a

jogging trail, and is the crown jewel of the City's 20-park system.

The state-of-the-art Aquatics Center, located at Santa Clarita's Sports Complex, features a 50-meter Olympic-sized pool, a 25-meter diving pool, and a free-form family recreation pool with a two-story waterslide and water playground.

At the Forefront of **Business Development**

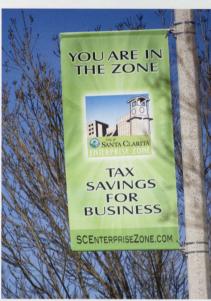
With a strong business infrastructure set at the crossroads of Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern Counties along California's I-5 corridor, Santa Clarita is within easy reach of the entire western United States and the Pacific Rim. The City is one of the fastest growing communities in Southern California with over 180,000 residents and nearly 7,000 businesses, comprising an area of 55 square miles.

Since its inception in 1987, the City of Santa Clarita has sought to create a balanced community that is inviting to both businesses and residents. Thoughtful planning has led to the creation of one of Southern California's premiere locations for commerce and community.

Fostering World-class Business
Santa Clarita has a thriving economy,
ranked by major banks, publications,
and research authorities as one of
California's strongest. In 2006 and 2007,
the Los Angeles Economic Development
Corporation named Santa Clarita as one of
the top five most business-friendly cities in
Los Angeles County.

Santa Clarita is home to over ten separate master-planned business parks and centers, and has attracted a number of businesses in the growing biomedical, high technology, aerospace, and entertainment fields. Some of those businesses include Mann Bio-Medical, Princess Cruises, HR Textron, and JC Culture USA – Jackie Chan's North American film office. The City's well-educated and talented workforce is ready, willing, and able to contribute to the future success of local businesses and in turn, the community's prosperity.







Santa Clarita Fun Fact: Santa Clarita is home to more than 30 miles of off street bike paths, trails, and an impressive network of paseos, which meander through the community's 55 square miles.

HISTORY

- 450 Tataviam Indians settle in the upper Santa Clara River Valley regions naming it in honor of St. Clare.
- 1769 Portola discovers the Newhall Pass
- 1842 Jose Francisco de Gracia Lopez strikes gold in Placerita Canyon, six years before the discovery at Sutter's Mill
- 1875 Henry Mayo Newhall buys Rancho San Francisco
- 1876 "Pico Number 4" in the town of Mentryville emits oil, making it the first productive oil well in California history
- 1903 Newhall becomes one of the first locations for Western filming
- 1909 Originally named "San Fernando Pass" the first automotive vehicle travels through Beale's Cut, leading to several historic discoveries
- 1919 The first newspaper is established in Newhall and is named "Newhall Signal and Saugus Enterprise"
- 1928 The St. Francis dam collapses, becoming the second worst disaster in California history, killing 470 people
- 1940 "The American," the first motion picture theater in Santa Clarita opens at Spruce Street and 11th in presentday Old Town Newhall
- 1967 Interstate 5 is completed through the Santa Clarita Valley
- 1969 College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita's first higher education facility, begins offering classes as William S. Hart High School
- 1971 Six Flags Magic Mountain Opens
- 1987 Santa Clarita is incorporated as its own City
- 1992 Metrolink Rail services begin offering transit to Los Angeles
- 2007 City of Santa Clarita hosts second annual Amgen Tour of California and celebrates its 20th anniversary



With more than 20 soundstages and over a dozen movie ranches, Santa Clarita is a natural extension of the entertainment industry's core. Many of the nation's leading production companies have chosen the City, taking advantage of the year-round idyllic climate, scenic vistas, and multitude of locations.

A Leading Retail Environment Named as one of the top 25 retail markets in California by California Retail Surveys, Santa Clarita is a shopper's paradise. The Westfield Valencia Town Center and the adjacent Town Center Drive offer shoppers a million and a half square feet of retail, dining, and entertainment destinations within the heart of the City. Conveniently located throughout the community are several power centers, and the Valencia Auto Center with over 20 brands represented features an outstanding array of automobiles.

Santa Clarita's development team has made a conscious effort to preserve the best of the past with the revitalization of Old Town Newhall. Soon guests and

residents alike will be able to enjoy quaint shops and restaurants reminiscent of a bygone era, all carefully restored and recreated to showcase the town's turn of the century roots.

Competitive Business Advantages Businesses that choose to locate in the City of Santa Clarita have an edge over their competition. The City has no business license or utility user fee, is one of California's newest Enterprise Zones, and offers a business-friendly development experience. This is a place people enjoy being. It is a dynamic city that is on the move. Everywhere one turns, new startups and well-known names are establishing their presence and taking advantage of Santa Clarita's unique opportunities.

Dedicated To Enriching Minds And Cultivating Creativity

Santa Clarita holds education among its highest priorities. The community's public schools consistently rank in the upper echelons of standardized test score and local institutes of higher learning attract students from across the globe.

Primary and secondary schools have been honored five times with national Blue Ribbon Awards and have been named California Distinguished Schools on 26 separate occasions. Hart Union High School District, the City's largest, consists of 13 schools with a total enrollment of more than 17,000 students. The district's six high schools all rank among the top 25 percent in Los Angeles County.

At The Forefront Of Higher Education Santa Clarita is home to several prestigious colleges and institutions. which attract bright, innovative minds and provide local businesses with a talented pool of professionals.

The world-renowned California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) was founded in 1961 by Walt and Roy Disney as the nation's first art institute granting undergraduate and graduate degrees in both the visual and performing arts. Here, 1,200 talented artists, musicians, dancers, film makers, actors, and writers exchange ideas to produce some of the world's finest artistic expressions,

adding invaluable cultural richness to the community.

The prestigious UCLA Film & Television Archive recently expanded to Santa Clarita, with a new facility just minutes from CalArts. The Archive constitutes one of the largest collections of media materials in the United States – second only to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. – and the largest of any university in the world.

The Master's College, a faith-based institution, is nestled in the heart of Santa Clarita, and offers undergraduate and graduate programs. Most recently the college was ranked by US News and World Report as one of America's best colleges.

College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita's award-winning community college, boasts a student population of more than 15,000 with Associate degrees, certificate, and career preparatory programs in more than 100 disciplines. The College's University Center also hosts nine undergraduate and 15 graduate programs through affiliations with top schools including Chapman University, University of La Verne, and California State University campuses at Bakersfield, Fresno, and Northridge.

The College is also home to the \$18 million Performing Arts Center, a proscenium theatre with state-of-the-art sound system, and more than 900 seats, which hosts professional and

community entertainment as well as instructional programs.

Santa Clarita is dedicated to the continued development of the community and believes education is a core component. To that end, local government, industry, and education institutions work together to support enhanced offerings to attract the best and brightest. Through a continued investment in education, Santa Clarita promises to be one of Southern California's leading business and residential communities for years to come.

Preserving the Natural Setting and Rich Heritage

Santa Clarita's blend of urban sophistication and cultural diversity are further complemented by the City's distinctive preservation of nature and open space. Thanks to long-term planning and a major commitment by the community, a sizable portion of Santa Clarita's landscape will be preserved in perpetuity in its natural state.

The Santa Clara River, one of the country's only remaining river not constrained to a concrete channel, provides a refuge for wildlife and a retreat for residents. Nearby Vasquez Rocks and Castaic Lake provide dramatic vistas and endless hiking, biking, and water sport activities.

Several historic sites have been preserved for future generations. In Placerita Canyon you will find the first documented gold

THE CALIFORNIA BEAR PROJECT

In 2005, the City of Santa Clarita initiated The California Bear Project, a unique art in public places program. Inspired by other successful public art projects including Angels and Cows on Parade, cities across the state are encouraged to work with local artists to design colorful and artistic interpretations of the California bear befitting each individual destination.

Santa Clarita selected the Monarch Grizzly as the blank model for the California Bear Project. The Monarch is the bear depicted in the California State flag and was the largest bear ever killed in California. Weighing 2,350 pounds and reported to have killed and eaten seven men, the Monarch grizzly's life ended in Santa Clarita in 1877.

Santa Clarita has made it easy to be a part of this grassroots art project. Communities statewide can obtain a blank fiberglass bear from the City of Santa Clarita. Once purchased, the city can then work with local artists and community members to design their own original look for the bear.

BEARS ON PARADE

The first of the California Bears came to life in Santa Clarita in April 2005, when the City unveiled its first bear at the City's grand opening of the 17-acre Valencia Heritage Park. Santa Clarita's first bear features a photographic collage of City history and events, designed by local artist Scott Groller. Several bears quickly followed and can be enjoyed around Santa Clarita at various City parks.

In 2007, Santa Clarita artist Frank Rock created a one-of-a-kind bear highlighting the many host cities participating in the second annual Amgen Tour of California. The City of Santa Clarita presented a miniature version of the bear as the trophy for the winner of Stage 6, which concluded in Santa Clarita.

It is with great pride the City of Santa Clarita continues the California Bear Project tradition in 2008, presenting the Stage 6 winner of the third annual Amgen Tour of California with yet another artistic interpretation of California history inspired by Santa Clarita.



Interesting Bear Fact: The fiberglass bears used for the California Bear Project are life size and realistic. Each replica is more than 10 feet in length and more than five feet tall!









strike in the Golden State, dating back to 1842, seven years prior to the find at Sutter's Mill. Mentryville is the site of the state's first oil well built in 1876, and silent film legend William S. Hart's mansion is home to one of Santa Clarita's most distinguished museums.

Living the California Dream

Thoughtful design and sound planning have helped ensure that the community respects its past and treasures its natural resources while embracing its exciting future. Quintessentially Californian, the

City of Santa Clarita offers the opportunity to enjoy the best life has to offer in a balanced community where people work, shop, live, and learn in a place they are delighted to call home.

California living is defined by experiences enjoyed al fresco. Whether your pleasure is heart-pounding roller coasters, time with nature, local culinary flair, or distinctive cultural events, you can enjoy them all amidst the pristine beauty of Santa Clarita's preserved natural landscape and near-perfect year-round weather. Come back and visit again soon!

The City of Santa Clarita thanks it's community partners for their contributions to the 2008 Amgen Tour of California.

