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MEET SIERRA MADRE'S 2016 PRINCESSES



The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is pleased to announce our 2016 princesses, who were crowned on October 4th, 2015. These young women are Sierra Madre residents, are 16 or 17 years old and have a 3.0 or better GPA. They will be riding SMRFA's float, entitled "Rollin' on the River", on New Year's Day.

Congratulations to Emily Lopez, Alverno High School, Cameron Martinez, Alverno High School, Kari Savoie, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy and Katie Stapenhorst, Polytechnic School.

The above photo, from left to right, shows Emily, Cameron, Kari and Katie – in the same order as listed above.

MEET OUR PIONEERS AT SIERRA MADRE CEMETERY

Turning a piece of real estate that was nothing more than "sagebrush and jackrabbits" into a town – our town – complete with businesses, schools, homes, and pepper tree-lined streets, was no job for the bland and boring. Our pioneers and the people who came after them were a scrappy and resourceful bunch who all had a dream of what Sierra Madre could be, and they made that dream come true.

This is your chance to meet some of those colorful folks in person. On Saturday, October 17th, important Sierra Madre figures from the past, whose wish had been to be interred nowhere else but in the town they helped build, in its own cemetery, now called the Pioneer Cemetery in their honor, will

be standing right there in the flesh to tell you about themselves and their eventful lives and hard-won achievements.

Please come to our charming cemetery and listen to their stories as they bring old Sierra Madre to life.

Saturday, October 17
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pioneer Cemetery
601 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
\$ 5.00 per person.

Tickets sold at the entrance gate of the cemetery

UTILITY USER TAX MEASURE HEADED FOR APRIL BALLOT

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre City Council unanimously agreed to move forward with the necessary steps to place a Utility User Tax Measure on the April 2016 ballot. The decision follows in part the recommendation of the Revenue Committee, however the measure will only ask for a 10% UUT. The committee's recommendation was for an 12% increase.

The current UUT will bottom out in the next fiscal year at 6% leaving the city with an estimated \$1 million dollar shortfall.

Although the last attempt to maintain the UUT at 10% failed to get voter approval in 2014, the city's current financial position along with an apparent shift in public sentiment has convinced all members of the council that an increase is needed.

Mayor John Capoccia was very pleased to have consensus among of the members on the ballot measure. In addition to raising the tax to 10%, the new measure will not have a sunset clause, nor will it have an oversight committee. It will, however, have exemptions for low income households.

Council members Denise Delmar and Rachele Arizmendi who both campaigned against the UUT at its last offering have changed positions on the matter, seeing no other solution to increase revenues for

the city. "I want facts, not spin", said Delmar when referring to the upcoming ballot measure.

Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss and Councilman John Harabedian both favored following the committee's recommendation of increasing the tax to 12%. There was even discussion of raising the tax to 11%. In the final analysis the 10% figure gained the support of all five council members.

Residents attitude towards an increase in the UUT appears to have changed since the last time the issue was presented to voters. The city has held several community input meetings and a citywide Town Hall meeting. As a result, the consensus of those attending was that an increase in the tax is needed.

Harabedian pointed out that of those responding to the various forms of community outreach and education, 91% agreed that an increase was needed and of those 57% wanted a 12% increase compared to 43% who thought a 10% increase was sufficient.

The council did not, however, feel that it was necessary to spend \$30,000 for a survey of residents by an outside firm.

Revenue Committee Member Holland voiced what many have come to realize, "If we want to live in Sierra Madre we have to pay for it. S. Henderson/MVNews

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON WATER ISSUES

Sierra Madre, CA. – The Sierra Madre City Council will meet for a special meeting Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00PM to address key issues affecting the City's water resources, including discussion on water penalties, repairs to infrastructure, and the State's Notice of Violation for failing to meet water conservation standards.

In July 2015 the City began assessing penalties for customers that exceed their conservation targets; the City Council will be reviewing this policy and providing direction regarding the imposition of penalties for excess water use that results from a leak on private property. The City is also greatly concerned with the number of leaks in the City's 80+ year old water pipe system over the

last several months and will discuss replacement of some of the city's worst leakers. Water conservation has been of increasing concern for Sierra Madre as the gap between the City's water usage and the State's conservation target widens. The latest statistics reported for October show a shortfall in conservation targets for the fourth month in a row.

The City Council special session will take place on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Residents are encouraged to attend and the opportunity for public input will be available. The meeting will be televised on Time Warner's channel three and streamed live from www.cityofsierramadre.com for those who cannot be present.

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Wed:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi 80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi 80s	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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, October 27, 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.

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

Regular City Council Meeting

October 27, 2015 - 6:30 pm



The final agenda and staff reports will be available online no later than Friday night. Enter the date "10/13/2015" 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 cityofsierramadre.com before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:00PM
Special City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:30PM
Library Services Proposal Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7:00PM
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources

• Friday & Saturday, October 23rd & 24th - Halloween Window Painting - Downtown

Monday, October 26, 2015, 6:00PM
Sheriff's Contract Proposal Review Committee

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6:30PM
City Council Meeting

• Friday, October 30th - Halloween Trick-o-Treating and Parade 5:00 pm Downtown

Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 7:00PM
City Council Meeting

City Hall Hours - Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm
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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

During the week of Sunday, October 4th, to Sunday, October 12th, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 287 calls for service.

Monday, October 5th

At 2:40 pm, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 300 block of West Montecito Avenue regarding a residential burglary. Upon arrival, Officers were met by a witness who stated that she had heard an audible alarm going off while she was standing near her home. Shortly after she witnessed a man running southbound on Grove Lane while carrying a red pillow case and saw him get into a blue Jeep Cherokee. The neighbor stated she attempted to run after the man but was unable to catch up to him before he jumped into the vehicle. Officers determined the suspect entered the home by breaking a back door window. The home was ransacked and the homeowner reported jewelry to be missing. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Tuesday, October 6th

At around 1 pm, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area near 300 block San Gabriel Court when Officers observed an open package box in the middle of the roadway. As the Officers approached the package, they observed a silver Toyota sedan without plates parked along the curb. Officers initiated a traffic stop and as they approached the vehicle, Officers observed several open package boxes in the back seat of the vehicle. When questioned what their reason was for being in the city, the two men stated they were here to go hiking but Officers were unable to locate any hiking equipment or clothing on the subjects. A closer look of the packages revealed they were all addressed to various residents within the city and the subjects stated that they had found them. A vehicle search revealed several open packages with their property, the vehicle's plates, rubber gloves, and pawn shop receipts. The box in the middle of the street was addressed to a residence on that street and the property was found within the vehicle. Both men were taken into custody and arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property.

Saturday, October 10th

At 3:10 am, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area of Baldwin Avenue and Sierra Madre Boulevard when they observed a vehicle parked in front of a local bar with its window wipers on. Officers continued to observe the vehicle turn on its lights, switch between the right and left blinker, and the brake lights turning on and off. As the vehicle backed out of the parking spot and continued down the boulevard, it failed to turn on its headlights. Officers initiated a traffic stop and upon making contact, they immediately noticed the driver's eyes were blood shot, the odor of alcohol was present, and he was talking in a very loud voice. When asked how much he had to drink, the man stated he had too much. The man consented to a field sobriety test which ultimately determined he was unable to safely care for himself or his safety. The man was arrested and cited for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to Pasadena Jail.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

FREE EVENT

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

*Note: Alegria Ave will be fully decorated on the 31st

3:30 - 5:00 PM TRICK-O-TREATING DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE	4:00 - 5:00 PM COSTUME CONTEST SIGN-UP KERSTING COURT	5:00 PM COSTUME PARADE BEGINS KERSTING COURT	5:30 PM COSTUME CONTEST MEMORIAL PARK
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A waiver must be filled out in Kersting Court for all contestants
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CONTEST STARTS 5:30 SHARP!

Costume Contest Categories

Group/Family/Pairing (all ages)**

Infant - 2 years old
3 - 4 years old
5 - 7 years old
8 - 12 years old
13 - 17 years old

** Must include at least 1 youth under 17

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS EVENT MAP

Trick-Or-Treating Businesses
Look for signs in windows

Parade Route

Costume Contest Check-in

Costume Contest

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Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential and fight for your dreams." Ashley Smith

Once in a while one gets to meet people who are so neat, so filled with great ideas to create beauty of every kind all around them that it's a delight to just sit with them and listen to a few of the things they've done to improve the world. I'm hoping you've gotten up to the Gooden School to visit the Kelly Watson Reading Garden and relax for a moment on those fabulous benches hand painted by Two Drops of Blue, which is really Jennifer Lindstrom and Milo Ominetti. Here's something you might not know, the red cardinal on the bench is in special honor of Kelly Watson, who loved those birds. Jennifer and Milo have been collaborating on art, music and life for the last twelve years and they agree that after they merged their talents, their skill levels went up dramatically.

We sat for a few minutes right next to the mural of poppies which Jennifer and Milo created for the Poppy Cake Baking Company right here in town. If you haven't been in to Poppy Cake lately, you should go, check out the poppy mural and give in to temptation!

In addition to beautiful benches for children to sit together, read and dream a little, Jennifer and Milo have dedicated much of their time and talents to L.A. Works, a volunteer organization whose major function is to create an incredible background to learning in schools all over the city where it's gray, functional, and no fun at all. Jennifer and Milo create a pattern and sketch it on a bare wall, classroom trailer, or any space that needs livening up, and other volunteers come in, sometimes as many as a thousand of them to fill in a really big space, and in just a few hours, create dragons and solar systems, jungles, a library wall filled with 'castles, dragons and books, Oh My!' A huge representation of "We are the world, we are the children." And color, color, color! Children walk into their classroom in the morning, come out just a few hours later to see that their school has been totally transformed into an exciting place to learn, to play, to enjoy.

Murals are their favorite expression, but they have so many other areas where they shine: Color consultation, faux wall finishes, scenic work. They do movie sets, where they can take a big bare room and transform it into a mansion, a western bar, a restaurant. An ordinary kitchen can be whatever era is needed, from a pump and a wood burning stove to space age modern. These guys are amazing! They enjoy transforming kids' bedrooms into exciting places where dragons prowl the wall, a fairy sits on a flower, or gorgeous fish swim along the wall; maybe you'd like a blossoming cherry tree coming in from your door and blooming along two or three walls, goldfish in your bathroom, a rooster in your kitchen, Jennifer and Milo can do it for you.

I asked them what their house is like, working on the concept that usually artists and craftspeople create



beauty for everyone else and none for themselves. Wrong! They exchanged smiles and said they paint it every couple three months and currently have fish on the bathroom ceiling and piano keys going up the stairs.

That's not all, friends and neighbors, Milo is a folk singer/songwriter with his own band, Milo & The Pickpockets. I treated myself to a YouTube Video of Milo and his band doing, "Missing Sierra Madre." They've got an album, too! Look them up on YouTube, Reverbnation and Facebook, very mellow sound.

Jennifer is also a canvas artist in her spare time, when she's not at various events doing face painting, glitter or henna tattoos. She's always at the Wistaria Festival doing faces and glitter tattoos and she will be in front of Belle's Nest on Baldwin on Halloween face painting anyone who would like a face to match their costume. And here's something you'll want to know, the glitter tattoos won't come off if the wearer happens to get suddenly sweaty.

Google Jennifer Lindstrom and Milo Ominetti, or LA Works and see examples of their beautiful work. What joy they bring to school children when they completely change their environment. Go take a look at those benches and meet Jennifer in front of Belle's Nest on Baldwin on Halloween.

Have a wonderful week, pray for rain and cooler weather and look for scarecrows!

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ANNUAL ART FESTIVAL



Creative Arts Group will kick off its 2015 Art Festival with a gala opening and reception Friday, November 6th from 7-9 p.m. where Steven Rushingwind, an award-winning, indigenous flute musician, will be performing. The work of more than 60 artists will be on display and for sale in the Jameson Gallery and art center, including the work of watercolor artist Pete Morris, "The Metro da Vinci", who will be demonstrating his work all throughout the

weekend. Ten new artists will be added to this year's show which includes fiber arts, blown glass, ceramics, jewelry, metal arts, painting, mosaics, silk painting, and more. The festival continues Saturday, November 7th from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, November 8th from 11 am to 4 pm and is located at 108 N. Baldwin Ave. in Sierra Madre. For more information contact Creative Arts Group at (626) 355-8350.

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club Presents:

THE RENAISSANCE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE CULTURE

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On Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at noon, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club has invited as their guest speaker Dr. Wen Chen who will give a presentation on traditional Chinese culture. The lecture will discuss Chinese wisdom and traditions have been passed down for over 5000 years, regarded as gifts from the heavens.

With the communist party destroying that rich traditional culture during the past 60 years, the it has resulted in social, political and economic problems. More and more Chinese work toward a renaissance of their traditional culture. One manifestation is Shen Yun Performing Arts from New York. Through exceptional dance skills, fascinating stories and legends, the dynamic backdrop, a full live orchestra that combines western and Chinese musical instruments, and hundreds of breathtaking costumes, Shen Yun brings China's traditional values to life.

Dr. Wen Chen has participated in the production of multiple TV culture programs in New Tang Dynasty Television, including "Journey to the East", "Learning Chinese is Fun", "Hello Korea", "1000 Steps of Fun in Taiwan" and "Zooming in China". She is also an active member of Amnesty International, focusing on human rights issues in China.

Since 2011, she has given more than 50 presentations to Kiwanis and Rotary clubs about Chinese culture, political situation and human rights.

Dr. Wen Chen received her Ph.D. degree in Biology at California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 2000. She currently works for Caltech as an Associate Biologist. She has been volunteering for NTD Television on community outreach and education since 2008.

The luncheon will begin at noon and the cost is \$10 for non-Kiwanis members. The program will begin at 12:30 and is free. Reservations are required for lunch. Please call 626-355-0728

About Kiwanis

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club has been serving the community of Sierra Madre since 1927! Our club includes women and men who want to "give back" to our community, and make it an even better place to live. We focus on helping children and seniors of Sierra Madre, providing help where it's needed with service projects and other contributions. We are a part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

For more information visit our website at: <http://sierramadrekiwanis.com> or join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Kiwanis-Club-of-Sierra-Madre



GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY AT THE COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY!

Sierra Madre, CA. - October 14, 2015 - After months of landscape demolition, grading and irrigation work, the Community Planting Day is finally here! The Sierra Madre Garden Club and City of Sierra Madre are seeking eager volunteers to help replenish the landscape outside City Hall with beautiful drought-resistant plants. The event is part of a joint community project aimed at saving water and demonstrating the beauty and economic benefits of native plant gardens!

