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WITHOUT OUT A "SILVER BULLET" CITY MOVES TO A NEW PLAN FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY - Final Corrosion Study Disappoints Council
By Susan Henderson

"There is no Silver Bullet", said Mayor John Capoccia in reference to the Final Corrosion Study submitted to the city by consultant Dr. Helene Baribeau, Ph.D.,P.E. Her firm, Baribeau Environmental Engineering (BEE) has extensive experience in Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products, Distribution System Water Quality Nitrification, Water Systems Master Plans, and Vulnerability Assessments. She was contracted by the city to find a cure for the problems Sierra Madre's water system has encountered since purchasing water directly from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The report offered no definitive solution for the discoloration and odoriferousness of the water supply the serves the city's residents.
Until September, 2013, Sierra Madre's water supply was primarily derived from four wells drawing from the East Raymond Basin aquifer (85%) and two natural spring tunnels located on either side of the county flood control dam in Little Santa Anita Canyon. However, due to the drought the wells 'ran dry' and residents were informed that a temporary change in the source of water supply would be made. The change was from local groundwater to imported water from San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD). SGVMWD provided imported treated surface water produced by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). It was noted that the change would result in changing the disinfectant in the water from the chlorine previously used to the chloramines used by MWD. While chloramine treatment is not new, the interaction with the water distribution system in Sierra Madre has resulted in discoloration and complaints of foul odors.
In July, 2014, Dr. Baribeau began her study and the solutions proposed at that time included evaluating the possibility of blending imported water with local groundwater, (something now being considered), reviewing the city's existing Nitrification Plan and doing a Corrosion Control Study.
A few months later it was recommended that the city use a Zinc Orthophosphate Injection system to alleve the problem of discoloration, corrosion and odor. However, according to Dr. Baribeau to Tuesday's city council meeting, changes in the quality of the water purchased from MWD diminished the effectiveness of the treatment.
When the final report was presented to the council, the results were disappointing. Mayor John Capoccia noted that Baribeau had basically promised a 'cure' for the water quality issues. Instead, a 'pilot program' of spreading the MWD to the water basin instead of directly to customers is being recommended.
Public Works Director Bruce Inman and Deputy Director of Water Operations Jose Reynoso asked that Sierra Madre immediately begin changing over water production from taking imported water directly into the distribution system to spreading the imported water and re-activating the City's wells for full production. They developed the following plan for the transition:
1. Inform the community of change.
a. Water will once again have a chlorine odor
b. Some residents may notice a taste difference
2. Prepare the system for change over.
This included the details of how they would proceed.
Baribeau notes, however, that 'using the MWD water for recharge and returning to use of the City's wells is NOT expected to provide immediate relief for water discoloration issues. While an end to the discoloration cannot be accurately predicted at this time, it may be reasonable to believe that the discoloration problem will end sooner by returning to the wells than to continue in the City's current mode.'
Council members Capoccia, Goss, Harabedian and Aramendi, after much discussion, reluctantly approved the new water distribution configuration, Council member Delmar voted no citing her need for more compelling information that this plan would actually produce better results.
Residents should expect the new water distribution to begin in late December or early January.
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VFW 3208 LEADS EFFORT TO RENAME SIERRA MADRE POST OFFICE AFTER MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER LOUIS VAN IERSEL

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), Post 3208 Sierra Madre with the assistance of Congresswoman Judy Chu, requested support from the City of Sierra Madre in renaming the Sierra Madre Post Office after World War I Veteran Louis Van Iersel.

Louis Van Iersel was a Sierra Madre resident who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving 1000 American soldiers during the First World War.

Van Iersel moved to Sierra Madre in 1946 and served as Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3208. As a World War I Veteran Louis Van Iersel served in the United States Army and received the Medal of Honor in 1919. During World War II he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served with the 3rd Marine Division in the Bougainville Campaign. Louis Van Iersel died at the age of 93 in Sierra Madre and is buried in Arlington Cemetery. There is also a marker in Sierra Madre's Pioneer Cemetery commemorating his life.

At the time of his death at age 93, Van Iersel was believed to be the most highly decorated surviving World War I veteran.

VFW 3208 is also supporting efforts to establish a Veterans Community Based Outpatient Clinic at Pasadena City College.



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## 6-Day Forecast

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<b>Tues:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi 60s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 70s	Lows 40s

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, December 8, 2015  
6:30 pm

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

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

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

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

## SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

## Regular City Council Meeting

December 8, 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 [city@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:city@cityofsierramadre.com) before 5:30 the night of the meeting and your statement will be delivered to all the Council Members.

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** - City Hall will be closed on November 26 & 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Upcoming Public Meetings and Events

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 3:00PM  
Senior Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 7:00PM  
Planning Commission Meeting

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 9-11 City Hall  
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"The Kindness of Strangers" feature encourages readers to share their stories. I can assure you, they will be uplifting especially in contrast to all the challenges and issues we have to deal with daily. So, if you have something you would like to share, please submit it to: [editor@mtnviewsnews.com](mailto:editor@mtnviewsnews.com). It doesn't matter where you were or when it happened. Share your good experiences in hope that it might bring a little joy and/or inspire someone.

-Susan Henderson, Editor/  
Publisher MVNews

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR &amp; BOUTIQUE

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church is holding its annual Christmas Alternative Gift Fair & Boutique on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Celebrate the spirit of the holiday season with a gift that truly "gives back." Your donations help support the relief efforts of local organizations such as San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, Friends in Deed,

and Foothill Unity Center, and global efforts such as Heifer International, Imagine No Malaria, and missionary programs in Mexico. Sales from the popular handcrafted gift boutique will benefit Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley. Enjoy free refreshments while you browse. The Church is located at 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre. Call [626-355-0629](tel:626-355-0629) for more information.



