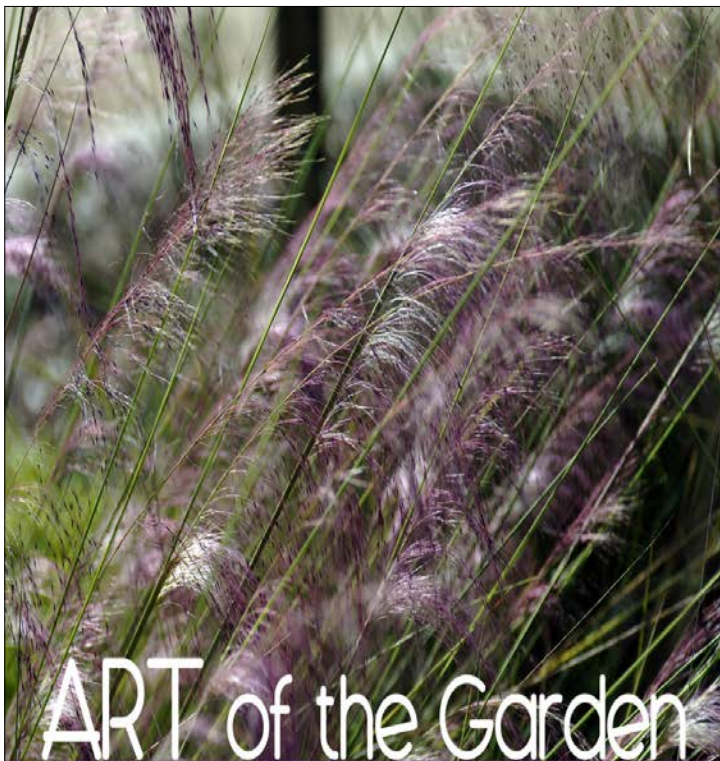


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Council Upholds Planning Commissions Recommended Revisions On Family Residential Zone



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This photo is a panoramic shot of 3 homes in Los Angeles. The newer structure (center) overshadows the two traditional craftsman homes on each side of it. Avoiding this type of construction is at the heart of the new restrictions approved by the Sierra Madre City Council on Tuesday.

Story and Photo by Susan Henderson

At Tuesday's Sierra Madre City Council meeting, amendments to the current "One Family Residential Zone" (R-1) dominated the agenda. The proposed changes, which were approved by the Planning Commission in earlier this year, led to a lengthy public comment period as well as considerable discussion among the members of the council.

The proposed changes included: 1) A change in the requirements for a Conditional Use Permit. Currently "the

threshold that triggers a CUP is 4,000 square feet of floor area, including garage regardless of lot size." The recommended changes decreased the threshold, whether an addition or new construction, based upon the lot size. The new maximum is 3,500 square feet for lot areas of 11,001 sq. ft. and up. Lots 7501-11,000 sf are limited to 3,000 sf of floor area and lots up to 7500 sf are allowed 2500 sf of floor are. Floor area includes the garage.

Changes to the construction of a second story, setback standards for side yards, changes to the allowable gross floor area and minimum dwelling floor area were also made. For a complete comparison of the existing code and the new changes, go to: <http://docs.cityofsierramadre.com/tylercm/eagleweb/viewDoc.jsp?node=DOC199S70>.

Members of Preserve Sierra Madre all spoke in favor of the proposed changes emphasizing the adverse impact that failing to uphold the Planning Commission's

changes would have.

The council, however, was not unanimous as to whether or not the proposed changes in their entirety was the right course of action at this time. Mayor John Harabedian however, who voted against the changes as presented, was pleased with the manner and tone of the discussion during Public Comment and Council deliberations. "Everyone was coming from a good place. I think they had the best intentions to preserve the town that we live in," he said.

In the end, the Council followed the recommendation of Staff and the Planning Commission by approving the changes.

The final vote was 3/2. Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia and Council persons Denise Delmar and Rachelle Arizmendi voted in favor of the revisions. Mayor Harabedian and Councilman Gene Goss voted against the Ordinance as submitted.

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SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE WANTS TO KNOW:  
CAN YOU TOP NEIL SIMON?



By Artistic Director,  
Christian Lebano  
Photo by Gina Long

My freshman year of college I was paired up with a young man from Long Island. He was friendly, neat, and absolutely head-over-heels in love with a girl from back home. She wasn't attending our school and he was pining away, heartsick with longing and desire. They spoke for hours on the phone in our dorm room (pre cell phone days, of course) and when he wasn't on the phone he played Peaches & Herb's Reunited (that dates me doesn't it?) every moment he was in the room. He never seemed to go to class and always seemed to be in our room when I was (which was as little as I could because of that song). He ended up flunking out for the love of this girl - he'd been Valedictorian of his High School. I cannot hear that song now without being instantly back in that dorm room. "Reunited and it feels so goooood" aaarrgh!

We'd love to hear your stories. Neil Simon wrote the classic mismatched roommate tale in The Odd Couple and we'd love to hear YOUR story about a roommate situation that went wrong, or that still causes you to cringe or laugh....or shake your head in wonder. We'll post all of the stories in our lobby for the run of the show AND the winning submission will get 4 tickets to any Friday night (except opening night) of the show which runs from May

8 to June 27. Submit your story to [info@sierramadreplayhouse.org](mailto:info@sierramadreplayhouse.org) by opening night and the winner will be selected by May 10.

I was at the rehearsal last night and with three weeks to go the cast is in great shape. The show is coming along really well and should be a great, rollicking time in the theater. Fascinating to see characters taking form and moments being practiced. The cast has bonded in a strong way and are playing poker together now! I'm so excited to share this show with our patrons.

Friday was the last performance of Einstein is a Dummy and it is now only a memory. The series played for 16 schools at 21 performances and was wildly successful with the young people we targeted. The set will come down on Monday after our Colburn Concert by the Calla Quartet on Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 pm. These talented musicians will be playing Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Szymanowski. If you haven't been to one of our Sunday Series Concerts yet - come hear this one. It is the last one until next Fall.

The count-down to opening begins. Much to do in the next few weeks. As always we do it for you - our SMP family - whose support and loyalty mean so much to us and for whom we hope we bring pleasure and joy and moving experiences in the theater. Please let me know how you think we are doing.

ArtisticDirector@  
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The Old Mortuary (now the New Life Center)  
The Caretaker Craftsman (now the Hospitality House)

A 20-minute film of 1927-1928 Sierra Madre, shot and narrated by the late Rudy Hartman

Talk and commentary by Sierra Madre Congregational Church Historian Jim Constantian

Saturday, April 25, 2:00 p.m.

Program starts with the film showing at The Old North Church  
191 West Sierra Madre Boulevard

Free to the public

Questions? Contact Maggie Ellis (626) 355-7074 or email [MaggieEllis04@msn.com](mailto:MaggieEllis04@msn.com)  
Visit our website [smhps.org](http://smhps.org)

On Saturday, April 25th, the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society will present a tour of not only the church but also the two historic buildings just to the west of it, the ca. 1919 Old Mortuary (now called the New Life Center) and the ca. 1915 Caretaker Craftsman (now called the Hospitality House). SMHPS is very grateful to the Sierra Madre Congregational Church for opening the doors of these wonderful buildings.

The program will start in the Old North Church, where Church Historian Jim Constantian will show a 20-minute video of footage shot in Sierra Madre in 1927 and 1928 by the late Rudy Hartman. The video includes Rudy's narration, which was recorded at a later time. Jim will then give a brief talk, which will be followed by the tour of the Caretaker Craftsman and Old Mortuary next door.

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Tues:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed below are held at City Hall 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca. 626-355-7135

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
6:30 pm

1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO &  
Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on *Sierra Madre Community Information Radio*. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia. Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

## SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS



## City Council

April 28, 2015 - 6:30 pm

The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "01/06/2015" for the complete agenda packet.

Can't make it to the meeting, but still want to share your thoughts? You can mail or drop off a written statement to City Hall or email [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com) before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

## Upcoming Public Meetings

Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:00 pm  
Community Services Commission

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Thursday, April 23, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting

## City Hall Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm

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NO. VS027116

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Petitioner LUISA JEANETTE SALCIDO HAS FILED A  
PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
- SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR A DECREE  
CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:  
CELESTE MALDONADO

Proposed Name:  
CELESTE SALCIDO

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 06/17/2015 at 1:30PM  
in Dept. C - RM. 312 at 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK,  
CA. 90650.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear  
before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if  
any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must  
file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection  
at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard  
and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition  
should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the  
petition without a hearing.

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## THEY ARE ALL WINNERS.

Four local high school seniors participated in the Dan Stover musical contest hosted at LaSalle HS by Rotary of Sierra Madre and chaired by Juliann Gibson.

The great performers were Miguel Vidal who played Violin, Adrian Luymes played Piano, Chris Poulsen performed on Guitar and the winner this year to move to regional was Justin Syas on the Piano. All entrants went home with cash prizes.

We were honored to have two distinguished judges this year: Tom Brady of the Destination Group, and Almer Imamovic of Sierra Madre Music.

The winner of each of the four regions will go to the district conference in Henderson, NV to perform in May. The winner of district will receive a \$5,000 prize.

## RAFFLE AT CENTRIC BIKES

Three dollars will barely get you a cup of coffee these days. From now till May 23, however, three dollars could win you a new bicycle and help save a life! As a sponsor of the upcoming Mt. Wilson Trail Race, Centric Bikes will raffle off a Scott Sub-Speed bicycle. You can check out the prize bike in the Centric storefront window, and purchase raffle tickets inside. Raffle tickets will also be available at the Centric booth in Kersting Court on race day.

How can a raffle ticket help save a life, you ask? Because all of the proceeds from the bike giveaway will be donated to Sierra Madre Search & Rescue. The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team is a group of dedicated volunteers committed to saving lives in the wilderness. Founded in 1951, the Team has responded to thousands of calls for help in the wilderness and saved countless lives. They also greatly assist the MWTR by providing emergency support on race day.

"We are excited to be a part of this year's Mt. Wilson Trail Race, and to offer people a fun way to help a vital organization like Sierra Madre Search & Rescue," says Michael Hagler, co-owner of Centric Bikes. The Centric store, at 49 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, features products and services for cyclists, triathletes, and runners. "Centric carries a selection of top-quality nutritional products for runners," notes Hagler, "and Trigger Point massage products to help them warm up before the race and treat their sore muscles afterward."

So be sure to stop by the Centric store and register to win yourself a great bike, and help a worthy cause at the same time!

## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

*During the week of Sunday, April 5th, to Sunday, April 12th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 330 calls for service.*

### Thursday, April 9th

At 7:18 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 400 Block of Sturtevant Drive in regards to a vehicle tampering report. The victim informed Officers that earlier that morning, he parked his vehicle near his home and at around 6 am his wife informed him that his vehicle had been egged. The victim also informed Officers that his vehicles have been egged several times this month. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

### Friday, April 10th

At 6:30 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding an identity theft report. The victim informed Officers that he attempted to file his tax return using an online program and contacted the company directly after he was having trouble. A representative from the company informed the victim that the reason he was having trouble was because his social security had already been used to file a tax return. The representative advised the victim to contact the IRS, FTC, and the credit bureau.

### Saturday, April 11th

At 12:21 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding a vandalism report. The victim informed Officers that he provides taxi services for a company using his own personal vehicle. The day before, he received a request to pick a man from Los Angeles and bring him to Sierra Madre. Upon arrival, the driver was met with three men needing a ride, so he drove them to their location. While driving, the victim observed that the three men appeared to be under the influence of an unknown drug. After arriving to the location, one of the men needed assistance getting out of the vehicle by his two friends. While exiting the vehicle, the man lost his balance and fell backwards into the vehicle, with his elbow hitting the rear passenger door, causing a dent. The victim contacted the company he works for and they advised him to file a police report. After leaving the location, the victim discovered a backpack had been left in the back seat of his car. When he inspected it, he found marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The property was booked into evidence and this case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau.

## Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

### KAREN SWISHER & THE SIERRA MADRE GROCERY COMPANY

Karen's Bucket List:

1. Find strength
2. Make time for all the stuff that matters
3. Love, Love, Love

"A fresh fruit medley of Mangos, Peaches and Pineapple, combined with a hint of Ginger, finished off with a Jalapeno and Cayenne Pepper kick!" That's Fruit N' Fire Bruschetta Salsa. Now I ask you, doesn't that sound scrumptious? You could put it on almost anything but oatmeal...and it might do wonders for that, too! Fruit N' Fire is just one of the items created by the delightful Karen Swisher, President/Food Scientist, of Sierra Madre Grocery Co. Had a great time meeting Karen and her dog, Jack, this week to chat about how Sierra Madre Grocery Co. came to be. Karen casually offered me a bowl of pecans she had transformed from pecan bland to an ecstasy of chili blended spices. This bowl of pecans in front of me was a serious distraction as I was hearing Karen's story of her walk through the world of food creation, beginning with a degree in Food Science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, which would qualify her to do just about anything in the kitchen that she can imagine.

Karen and her husband, Michael, came to Sierra Madre in 1987, so what else could she possibly consider naming her new company than Sierra Madre Grocery Co. Karen has worked with many of the major food companies: Del Monte where she was their Quality Assurance person, creating meals for airlines, "and they were good, too!" Karen has worked in Research & Development with various chefs, taking what they produced and making it airline possible. Karen has been with Spice Islands, Carnation, Lawry's, and she was the creative force behind Jenny Craig's first energy bar.

Karen and her identical twin sister, Kirsten, started Huntington Food Products in 1997 where they developed the pan, mix and process for, believe it or not, low-fat donuts! Their products were marketed under the Van de Kamp label along with a line of Savory Flavored English Muffins. Sierra Madre Grocery Co. came several years later, starting with Roasted Garlic & Olive Bruschetta Salsa. Working with another of Sierra Madre's unique businesses, Savor the Flavor, Karen's Roasted Garlic & Olive Salsa burst on the scene under the Savor the Flavor label. With her Salsa making appearances all over town (including the Pasadena Showcase House of Design) to an increasingly enthusiastic public, Karen realized it was time for her own label. Next for Sierra Madre Grocery Co. was Black Bean & Corn Bruschetta Salsa, then the Caramelized Onions & Roasted Garlic. There's a flatbread now, a Cheese & Olive Toasted Crisp, and more tasty products in development.

I've saved my personal favorite for last, the Sierra Seasoning Rub. Simply stating that I don't think I could live without that wonderful stuff would not be out of line. I put Sierra Seasoning on fish, chicken, every kind of meat and Sierra Rub makes it incredible. In 2010 I was wandering through our Albertson's (alas, poor Albertson's, I knew it well – apologies to Shakespeare) and a friendly lady asked me if I wouldn't like a bite of a new product. Well, yeah! So I had a cracker with Roasted Garlic & Olive Salsa and picked up a little tin of the Sierra Seasoning. I tried it on salmon and it was so good we had it three nights in a row! The Seasoning, btw, was developed for a barbeque for our very own Rotary!



Asking Karen what's ahead, she said to look for the Mountain Trail sweet and spicy snack mix. Her labels have just been re-designed and are even more classy and eye-catching. Numerous demos in various locations are coming up in the next few weeks and this terrific local company is in more stores than you can count... Bristol Farms ... Von's ... Albertson's ... Safeway ... San Antonio Winery... Taylor's Meats here in town, just to name a few. Karen and the Sierra Madre Grocery Co. won the SOFI Award in 2012 (Specialty Outstanding Food Innovation) and Karen's on track to win another one. She's involved with the community with Rotary, Foothill Unity Center and more. Delicious products, beautifully packaged, perfect gift items, Sierra Madre Grocery Co. and Karen Swisher are most definitely assets to our community.

Check out her website: [www.sierramadregroceryco.com](http://www.sierramadregroceryco.com) and plan to take home and try everything. For instance: Black Bean & Corn – Salsa Madre Taco Pie – Brown ground beef, drain fat. Add Salsa Madre, simmer. Layer beef and Salsa Madre in a casserole dish. Top with shredded cheeses, tomatoes, onions, guacamole, sour cream and shredded lettuce. Serve with tortilla chips. Oh Yeah!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Blog: [www.authordeanne.com](http://www.authordeanne.com)

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### Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association

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## RIDDLE TO RUN FOR STATE SENATE



Longtime Pasadena Police Department officer, Phlunte' Riddle announced Monday her intent to run for 25th State Senate District that includes Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale, and La Cañada-Flintridge among other cities.

"I'm running for the State Senate because we need a leader who has experience bringing people together to keep our communities safe, make investments in our schools, and create opportunity for middle-class families," she said in a press statement. "I have spent my life serving our community and actively listening to the resident's concerns. I will draw from my work as a public safety officer, businesswoman, and an educator to find solutions to the challenges facing California."

Riddle spent nearly 29 years rising through the ranks of the Pasadena Police Department. She was the first African American female sergeant and lieutenant. As a lieutenant, she was the Public Information Officer and Adjutant to the Chief of Police, Phillip Sanchez.

According to Douglas Herman, leading her campaign, Riddle was a change agent for the police department. She helped increase diversity in the workplace and worked to modernize the department's policies, making sure that officers had ongoing and updated training using the best technology available.

Riddle also served in the role of interim Executive Director of the Pasadena Chapter of the YWCA.

Senate District 25 is now represented by Carol Liu who terms out in 2016.

Former Assemblyman Anthony Portantino has also said he will run for the senate seat.