Rain or shine, members of the community will be gathering in downtown Sierra Madre on November 7th to plant 200-300 plants on the grounds surrounding City Hall and the Police and Fire Station. The project was made possible through generous grants and donations from the community. As the City was unable to contribute financial resources to the landscape project, the City of Sierra Madre owes a special debt of gratitude to those organizations and individuals who stepped in to bring this project to life. Including, but not limited to:

The Sierra Madre Garden Club
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The Community Planting Day will take place outside City Hall on November 7, 2015 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM. Volunteers for the event are advised to bring adequate gardening gear including: hats, gloves, sunblock, as well as digging and trenching shovels. The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will provide water and Girl Scout Troop 2991 will be on hand with refreshments.

For more information, visit the City's website at: www.cityofsierramadre.com.

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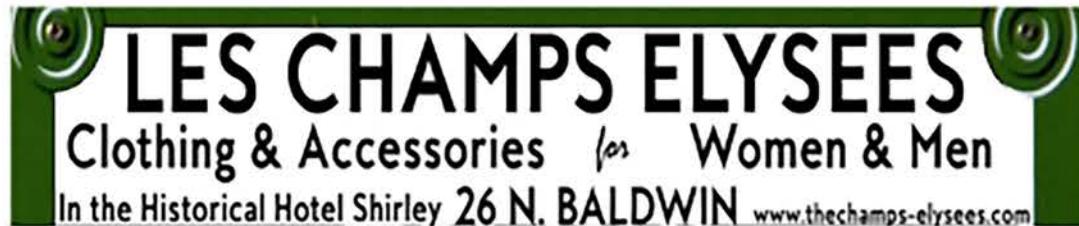
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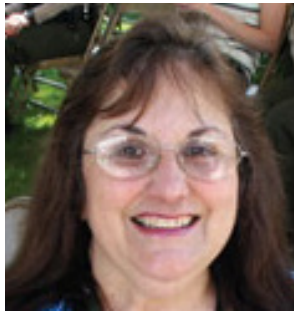
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"What's Going On?" News and Views from Joan Schmidt



FUN LOCAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 24-25

There are some great events planned for the weekend of October 24-25. At Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, it's the closing weekend of the Autumn Meet and there's great family fun. Attend the Pumpkin Patch Festival and experience a pumpkin patch unlike any other at Santa Anita. You can watch the races while the kids enjoy an infield festival packed with jumpers, a straw maze and a hugs pumpkin patch. Special packages are available on line at santaanita.com/events.

Tickets include light refreshments and are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors (55+). It's recommended for ages 9+. The Museum is located at 15415 East Don Julian Road, City of Industry. For more info call (626) 968-8492 or visit homesteadmuseum.org.

A few years ago we attended this tour. Viewing the beautiful home and its unique furnishings would be interesting enough. But the docent explained how funeral parlors came about.

I am sixty-seven, and as a child, my mother sometimes called our formal room, the "parlor", but as I got older, it was called a "living room". Sometimes Mom forgot and by habit said, "Parlor" and I thought that was weird. Much later when I



If you're an early bird, you can head over to Clocker's Corner, any morning and see great workouts. There also are the delicious breakfasts available. Visit www.santaanita.com for more info.

Halloween is coming up and the great Homestead Museum, City of Industry, has something special planned. Their annual Beyond the Grave Tour will be offered Sunday, October 25. Tours depart every 30 minutes from 1 to 5 pm.

American attitudes toward death and memorialization changed dramatically from the 1840's-1920's. You can learn about these changes as experienced by the Workman and Temple families when you tour the historic site and meet a few special guests along the way.

Space on each tour is limited so call ahead.

read books with a Victorian setting, the formal room was called "parlor" and now I knew why Mom had said it.

My late husband was seven years older than me and he explained that his grandparents lived on a farm and when his grandfather died, he was laid out in the living room. (Parlor) My husband was just a young boy and that was scary to him.

So at some point in time, it was decided to have specific places where the deceased could be viewed and these were called "Funeral Parlors" at first and eventually, "Funeral Homes." Perhaps the connotation of a "Parlor" as a place for the deceased to be viewed made people use the term "Living Room" for the formal room in their homes. If you think this is interesting, please consider the tour! You won't be bored!



At first, Dad and I didn't see eye to eye about moving to The Kensington, but ever since he did, we've both been thrilled

If you were to ask my Dad before he moved to The Kensington why he should, he'd have assured you that everything was fine—that there was no need. However, I didn't see things the same way. Sure, my Dad had enjoyed a wonderful life with his wife in their home. But for the last few years, he'd been caring for her while she was terminally ill. Once she died, he was lonely and sad living by himself. It broke my heart. I understood that leaving memories behind would be hard, but when The Kensington came to Sierra Madre, I got excited for both of us. It took some persuasion to get my Dad to move. Finally, he did! Now, he is joking around again. New friends and lots to do have made him incredibly happy. Thanks to The Kensington, I have my Dad back.

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City Officials Appoint New HR Director



City Manager Michael Beck announced last week the appointment of Jennifer Curtis as the new Director for the Pasadena Human Resources Department. As the Human Resources Director, Curtis will be responsible for the administration and operation of the department, including overall city employment activities, benefits packages, safety and accident reports, workers compensation, succession planning, workforce diversity issues, labor agreements and training and skills development. She is expected to begin her duties effective Nov. 2.

“Ms. Curtis has outstanding experience in human resources management to lead our complex operation. Her passion for the profession and her demonstrated leadership skills will help ensure we are a model organization,” City Manager Beck said.

Curtis’ appointment caps a nationwide recruitment process by the city for the position.

“I’m ready to get to work, to meet and serve employees throughout the city, and to build upon Pasadena’s reputation as an employer of choice,” Curtis said.

Curtis comes from the City of Ventura, Calif., where she has been the Human Resources Director since January 2014.

The maximum annual salary for the Director of the Human Resources Department is \$205,000, according to information on the city’s website. Contract terms will be finalized prior to the start of her formal duties.

Pet of the Week



Johnny (A385425) is a nine-year-old, male, black domestic medium haired cat. He is a very affectionate, social, and confident boy! He loves sitting in your lap and enjoys a gentle face and back rub. Johnny is a sweet senior who loves attention. He also qualifies for our 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.



CONNECT WEEK PUTS CITY AT CENTER OF TECHNOLOGY

By Dean Lee

Featuring 40 events this week across Pasadena from more than 35 collaborators, including Bill Nye the Science Guy and others, Connect Week is set to feature everything from local startups, hardware hacking, the future of biotech to drone video making.

Innovate Pasadena Director of Marketing and Operations Celina Guerrero said the five day event is broken up into tracks, “Science, design, technology and entrepreneurship.”

“It’s really a week full of events that employ the innovating happenings here in Pasadena,” she said. “Everything from, the Art Center College of Design to Kidspace, also, the Planetary Society has a big event with Bill Nye. The Carnegie Observatories is also having an open house.”

The majority of the events are free. An exception is Innovate Pasadena’s Level Up block party Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 9

p.m.

“We’re going to have a DJ, retro 80s video games [to play] from Neon Arcade,” Guerrero said. We also have sliders, bratwurst and beer and wine from Dog Haus Biergarten.

Connect Week is presented by Innovate Pasadena, a nonprofit organization.

During Level Up organizers will give presentations of the five finalists of The Epic Failures Competition where science and design companies in the Los Angeles region submitted applications chronicling how they failed, pivoted and recovered, she said. Four of the finalists are Pasadena based.

Although there will be a grand winner, selected by a judge, Guerrero said there will also be a “people choice award” winner.

“Right now if you go to the epicfailurescompetition.com ... you can watch a two minute video from each of the finalists, and you can judge for yourself who to vote for, she said.

There is also a fee for, A Space Celebration, with Bill Nye Oct. 24 7:30p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E Green St. The Kidspace Children’s Museum events and Minecraft gaming events also have paid tickets Guerrero said.

For more information or to get tickets visit connectpasadena.com.

Altadena Station Welcomes New Captain



Captain Christopher Reed departing Altadena Station, welcomes incoming Captain Vicki Stuckey.

Captain Christopher Reed’s last day was Sunday at the Altadena Station, transferring to Sheriff’s Information Bureau, the Sheriff’s Department’s media headquarters. Replacing Captain Reed at Altadena Station is Captain Vicki Stuckey.

Captain Stuckey brings with her more than 30 years of law enforcement experience, most of her time being spent at various patrol stations throughout the County, including Norwalk, Compton, and Lomita Stations.

Reflecting on his time at Altadena Station, Captain Reed pointed to several noteworthy achievements by Altadena station deputies and his management team during his tenure, including reducing overall crimes by over 18 percent in 2014 as compared to 2013. Building on last year’s crime reduction, overall crimes have been reduced an additional 17 percent year to date this year, with a nearly 50% reduction as compared to 5 years ago.

Captain Reed wishes to express his heartfelt gratitude for all of the community support the station and it’s hard-working deputies have received during his tenure. He is equally thankful for the tremendous support the station has received from the 5th District, Supervisor Michael Antonovich and his staff, as well as the Altadena Town Council, the Sheriff’s Support Group of Altadena, and the station’s Community Advisory Council.

Senior Center Halloween Brunch, Dance

Wear your favorite Halloween costume and have a spooktacularly good time at a Halloween brunch and dance Saturday, Oct. 31, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

The Scott Pavilion will be decorated for a great pumpkin party as guests enjoy a brunch that will include cheddar baked eggs, cinnamon apple and potato pancakes, pumpkin bread, a variety meats, jack-o-lantern bars and a special witch’s brew. The Great American Swing Band will provide music for listening and dancing.

The cost is only \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Prepaid reservations will be accepted at the Welcome Desk through Wednesday, Oct. 28.

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Committee to Consider Police Body Cameras

The City’s Public Safety Committee is set Monday to discuss and take public comment on the development of a new policy on the use of body-worn cameras by the Pasadena Police Department. The meeting begins at, 3:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber on the second floor of City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

The Pasadena Police Department is planning to deploy body-worn cameras in late 2016 that will be issued to officers and non-sworn civilians assigned to patrol and jail operations. The City is seeking input from residents and others about possible elements for a new policy such as handling and storage of video recordings; how and when body cameras should be activated or turned off;

public access to the recorded videos, and privacy issues.

In a related matter, a Request for Proposals was issued last week for the hiring of a consultant to study oversight models for the police department. Responses are due back to the City Manager’s Office no later than 5:30 p.m., Nov. 6, 2015.



Pasadena Fire Awarded Prestigious Class 1 Status



Chief Bertral Washington has announced last week the Pasadena Fire Department has been awarded a Class 1 Public Protection Classification rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), an organization that independently evaluates municipal fire protection efforts in communities throughout the United States.

The Class 1 rating is the highest possible score that can be given to any fire department nationwide. The City of Pasadena is one of only sixteen communities in California, and 132 nationally to have achieved this prestigious and significant ranking. Insurance companies use ISO information combined with other factors to establish local commercial business and residential property insurance rates – generally offering lower premiums in communities with better protection.

“This reaffirms our commitment to excellence and verifies through another independent agency that our community receives the highest caliber of fire suppression services,” states Chief Washington.

The ISO Public Protection Classification program

provides important, up-to-date information on the capabilities of public fire protection in nearly 50,000 fire protection areas across the United States.

The ISO ratings process involves a periodic, detailed analysis of all fire department equipment and operations, the city’s water system, and emergency 9-1-1 communications system. The program provides an objective nationwide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. By offering economic benefits for communities that invest in their firefighting services, the program provides an incentive for improving and maintaining public fire protection.

For more information on ISO and the current rating system please visit: <http://www.isomitigation.com>

In August 2015 the Department joined an elite cadre of fire organizations receiving Accredited Agency status. Of 30,052 fire departments in the United States only 32 are ISO Class 1 and Accredited and in the state of California only three fire departments have both achievements.

Free Upcoming Events at Pasadena Senior Center

There is something for everyone in October at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. Events are free. You do not have to be a member. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

Stay Connected with Social Media – Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting. You choose which applications you want to learn. Bring a laptop or use one onsite. If you have an email address, bring it and your password. Sign up with Edison at the Welcome Desk.

Smart Phones, Tablets and Computers – Any Questions? – Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 to 11 a.m. Get the answers you need about technology devices, whether you own them already or are considering a purchase. Learn how to text, check voicemail, set an alarm, navigate the Internet, download apps and more.

A Matter of Balance – Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m. Are you concerned about falling? Ease your fear by attending this class that combines discussion, video and exercise so you’ll improve your balance and activity levels. Registration is required: 626-685-6732.

Burn Prevention – Thursday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. Older adults are particularly vulnerable to burns and fires due to health and mobility issues, smoking behaviors and memory impairment. Learn about the factors that increase risk, common burns and their prevention, degrees of burns and first aid. Presented by Debbie Karaman of the Grossman Burn Center.

LA Opera: Dracula – Monday, Oct. 19, at 1 p.m. Philip Glass was commissioned in 1998 to write a score for the iconic 1931 screen version of Bram Stoker’s Dracula starring Bela Lugosi and Helen Chandler. Because the film’s release coincided with the transition from silents to talkies, no original score was written and few sound effects were used. Just in time for Halloween, Glass’s hypnotic score blows the cobwebs off the classic film and adds depth to the emotional layers of the drama. Presented by an LA Opera community educator.

Chair Yoga – Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. Improve your balance, strength and flexibility at this gentle and meditative class taught by Kathy Eastwood, a certified yoga instructor and a registered nurse at Huntington Hospital. Due to popular demand, this class is limited to the first 25 participants. Register in advance at the Welcome Desk or by calling 626-795-4331.

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VILLA CATRINA, EMBASSY SUITES ARCADIA “BEST OF SHOW” AT TASTE OF ARCADIA

Top Winners in Judges & People's Choice categories of Culinary Contest

For the second year in a row Villa Catrina Mexican Restaurant won the Best in Show award from expert judges at Taste of Arcadia 2015. And Embassy Suites Arcadia won Best in Show in the first-ever People's Choice voting at the event. There were 10 different winners overall in five categories rated by judges and the same five categories for which ballots were provided to nearly 1,400 attendees. Expert judges were Chef Bill Yee, President Le Cordon Bleu Alumni Association; Chef Alexander Reyes - founder/owner Saute Culinary Academy; and Chef Scott Storms, co-owner of Sauté Culinary Academy.

Judge's Picks -- winners with selected comments by judges:

Best of Show: Villa Catrina Mexican Restaurant

cold soups: gazpacho & blueberry honeydew

Chef Scott Storms: "Refreshing and unique, these cold and tasty soups hit the spot on a warm fall evening."

Best Dessert: Rita's Italian Ice - Gelati; frozen custard and passion fruit or mango flavored Italian ice.