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For more information about SMRFA and all of our activities, check out our website at [smrosefloat.org](http://smrosefloat.org). We look forward to seeing you at the SMRFA barn! Volunteers like you are what make the entire process possible.

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During the week of Sunday, November 15th, to Sunday, November 22nd, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 265 calls for service.

## Thursday, November 19th

At 10:20 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the 200 block of Old Oak Lane regarding a burglary from a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, the victim informed Officers that earlier that morning he parked his vehicle in front of the residence that he was working at and about an hour later he went back to his van only to discover the rear doors open and two gasoline canisters on the ground behind his van. When the victim inspected his vehicle he noticed that his gardening equipment had been stolen. The victim informed Officers that he locked and secured his vehicle prior to walking away from it. Officers inspected the vehicle and noticed the keyhole to the rear doors was slightly damaged as if it was forced open with an unknown object. This case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

## Saturday, November 21st

At 10:22 am, Sierra Madre Police responded to the station lobby regarding a theft report. Upon arrival, the victim informed Officers that she last saw her cell phone Thursday just before class. During class she placed her cell phone in a front pocket of her backpack and upon returning back to her backpack after class, she realized her phone was missing. The young child reported the incident to her father, who then contacted the cell service provider in an effort to help locate the phone. The provider informed the father that the cellphone was last used in a nearby location in Monrovia. This case has been forwarded to the Detection Bureau.

At 10:42 pm, Sierra Madre Police were patrolling the area of Orange Grove and Hermosa when they observed a parked running vehicle with its headlights on and a dark shape in the middle of the road next to the vehicle. As Officers approached the vehicle, they realized the dark shape was in fact two females huddled down on the street, who quickly got into the vehicle as Officers approached. Officers initiated a traffic stop and were informed by the pair that they were arguing and female #1 was trying to get female #2 back into the car so they could go home. While speaking with both women, Officers could smell the odor of alcohol emitting from their breathe, as well as observing bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. A background check revealed one of the women had a suspended license and was currently on probation for driving under the influence. The woman was required by law pursuant to her court probation to submit to a Preliminary Alcohol Screening, to which she did not comply to and as Officers placed the woman into their patrol car the woman became combative and started to scream. Ultimately the woman was arrested for dui, resisting arrest and battery against an officer and was safely placed into the patrol vehicle without further incident. As Officers spoke to female #2, she provided a false identity and was ultimately arrested for being drunk in public and providing a false identity to an officer.



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by Deanne Davis

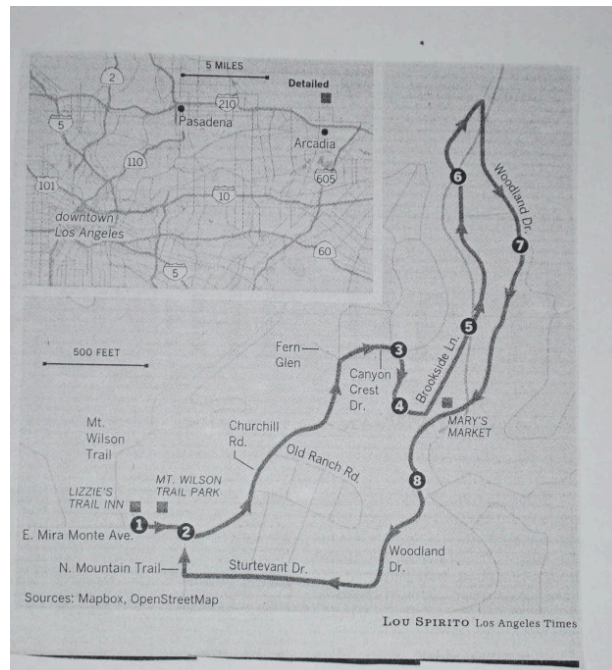
"Sierra Madre was the starting point for many expeditions into the San Gabriel Mountains during the 'great hiking era,' which began in the 1880's and continued until the Great Depression. From a former pack station that also functioned as a speak-easy and gambling house, this charming mountain community is still a great place to walk."

Charles Fleming - Los Angeles Times

My favorite breakfast companion, John, and I were sitting out on our front terrace (I know, that's so pretentious, but it makes me feel so much more elegant than 'front porch') enjoying pumpkin pancakes (best pumpkin pancake mix ever is Archer Farms at Target), an egg over easy, coffee and the papers. I never miss the Saturday section of the Times as I'm ridiculously fond of Chris Erskine's column, the food and restaurant pieces, what's new in exercise I couldn't possibly do, and the "love gone wrong" story on the back.

Imagine my delight on October 24th to find this nifty little piece on a walk through Sierra Madre. There was even a map showing you exactly where to go to see everything on your 2.1 mile, one to one and a half hour hike. Mr. Fleming has us starting our walk at Lizzie's Trail Inn. Lizzie was quite a gal! Born in Russia near Kiev, her parents died within months of her birth. She was adopted by a family with nine children and on discovering she was adopted at age 18, ran off to Kiev, connected with an aunt and immigrated to Cincinnati, Ohio with her new family in 1909. Married, relocated to Los Angeles in 1911, produced two sons and was the landlady at a rooming house on Temple. Fluent in nine languages, she worked as an interpreter at Los Angeles County Hospital. Her first husband, 35 years her senior, passed away. One of the rooming house residents became her second husband and Lizzie bought the Trail Inn on her birthday in 1925. Lizzie was, apparently, quite a cook, known far and wide for her fried chicken and ravioli dinners. She also, apparently, thought Prohibition was a bad idea as her husband's name appeared on search warrants and he pled guilty for illegal manufacturing of alcohol at the Trail Inn and Richardson House next door. There was also talk of hanky panky in the three cabins above the inn. Lizzie was a congenial gal with lots of friends. If you were the only one in town who could make a decent martini, of course you had friends!