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Santa Barbara to Santa Clarita

With the individual time trial the day before reshuffling the general classification, the top riders fighting to maintain or battling for a spot on the final podium might be separated merely by seconds when they start the HealthNet-sponsored stage 6 near the breathtaking Santa Barbara shoreline. Along the peloton's 105-mile journey to Santa Clarita, the racers will be hit with four leg-breaking King of the Mountains climbs and three sprint lines, which means crucial points will be up for grabs for riders gunning for the climber's title and the green sprinter's jersey. After cruising through Carpenteria on Highway 192, the peloton will face two KOMs on Highway 150 before passing Lake Casitas and entering scenic

Ojai. The pack will tackle the third KOM just outside Ojai and descend into Santa Paula. Saving the best for last, the menacingly steep Balcom Canyon climb will be the final KOM of the stage. The last two years, waiting on Balcom Canyon was an enormous enthusiastic sea of nearly 25,000 fans that parted to let the riders pass. Finally three demanding circuits in Santa Clarita remain. The sprinters will be deployed on a mad dash for the finish line at McBean Parkway at the Valencia Town Center.







Santa Clarita to Pasadena

Often the final day of stage races is more ceremonial than competitive, but not at the 2008 Amgen Tour of California where stage 7, sponsored by Amgen, is a challenging point-to-point affair that could produce dazzling fireworks with changes possible in the general classification and King of the Mountains competition. After departing Santa Clarita, the first 25 miles is a gradual climb to the intersection of Angeles Forest Road before the road tilts skyward to the highest elevation ever reached by the Amgen Tour of California on the massive Millcreek Summit [4,906 feet]. The riders will rocket down an eight-mile stretch to Angeles Crest Highway before dropping into Pasadena. With the legendary Rose Bowl and San Gabriel Mountains providing a picturesque backdrop, the peloton will whip up the speed

during six demanding five-mile laps around the famed stadium. Everyone wants to win the last stage at major stage races so look for the sprinters to drag race to the finish line in a blaze of glory.



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6. Christian VANDEVELDE (USA).	1.24

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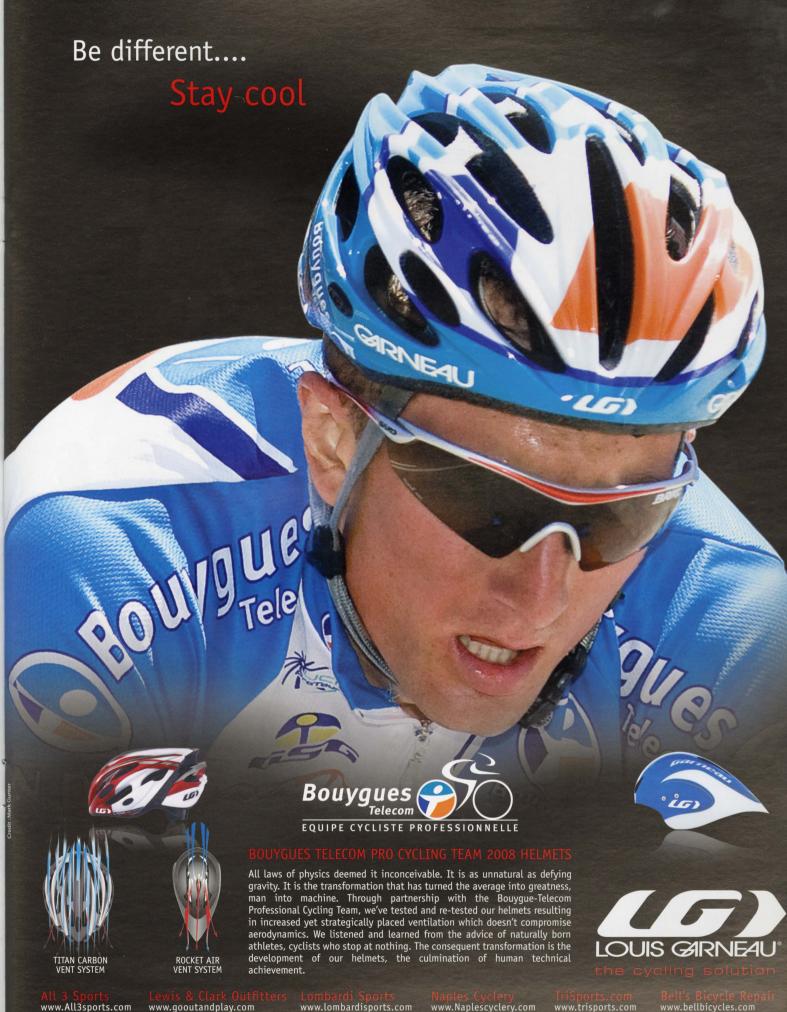


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TEAM ASTANA

Two-thousand-eight is a new year and a new look for Astana. Gone are the ghosts of the past. This team, created by a group of state-owned business in Kazakhstan and named after the countries capital, was in a downward spiral. Its star rider Alexander Vinokourov was found positive for blood doping following the time trial during last year's Tour de France. As a result the whole Astana team was kicked out of the Tour. By the end of 2007 the management and most of the team were released. Johan Bruyneel was facing a different challenge, retirement. After being the man behind eight Tour de France victories, he was going to hang it up, however he was talked out of retirement by the unique challenge of turning a troubled team around. One of the necessary steps to prove this was the introduction of a strict anti-doping policy headed by Dr. Rasmus Damsgaard who is also the man responsible for Team CSC's anti-doping program. Bruyneel also brought with him several riders from Discovery including 2007 Tour de France winner Alberto Contador and defending Amgen Tour of California champion and third place finisher of the 2007 Tour de France, Levi Leipheimer. Leipheimer will definitely be a man on form to repeat in his home state's race. Chris Horner is also part of the Astana mix, and though he may not be a contender for the overall, Horner will definitely be a threat on any of the stages in this year's Amgen Tour of California. He's a great tactician and will choose his spots smartly.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: 1st, Team classification, 2007 Critérium du Dauphiné Libéré (2007 UCI ProTour); 1st, Team classification, 2007 Jayco Herald Sun Tour (2007-2008 UCI Oceania Tour)



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BISSELL PRO

Bissell steps into the shoes as the title sponsor in 2008 for the former Priority Health Cycling Team, presented by Bissell. The team made its professional debut in 2007 and quickly made headlines when Ben Jacques-Maynes finished third in the prologue of the Amgen Tour of California by just four seconds. Jacques-Maynes was one of the most consistent rides in the domestic pro peloton in 2007, racking up six wins, finishing in the top five 24 times, including a second place overall in the National Racing Calendar individual points standing. This year the team has signed five new riders to its 14-man roster. Notable additions include third place finisher in the 2007 Tour of Ireland, Aaron Olson, who rode the previous season with T-Mobile, and two time stage winner in the 2007 Tour of Southland, and sixth place finisher in the 2008 New Zealand National Road Race and Time Trial Championships, Jeremy Vennell. Vennell rode the previous season with DFL-Cyclingnews-Litespeed in Europe and is a strong stage racer who will add some needed horsepower to the team's overall firepower. This is a talented team of up-and-coming riders, which almost saw Jacques-Maynes don the leader's jersey last year. The team will be eager to prove that 2007 was no fluke and we would not be surprised if we see Jacques-Maynes, or Tom Zirbel high among on the leaderboard overall.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: Iron Hill Twilight Criterium; Stage 2 Cascade Cycling Classic; Stages 1, 2, and Overall Central Valley Classic; Stages 1, 9, and 7 PowerNet Tour of Southland; Stage 3 and 10, Tour of Tasmania



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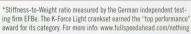
















TEAM BMC

New to the pro peloton in 2007, BMC Racing started last season with a bang and won the team time trial stage of the Giro del Friuli Venezia Giulia, and briefly took the overall lead with Jonathan Garcia. Similar to last year the 2008 squad is a mixture of seasoned professionals and new, young talent. At the helm is former Swiss National Road Race Champion Alexandre Moos. The team has signed eight new riders to its 2008 roster that include 1999 USPRO Criterium Champion and ProTour veteran, Tony Cruz; 2007 South African World Road Race Championship team member Darren Lill; 2007 Tour of Missouri King of the Mountains Champion, Jeff Louder; 2007 fifth place finisher in the Under-23 World Road Race Championships Danilo Wyss; and 2007 stage winner at the Tour de Toona, and second place finisher in the 2006 Amgen Tour of California best young rider competition Taylor Tolleson. This season the team has stepped up their program and secured a UCI license as a Professional Continental team, one of only two American teams to currently do so this year. At the end of January the team will be coming off the six day stage race the Tour of Qatar, which will be a good tune up for California and enable them to get some early racing miles against some of the same ProTour teams.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: 1st Men's Pro-am 1/2 International Challenge; Overall San Dimas Stage Race; KOM Competition Cascade Cycling Classic; Stage 2b Team Time Trial Giro del Friuli Venezia Giulia; 3rd Swiss National Time Trial Championships

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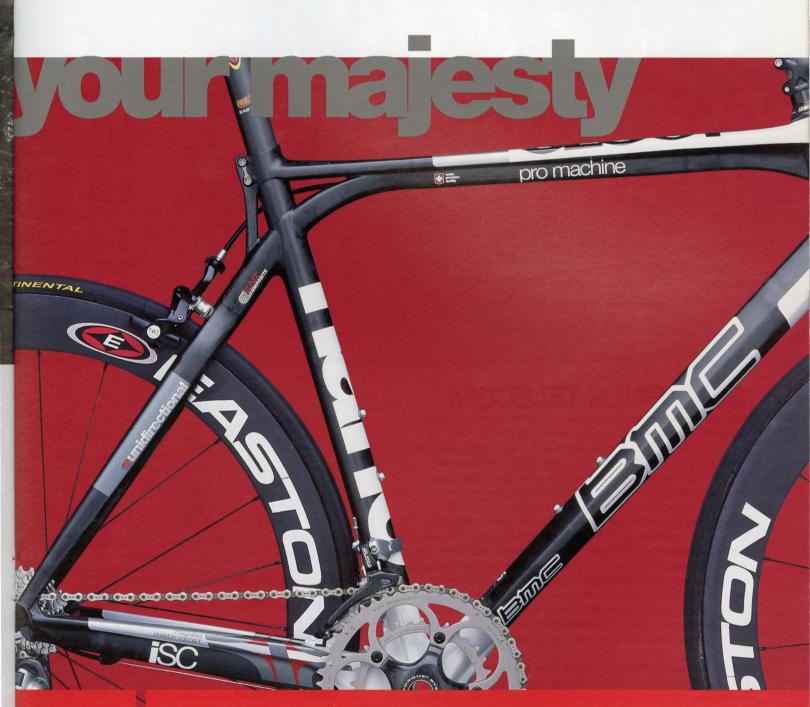
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This French team has had several names since its inception back in 1984, but one thing has remained constant, a strong mostly French roster. The reason for the strong French influence is result of a strong national amateur squad, which it sponsors. From this Bouygues "cherry-picks" the talented riders from the team to make the jump to the professional ranks. One such star rider is Thomas Voeckler. Voeckler captured the hearts of people around the world with his gutsy 10-day grip of the Yellow Jersey in the 2004 Tour de France. Voeckler will be a man to watch to snatch a victory in any race he enters. For 2008 Bouygues has already started its winning ways with a stage victory at this year's Étoile de Bessèges with Russian Yuri Trofimov. In a gutsy solo move Trofimov distanced himself from the charging peloton. The team honed their fitness, like many teams do, at the Tour of Qatar and the Tour de Langkawi in Malaysia. As of this writing, Mattieu Sprick held a narrow one second lead in the overall general classification. This team will not be in the hunt at the Amgen Tour of California for the overall victory, but they will be looking for a stage victory whenever they can.