Chef Bill Yee: "Reminded me of when I was growing up in Brooklyn NY and getting my favorite cherry Italian ice in little paper cups at the local pizzeria."

People's Choice - with selected comments by judges

Best of Show: Embassy Suites Arcadia -- Crab Cake Sliders & Quinoa Salad

Best Presentation: Max's Mexican Cuisine: Chile Verde & margaritas



-- handmade tortillas & salsa; assorted grilled & braised meats

Chef Scott Storms: "I could smell the tortillas from two booths over and began to salivate with anticipation. Villa Catrina exceeded my anticipation with delicious handmade tortillas and salsas, as well as a cochinita pibil that was out of this world."

Best Presentation: Arcadia Gardens Retirement Hotel -- grilled chicken w/ cauliflower puree & marinated tomatoes; sweet cherry & pine nut panna cotta

Chef Bill Yee: "Beautiful fruit carving displays and attention to overall presentation"

Chef Scott Storms: "Hands down the unanimous choice; the food was delicious and beautiful. Although it's 30+ years away, I am looking forward to retirement."

Best Savory Dish: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel -- BBQ ribs

Chef Scott Storms: "Fall-off-the-bone tender with a sauce that came alive in the mouth"

Most Innovative: Methodist Hospital Café -- two

Best Savory Dish: Café LuMar: Beef goulash stew w/ mashed potatoes, spinach gnocchi

Most Innovative: PizzaRev: Craft Your Own Custom Pizza -White Mushroom, Margherita, Meat & Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Pepperoni

Chef Bill Yee: "Crafting your own pizza was a cute idea and the result because of their thin crust and tasty toppings was delicious"

Best Dessert: Bulgarini Gelato Artigianale -- assorted flavors

Chef Scott Storms: "You can taste the quality of ingredients used in each flavor. Pomegranate and Hazelnut stole the show."

Organizing and coordinating the Culinary Contest were Kristy Thatcher Bradshaw and volunteer Margo Perry. Photos by Lisa Ferrick of Moda Alma, Carrie Lynn Barker Photography, Scott Hettrick of Arcadia's Best, and Kristy Thatcher Bradshaw of KTB Business Networking.

This year's returning Gold sponsors of the Taste of Arcadia at the Los Angeles County Arboretum were Westfield Santa Anita, Methodist Hospital of Southern California, and BMW of Monrovia.

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, October 4th, through Saturday, October 10th, the Police Department responded to 1,166 calls for service of which 144 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, October 4:

At approximately 12:34 p.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of Colorado Boulevard and Joyce Avenue for having expired registration. A records check of the vehicle revealed the registration had expired; however, the vehicle displayed a 2016 registration sticker. The driver, a 51-year-old male from Pasadena, was cited and released in the field.

At approximately 2:09 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 1500 block of Clark Street for being parked in front of a fire hydrant. A records check of the license plate revealed the registration was expired and the registered owner had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered his license was suspended and he was a sex registrant. During an inventory search of the vehicle, the officers located methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The 54-year-old male from Garden Grove was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail. The suspect's vehicle was towed.

Monday, October 5:

At about 7:05 a.m., an officer responded to the 600 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. The officer discovered an unknown suspect smashed the front passenger window, rummaged through the vehicle, and fled empty handed. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 4:50 p.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding a fraud report. The victim discovered a fraudulent withdrawal from her account when her card was declined. The victim was in possession of her debit card when the crime occurred and does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information.

Tuesday, October 6:

Around 12:47 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 500 block of East Lemon Avenue regarding a package theft report. The witness stated a Hispanic female stole her neighbor's package from the front porch. The suspect fled in an awaiting grey Honda Civic. The investigation is ongoing.

Both the driver and the suspect are described as Hispanic females between the ages of 20 and 25-years-old.

Just after 8:25 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom at the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a suspect in custody for shoplifting. Loss prevention personnel witnessed the 53-year-old female from Monrovia conceal numerous items of merchandise in her purse and exit the store without making payment. The suspect also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. She was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, October 7:

Shortly after 1:56 p.m., an officer responded to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, 330 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a threat report. The officer discovered the suspect, a 37-year-old female from Covina, became agitated during a counseling session and threatened to kill

staff members. On October 8th, Detectives located the suspect, arrested her, and transported her to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Around 9:57 p.m., an officer responded to CVS Pharmacy, 1401 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a battery in progress. An investigation revealed a physical altercation ensued between a husband and wife resulting in both parties hitting each other. Neither party requested medical attention. The 48-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, October 8:

At about 4:04 p.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of West Lemon Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. The officer determined an unknown suspect stole the victim's 2007 Ford Expedition while it was parked in front of his residence. The vehicle was located on October 12th by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Temple Station. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

At approximately 10:07 p.m., an officer responded to an apartment complex in the 1000 block of West Duarte Road regarding a mail theft report. A witness stated a male suspect was seen tampering with the mail boxes. The witness confronted the suspect who fled to an awaiting vehicle.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 40's, heavy set, with a bald head. The driver was a Hispanic female. The suspects fled in a gray, four-door vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

Friday, October 9:

At about 11:16 a.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department regarding an identity theft report. The victim received suspicious mail including a new debit card, PIN number, and a credit application rejection letter for an account she did not open. An investigation revealed an unknown suspect opened numerous bank accounts in the name of the victim and her sister. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained her personal information.

At approximately 10:44 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Peck Road and Killian Street for following too closely. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 39-year-old male from Monrovia had never been issued a license. He was cited and released in the field. His vehicle was left legally parked.

Saturday, October 10:

Just after 12:34 a.m., an officer responded to a traffic collision in the area of Santa Anita Avenue and Genoa Street. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath and noticed he was bleeding from the mouth. Through a series of tests, the officer determined the 23-year-old male from Pico Rivera was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage with a blood alcohol content of .13% when he collided into two parked cars. The suspect refused medical attention. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

At approximately 6:02 p.m., an officer responded to Radio Shack, 1435 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed an unknown male forcefully removed two iPhones from their displays and fled westbound on foot.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his 20's, short dark hair, clean shaven, with a thin build. The investigation is ongoing.

CITY OF ARCADIA RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN RESIDENT SURVEY NOW ON-LINE!

City of Arcadia Recreation and Community Services Department seeks resident input on park facilities and recreation program as part of its community outreach effort for a new recreation and parks master plan. The intent of the master plan is to develop a tool which can provide direction and planning for an achievable, fiscally responsible and environmentally sustainable recreation and parks system in Arcadia. The final document will be used to direct future park and facility improvements as well as meet future trends and community needs for Arcadia's recreation and leisure services programs and activities over the next 20 years.

One of the ways the city is assessing community needs, suggestions, and priorities is through a community survey. The survey is available both online and in paper form. Residents can pick up the paper survey form at the Arcadia Community Center Recreation Office or go online to complete and submit the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArcadiaParksRecNeeds.

You can also access the survey link through the city's web site at <http://www.ci.arcadia.ca.us> by clicking on Recreation & Community Services under the "City Departments" heading on the homepage. Residents can also check the master plan status and get information on how to submit ideas and comments. The survey is still available and should be completed as soon as possible. For more information call the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-574-5113.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Families are invited to come celebrate at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage with Calaveras (sugar skulls), make Calacas (skeletons that know how to party), champurrado (thickened hot chocolate), and pan dulce (sweet bread). It will be the party of the afterlife! Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

For more information, please call 626.574.5440 or visit the website at <http://museum.ci.arcadia.ca.us>. The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1). Admission is always free.

NIGHT SKY EXPLORATION

Come out and explore the night sky with Astronomer Carson Brucker on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Brucker will provide an informational slideshow presentation and answer children's astronomical curiosities. The presentation will also include a hands-on experience for children to see and touch an actual meteorite. Program attendees will then venture outdoors and view the night sky using

highpowered professional telescopes. Don't miss this out of the world experience.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. Come in for the experience and leave with a great book! The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Twitter and Facebook.

CROWN CITY STRING QUARTET TO OFFER MOZART, BORODIN

In the 15th season of "Music in Sacred Spaces" at Church of the Good Shepherd, the Crown City String Quartet will perform in the Chapel at 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 18. Featured artists are Kevin Kumar, violin; Isabelle Senger, violin; Carrie Holzman-Little, viola; and Dane Little, cello. Their program

features the Mozart "Dissonance" String Quartet K.465 and the Borodin String Quartet No. 2. Requested donations of \$15 (students with I.D., \$10) will be taken at the door. Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, is at 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. 626-447-2181 or www.cgsun.org.

CHURCH OFFERS "TRUNK OR TREAT" HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

At its annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween evening, Church of the Good Shepherd will welcome little ghosts, goblins, princesses, pirates and other costumed children seeking Halloween treats. Lots of cars with fantastic seasonally decorated trunks will line up in the church's parking lot Friday, Oct.

31, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and offer tasty goodies to the kids. Community residents can enjoy this safe and fun celebration of Halloween in their family-friendly costumes. Church of the Good Shepherd, United Methodist, is at 400 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia.

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MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Following are the weekend's highlighted issues and events. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to the City of Monrovia website and click on the crime mapping link. Sign up to follow us on Twitter for police notifications.

Traffic Stop/Resisting and Delaying a Peace Officer –

Suspect Arrested October 9 at 8:34 p.m., an officer was on patrol in the area of California and Cypress when he observed a bicyclist riding at night without a light. When the officer attempted to detain the subject, he fled into the backyard of a nearby residence. Officers quickly set up containment of the area, and the Foothill Air Support Team helicopter responded to assist. The suspect was found hiding inside of a trashcan in the yard. The suspect was arrested and taken to a hospital for medical clearance for a puncture wound he received jumping over a fence. The suspect was determined to be a juvenile. He was medically cleared, booked for the charges, and then released on a citation to appear in court. The juvenile was released to the custody of his mother.

Welfare Check/Public Intoxication –

Suspect Arrested October 9 at 10:17 p.m., officers were dispatched to Palm and Ivy regarding the welfare check of a subject lying on the ground. An intoxicated male was found lying flat on his back. Monrovia Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene to medically evaluate the subject. The subject was determined to be intoxicated. He was arrested for public intoxication and taken into custody. He was held for sobering.

Domestic Violence/Kidnapping –

Suspect Arrested October 10 at 4:01 a.m., officers responded to the report of a domestic violence incident in progress in the 200 block of East Los Angeles. The reporting party said the suspect and victim were leaving the area in a vehicle. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle as it was leaving the location. The male suspect and female victim are boyfriend and girlfriend. The victim told officers that her boyfriend grabbed her and put his hand over her mouth, causing a visible scratch to her face. When the victim tried to break free, he threw her down onto the grass. The suspect then picked up the victim and forced her into the vehicle against her will, causing her to hit her head. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody. He was held pending his court appearance

Battery with Great Bodily Injury –

Suspect Arrested October 11 at 7:38 a.m., an officer responded to a hospital regarding a victim that had been battered during the night at Shamrock and Olive. The victim was involved in an altercation and was extremely intoxicated at the time of the incident. In the morning, he went to the hospital because of eye swelling and head pain. His recollections were vague, but he was diagnosed with a fractured eye socket and a minor bleed in his brain by the medical staff. A detailed investigation identified the suspect, who was located and admitted to striking the victim. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody.

Domestic Violence –

Suspect Arrested October 11 at 5:32 p.m., a domestic violence incident was reported in the 200 block of North Shamrock. During an argument, the suspect placed his hand on the victim's neck causing a minor injury. The suspect left the residence before police arrived, but he was located at a park in the 700 block of East Lemon. The suspect was arrested and taken into custody.

Driving Under the Influence –

Suspect Arrested October 12 at 1:36 a.m., police received a call reporting a vehicle that was driving erratically in the area of Mountain and the 210 Freeway. Officers arrived and found the vehicle parked in a business parking lot in the 1600 block of South Mountain. The occupant in the vehicle was obviously intoxicated and admitted to driving while drunk. The driver was arrested, taken into custody, and held for a sobering period.

Warrant Arrest

October 13 at 12:35 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 500 block of West Huntington when he saw a male adult subject to the rear of a closed business digging in the trash. He stopped and contacted the subject. A computer check revealed three warrants for the subject's arrest, with the highest bail set at \$40,000 for a drug charge. The warrants were confirmed and the subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Possession of a Controlled Substance/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia –

Suspects Arrested October 13 at 7:53 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Santa Anita Wash at the railroad tracks on the report of two suspicious males loitering in the area. When officers arrived, they contacted two homeless adult male subjects. During a pat-down search for the officer's safety, a syringe and methamphetamine was found on one of the subjects and a pipe for smoking methamphetamine was found on the other. Both subjects were arrested and taken into custody.

Warrant/Possession of a Controlled Substance –

Suspect Arrested October 15 at 2:17 a.m., an officer responded to a business parking lot in the 1600 block of Mountain on the report of a suspicious male subject walking through the parking lot, picking up discarded receipts, as well as digging them out of the trash. Officers arrived and located the subject, who was in possession of several receipts printed from the business that day, possibly to fraudulently claim he was returning an item with a receipt. A computer check revealed a warrant for the subject's arrest; he was arrested and taken into custody. The suspect attempted to hide methamphetamine in the backseat of the police car. The suspect was also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Driving Under the Influence/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia –

Suspects Arrested October 15 at 2:46 a.m., an occupied suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Canyon with its engine running. Officers arrived and found a male and female sitting in the car. The female appeared to be trying to hide something under her seat when the officers approached the vehicle. The driver had a pipe for smoking methamphetamine sitting next to him and was showing signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Both occupants were removed from the vehicle and field sobriety tests were conducted on the driver. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. A search of the vehicle revealed a syringe that the female was attempting to hide, as well as burglary tools. The female subject was also arrested and both were taken into custody.

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DUARTE ANNOUNCES A NEW SMART & FINAL EXTRA! STORE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Weingarten Realty Investors, owner of the Buena Vista shopping center, announced today that Smart & Final; one of the longest continuously-operating food retailers in the U.S., will open a new Smart & Final Extra! store in Duarte in early 2016. The store will open at the site of the former Ralphs location in Duarte on Huntington Drive, and will create approximately 50 new jobs for the area.

Smart & Final Extra! stores are generally larger than the company's traditional "core" store and carry more than 15,000 different items, about 8,000 more than in core stores, offered in a broad range of sizes. The new Smart & Final Extra! in Duarte will occupy approximately 30,000 square feet.

Smart & Final Extra! stores combine warehouse savings with market freshness. The new stores include many new features, including a larger selection of meat, deli and frozen food products; an expanded produce section that includes organic produce; dry bulk foods by the pound; good & well sections filled with natural and organic products; and oven-roasted chicken. With 50% more club-sized items than club stores, Smart & Final Extra! stores offer great value, quality and convenience for households, businesses and community groups, all without a membership fee.

