

## How High Can It Get?



**M**any people who are interested in Geography are aware that the top of Mt. Everest, at over 29,000 ft, is the highest place on Earth. It is also continuing to rise due to the

forces of nature that control such changes. Scientists have also calculated that a mountain on the Earth's surface cannot exceed 50,000 ft in height. Nature has placed a limit on the size of mountains.

Now, in contrast to nature, we (the residents of LWV) do not have such limits. For example, we too have a mountain (*the "LWV Mountain"*) that is made up of "*unanswered questions*" that are asked of PCM and our Boards. It keeps growing week, after week, after week and nothing that the resident/owners do, entices PCM or the Boards to answer questions that would appear to be obvious and intuitive.

The "*LWV mountain*" consists of such questions as;

- **How** can we justify the use of our money to purchase property outside of our walls and then sell part of it to a Golf Course Developer because the developer couldn't afford to purchase the whole tract,
- **Why** did we have to purchase a new administration building outside of our walls when we had 3 acres available that we already owned,
- **How** do we justify the sale of our old administration building site for approximately \$3 million dollars to Mayer Corporation who then sold it to Standard Pacific for approximately \$18 million dollars less that two years later,

- **When** do we see the details of the payments made via the PCM Employee Incentive plan between 1996-2006.

- **What** justifies a management fee increase of \$300,00 from \$350,000 to \$650,000 per year from 2005 to 2007.

These are just a few of the reasons for the current height of our "LWV mountain." This month we can add the following questions to it ;

- **What** is preventing our Boards from initiating a Managerial Audit? Perhaps it would explain the un-necessary difference between the \$40 per hour PCM charges us for a gardener, and the actual cost the gardener is paid. Could it be excessive management levels, or, is it the source of the monies for the PCM Employee Incentive Bonuses.
- **What** did the General Manager mean at the November GRF meeting when he referenced a "*Land Swap?*"
- **Why** should we open our clubs to an unlimited number of **non-resident members?**
- **How** much will it cost to implement the proposed \$20 parking fee for Emeritus Class non-resident students?

We haven't answered any of the prior questions and yet continue to pile more and more onto our "*LWV Mountain*" with no end in sight. Rather than providing future Boards with a documented history of each of the unanswered questions, we pass the buck and assume that there is either no need for the answers, or, it might take some effort on their part and they might not like what they find.

Makes one feel like our Boards are useless when it comes to answering questions.