From Lizzie's Inn, one can contemplate the Mt. Wilson Trail "which from 1864 to about 1905 was the access route, both to the top of Mt. Wilson and to the recreation camps and resorts. Thousands would hike up the trails each weekend and you had to either hire a pack train to haul your supplies, or carry them yourself. The pack trains of mules, burros and horses hauled the supplies, food, water, tents, pianos, telephone poles and even the materials for Mt. Wilson's first 13" telescope. At the turn of the century, the Mt. Wilson pack station served up to 160 animals and



was located at the site of the present water tank."

\* The former pack station is now a museum open 10-noon Saturdays only. Lots of great memorabilia in there.

It's about a mile and a half up to First Water on the Trail and word has it that you can even hear water down there in the stream bed for the first time in a while. That's a nice hike, steep in some places, but the peaceful beauty when you get there is well worth it. I am taking my pumpkin pancake connoisseur and Mt. Wilson Trail hiker, John's, word for this as he does it and I don't.

A number of years ago, John convinced the family who were at that time, about 14, 8, 6 and a baby in a back pack, that it would be fun to hike down the Mt. Wilson Trail, a distance of about 8 miles. Not knowing any better, we all agreed to this. The baby had a great time jouncing along on her Daddy's back, the younger two had a great time running back and forth up and down the Trail, the 14 year old and I eventually reached the point where we begged to be left to die. The kindest thing John ever did for me was to lend me his socks as my feet were so blistered that I could barely walk. He and that 14 year old, who is somewhat older now, still hike to First Water together from time to time.

Walk this nice circuit through the canyon, past Mary's Market, some time soon. Hope you know someone who loves you enough to give you their socks!

\*Thanks to the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society for their quoted material.

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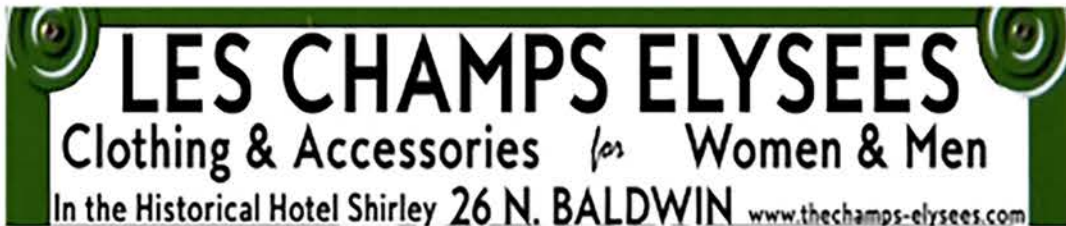
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## KAISER PERMANENTE TEAMS UP WITH CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU TO MARK CONCLUSION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

*Collection Drive Event will Feature Testimony from Abuse Survivor, Results of Collection Drive*



Baldwin Park, CA – Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park along with Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27) will announce the results of a month-long collection drive to benefit survivors of domestic violence on Friday, Nov. 13 at Kaiser Permanente's Baldwin Park Medical Center. The drive was also supported by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (CA-32) who unfortunately, is unable to attend the event.

The collection drive, which coincided with Domestic Violence Awareness Month in

October, has yielded dozens of bags full of women's and children's clothing and other items that will be distributed to abuse survivors at shelters throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The Nov. 13 wrap-up event will include remarks by Congresswoman Chu, Kaiser Permanente, and will also feature testimony from a domestic violence survivor.

Representatives from local domestic violence shelters will be available for media interviews.

By Joan Schmidt

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## AQMD TO ISSUE NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – In response to a natural gas leak affecting residents in the Porter Ranch area, Mayor Antonovich, who is a Board Member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), said the AQMD will issue a notice of violation to the Southern California Gas Company for causing a public nuisance.

"The gas leak is having a significant impact on the health and quality of life of Porter Ranch residents," said Mayor Antonovich.

This notice follows a directive issued on November 20, 2015 by the County Department of Public Health to expedite repair of the natural gas leak and to provide temporary relocation of affected residents.

The Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health, Fire, Public Works, and Regional Planning will appear before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 24 to report on the ongoing gas leak. Mayor Antonovich will also ask a representative from AQMD to report on the matter.

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## Police Seek Help to Identify Assault Suspects

Pasadena Police Detectives are asking the public's help identifying the persons responsible for assaulting an elderly man resulting in significant injuries.

On October 13, at approximately 3:30 pm, a 63-year old male was walking with a cane south on the west sidewalk of Lake Ave, north of E. Claremont St. As the elderly victim neared the northwest corner of Claremont St., he saw three individuals on Claremont St. just west of him. For no apparent reason, one of the three individuals approached the victim and shoved him to the ground resulting in the elderly victim sustaining a broken elbow and collarbone. The three suspects then ran west on Claremont Street to an awaiting car. The car drove north on Hudson Ave. out of sight.

The suspect that assaulted the victim was described as a Black male, 25-27 years of age, 6'1", weighing approximately 175 pounds, clean shaven and wearing a blue jersey with a red collar and white lettering on the front, blue pants and a blue baseball cap. A second suspect was described as Black male, 25-27 years of age, and wearing a white t-shirt and red shorts; no further description. A third suspect was described as a Black male, 25-27 years of age, 5'11", 150 pounds, with short twisted dreadlocks and multiple tattoos on his stomach and both arms. He was only wearing gray cut-off sweatpants and his hands were wrapped in white tape (similar to a boxer). The driver was described as a Black male wearing a white T-shirt and white or gray shorts; no further description.