Smart & Final is currently working on plans to upgrade the

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VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SHARES THEIR VISION

Yenier Leyva is a wonderful representative of the Volunteer Center. He shares the vision of community service and opportunities for volunteers with a true passion. The Volunteer Center of San Gabriel was initially founded in 1948. They have had an ongoing program for Meals on Wheels since the beginning. The Volunteer Center has grown over the years and now has offices in East L.A., Pasadena and Monrovia. They provide volunteer opportunities for court ordered community service as well as for traditional volunteer services. One of the latest opportunities for volunteers is at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. There is a volunteer opportunity for ushers, some stage crew and other duties.

The big opportunity of the year happens on Saturday, October 24th – Make a Difference Day. Yenier shared at a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting, and the Volunteer Center is looking for volunteers of all ages. This year, Make a Difference Day will start at 8 a.m. at Monrovia Library Park. It will be a day of community improvement and city-wide beautification – In Honor of our Veterans. Yenier can be reached at 626-256-8187 for more information.

DUARTE WOMAN'S CLUB TEA PLANNED

With a tropical flair, the Duarte Woman's Club will host a tea for prospectivemembers on Sunday November 8, 2-4 p.m. at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777Encanto Parkway, Duarte. Women over the age of 18 are invited. For moreinformation call Luz Porlier, Membership Director, at (626) 357-0954.

Curiosities of the California Desert –Historic, Offbeat & Forgotten Attractions, a recently released book by local authors Alan and Claudia Heller, will becelebrated at a launching party on October 23, 6-9 p.m. at

COMMUNITY IS KEY TO NEW EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

At a time when children seem more engaged with technology than with one another, a swing toward more collaborative learning opportunities is gaining ground. Educators and mentors are fostering experiences that allow young hands to get dirty and young minds to be stretched. As a result, a unique community collaboration is growing in Duarte as Foothill Oaks Academy joins the Science Education Partnership Collaborative between the City of Hope's foremost medical experts and the DUSD. FOA students will not only have scientists visiting their classrooms, and have hands-on experiences in City of Hope's

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existing façade and the interior space of the new store. An opening date has not been set.

In a continuation of its aggressive growth plan, Smart & Final has opened 15 new stores so far this year and is scheduled to open a total of 20 by the end of 2015.

About the City of Duarte

The City of Duarte was incorporated on August 22, 1957. With integrity and transparency, the City provides exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner with a commitment to our community's future. For more information visit www.accessduarte.com or call (626) 357-7931. Follow the City of Duarte on Facebook at [facebook.com/duartecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/duartecommunity); Twitter @CityofDuarte; Instagram @city_of_duarte and LinkedIn.

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Yenier Leyva, Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley and Chery Reynolds, President Duarte Kiwanis.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com

the DuarteHistorical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte. Partial proceeds from the book sales will benefit the Museum. Imagesof America: Duarte, and Duarte Chronicles will also be available for purchase in addition to the limitededition 2015 Duarte parade pins featuring The trails Restaurant.

The public is invited to attend and admission is free. For details call (626) 358-0329.

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Community Teaching Laboratory, but they will do it with their peers from other schools in the city – a true picture of a community at work.

Nestled in the foothills where the 210 and 605 freeways meet, Foothill Oaks Academy is a private school offering a challenging academic experience, for children preschool to eighth grade, in a safe, orderly, caring and supportive environment that recognizes the needs of the whole child. Visit this unique educational community for Campus Tour Day on November 12, 2015 or call the school office to schedule a private visit any time at 626.201.9809.

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TEENSAFE WARNS PARENTS ABOUT THE REALITIES OF CYBERBULLYING

– Leading Teen Monitoring Solution Empowers Parents to be Aware of The Bullying That Could Be Occurring In Their Child's Digital World –

TeenSafe, the number-one iPhone, Android and tablet monitoring service for parents announces its commitment to supporting [National Bullying Prevention Month](#) through empowering parents to keep their children from becoming victims of cyberbullying. With the increased cases of cyberbullying, there has been a rise in awareness for parents needing to adopt digital monitoring as a part of their parental responsibilities. With over 1.6 million parents now signed up with TeenSafe, the company continues to empower parents to be aware of what their children are doing online, opening lines of communication within families to ultimately prevent cyberbullying.

TeenSafe gives parents a window into their children's digital world to ensure they are not being attacked by cyberbullies. TeenSafe is currently the ONLY solution that offers monitoring for iOS9 device and is the only solution that has the ability to show parents deleted texts on both iOS and Android. The technology was developed by

parents for parents as a way to watch over their children's digital activity through an easy-to-use online portal.

"Cyberbullying can be a difficult topic for teens to discuss with their parents. In fact, only one in ten children will tell an adult if it occurs. It is our parental responsibility to protect them from the terrible harm bullies can cause via online channels," said Rawdon Messenger, TeenSafe CEO. "If we are not aware of the dangers they face, how can we help them?"

As highlighted in the recent CNN study, #Being13, because a child's self-worth is often closely connected to their digital interactions, they are more psychologically affected by online conflict than many parents understand. In the study, "Almost all parents -- 94% -- underestimated the amount of fighting happening over social media. Despite that finding, parents that tried to keep a close eye on their child's social media accounts had a profound effect on their child's psychological well-being."

"So many of our customers tell us that they discover a whole world of unknown issues when they first begin to monitor their child with TeenSafe," continued Messenger. "Sadly, this often includes learning about abuse from peers that children are suffering from in silence. As parents, we can and should use these situations as teaching opportunities by helping them through issues and creating a positive turnaround."

TeenSafe gives parents the ability to see their children's incoming, outgoing and deleted text messages, web browsing history, contacts, call logs, location and Instagram, WhatsApp and Kik activity to ensure they are not suffering from harassment of cyberbullies. Parents of Android users can now even view and monitor a list of their children's downloaded apps.

About TeenSafe

Founded in 2011 and based in Santa Monica, Calif., TeenSafe developed the world's first iPhone monitoring solution that works without modifying your child's phone, allowing parents to monitor their children's text messages, location, web browsing history, contacts and call logs. Over 1.7 million parents have signed up for TeenSafe since inception and their web-based software solution provides parents easy and secure access to their children's social interactions via an online TeenSafe account. TeenSafe has created a parental advice blog called [Teenology.com](#) which gives tips, guidelines and personal testimonials in order to support and help parents of teens in today's technology-filled world. For more information about TeenSafe, please visit [www.teensafe.com](#). Like TeenSafe on [Facebook.com/teensafe](#) and follow them on [twitter.com/TeenSafeCom](#).

PASADENA UNIFIED CELEBRATES NATIONAL 'LIGHTS ON! AFTERSCHOOL' OCT. 19-23

Pasadena, CA – The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) will join the national "Lights On! Afterschool" celebration October 19-23, 2015 with events that highlight the impact that afterschool programs have on the district's students each year.

PUSD's PasadenaLEARNs afterschool program is partnering with community afterschool programs such as the City of Pasadena's After School Adventures, YMCA, Day One, Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena, College Access Plan, A Step Ahead and the Partnership for Children Youth & Families for the weeklong celebration. Approximately half of PUSD's 18,000 students attend a community afterschool program.

Afterschool programs provide academically enriching environments and caring and supportive mentors for students – and peace of mind for working families, knowing that their child is in a safe and supervised space during out-of-school hours.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., the Partnership for Children, Youth & Families, in conjunction with community afterschool programs, will host an event at El Portal Restaurant (695 E. Green St., Pasadena) from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Local business owners, city officials, district employees, and community members will celebrate the work of afterschool programs in Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre and highlight the continued need for programs.

Lights On! celebrations will be held throughout the week at the following locations:

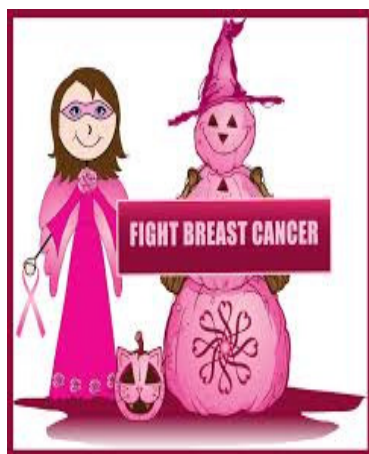
Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, 4 p.m.
Eliot Middle School
2184 N. Lake Ave., Altadena

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, 4 p.m.
John Muir High School
1905 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, 4 p.m.
Blair High School
1201 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, 4 p.m.
Pasadena High School
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena

Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, 4 p.m.
Wilson Middle School
300 Madre St., Pasadena



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Alverno High School
200 N. Michillinda Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3463 Head of School: Ann M. Gillick
E-mail address: agillick@alverno-hs.org

Arcadia High School
180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: Brent Forsee
bforsee@ausd.net

Arroyo Pacific Academy
41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org

Barnhart School
240 W. Colorado Blvd Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 446-5588 Head of School: Ethan Williamson
Kindergarten - 8th grade
website: www.barnhartschool.org

Bethany Christian School
93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3527
Principal: Dr. William Walner
website: www.bcschools.org

Clairbourn School
8400 Huntington Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91775
Phone: 626-286-3108 ext. 172
FAX: 626-286-1528
E-mail: jhawes@clairbourn.org

Foothill Oaks Academy
822 Bradbourne Ave., Duarte, CA 91010
(626) 301-9809
Co-Principals Nancy Lopez and Diane Kieffaber
info@foothilloaksacademy.org
preschool@foothilloaksacademy.org

Frostig School
971 N. Altadena Drive Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 791-1255
Head of School: Jenny Janetzke
Email: jenny@frostig.org

The Gooden School
192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-2410 Head of School: Patty Patano
website: www.goodenschool.org

High Point Academy
1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road Pasadena, Ca. 91107
Headmaster John Higgins 626-798-8989
website: www.highpointacademy.org

LaSalle High School
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 351-8951 website: www.lasallehs.org
Principal Bro. Christopher Brady, FSC

Monrovia High School
325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us

Odyssey Charter School
725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org

Pasadena High School
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 396-5880 Principal: Gilbert Barraza
website: <http://phs.pusd.us>

St. Rita Catholic School
322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
Principal Joan Harabedian (626) 355-9028
website: www.st-rita.org

Sierra Madre Elementary School
141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1428 Principal: Esther Salinas
E-mail address: salinas.esther@pusd.us

Sierra Madre Middle School
160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Garrett Newsom
E-mail address: newsom.garrett@pusd.us

Walden School
74 S San Gabriel Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 792-6166
www.waldenschool.net

Weizmann Day School
1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 797-0204
Lisa Feldman: Head of School

Wilson Middle School
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln
E-mail address: resseln@pusd.us

Pasadena Unified School District
351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109
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Arcadia Unified School District
234 Campus Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 821-8300 Website: www.ausd.net

Monrovia Unified School District
325 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, Ca. 91016
(626) 471-2000 Website: www.monroviashools.net

Duarte Unified School District
1620 Huntington Dr., Duarte, Ca. 91010
(626) 599-5000 Website: www.duarte.k12.ca.us

THE REEL DEAL: by Ben Show THE SICARIO REVIEW

Few movies, to my knowledge, have been made about the drug wars in Mexico and how the cartels have an impact on the people who live along the southern border of the United States. And even fewer have been as mainstream as 'Sicario'. With a great cast and a director fresh off a success ('Prisoners'), does 'Sicario' succeed as not only a movie but as a political statement as well?

Kate Macer (Emily Blunt), an FBI agent with the morals of U.S. government deeply imbued in the way she handles drug raids. After discovering a particularly gruesome drug house, she is recruited by Matt Graver (Josh Brolin) and a mysterious man whose name she does not know (Benicio del Toro) to be on a task force with an unknown goal; however, she knows one thing: the task force will make a big impact on the drug war. But will she have to compromise her morals to do it?

'Sicario' is, like 'Gone Girl', a slow-burn movie; it takes a bit to get into the action. While the beginning does feature a brutally violent sequence, the film takes its time, building character and intrigue whenever it can. The cinematography is particularly impressive, breathing life into the deserts of Arizona and Mexico, and brings the stark reality of the drug war to American audiences.

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by Chris Leclerc

DEER CROSSING AND A BUNCH OF OTHER REASONS TO SLOW DOWN!

I'll never forget the first time I saw a family of deer wandering around on the property where I lived when I moved to Sierra Madre 24 years ago. I had heard there were wild deer that lived in the foothills, and that they often came down into the canyons and neighborhoods while foraging for food during the day. But until that morning when I awoke early and saw them nibbling away on the weeds in my yard, I had no idea how majestic that sight would be.

I was amazed at how peaceful they were, roaming free among the humans as we bustled about to get out of our houses and into our cars, then swiftly down the hill to the freeway and eventually to work, hopefully on time! Those deer gave me a sense of serenity. Just knowing they were there, trusting us to show them respect and bidding that we allow them to carry on with their simple daily routine. It made me realize all the more, how fortunate I was to live in this unique and special place.

Many years have passed since my first deer sighting in Sierra Madre and much has changed in our town, but one thing that has stayed the same is my looking forward to the next time I'll get to see deer passing through my neighborhood. I tend to keep an eye out for them, in hopes that they will indeed come around and I will be blessed with that majestic moment of serenity that they have a way of bringing to my day.

I drive on Grand View Avenue daily, and often, when I am headed east toward Santa Anita Blvd. I'll catch a glimpse of some darling deer grazing in the huge yard on the north side of the street, or in the city yards on the south side. I always slow down when I see them because I know there may be a young straggler still trying to scale the fence to cross the street and join the others, or perhaps one of the adults taking up the rear to ensure that everyone else made it safely across.

It only takes a couple of seconds for me to slow down, just in case, and for me it is always such a pleasure to see them. This is why I am completely mystified by the many motorists I see speeding across Grand View on a daily basis, with the pedal to the metal as if they are on a freeway somewhere in LA rather than on a residential street in Sierra Madre. The speed limit on Grand View is 30 miles per hour, just in case that is not made clear enough by the signs. I'm just saying.

One might argue that Grand View is such a wide open road, it is tempting for even a good driver to go over the limit a bit because of the steep hill and wide range of visibility. I get it, I do. But still, the law is the law. Please abide by it when you are driving through our town. I sense that there are numerous drivers these days who somehow feel exempt from such "petty" traffic laws as 'going the speed limit' or stopping at a stop sign, so allow me to clarify: You are not exempt! No one is exempt, so get with the program and drive accordingly! There really are reasons why those laws have been put into place. It's ok if you don't understand. Just do it.