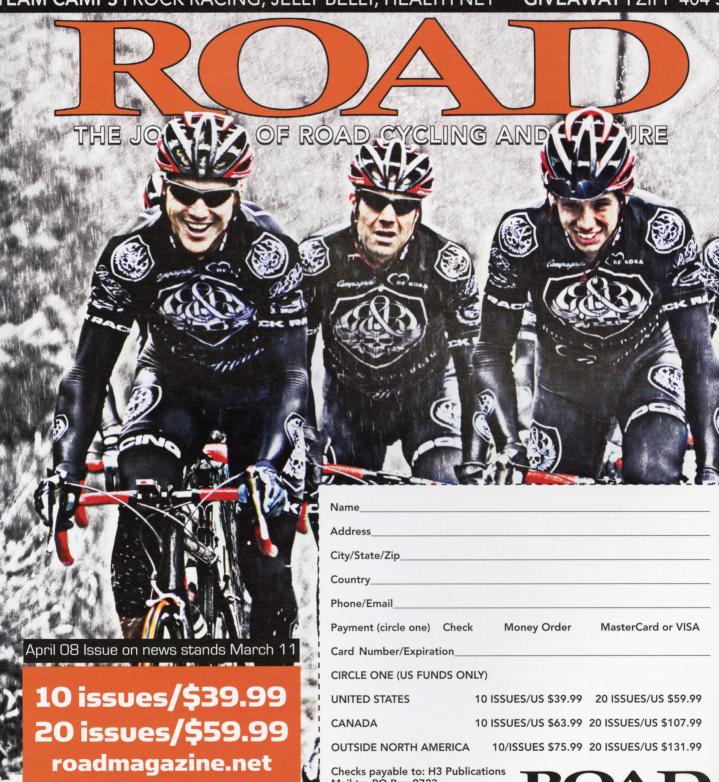
MAJOR '07 AND '08 RESULTS: ['08] 1st, Étoile de Bessèges, Yuri Trofimov; ['07] 1st, GP Ouest-France, Thomas Voeckler; 1st, Tro Bro Léon (UCI 1.1), Saïd Haddou; 1st, Young Rider classification, Tour of Qatar, Alexandre Pichot; 1st, Mountains classification, Tour de Romandie, Laurent Brochard



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CRÉDIT AGRICOLE

This French squad is known for its competitive spirit, and while primarily a French team, several nationalities comprise the overall make-up of this team. Riders from Hungary, Russia, Kazakhstan, Italy, Australia, England, Norway, Ireland and Lithuania round out the diverse team. Several Americans have ridden for this squad in the past including CSC's Bobby Julich and Slipstream's director Jonathan Vaughters. While not able to race professionally again due to the result of his crash in 2006, Georgia's Saul Raisin is still under contract with Crédit Agricole and last year rode most of the stages of the Amgen Tour of California as training in an unsuccessful bid to return to the professional peloton. Irish team member Nicolas Roche whose father Stephen won the Triple Crown of cycling (Giro d' Italia, Tour de France, World Championships) in 1987 has a rich cycling bloodline that is impressive. This race is ideal for the 23-year-old to gain much-needed experience. Norwegian rider Thor Hushovd had several top 10 finishes in last year's Amgen Tour of California, but passed on this year's edition to focus on preparation for the looming Classics. So far this year the team has struck victory with British sprinter Jeremy Hunt at the Tour of Langkawi, Italian Angelo Furlan at Étoile de Bessèges, and Mark Renshaw at the Tour Down Under. Renshaw could surprise alot of folks.

MAJOR '07 AND '08 RESULTS: ['08]1st, stage 4 Étoile de Bessèges (Angelo Furlan); 1st, stage 2 Tour of Langkawi (Jeremy Hunt); 1st, Down Under Classic, (Mark Renshaw); ['07] 1st, Route Adélie, Rémi Pauriol; 1st, General Classification, Le Tour de Langkawi, (Anthony Charteau)



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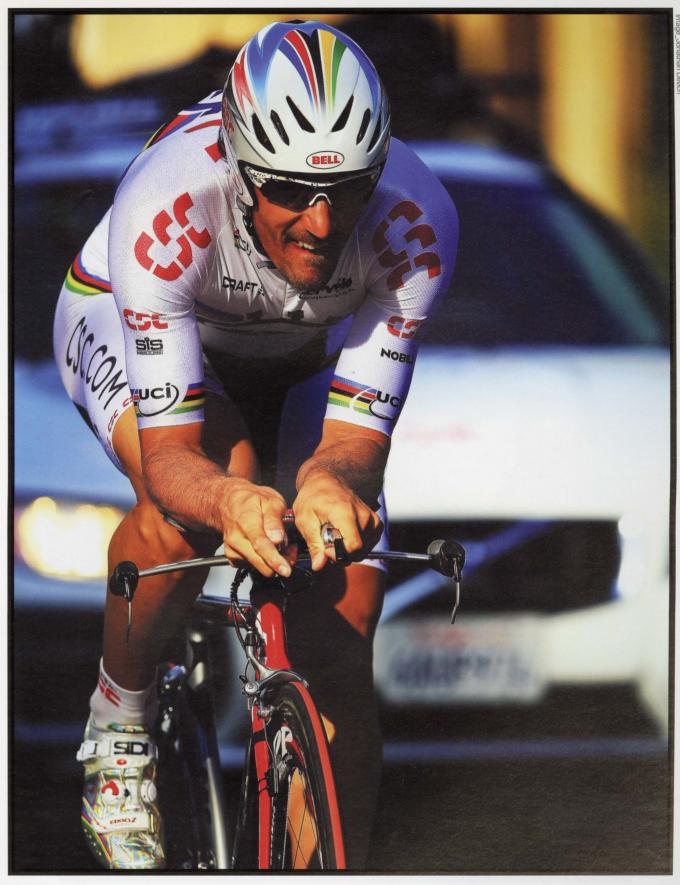
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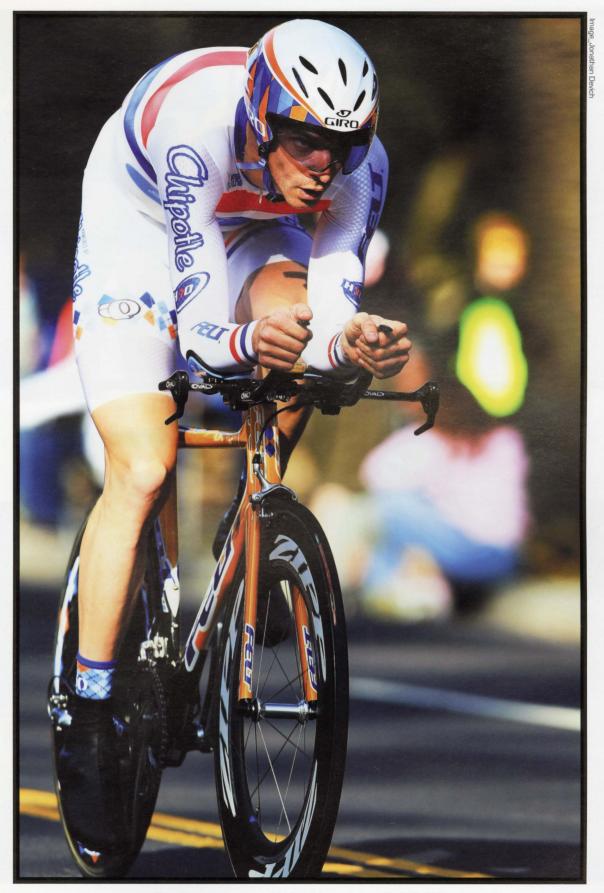


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World Time Trial Champion, Fabian Cancellara, won the Prologue.