The suspect vehicle is described as a late model silver Toyota Camry or similar.

The investigation is on-going. Anyone with information is asked to contact Pasadena Police Detective David Duran at (626) 744-7113, or the non-emergency number at (626) 744-4241.

## Pet of the Week



Ella (A388953) is a sweet and sociable five-year-old, Russian blue mix shorthaired cat. She loves attention and enjoys having her face and chin gently rubbed. If you're looking for a friendly and affectionate couch buddy, you should meet Ella! Ella 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](http://www.pasadenahumane.org).



## Doo Dah Celebrates 38th Year

With more than a month to go before the Rose Parade, the city's "alter ego," Doo Dah parade hit the streets of East Pasadena Saturday bring with it, everything, from a pink convertible Cadillac DeVille drivable hot tub to Cupcake Cars

to Klingons. This year marked the parades 38th year.

Royal Majesty Queen Veronika MeowMeowzz (pictured right) rode on a giant three wheeled chopper.

This year's Grand Marshal was singer/songwriter, dressed in a red robe; Juli Crockett batted off flying tortillas with a racket. Throwing tortillas is a staple of the parade.

The parade ended with a Secret Santa, Doo Dah's take on the

North Pole icon dressed in blue.

Doo Dah was conceived in 1978 by several friends as an irreverent alternative to the traditional formality of the Rose Parade.

## Pops Annual Holiday Look in Home Tour

Join the Pasadena Symphony and Pops, Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6 for one of Pasadena's most cherished holiday traditions the Holiday Look In.

The Holiday Look In Home Tour is a showcase of Pasadena's magnificent architecture, both historical and new, melded with the magic and pageantry of Pasadena's finest floral artists. Join us in touring four wonderful homes and gardens, decorated for the holidays by Pasadena's finest floral designers. Enjoy music by Pasadena Symphony members, stroll the gardens and shop to your heart's content at the Holiday Boutique. Proceeds support the Pasadena Symphony Association. The four magnificent homes that will be featured in this year's tour are the Lyddon Home, Hanson and Judice Home, Asjes Home and the Ermshar and Monahan Home.

The self-guided tour starts at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 150 N. Madison Avenue Pasadena Tour 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Boutique: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The location of each home will be sent with purchased tickets.

For more information visit [pasadenasympphony-pops](http://pasadenasympphony-pops).

## Small Business Saturday

Today is Small Business Saturday - a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Please join the SBA and organizations across the country in supporting your local small business by shopping at a small business.

Pasadena Chamber members who have taken part in Small Business Saturday in the past include Atelier Femme at 1033 E. Green Street, Ten Thousand Villages at 567 South Lake Avenue, CREPEstudio at 99 East Union, Therapy clothing at 65 East Holly and Tokyo Shabu Shabu at 345 South Lake on Small Business Saturday for free giveaways

Vroman's Bookstore hosts the day of literary events at their store with author readings, book signings and much more.

For more info and other local participants at: <http://www.smallbusinesssaturday.com>.

## Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck to Resign

In a sudden announcement last Friday, Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck said he will step down in February to pursue a position at UCLA.

His last day in city hall will be Feb. 14. He starts at UCLA March 1.

According to reports, Beck was approached by UCLA in May about an administrative vice chancellor position at the college. Beck told city employees, in a letter, that his first reaction was to decline the offer but later decided it was a professional opportunity he wanted to pursue.

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek said Beck's departure has nothing to do with a \$6.5 million embezzlement uncovered last year. Tornek said he asked him to stay not leave. Along with Tornek, city council members have said they were always impressed with how devoted he was to the city.

Beck said before becoming Pasadena city manager in



2008 he held a position at UC Riverside.

The city has not released any information as to Beck's replacement or who would be city manager in the interim.

Since the embezzlement, in which former public works employee Danny Wooten siphoned money from the city for 11 years, Beck fired both the city's public works and finance directors. At the time there had been numerous community leaders calling for Beck resignation.

## Public Invited To El Nino Forum Tuesday Night

*The keynote speaker is Jet Propulsion Laboratory climate scientist William Patzert, Ph.D.*

Weather forecasters and scientists are predicting the upcoming El Niño weather pattern could bring severe storms that will impact Southern California with flooding, mud slides, wind damage, related power outages and property damage. The City is actively preparing to meet the challenges of El Niño and urges all residents and businesses to do the same.

The public can learn more about the expected El Niño weather system at a community forum beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the Pasadena Convention Center, Ballrooms B & C, 300 E. Green St. William Patzert, Ph.D., a Jet Propulsion Laboratory climate scientist, is keynote speaker. Officials from several City departments will present information. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The community forum is sponsored by Councilmember Steve Madison and is the latest in a series of public meetings

hosted by the City or City Council members. The City has also created a special website at [www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/ElNino](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/ElNino) with tips, preparedness, key phone numbers and sand bag info. Anyone of lives or works in Pasadena is urged to register their phones at [www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS) to receive emergency alerts.

The Cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank also are working together to provide emergency preparedness info on a "Tri-Cities" website, [www.elninoREADY.org](http://www.elninoREADY.org). The cities are planning to send out mutual social media info via Twitter with the @VerdugoAlert handle, [www.twitter.com/VerdugoAlert](http://www.twitter.com/VerdugoAlert).

Whether it's an El Niño event, major earthquake or other disaster, all residents and businesses should have enough food, water and other emergency supplies to last from three days to a week, or longer, in response to a widespread emergency. It is not a matter of "if" but "when" a disaster will occur. All members of your family, including pets, need to be prepared at home, in the car, and at work.