## Pet of the Week



Tobie (A374833) is a 10-year-old male chocolate point and black Siamese cat who is looking for his forever home. He's a relaxed and mellow senior who enjoys receiving attention and taking naps. He's a sweet old fellow! Tobie also qualifies for the Seniors for Seniors program which waives the adoption fee for adopters age 60 and up.

The mandatory microchip fee of \$20 still applies. The regular cat adoption fee is \$70 which includes the spay or neuter surgery, microchip, vaccinations, and a free follow-up health check at a participating vet.

New adopters will receive complimentary health and wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information on how to care for your pet.

Call the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA at 626.792.7151 or visit at 361 S. Raymond Ave. in Pasadena. Adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday -Friday, 9-4 Saturday. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters from phone calls or email.

Directions and photos of all pets can be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



## COUNCIL OPPOSES 710 TUNNEL OPTION

By Dean Lee

The Pasadena City Council voted, during a special meeting Monday night, to oppose any plans to build a tunnel extending the 710 freeway form Alhambra to Pasadena but not before Council Member Terry Tornek offered a separate motion to place the issue on a November ballot.

"Tonight, I will offer a substitute motion, is the motion, that supports the staff recommendation as given to us..." Tornek said. "Offer the proposal to put on the ballot a measure for the citizens to vote on to overcome and refute the Measure A mandate from our citizens."

At issue was whether provisions contained in Measure A, passed by voters in 2001, prohibited the council from legally opposing the 710 freeway extension. Tornek's motion failed to get a majority vote after being modified and verbally opposed by Council Member Steve Madison.

The council took further votes on two more separate motions, the first to oppose any tunnel option. "We clearly need to get rid of this threat to our community," Madison said a number of times during the three hour meeting.

The motion passed with 5 to 3, with Tornek, and Councilmembers John Kennedy, Margaret McAustin voting against it. Councilmember Jacque Robinson seconded Madison's proposed motion.

A final motion to support the 710 Working Group recommendations, including light rail transit, bus rapid transit, bicycle network enhancements and local street network enhancements as alternatives to the 710 freeway passed unanimously.

"I hope that Metro and Caltrans can take our constructive criticism here tonight," Robinson said before voting. "Not just the firm position against the tunnel option but also a position that's striving to be cooperative and partners this process as we formulate our transportation options."

Tornek and Robinson are both vying for Pasadena Mayor in Tuesday's runoff election.

About 30 people spoke during public comment, all opposed to the 710 freeway extension, including well know city leaders such as Glendale Councilmember Ara Najarian, representatives of Senator Carol Liu, Executive Director at Pasadena Heritage Sue Mossman and East Arroyo

Residents Association President John Dean among others.

"We owe it to them [South Pasadena, Alhambra] and their residents to find a better transportation solution, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority board member, Najarian, said. "A tunnel won't do that, a tunnel will be clogged the minute it opens, a tunnel will cost billions and billions of dollars... there will be fires, no exits, there will be smoke stacks on Colorado Boulevard, terrible things."

## ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MEMORIAL TO BE UNVEILED



Marking the 100th anniversary Saturday, the Pasadena Genocide Memorial Committee will unveil the Armenian Genocide Memorial in Pasadena's Memorial Park. According to the committee, starting in 1915, as many as 1.5 million men, women and children were killed by soldiers from the Turkish Ottoman Empire.

The memorial's design, by Catherine Menard an Art Center student, features a 26-foot wide ring of stonework with a 16 foot tripod in the middle that drops water every 21 seconds. A total of 1.5 million illuminated drops will fall annually according to Menard.

The ceremony is set for 3 p.m. in Memorial Park along East Walnut Street east of Raymond Ave. Speakers to included, former Pasadena Mayor Bill Paparian, former Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian among others.

For more information visit: <http://pagmc.org>.

## LIVING WITH WILDLIFE DURING DROUGHT

The Pasadena Humane Society will hold a class Sunday to give the public information on wildlife as more animals come out of the local mountains looking for food and water due to current drought conditions. The class will run from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is open to all.

The San Gabriel and Crescenta Valleys are home to many types of wildlife. This class provides an introduction to the most popular Southern California wildlife and how to co-exist with them. PHS Wildlife Specialist will discuss how to humanely deter unwanted wildlife visitors, as well as what to do should you encounter them. Handouts and resources will be provided.

There is a \$10 suggested donation. The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA Behavior & Training Center is at 361 S. Raymond Ave Pasadena. Underground parking is available.

For more information or questions, email [agriffin@pasadenahumane.org](mailto:agriffin@pasadenahumane.org).

## CALTECH TESTS SMARTPHONE EARTHQUAKE WARNING SYSTEM



A new study led by researchers at Caltech and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), released last week, suggests that all of our phones and other personal electronic devices could function as a distributed network, detecting any ground movements caused by a large earthquake, and, ultimately, giving people crucial seconds to prepare for a temblor.

"Crowd-sourced alerting means that the community will benefit by data generated by the community," said Sarah Minson (PhD '10), a USGS geophysicist and lead author of the study, which appears in the April 10 issue of the new journal Science Advances. Minson completed the work while a postdoctoral scholar at Caltech in the laboratory of Thomas Heaton, professor of engineering seismology.

Earthquake early warning (EEW) systems detect the start of an earthquake and rapidly transmit warnings to people and automated systems before they experience shaking at their location.

In the study, the researchers tested the feasibility of crowd-sourced EEW with a simulation of a hypothetical magnitude 7 earthquake, and with real data from the 2011 magnitude 9 Tohoku-oki, Japan earthquake.

The results show that crowd-sourced EEW could be achieved with only a tiny percentage of people in a given area contributing information from their smartphones. For example, if phones from fewer than 5,000 people in a large metropolitan area responded, the earthquake could be detected and analyzed fast enough to issue a warning to areas farther away before the onset of strong shaking.

The researchers note that the GPS receivers in smartphones and similar devices would not be sufficient to detect earthquakes smaller than magnitude 7, which could still be potentially damaging. However, smartphones also have microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) accelerometers that are capable of recording any earthquake motions large enough to be felt; this means that smartphones may be useful in earthquakes as small as magnitude 5.

"Crowd-sourced data are less precise, but for larger earthquakes that cause large shifts in the ground surface, they contain enough information to detect that an earthquake has occurred, information necessary for early warning," says study coauthor Susan Owen of JPL.

## West Nile Virus Mosquito Awareness this Week

California's State Assembly recently declared this Sunday through Friday as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week" to help increase the fight against mosquitoes, which can transmit viruses to humans, including West Nile, Chikungunya and Dengue fever.

Pasadena officials said residents are urged to do everything they can to help prevent mosquitoes from breeding by eliminating all standing water sources left outside; keeping swimming pools clean, and regularly checking for mosquito larvae in still water sources such as bird baths and ponds.

"Current drought and warm weather conditions may contribute to more stagnant water sources and higher numbers of mosquitoes, which increases the risk of West Nile Virus infection," Pasadena Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh

said. "Take precautions now to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and to avoid being bitten."

PPHD Staff travel weekly to treat gutters, puddles, pools and other free-standing water sources water that serve as prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Additionally, PPHD works with the Pasadena Police Department's aerial units to identify green pools. Citations will be issued to homeowners who allow the breeding of mosquitos.

Preventive measures include wearing repellants containing DEET, avoiding areas likely to be inhabited by mosquitoes at dawn and dusk, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors and checking your window screen for holes.

For vector control information and to report a green pool or still water source, call the PPHD Environmental Health Division at (626) 744-6004.

## Learn How to Produce Your Own TV Show

New Citizen Journalism training starts Wednesday nights, learn how to report news using social media skills.



PASADENA MEDIA

With the opening of the new Pasadena Media studios at 150 S. Los Robles Ave, they are offering free television-training programs for producers. Plan to attend an orientation to discover the right classes for you. Producers' Training teaches how to produce shows for The Arroyo Channel. Studio Production/ Equipment training is also offered to

volunteer crew members. In addition, on-going training will soon be available in citizen journalism and digital film groups. Call the office (626) 794-8585 or go to [PASADENAMEDIA.ORG](http://PASADENAMEDIA.ORG) and explore what Pasadena Media has to offer.

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Pasadena Media's Member Meet-Up

Tuesday April 28, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Orientation & Tour

Monday May 4, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PCAC Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday May 5, at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Producer Training

Wednesday May 6, at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Thursday May 7, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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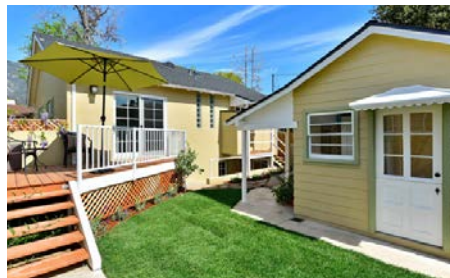


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## CONSERVE TIME AND WATER WHILE GROWING BEAUTIFUL AND PRODUCTIVE GARDENS



**By Melinda Myers**

Reduce your workload, increase productivity and be water wise, whether you are planning, planting or already harvesting produce or enjoying beautiful floral displays from your garden.

Container gardeners may want to invest in self-watering pots. These containers have built-in reservoirs to reduce watering frequency. Commercial and homemade self-watering devices can also reduce watering frequency. Just make sure to test their effectiveness before leaving town. Or consider a one-time investment in a drip irrigation system, like the 2014 Green Thumb Award-winning Snip-n-Drip Pot and Planter Soaker System especially designed for container gardens. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are also a great way to water in-ground plantings. These irrigation systems apply the water directly to the soil which reduces water lost to overspray, evaporation and runoff. They also reduce the risk and spread of disease by preventing water from settling on the leaves of the plants.

Opt for a micro irrigation system if your water has a high mineral content. These minerals can build up and clog soaker hoses. Micro irrigation systems experience fewer problems and the nozzles can be cleaned to prevent clogs. Because the nozzles can be clipped onto stakes, tomato towers or other supports, this system makes it easy to deliver water right to the plants.

Raised bed gardens will also benefit from irrigation systems. Elevated gardens often dry out more quickly than their in-ground counterparts and need more frequent watering. Some, like the [Raised Bed Snip-n-Drip soaker system](#) ([gardeners.com](#)), are easy to assemble and allow you to water when needed. Further save time by using preformed corners with built-in spigots when constructing raised beds. Simply slide the boards into the metal corner pieces to create the raised bed.

Some corner systems, like Aquacorner, have built-in spigots to make irrigation even simpler.

Correctly installed irrigation systems can help conserve water by ensuring you water properly and only when needed. Plus, using a timer and an irrigation system allows you to apply water at the best time for the plants. Just set the timer for early in the morning - when less water is lost to evaporation - and the plants will be watered even if you are not home.

Always water thoroughly and only as needed to encourage plants to develop deep root systems that are more drought-tolerant. Be sure to avoid high nitrogen, fast release fertilizers that promote lush succulent growth which needs more frequent watering.

Further conserve water and time spent watering by grouping moisture-loving plants together. You can provide needed water more efficiently and avoid overwatering nearby drought-tolerant plants.

And remember to mulch your garden. A thin layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter helps conserve moisture and reduces erosion. As the mulch breaks down, it helps improve the soil, while decreasing its' water needs.

So make this the year you take a break from watering, while continuing to enjoy beautiful and productive gardens.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including [Can't Miss Small Space Gardening](#) and the [Midwest Gardener's Handbook](#). She hosts [The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"](#) DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for [Birds & Blooms](#) magazine. Myers' web site, [www.melindamyers.com](#), offers gardening videos and tips.

## HOLDEN HONORS PASADENA HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AT CAPITOL CEREMONY

Sacramento – In a moving ceremony today at the State Capitol, Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) honored Holocaust survivor Ike Langholz of Pasadena whose nightmarish journey through the Nazi occupation of Poland was recounted on the Assembly floor as part of Holocaust Remembrance Week.

"I am honored to be able to share Ike Langholz' story of survival in the face of incredible pain and suffering at the hands of the Nazis," said Assemblymember Holden. "Ike lived through extreme persecution and horrific experiences during this agonizing dark history. The number of survivors is dwindling, so we are here today to raise awareness of these dark events and honor Ike for his courage and his willingness to tell his story."

Ike's story begins as 8-yr-old along the Poland/Ukraine border. Following the Nazi conquest of Poland in 1939, any sense of normalcy became impossible. Jews were beaten and forced to work in labor camps or killed simply because they were Jews. Three of Ike's six brothers and sisters, as well as his mother, grandmother, and other family members were killed by the Nazi SS. Ike and his brother Sam ran away from the labor camp where they had been forced to work as slave labor and hid in the woods, surviving on potatoes and sugar beets and their own skills.

With the liberation of the camps by Russian troops in the waning days of World War II, Ike and his brother, two sisters and their father made their way to a displaced persons camp in Germany. There he learned a trade as an electrician and said he "learned to be human again".

Ike and his brother arrived in Pasadena in 1951 and soon got jobs and later owned a small retail business. He married Faye Chason and they have four children and six grandchildren.

The now 88-year-old survivor looks back on those years and says it is important to remember:

"For decades I was silent, but I and other survivors have an important story to tell so that no child will have to deal with the hatred and violence that my family experienced."

## EARTH DAY EVENTS IN SENATE DISTRICT 25

Dear Friends,

Did you know that roughly 22 million Americans took part in restoration and clean-up activities on the inaugural Earth Day in 1970? Last year, an estimated over one billion people celebrated Earth Day worldwide.

To help celebrate Earth Day, the National Park Service has announced National Park Week - offering free entry to all 407 national parks on the opening weekend of April 18 and 19 and hosting [clean-up activities](#) on April 22. California State Parks also offer you the opportunity to get your hands dirty and help restore the environment. [Register here](#).

Here is a list of Earth Day activities in the 25th Senate District. Claremont - [Earth Day 2015](#) Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along 2nd Street in Claremont ([Map](#))

Glendale - [Earth Day at 134](#), Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Louise Street Bridge, located between Monterey Place and Monterey Road - over the 134 Freeway ([Map](#))

Glendora - [2015 Earth Day Festival](#), Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Glendora City Hall, Public Library and Plaza ([Map](#))

La Canada Flintridge - [Descanso Gardens Earth Day Wildflowers and Wildlife 2015](#), Sunday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ([Map](#))

Pasadena - [City of Pasadena Earth Month](#). In celebration of green living, Earth Day, and Water Awareness Month, Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) will encourage sustainable living practices during the months of April and May with support of numerous events and workshops.

Participating in Earth Day clean-up and restoration projects is another way to help achieve California's climate goals. It will take all of us working together to create a clean and healthy future for our state. Please take some time on Earth Day and throughout the year to help clean-up our planet.

## ASSEMBLYMEMBER HOLDEN HOSTS INTERACTIVE TOWN HALL ON THE STATE BUDGET

La Verne – Want to understand how the California state budget works?

Assemblymember Chris Holden and the University of La Verne are hosting the "Next 10 Budget Town Hall" in which audience members get a say in putting together a budget. This interactive event is free and open to the public: Policy issues will be discussed and voted on.

Next 10 Budget Town Hall

Thursday, May 7, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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## MTA DIRECTORS TARGET SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON METRO



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Mayor Michael D. Antonovich joined fellow MTA Directors, Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sheila Kuehl to announce an outreach effort to inform the public that sexual harassment of passengers on MTA system will not be tolerated.

"Nearly 22 percent of our customers have experienced some form of unwanted sexual attention in the past six months while riding our buses and trains," said Mayor Michael D. Antonovich in announcing an MTA task force with "Peace Over

Violence' to inform the public on sexual harassment issues. "We are sending a message to violators and potential victims that unwanted sexual attention is off limits and will not be tolerated."

"Keeping the system safe is our top priority," he added. "If you are the victim of unwanted sexual attention or witness unwanted sexual attention upon another, you should report it to authorities by calling (888) 950-SAFE or through the Transit Watch "app" available on "itunes" and at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net)."

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## ARCADIA AAUW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FUNGI AND GLOBAL WARMING CONNECTION



Who would have thought that the lowly fungi (think of molds and mushrooms) are also contributing to global warming? Because of longer springs and summers in such cold regions as Alaska, fungi are more rapidly reproducing and releasing more carbon dioxide during their brief life cycles. Researcher Adriana L. Romero-Oliveres can explain this phenomenon and its possible long-term effects. Adriana is an International Fellowship recipient from Mexico who is working toward a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC-Irvine. Her Fellowship is partially funded by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) through its AAUW Funds project which supports women in research and advanced studies.

The Arcadia Branch of AAUW will climax a successful year of meetings and events with a luncheon meeting that features Adriana L. Romero-Oliveres as speaker. An inveterate researcher, Adriana has done lab work and has also spent months doing field experiments in Alaska, both in the forest soil and in a special greenhouse. Adriana hopes to resolve an ongoing debate: "Do fungi adapt to global warming and what are the consequences to our environment?" Her upcoming doctoral dissertation will conclude with the answer to that question.

The luncheon meeting will take place on Monday, May 11, in the Church of the Good Shepherd's Jordan Hall, at 400 W. Duarte Road (SW corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.), Arcadia. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 p.m., with Adriana Romero-Oliveres' power-point presentation to follow. The AAUW-Arcadia meeting will conclude with a brief business meeting. The Board of Directors will be installed. Long-time members Shirley Campbell and Kathryn Brandes-Tyler will be honored with certificates for their fifty years of AAUW membership.

A festive Mexican-style luncheon is planned for the occasion with Taco Salad, Fruit Kebobs, Plan as a dessert topper, and a choice of beverages. The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$15. Reservations are due by May 8. To reserve, call Joyce McGregor at (626) 447-6543, payable at the door. If necessary, you may leave a telephone message for Joyce.