And then there are the tiny winding roads up in the canyon where residents

wish to enjoy a peaceful, quiet lifestyle and they pay dearly for it. Did you know that the speed limit on most canyon roads is 15 miles per hour? Yep, just like the signs say...FIFTEEN, not fifty! As a dog walker who often has no choice but to walk along the short shoulders of those tiny canyon roads, I know for a fact that there are far too many people who apparently do not know the speed limit up there, or again, perhaps they think they are exempt.

Please read and acknowledge the speed limit signs in the canyon, even if 15 mph may seem ridiculous for you drive in your speedy new vehicle. And if there happens to be a pedestrian walking on the road where there is no sidewalk, you might have to slow down enough to allow them to get to a place where they can get off the road onto someone's driveway or yard to allow you to pass by. Don't threaten them by revving your motor or pressing in so close they feel forced to climb a boulder or a tree to get out of your way. Basic common sense, right? One would think.

Then there are those who, in lieu of showing the courtesy of slowing down and allowing the pedestrian enough time to get off the road, choose to speed up even more and zoom around them with a scowl as if that person intentionally set out to conspire against their morning commute. Anyone who is in that much of a hurry might want to consider leaving the house earlier and allow for enough time to accommodate the canyon-dweller slash LA-commuter lifestyle they chose for themselves. Just a thought.

The other day I had to laugh when a "friend" asked me, "Why do people need to walk their dogs on the streets in the canyon anyway?" There once was a time when I could have had a field day with that one and left him feeling like a real moron, but not anymore. I just smiled on the outside and laughed real hard on the inside before backing away slowly and leaving him apparently still waiting for an answer. No, it wasn't a rhetorical question, and no, he wasn't kidding! I had to laugh.

Now I realize this little rant doesn't quite qualify as a "Happy Tail", but I do hope it may have brought on a little giggle or smile to lighten the day for those who 'get it'. Most importantly, though, I hope the message hits home with at least one reader who is ready to admit he or she needs to slow down when driving in town. Peace and tranquility...if I remember correctly, these were top on the list of many reasons why most of us moved here.



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PET OF THE WEEK: MAX: ANIMAL ID #A4883372

Senior dogs rock! Meet Max (A4883372), a sweet 15-year-old neutered male white and brown Miniature Poodle whose owner surrendered him to the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center on October 1st, because they were moving. Weighing 12 ½ pounds, this handsome senior walks great on leash, is well mannered and is possibly housetrained. He is a gallant gentleman who is happy-go-lucky and enjoys humans as well as other dogs' companionship. He is adorable and will make a great television-watching, couch-cuddling and walking buddy. This little guy may be a senior, but he has lots of love to give and has plenty of energy. Walking on leash seems to be one of Max's favorite past times. On glamour shot day, he loved prancing around the shelter introducing himself to all the volunteers and other canines. Max is a sweet, kissy lap dog looking for some good food, a comfy bed and a loving owner. He will make a great addition to any household (volunteers recommend older children that can respect his small stature). To



watch a video of Max please visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/grzdJvIa4DE>

To meet Max, please see him at the Baldwin Park Shelter, located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (Phone: 626-962-3577). Max is currently available now. For any inquiries about Max, please reference his animal ID number: A4883372. 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 Max or the adoption process, contact United Hope for Animals Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Samantha at 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?

To be your best buddy?

Flash is a spunky, independent terrier mix, almost 10 years old, weighing about 14 pounds. Flash has a coat of reddish blond fur that can be worn longer or short. He has had a couple of professional grooming sessions during his time at the shelter, and looks very handsome with his summer cut. When you first meet Flash, you will notice that he has a unique "one ear up, one ear down" look. He most often has a smile on his face and will greet you with a friendly welcome bark.

Flash was surrendered to the shelter because his family had to move to a home where pets are not allowed. It is often a hard adjustment for a dog coming from a family home to a shelter, but Flash is resilient, and has made the best of it. He has made new friends and gets along well with staff, volunteers, and other dogs he has met during his time with us.

Flash is easy to harness and enjoys going for walks to the park with our volunteers. He is interested in the outside world and likes to sniff and explore when he gets out, taking in all the activity going on around him. He is happy to take a break at the park, get some petting, and especially some treats. Flash is very motivated by food and will sit on command if there is a reward offered. He is not known as a lap cuddler, but he does like to get attention, and has been known to roll over for a belly rub.

Flash has had several different kennel mates during his time at the shelter. He seems to want to be the Alpha dog, and does not enjoy sharing his food with another dog. Although Flash usually takes the dominant role, he has met his match with Roy, his current partner. Roy seems to have the upper hand most of the time, but in a friendly manner, and often

gives Flash a kiss after letting him know that Roy is the boss.

Flash has known the feeling of being a family pet, and would love to spend his senior years enjoying the security and comfort of his own home again. He has a lot of personality, and would be happy if he could show what a great dog he is to the right family. Why not come in to meet him soon? Flash qualifies for our 'Senior for Senior' discount adoption program.

He currently resides at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society located at 851 E. Grand Avenue in San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Blvd., north of Mission and south of Las Tunas. To arrange a 'Meet and Greet' with Flash, please stop by any time from 10:00am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday.

His adoption fee is \$130 and includes neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Flash. If you are interested in meeting Flash or any of the other wonderful pets at the shelter, visit the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 851 E. Grand

Ave., San Gabriel, Calif., 91776, Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call (626) 286-1159. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

Celebrate the season with our 'Fall is for Felines' promotion. All cats one year and older are available until October 31st for a \$39 adoption fee.

Readers are invited to join the San Gabriel 'Race for the Rescues' team to raise funds for shelter animals. The Race is Saturday, October 24th at the Rose Bowl. Go to the shelter's website at sgvhumane.org for more information and how to sign up!



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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills
thechefknows@yahoo.com

This past week I hosted a wine tasting at a local supermarket. The tasting was successful, but what really amazed me was the consumer's quest for knowledge about wine. The wine itself was a medium priced chardonnay that, quite honestly, is available anywhere you shop. The myriad of questions ranged widely, from finding a nice sparkling wine for a wedding, what to have with steak dinner, what's oaky, what's buttery, chill the wine or not, keep in the refrigerator or not, and on and on. I'll actually answer that last question right now: never put your wine in the fridge until you are ready to drink it. And don't get me started on wines at weddings - can't we just bring our own?

We are all creatures of habit. I have a very short list of sparkling wine and champagnes that I will purchase off a restaurant menu. You might be thinking ok, Peter, you get a lot of new bees to your wine tastings, why should I go to a wine tasting? Simple: you get to taste before you buy. The laws have loosened a bit over the past few years and many of our local supermarkets now offer wine tastings in their stores. Vons, Whole Foods and Bev Mo come to my mind. The laws are still there - over 21, only a taste and limited hours - but I can't think of a better way to try something new. The tastes are limited to an ounce so what do you have to lose? If the supermarket tasting experience isn't your thing, how about hosting your own? I have done this several times with friends and it's always a hit. Each person is assigned a different country and must come in with tasting sheets for the wine that they have brought. Add a little cheese and, bingo you have your own tasting panel. Many of the wines that I have written about right here in this column were found at such events. Go one step further, keep all the wines in a paper bag and rate them!

For more wine events, please go to my website www.peterdills.com and listen to Dining with Dills Sundays at 6 pm AM 830 KLAA. Wine Tasting this Thursday in Pasadena, please email at thechefknows@yahoo.com for additional details.

LET'S GO TO FRANCE

You know that chardonnay is the most popular grape grown in California, with over 100,000 acres of dedicated farmland. We import many bottles

of champagne and a variety of red wines from France, which also has their fair share of wonderful chardonnays, though the terrain is not as smooth as our friends in Napa and Sonoma have it. Located in the southern part of Burgundy, at the north edge of Beaujolais (a great restaurant in Eagle Rock is named after this region) Pouilly Fuisse is one of top wines of these regions.

This is my first non-bubbles review of French wines - a 2013 Jadot Pouilly Fuisse made with 100% chardonnay grapes. While we tend to give California wines labels like "buttery", I'll go with "crisp". This wine is a medium-bodied chardonnay with notes of honey and melon, and if you close your eyes long enough, a touch of oak. I will admit, however, on my review I did cheat - my bottle was way above their recommended 12 degrees Celsius, and my wine's food companion was red seedless grapes. An interesting wine maker note: one part of the wine is fermented in stainless steel vats and in oak barrels, a combination that delivers a silky, smooth finish. The wine maker recommends a fish or cream sauce pairing. Pouilly Fuisse is a great representation of old world wine making. Bravo!

Dills Score

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I'm starting with a base of 50 points; I added 7 points for color, 8 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 9 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating. Total Score 91, retail \$25 on Sale, around \$21 at most area supermarkets including Ralph's and Vons.

Tune into Dining w/ Dills Sunday 3:30 PM on KLAA 830 AM check on my website www.peterdills.com for local events and wine tastings. This Wednesday we are tasting Dreaming Tree wine from Dave Mathews at the Vons on Colorado

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SEAN'S SHAMELESS REVIEWS: SMALL BLACK - 'BEST BLUES'

By Sean Kayden

Small Black may be the most underrated band of indie rock. After crafting two terrific LPs, can the band's new LP Best Blues finally serve as their breakthrough record? Let's back track for a moment. On their debut, New Chain, the Brooklyn quartet fell into the genre of chillwave. With lo-fi production and hazy melodies, the snyth-pop record was spellbinding and eclectic. Their follow-up album Limits of Desire arrived three years after their debut and demonstrated a change of direction. A much more personal and mature record, Small Black included more acoustic guitars, alongside live drum as opposed to exclusively sticking with synths. On Best Blues, lead singer Josh Kolenik seems as if he is whispering his words. He isn't showy or belting out the lyrics, but displays a discreet delivery. However, within the ten glistening tracks, you can sense a deep emotional attachment. Ryan Heyner (guitar/keyboards), Juan Pieczanski (bass/guitar), and Jeff Curtin (drums) round up Small Black. Best Blues delves into the realm of melancholic pop with wistful melodies and wondrous hooks. As the record continues to play on, you become lost inside the land of Small Black and frankly, there aren't too many records this year you would rather wander to.

As I speak about being lost in Best Blues, one of the themes of the record is personal loss. A particular loss of the people you were the closest to. The opener, "Personal Best," has a specific line that could resonate with a lot of people..."I see you running out of time." Small Black does a lot of exploring here. Not only with their exquisite sound, but their lyrically as well. There's this regretful tinge in Kolenik's voice that occupies both a delicate and devastating tone as it is layered over a tuneful arrangement. "No One Wants It To Happen To You" is a peaceful gem that expands the group's

sound palette. With a repetitive chorus of the song's title, there's definitely a sense of vulnerability for sure. The songs operate as ones that truly pacify the listener. The first single "Boys Life" lyrically touches upon deep sentiment yet provide a nightclub snyth composition. "The Closer I Look" is breezy, soulful, and sepia-toned. The reverb-doused track supplies an emotional punch as many of the songs on Best Blues so effortlessly do. It's difficult not to describe this record as bittersweet, delicate, or easy listening. "Big Ideas, Pt. 2" displays Kolenik's ethereal vocals in the foreground while a pulsating bass line supports the background. Once again, the assortment of songs are pretty, appealing, and mostly subtle.

Artist: Small Black
Album: Best Blues
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By: Sean Kayden

"Back At Bell's" blurs the line of chillwave and snythpop. The haziness found on the earlier work of Small Black is evident here. It's another song that gives off a sense of longing. "Between Leos" is striking with a dreaminess that touches upon the likes of The Cure. Best Blues holds together very well and if you like one or two songs right off the bat, chances are you will enjoy this entire record. "XX Century" is richly textured, beautifully composed, and alleviating. After absorbing the record in, it's clear that Small Black is carrying a lot of emotional weight within their new series of songs. The breathtaking experience is worth every minute as Small Black looks back at a shattered past in the efforts to let it go and pursue new beginnings.

Grade: 8.1 out of 10

On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

DEEPENING THE MYSTERY

"The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery."
Francis Bacon

A good friend, whom I consider a mentor, uses that quote at the bottom of his emails. I've been thinking about it a lot recently. Last week I wrote about the constant juggle that I face trying to keep the Playhouse moving forward and growing and making it a place that deepens the mystery. I was asked by another friend if it was worth all the stress that it adds to my life.

I love theater. I believe that theater can be a force for change and growth both for myself and for others. And, I am an artist. I live in the world as an artist. What does that mean? I think constantly about the big issues – love, connection, intolerance, man's inhumanity, friendship, family, patriotism, etc. – as I try to work them out for myself and find meaning, and because I can't paint or sing or write, I think about them as theater. The immediacy and the communion of theater makes it speak to me as an artist. Being in the same room as an audience at the moment of creation - because all good theater is an act of constant creation. Feeling, considering, probing together is a dialogue between me and you. I am thinking out loud when I plan a season, when I direct a play, when I act. Thinking out loud and inviting others into a conversation that I hope will both deepen the mystery and offer some answers.

I have had a few extraordinary experiences as a theater-goer. I remember being a very young man and seeing Chekov's The Three Sisters at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. The yearning of Masha, Olga, and Irina for Moscow spoke to me so profoundly that I couldn't get up after the show. I sat in my seat stunned that a hundred year-old play could so explicitly capture how I was feeling at that moment – the yearning I had to move on, to find my desires, to fulfill myself. I had one of the most thrilling experiences at Antony and Cleopatra at the National Theater in London with Judy Dench and Antony Hopkins in Peter Hall's sublime production. This 500 year-old play spoke to me so directly about love and desire that I have never forgotten it.

So I'll keep on with the struggle. I hope that the Playhouse will be the scene of some heart-stopping moments for our patrons. Not every show has to do that – we need a good mix of shows that will make you forget yourself as well as find yourself. But I am trying to build a theater that means something. I am trying to deepen the mystery for myself and for you. Please let me know what you think at ArtisticDirector@SierraMadrePlayhouse.org

If you haven't seen Patsy you have until October 30 to do so. We are planning a big party for the closing performance and are inviting our audiences to come join us – there will be food and drink and lots of music. Tickets for the closing party are \$25. Please call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.