## Free Upcoming Events at Pasadena Senior Center



There is something for everyone in December at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. All events listed are free.

You do not have to be a member to attend. Some events require advance reservations as noted.

**Stay Connected with Social Media - Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 1 to 17, from 9 to 11 a.m.** Learn how to keep in touch with family and friends via email, Skype, Facebook and other forms of social media during a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with an instructor. You'll choose which applications you want to learn. Bring a laptop or use one of the onsite computers. 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, Dec. 1 to 17, 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.

**Disaster Preparedness - Thursday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m.** Are you prepared for the next major earthquake and other disasters? Learn how to create a disaster kit, make disaster plans and how to get the special you need before the

next disaster occurs. Presented by Lisa Derderian, emergency management coordinator for the Pasadena Fire Department.

**Friday Movie Matinees - Fridays, Dec. 4 and 11, at 1 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4:** San Andreas (2015, PG-13) starring Dwayne Johnson and Carla Gugino. In the aftermath of a massive earthquake in California, a rescue-helicopter pilot makes a dangerous journey with his ex-wife across the state to rescue his daughter. Dec. 11: It's a Wonderful Life (1946, NR) starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he had never existed. Dec. 18: Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961, NR) starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard. A young New York socialite becomes interested in a young man who has moved into her apartment building (please note this film will begin at 2:30 p.m.).

**Cardmaking Workshop - Monday, Dec. 7, from noon to 2 p.m.** Surprise a special someone with a personalized, handmade greeting card. Whether it's a happy birthday, happy holidays, thank you, thinking of you or other sentiment, you'll create a decorative card in your own unique style and have fun discovering your creativity while workshop leaders help you bring your ideas to life. All materials will be provided.



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## THE 33 IS ACA'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

Arcadia Chinese Association President Francine Chiu and Co-President Shelley Liu threw a fun, semi-formal dinner gala Saturday night, November 14, 2015, that was one of the biggest and most entertaining in the 33-year history of the organization.

It was also the most successful event before it began thanks to many big sponsors of the event and the yearbook, and more than 200 ticket sales.

But the revelry and celebration began only after an appropriate moment of silence for the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris 24-hours earlier.

Mayor Gary Kovacic and two other City Council members as well as Congresswoman Judy Chu and her husband, Los Angeles Community College District Vice President Mike Eng, were among the dignitaries in attendance.

Shortly after dinner, amiable hosts Aaron Rose and Wendy began the program after the moment of silence with presentations from the dignitaries and acknowledgement of the dozens of all-volunteer members of the ACA board and fundraiser committee who work so hard to produce the annual yearbook and event that raises more than \$30,000. That money is



donated throughout the year to many groups, organizations and projects from police, fire and library to the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and others.

Then the many entertainment acts began that included a costumed man called Wei Qi Zong whose face mask repeatedly changed every time he shook his head or turned around — from an ancient warrior to Spider-Man and many other characters. A beautiful ballet was performed by Meilu and Cameron Schwanz, followed by a line of young ladies dressed in modern fashionable costumes

playing orchestral rock music on stringed instruments and a solo by a woman playing a stripped down electric violin. Then came a solo singer and two poetry readings.

The 2015 yearbook is subtitled “Respect: Give it to Get it” and features summaries of all the many events produced by the ACA the past year as well as personally-written articles by everyone from Chiu and Liu to the Mayor, City Manager, police and fire chiefs, Arcadia Chamber of Commerce President, School Board President and Superintendent, and many others. — By Scott Hettrick

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

*For the period of Sunday, November 15th, through Saturday, November 21st, the Police Department responded to 1,002 calls for service of which 108 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.*

### Sunday, November 15:

1. At approximately 3:17 a.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Duarte Road and La Cadena Avenue for failing to stop at a stop sign. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 17-year-old male from El Monte had never been issued a license. He was cited and released in the field. His vehicle was released to the registered owner.
2. Just before 8:12 p.m., an officer responded to an underground parking lot in the 400 block of East Huntington Drive regarding subjects smoking marijuana. A consensual search of the subjects revealed the 29-year-old male was in possession of a glass smoking pipe and the 32-year-old female was in possession of an altered airsoft gun. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

### Monday, November 16:

3. At about 5:25 a.m., an officer responded to Paco's Restaurant, 200 East Foothill Boulevard, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed four unknown suspects broke into the restaurant, forcibly removed a safe, and fled in a white Lincoln Navigator. The investigation is ongoing.
4. At approximately 4:57 p.m., an officer responded the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a battery that occurred two weeks ago at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 66 West Duarte Road. The officer discovered a fellow church goer pushed the victim for no apparent reason. The suspect is a 34-year-old male from El Monte. The investigation is ongoing.

### Tuesday, November 17:

5. Around 8:57 p.m., an officer responded to Café Maji inside of Arcadia Fitness Club, 56 East Duarte Road, regarding a suspicious circumstances report. A witness reported seeing a male suspect put something into his female guest's drink. A short time later, the female victim felt ill and was transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for evaluation. The suspect is described as an Asian male, 21 to 25-years-old, and approximately 6' tall. The investigation is ongoing.
6. Just after 10:07 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of Woodland Lane regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) broke a rear bedroom window, ransacked the residence, and fled with \$100 cash. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Wednesday, November 18:

7. Shortly after 12:02 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Oakwood Avenue regarding a fraud report. The suspect made arrangements to purchase two couches from the victim; however, the suspect issued the check for \$1,950.00, rather than the previously agreed-upon amount of \$400.00. The victim was asked to send back the difference. When the victim went to cash the check, she realized it was fraudulent.
8. At about 9:13 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Colorado Boulevard and Fifth Avenue for expired registration. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the 41-year-old female from Monrovia was driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released in the field. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

### Thursday, November 19:

9. At approximately 2:22 a.m., an officer responded to Helen's Cycles, 142 East Huntington Drive, regarding an audible alarm. The officer discovered unknown suspect(s) threw a large rock at the business' window in an attempt to gain entry. The investigation is ongoing.
10. Around 11:56 p.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Shopping Town, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim discovered her rear window had been smashed and her purse had been stolen from the back seat. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.