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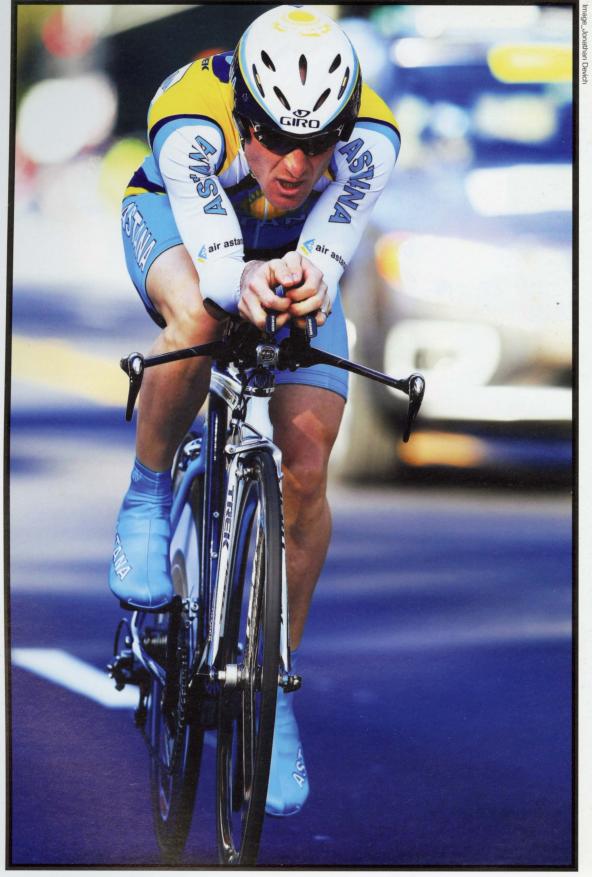
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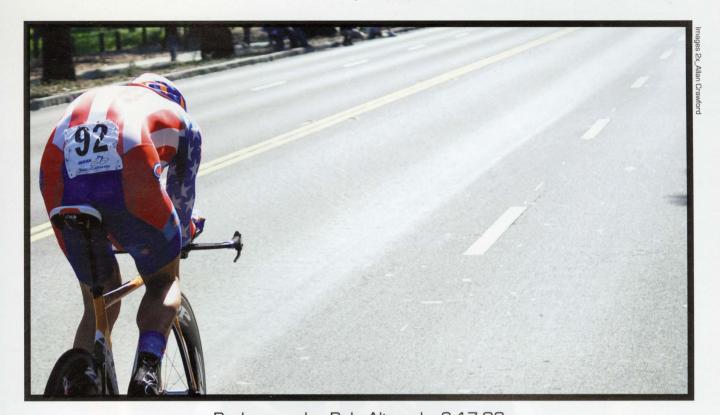
British National Time Trial Champion, David Millar, finished the day 9th.

PROLOGUE: '08



Prologue Palo Alto 2.17.08

Amgen Tour of California '07 champion, Levi Leipheimer, finished the pan-flat course in 4th place.



Prologue | Palo Alto | 2.17.08

US National Time Trial Champion, David Zabriskie, finished the day in 4th place.



Prologue | Palo Alto | 2.17.08

The Palo Alto to Stanford University course had crowds 10-deep in spots.

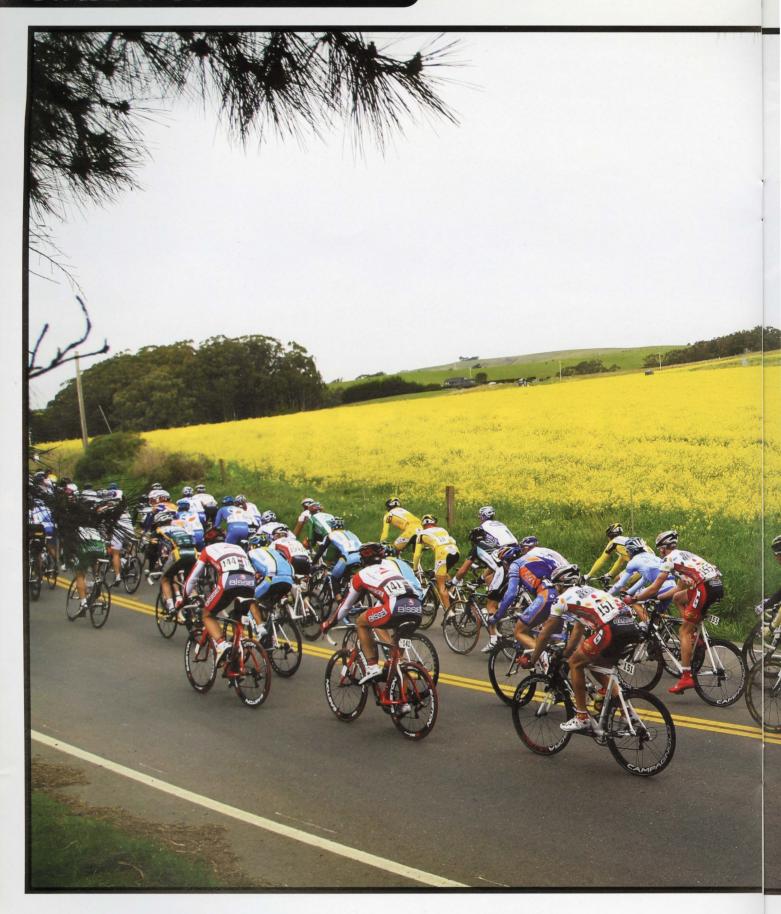


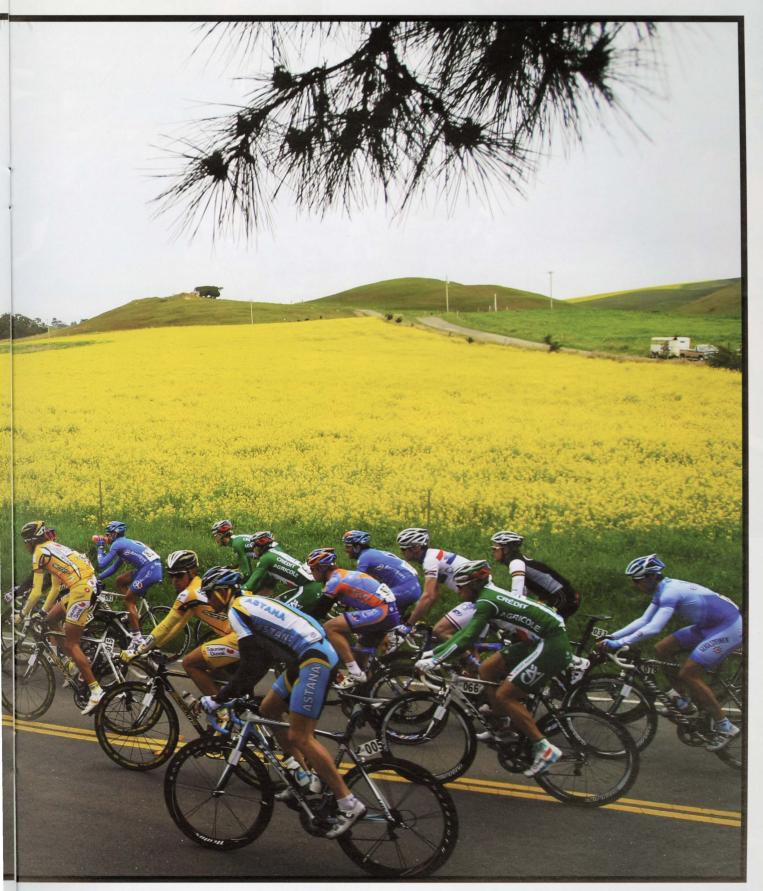


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STAGE 1: '08





Stage 1 | Sausalito to Santa Rosa | 2.18.08 Snapper Jonathan Devich had to climb a pine tree to get this shot. Point Reyes.



TEAM CSC

While a European squad, CSC has made a strong impression in the Amgen Tour of California since its inception. The Tour of California isn't the only race where this number one ranked team makes itself known. This squad contains Tour de France Yellow Jersey holders. World Champions and multiple Classics winners. They are truly a threat in any race they enter, and as this team is sponsored by a California-based company, they have decided to bring their "A" team. Paris-Roubaix winners Stuart O'Grady and Fabian Cancellara are here, and both have proven to be strong in either a sprint situation or flying solo for glory. The solo victory is the one finish the Amgen Tour of California has lacked and either one of these guys could deliver the goods. Veteran racer Bobby Julich looks to be making his swan song at this year's race. Always a threat in the time trial, Julich will be excellent support for his teammates in the tough Sierra Madre stage, but when the finish is going to end in a sprint, JJ Haedo is sure to be the man to watch. Last year he took stage 2 and 6, becoming the first double stage winner for the Amgen Tour of California. CSC's winning didn't just end with Haedo as Jens Voight took the sprint win out of a breakaway in stage 3 and almost snatched victory from Leipheimer in the stage 5's time trial in Solvang. They could easily snag multiple stages and the overall if they decide to.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: 3 Stage Wins Amgen Tour of California; 1st Amgen Tour of California, team classification; 1st Paris-Roubaix, (Stuart O'Grady); 1st Stage 8, 2007 Giro d'Italia, (Kurt Asle Arvesen); 1st Eindhoven Team Time Trial; 1st Prologue & Stage 3, Tour de France (Fabian Cancellara); 1st Deutschland Tour, (Jens Voigt)



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STAGE 1: '08



Stage 1 | Sausalito to Santa Rosa | 2.18.08 [L to R]: Tom Boonen, Tyler Farrar, Chris Horner, Jens Voigt, and Fabian Cancellara. Not a bad field!



Stage 1 | Sausalito to Santa Rosa | 2.18.08

JJ Haedo wins Stage 1. Fabian Cancellara is the one with his arms raised in the back.



GEROLSTEINER

Gerolsteiner is a squad packed with young talent. Mostly designed for the Classics, Gerolsteiner has made an impact in Amstel Gold and Fleche Wallone, as well as a stage win at the Giro with Robert Förster. Also among its roster is German champion Fabian Wegmann who is sure to be racking up victories as the season progresses. With no clear cut general classification leader, they will have many cards to play in order to secure a stage win in California. With the globalization of professional cycling the Gerolsteiner boys found themselves in Australia this January fighting for stage wins in the Tour Down Under. In stage 6 Förster almost came away with a victory, however High Road's Andre Greipel was unstoppable during this race so the best Förster came away was with a second place on the day. Stage 1 of the Challenge Volta a Mallorca saw Förster come away with a third place in the bunch finish. This early season racing is great preparation for the Amgen Tour of California and bodes well for any sprint finishes that inevitably occur. Look for this rapid German to bump elbows with such speedsters like Haedo and Rodriguez without fear. Two-thousand-seven was a lean year for victories for the Gerolsteiner riders so look to them to be initiating moves to get some much needed wins in what is the final year under the Gerolsteiner banner.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: Tirreno-Adriatico, 5th stage (Stefan Schumacher); Settimana Internazionale, 4th stage (Robert Förster); Amstel Gold-Race (Stefan Schumacher); Flèche Wallone (Davide Rebellin); Giro d'Italia, 5th stage (Robert Förster)



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Heinrich HAUSLLER	[GER]
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MAJOR '07 RESULTS: NRC Overall Team Points Standings; NRC Individual Points Standings; Overall Joe Martin Stage Race; Australian National Time Trial Championships; Overall Tour of Taiwan; Canadian National Time Trial Championships; KOM Competition Tour de Georgia; KOM Competition Tour of Missouri; Overall International Tour de Toona



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HIGH ROAD

Team High Road's off-season got off to a disastrous start when the title sponsor decided to withdraw support because of doping scandals that has plagued the peloton. But team manager Bob Stapleton again restructured the team in an attempt at total transparency. While this disaster may have sent riders scattering to other teams, they stayed with Stapleton and his vision of a clean sport. It looks like it's already paying off. Riding in a black High Road jersey, Brits Mark Cavendish and Roger Hammond have already tasted success. The Tour Down Under was dominated by German sprinter and Andre Greipel. Their marquee rider of course is ex-Discovery Channel rider George Hincapie who is no stranger to the Amgen Tour of California and is a double stage winner back in 2006. In 2007 Hincapie played the support role for teammate Leipheimer, but this year is different. No longer teammates, Hincapie if free to pursue the overall. The peloton will not let him get to far up the road as Hincapie is a double threat and can win stages and the overall as he did last September at the Tour of Missouri. What better statement to show the world than with an overall victory in the Amgen Tour of California. Look for the chic white High Road jerseys going up the road. It won't be long before a corporate sponsor steps in to support this strong team that seems to be on solid ground with Stapleton.