Membership in the American Association of University Women is open to all women and men holding a university or college degree, as well as to those with an Associate of Arts degree or its equivalent. Enrollment in the organization is welcome at any time.

## FAMILY NATURE HIKE – WINTER CREEK LOOP! SATURDAY MAY 9TH, 7:30AM SHARP!

We will meet at the Community Center at 7:30am sharp and board a bus to the trailhead in Arcadia and enjoy a moderate level of difficulty hike that totals five miles roundtrip. Upon arrival, we will do some light stretching and then embark on our journey. This shady hike ascends up a deep cut canyon, through which Winter Creek flows on its way to merge with Santa Anita Creek. The floor of the canyon is covered with lush, ivy-like ground cover, a multitude of trees, large rock faces, and a lovely creek. Along Winter Creek you will see a few cabins built in the 30s and a series of Lincoln Log check dams. At the end of our hike we will enjoy a picnic lunch. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a hat. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and transportation. You can register now, on-line or in person! To download the registration form, go on-line to the City of Arcadia's website: [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us) or stop by the office, 375 Campus Drive. For more information please call 626.574.5113!

### About the City of Arcadia

Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the "Community of Homes" and has twice been designated the "Best City in California in which to Raise Kids" by Business Week Magazine.

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, April 5th, through Saturday, April 11th, the Police Department responded to 1,073 calls for service of which 125 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, April 5:

Just before 6:01 a.m., officers responded to Doe Jon Station, 46 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two unknown suspects broke the front glass door of the business and stole various pieces of paperwork. One of the suspects is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 20 to 30-years-old, with short, buzzed hair. The second suspect is described as a Hispanic male wearing a hooded jacket. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 3:44 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Huntington Drive and Santa Anita Avenue for failing to obey a no-turn-on-red-arrow sign. Upon contacting the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath and noticed fresh collision damage to the front end of the vehicle. An investigation revealed the driver was involved in a hit and run traffic collision involving two other vehicles near the intersection of Huntington Drive and Holly Avenue. Two victims from one of the other vehicles required medical attention. Arcadia Fire responded and transported both victims of the collision to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for further evaluation. The driver, a 27-year-old Hispanic male, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, April 6:

At about 9:26 a.m., an officer responded to a condo complex in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue regarding multiple burglary reports. The officer discovered an unknown suspect entered the complex while it was under fumigation and burglarized four units. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 3:59 p.m., officers responded to Nordstrom at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a bomb threat. The unknown suspect called in the bomb threat that led to the closure of Nordstrom and various other stores throughout the mall. The store was cleared of any explosives and reopened later in the day. The investigation is ongoing.

### Tuesday, April 7:

Around 10:44 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Valencia Way regarding a burglary report. The victim stated the suspect impersonated an employee of a power company and asked the victim to escort him into the backyard so he could take some measurements of a power pole. A short time later, the suspect left, and the victim returned to her home to discover her jewelry missing, as well as an urn with her deceased husband's remains.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 40-years-old, medium complexion, between 5'8" and 5'10", 175 pounds, wearing a blue hat with lettering, a white shirt, and work boots. The suspect is outstanding at the time of this report. The investigation is ongoing.

Just after 12:36 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Foothill Boulevard regarding a suspicious circumstance. The victim received a voicemail from a female suspect stating she was with the IRS and they were filing a lawsuit against him for unpaid taxes. A second message was left from a subject by the name of Kenneth Gray with a call back phone number. The victim called the telephone number provided by the suspects and indicated he had already reported the incident to the police. The suspect hung up and the line has since been disconnected. The investigation is ongoing.

### Wednesday, April 8:

Shortly after 7:33 a.m., an officer responded to a parking lot in the 000 block of East Duarte Road regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim found her vehicle with the front window smashed and her purse missing. The crime occurred sometime

## MEMORY HEALTH AND DEMENTIA

Arcadia Senior Services is offering a free six week course with topics geared towards memory health. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive. These are interactive courses that will teach you scientifically studied ways to help delay the onset of certain types of life threatening diseases such as dementia, Alzheimer's; and cardiovascular diseases. You will learn how to incorporate these six simple and healthy principles into your life. The six classes will take place on Fridays starting 10:00am and going to 11:30am, and will be held on the following dates; May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10. The subjects to be discussed are; Physical Activity, Stress Reduction, Social Clubs with Purposeful Activities, Cognitive Compensation Strategies and Brain Fitness, Support Groups, and Nutrition – Brain Healthy Cooking. There will be speakers and demonstrations. Pre-registration is required as there is limited space. These classes are for individuals age 50 and over. Please call Arcadia Senior Services 626.574.5130 before April 28, 2015 if interested in attending.

### About the City of Arcadia

Nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, Arcadia is an 11.38 square mile community with a population of just over 56,000. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, Arcadia is known for combining small-town charm with the conveniences and amenities of a mid-size city. Arcadia is a full-service charter city governed by a five-member City Council, elected at large. Recognized for exceptional education and recreation opportunities and beautiful neighborhoods, Arcadia is also defined as the "Community of Homes" and has twice been designated the "Best City in California in which to Raise Kids" by Business Week Magazine.

## COMMUNITY: PLANNED POWER OUTAGE: THIS SAT 9PM THRU SUN 9AM IN THE AREA OF BALDWIN AND HUNTINGTON.

The Arcadia Police Department has been informed by Southern California Edison (SCE) of a planned power outage in the area of Baldwin Ave and Huntington Drive. The outage is planned for Saturday night (4/17/15) beginning at 9 PM and is expected to go through Sunday morning (04-18-15) at 9 AM.

This outage is expected to affect the traffic signals at Baldwin Ave and Huntington Drive which will be operating in the "flashing red" mode. As a reminder, traffic signals that are either "blackout" or in "flashing red" mode are to be treated as a four way stop. This outage may cause some minor traffic backups, so please plan accordingly and drive safely.

between 7:25 a.m. and 7:33 a.m. The investigation is ongoing.

At about 6:28 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect(s) cut the lock to the back patio and stole numerous construction tools and equipment. No witnesses were located. The suspect(s) are currently outstanding at the time of this report.

### Thursday, April 9:

At approximately 10:51 a.m., an officer responded to Extended Stay, 401 East Santa Clara Street, regarding a commercial burglary report. The manager discovered an unknown suspect pried open the maid's closet and rummaged through archived documents. It is uncertain if the suspect took any of the documents. The investigation is ongoing.

Around 5:48 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a theft report. The victim stated she tried to file her taxes but was informed they had already been filed and a refund was deposited to a Green Dot account. Green Dot rejected the refund and the deposit was never completed. The investigation is ongoing.

### Friday, April 10:

Just after 1:02 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Colorado Place and Huntington Drive for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. A consensual search of the vehicle produced a 21" baton and an ecstasy pill. The 19-year-old Hispanic male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At about 3:35 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Duarte Road for having tinted front windows. A records check of the passenger revealed he had three outstanding warrants. The passenger, a 40-year-old white male, was on probation for drug possession and a search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine, a glass smoking pipe, and metal knuckles. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Saturday, April 11:

Just after 12:03 a.m., an officer responded to the parking lot adjacent to Just Tires at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding drug vandalism reports. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) used spray paint to vandalize four different vehicles sometime during the previous night. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located. The investigation is ongoing.

At approximately 4:29 p.m., an officer responded to the Santa Anita Race Track, 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a subject who was intoxicated. Upon contacting the 48-year-old Hispanic male, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and determined he was unable to care for himself. The subject was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

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## AIR QUALITY OPEN HOUSE MEETING FEATURING SCAQMD SLATED FOR MAY 5TH

DUARTE, CA, April 16, 2015 – On Thursday, May 5th at 5:30 pm, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and the City of Duarte will jointly co-sponsor an open house meeting on air quality issues affecting our City at the Duarte Community Center. At 6:00 pm, residents will also hear information about the data generated over the last year from the air quality monitoring station located at Valley View Elementary School and be able to ask questions about the air that they breathe since Vulcan began its mining and reclamation activities in 2014. Key representatives from the SCAQMD will also be staffing a series of informational tables. This meeting marks the fourth time in ten years that the SCAQMD has held a special meeting in Duarte to discuss the dust and air quality issues relating to Vulcan mining activities. The last meetings were in 2014, 2010 and 2005.

Highlights of the upcoming meeting agenda will include:

- A presentation on the air quality monitoring station in the Duarte and its corresponding webpage;
- A question and answer period during which residents can request information about local air quality issues from SCAQMD experts; and
- Information on what residents can do to help clean up the air that they breathe and report potential violations.

The City of Duarte City Council and staff have also taken numerous steps to protect local air quality due to mining in its neighboring community. Beginning in 2008, the Council established a \$700,000 fund entitled the “Fight Against Vulcan Expansion” fund (FAVE) in response to the anticipated mining expansion plans. Since

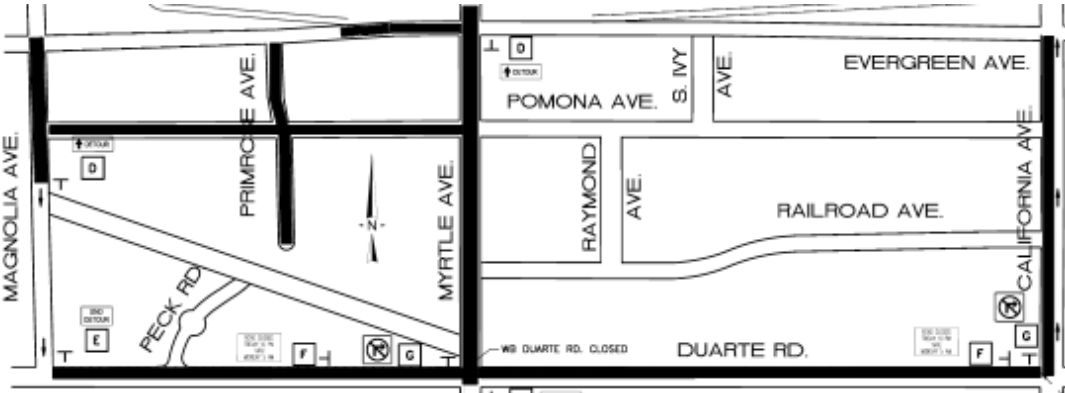
Azusa released its Draft plan to the public on December 23, 2009, the City has also participated in all Azusa public hearings, consistently generated press information to the media resulting in numerous Star News and Tribune stories, collaborated with the SCAQMD on two previous “Town Hall Meetings” and in 2014, completed the placement of a state-of-the-art PM 10 monitoring station adjacent to Valley View School. A dedicated web page on the City’s website is available where Duarte residents can monitor the air quality they are breathing via real time data. Data from the monitoring station streams live to the SCAQMD where it is analyzed for quality control, then sent to the City and made available for the public on the city’s [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com) website.

Duarte also waged a legal battle by filing its original lawsuit against the mining expansion in August of 2010. The suit was first heard in late March of 2011, and was denied at the Superior Court level in May of 2012. An appeal with the State Court of Appeals was also unfortunately denied.

The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. This area of 10,743 square miles is home to over 16.8 million people—about half the population of the whole state of California. It is the second most populated urban area in the United States and one of the smoggiest.

For additional information on the upcoming Open House meeting, please contact Duarte City Hall 626 357-7931, xt. 221 or visit [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com)

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE



Alert: Evergreen Ave will require lane closures next week. The north lane of Evergreen Ave will be closed from the I-210 ramp to Myrtle Ave the following week.

OFF-SITE (Streets, Medians, Sidewalks and Freeway Underpass) WORK

WHEN: April 20 to April 24, 2015

WHERE: Myrtle Avenue (between Duarte Road and Evergreen Avenue)

WHAT: Crews will be installing irrigation and street lighting on the west side of Myrtle Ave. Traffic lanes will be impacted periodically, but extended lane closures will not be necessary. Pedestrian traffic will be routed to the east side of Myrtle Ave. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

WHERE: Duarte Road (between California Avenue and Magnolia Avenue)

WHAT: Crews will be installing irrigation, and street lighting on Duarte Rd. Traffic lanes will be impacted periodically, but extended lane closures will not be necessary from Myrtle Ave to Magnolia Ave. Street parking will not be available. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

WHERE: Pomona Avenue (between Myrtle Avenue and Magnolia Avenue)

WHAT: Crews will be installing landscaping and pavers on the south side of Pomona Ave. Pedestrian traffic will be routed to the north side of Pomona Ave. The intersection of Primrose Ave and Pomona Ave will be restricted to one lane periodically. Street parking will not be available. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

WHERE: Magnolia Avenue (between Evergreen Avenue and railroad crossing)

WHAT: Crews will be installing irrigation and telecommunication substructure. Full road closures will be required periodically. Pedestrian traffic will be routed to the west side of Magnolia

Ave. Street parking will not be available. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

WHERE: Primrose Avenue (south of Evergreen Avenue)

WHAT: Crews will be reconstructing Primrose Ave south of Pomona Ave. The intersection of Primrose Ave and Pomona Ave will be restricted to one lane periodically. Street parking will not be available. Pedestrian traffic will be routed to the east side of the Primrose, south of Pomona Ave. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

WHERE: California Avenue (between Duarte Road and Evergreen Avenue)

WHAT: Crews will be installing landscaping on the west side of California Ave. Pedestrian traffic will be routed to the east side of California Ave. Traffic lanes will be impacted periodically. Street parking will not be available. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

WHERE: Evergreen Avenue (between Primrose Avenue and Myrtle Avenue)

WHAT: Crews will be removing landscaping on the north side of Evergreen Ave. The north lane of Evergreen will be closed during construction. Pedestrian traffic will be routed to the south side of Evergreen Ave. Please observe street delineations and traffic signs for your safety.

ON-SITE (Station Square Plaza, Park and Promenade) WORK

WHEN: April 20, 2015 to April 24, 2015

WHERE: Monrovia Park & Ride Lot

WHAT: The contractor will be grading the site and constructing the foundation of the amphitheater. There are alternate parking spaces available at 123 W. Pomona Ave, Monrovia - northwest of the Park and Ride lot (see aerial map below). Signs showing the direction of the alternate parking are posted on site. Parking is now available on the west side of the building, in addition to the east and north sides of the building. Overnight parking is not allowed.

## MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 416 service events, resulting in 65 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter.

### Injury Traffic Collision

April 14 at 2:50 p.m., a traffic collision with injuries involved was reported at Mayflower and Evergreen. A driver that was heading southbound on Mayflower made a left turn into the path of a driver heading northbound on Mayflower. Both drivers and a passenger were injured. All injured persons were taken to a hospital for treatment. The injuries were not life threatening.

### Residential Burglary/Vandalism - Suspect Arrested

On April 15 at 11:31 p.m., an officer responded to 900 block of West Duarte regarding a disturbing subject. The victim said his ex-girlfriend, who does not live at the residence, smashed out an upstairs window and got inside the home. The victim’s daughter was inside a downstairs room when the ex-girlfriend broke into the house. The suspect exited the window and was walking through the backyard when she picked up a brick and threw it through the sliding door window where the daughter was. The suspect fled before officer’s arrived. Several hours later a neighbor of the victim called to report the ex-girlfriend had returned and was breaking into the residence again. All units responded to the residence and located the suspect in the daughter’s room. The suspect was arrested for burglary and vandalism.

## DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL

The Los Angeles Master Chorale (LAMC) continues its vital role of championing and training the next generation of musical talent at its acclaimed High School Choir Festival showcasing some 1,000 choir students from 29 Southland high schools in massed choir in a free concert on Friday, May 1, 2015, 1 pm, at Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles. Sharing the podium are LAMC Artistic Director Grant Gershon and special guest conductor Rollo Dilworth, esteemed professor of Choral Music Education at Temple University in Philadelphia. The program features Dilworth’s compelling arrangement of the spiritual Rockin’ Jerusalem; two selections from Vivaldi’s Gloria – Quoniam tu solus sanctus and Cum Sancto spiritu; Abbie Betini’s Journey Home; The Lone Wild Bird, arranged by Frank DeWald; the South African freedom song Siyahamba; and Soulspeak by Z. Randall Stroop. In addition, the prestigious 100-voice Festival Honor Choir, comprised of outstanding young singers nominated by their teachers, presents Janger by Budi Susanto Yohanes; The Ground by Ola Gjelo; and Muñe Rendere by C.A. Pinto Fonseca. Now in its 26th year, the High School Choir Festival is one of the longest and most successful continuously operating music outreach programs in Southern California. The in-depth, yearlong, in-school program presented by the Chorale includes intensive teacher training; classroom rehearsals and master classes for students and choral directors led by members of the LA Master Chorale. At the festival, students also enjoy a performance by the professional Los Angeles Master Chorale Chamber Singers under the direction of Associate Conductor Lesley Leighton.

Participating choirs include Agoura High School Mixed Choir (Agoura), Chad Bloom, director; Arleta High School Concert Choir (Arleta), Greg Broadous, director; Arroyo High School Chamber Singers (El Monte), Jennifer Stanley, director; Bellflower High School Vocal Ensemble (Bellflower), Carolyn Kelley, director; Birmingham Community Charter High School Chamber Singers (Lake Balboa), Michael Suffolk, director; California High School Chamber Singers (Whittier), Dan Hawkins, director; Cortines High School Concert Choir (Los Angeles 90012), Desiree Fowler, director; Culver City High School (Culver City), Dr. Tony Spano, director; Duarte High School Cantabile Singers (Duarte), Claire Hsu, director; East LA Performing Arts Upscale Choir, (Los Angeles 90063), Melissa Rios, director; El Monte High School A Cappella Choir (El Monte), Joel Whisler, director; Fullerton Union School Vocal Ensemble (Fullerton), Scott Hedgecock, director; Glendale High School A Cappella Choir (Glendale), Grace Sheldon-Williams, director; and Glendora High School Royal Stewarts (Glendora), Dr. Brian Trevor, director.