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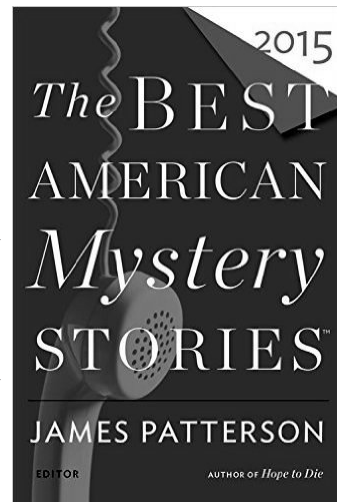
Jeff's Book Pics By Jeff Brown

Arthur and George By Julian Barnes

As boys, George, the son of a Midlands vicar, and Arthur (Conan Doyle), living in shabby genteel Edinburgh, find themselves in a vast and complex world at the heart of the British Empire. Years later—one struggling with his identity in a world hostile to his ancestry, the other creating the world's most famous detective while in love with a woman who is not his wife—their fates become inextricably connected. In Arthur & George, Julian Barnes explores the grand tapestry of late-Victorian Britain to create his most intriguing and engrossing novel yet.

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A is for Arsenic: The Poisons of Agatha Christie by Kathryn Harkup

People are fascinated by murder. The popularity of murder mystery books, TV series, and even board games shows that there is an appetite for death, and the more unusual or macabre the method, the better. With gunshots or stabbings the cause of death is obvious, but poisons are inherently more mysterious.

How are some compounds so deadly in such tiny amounts? Agatha Christie used poison to kill her characters more often than any other crime fiction writer. The poison was a central part of the novel, and her choice of deadly substances was far from random; the chemical and physiological characteristics of each poison provide vital clues to the discovery of the murderer. Christie demonstrated her extensive chemical knowledge (much of it gleaned by working in a pharmacy during both world wars) in many of her novels, but this is rarely appreciated by the reader. Written by former research chemist Kathryn Harkup, each chapter takes a different novel and investigates the poison used by the murderer. Fact- and fun-packed, A is for Arsenic looks at why certain chemicals kill, how they interact with the body, and the feasibility of obtaining, administering, and detecting these poisons, both when Christie was writing and today.

Jeff's History Corner By Jeff Brown

1. The original inhabitants of Pasadena and surrounding areas were members of the Native American Hahamog-na tribe, a branch of the Tongva Nation. They spoke the Tongva language (part of the Uto-Aztecan group) that lived in the Los Angeles Basin for thousands of years. Tongva dwellings lined the Arroyo Seco in present day Pasadena and south to where it joins the Los Angeles River and along other natural waterways in the city. They lived in thatched, dome-shape lodges. For food, they lived on a diet of acorn meal, seeds and herbs, venison, and other small animals. They traded for ocean fish with the coastal Tongva. They made cooking vessels from soapstone from Catalina Island. The oldest transportation route still in existence in Pasadena is the old Tongva foot trail, also known as the Gabrielino Trail, that goes along the west side of the Rose Bowl and up the Arroyo Seco past the JPL into the Mountains. That trail has been in use for thousands of years. When the Spanish occupied the Los Angeles Basin they built the San Gabriel Mission and renamed the local Tongva people "Gabrielino Indians," after the name of the mission. Today, several bands of Tongva people live in the Los Angeles area.

2. Prior to the annexation of California in 1848, the last of the Mexican owners of the Pasadena area was Manuel Garfias who retained title to the property after statehood in 1850. Garfias sold sections of the property to the first Anglo settlers to come into the area: Benjamin Eaton, (Eaton Canyon) the father of Fred Eaton, and Dr. S. Griffin. Much of the property was purchased by Benjamin Wilson

who established his Lake Vineyard property in the vicinity. Wilson, known as Don Benito to the local Indians, was also owner of the Rancho Jurupa (Riverside) and mayor of Los Angeles. He is the grandfather of WWII General George S. Patton, Jr. and had Mount Wilson named for him.

3. California was the name given to a mythical island populated only by beautiful Black Amazon warriors who used gold tools and weapons in the popular early 16th-century romance novel Las Sergas de Esplandián (The Adventures of Esplandián) by Spanish author Garci Rodríguez de Montalvo. The novel described the Island of California as being east of the Asian mainland, "very close to the side of the Terrestrial Paradise; and it is peopled by black women, without any man among them, for they live in the manner of Amazons." The Island was ruled by Queen Calafia. When the Spanish started exploring the Pacific coast they applied this name on their maps to what is now called the Baja California Peninsula, which they originally thought was an island. Once the name was on the maps it stuck.

4. Also The word California may come from the early Spanish explorers who entered California via the hot southern regions and referred to California as being "hot as an oven" or a "lime oven" ("cali > hot", "fornus->forno > oven" + ending "ia" for a place; or with "cal > lime"). It may be derived from caliente fornalia, Spanish for hot furnace, or it may come from calida fornax, Latin for hot climate. Seems appropriate lately!!!

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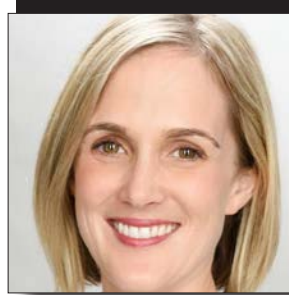
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that's full of energy, stamina, and challenge. It's in those tired, stuck, dull periods that we need to look ahead to re-create forward motion. There's a few ways to create this shift for ourselves. First, a challenging asana practice paired with invigorating pranayama will get things moving immediately. A hike in nature (one that requires some stamina) or a walk early in the morning can help wake the body and mind up. Last, we can always look to food and digestion. Ask yourself: What am I eating? Is it too much, not enough? Am I sitting down to eat my meals? Don't forget, our yoga practice changes our energy and in turn, changes how we think and feel. It's an instant attitude changer.

Enjoy your week! See you on the mat.
Namaste,
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LET'S FIGHT FATIGUE!

More and more Americans complain that they suffer some sort of fatigue. It may range from needing a nap mid-day to symptoms more severe like chronic fatigue. Fatigue is frustrating and can be debilitating. For some people they have to push through every day. For these same people, at the end of each long and exhausting day, sleep is yet another challenge. Oddly, for many people the more exhausted they are during the day,

the worse sleep at night. After a restless night of tossing and turning, the cycle begins again as the sun arises.

Feeling great and energetic requires reversing the things that contributed to the problem in the first place. Fatigue is something that gradually goes away so you have to be committed. Supporting your body with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables which will improve your body's immune system will greatly aid in restoring normal energy levels. Here are 5 more things that you can do to get started on a path of eliminating fatigue.

1. Cut back on caffeine.

Adrenaline is what gives athletes that winning burst of energy and also gives a person the strength

to lift a car that has rolled onto a child. Adrenaline is the source of our "fight-or-flight" response, which enables us to run for our lives if the need arises. Caffeine stimulates your adrenal glands to produce this fight or flight response. When the over stimulation of your adrenals wears off you feel fatigue, and possibly irritability and headaches. If you are constantly using caffeine you are keeping your body in "fight-or-flight" mode.

2. Try to relax.

Make your world as small and uncomplicated as possible by reducing your everyday needs. Start by filtering news and information. If you cannot do anything about it and it stresses you, you do not need to be concerned with it. Learn to practice relaxation techniques whenever you can. Meditation, even for a couple of minutes can relieve stress as can a few slow deep breaths.

3. Generate feel good hormones through movement.

Endorphins are the "feel good" chemicals induced by exercise. Of course, you can be so fatigued that doing anything seems impossible which is a real "Catch 22" because moving is needed to eliminate fatigue. We need to be physically tired as well as mentally or emotionally. A simple walk can be the first step. Once you have established a routine, begin to walk farther or slightly faster. Yoga is another great option to get your body moving again and to relieve fatigue.

4. Try to develop good sleep habits.

Our bodies need a mini tune-up daily. Sleep, especially deep sleep, is when our bodies do this repair and maintenance. There are many things you can do to promote a good night's sleep. Once you have done 1, 2 and 3 above to improve your odds of sleeping well then try to; establish a schedule, don't eat too close to bedtime, and keep

your bedroom as dark as possible.

5. Embrace whole food or herbal therapy instead of drug therapy.

If you are taking any type of drug therapy, be aware that it may actually be contributing to fatigue. Nutritional deficiencies can make it difficult to get your energy levels back even when you are doing all of the above. There are whole food and herbal supplements that feed the body what it needs to overcome fatigue without side effects. Herbs can help relieve the symptom of fatigue directly by enhancing immune function, balancing hormones, and stimulating the healing systems of the body. Feeling good every day does require a healthy lifestyle and some effort but it well worth it!

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BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



currently pay in interest and then determine if investing your windfall will provide a better return.

4. Have an emergency stash. If you do not already have at least six months' worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, it's a good idea to get that shored up now.

5. Take your time. Explore your options and consider the best use of your inheritance before making any major moves. Inheritances are separate marital property in California, so if you are headed for divorce, it may be more prudent to just put the cash in an interest-bearing account until the dust settles.

6. Consult a professional. A financial planner and an estate planner will help you navigate your new wealth and save money.

7. Give yourself a treat. Put aside a small amount by for something special for yourself but don't go overboard.

Perhaps you already know all of this. Perhaps you don't. But if you'd like more information on inheritance and estate planning issues, call our office to schedule an appointment or to RSVP for our next FREE public seminars (at The Lodge in Sierra Madre: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, 6:00 – 8:00 pm & Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015, 10:00 am – noon).

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7 STEPS FOR EFFECTIVELY MANAGING AN INHERITANCE

Research shows that a majority of baby boomers will receive an inheritance at some time during the lives, with the average inheritance estimated at \$65,000. If you are the beneficiary of a family inheritance, here are 7 steps you can take to be sure you manage it wisely:

1. Re-examine your financial goals. Look at short-term gains vs. long-term benefits. Determine the direction you want to go and then invest your inheritance accordingly.

2. Review your estate plan. If you inherit a significant amount of money, you should review your estate plan to determine what new strategies can be put into place to protect your increased assets. If you inherit a valuable collection of art or jewelry, you'll want to look into other ways to protect that, too.

3. Get rid of debt. If your inheritance is significant enough to allow you to pay off debt – especially credit card debt or loans with high rates – consider paying it off entirely. You can evaluate whether or not this is a good idea by estimating what you



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by: MJ Finstrom

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I've been told that my children, who are 13 and 16 years old, may be eligible for Social Security when I file for my retirement benefits. What can you tell me about this?

Older Dad

Dear Older:

It's true. If you're retired and are still raising young children, there's a little-known Social Security benefit dubbed the "Viagra benefit," that can put some extra money in your family coffers.

Here's how it works. When you file for Social Security retirement benefits, each of your minor children can get money on your work record equaling half of what you would receive at full retirement age, which is currently 66. Even if you were to take a smaller benefit by claiming earlier, your kids will still get half of your full-retirement age amount.

To qualify, your kids – whether they're biological, adopted or step children – must be unmarried and under age 18. Kids that are over 18 but still in high school, can collect too until they graduate or turn 19, whichever comes first. (Other rules apply to kids that are disabled.)

But that's not all.

Because you have one child that's only 13, your wife (if you're married) can collect Social Security benefits on your work record too. And it doesn't matter if she's just 40 years old. The minimum age requirements to collect retirement benefits (62) or survivor benefits (60) do not apply when it comes to collecting benefits as the caregiver of a young child. The spouse's benefit, which is also worth up to half of your benefit, will stop when your child turns 16.

But be aware that there are limits to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The Social Security "family maximum payment" is determined by a complex formula (see ssa.gov/oact/cola/familymax.html) and can range from 150 to 180 percent of your full retirement benefit amount. If the total exceeds that, each person's benefit, except yours, is cut proportionately until it equals the maximum.



Here's an example of how that's figured. Let's say, for example, that your full retirement age benefit is \$2,000. After doing the Social Security math computations that would make your family maximum benefit \$3,500.

Subtract your \$2,000 benefit from the \$3,500 family maximum benefit, which leaves \$1,500. That's the monthly amount that can be split between your two children – \$750 each. If your wife wants in on it too, the individual checks are smaller, at \$500 a piece, but the family amount is the same.

File and Suspend

One other benefit boosting strategy you should know about that's relevant here is "file and suspend." If you're still working and would like to wait, say to age 67 or even 70 to start claiming your own benefits, you can file and suspend starting at full retirement age 66.

This option gives you the ability to start monthly payments for your minor children and wife, but suspend your own benefit so you can collect a larger amount later. Your benefit will increase by 8 percent per year for every year you delay collecting your retirement benefit up until age 70. That means your retirement benefit at age 70 will be 132 percent of what it would have been if he had collected at age 66.

You should also know that minor children can collect Social Security benefits based on the earnings of a parent who is disabled or dead too.

To learn more, see the SSA publication (No. 05-10085) "Benefits For Children" at ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf.

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



I have a confession to make that I'm sure won't be a surprise to anyone who's followed my column for a while --I don't always get around to writing new stuff. I have good intentions, but things seem to have just been

really busy lately. For that, I apologize. So, with Halloween upon us I thought I'd re-submit a piece I wrote a few years ago about the film, "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter."

In revisiting this article, I had to update a few things. Namely, when I originally wrote it I hadn't yet seen the film, but now I've had the pleasure of viewing it in all its campy glory. So here is my (somewhat) new and enhanced critique of a thoroughly enjoyable horror flick.

"Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" has all the stock elements we'd expect from a movie with that title. It has action, (Abe swings his axe around like a Jedi knight's light saber), special effects, sex appeal (there are a few scantily clad vampire vixens), and blood. What vampire movie would be complete without copious amounts of blood?

At the time I wrote this America was still in the throws of an obsession with death and vampires. We are still obsessed with death, but now we've transitioned from vampires to zombies. Nevertheless, the vampire craze did have an insanely long run. What started it all? Surely not Bram Stoker's Dracula. Was it "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer"? That was back in 1997! There are young people for whom much of their lives have been spent during the great American vampire era. It got so big that it almost could've defined their generation. There's "Generation X" like "Brand X," "Generation Y," as in "Why should I care?" And now we have "Generation Z." Is it part of a large scale zombie conspiracy or is it just a coincidence? But I digress. Back to Lincoln.

What fascinated me about this new spin on an old theme was that its main character is Abraham

VAMPIRE-IZE IT!

Lincoln. Lincoln is great for documentaries, but an unusual choice for the subject of a thriller/horror movie? Everyone knows that the main character in these things has to be sexy. Lets consider some current action flicks. (These were "current" at the time, so that lets you know how old this article is!) "The Dark Night Rises" and "The Amazing Spider-Man" have Christian Bale and Andrew Garfield in muscle suits and leotards.

The creators of "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" couldn't have chosen a less sexy historical figure. Even Lincoln himself defamed his appearance in his famous rebuttal, "If I were two-faced, do you think I'd be wearing this one?" Not only was Lincoln far from being eye candy, his wife, Mary Todd, resembled an angry Pillsbury Dough Boy in a dress. And she was a nut on top of that! Of course this movie couldn't portray her as a dumpy, raving lunatic. The similarity between actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead, who plays Mary Todd, and the historical figure herself end with their first names. It's like comparing Angelina Jolie to Robin Williams as "Mrs. Doughfire."