MAJOR '08 RESULTS: National British Cyclocross Championships (Roger Hammond); 1st Overall Tour Down Under (Andre Greipel)



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Gerard CIOLEK	[GER]
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JELLY BELLY

Two-thousand-eight marks the ninth year for the Jelly Belly Cycling Team in the Pro Peloton. Team Director Danny Van Haute has added six new riders to the 2008 roster, including 2007 Pan American Omnium Championship and former USPRO Criterium Champion Brad Huff; 2007 stage winner at the Gippsland Tour and Australian track star Nic Sanderson; and fifth place finisher in the 2006 USPRO Time Trial Championship Bernard Van Ulden who rode the previous season with Navigators. Based in San Marcos, California, this hometown team will want to impress its local sponsors in Fairfield and look to animate the race early on. This is a young team and with the loss of its main stage racing star Andrew Bajadali, the team will have to most likely hunt for stage wins and not concerned with the overall classification. Since the prologue of this year's Amgen California is flat and fast it represents the team's best opportunity of placing among the top spots and could suit either Nic Sanderson or Brad Huff's pursuiting prowess.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: Overall Redlands Bicycle Classic; Overall Tri-Peaks Challenge; Overall Tour de Nez; Tour of Hong Kong Shanghai Stages 2, 3a, 5, and Overall



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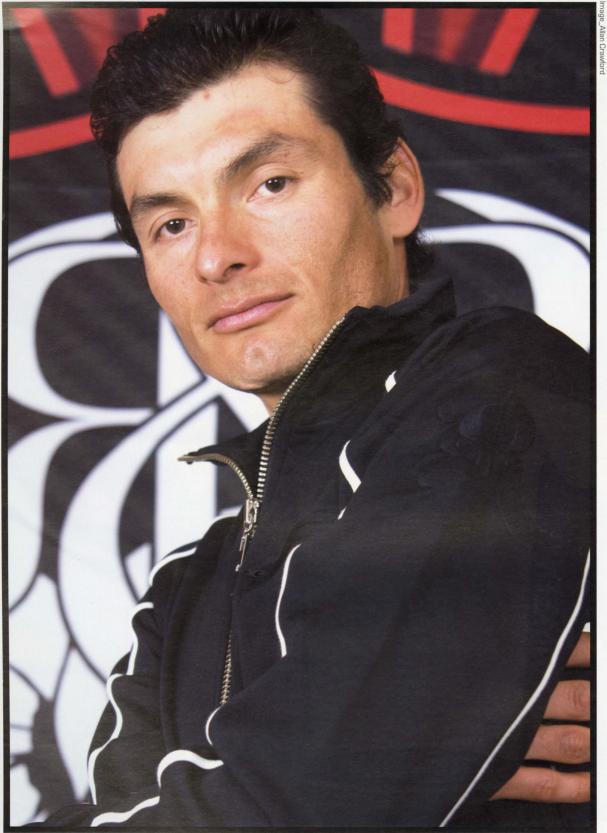
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MAJOR '07 RESULTS: 1st USPRO Criterium Championships; 1st U.S. National Scratch Race Championships; 1st Stage 5 Vuelta a Chihuahua



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Alex CANDELARIO	[USA]
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This Belgium-based team is another squad that recognizes the importance of sending their "A" team to the Amgen Tour of California. Last year Paolo Bettini tested the waters here in the States and found the conditions perfect for his build up for the season. This year he is bringing with him Classics, Grand Tour stage winner and former World Champion Tom Boonen. Quick Step started its account early winning in one of the opening races of the season, the Tour of Qatar. They took the opening stage's team time trial, and Boonen followed that with three stage wins and the overall general classification. When asked about the significance of the Tour of Qatar in relation to the rest of his season, Boonen realizes that this race is one stepping stones in the season. The upcoming Amgen Tour of California is also another form builder and one missing from his palmares. With the sunny weather and the competitive nature of both U.S. and European riders and the incredible course, it will certainly help him prepare for Milan-San Remo, Flanders and Roubaix. You can bet that Boonen will take a stage win at some time, however the overall is out of his reach. The hilly course eliminates big riders like him, and it's more realistic that Quick Step will be looking for stage victories and grab some media attention with World Champion "Cricket" Bettini and Boonen.

MAJOR '07 AND '08 RESULTS: ['08] Tour of Qatar, 1st overall with three stage wins (Tom Boonen); ['07] Tour de France: Points classification (Tom Boonen); Tour of Qatar: Team classification (team); General classification (Wilfried Cretskens); Points classification (Tom Boonen); Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne, 1st Tom Boonen; Dwars door Vlaanderen, 1st Tom Boonen E3 Prijs Vlaanderen, 1st Tom Boonen



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Tom BOONEN	[BEL]
Dmytro GRABOVSKYY	[UKR]
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Kevin SEELDRAEYERS	[BEL]
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RABOBANK

Two-thousand-seven was a tough year for Rabobank. With a Tour de France win a near certainty, Rabobank rider Michael Rasmussen was dismissed from the Tour for not being truthful about his location prior to the race. Since then Rasmussen has since been dropped from his team and Rabobank is moving forward for 2008. The Dutch team contains super-sprinter Graeme Brown, who is no stranger to the Amgen Tour of California. Brown won the crash-ridden stage 1 in 2007, and recently Brown came close to several Tour Down Under stage wins, but had to wait until the Mallorca Challenge to finally grab a win. His style of sprinting suit him well in stages 1, 4 and, depending on his motivation, stage 6 of the Amgen Tour of California. Typically Rabobank relies on grabbing stage wins at this race, but depending on who makes the trip across the Atlantic they bring a strong team with former World Champion Oscar Freire who canmix it up with any sprinter in the world. ProTour riders now realize that this race is a great way to get some early season conditioning for the long season to come and enjoy the California weather.

MAJOR '07 AND '08 RESULTS: ['08] Mallorca Challenge, stage 2 [Graeme Brown); ['07] 1st, Stage 1, Tour of California (Graeme Brown); Vuelta a Andalucía - Overall, Stage 2, 5 and Points competition [Oscar Freire]; Stage 3 [Max van Heeswijk]

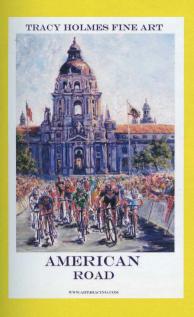


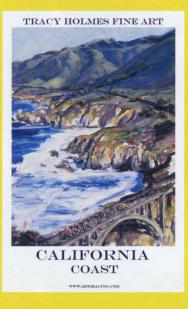
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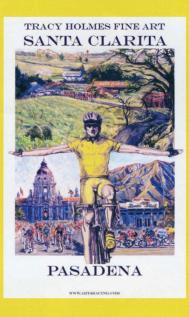
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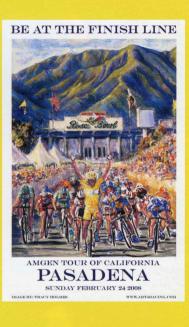
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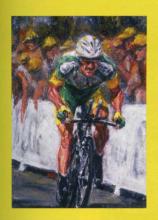


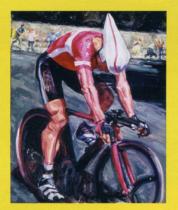


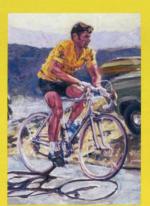




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As the hottest new addition to the peloton in 2007, Rock Racing, looks to be the new American team to vie for the top spot on the National Racing Calendar Team Standings. The 2008 team brings with it the "who's-who" of ProTour all stars and has signed 10 new riders to its 2008 roster. Notable additions to the team include 2002 World Time Trial Champion Santiago Botero; Australian track star and 2006 Team Pursuit World Champion Pete Dawson; the first Columbian in history to wear the leaders yellow jersey in the Tour de France and Columbian climbing sensation Victor Hugo Peña; three time USPRO Road Race Champion and sprinting specialist Fred Rodriguez; and 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist Tyler Hamilton. On paper this looks to be one of the strongest U.S.-based teams assembled in quite some time and an early stage win for Rock Racing is likely if all cyclinders are clicking. In the 2007 Amgen Tour of California Fred Rodriguez, placed in the top five in two stages and finished seventh in the finalé. He is a strong candidate to draw first blood for the team. Rock Racing will be a team to watch and probably be among the top two domestic teams in the overall team classification when the race rolls into Pasadena. And let's not forget those unconventional cool new team kits. Black jersey's with skulls! This is sure to me the must have team kit of the season.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: CSC Invitational, Chevron Manhattan Beach Grand Prix; Best Sprinter Competition Redlands Bicycle Classic