Also featured are Granada Hills Charter School Highlander Choir (Granada Hills), Sarah White, director; Hamilton High School Chamber Singers (Los Angeles 90034), Kelci Hahn, director; Lakewood High School Madrigal Singers (Lakewood), Ralph Siemsen, director; Mira Costa High School Multicultural Choir (Manhattan Beach), Michael Hayden, director; Montebello High School Golden Keys (Montebello), Jessie Flasschoen, director; Norwalk High School Singers (Norwalk), Nancy Lanpher, director; Orange County School of the Arts Chamber Singers (Santa Ana), Adriana Manfredi, director; Rancho Cucamonga High School Chamber Singers (Rancho Cucamonga), Kelley Squires, director; Rosemead High School Chamber Singers (Rosemead), Ruth Gray, director; San Gabriel Academy Chorale (San Gabriel), Lilybeth Evardome-Hunt, director; San Gabriel High School Matador Choir (San Gabriel), Cecilia Revilla, director; Taft High School Vocal Ensemble (Woodland Hills), Tom Pease, director; Van Nuys High School Vocal Ensemble (Van Nuys), Brianne Arevajo, director; Venice High School Allegros (Los Angeles), Wendy Samoff, director; Wilson High School Chamber Singers (Long Beach), Curtis Heard, director.

The High School Choir Festival is made possible, in part, by grants from the Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts and Edison International.

The Los Angeles Master Chorale’s High School Choir Festival is FREE and seating is first come, first served. The Walt Disney Concert Hall is located at 111 South Grand Avenue at First Street in Los Angeles. For information, please call (213) 972-7282 or visit [www.lamc.org/HSCF](http://www.lamc.org/HSCF).

## DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING CONTEST IS ONE OF SEVERAL IDEAS BEING DEVELOPED BY OUR WATER CONSERVATION TEAM

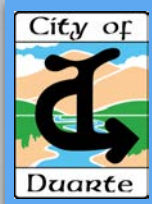
Based on the Governor’s recent order mandating water use restrictions, staff has put together an internal team led by Tina Cherry, our Community Services Director. The group is currently putting together a plan to help articulate ways that Monrovia can implement additional water conservation efforts. Some of the ideas that have been developed include the following:

- Water Efficient Landscaping Contest
- Xeriscape Demonstration Gardens
- Access to “Cash for Grass” Programs
- Rain Barrel Rebate Programs
- Soil Moisture Sensor Rebate Programs
- Water Conservation Marketing Plan

Staff will be formalizing these concepts into an overall plan for review during the next few weeks.

In the meantime, I also wanted to emphasize what a great job Monrovia is doing in conserving water here in our community. In California, the per capita water usage per day is 196 gallons. In Monrovia, for all of calendar year 2014, we utilized 174.18 gallons per capita per day, which is 12.5% less than the Statewide average.

Furthermore, based on our actual water usage rates here in Monrovia since we instituted our Phase 1 water conservation measures back in September 2014, if current trends hold for remainder of calendar year 2015, we are projecting a per capita usage rate of 152.24 gallons of water use per day. That would mean that Monrovia use 28.7% less water per capita per day than the average Californian!



## AIR QUALITY OPEN HOUSE



When: Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

6:00 pm Presentation by AQMD Staff

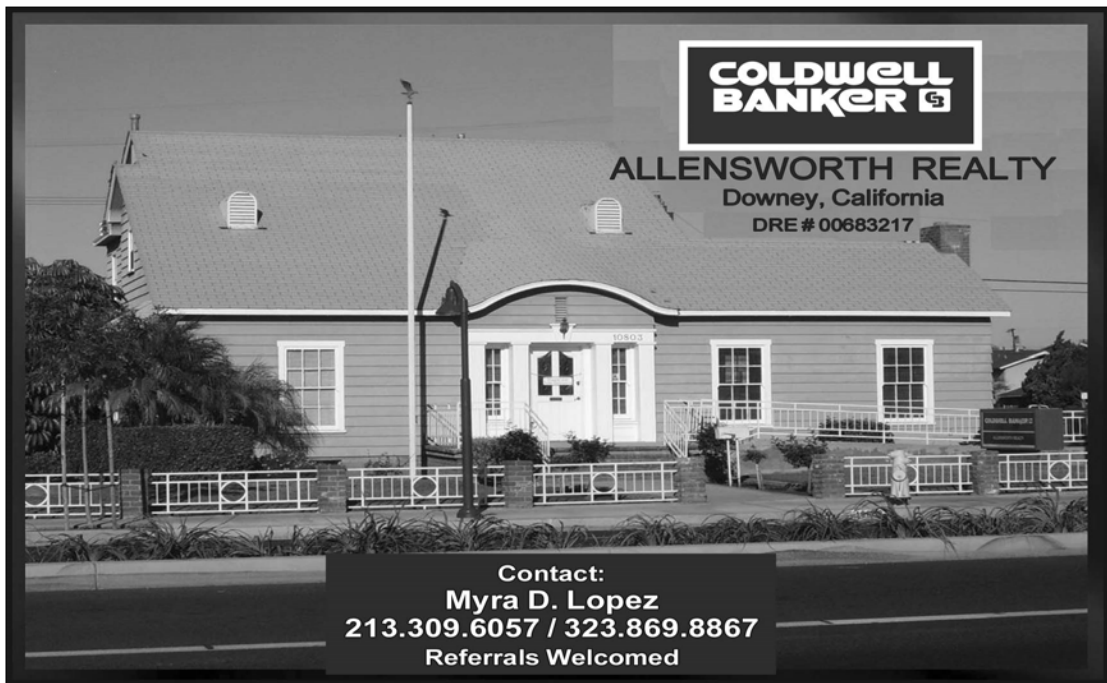
Where: Duarte City Hall

1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the City of Duarte invite you to an open house on the Duarte Monitoring Station and its air quality findings on air quality. Representatives from SCAQMD will also be available to answer additional questions on the air we breathe and what we can do to make it better.

Co-sponsored by:  
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For more information please call Karen Herrera at 626-357-7931 ext. 221 or visit our homepage at [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com). Follow us on Twitter @CityofDuarte



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## WHAT'S THE BUZZ? BEES GET A BREAK FROM THE EPA? REALLY?

It's been a long time coming, and it may be just a drop in the bucket, but earlier this month the Environmental Protection Agency finally announced new restrictions on the manufacture and use of neonicotinoids, the class of pesticides implicated in causing the dieing-off of bees, contributing to colony collapse disorder (CCD). For those who have been even slightly tuned in to this on-going issue, you know how epic this new FDA restriction is. Well, they are calling it a restriction but in reality it is a temporary moratorium.

In letters to companies that apply neonicotinoids outdoors, the EPA warned that it won't be likely to issue new permits for their use until they can determine they won't cause "unreasonable adverse effects on the environment". While this first step toward protecting pollinators is good news, there is still much more to be done in terms of making changes for the better on behalf of the bees.

The fact is, the US is way late to the party in terms of addressing adverse effects of toxic chemicals being used on our crops. The EU (European Union) put a moratorium in place back in 2013 when the scientific data was made available. What took us so long? Clearly our governing agencies move more like slugs than bees when it comes to protecting the environment. Why is this so? I am guessing it has to do with the fact that money talks louder than nature. If you travel down the rabbit hole of history, you will probably agree that bureaucracy is one beast that will never make it's way to the endangered species list. Allow me to elaborate, and bear with me as I take a deep breath in order to do so.

In September 2012, the Office of Chemical Safety & Pollution Prevention, the Office of Pesticide Programs, and the Environmental Fate & Effects Division in Washington DC got together with the California Dept. of Pesticide Regulation and a few environmental groups in Ottawa, Canada to draft a document entitled the White Paper in Support of the Proposed Risk Assessment Process for Bees, and submitted it to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) for review. WHEW! I'm overwhelmed with red tape already, and I'm just getting started.

So, the FIFRA and the SAP were given the White Paper document to review in consideration of coming up with a plan to begin assessing the effects of neonicotinoids. After all, what's the big rush, right? Remarkably, the very first sentence in the White Paper document reads, "Over the past 60 years the number of managed honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) colonies in the US has been in decline and recent reports have indicated that the numbers of insect pollinators have been in decline both in North America and Europe." So in 2012, they knew there had been a problem for at least 60 years, and they were just getting around to doing something about it. One has to wonder what happened 60 years ago to initiate the mass death of pollinating bees.

I am no chemist, nor am I a farming expert, but I can't help thinking that Monsanto's 1970 introduction of a new chemical called glyphosate to their pesticide products had something to do with it. Interesting timing, don't you think? Monsanto claimed the new chemical was environmentally friendly

## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



and would enhance crop renderings, so naturally the farmers, desperate to mitigate their losses, wanted to give it a try. Later discoveries resulted in the farmers begging to differ with Monsanto's claims. Indeed, the new products changed the way crops could be grown in most farming regions, forever. But by that time it was too late. The horse was out of the barn.

The growers became disgruntled because Monsanto's new pesticides, along with the synthetically altered seeds designed as proprietary partners to the pesticides, eventually prevented the effective propagation of purely organic seed crops due to wind and other forces of nature spreading the invasive synthetics throughout their lands, without discrimination.

Don't let the semantics confuse you. It's really not all that complicated. Basically, Monsanto created a corner on the farming market when they convinced desperate growers that their new product was the answer to crop loss due to acts of God, when in reality the invasive seed and pesticide partnership took control of the farmers' ability to choose which seeds they preferred to plant.

What does this have to do with the bees? I believe it was the beginning of their demise. Knowing how much influence Monsanto has over our country and globally, and considering the timing, it just makes common sense. Our government has probably known neonicotinoids helped cause the bees demise for years, but until the profit loss of farm crops exceeded the potential loss to be sustained by Monsanto if their products were taken off the shelves, they refused to listen to the scientific data. I am really not a paranoid conspiracy theorist, but some things just seem obvious to me. Money talks, nature walks and unfortunately the bees get caught in the middle.

So, this new "breakthrough" we are hearing about - the EPA addressing the diverse affects of toxic chemicals on honey bees - may sound like an epic event to some, but to me it sounds like a baby step in a valley of giants. I don't know if the political powers in this country will ever get real with what's causing colonies to collapse because unfortunately their lust for power and fortune dictates their behavior. Monsanto seems to be controlling the agencies that are supposed to be controlling them. It's been going on for decades, about 60 to be exact. One thing is for sure; The environmentally conscious in the US will continue pressuring our government to do the "right thing". Who knows? Maybe our voice is finally being heard on behalf of the bees. We can only WAIT and see.



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## PET OF THE WEEK Coco: Animal ID #A4816458

Coco is the type of sweet and deserving creature you just want to love forever! Coco (A4816458) is a gorgeous and graceful 6-year-old white spayed female Parson Russell Terrier mix. She came to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center as an owner surrender on April 9th because her former owners could no longer care for her. Weighing 17 pounds, Coco is a loving girl whose beautiful looks turned heads during a recent glamour shot event! With her elegant frame and classic eye patch, Coco sure is a stunner. She has a great personality too: She is curious, calm, and an indiscriminate lover—dishing out kisses to everyone! She has a wonderful, medium energy level that makes her a great exercise companion. She walks capably on leash, too; but she could use some additional training to truly perfect her skills. Volunteers also saw her react non-aggressively towards the other dogs she interacted with at the shelter (even when one acted aggressively towards her!). Coco has a small growth on her thorax that will need to be examined by an outside veterinarian once she is adopted. She will make an exceptional family companion—perfect for outdoor excursions and rainy days indoors alike. To see a video of Coco, please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/hEJ0W2Uria0>

To meet Coco in person, please see her at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-430-2378 or 626-962-3577). She is currently available now. For



any inquiries about Coco, please reference her animal ID number: A4816458. The shelter is open seven days a week, 12 pm-7 pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-5pm Friday-Sunday. This is a high-intake shelter with a great need for adoptions. For more information about Coco or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at [Samantha@hope4animals.org](mailto:Samantha@hope4animals.org). To learn more about United Hope for Animals' partnership with the Baldwin Park Shelter through its Shelter Support Program, as well as the many dogs of all breeds, ages, and sizes available for adoption in local shelters, visit <http://www.unitedhope4animals.org/about-us/shelter-support-program/>.

## LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND?

Bandit is a Jack Russell terrier mix with a lot of happy energy and a friendly disposition. Bandit is about 10 years old and weighs around 22 pounds. His coat is short and easy to care for, mostly white with some tri-color highlights.

Bandit was surrendered to the shelter by an owner who could no longer care for him. It seems that Bandit spent most of his time tethered by a chain in his yard. As a result, Bandit has a sensitive throat and coughs when he is excited. Shelter staff and volunteers use a harness that does not put additional pressure on his trachea, and he does not wear a collar.

Bandit has a lot of energy for an older dog, and he loves to go for a walk. He will meet you at the gate of his kennel, smiling and wagging his tail, eager to go on new adventures. Bandit likes to sniff and explore the world and is very happy on his walks.

Bandit is very friendly with people, and appears to get along well with other dogs he has met at the shelter. He is also quite playful, and enjoys fetching and chewing on soft toys. Bandit is a smart boy and will sit on command for a treat. He would probably respond well to additional training, as he seems eager to please.

Even though Bandit is a senior dog, he is a spunky boy with a good energy level and he has a lot of life left to share with his forever family. He deserves a yard



of his own where he can roam freely and a soft bed where he can relax after playtime. Please come meet Bandit and you just might fall in love with him! Maybe he can be your new best friend? He qualifies for our 'Senior For Senior' reduced-fee adoption program.

His adoption fee is \$120 which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Bandit.

He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas.

To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Bandit, please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Maybe you'll see Bandit in the doggie high fashion show on the Promenade at Westfield Santa Anita this month. Mark your calendar for our 4th annual 'Tea for Tails/Taste of Westfield' event on April 26th featuring Warren Eckstein and Garth Kemp. Guests will enjoy great food, swag gifts, raffles and a fun-filled silent auction. Call the shelter to reserve your tickets. See our website at [www.sgvhumane.org](http://www.sgvhumane.org) for information and photos of all our available pets and more details on 'Tea for Tails'.

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - BARK FOR LIFE! SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015 - 10AM - 1PM

A Canine Event to Fight Cancer

The City of Arcadia along with the Hope Can Cure Cancer Club from Arcadia High School is hosting a Bark for Life Event. Bark for Life is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Bark for Life is directly related to Arcadia's Relay for Life and shares the theme, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." So bring your best canine friends and join us for a fun-filled day starting with a walk, and continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Domotor from Dr. Domotor's Animal Hospital. Please remember dogs must be on a leash and please be ready to clean up after your four legged friends.

By supporting Bark for Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays. To register your dog, please visit: [www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadia](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkarcadia). The cost is \$20 for your first dog and \$10 for your second dog.

WHERE: Arcadia Dog Park (Eisenhower Park) located on the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Second Avenue: 601 N. Second Avenue, Arcadia,

CA 91006. WHO: All dog owners and (and lovers) and people who would like to help the cause.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2015 Registration begins at 9:00am; Opening Ceremonies start at 10:00am

For information contact: City of Arcadia, Recreation and Community Services, 626.574.5113 or Carter L. Spruill at [barkarcadia@hotmail.com](mailto:barkarcadia@hotmail.com) or call 323.309.3954.

About the City of Arcadia

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On Saturday, May 2 from 9am-3pm the Arcadia High School Booster Club/Extra Point Club will host the inaugural Future Apache Football Camp for all 7th and 8th students at Arcadia High School – Salter Stadium, 180 Campus Drive. The cost is \$50 and includes food and a t-shirt. The Arcadia football staff and select Arcadia football alumni will share plays, drills, and tips taught at the high school level! Participants will notice improvement in overall skill development, with individual and group competition periods as well. Participants should wear athletic shirts, shorts, and bring football cleats. Special guests: Eric Reese (USC Football Alumni) and Anthony Ybarra (former USC Admissions Officer), Owners of 360 Recruits.

To register come to our office located at 375 Campus Drive or go on line to the city's website at [www.ci.arcadia.ca.us](http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us). For more questions,

please contact the Recreation Department at 626.574.5113.

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## ALVERNO HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE ADDAMS FAMILY

*The show will run April 23, 24, and 25 at the Lanterman Auditorium*

Sierra Madre, CA (April 1, 2015) – Alverno High School is proud to present The Addams Family on Thursday, April 23; Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lanterman Auditorium in La Cañada.

The Addams Family is a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Andrew Lipa and a book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. The show is based upon The Addams Family characters created by Charles Addams in his single-panel gag cartoons, which depict a ghoulish American family with an affinity for all things macabre.

The main cast of The Addams Family includes sophomore Arianna Muñoz as Wednesday, sophomore Jillian Kislow as Morticia, senior Clyde Johnson (St. Francis High School) as Gomez, junior Amy Aghajanian as Pugsley, junior Ciara Madigan as Uncle Fester, sophomore Payton Emerson as Grandmama, senior Erika Winstanley as Lurch, freshman Sarah Lopez as Alice Beineke, senior PJ Lakatos (St. Francis High School) as Mal Beineke, and senior Toby Bradford (Marshall Fundamental) as Lucas Beineke.