### Friday, November 20:

11. Just after 4:32 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Mayflower Avenue regarding a theft report. The victim discovered an unknown suspect opened her delivered package and stolen its contents. No suspects were seen and no witnesses were located.
12. At about 6:11 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed the victim's sister deposited a fraudulent check into their joint account and withdrew the funds. The investigation is ongoing.

### Saturday, November 21:

13. Just after 1:56 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in the area of ovell Avenue and Duarte Road for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the driver had a restricted license due to a prior DUI and the vehicle was not equipped with the required ignition interlock device (IID). The 42-year-old male from El Monte was cited and released in the field.
14. At about 6:20 p.m., an officer responded to a single-vehicle injury traffic collision in the area of Longden Avenue and Santa Anita Avenue. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. Through a series of tests and the admittance from the driver, the officer determined the 65-year-old male from San Gabriel was driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. Due to his injuries, the suspect was cited and released to hospital staff for treatment.

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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.*

**Public Intoxication** – Suspect Arrested On November 19 at 9:44 a.m., officers were dispatched to a park in the 300 block of South Myrtle regarding an intoxicated male lying on the grass. When officers arrived, they found several open and empty beer cans laying on the grass next to him. The officers determined the subject was intoxicated and could not care for himself. He was arrested for public intoxication and taken into custody.

**Fight in Progress** On November 19 at 9:37 p.m. officers responded to the 700 block of East Huntington regarding a fight in progress. Upon contacting both subjects they were squared off ready to fight. Through investigation, officers determined one subject was the aggressor and was arrested for challenging to fight.

**Residential Robbery** On November 20 at 2:06 a.m., a resident in the 800 block of Monterey reported a subject pushed his way into their home holding a knife and overpowering the older male adult victim. The victim's son saw the attacker on top of his father and tackled the suspect. A violent fight ensued. The father saw another suspect at his door so he shut it and locked him out. The son overpowered the suspect, taking his knife away, and holding him down until police arrived. The suspect was arrested for robbery and taken into custody. This investigation is continuing.

**Domestic Battery** – Suspect Arrested On November

20 at 9:48 a.m. officers were dispatched to the corner of Lime and Mayflower regarding a male and female adult couple arguing. A resident in the area witnessed the male hit the female. When officers arrived, both subjects were detained and determined they were married. The female did not have visible injuries and did not complain of pain. After speaking with witnesses to the battery. The male subject was arrested for domestic battery and taken into custody.

**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol** – Suspect Arrested On November 21 at 4:31 p.m. an officer was traveling east on Evergreen approaching Magnolia when he observed a motorist commit a traffic violation. The officer followed after the motorist and stopped the car at Mayflower and Duarte. The officer approached the male driver, who appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted the driver was arrested for driving under the influence and held for sobering.

**Attempt Residential Burglary** On November 21 at 10:42 p.m., an officer was responded to the 300 block of Fowler. A The resident left the location around 5:00 p.m. and returned at 10:30 p.m. to discover two window screens were partially removed to the rear of the residence. No loss was discovered.

**Domestic Violence** – Suspect Arrested On November 21 at 12:42 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of West Foothill regarding a male and female adult couple arguing. When officers arrived, they learned the male had struck the female in the face causing an injury. The male suspect was arrested and taken into custody for domestic violence. An emergency protective order was obtained and served on the suspect.

## CITY OF MONROVIA AND THE MONROVIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### ANNOUNCE KICK OFF OF THE MONROVIA LEGACY PROJECT

Monrovia, CA. November 15, 2015 – The Monrovia Legacy Project will preserve and share materials on Monrovia history never before available to the public.

For fifty years, Monrovia's City Historians Steve Baker and his predecessor Myron Hotchkiss gathered photographs and historical documents that reveal Monrovia's unique history. Other Monrovia's have collections and recollections that help bring its story up-to-date. These private collections and the knowledge that resides in Monrovia's City Historian have not been cataloged or preserved. The Monrovia Legacy Project has been created to prevent the loss of this rich treasure trove and share it with the public through the Monrovia Public Library.

The Project's mission is to preserve and share the historic information. Its goals are:

- To document and preserve City Historian Steve Baker's knowledge and collections, and generate end products to share them.
- To compile other Monrovia's historical memories and records -- people of all backgrounds -- and create a collection that can be built upon.
- To create places and methods for storing and sharing this history at the Library.

The City of Monrovia is providing partial financial support to the Project through a fund given to the City for enhancing the Library's collections. The Project is seeking other donations

to complete the budget. The Monrovia Historical Society (revitalized in 2015) is the non-profit home for the Project.

“This is such a great project! The City of Monrovia is proud to be part of it. Monrovia's history has made us what we are and sets the stage for what we can become. It's so important that we record it.” Tom Adams, Mayor of Monrovia.

The Legacy Project is a three-year undertaking, in three stages:

**PRESERVE:** Scan, digitize, inventory and catalog the photos and papers, transfer to archival storage materials, and create a comprehensive online repository.

**SHARE:** Create physical products -- photo and/narrative books, video series/documentary, written and oral histories, and content for teaching curriculum.