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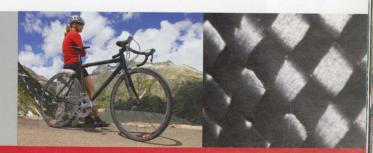
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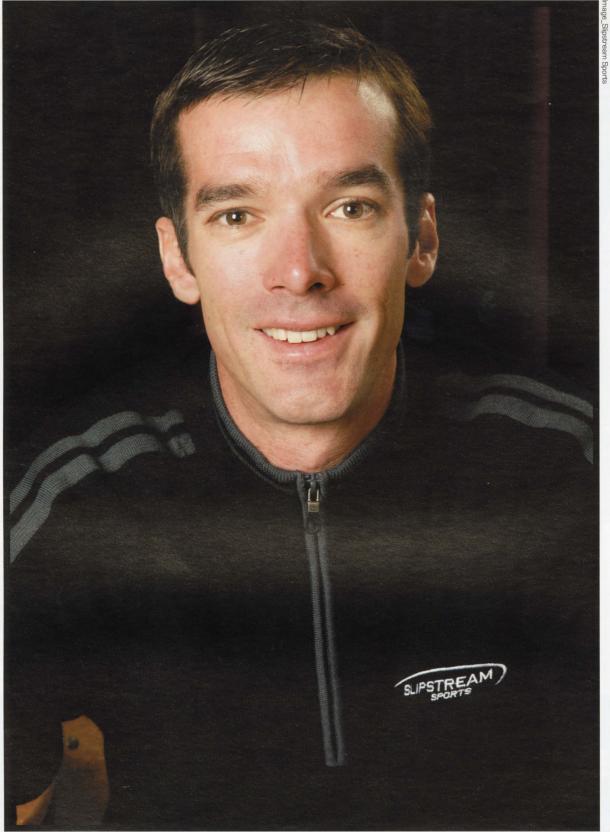
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SAUNIER DUVAL-SCOTT

The Saunier Duval-Scott team finished 2007 as the sixth ranked team in the UCI ProTour ranking, in which they claimed 29 victories. This year, the team has brought on some young riders making Saunier Duval-Scott the second youngest ProTour team, with nine riders under 24. With no strong G.C. riders on their Amgen Tour of California roster, Saunier Duval-Scott is another team looking to snag stage victories. Lining up in Palo Alto is Brazilian Tour of Missouri stage winner Luciano Pagliarini. With a third place in stage 6 of the Tour of Qatar he has shown that he has the ability to go head-to-head with the domestic as well as ProTour teams when it comes to a bunch sprint. David Cañada is also not a stranger to racing in the States. While not taking any victories in past editions of the Amgen Tour of California, he has always been active through out the race and is a man that has an all-around ability. Several of Saunier Duval-Scott riders riding this Amgen Tour of California were also selected to ride the Tour de France, so it apparent that they are serious about being on the top step of the podium for a stage finish. With part of the team not having any luck at the Mallorca Challenge, the pressure is on for the Amgen Tour of California team to come up with the goods.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: Giro d' Italia stage wins 10, 15, 17, 19; Great Britain National Championship (David Millar); Paris-Nice, Prologue (David Millar); Tour of Missouri, stage 4 (Luciano Pagliarini)



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Iker CAMAÑO	.[ESP]
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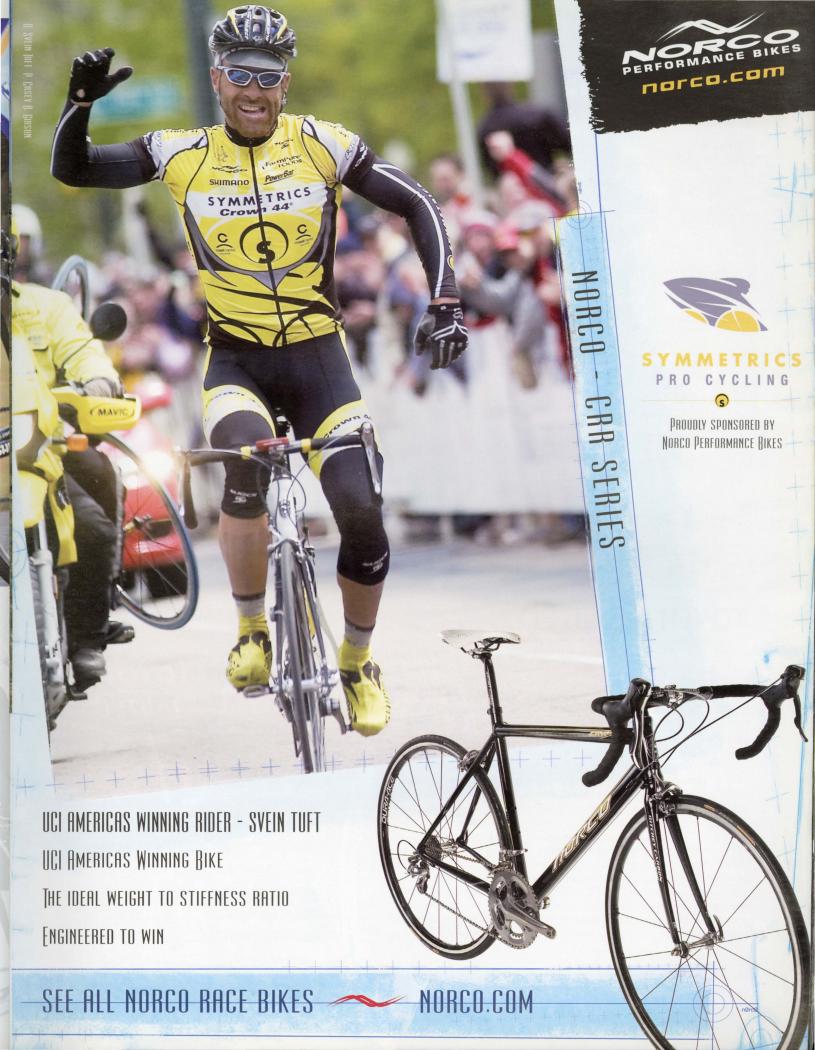
In 2007 Slipstream powered by Chipotle made headlines in the Amgen Tour of California when a young neo-pro named Jason Donald posted the fastest time of the day during the prologue and finished second on the stage only to be dethroned by the last rider of the day, Levi Leipheimer. The 2008 Slipstream-Chipotle presented by H30 is definitely going to be this year's American dream team. They have signed 13 new riders to its roster. A sampling of the big names to join this year's squad include: 2004 Paris-Roubaix Champion and current Swedish National Road Race Champion Magnus Bäckstedt; 2005 Dodge Tour de Georgia overall champion Tom Danielson; current New Zealand National Road Race Champion Julian Dean; 2005 USPRO Criterium Champion Tyler Farrar; current Canadian National Time Trial Champion Ryder Hesjedal; current British National Road and Time Trial Champion David Millar; 2006 Tour of Luxembourg Overall Champion Christian Vande Velde; and the man who rode the fastest Tour de France time trial to date and current USPRO Time Trial Champion David Zabriskie. Like BMC Racing, Slipstream-Chipotle presented by H30 will be fresh off the Tour of Qatar where they scored early success in the races opening Team Time Trial stage placing second. This year's squad is a powerhouse and will likely be among the teams contending for overall victory at this year's Amgen Tour of California. David Millar or David Zabriskie will likely be in contention with strong time trial rides and Tyler Farrar will rub elbows with the sprinters in their bid for stage wins. The overall classification hopes may lay in the hands of ProTour veteran Christian Vande Velde who finished the 2007 edition of the race in sixth, and Tom Danielson who will light it up when the street goes up.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: Stage 5 Tour of Missouri; Univest Grand Prix Road Race; Stage 6 Vuelta a Chichuahua Internacional; Best Young Rider Competition Tour of Missouri; U.S. National Points Race Championships



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Steven COZZA	[USA]
Tom DANIELSON	[USA]
Tyler FARRAR	[USA]
David MILLAR	[GBR]
Danny PATE	[USA]
Tom PETERSON	[USA]
Christian VANDEVELDE	[USA]
David ZABRISKIE	[USA]

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TOYOTA-UNITED

Toyota-United has been one of the strongest domestic squads since its inception in 2006. In 2007 the team won stages in the Tour of California, Tour de Georgia, and Tour of Missouri-the only domestic squad to do so. The team finished second overall on the NRC Overall Team Standings and placed 2005 USPRO Time Trial Champion, Chris Baldwin in the top three overall in the NRC Individual Points Standings. This year the team has signed four new riders to its 14-man roster. New additions to the team include fourth place finisher in the 2008 Jayco Bay Cycling Classic, Australian sprinter Hilton Clarke, 2007 stage winner in the Jayco Bay Cycling Classic and Hilton Clarke's younger brother, Jonny Clarke, third place finisher in the 2008 Australian National Time Trail Championships, Ben Day, and six time Canadian National Road Race Champion and third place finisher in the 2007 Tour of Missouri, Dominique Rollin. The 2008 team has a definite chance of winning stages and the one rider everyone will be keeping an eye on, including the European ProTour sprinting specialists', will be Ivan Dominguez who won stage seven in the 2007 edition of the race. Dominguez is clearly one of the fastest men in North America and will definitely be in the hunt again for a stage win and odds are he will make good on either stages one, two or seven. The team's overall GC hopes may lay in the hands of Dominique Rollin, or eighth place finisher in the 2007 edition of the Amgen Tour of California, Ben Day. Day has the all-around ability and the time trialing speed to be among the top 10 at the end of the race and with the strong new additions to the team to support him there is no reason why he couldn't repeat or improve upon his performance of one year ago.