Members of the ensemble cast include freshmen Riley Luna (St. Francis High School), Vanessa Prata and Skylar Robinson; sophomores Cassidy Castillo, Lisa Costantino, Marisa Dragos, Valentino Gomez (Loyola High School), Cathy Johnson, Anna Sandoval, Cristina Webster; junior Cynthia Lee; and seniors Jacqueline Molina and Natalia Wior. Serving as puppeteers for the production are junior Aja Gerardo and senior Gabby Prado. Finally, the dancers include freshmen Arianna Micale and Anica Quizon; sophomores Alexis Baro, Allison Joseph, Moondera Rabb, and Rain Villanueva; junior Gillian Gox and Alexxa Vasquez, and choreographer and senior Helena Sermak-Proulx.

Presale tickets to The Addams Family may be purchased from the Alverno office for \$15, at "https://secure.edlio.com/ssl/fee\_payment/index.jsp?ech=www.alverno-hs.org", and at the door at the Lanterman Auditorium.

Alverno High School is located at 200 North Michillinda Avenue in Sierra Madre and the Lanterman Auditorium is located at 4491 Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada.

### About Alverno High School

Alverno High School is a Catholic, private, college preparatory school for young women dedicated to preparing them to function in a society as informed, knowledgeable persons, who have the requisite skills to make and implement mature decisions about



complex problems. Enlivened by the spirit of its Immaculate Heart Community sponsors, and mindful of the Franciscan roots of its founders, Alverno's program—academic, spiritual, aesthetic, social, and physical—is shaped by the staff, trustees, and students in light of the world for which the students are being educated. Alverno's mission is to empower each young woman to be exactly the person she wants to be and since 1960, Alverno has empowered more than 4,200 women to meet that goal. For more information about Alverno High School, please call 626-355-3463 or visit [www.alverno-hs.org](http://www.alverno-hs.org).

## ST. RITA SCHOOL: SPIRIT OF GIVING

Sierra Madre, CA – Students at St. Rita School recently demonstrated their spirit of giving with a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive for the St. Francis Center of Los Angeles. The St. Francis Center provides relief and support to homeless and extremely low-income individuals and families in Los Angeles. Throughout the Lenten season the students of St. Rita were asked to remember it is not what you give up that's most important, but what you can do for others.

As the students, families, and staff of St. Rita were preparing for spring break it was shared that many underprivileged children would not be able to have two meals a day provided by their own school district due to spring break. In an effort to stock the pantry of the St. Francis Center, and provide nutrition to these students many families participated in the drive.

It was very exciting to see our children recognizing their own blessings, and taking action to help others. St. Rita was able to donate 290 jars of peanut butter and jelly to the St. Francis Center. This was such a success that the school plans to have additional drives next school year.

St. Rita is a top-ranked Catholic parish school, located at 322 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre, which focuses on faith, stewardship and academic excellence. Visit [www.st-ritaschool.org](http://www.st-ritaschool.org) for more information.

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## THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show FURIOUS 7 REVIEW

Having not seen any of the previous 'Fast and Furious', I had no idea what to expect from this movie. This franchise has a massive fan base, and I had heard from many people that this was the best film yet, so I had high hopes for it; however, I was worried that my lack of knowledge of the franchise would not enable me to enjoy the film, and so I went into the theater with high hopes but slightly doubtful.

Having taken down Owen Shaw (Luke Evans), Dom (Vin Diesel) and his team have attracted the unwanted attention of Shaw's older brother, Deckard (Jason Statham). They have also got the attention of the mysterious Mr. Nobody (Kurt Russell) who will give them the tools they need if they get him the powerful hacker known as Ramsey (Nathalie Emmanuel).

'Furious 7' is an exceptional action film simply because you do not have to have seen any of the previous films to not only understand what is going on but also feel for the characters. The story is very slick and well-refined for an action film, with no extraneous action sequences and the clunky, cliché dialogue cut back to a minimum. The standout of this film is the cinematography, which is extremely revolutionary. The camera angles and shots that are chosen make the film flow beautifully. 'Furious 7' is an exciting yet highly emotional film that works as a perfect action movie as well as a stunning tribute to the work of Paul Walker, who shines in his role.



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SEAN’S SHAMELESS REVIEWS:  
THREE MUST HEAR ALBUMS RELEASED THIS MONTH

By Sean Kayden

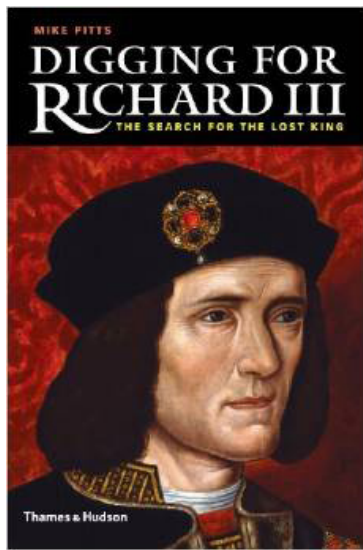
**Gang of Youths – “The Positions” – April 17th, 2015** - Australian rock act Gang of Youths have always been something of enigma. They’ve released several singles over the past few years, but not much was known about them the band itself. They’ve always intrigued me with their brooding sense of style. The anthem-driven melodies are unequivocally enthralling. After refining their technique these previous couple years, the quintet has lastly accumulated enough tunes for a debut album. The Positions consists of ten profoundly harrowing tracks that are vehemently cathartic. Lead singer David Le’aupes’ initially imagined this endeavor as a solo effort chronicling his strained relationship with a woman fighting terminal cancer. His perception, as grand as it was, turned into a complete band with a dynamic intensity that is essentially unmatched. The Positions pushes emotional indie rock to new peaks. Gang of Youths’ debut is exceptional and easily distinguishes itself from the crowd. It covers many topics, from the vigilant tales of grief and sorrow to the search of faith and contentment. Generally sprawling and blatantly intimate, The Positions is filled with six plus minute tracks. This is no conventional rock album from a not-so conventional rock band. It’s entirely palpable these guys are playing on a completely different level than their peers. For an album so deep in thought, so utterly pensive, you’ll find yourself ready to take on anything in your way after listening to “The Positions” from start to finish.

**Lord Huron – “Strange Trails” – April 7th, 2015** – In 2012, LA quintet Lord Huron released their first record “Lonesome Dreams”—an immensely grand and poignant piece of music that resonated along the borders of Fleet Foxes. As the record caught on like wildfire, unexpectedly Lord Huron was making a substantial impression in indie folk-rock. With a lot riding on the follow-up, it’s safe to report that Ben Schneider and his band have returned in pristine form. Strange Trails touches upon a peaceful quality with a “western”

ambiance rooted in the fourteen new tracks. There is this sense of a railroad train chugging along in the old west and there is Lord Huron making music on one of the freight cars. That image comes to mind when listening to this sophomore release. Like an aged painting, worn in impression, surrounded with framework of emphatic fanciful lyrics and sound quality. The vast soundscape of Strange Trails is tough to disregard as the band have extended past their bold debut with a lushier, gutsier, and much more impressive effort. In conclusion, the subsequent album from Lord Huron stirs up various feelings from its harrowing sounds, deep storytelling lyrics, and this floating layer above that with ambiguity in life ultimately comes a time for hope. Despite the perpetual leeriness that is deep-seated within the record, sanguinity is there to peak its head out letting the listener know it’s still there for the taking.

**Priory – “Need To Know” – April 7th, 2015** - Portland based act Priory gained an overpowering awareness on the Internet when they released the single “Weekend” last fall. It surely placed long-standing buddies Brandon Rush and Kyle Sears on the map in spite of previously releasing their first record in 2011 on an indie label. The transformation of musical style into the realm of dance-pop/electro-rock allowed for the duo to obtain much responsiveness from larger labels. With the sophomore album and making their Warner Bros. Records debut, Priory are growing beyond their 4-song EP from last fall with Need To Know. It is a 10-song collection of revitalizing electronic pop songs in time for summer. It’s altogether delightful from start to end, providing the listener with much excitement to be had. Furthermore, there’s an overabundance of danceable rhythms to enjoy to in the relatively short (thirty-five minutes) endeavor. Nevertheless, this idea of surviving is involved in the record. On “Need To Know” an energetic zest is in existent as Priory tries to clench onto adolescence. As many of us are aware, this phase of life quickly fades before one actually recognizes it’s gone. The inherent likability the songs possess is conclusively notable. Priory’s high-energy manner is somewhat to be well regarded as they effectively attempt to go past the customary sounds of indie-pop.

Jeff’s Book Picks By Jeff Brown



DIGGING FOR RICHARD III: THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST KING by Mike Pitts

The story of the archaeology behind the dig that found Richard III, told through a fascinating array of photographs, diagrams, and firsthand accounts. In August 2012 a search began and on February 4, 2013 a team from Leicester University delivered its verdict to a mesmerized press room, watched by media studios around the world: they had found the remains of Richard III, whose history is perhaps the most contested of all British monarchs. History offers a narrow range of information about Richard III which mostly has already been worked to destruction. Archaeology creates new data, new stories, with a different kind of material: physical remains from which modern science can wrest a surprising amount, and which provide a direct, tangible connection with the past. Unlike history, archaeological research demands that teams of people with varied backgrounds work together. Archaeology is a communal activity, in which the interaction of personalities as well as professional skills can change the course of research. Photographs from the author’s own archives, alongside additional material from Leicester University, offer a compelling detective story as the evidence is uncovered. 41 illustrations in color and black-and-white.

THE RESIDENCE: INSIDE THE PRIVATE WORLD OF THE WHITE HOUSE by Kate Andersen Brower

A remarkable history with elements of both In the President’s Secret Service and The Butler, The Residence offers an intimate account of the service staff of the White House, from the Kennedys to the Obamas. America’s First Families are unknowable in many ways. No one has insight into their true character like the people who serve their meals and make their beds every day. Full of stories and details by turns dramatic, humorous, and heartwarming, The Residence reveals daily life in the White House as it is really lived through the voices of the maids, butlers, cooks, florists, doormen, engineers, and others who tend to the needs of the President and First Family. These dedicated professionals maintain the six-floor mansion’s 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, 28 fireplaces, three elevators, and eight staircases, and prepare everything from hors d’oeuvres for intimate gatherings to meals served at elaborate state dinners. Over the course of the day, they gather in the lower level’s basement kitchen to share stories, trade secrets, forge lifelong friendships, and sometimes even fall in love. Combining incredible first-person anecdotes from extensive interviews with scores of White House staff members—many speaking for the first time—with archival research, Kate Andersen Brower tells their story. She reveals the intimacy between the First Family and the people who serve them, as well as tension that has shaken the staff over the decades. From the housekeeper and engineer who fell in love while serving President Reagan to Jackie Kennedy’s private moment of grief with a beloved staffer after her husband’s assassination to the tumultuous days surrounding President Nixon’s resignation and President Clinton’s impeachment battle, The Residence is full of surprising and moving details that illuminate day-to-day life at the White House.

FOOD & DRINK

SEVEN DAUGHTERS WINE FOR NOW

There are certainly advantages to drinking wine with the “closure” being a screw top. No bottle openers, no cork residue plus screwtops don’t contaminate the wine like some corks tend to do. In fact 75 % of the wine in Australia now has a screw top. Recently as last week I was at a wine and cheese party and was making fun of the “Screw top” wines that my friends buy. The conversation turned to “Have you ever had the Seven Daughters Cabernet”? why no I hadn’t, I quickly checked my own wine snobbinness and decided that I would give it a try.

TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
thechefknows@yahoo.com

Named after the seven grapes that the winery uses to produce a host of varieties of wine. Sorry there weren’t seven daughters to be found for this story.

I enjoyed a glass of the Cabernet with a recent home dinner and I can agree with my recent host that screw tops have come a long way. To this end, I suggest allowing it to breathe for a little while when consuming straight out of the bottle. The tannins were soft, the color was a dreamy ruby red and the taste was right up there with any of the \$20 California Cabernets that I have written about in the last year. Screaming Eagle or Stag’s Leap? No it’s A picnic wine for sure! For \$10 you can’t go wrong with this well-balanced Cabernet from the Monterey area of the Central Coast. Consider pairing it with glazed spare ribs, pizza or even a rotisserie chicken. Seven Daughters also produces a pinot nior and a chardonnay in the same price range.

Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. Starting with a base of 50 points, I have added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or “nose”, 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

Total Score 88

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BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS By Marc Garlett



DEBUNKING 4 COMMON MYTHS ABOUT GIFT TAXES

April 15 is upon us! It is not only the deadline for filing your state and federal income tax returns, but also the deadline for filing gift tax returns via IRS Form 709.

Many people are confused about the subject of gift taxes. While only two states -- Connecticut and Minnesota -- have a state gift tax, there is a federal gift tax you may need to be concerned about. Here are some common myths and the actual truths about gift taxes:

**Myth 1:** The recipient must pay taxes on gifts.  
**Reality:** While the gift giver may face taxes on certain gifts, the recipient usually doesn’t. There are some circumstances, however, when that will not be the case. For example, if you receive a bonus from an employer or tips, these may be subject to income tax. If you are gifted property that has appreciated in value since the giver bought it, you receive the cost basis as part of that gift. But if you sell the property, you will be liable for taxes on the difference between the sale price and the cost basis (what the giver paid for it).

**Myth 2:** A giver must pay tax on gifts of over \$10,000 per year.  
**Reality:** The annual gift tax exclusion rate is currently \$14,000 (it increases periodically), and you can give gifts of that amount to an unlimited number of individuals each year without having to pay gift tax. If you give to a charity or your spouse, you can give an unlimited amount without incurring taxes. The lifetime gift tax exemption for 2015 is \$5.43 million per person and your annual gifts (so long as they are under \$14,000 per person) don’t count towards that number.  
**Myth 3:** Gift taxes can be avoided by loaning

money at no interest and forgiving the loan.  
**Reality:** The IRS requires that you treat a loan like a loan, not a gift. You will have to charge a fair market interest rate and put the terms of the loan in writing.

**Myth 4:** You can always deduct charitable contributions from your taxable income.  
**Reality:** Charitable contributions must be made to a qualified tax-exempt charity, and must be itemized. You can check the status of your charity on the IRS website with its Exempt Organizations Select Check Tool.  
If you have questions about gifting strategies or anything else related to protecting and providing for your family, please let us know. We’re here to help.  
To your family’s health, wealth, and happiness,

MARC

A local attorney, father, and CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children), Marc Garlett is on a mission to help parents protect what they love most. His office is located at 49 S. Baldwin Ave., Ste. G, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Schedule an appointment to sit down and talk about ensuring a legacy of love and financial security for your family by calling 626.355.4000 or visit www.GarlettLaw.com for more information.

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## THE JOY OF YOGA BECOMING EFFECTIVE

We all wish to be effective in our lives and do what we set out to accomplish. Further, we want to good at it. We want to be great

at what we do for a living, or be a great mom or dad, husband or wife. Let me present a question though: In those times when you have booked too many events, or taken a few too many work commitments, are you being successful and effective at each one of them? Is there joy?

This is a great inquiry into how we disburse or where we direct our energy.

Our yoga practice can help us become effective in our life and the lives others a few different ways. First, through breath and body awareness, we activate our inner sensitivity. Through this process, we gain a clear sense of how we are doing and how we feel. This awareness translates into

real life situations and even into our relations with others. In class, we can actually practice sustained concentration with our attention to asana, breath and the inner connection. This gathering of energy can be applied in tasks or jobs as we move in daily life. I deepen my ability to listen to my friend uninterrupted, read my favorite book or take time to eat lunch, sitting down.

Being able to direct energy and become effective in my daily life is one of the best gifts of yoga. I make better choices in how I want to schedule my time. I can give my full attention and effort to what or who's right in front of me and not worry about my next appointment. Ultimately, directing energy is a powerful tool used to help shape the life I want to lead. Is there anything holding you back from becoming effective in your life?

Namaste and see you in class,

Keely Totten



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## CAN SKIN AGING BE REVERSED?



Dr. Tina is a traditional naturopath and nutritionist at Vibrant Living Wellness Center

As the years go by, our skin changes. We begin to develop crow's feet around the eyes, wrinkles and then our skin sags. I don't know about you but I feel young. And if there is a way to keep looking younger than my years, I'm interested!

If we want to help our skin look younger naturally, we need to know what is happening to our skin as we age, independent of any skin damage such as over exposure to the sun or smoking. There are a couple of changes taking place once we reach 35 to 40. The very outer protective layer of our skin thickens and gets drier. My friends who always had oily skin are happy when their skin starts drying up. If you are like me and originally had normal to dry skin, it stinks! Even my friends with oily skin eventually are not happy. At the same time, your second layer of skin thins and loses its elasticity.

New research suggests there is a way to really slow and even reverse some of this skin aging, yeah! Scientists at McMaster's University in Ontario,

Canada found that frequent exercise as we are aging will keep or even reverse some skin aging. They found that people who exercised regularly had a thinner outer layer of skin and a thicker inner layer. People as old as 65 were found to have skin close to a 20 to 30 year old.