Ludicrous as it sounds, I actually enjoyed this film. You can't go wrong with a former president flying through the air like a character from "Crouching Tiger." Back when I first wrote this piece there was a trend in books and entertainment about middle aged women "finding themselves" in India. At the time I supposed that Hollywood could come out with a movie about Baby Boomers flocking to India in search of the fountain of youth. I further imagined that an older Thelma and Louise would discover that the secret behind the others' rejuvenation is that they've turned into vampires (or in these days, zombies). In the story I imagined Thelma and Louise would then have to learn Taekwondo and don body suits to stop the vampires (or zombies) and save the world! If you see movie ads for either of these ideas, remember --you read it here first!



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Seniors 60 years of age and up can participate in the YWCA Intervale daily lunch program held at the Hart Park House Senior Center. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm and participants are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 am. Meals are a suggested donation of \$3.00 for seniors 60 and over or \$5.00 for non-senior guests. Daily reservations are necessary, space is limited. Please reserve your lunch by calling 626-355-0256.

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Free Blood Pressure Testing: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 11am to 12pm. No appt. is necessary.

Brain Games: Thursday, October 15th, 10:30am - 11:30am, improve your memory and strengthen your brain. Activities facilitated by Swati Puri, Community Liaison for New Wave Home care of Pasadena.

Free Legal Consultation: Wednesday, October 21st 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. A suggested donation of \$5 at one of the classes is requested, but is not required.

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Birthday Celebrations: Every second Thursday of the month at the Hart Park House. The free birthday cake is provided by the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

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SEASONAL FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Don't miss our crafts for Halloween! On Thursday, October, 22, join us in cutting out bats, ghosts and pumpkins. Great way to decorate your home or it can be used to decorate the senior center. All materials provided. The activity will take place from 11:00am to 12:00pm at the Hart Park House Senior Center.

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At half the diameter of Pluto, Charon is the largest satellite relative to its planet in the solar system. Many New Horizons scientists expected Charon to be a monotonous, crater-battered world; instead, they're finding a landscape covered with mountains, canyons, landslides, surface-color variations and more.

"We thought the probability of seeing such interesting features on this satellite of a world at the far edge of our solar system was low," said Paul Beyer, an affiliate of the New Horizons Geology, Geophysics and Imaging (GGI) team from the SETI Institute and NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, "but I couldn't be more delighted with what we see!"

High-resolution images of the Pluto-facing hemisphere of Charon, taken by New Horizons as the spacecraft sped through the Pluto system on July 14, and transmitted to Earth on Sept. 21, reveal details of a belt of fractures and canyons just north of the moon's equator. This great canyon system stretches across the entire face of Charon, more than a thousand miles, and probably around onto Charon's far side. Four times as long as the Grand Canyon, and twice as deep in places, these faults and canyons indicate a titanic geological upheaval in Charon's past.

"It looks like the entire crust of Charon has been split open," said John Spencer, deputy lead for GGI at the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado. "In respect to its size relative to Charon, this feature is much like the vast Valles Marineris canyon system on Mars."

The team has also discovered that the plains south of the canyon, informally referred to as Vulcan Planum, have fewer large craters than the regions to the north, indicating that they are noticeably younger. The smoothness of the plains, as well as their grooves and faint ridges, are clear signs of wide-scale resurfacing.

One possibility for the smooth surface is a kind of cold volcanic activity, called cryovolcanism. "The team is discussing the possibility that an internal water ocean could have frozen long ago, and the resulting volume change could have led



to Charon cracking open, allowing water-based lavas to reach the surface at that time," said Paul Schenk, a New Horizons team member from the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston.

Even higher-resolution Charon images and composition data are still to come as New Horizons

transmits data, stored on its digital recorders, over the next year -- and as that happens, "I predict Charon's story will become even more amazing!" said mission Project Scientist Hal Weaver, of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland.

The New Horizons spacecraft is currently 3.1 billion miles (5 billion kilometers) from Earth, with all systems healthy and operating normally.

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TREE TOBACCO (NICOTIANA GLAUCA)

Don't eat this poisonous plant!

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The most common wild tobacco in the west and southwest is Nicotiana glauca, commonly called tree tobacco or Indian tobacco. It's a member of the Nightshade family. The plant is not a native of the U.S., but was introduced first into California by the Spanish missionaries from Bolivia, Argentina, and Paraguay.

It's far more common than the smaller native tobaccos. Tree tobacco grows large and tall, almost tree-like with its large bluish-green waxy leaves and yellow tubular flowers.

This South America native is now found along the flood beds of streams, along trails, and the least hospitable arid wasteland areas all over the southwestern and western United States. It is also readily cultivated in gardens, especially by people who grow them because the yellow tubular flowers attract hummingbirds. I have done this, and always enjoyed seeing the brilliant hummingbirds and bees around the tall plant.

The ovoid leaves are entire (not toothed), glabrous (not hairy), bluish green, and alternately arranged. The leaves of the new young plant are extremely large, sometimes up to two feet in length. The average length of a leaf, however, is approximately six inches. As the plant matures, the leaves become much smaller—from one inch to three inches.

DON'T EAT TREE TOBACCO!

It is poisonous to eat this plant. Poisonings occur most often with the new growth of the tree tobacco plant, well before any flowers have formed.

In one case, a man in Los Angeles County purchased and planted some collard seeds in his backyard, not far from the wild hilly country of the Angeles National Forest. Eventually, some plants came up which he picked, cooked, and ate like collard greens that he remembered from back home in the South. He became severely sick, and managed to get to the hospital where they pumped his stomach.

Later, he took some of the plants to a nearby nature center, and he learned that the plants which grew in his collard patch were actually tree tobacco. The tree tobacco seed was most likely already there, and they grew up before the collards had a chance. In fact, the new growth of tree tobacco does bear a resemblance to collard, so this man's mistake was somewhat understandable. Fortunately, he lived.

In the last few years, there were some women in the Sierra Madre area who actually died by confusing the young tree tobacco for something they thought was edible.

People from the Southern states, and from Mexico, may be accustomed to eating the cooked greens of pokeweed (Phytolacca americana). Pokeweed is a toxic plant with water soluble toxins, and is never consumed raw. The young greens are boiled, the water discarded, and the greens are cooked again. The toxin in pokeweed is water soluble, so the greens are then safe to eat. In fact, pokeweed is a longtime traditional southern food, but everyone who eats it knows that you have to cook it first. When some of these folks move out to the western states and see young tree tobacco, they periodically



Christopher next to a Tree Tobacco plant.
Photo by Rick Adams.

confuse the two.

If tree tobacco is eaten, it can cause vomiting, stomach pains, diarrhea, general weakness, irregular pulse, shaking, convulsion of muscles, and even death.

Although tree tobacco does contain about 1% nicotine, it also has about 10% of anabesine, the alkaloid found in its leaves, stems and flowers. This alkaloid has been linked to birth defects in cows, pigs and sheep who graze on the plant. All parts of the tree tobacco are poisonous. According to Dr. James Adams (co-author of "Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West"), "Anabesine is a compound similar in structure and activity to nicotine, but more toxic in terms of seizure induction. As few as three leaves of Nicotiana glauca can be fatal."

Even though you should never eat tree tobacco, there are a few good uses for the plant.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

I'M SO ITCHY I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START SCRATCHING

In our house, we have an ongoing debate. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage claims I am the king of procrastination.

At first, I did not quite understand what she was talking about and asked if I could get back to her on that question.

She has the idea that I put things off until the last minute, then, according to her, I'm in a panic to get it done.

I am not saying she is right; she just might have a good point there. I'll get back to you on that.

Before I do anything, I like to give it plenty of thought, sit in my chair and meditate on that project until I really have it clearly developed in my mind from beginning to end.

The problem is my wife thinks my meditation is closer to taking a nap than meditation. She just does not understand the dynamics of meditation. Sure, when I am meditating on a project, it may seem like I am taking a nap.

It takes an awful lot of meditating on a subject for me to form a good plan. I like to know what I am going to do every step of the way and I do not like to get started until I have it completely fixed in my mind.

This is particularly true when it comes to the infamous "honey-do-list." Sometimes that list is so long and complicated I just do not know where to start. Starting, as you well know, is the first step in getting it done.

If you do not start a project right, it will not end up right. That is the argument I try to give to my wife who counters with, "The first step in doing the project is to start doing the project."

I am trying to get her to understand my "starting a project" begins with some deep meditation on that project. I cannot help it if that meditation period is comprehensive.

"Could it be," my wife suggested, "that you're so itchy you don't know where to start to scratch?"

Well, I could not have been more offended in my life. When I am itchy I know when and where to scratch. In fact, right now I am getting a little itchy on the subject of procrastination. However, I will wait until tomorrow to do anything about it.

I must confess I do put things off at times. I learned one thing in life; sometimes when you put things off long enough, they do not need doing. I do not know how many times I tried doing something and by the time I got it done it was no longer necessary. I want to be very careful that what I start needs to be finished.

My wife, if you will permit me, is super ambitious. When a project comes to the forefront she wants to get it started and finished right away.

For example, Take Christmas shopping

When it comes to Christmas shopping for myself, I usually wait until Christmas Eve. That is the traditional time for me to do Christmas shopping. Then, if you shop on Christmas Eve and they run out of something you can always say, "I wanted to get you this, but they were all out at the time."

Not so for the other resident in the house. She begins Christmas shopping in the month of January. Yes, I said January!

Before we put away all the Christmas decorations she has prepared a list for next year's Christmas gifts. I really do not know how she does it. Even while people are opening their presents, she is thinking of what to get them next year.

Land sakes alive!

Sitting around the Christmas tree opening our presents, I am literally amazed at some of the gifts. I never would have thought somebody would want the present my wife bought. They all thank her and are appreciative and do not know how she knows exactly what they want.

I well remember when we first got married and the first time I took her grocery shopping, I was stunned. I had never gone grocery shopping in my life.

We got a shopping cart and she began piling that shopping cart full of food. I noticed she had a two-page list of groceries that she needed to buy and little by little she cross them off.

When we got to the counter, we had a shopping cart and a half of groceries and the person behind the counter just stared with open mouth.

What my wife had done, and I have never seen it before, she bought groceries for the entire month. How did she know what we would be eating for a month?

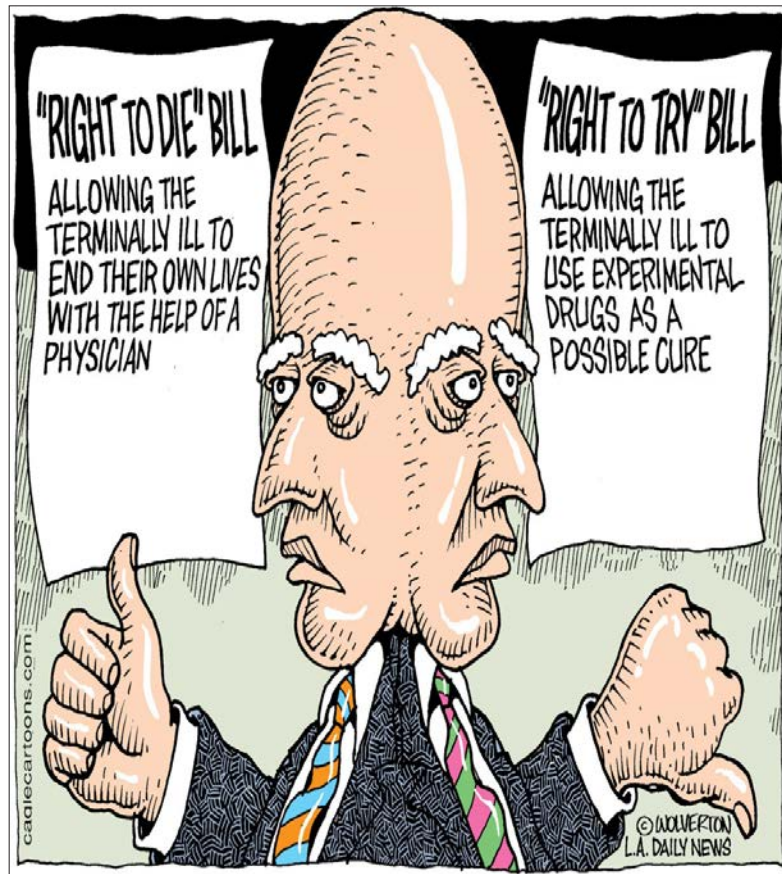
Her motto is simply, "Never put off buying tomorrow what you can buy today."

As the cashier was ringing up the groceries, she would sneak a glance and smile at me. It finally dawned on me what she was smiling about. Not my good looks. But my checkbook that was going to have to pay for all of these groceries. I did not see that coming.

I was reminded of what Solomon said. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Procrastination never scratches where it really itches.

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TIME FOR THE BENGHAZI COMMITTEE TO STAND DOWN

At least they're not pretending anymore.

The Benghazi Select Committee is nothing more than a taxpayer funded opposition research group determined to stop Hillary Clinton from becoming president. Investigating the attack on our consulate in Benghazi might have started as a way to show that Barack Obama was weak on national security, but after seven investigations and 13 hearings, Benghazi has become Hillary Clinton's Whitewater.

Until McCarthy's gaffe, however, congressional leaders did a good job of pretending the Benghazi Select Committee, which has spent \$4.5 million over 72 months, was seeking the truth about Benghazi. Now, that's impossible.

What happened was that Fox's Sean Hannity was pressing McCarthy for a single reason why Republican voters should not feel betrayed by their congressional leaders. McCarthy flailed. He offered up the 50 votes to repeal Obamacare. Hannity scoffed. McCarthy mentioned the shrinking deficit. Hannity talked over him, which in retrospect might have been a blessing.

Finally McCarthy found an accomplishment that passed muster with Hannity:

"Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable, right? But we put together a Benghazi special committee, a select committee. What are her numbers today? Her numbers are dropping. Why? Because she's untrustable," said McCarthy.

"I agree," said Hannity. "That's something good. I'll give you credit."

It's easy to forget that the email scandal is a byproduct of Benghazi, which was the first attack on our country that instantly became grounds not for unity but for partisan politics.

The speed at which Mitt Romney blamed Obama for the Benghazi attack was shocking. He appeared so suddenly before the press that night on September 11, 2012, that he didn't even take the time to straighten his hair. Romney was so quick to seek political advantage from an attack on an American consulate that not only did he not wait until the bodies were buried but he didn't even wait until they were counted. Partisan politics

went well beyond the water's edge that day.