**EDUCATE:** Create website for distributing products and plan to engage the public.

The public is invited to share photos, documents, recollections and ideas. The intent is to tell the stories of citizens and organizations of all types that shaped this diverse city.

Project Staff include Project Co-Managers Sandy Burud, Ph.D. & Louise Robertson, Ed.D., City Historian Steve Baker, Tina Cherry, Director, Department of Public Services, is the City Liaison to the Project.

## SAM KANG ELECTED MAYOR OF DUARTE; MARGARET FINLAY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM IN ANNUAL DUARTE CITY COUNCIL REORGINAZATION

DUARTE, CA, November 25, 2015 – Duarte City Council members voted unanimously to elect Sam Kang, Mayor for 2015-2016 and Margaret Finlay, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council at the November 24, 2015 meeting.

Mayor Kang, was first elected to the Duarte City Council in 2013. As both the newest member of the City Council and the first Chinese American to serve, Kang, a healthcare IT project manager was voted unanimously to serve as

Mayor by his colleagues. In addition to his duties on the Council, Kang serves as the official Council representative to the Duarte Community Services Council, the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and is also a member of the League of California Cities Asian Pacific Islander Caucus.

Mayor Pro-Tem Finlay has been a member of the Duarte City Council since 1990. Finlay has been a resident of Duarte with her husband,

Brad, for over 30 years where they have raised five children, all graduates of Duarte public schools. Margaret is President of the Duarte Education Foundation and also is a member of the Duarte Rotary Club. Outside of the City, Margaret is on the Executive Committee for the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, a member of the LA County Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Board, and Vice President of the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council.

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All families are welcome to learn how they can partner with schools to support their children's success whether their child has a disability or shares a classroom with children who do. Parents will learn how the diversity of children in classrooms enriches the everyday learning experiences of the children, families, teachers and staff of PUSD schools.

Dec. 2 is National Special Education Day and marks the anniversary of the signing of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which was signed into law by President Gerald Ford in 1975.

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PUSD's Parent University builds families' access to knowledge about what children are learning; the workings of the school system; how to provide educational support to their children; and how to partner with teachers and schools to advocate for their children's educational needs. For more information, visit [gopusd.com/families](http://gopusd.com/families).



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## HAVE A GRATEFUL DAY

Last week, during a walk with "Brown", one of my favorite four-legged friends, we both seemed unusually aware of how blessed we are to be alive, just walking together and enjoying the weather. Along the way we came across an unexpected, subtle yet powerful Sierra Madre treasure.

This treasure could have easily gone unnoticed, but somehow that day it caught my eye and it had such a positive impact on me that I decided to share it with my readers. Many thanks to the kind neighbor who lives on Fairview Ave. for placing this lovely treasure in the plastic letter dispenser you put in your front yard, for passers-by such as Brown and I to enjoy!

### GRATITUDE:

You think this is just another day in your life. It's not just another day. It's the one day that is given to you - today. It's given to you. It's a gift. It's the only gift that you have right now. And the only appropriate response is gratefulness.

If you do nothing else but to cultivate that response to the great gift that this unique day is, if you learn to respond as if it were the first day of your life, and the very last day, then you will have spent this day very well.

Begin by opening your eyes and be surprised that you have eyes you can open. That incredible array of colors that is constantly offered to us for pure enjoyment.

Look at the sky. We so rarely look at the sky. We so rarely note how different it is from moment to moment, with clouds coming and going. We just think of the weather, and even of the weather we don't think of the many nuances of weather. We just think of good weather and bad weather. This day right now has unique weather, maybe a kind of weather that will never exactly be the same that is right now. The formation of clouds in the sky will never be the same that is right now. Open your eyes. Look at that.

Look at the faces of people that you meet. Each one has an incredible story behind their face. A story that you could never fully fathom.

## Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Not only their own story, but the story of their ancestors. We all go back so far. And in the present moment on this day, all the people you meet, all that life from generations and from so many places all over the world, flows together and meets you here like a life-giving water if you only open your heart and drink.

Open your heart to the incredible gifts that civilization gives to us. You flip a switch and there is electric light. You turn on a faucet and there is warm water and cold water and drinkable water. It is a gift that millions in the world will never experience.

So these are just a few of an enormous number of gifts to which you can open your heart. And so I wish for you that you would open your heart to all these blessings and let them flow through you. That everyone whom you will meet on this day will be blessed by you; Just by your eyes, by your smile, by your touch - just by your presence. Let the gratefulness overflow into blessing all around you, and then it will really be a good day.

Source: A film by Louie Schwartzberg, narration by Brother David Steindl-Rast, www.MovingArt.TV

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Though weighing about 51 pounds, Dorothy still makes every effort to fit into one's lap for some gentle pets... until she happily falls asleep within minutes. She truly enjoys spending time with people, be it indoors or out, and is happiest during her walks in the park. Although Dorothy enjoys and looks forward to her walks, she does not need long strenuous walks. Life on the streets was rough without a family to care for her and has taken a toll on Dorothy's knees but it's nothing that can't be fixed with medical care and well deserved TLC.

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She 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 Dorothy, and perhaps Toto, please stop by any time from

10:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Her adoption fee is \$145 and includes spay surgery, vaccinations, microchip and a free wellness exam at a participating veterinarian. Under the shelter's 'Adopt A Buddy' program, a second dog adopted is \$39. Feel free to call us at (626) 286-1159 for more information on Dorothy. If you are interested in meeting Dorothy 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. See our website at www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all our wonderful pets.