You may be thinking what I was thinking, maybe the test participants eat a healthy diet and have great genes. Well, the researchers did a second study using sedentary volunteers who were 65 or older with skin representative of their age. They had them exercise moderately, 2 days a week for roughly 60 minutes, for three months. What the researchers found was that most if not all of these participants had skin that looked like that of a 20 to 40 year old. OK, I do have to state that the researchers used skin that wasn't expose to the elements or so called skin care products. They used the skin from the participants bottoms.

Research shows that we are living longer. The question is how do you want to live your last 20 or so years? Skin is a part of our bodies and maintaining its health is part of maintaining our overall health. So maybe the fountain of youth is available to all of us. Just think of the possibilities of eating a healthy diet and getting regular physical activity. I know I want to live my last 20 years the same way I am living today, vibrantly!

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## MEDICATION MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR ORGANIZING AND REMEMBERING

Dear Savvy Senior,

What products or solutions can you recommend to help seniors keep up with their medications? My mom is supposed to take several different medications at different times of the day but frequently forgets.

Reminding Son

Dear Reminding,  
Anybody who juggles multiple medications can relate to the problem of forgetting to take a medication, or not remembering whether they already took it. This is especially true for people who take medications at varying times of the day. Here are some different product and service solutions that may help.

### Medication Helpers

Getting organized and being reminded are the two keys to staying on top of a medication schedule. To help your mom achieve this, there are a wide variety of affordable pillboxes, medication organizers, vibrating watches, beeping pill bottles and even dispensers that will talk to her that can make all the difference. To find these types of products go to Epill.com (800-549-0095), where you'll find dozens to choose from.

Also check out Reminder Rosie (reminder-rosie.com, \$130), a voice activated talking clock that tells you when to take your medicine, and can be used for other reminders, too.

And for a super comprehensive medication management device, there's the MedMinder automatic pill dispenser. This is a computerized pillbox that will beep and flash when it's time for your mom to take her medication, and will call her if she forgets. It will even alert her if she takes the wrong pills. This device can also be set up to call, email or text family members and caregivers letting you know if she misses a dose, takes the wrong medication or misses a refill. Available at MedMinder.com, or 888-633-6463, the MedMinder rents for \$40 to \$65 per month.

**Medication Packaging**  
Another possible way to help simplify your mom's medication use is to get her prescriptions filled in single-dose packets that put all her medications (vitamins and over-the-counter drugs can be included too) together in neatly labeled packets organized by date and the time of day they should be taken. This does away with all the pill bottles and pill sorting. Some compounding pharmacies



or independent drug stores offer single-dose packaging along with a number of online pharmacies like PillPack.com.

### Reminding Services

Another simple solution that can help your mom stick to her medication schedule is to use a medication reminding service. These are services that will actually call, email or text your mother reminders of when it's time to take her medicine and when it's time to refill her prescriptions. Some even offer extra reminders like doctor and dentist appointments, wake-up calls and more.

Companies that offer such services are MyMedSchedule.com, which provides free medication reminders via text message or email. Their website can also help you make easy-to-read medication schedules that you can print out for your mom to follow. Or, if your mom uses a smartphone or tablet, there are free medication reminding apps that can help, like MediSafe (medisafeproject.com) or MedCoach (greatcall.com).

If, however, your mom doesn't receive texts or use a smartphone, tablet or computer, OnTimeRx.com or Snoozester.com may be the answer. With starting prices ranging between \$4 and \$10 per month, these services will call your mom on her phone (they can send text messages and emails too) for all types of reminders including daily medications, monthly refills, doctor appointments, wake-up calls and other events.

Or, if you're looking for extra help, Care Call Reassurance (call-reassurance.com, 602-265-5968 ext. 7) may be a better fit. In addition to the call reminders to your mom's phone, this service can be set up to contact a family member or designated caregiver if she fails to answer or acknowledge the call. This service runs between \$15 and \$20 per month.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## KATIE Tse.....This and That



### THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE CRAZY

It's that time of year again! The weather's getting warmer, flowers are blooming, and school children are itching with spring fever! And it's only the end of April! But you must remember that many schools started way back in the middle of August. That leaves only about 30 school days left, and both students and teachers are running on fumes.

Most "naughty" kids push the envelope of their teacher's patience at the beginning of the school year. But there are always a few who students snap and revert to their old ways in this last leg of the race. This is what happened near the end of one of my mom's last years of teaching third grade in a public school.

The student in question (let's call him Ned) came to third grade with a reputation for chronic sassiness, noncompliance, and general misconduct. Ned's previous teachers had exhausted all the usual disciplinary methods: e.g., behavior contracts, punishment, rewards, screaming --all to no avail. Since my mom had 30 plus years of experience in the trenches dealing with every variety of students, she had a full arsenal of strategies at her disposal.

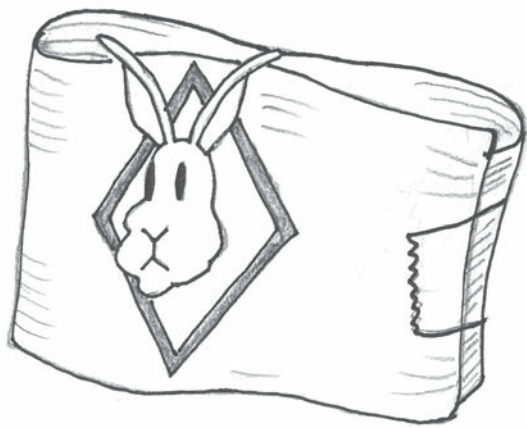
You see, some kids just get so callused and jaded over the years that traditional approaches at behavior modification fall short. These kids have grown accustomed to having teachers negotiate with them, cajole them, punish them, and yell to the point of developing vocal nodules. What they're not used to is teachers who are just as crazy as they are!

My mom and Ned maintained a working

relationship for most of the year, but near the end Ned started to slip back into his whiny, argumentative habits. Specifically, he claimed that my mom had confiscated a ring of his at the beginning of the year, and now he wanted it back.

Of course there was no such ring, but that didn't matter to Ned. He just wanted a fight. Their conversation went something like this:  
Ned: "Hey, Mrs. Hopkins, you never gave back my ring that you took away."

Mom: "I never took a ring from you. What are you talking about?"  
Ned: (whining) "NO! You took it! I remember!"



Mom: (walking to her desk, she cut a small rectangle of paper, connected the ends with tape, and handed it to Ned.) "Ok, here's a ring for you."

Ned: (surprised, but still angry) "No! It was a real ring! My dad gave it to me!"

Mom: "That is a real ring. Look, you can put it on your finger."

Ned: "No! It had a diamond on it!"

Mom: (she takes the paper ring back and draws a diamond shape in the middle) "Okay, here's a diamond."

Ned: (walking away with his new ring) "I'm telling my dad!"

Mom: "That's fine. While you're at it, remind him to sign and return your report card."

Ned had a big, strong male teacher for fourth grade. Around the end of the year, Ned's mom came back to thank my mom for working with him. "You're the only one who was able to manage him!"

Teaching, for the most part, is a thankless job of civil servants. But occasionally there's something to brag about!

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### FYI - SENIORS - DON'T BE A TARGET

THE F.B.I. Common Fraud Schemes webpage provides tips on how you can protect you and your family from fraud. Senior Citizens especially should be aware of fraud schemes for the following reasons:

Senior citizens are most likely to have a "nest egg," to own their home, and/or to have excellent credit—all of which make them attractive to con artists.

People who grew up in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s were generally raised to be polite and trusting. Con artists exploit these traits, knowing that it is difficult or impossible for these individuals to say "no" or just hang up the telephone.

Older Americans are less likely to report a fraud because they don't know who to report it to, are too ashamed at having been scammed, or don't know they have been scammed. Elderly victims may not report crimes, for example, because they are concerned that relatives may think the victims no longer have the mental capacity to take care of their own financial affairs.

When an elderly victim does report the crime, they often make poor witnesses. Con artists know the effects of age on memory, and they are counting on elderly victims not being able to supply enough detailed information to investigators. In addition, the victims' realization that they have been swindled may take weeks—or more likely, months—after contact with the fraudster. This extended time frame makes it even more difficult to remember details from the events.

Senior citizens are more interested in and susceptible to products promising increased cognitive function, virility, physical conditioning, anti-cancer properties, and so on. In a country where new cures and vaccinations for old diseases have given every American hope for a long and fruitful life, it is not so unbelievable that the con artists' products can do what they claim.

For more information go to: <http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/seniors>

**HELPFUL HINT:** Burned a pot of rice? Just place a piece of white bread on top of the rice for 5-10 minutes to draw out the burned flavor. Be careful not to scrape the burned pieces off of the bottom of the pan when serving the rice

### FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

"Now, Ms. Lyons," said the doctor, "you say you have shooting pains in your neck, dizziness, and constant nausea. Just for the record, how old are you?" "Why, I'm going to be 39 on my next birthday," the woman replied indignantly. "Hmmm," muttered the doctor, "Got a slight loss of memory, too."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... April Birthdays...



Howard Rubin, Mary Harley, Bette White, Dorothy White, Doris Behrens, Freda Bernard, Beth Copti, Terri Cummings, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Julia Gottesman, Betty Jo Gregg, Barbara Lampman, Betty Mackie, Elizabeth Rassmusen, Maria Reyes, Marian DeMars, Anne Schryver, Christine Bachwansky, Colleen McKernan, Sandy Swanson, Hattie Harris, Hank Landsberg, Ken Anhalt, Shannon Vandevelde

\*To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737.

YEAR of birth not required.



**ACTIVITIES:** Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Park House (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre

YMCA San Gabriel Valley Intervale Senior Café: Monday-Friday at 12:00 Noon (Participants are urged to arrive no later than 11:45 A.M.)

All seniors 60 and up can take part in the lunch program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for those 60 and over and \$3.75 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary as space is limited. Please call 24 hours in advance...626.355.0256

**HAWAIIAN AND POLYNESIAN DANCE CLASS:** Every Tuesday morning from 10am to 11am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

**BINGO:** Every Tuesday beginning at 1:00pm. Cards are only \$0.25 each! Everyone is welcome to join. May be canceled if less than 5 people.

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING:** 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11am to 12pm. No appt. is necessary.

**BRAIN GAMES:** Tuesday, March 17th, 11am -12pm, improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, Community Liaison for ComForcare Senior Services in Pasadena.

**FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION:** Wednesday, March 18 from 10:30am to Noon. Attorney Lem Makupson is available for legal consultation. He specializes in Family Law, Wills, Trusts, Estates, and Injury. Appointment are required by calling 626-355-7394.

**CHAIR YOGA:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 11:45 am, except on the third Monday of the month. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

**CASE MANAGEMENT:** Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. Case Management services are provided by the YWCA and provide assistance in a variety of areas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling the HPH Office at 626-355-7394.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** Every second Thursday of the month the Hart Park House Senior Center celebrates birthdays of our patrons. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

**GAME DAY:** Every Thursday starting at 12:45pm. A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

**TAX ASSISTANCE:** Every Thursday February 5th through April 9th from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Don Brunner is available for income tax consultation. Appointments are required, call 626-355-7394.

**FREE STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS:** Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

**SENIOR CLUB:** Every Saturday at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Brown bag lunch at 11:30am. Club meeting at noon. Bingo 12:30-3:30pm. Annual Membership is only \$10.00.

### LUNCH & LEARN PRESENTATION - Thursday, April 16th, 2015 beginning at 12:00pm

Tanya Mazzolini from The Kensington will give a talk about French artist Henri Matisse while demonstrating a project in his style of art. Matisse, known for his use of color and his fluid and original draughtsmanship. He was a draughtsman, printmaker, and sculptor, but is known primarily as a painter. Matisse is commonly regarded along with Pablo Picasso and Marcel Duchamp, as one of the three artists who helped to define the revolutionary developments in the plastic arts in the opening decades of the twentieth century.



### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

#### THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE (LOS ANGELES)

Thursday, April 30, 2015 8:45am to 3:30pm  
Meeting Location: Hart Park House Senior Center  
Cost: \$15 (Does not include lunch)

Opened in 1993, built at a cost of \$50 million by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, named after Simon Wiesenthal, Holocaust Survivor. We'll have a 3 hour docent-led tour of the Museum of Tolerance, a multimedia museum in Los Angeles designed to examine racism and prejudice around the world with a strong focus on the history of the Holocaust. Lunch will be on your own at Factor's Deli, a landmark location for over 65 years. It's a booth-lined Jewish delicatessen known for its matzo ball soup and corned beef on rye. Participants should bring money for lunch and souvenirs. Last day to register is April 22nd. Level of walking: Medium to high. For more information, please call the Hart Park House at 626-355-7394.

### SENIOR CINEMA • 1st and 3rd Wednesday

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#### April 15th – Maleficent (2014)

As a beautiful young woman of pure heart, Maleficent (Angelina Jolie) has an idyllic life in a forest kingdom. When an invading army threatens the land, Maleficent rises up to become its fiercest protector. However, a terrible betrayal hardens her heart and twists her into a creature bent on revenge. She engages in an epic battle with the invading king's successor, then curses his newborn daughter, Aurora, realizing only later that the child holds the key to peace in the kingdom. Start time: 1:00pm (run time 98 minutes)

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THE WORLD IS “LOOKING UP” ON APRIL 25; WESTCHESTER JOINS THE PARTY

Saturday, April 25 is the night of all nights for you to look skyward. That's when the whole world will be celebrating the “Global Star Party”—an evening devoted to appreciating the skies that surround our fragile planet Earth. The night's celebration is part of Global Astronomy Month (GAM), sponsored by the astronomy advocacy organization Astronomers Without Borders (AWB).

Use this link to check out AWB's worldwide events: <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2015-programs/observing/1558-global-star-party-for-gam-2015.html>

One April 25 global event of special interest will be the “Hangoutathon” a shared program of AWB and CosmoQuest: <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2015-programs/online/2607-cosmoquest-hangoutathon.html>

This online Marathon-length event runs from 8:00 a.m. April 25 to 8:00 p.m. April 26.

During the Hangoutathon, CosmoQuest invites you to race to map the worlds: Mercury, the Moon, Mars (yes, we'll have Mars!), and cold distant Vesta. While you do science, we'll take you on a tour around the world as we follow the terminator to Global Star Party events taking place around the world.

The Hangoutathon runs for 36 hours straight so no matter where you are in the world you will be able to tune in and see some exciting astronomy programming.

This year, as part of the Hangoutathon, AWB is teaming up with CosmoQuest to let you participate live online in Global Star Parties being run by clubs all over the world!

See more at: <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2015-programs/online/2607-cosmoquest-hangoutathon.html#sthash.ZJeXiu5O.dpuf>

Another online highlight of Global Astronomy Month is “Walking on the Moon: A Virtual Telescope Project.” Go online at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 24 to reach the Moon from home!

The Virtual Telescope Project provides a remote, online lunar observing session, linked up with plenty of friends from all around the planet. Find your own crater, mountain or sea while flying over our ancient satellite, with live narration. This promises to be an unforgettable event.

See more at: <http://astronomerswithoutborders.org/gam2015-programs/online/1570-walking-on-the-moon-online-observing-event.html#sthash.GvBtzqDx.dpuf>



Bob and Laura Eklund enjoy the skies at a Westchester star party. Photo by Aaron Dominguez.

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AND HERE AT HOME, JUST ABOVE THE BLUFFS IN WESTCHESTER, the public is invited to look skyward from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at our local version of the Global Star Party. Host Bob Eklund welcomes you to join him at the parking lot of the Christian Science Church at 7855 Alverstone Ave., corner of 79th St.

Telescopes will be set up for everyone's enjoyment. We'll be looking at Jupiter with its four moons, our own Moon and its craters, and stars and nebulae.

ALL are welcome—bring the children, learn astronomy together, and enjoy the sky! And if it's cloudy or rainy, come anyway—there'll be an indoor learning session on basic astronomy, especially for children (of any age).

There is no charge, and refreshments will be served. If you have a telescope of your own, feel free to bring it—experienced amateur astronomers will be on hand to help you set it up if necessary.

Questions? Contact star party host Bob Eklund, (310) 216-5947, [beklund@sprynet.com](mailto:beklund@sprynet.com)

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Full Moon showing the Apollo 11 landing site in the Sea of Tranquility.



by Christopher Nyerges

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## THE WINDS ERASE YOUR FOOTPRINTS

A book by Shiyowin Miller

One of the books that came out of my family was “The Winds Erase Your Footprints,” written by my wife Dolores' mother, Shiyowin Miller. Shiyowin, who was part Osage, was immersed in Native American culture. I remember visiting her home in Temple City, which seemed like an Indian museum with a full library, drums, pots, and artifacts from all over the country. Shiyowin had been a music and dance teacher, and was a professional dancer. She knew Iron Eyes Cody, and worked with Luther Standing Bear, a Lakota Sioux who wrote “My People the Sioux” and other books. Luther Standing Bear adopted Shiyowin, and let Shiyowin act as his agent for his various books and other legal matters. It brought the past alive to me when I was able to see and feel the pipes, sandals, robe, and other materials that Standing Bear had given to Shiyowin. (There is a special exhibit of Standing Bear's robe and other items at the Crazy Horse Museum in South Dakota.)

Shiyowin also had many friends from the Navajo lands. In the 1930's, Shiyowin's best friend, Juanita, fell in love with a Navajo man, Luciano, who'd been working as an extra in Hollywood. Juanita and Luciano got married, and moved back to Luciano's Navajo lands in New Mexico.

Shiyowin kept in touch with Juanita, and wrote about the experiences that Luciano and Juanita underwent on the reservation, during the Depression when there was so little work.