Obama won, but Benghazi lives on. The Benghazi Select Committee has devolved into a naked attempt to bring down Hillary Clinton. The Select Committee has not yet held a hearing with anyone from the Defense Department, but has questioned eight current or former members of the Clinton campaign.

The Select Committee isn't trying hard to hide what it's up to, but it's a model of discretion compared to the Republican Party. In 2014, the GOP's congressional arm put up a fundraising webpage to "hold Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama accountable for their actions." Rep. Trey Gowdy, the chairman of the Select Committee, complained at the time, but the website only came down last week when the Clinton campaign pointed out that they were still raising money off Benghazi.

The last time we went through all of this was late in Bill Clinton's second term, when congressional Republicans investigated Bill Clinton for an old real estate deal but impeached him for lying to a special prosecutor about cheating on his wife. What the Republicans could not do at the ballot box they attempted to do by perverting the legal process, turning politics into prosecution.

Now here we are again. Republicans are not even waiting for Hillary to win before ginning up a political prosecution. And they've long since lost interest in parsing the details about what happened in Benghazi. This is Whitewater, except with emails.

The Select Committee has been meeting for 72 months, making it the longest congressional investigation ever, longer than congressional probes into Watergate, 9/11, Pearl Harbor, and the Kennedy assassination. The beatings will continue until polling improves.

The problem isn't the Clintons. The real scandal is that Republicans are so outraged that they can't beat them that they'll do anything to stop them, and they're only too happy to use your tax dollars to fund their political operation. If there's a grownup left at the Republican National Committee, it's time to give the Benghazi Select Committee a stand down order. Jigs up, fellas.

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MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense

TIME FOR SENSIBLE BACKGROUND CHECKS



In the wake of the recent homicidal shooting rampage at an Oregon community college, I'm forced to come to the conclusion that it is high time for common sense national background checks for journalists.

It's time we closed the political loophole and prevented biased, ignorant political operatives from getting their hands on a dangerously misleading national microphone.

RedState has a perfect example this week. Former Bill Clinton White House aide, and current Clinton Foundation donor George Stephanopoulos, is the host for ABC's This Week. He uses his "bully pulpit" to bully conservatives and Republicans.

During an interview with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Stephanopoulos interrupted Christie to assert, "But there's no question the pace of mass shootings is accelerating, happening more frequently than anywhere else. If it's not the gun, then what is it?"

This is a perfect example of leftist thinking. As Dennis Prager points out, the left always blames the inanimate object and never the user.

During the Cold War the left wanted to ban atomic weapons rather than condemn and work to overthrow totalitarian regimes that could use The Bomb to further their ends. Leftist-in-Chief Obama continues to be fixated on nuclear weapons and behind the scenes is working to render our nuclear deterrent impotent.

Now the left is fixated on the gun. Blaming the user of the gun is out of the question, because that involves individual responsibility.

Once America starts thinking in terms of individual responsibility again, it has the potential to open up a line of questioning that is very uncomfortable for big government leftists.

For example: Why can't you find a job? Where is the father of your children? How did your home enter foreclosure? What do you spend your money on? Why have we lost the War on Poverty?

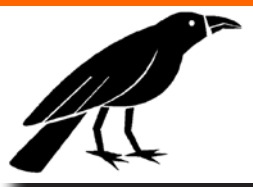
After demonizing the gun, leftists like Stephanopoulos use false data from anti-gun pressure groups to contradict defenders of the 2nd Amendment.

First they change the definition of "mass shooting." Before the numbers started to trend against them, the definition was at least four deaths NOT counting the shooter. Now gun grabbers use three deaths as a minimum or they include the wretched shooter in the total. Naturally, as if by magic in a cloud of cordite, there are more mass shootings, but even doctored statistics can't support the "accelerating" claim.

The RedState graph shows mass shootings peaked in 2004 and have not reached that peak since. Since 2008, mass shootings have been trending downward.

I'm certain rabid Democrat defenders of media bias will block my common sense background checks for journalists bill in the Senate. So in the meantime I can only advise you to beware leftists bearing statistics.

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Creative Arts Group 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival Award Winners

Here are the winners of the Creative Arts Group 2015 Scarecrow Festival!

ADULT:

- Best Traditional - #16, Vincent Goh, made by Carmen Piro, being displayed at The Peppertree Grill, 322 West Sierra Madre Blvd.
- Cutest - #3, Daisie Mae and her daughter Emma Paige, made by Judy Zavatsky, displayed at 134 W. Grandview
- Most Creative - #62, Sierra Madre Gothic, made by Heather Johnson, displayed at 220 W. Montecito
- Most Humorous- #83, Scarecrow has a change of heart- the saga continues, made by Greg and Sherri Terhorst, displayed at 246 East Montecito
- Scariest - #70, Gidget Goes to Hell, made by Stacey Moreland, displayed at 286 East Montecito

BUSINESS:

- Best representation of business- #69, Desdemonia by Leonora Moss, displayed at 9 Kersting Court
- Best representation of business by a child- #22, Mr. Rocka Roller by Rockin' -n- Rollin' 380 East Montecito, #10
- Best use of Technology- #12, Fanny Floppy Disc by foothillTek, displayed at 34 North Baldwin
- Most Creative- #11, Sylvie Madre by The Secret Bookers, displayed at 329 West Grandview
- Scariest - #64, Queen Grimhilde by Podley Properties, displayed at 30 North Baldwin

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- #37, Drought Fighting Flora by Sierra Garden Club, displayed at 273 East Alegria
- #84, Bea Alverno by Alverno High School, displayed at 200 North Michillinda

CHILD:

- Best use of Technology- Google Ghoul, made by Grace and Jillian McCloskey, 738 West Algeria
- Cutest- #72, Suzette, made by Kaiya and Malia Wilson, displayed at 547 West Highland
- Most Creative - #13, We haven't got a Clue, made by Gracie Salembier, displayed at 470 West Highland
- Most Humorous - #71, Mr. Moustache, Faye Cardella, displayed at 96 East Algeria
- Scariest - #26, Witch King, made by Tristan Ashley, displayed at 108 North Baldwin
- Best Traditional - #80, Sir Andrew, Lloyd and Ashford Milne, displayed at 720 Skyland Drive

FAMILY

- Best use of recycled material - #6, Merman, The Cimino Family, displayed at 191 Holdman Ave.
- Cutest - #18, come on everybody and do the conga, The Kinne Family, Displayed at Sierra Madre Elementary School, 141 West Highland
- Most Creative - #86, Mo' Hawk Mo' Scary, made by the Smith Family, Displayed at 454 East Highland
- Most Humorous - #29, El Nina, made by the Keith Family, displayed at 390 West Highland
- Scariest - #57, Jack Redrum, made by the Buchan Family, displayed at 609 West Algeria

OTHER:

- People's Choice - #56, "The Great Pumpkin Patch" made by The Thomas Family, displayed at 444 North Lima
- Best Child Story - #71, Mr. Moustache, submitted by Faye Cardella, displayed at 96 East Alegria
- Best Overall Story - #45, Lookin' For Love, submitted by Gayle Wirohtono, displayed at The Peppertree Grill, 322 West Sierra Madre Blvd.
- First Annual Special Committee Award, (Given to a special scarecrow that stands out as being in a category all of its own.) #47, The Morrison Memorial Fireman Scarecrow, made by The Cooper Family and presented to the Morrison Family in loving memory of their fierce and wonderful Sierra Madre Fireman, Chris Morrison.

All of the participating scarecrows can be viewed at www.creativeartsgroup.org/scarecrow-festival

Sierra Madre's 4th annual Scarecrow Festival kicked off on October 2nd with scarecrows appearing throughout town through the end of October. Awards were given in several categories including best representation of a business, church, service organization or government office; best scarecrow story, most humorous, scariest, most clever etc. in child and adult categories.

Tour all of the 85 scarecrows on display. Maps will be available at Creative Arts Group as well as at participating businesses throughout Sierra Madre.



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GATOR CUSTOMS, 6723 SALT LAKE AVE., BELL, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HILDA SANCHEZ, 6239 HOOD AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. ALFREDO SANCHEZ, 6239 HOOD AVE., HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: HILDA SANCHEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOLDEN CALIFORNIA, HADAF, NIAVARAN; SHAH PASAND, 1300 S. SANPEDRO ST. #110, L.A., CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MOHAMMAD ALI SERAJ SADEGHI, 8674 FALMOUTH #306, PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90295. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MOHAMMAD ALI SERAJ SADEGHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-243835

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GUERRA TRUCKING, 1228 SPRINGVIEW DR., WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OMAR GUERRA, 12228 SPRINGVIEW DR., WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OMAR GUERRA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242011

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HANG SENG INSURANCE SERVICES, 506 N. GARFIELD AVE. #210, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RIGHT CHOICE FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES CORPORATION, 506 N. GARFIELD AVE. #210, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: TOMMY LOI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-246341

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HB TRUCKING, 402 N. CONLON AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HILDA BROUCKAERT, 402 N. CONLON AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HILDA BROUCKAERT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242109

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HIN VENSE, 2481 DAISY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR A. GARCIA, 2481 DAISY AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VICTOR A. GARCIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-245673

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMPACT AUTO REPAIR, 3090 LYNNWOOD RD., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WILL RONALD FLORES SEGOVIA, 3090 LYNNWOOD RD., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WILL RONALD FLORES SEGOVIA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/23/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-245844

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IN STYLE FURNITURE, 101 E. FOOTHILL BLVD., UNIT 30, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RALPH GREGORY GAUVIN, 7040 ARCHIBALD AVE. #85, ALTA LOMA, CA 91701. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RALPH GREGORY GAUVIN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/23/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INDUSTRY, 17300 RAILROAD ST. #D, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) USPC FOOTWEAR, INC., 17300 RAILROAD ST. #D, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JAY SC WU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242009

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JINCHENG REMODELING CO., 2037 S. 2nd ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LIANG ZHANG, 2037 S. 2nd ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91803. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LIANG ZHANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-241656

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KALAVERA CATERING AND EVENTS CO., KALAVERTIA SWEETS, 10411 JACKSON AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARGELIA N. MENENDEZ,

10341 JACKSON AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ARGELIA N. MENENDEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-241221

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KINGWOOD TOURS, 711 MATTHEISEN CIR., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90220. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CYNTHIA YVETTE KINGWOOD, 711 MATTHEISEN CIR., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90220. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CYNTHIA YVETTE KINGWOOD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-247163

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA MICHOACANA 100% TRADICIONAL, 1648 INDIAN HILL BLVD., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE GOMEZ, JR. 6531 PERIDOT CT., CORONA, CA 92880. YULIANA GOMEZ, 6531 PERIDOT CT., CORONA, CA 92880. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: JOSE GOMEZ, JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242609

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LA TAPATA MEAT MARKET, 3319 N. EASTERN AVE., EL SERENO, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NELSON R. CUSTODIO PEREZ, 3014 THE MALL, L.A., CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NELSON R. CUSTODIO PEREZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242991

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LG TRUCKING, 9679 GARIBALDI AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DUSTIN TEASDAIG & SALES, INC., 9679 GARIBALDI AVE., TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: GARY KAREN BAGRAMYAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-247188

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LON LON BOAT AND GEAR, 5140 CRENSHAW BLVD. STE A, L.A., CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) POSSE LOVE CORPORATION, 5140 CRENSHAW BLVD. STE A, L.A., CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: OTIS T. ALEXANDER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-243683

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOVELLY NAILS AND WAXING, 10416 WHITTIER BLVD., WHITTIER, CA 90606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TAN MINH PHAM, 16 CANTERA, SANTA ANA, CA 92703. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TAN MINH PHAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/22/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-243675

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NIEVEY MAGNET, 835 W. ANAHEIM ST., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JULIO CISNERO OROSCO, 835 W. ANAHEIM ST., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JULIA MONTALVO, 835 W. ANAHEIM ST., WILMINGTON, CA 90744. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JULIO CISNERO OROSCO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-243706

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OPOLI, 4532 W. IMPERIAL HWY., HAWTHORNE, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EXECUTIVE RIDE, LLC., 4532 W. IMPERIAL HWY., HAWTHORNE, CA 90240. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: RATTAN JOEA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-246735

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: P&P RENTALS, 1001 W. WHITTIER BLVD.

From:

The City of Sierra Madre

Subject:

SUMMARY OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1367-U:

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED URGENCY ORDINANCE 1367-U ESTABLISHING AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 15.38 SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS TO TITLE 15 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937

On October 13, 2015, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1367-U, an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, adding a new Chapter 15.38 ("Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems") to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Chapter 15.38 creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for a small residential rooftop solar photovoltaic energy system which is defined as a solar energy system no larger than "10 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating or 30 kilowatts thermal."

The expedited review process includes the applicant's ability to submit the application electronically and receive approval of a completed application within three business days, and inspection of the installed system scheduled within two business days of request for an inspection. The proposed ordinance complies with the requirements of the Solar Rights Act, as amended by AB 2188. The Ordinance is proposed to be approved as an urgency ordinance upon specified health and safety findings and a 4/5 vote pursuant to Government Code section 36937.

This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of proposed Ordinance No. 1367-U is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, on the 13th day of October, 2015 by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

Vincent Gonzalez, Director | Planning & Community Preservation

Dates Pub: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-247371

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MR. HIRDO, 4371 FOLSOM ST., L.A., CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROGELIO LOZANO BADAJOZ, 4371 FOLSOM ST., L.A., CA 90022. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROGELIO LOZANO BADAJOZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242604

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MUSE AUTO PROJECT, 8670 ATLANTIC AVE., REAR UNIT, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTIN SALVADOR, 8670 ATLANTIC AVE., REAR UNIT, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARTIN SALVADOR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-246565

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NARCOS E-JUICE, 117 W. 52nd ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SAPHANA V. NUON, 117 W. 52nd ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SAPHANA V. NUON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-243786

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROYAL STUBBING CO., 1320 S. PROSPERO DR., GLENNDORA, CA 91740. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERT VILLAPANDRO, 1320 S. PROSPERO DR., GLENNDORA, CA 91740. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERT VILLAPANDRO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/18/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-242502

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: REV. LIFE STUDIO, 5780 HARDING AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUISA ROSAS DE OCHOA, 5780 HARDING AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUISA ROSAS DE OCHOA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/21/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2015-243494

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHUT THE FRONT DOOR SUPERVISED VISITATION MONITORING SERVICE, 1625 W. STOCKWELL ST., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHARON KAY VANN, 1625 W. STOCKWELL ST., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SHARON KAY VANN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/23/2015. 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: Sept. 26, Oct. 03, 10, 17, 2015

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