MAJOR '07 RESULTS: Stage 7 Amgen Tour of California; Stages 1 and 6 Tour of Missouri; World B Road Race Championships; Stage 2 Tour de Georgia; Overall Nature Valley Grand Prix



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Jonny CLARKE	[AUS]
Ben DAY	[AUS]
Ivan DOMINGUEZ	[CUB]
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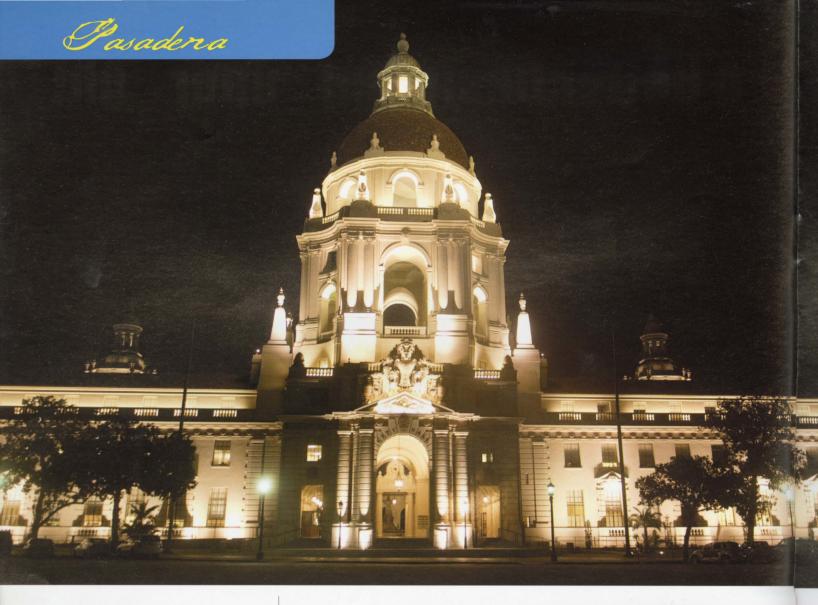
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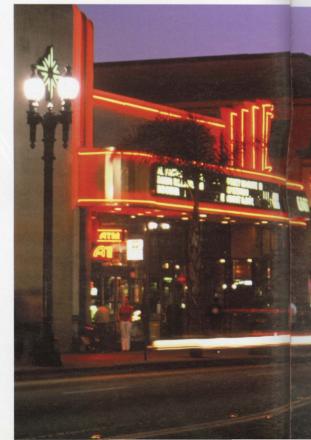


Millions of people around the world will be glued to their television sets as the 3rd annual Amgen Tour of California professional bike road race travels through California from February 17 to February 24, to see 17 of the world's top cycling teams race to the finish line in the city of Pasadena. Those on hand for the electrifying finale, however, are in for a treat as they experience the spectacular City of Roses first hand. Because, with so much to offer, Pasadena is "simply more" than most people know.

While world renowned events, such as the annual Tournament of Roses, have garnered Pasadena significant worldwide recognition, what many don't know is that in addition to the area's incredible natural beauty and desirable year-round weather, the historic city offers an abundance of outdoor activity, entertainment and cultural attractions.

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy fun in the sun at Arroyo Seco. One of the most spectacular and diverse watersheds in California, Arroyo Seco is an important part of the area's natural and urban landscape. Beginning high in the San Gabriel Mountains and flowing through the communities of La Cañada Flintridge, Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena and Los Angeles, the watershed creates an almost continuous stretch of open space clear to the northern tip of downtown Los Angeles. It is a prime destination for recreational activities including fishing, archery, field sports, bicycling, bird watching, fly casting, horseback riding, hiking, golf, roller blading and much more.

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Pasadena is also rich with parks including Brookside with 61-acres that epitomize what a city park should be. The park offers a lighted regulation-sized baseball diamond with seating for 4,200, and visitors have access to two softball diamonds, a multipurpose field, volleyball courts, hiking trails, a play area, picnic tables, barbecue pits and more. And only minutes from the Brookside Park sits the Lower Arroyo Park, which encompasses more than 70 acres from Holly Street Bridge to Pasadena's southern city limits. This rustic natural preserve includes an archery range, bridle path, lighted casting pool and cross-country trails for all to enjoy.

Nestled in Pasadena's Central Arroyo, are the world famous Rose Bowl Stadium and the world-class AAF Rose Bowl Aquatics Center. The Rose Bowl Stadium is home to the annual Tournament of Roses foothill classic, UCLA home games, the world's largest flea market and a wide variety of other athletic, entertainment and commercial events such as this

year's Amgen Tour of California. Built in 1922, the stadium earned its world-class reputation hosting five NFL Super Bowl games, the '84 Olympic soccer matches, the '94 World Cup and numerous other memorable events. The AAF Rose Bowl Aquatics Center offers two 50-meter pools open to the public daily for swim lessons, water polo, dive lessons, water aerobics and more. The center also has several programs benefiting special needs and at-risk youth.

For golf enthusiasts, Pasadena is home to Brookside Golf Club, a top-rated public golf course nestled in the city's golden foothills. Brookside features two Billy Bell-designed courses, each offering unique challenges: The C.W. Koimer Course is a 6,888-yard par 72; and, the par 70 E.O. Nay Course spans 6,050 yards. A practice range, restaurant, snack bar and banquet facilities are also available.

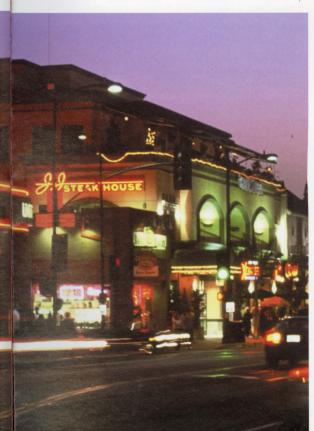
Upon arrival in Pasadena, visitors are immersed in the areas rich history, with its incredible architecture and charming tree-lined streets. Paying tribute to the city's history, The Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau has created Ten Tours of Pasadena that showcase historical landmarks and popular areas of the

city. They can be found online at www. pasadenacal.com/architecturaltours.htm_ and easily self-guided on foot or bicycle.

Among the historic highlights of Pasadena is the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, regarded as one of the world's leading cultural centers. The botanical gardens consist of 120 acres of breathtaking floral and fauna from around the world. And the Huntington's new Chinese Garden Liu Fang Yuan (Garden of Flowing Fragrance) opening in mid-February, will be available for breathtaking strolls and moments to sit, relax, and reflect. Just a short walk away, is the only museum in Southern California devoted solely to California's art, architecture and design from mid-19th century to the present at the Pasadena Museum of California Art.

The Pasadena Civic Center and Playhouse District is home to the commanding City Hall, with its richly detailed buildings wrapping around a beautiful fountain courtyard, broad boulevards and park-like settings.

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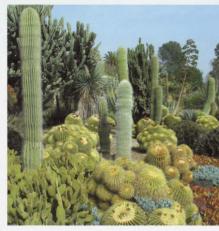


ingenious tale of two Hollywood giants - Orson Welles and Laurence Olivier. And just blocks away lies Old Pasadena, the city's oldest commercial area and home to some of the earliest historic landmarks including Santa Fe Station, Central Park and former Green Hotel. During the city's early days as the playground of the rich and famous, East Coast visitors would arrive in Pasadena via the San Fe Station, walk a short distance up the street to check into the Green Hotel, and then enjoy a sun-filled stroll in Central Park. Today, within a short five street radius, Old Pasadena offers shopping in the best retail centers, designer stores, trendy boutiques and vintage clothing stores.

For guests who crave fun indoor activity, a short walk south of Holly Street into what was historically known as "Millionaires' Row" sits the Tournament of Roses House and Wrigley Gardens, the Italian Renaissance home of William Wrigley Jr. of Wrigley Chewing Gum.

Now the headquarters for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, the site is open and available for a walk through tour. Also, close by visitors can visit the Gamble House, one of the best preserved examples of Craftsman-style architecture in Pasadena, designed by Charles and Henry Greene in 1908 for David and Mary Gamble of the Procter and Gamble Company, will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year with a series of special events. Guests are welcome to tour this historic landmark as well!

Pasadena is also home to many museums and exhibits. The Norton Simon Museum of Art houses art from the Renaissance to Van Gogh, Picasso, Rembrandt and most particularly the impressionist and Postimpressionist paintings of Renoir, Monet and Degas. And located in the Grace Nicholson mansion nearby, the Pacific Asia Museum is dedicated to the preservation of art and culture of the Pacific and Asia with a contemporary Asian arts gallery.



And the Pasadena Historical Museum, housed in the Fenyes Mansion, also offers a Finish Folk Art Museum, Research Library and History Center Galleries.

Pasadena's museums and exhibits also have indoor attractions for the kids as well with The Kidspace Children's Museum. This one of a kind museum features 20 interactive exhibits and two acres of gardens, waterways and outdoor learning environments. Kids can create an earthquake in the Shake Zone, uncover plant and animal fossils in The Dig or visit the Kidspace Nature Exchange to trade natural objects of rocks, plant life and soil. After a long day of touring, sightseeing, hiking, golfing or simply walking the beautiful streets of Pasadena, visitors can indulge in some of the best restaurants in the state, if not country. Such renowned chefs as Craig Strong, Calogero Celestino, and Akira Hirose serve up culinary creations of unparalleled quality and flavor. And locally born and raised restaurant





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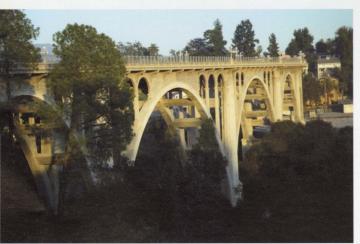
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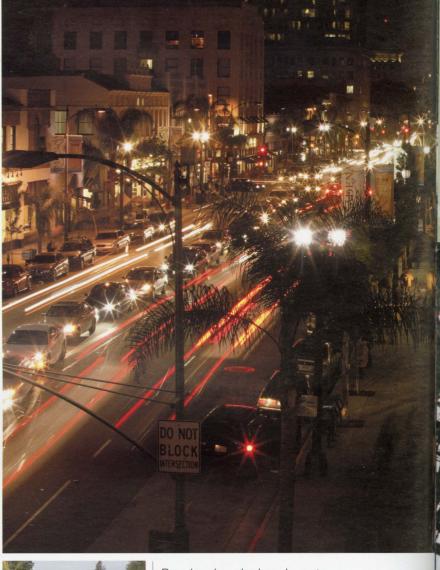
owners like the Smith brothers have offered decades of top-notch dining to residents and visitors alike. Their Arroyo Chop House simply can't be topped. Pure class and high quality, this New York-style establishment features a Kobe rib eye and a 2.5-pound porterhouse that are among the finest pieces of meats available. For those who crave more contemporary flavors, fusion restaurants like Robert Simon's intimate Bistro 45 and its masterfully prepared Cal-French cuisine gives reason to try something new. And down the street, Fine French cuisine fuses with Japanese flavors at Akira Hirose's critically acclaimed jewel, Maison Akira. Dishes like Miso Marinated Grilled Chilean Sea Bass are delightful and unique, and the award-winning desserts are nothing short of extravagance.