Shiyowin edited and revised and rewrote her book many times over the next 30 years, and she died in 1983 before it was ever published. I married Shiyowin's daughter Dolores in 1986, and when I saw the box with hundreds of pages of manuscript, I asked Dolores if I could read it. In fact, Shiyowin had hired Dolores to type many of the revisions over the years, and so Dolores was familiar with the content.

Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. I was amazed at the quality and depth of the story, and could barely believe that it had never been published. Shiyowin had actually received an offer from a publisher some 20 years earlier, but since she kept rewriting and revising, it never got published. To me, it was like reading a Tony Hillerman novel, except it was true!

Everyone said that the book accurately depicted life on the Rez during that time, mixed in with some accounts of Navajo witchcraft. With some editing, Dolores and I got the book published in 2002 by Naturegraph Press, which features many Native American titles. If you do an internet search with the book's title, you'll see some of the reviews that have been published about this book.

The story was descriptive, compelling, and you feel as if you are re-experiencing the harsh winds, the life in the Hogan making coffee, the search for work, and all the ceremonies and gatherings that were a part of the Navajo way of life. The books, which was 335 pages when published, also contained hints and clues in the backdrop about Navajo witchcraft, and the ma-itso, the wolf clan which was feared by most.

The freak death of Luciano was generally attributed to the work of the ma-itso, and Shiyowin gives the clues in bits and pieces, in the way that Tony Hillerman so masterfully slowly revealed his mysteries.

The line drawings for the book were drawn by Navajo artist Chester Kahn. Shiyowin's daughter Dolores stated that the drawings seemed the ideal artistic representation of Shiyowin's work, capturing the feeling and quality of the historical account.

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From chapter 7: The Sing

“Before we came here,” her husband began, “when I tried to tell you about everything which might seem strange to you, I didn't tell you about ma-itso--the wolf clan. One reason, it no longer seemed as believable to me as it once had; perhaps all the years in school did that; anyhow, in Hollywood I seldom thought of it. When we came here, my mother told me the wolf clan was still strong in Cañoncito. I didn't tell you then because I could see no reason why they would try to harm us. But to be sure you were safe, my mother and sisters watched you every minute.

“There were times when I almost told you, those times when you were upset about things you didn't understand. And yet I hated to frighten you needlessly. Already there was so much for you to worry about. It seemed better to wait until I had a job, until we were living in town and then tell you. “But now two things have happened which make me sure the ma-itso is for some reason after us. I found yellow pollen in an X mark on my hat brim, and today my mother found pollen on our clothes. That is their warning. Lorencito thinks you will be safer if you know about this evil thing.” A hundred questions sprang to Juanita's lips, but her husband went on talking, interrupted now and then by Lorencito or his mother.

“The wolf clan is as old as the Navajo tribe. From the beginning some men turned certain powers, which should have been used for good, toward evil things. Corn pollen, used for blessing, is used by the ma-itso as a warning to a person marked for death. And death does not come in a usual manner; it comes in a round-about way which cannot be easily traced. The victim sickens suddenly; sometimes his mind leaves him. No Medicine Man can cure him. Sometimes the victim meets with a mysterious and fatal accident.

*Form chapter 13: Wolf Tracks*

Juanita had hung up two diapers when she became suddenly aware of something across the arroyo. When she looked carefully nothing seemed unusual; in the dim light she could see the sharp banks of the arroyo, the clumps of juniper in dark patches on the other side. Then gradually, two of the dark juniper patches began to take on the indistinct forms of dogs sitting on their haunches.

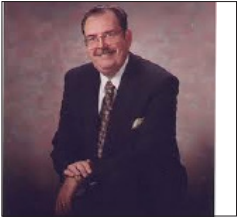
That was what imagination would do for you. She even thought now that she could see the large pointed ears. Juanita smiled to herself. This must be what Lu had seen, the queer-shaped juniper bushes. They looked surprisingly like coyotes, only larger. The likeness had even startled her for a moment and her mind had certainly not been on wolves or wolf tracks. She pulled her eyes away and began resolutely to hang up more diapers.

A sudden movement, one dark figure detaching itself from the other and moving farther down the arroyo, a third form appearing almost directly across from her on the opposite bank. Juanita stood absolutely still. There was no sound except the flapping of the clothes on the line.

When Juanita reached the kitchen door, she called to her husband to bring the shotgun. “Those figures that you saw are out there again.” This couldn't be her voice, tight and choked.

Two of the dark forms were loping off down the arroyo when Luciano reached the bank, but the third sat directly across from him like a very large coyote on its haunches. Luciano raised his gun and fired directly at it. The animal seemed to gather itself into a ball and plunge down the bank of the arroyo--across the wide, sandy bed.

“Lu! Watch out! It's coming for you.” He raised the gun to fire again ...



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF MY INCOME TAX RETUR

April 15th is the time of the year when Americans can communicate with their government. I cannot testify for anyone else, but I look forward to this marvelous opportunity and I am careful not to waste it. This year, for example, so much has happened to me since last year it took 15 single-spaced typed pages to include everything. However, to be perfectly honest (and who's perfect), I am a little disappointed. All the years I have included a personal letter in with my tax returns, I have yet to get a personal letter in return.

I'm beginning to think this is a one-way relationship and it wouldn't take much for me to quit this correspondence entirely. Then what would my government think? How would they know what I've been up to all year long?

I am not one to complain, but filling out my income tax return seems to be getting more complicated each year. When I familiarize myself with the rules for one year, someone changes them the next year.

What could not be deducted last year can be this year; and what was not deductible last year I must pay twice. Why can't someone in the government make up my mind and quit all this unnecessary fluctuation?

On April 16, each year, our government immediately destroys the tax books to keep them from falling into the hands of a foreign power. By “foreign,” I mean Canada. Heaven help us if our neighbor north of the border ever got their hands on this information. Canadians are not usually known for their joviality, but once they see these books, the entire country would break out into uncontrollable laughter. Who knows what this would do to the delicate relationship now existing between the two countries.

Because of this important precaution, we need new tax laws each year. Right after the New Year's Eve party, someone in the Internal Revenue office asks his assistant to “bring me those tax books.” When informed there are no books, this same person (who shall remain nameless for obvious reasons) says to his assistant, “Bob, write me a new tax law book for this year and have it on my desk by 5 o'clock.”

This sets the wheels of government to whirling and by golly, by 5 o'clock that new tax law book is on the desk. The reason the tax laws differ from one year to the next is the assistant responsible for this is fired every year and a new one hired.

The only requirement for the assistant is that his name must be “Bob.”

I wish one year Bob would call me. It seems he has overlooked many legitimate deductions every year. I would like to submit some recommendations to be considered for next year.

First, I am not too happy with this April 15th deadline. I feel it is much too restrictive

and rigid. What is so special about April 15 that our government should have such an apprehension about me missing this deadline? What is wrong with June 15? Or, September 22, for that matter?

I believe the IRS should be more understanding and practice a nonjudgmental attitude. After all, this is a new millennium calling for a new attitude on this whole business of taxes. They ought to trust me to send in my taxes whenever I'm ready, or remember.

There are some deductions I have never seen on the forms I have filled out and I have always wondered why. Let me list some: Grandchildren — have never been listed as a legitimate deduction. Does the IRS know just how expensive grandchildren are? My jellybean budget alone could finance a small third world country and I only have three grandchildren.

Pets — have never been included as deductions. Pets have a marvelous role in enhancing our lives and giving us a good excuse to get out of the house and walk around the block.

Pet food is expensive, as any pet owner knows, not to mention those exorbitant veterinary bills. (Does my doghouse qualify as a home office? I spend a lot of time there so it should.)

Vacation — is another overlooked item. Does the IRS think I am taking a vacation just for my health? Oh, yea. I am. Well, my health is important. Every dollar I spend on vacation should be deducted from my income and not be taxable, which would take a lot of stress off my next vacation.

Presents — don't tell me Christmas presents are not authentic tax-deductible considerations. If it were not for me buying all those Christmas presents the general economy of our country would go into a slump. Buying Christmas presents is the one thing I can do for my country and I should expect some compensation.

These are just a few suggestions I would make if left up to me.

There is no way I could get away with writing my own ticket for my personal income tax return. The government has set up rules and regulations to guide everyone.

The Bible clearly says; “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 14:12 KJV.) And, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6 KJV.)

Some people think they can write their own ticket when it comes to God, forgetting God has established rules and regulations that apply to everyone.

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## HOWARD Hays As I See It



“That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in every country.”

- Hermann Goering

There's a big debate going on in Washington, about nothing less than how the United States engages with the world in matters of war and peace.

One side argues that this president and future ones be given wide latitude in taking actions on their own, unhindered by Congressional grandstanding and second-guessing. The argument is focused on the need for the administration to have the ability and flexibility to act decisively, without Congressional meddling.

The other side argues it's Congress' duty and responsibility under the Constitution to publicly debate, oversee, scrutinize and ultimately decide whether or not to authorize actions affecting our nation's security.

In this particular debate, it's President Obama and most Congressional Democrats taking the latter side, arguing for more Congressional involvement. It's the Republicans who argue that the president be given free reign – while Congress remains on the sidelines.

The issue is renewal of the War Powers Act, which has been held up now for months. But on the issue more in the news lately, the framework of a nuclear deal with Iran, the positions are reversed.

Republicans have it backwards. With the president trying to make peace, negotiating with leaders of other nuclear powers to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, they feel obliged to use their Congressional majorities to do whatever they can to scuttle the deal and alienate us from our negotiating partners. If a president wants to make war, however, under their version of the War Powers Act they'd just stay out of the way, do what they can to grease the skids and let it happen.

If anything, Congress' role should be to help make peaceful resolution easier and war harder - not the other way around.

There's a real concern because so many of those making the case for war now were doing the same thing thirteen years ago – with disastrous consequences. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX), current chair of the House Armed Services Committee, warned then that our policy of containment towards Saddam Hussein had led Iraq to become “one giant WMD factory”. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) predicted military action to remove him “would not be very difficult”. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), then in the House, said attacking Iraq was “long overdue”, and that its people would “taste freedom for the first time in decades.”

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) warned that the risks of continuing to deal with Saddam through more diplomacy were “simply unacceptable”.

That was then. Today, many of those Sunni Muslim soldiers of Saddam's army we sent packing after the invasion have gone on to form the military backbone of the Islamic State. In his column last week, Greg Welborn cited the nuclear deal with North Korea as a lesson in the futility of preventing dictators from getting bombs. Maybe the problem with that deal was one of bad timing. The “Agreed Framework” negotiated under President Clinton was signed in October 1994. Three months later, Republicans took over both houses of Congress.

From the outset they branded the deal “appeasement”, and did their best to prevent us from keeping our end of the bargain (fuel oil shipments, a light water reactor, etc.). Then, under President Bush, North Korea was in the “axis of evil” and we used accusations they were enriching uranium as justification to kill the deal.

Although our concern was keeping North Korea from getting nuclear weapons, theirs was getting rid of sanctions and normalizing relations with the outside world. We'll never know what would've happened had the deal negotiated under Clinton been kept, but we do know what happened as a consequence of it being killed under Bush: North Korea pulled out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, kicked out the international monitors and cranked up production. While under the deal plutonium production had been successfully halted for eight years, now the estimates are that North Korea has a half-dozen plutonium warheads and a couple dozen “nuclear weapon equivalents”.

Those responsible for that outcome and the disaster in Iraq are now telling us why talks with Iran are a bad idea. They're advising Republican presidential candidates. In trying to make their case, they've taken Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's word on what the deal entails over that of President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry. Sen. McCain, who predicted that incursion in Iraq “would not be very difficult” now calls Sec. Kerry “delusional”, and 47 senators send a letter to Iranian leaders warning them not to expect the United States to keep its commitments.

We've seen it before; efforts to maintain the peace scuttled because some were simply too anxious to start the bombing. Herr Goering thought it an easy matter to sway public opinion away from peace and towards war. But not this time – our memories are still fresh and the consequences of those actions are still with us.

As Malcom X said, “If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything.” Too many of us stand with the president and the other world leaders in support of resolution through negotiations with Iran, and whatever lines were fed by those arguing for a different approach, we're not falling for it.

## GREG Welborn

### THE DROUGHT OF WISDOM

California is suffering from a record drought – perhaps one for the history books. But the drought to which I refer is not the water drought, but the wisdom drought. Rain comes and goes in California – always has, always will - but the stupidity among the Liberals who run this state seems unending.

A harsh statement, you might be inclined to argue back. How can I possibly blame politicians for the fact that it hasn't rained much in the last 4 to 5 years? But I'm not holding them accountable for how much it rains; I'm holding them accountable for what they did with the water when it rained a lot and was plentiful, and now for what they're doing with the water when it's in relatively short supply.

California is an arid state. It is on the low end of rainfall volume in the United States. We get more than the truly desert states, but certainly less than the east coast and Midwest. But that's a given. We've always been at the low end, on top of which we're subject to the occasional drought. Even severe droughts are not unheard of in California. Again, though, all this is normal; all this has been known to the state's leaders since the state was founded. That's why previous generations put so much effort into building what once was one of the greatest reservoir and aquifer systems of its time in the nation.

Our present problems are the result of short-sighted and callous politicians who allowed that system to fall into disrepair, who refused to build any new storage facilities over the last 30+ plus years when our population grew to 40 million people, and who gave into the ruinous policy prescriptions of the crazy wing of the environmentalist movement.

The numbers tell the story pretty clearly. In an average year, California receives enough snow and rain to accumulate 200 million acre feet of water (an acre foot is an acre of land covered 1 foot deep). During that same average year, California consumes approximately 60 million acre feet. The consumption estimates I found actually ranged from 40 million to 60 million acre feet. I'm giving the politicians the benefit of the doubt, going with the higher estimate. Even still, in an average year, there's more than enough water to use and – if we had intelligent leadership – to store for the dry years. In fact, in normal years – let alone “wet” years – we are relative to our consumption needs flooded with water.

On the opposite end of the spectrum in droughts, the water received can decrease substantially while the usage stays fairly constant. That just emphasizes the need to store the water we do receive. Here's where the bunglers in Sacramento did the bungling. Environmental laws intended to protect various fish species and wetland habitats have us dump half the normal water we receive out to the ocean. That's 100 million acre feet flushed out to San Francisco Bay and the Pacific to save a couple of fish. Carly Fiorina, former CEO of Hewlett Packard and thus a pretty sharp cookie, quoted one estimate that 70% of our rainfall is flushed out to sea.

The magnitude of the water we throw away is staggering in its own right, but it might be attributable to some sliver of logic if this actually helped the fish. Unfortunately, the “endangered” fish populations have decreased over the last 40 years, which is also roughly the time period during which no new reservoirs were built. The best laid plans of mice and Dems have truly gone awry.

The failure to build those reservoirs and dams is the other component of our present problem. Even if we decided to keep the water we get in average and good years, we would need to store it some place. Environmental groups have passed laws and used the courts to effectively block the construction of any new significant storage facility since 1980. In a weird way, we have to grant the logic of this last one. If you've passed laws mandating that you not keep the water you get, why would you spend any money to build dams or reservoirs to store the water you aren't keeping?

Liberals are always surprised when their policy prescriptions make things worse, and California's water policies are no exception. One of the unintended consequences of refusing to store more water in order to “help” the environment is that farmers in the great valley are being forced to dig their wells deeper, thus reducing the water table lower than is probably good for us. The law of unintended consequences has not been suspended.

The sad reality is that even under the most dire of circumstances this year (official measurement of rain and snow fall for the year won't end until June 30th), we will have received enough water to meet our needs if we had captured and kept everything that fell from the sky. The lack of water can't be blamed on Mother Nature. All she did was expose the drought of common sense and wisdom that passes for political leadership in Sacramento.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALEX III MESSENGER SERVICES, 145 S. CLARENCE ST., L.A., CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GLORIA RUVALCABA, 145 S. CLARENCE ST., L.A., CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GLORIA RUVALCABA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/13/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALPHA & OMEGA ROOFING, 6715 GREGORY AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90608. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALPHA & OMEGA ROOFING, INC., 6715 GREGORY AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90608. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JESS MANUEL MACIAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/13/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100113  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICA AIR DUCT CLEANING, 211 E. 82<sup>nd</sup> PL., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RIGOBERTO AREVALO ZARAGOZA, 211 E. 82<sup>nd</sup> PL., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RIGOBERTO AREVALO ZARAGOZA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100751  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DOOR, 1037 N. CALERA AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANK REYNOSO, 1037 N. CALERA AVE., COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANK REYNOSO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-097102  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: APHCV PMQ PHARMACY I, 1530 HILLHURST COVE., CL., CA 90027-5516. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PHARMEDQUEST PHARMACY SERVICES, 451 W. LAMBERT RD., STE 208, BREA, CA 92821. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CHRISTOPHER NEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/10/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-101298  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A2 REALTY LA GROUP, 1818 W. BEVERLY BLVD., #102A, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LINDA M. ZAMORA, 1818 W. BEVERLY BLVD., #102A, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LINDA M. ZAMORA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-096592  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BUG BUSTERS PC, 1300 BEACON ST., #29, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT LEON DAVIS JR., 16844 PASSAGE AVE., #206, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT LEON DAVIS JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/10/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100512  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CERTIFIED ORIGINAL MUSIC, 2723 VAN BUREN PL., #306, L.A., CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OLUWAFEMI BRYAN ADESINA, 2723 VAN BUREN PL., #306, L.A., CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OLUWAFEMI BRYAN ADESINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/14/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100206  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COMTEXT, 1750 N. WESTERN AVE., L.A., CA 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD KENNETH ESPARRAGO MENDOZA, 1273 MARIPOSA ST., #209, GLENDALE, CA 91205. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICHARD KENNETH ESPARRAGO MENDOZA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/16/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100409  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANNYS ENGINE REBUILDING, 1128 NADEAU ST., L.A., CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAVIER DIAZ SANDOVAL, 805 SANCHEZ ST., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAVIER DIAZ SANDOVAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/13/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-098451  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIAZ BOSCH TRUCKING, 805 SANCHEZ ST., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAVIER DIAZ SANDOVAL, 805 SANCHEZ ST., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAVIER DIAZ SANDOVAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/13/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100062  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIZNEY PERKZ COLLECTABLEZ, 156 W. 58<sup>th</sup> PL., L.A., CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALBERTO HERRERA, 156 W. 58<sup>th</sup> PL., L.A., CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALBERTO HERRERA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/14/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-098518  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: E&J YUMMY KITCHEN, 728 S. ATLANTIC BLVD., #103, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EUGENIA LIU, 728 S. ATLANTIC BLVD., #103, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EUGENIA LIU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/13/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-100510  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EZQUISTE EXPRESSIONS, 5505 ACKERFIELD AVE., #103, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OCTAVION DARNELL BERRY, 5505 ACKERFIELD AVE., #103, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OCTAVION DARNELL BERRY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/14/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 18, 25, May 02, 09, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-102929  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FAVIANNA'S TRUCKING, 645 N. ALEXANDRIA AVE., #5, L.A., CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAGOBERTO RODRIGUEZ ORTIZ, 645 N. ALEXANDRIA AVE., #5, L.A., CA















FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-079241  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NOONTIME SPUDS, 6938 E. RENDINA ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90815. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TARIQ SOLIMAN, 6938 E. RENDINA ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90815, ALISON MCCARTHY, 6938 E. RENDINAST, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: TARIQ SOLIMAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-077065  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OLOCUILTA RESTAURANT, 3958 W. 6<sup>th</sup> ST., L.A., CA 90020. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CIPRIANA MEJIA, 3822 W. 118<sup>th</sup> ST., HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CIPRIANA MEJIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/23/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/17/2005. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-077349  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PHO 45, 12810 LA MIRADA BLVD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JASON THIEN PHAM, 12810 LA MIRADA BLVD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638, LE THI NGUYEN, 12810 LA MIRADA BLVD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by:

A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JASON THIEN PHAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/23/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/23/2015. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-079492  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PLAE LOS ANGELES, 115 N. OAK ST. #26, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ASHA LENA MCCLENDON, 1335 BURNSIDE AVE., L.A., CA 90019, JOVANNA ADORA GRAY, 115 N. OAK ST. #26, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: ASHA LENA MCCLENDON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-078886  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REI ENVELOPE PRINTING IMPRESSIONS, 18197 VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERTO RAMIREZ, 18197 VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERTO RAMIREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/15/2010. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-080816  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUNWEST WINDOW COVERINGS, 2409 KISKA AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERNEST MEDINA, 2409 KISKA AVE., HACIENDA HTS., CA 91745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERNEST MEDINA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/25/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-077903  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TACOS LA BOMBA, 12135 PANTHEON ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDUARDO MARTINEZ SANDOVAL, 12135 PANTHEON ST., NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDUARDO MARTINEZ SANDOVAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/23/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-080402  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TAIDE'S BIONICOS, 4322 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CANDIDO MOSQUEDA DEAQUINO, 3320 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CANDIDO MOSQUEDA DEAQUINO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/25/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-075897  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIVA TACO AZTECA, 1445 E. MAPLE ST., GLENDALE, CA 91205. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANGELA TERRAZAS-PEREZ, 1365 E. HARVARD ST. #C, GLENDALE, CA 91205. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANGELA TERRAZAS-PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/20/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: March 28, April 04, 11, 18, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-080705  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PURE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC, 2600 W. OLIVE BURBANK, CA, 91505. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PURE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC, 2600 W. OLIVE BURBANK, CA, 91012. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: DOROTHY DOBSON-STONE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/25/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: April 11, 18, 25, May 02, 2015

City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1363

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 15 (“BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION”) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15-04 (“BUILDING CODE AND PERMITS”), SECTION 15.04.115 (“DEMOLITION PERMITS”); AND AMENDING TITLE 17 (“ZONING”) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 17.60 (“VARIANCES AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS”) BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.60.056 (“DISCRETIONARY DEMOLITION PERMIT”) AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17.82 (“HISTORIC PRESERVATION”), SECTION 17.82.090 (“CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS”)

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15.04.115 (“Section 105.7 Demolition Permits”) of Chapter 15.04 (“Building Code and Permits”) of Title 15 (“Building and Construction”) is amended to read as follows:  
15.04.115 - Section 105.7 Demolition Permits.

The following is added to Section 105 of the 2013 California Building Code:

Section 105.7 Demolition Permits

- A. Except for a demolition permit issued pursuant to Section 17.60.056 or certificate of appropriateness issued pursuant to Section 17.82.090, no permit for the demolition of all or any substantial portion of any building in the city shall be issued for a period of thirty days after such application is made. For the purposes of this chapter, demolition shall be considered the alteration, reconstruction, or elimination of 50% or more, of the floor area or monetary value. Projects that involve less than 50% of the alteration, reconstruction, or elimination of the floor area or monetary value may still be subject to requirements of Chapter 8.13 and/ or 12.20 of this code.
- B. There is a 30 day wait period after the application is submitted.
- C. Within 10 days of the application, the applicant should submit a mitigation plan for vermin, noise, dust, asbestos, salvage, trash removal, air pollution, historic preservation, and neighborhood peace and enjoyment. Failure to submit such mitigation report may be grounds for denying such permit.
- D. Notice of the application for a demolition permit shall be made available within three days to every city councilmember and city official. Copies of the applicant’s mitigation report shall also be made in similar fashion.
- E. Prior to the release of the demolition permit, the applicant shall demonstrate that notification of, and compliance with, the following:
1. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD);
  2. Electricity provider;
  3. Natural gas provider; and
  4. City Department of Public Works (Chapters 8.13 and 12.20).
- F. Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, the applicant shall file a site plan and application for review and approval of his/her intended reuse of the property with planning and community preservation department. Such plan shall indicate the intended use and condition of the property after the demolition of structures requested within the demolition permit is concluded (“replacement project.”) No demolition permit shall issue until the applicant has obtained approval of the replacement project from the applicable reviewing body except when the City Engineer or Building Official or his or her designee has provided a written determination that demolition is necessary to immediately abate an imminent hazard to public safety..
- G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the event of an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare, the thirty-day “wait” period for the issuance of a demolition permit may be waived. Evidence of such an immediate threat shall be submitted by the applicant to the director of planning and community preservation. Upon receipt of such information, the director of planning and community preservation shall determine if an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare exists.
- H. The filing of any notice or report, as called for herein, is not intended to vest any discretion (under CEQA or otherwise) in the building official to deny such application. Instead, at the end of the thirty-day period, such permit shall be issued unless such issuance is contrary to any law or regulation applicable at that date.
- I. To the extent, if any, that this Section 115 differs from the 2013 California Building Code (CBC), the city council finds that there are conditions unique to this city that justify such change, including high fire danger, steep hillsides, vermin infestation, wildlife and asbestos levels, the issuance of a demolition permit shall be considered a ministerial duty under the provisions of CEQA Section 15268 except for historical and unique archeological resources as outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5.
- J. Penalty for demolition without permit. Any person, firm or corporation demolishing a structure without a permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of any such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than one hundred eighty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- K. Demolition of Historic Structure. No structure that is deemed to be a historic resource may be demolished without a certificate of appropriateness issued pursuant to the provisions of section 17.82.090 or a certificate of economic hardship pursuant to section 17.82.100.

1. If a structure that is deemed to be a historic resource is demolished without a permit:
  - a) The violator shall within one year completely rebuild the demolished structure to pre-existing condition and shall submit a surety bond that shall be in amount equal to the replacement value as calculated by the department of planning and community preservation;
  - b) The city may rebuild it within said one-year period placing the costs thereof as a lien on the property which shall indemnify the city against all costs so incurred and all liabilities arising there from; or
  - c) No building or construction related permits shall be issued, and no permits or use of the property shall be allowed, from the date of demolition for a specified time period, as follows: for five years, if the structure was listed or deemed eligible for listing on the local, state, or Federal Registry of Historic Resources. In addition, for a historic structure, a cultural resources report shall be prepared at the property owner’s expense. For the purposes of this section, the demolition shall be presumed to have occurred on the date the city has actual knowledge of the demolition. The owner shall have the burden of proving a different date if one is claimed. Such waiting period shall be for the purpose of consideration of rebuilding, relocation, grants, etc., for replacement.
2. The director of planning and community preservation shall cause notice that this section is applicable to property to be served by mail on the person shown as the owner on the rolls of the tax assessor, and on any other person known to have an interest in the property, as soon as practicable after having knowledge that the provisions of this section are applicable to property. The date the city first had actual knowledge of the demolition shall be stated in the notice. The provisions of this subsection are directory only.
3. The decision of the director that this section is applicable may be appealed by the property owner to the city council. The city council may grant relief from the requirements of this section if the demolition in violation of this section was not done to any of the following:
  - a) A building or structure deemed eligible for landmark status;
  - b) A building or structure listed or deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
  - c) A building or structure listed or deemed eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources;
  - d) Any cultural resource determined to have historic significance.

SECTION 2. A new Section 17.60.056 (“Discretionary Demolition Permit”) of Chapter 17.60 (“Variances and Conditional Use Permits”) of Title 17 (“Zoning”) is added to read as follows

17.60.056- Discretionary Demolition Permit.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of a discretionary demolition permit procedure is to insure that potential historic resources are properly evaluated before they are altered or removed.
- B. Definition. For purposes of this Section, “demolition” is defined as the destruction and removal, in part or in whole, of the foundation, exterior walls or roof structure, including supporting members of a single-family dwelling or a duplex.
- C. No single-family dwelling or duplex which was constructed 75 years or more prior to the date of the application for review shall be demolished without a discretionary demolition permit.
- D. Procedure: Any application for a discretionary demolition permit shall be accompanied by (i) a written historic assessment or survey completed by a qualified historic preservation consultant selected from the list maintained by the City which concludes that the property proposed to be demolished is not classified under the California Historic Resource Codes 1 to 5 - eligible for local listing or designation, or a contributor to an existing or potential district and (ii) an application for replacement development project consistent with the standards and requirements of the applicable zoning district, and (iii) an affidavit of posting of a sign at least 3 feet by 4 feet in size, located in a conspicuous place on the property abutting a public street or alley, identifying the property as the subject of an application for a demolition permit.. Both the discretionary demolition permit and the application for the replacement development project shall be reviewed concurrently and no discretionary demolition permit shall be approved unless and until the replacement development project is approved.
1. The reviewing body for a demolition permit and accompanying replacement development project which would not require a conditional use permit under Section 17.60.030 is the planning director.
  2. The reviewing body for a demolition permit and an accompanying replacement development project which would require a conditional use permit or minor conditional use permit is the planning commission.

- E. No discretionary demolition permit shall be approved unless the reviewing body determines one of the following:
1. The residential structure proposed to be demolished is neither designated on the local list of historic resources nor eligible for designation as an individual resource or contributor to a district or potential district, and the replacement development project is approved; or
  2. The City Engineer or Building Official or his or her designee has provided a written determination that demolition is necessary to immediately abate an imminent hazard to public safety.
- F. Exceptions. The following applications do not require a discretionary demolition permit:
1. Demolition of up to 25% or less of the exterior walls of the structure, when all of the following conditions exist:
    - (i) the demolition is required for an addition/alteration to the structure that is permitted by code;
    - (ii) the addition is permitted at the same time as the required demolition;
    - (iii) neither the demolished portion of the structure nor the addition impacts the original front façade of the structure; and
    - (iv) the site plan and all required permits for the remodel have been approved by the applicable City reviewing authority.
  2. Demolition of any interior walls of any structure for the purpose of remodel, repair or maintenance, subject to any required permits;
  3. Removal and replacement, subject to any required permits, of exterior windows, doors, roof covering, foundation, exterior siding, architectural details and other structural or decorative elements deemed by the Director of Planning and Community Preservation to be minor alterations, where the materials used for maintenance and replacement do not alter the appearance, size or character of the existing structure
  4. Any proposed demolition of a structure constructed less than 75 years from the date of the applications, which is subject to the provisions of Section 15.04.115;
  5. Any proposed demolition of a historic landmark which is subject to the provisions of Section 17.82.090.
  6. The Director may rely on definitions and permitting processes in the municipal code to consider circumstances which do not meet the exact criteria defined in Exceptions 1-5 above, to determine that a specific case meets the intent of one or more of the exceptions.
- G. An applicant who does not qualify for a discretionary demolition permit under subsection E or H of this section may seek a certificate of economic hardship pursuant to section 17.82.100.
- H. Burden of Proof on Applicant. Before any demolition permit is granted, the application shall show, to the reasonable satisfaction of the body considering such matter, the existence of the following facts:
1. That the structure proposed for demolition
    - a. has no local, state or national historic significance as determined by the historic resources survey pursuant to sub-Section D.(i) above, or;
    - b. is deemed to be eligible for local listing or designation under the California Historic Resource Codes 1 to 5, or a contributor to an existing or potential district, and all environmental review has been conducted that will allow the project to proceed, with identified mitigation measures, including, but not limited to construction of a replacement structure in substantially similar architectural style and façade, maintenance of a plaque, photographs and/or publication describing the original structure and its local, state or national historic value, or other mitigation measures described in the environmental review document;

2. That the proposed demolition activities will not unreasonably interfere with the use, possession and enjoyment of surrounding and adjacent properties;
  3. That there is a demonstrated need for the demolition activity requested;
  4. That the result of the demolition activity is consistent with the objectives of the general plan; and
  5. That the public interest, convenience, and necessity require that the demolition activity be undertaken at the location requested.
- I. Appeal.
1. Any person may appeal a decision of the planning director to the planning commission pursuant to Section 17.60.1115.
  2. Any person may appeal a decision of the planning commission to the City Council pursuant to Section 17.60.120 and 17.60.130.

SECTION 3. Section 17.82.090 (“Certificates of Appropriateness”) of Chapter 17.82 (“Historic Preservation”) of Title 17 (“Zoning”) is amended to read as follows

17.82.090 - Certificates of appropriateness.

- A. All permits for alteration, restoration, rehabilitation, remodeling, addition, change of use, demolition or relocation of historic landmarks, which alter the exterior appearance as seen from public view shall require a certificate of appropriateness from the commission.
- B. No permits for work on a property in the process of being considered for designation shall be awarded until a certificate of appropriateness, if applicable, has been secured.
- C. All applications for certificates of appropriateness shall be submitted to the director of planning and community preservation for commission approval. The director shall forward the request to the commission within thirty days of receipt. The commission shall have sixty days to render a decision regarding the application. The applicant is encouraged to confer with the commission prior to submitting an application.
- D. The commission shall promulgate and publish such standards as are a necessary supplement to the provisions of this chapter to inform property owners and the general public of those standards of review by which applications for certificates of appropriateness are to be judged.
- E. In evaluating applications for certificates of appropriateness, the commission or the city council upon appeal shall consider the existing and proposed exterior architectural style, design, arrangement, texture, materials, and any other factors with regard to the original distinguishing architectural characteristics of the historic landmark. Using the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation as a guide, the commission or city council upon appeal shall approve the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness for any proposed work if and only if it makes the following findings:

1. With regard to a historic landmark, the proposed work will neither adversely affect the integrity of the significant architectural features, nor adversely affect the historic character or value of the historic landmark.
2. In the case of construction of a new improvement, addition, building or structure upon a designated historic landmark site, the use and exterior of such improvements will not adversely affect and will be compatible with the use and exterior of the historic landmark.

- F. Any request for the demolition of a designated historic landmark shall be accompanied by application for certificate of appropriateness or a certificate of economic hardship as described in Section 17.82.100
- G.. Demolition of an historic landmark may be approved only in connection with an approval of a replacement project..
- H. Applications for certificates of appropriateness shall be filed with the city’s department of planning and community preservation for processing. Applications shall include specific submittal requirements as determined by the commission and made available to the applicant. Where required by the commission, applications shall also show the relationship of the proposed work to the surrounding environs. The application shall be accompanied by any other information that the commission determines is required for them to make an informed judgment of the proposed work according to the standards of review in Section 17.82.090

- I. After the permit has been issued, the building inspector shall inspect the work approved by the commission in order to assure compliance. If the work is not being performed in accordance with the certificate of appropriateness, a stop work order shall be issued and all work shall cease.

SECTION 4. CEQA Finding. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will impose greater limitations on development in the City and protect the aesthetic character of Sierra Madre and potential loss of potential historic resources, thereby serving to reduce potential significant adverse environmental impacts. The adoption of this ordinance is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance is adopted by the City Council and shall take effect 30 days after approval by the City Council. This Ordinance and the City Clerk’s certification, together with proof of publication, shall be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the City Council.

SECTION 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 24th day of March, 2015

I, Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk of the City of Sierra Madre, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre held on the 10th day of March, 2015, and was adopted at its regular meeting of March 24, 2015 by the following vote:

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