Pasadena is loaded with award-winning restaurants and bistros. For a more glamorous dining experience, visitors should visit The Dining Room, at the Langham Huntington Hotel. They better be prepared to be blown away by Chef de Cuisine Craig Strong, whose unmatched passion for food can be traced back to his early youth. Always inventive, Strong has the distinct gift of bringing something new yet familiar to the table. His is one of only two restaurants in the city that is star rated by the world famed Michelin Guide.









Pasadena has also been home to many meetings and conventions. The Pasadena Convention Center has embarked on a \$150 million expansion expected to be completed by Spring 2009. The state-of-the-art Center will feature 85,000 square feet of exhibit space, a new 25,000 sq. foot ballroom, and 28 breakout rooms. However, groups don't have to wait until 2009 to experience Pasadena, since the Convention Center will remain operational throughout construction. In addition to the Pasadena Convention Center, the city offers a variety of hotels boasting functional and generous meeting spaces that are not only accommodating for any group size, but also technologically up-to-date for any business professional.

With more than 2,500 guest rooms at five major hotels and 10 smaller inns and motels, visitors have a wide variety of choices to accommodate their stay

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in the city of Pasadena. The Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa is a historic Pasadena landmark, now restored to a new elegance with its lush rooms and cottages, an exclusive club level lounge, a world-class 12,000-square-foot spa and salon, extensive gardens, three-lighted tennis courts, an Olympic-sized heated swimming pool with bar and whirlpool, and a variety of dining options.

The Sheraton Pasadena Hotel sits directly adjacent to the Pasadena Convention Center and within walking distance of Pasadena's districts that are noted for historic architecture, culture, shopping, dining and entertainment. If walking isn't an option, the hotel offers a shuttle service within a three-mile radius for convention goers and travelers to explore the city's landmarks and attractions. The Sheraton Pasadena Hotel's design reflects the elegance of Old World Europe with antique wrought iron chandeliers, decorative wood molding and Italian marble flooring. With luxurious guest rooms, a Club Level offering 20 rooms with upgraded amenities and 10 SMART rooms with the latest technology, this hotel caters to convention visitors and business travelers. Other amenities include a fitness center, outdoor swimming pool, lighted tennis courts, a lobby concierge and a 24-hour business center.

A walk away, Old Pasadena Courtyard by Marriott is located in trend-setting Old Pasadena with its restaurants, shops, boutiques, and galleries galore. A short distance from Old Pasadena is Paseo Colorado and the Playhouse District for more retail therapy, nightlife and gourmet dining. The Craftsman movement of the 1900s inspired the decor of the Old Pasadena Courtyard, which features exquisite rooms, nine specialty suites with private Jacuzzis and three custom boardroom suites with private sleeping quarters. Designed with the business traveler or convention guest in mind, each room is equipped with dual-line phones with voice mail and data ports with high-speed Internet access. The hotel also features a fully equipped fitness center and outdoor pool.







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Just a short distance from the Old Pasadena district, with its Four Diamond rating, the newly redesigned Westin Pasadena is a glamorous hot spot for shopping, dining and nightlife. Amid graceful fountains, sculpture and lush courtyards in the Plaza Las Fuentes, The Westin Pasadena has redefined modern luxury with an \$11 million new look, featuring signature Heavenly Beds and Heavenly Bath, flat screen televisions, state-of-the-art business center and the Westin WORKOUT, powered by Reebok gym.

Located in the heart of Pasadena with stunning views of the San Gabriel Mountains, Hilton Pasadena makes for an ideal location for visitors and business travelers to explore districts that feature





museums, playhouses, shopping, dining and entertainment. The well-appointed guestrooms and suites feature Hilton Serenity Collection Bedding and redesigned bathrooms. A new Club Lounge with concierge offers added convenience. The Hilton Pasadena has also doubled its fitness center and guests can enjoy an outdoor pool with Jacuzzi.

And budget-minded convention visitors, business travelers and leisure tourists will find Pasadena's prime choices of motels and inns an affordable option for a top-notch hotel stay. Some of these inns include Americas Best Value Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn, Kingston Inn & Suites, Pasadena Inn, Pasadena Travelodge, Quality Inn Pasadena and more.

Those headed to the City of Roses with AMGEN Tour of California still fresh in their mind should know that the city of Pasadena is still alive with excitement everyday and in every season. With its warm and friendly atmosphere and historically appealing landmarks, not to mention the variety of recreational activities, cultural experiences, entertainment, shopping and dining options, it's no wonder that this exciting bike race finishes in this invigorating city.

For information and assistance in booking hotels, planning meetings and special events, call (800) 307-7977 or visit the website at www.pasadenacal.com.



Cloverfield star to support Veterans on the Road 2 Recovery

Actor Mike Vogel, chair of this year's VA National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, is joining disabled veterans, cycling legends and supporters in the 2008 Road 2 Recovery on fund-raising rides for cyclists along both coasts of the United States. Held in partnership with the Fitness Challenge Foundation, the R2R rides will raise money to help injured OIF/OEF veterans as they return to their lives after military service and rehabilitation. Some of the funds raised will go to VA Voluntary Service to assist veterans healing in VA hospitals.

Among those that are involved in the project include: Afghanistan/ Iraq veterans Mike McNaughton, Ryan Kelley, and Major Jason Bryan (from Velo News fame), actors James Cromwell, and Karrie Turner, Former professional cyclist and brain injury survivor Saul Raisin, Olympic Silver Medalist and World Cycling Champion Mari Holden, and Olympic cyclist Wayne Stetina. Riders will donate a minimum amount in order to participate in a ride. Tour packages will be available to top fundraisers and special awards/prizes will also be given. The rides will be limited to 200 donating participants.

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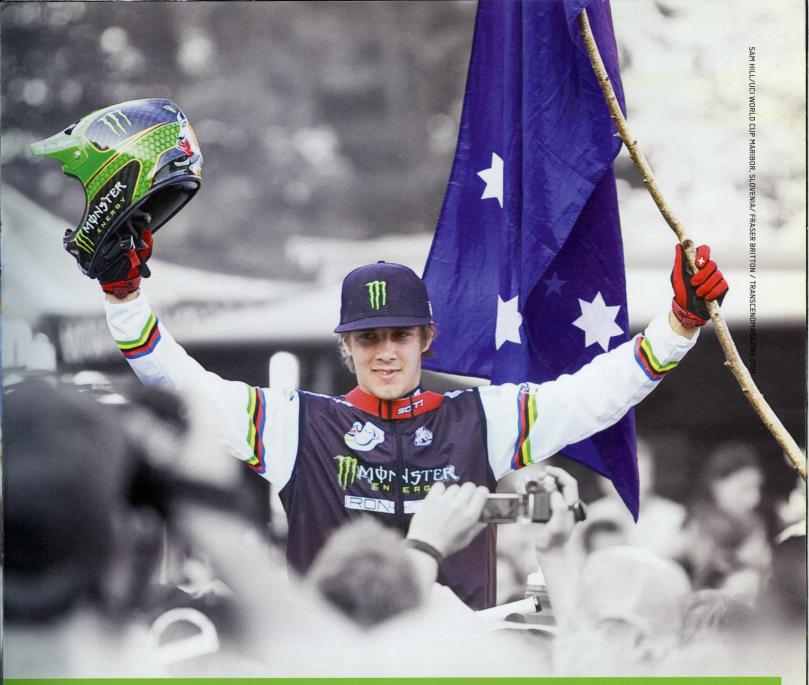
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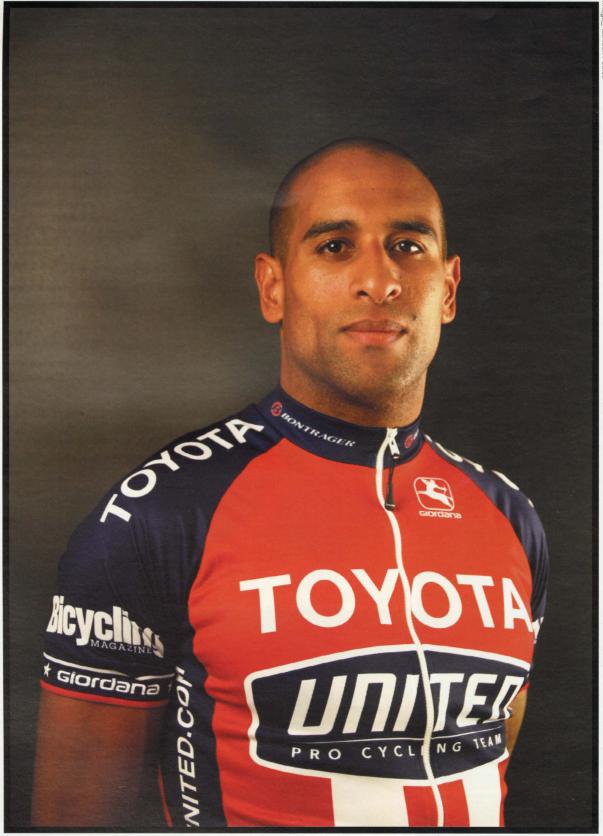
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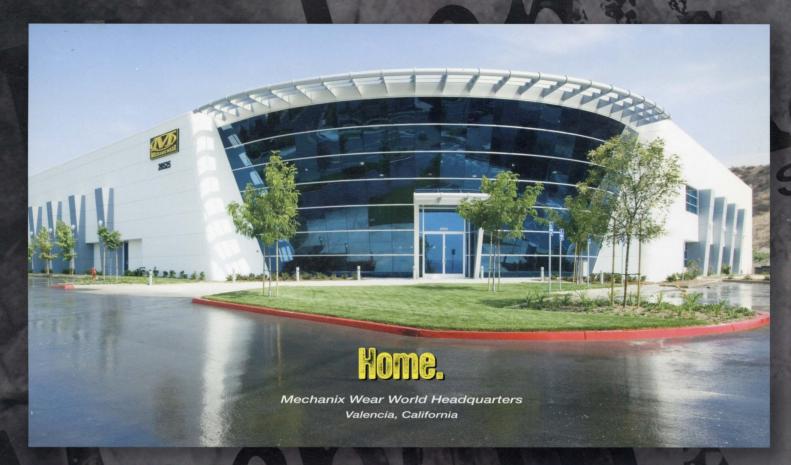
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