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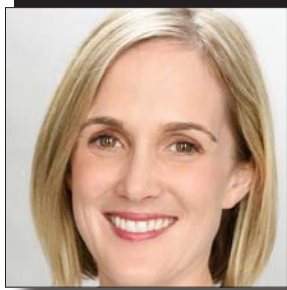
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### A DAILY GRATITUDE PRACTICE

*"Gratitude is an opener of locked-up blessings."*

~Marianne Williamson

Yes, indeed! Gratitude not only enriches our lives but the people around us reap the benefits too. People respond and gravitate to the person who is grateful. Good health follows gratitude as well. It is an all natural boost to the immune system. The 'filled up' feeling permeates our emotional disposition and replenishes and rejuvenates our energetic body. We are stronger.

So how do we 'get grateful'? How can this feeling become a more permanent part of who we are and not a temporary feeling? A daily gratitude practice is how. Here are my top three ways to stay grateful:

1. Keep a gratitude journal or make a gratitude list. When we feel the world has cut us short in

some way, we need to recall all the positives in our life. Most of us have so many things and people to be grateful for, we cannot even record them all in one sitting. Each day we may appreciate something new or surprisingly, appreciate the seemingly bad.

2. Write those thank you notes. And mail them. So much communication is done electronically, a 'like' on Facebook, emails, text messages. There's no substitute for a received- in-the-mail handwritten thank you note.

3. Give back. How much has been freely given to you? Go back to the attitude of giving for fun and for free...it can change your entire outlook.

People who are grateful take better care of themselves. On that note, hope to see you in class!

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## BUSINESS NEWS & TRENDS

### FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



### THE FINAL LOG-OFF: WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR DATA WHEN WE DIE?

Take a moment and consider how much of your life you live online. If you are like me, you bank, pay bills, make purchases, connect with friends, and conduct business online (in fact, I even met my wife online)! Now think about all the digital assets you have accumulated - account information, passwords, emails, photos, videos, etc. But what happens to all of it when we die?

Since you will not be around anymore, you may not care. But chances are good your loved ones will. There have been many stories of families trying to get access to a deceased family member's photos and emails on social media sites - in fact, there have been so many requests that most of these sites now have policies in place for family to gain access or deactivate online accounts:

Google. Google features an Inactive Account Manager, which allows users to choose to name a beneficiary for their online account activity on all Google sites (which includes YouTube) or to delete it after a set amount of time passes during which the account is inactive.

Facebook. Facebook allows family members to request that a decedent's account be deleted or provides them with an option to "memorialize" the decedent's page so it stays up, but is essentially frozen in time. Facebook requires you to provide a death certificate or a published obituary to accomplish this.

LinkedIn. LinkedIn provides an online form to remove a deceased member's profile page from the site. You will need to furnish the member's name, email address, the URL to their LinkedIn profile and some other information

as well as a link to their online obituary.

Twitter. You must email Twitter a request to delete the account of a family member who has passed and mail them a copy of the death certificate, the obituary as well as a copy of your ID and proof that the decedent owned the account if his or her Twitter handle is different from their given name.

Yahoo. You can have an account deleted by providing Yahoo with paper copies of the death certificate and the document appointing you are the executor of the estate or personal representative of the deceased along with a letter furnishing the Yahoo ID of the decedent and your request that the account be deleted. Yahoo will not transfer or preserve any data in the account. But why make your loved ones jump through hoops to deal with your digital assets? You can take care of it yourself with these three simple steps:

List all your digital assets. You may already have a list of all your online accounts and passwords (who can remember them all?) so you're halfway there. Add to that a list of documents on your computer as well as photos and other data that may be stored on backup or flash drives.

Decide to keep or delete. Not everyone wants their family to have access to all their digital files, so review your list and decide which files are worth preserving and which ones can be deleted. Then tell your family.

Designate a digital executor. If you have already named an executor in your estate plan, you may want the same person to handle the disposition of your digital assets. If not, then designate someone in your will to handle this task. Do NOT include your accounts and passwords in your will! A will is a public document and this private information can easily be stolen.

To talk about digital asset protection or estate planning in general, call our office today. As the holiday season approaches, there really is no better gift you can give yourself and your family.

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## Social Media Tips, Tricks & Ideas

by: MJ Finstrom

Deliciously Simple Marketing Recipe for the Holidays

Here is the basic recipe:

1. Prepare a game plan. Know what you want to offer; a coupon, a discount, a special event but it must have value to your audience.
2. Target the audience. What does your ideal customer look like? Where do they 'hang out' on line the channels they frequent (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
3. Choose the channels of communication. Email Marketing is a great way to target your current customers and prospects. Social media is a useful media for building your brand awareness. Advertising on Facebook can be a powerful tool to drive new business. Maybe a printed piece can be sent. How will you get the message out there?
4. Create the campaign. Find relevant

images and or videos that will support your message. Craft your copy, be creative. How you say something can make a difference.

5. Create a delivery schedule. Take a look at a blank December calendar and look for opportunities to deliver your message.
6. Execute the campaign Press SEND, spend some money on Facebook ads to extend your reach, inform your staff of how they need to re-post your social media messages, get the ball rolling and keep it rolling.

About MJ: MJ and her brother David own HUTdogs, a creative services business that helps their clients build a strong on-line presence. "Like" them on Facebook for trending news in social media, internet marketing and other helpful tips, [www.facebook.com/hutdogs](http://www.facebook.com/hutdogs). Sign up for their upcoming workshops at: [www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule](http://www.hutdogs.com/workshops/schedule)



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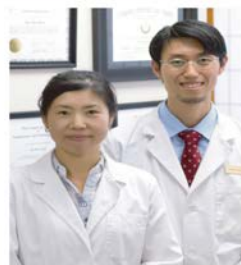
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## SENIOR-FRIENDLY FURNITURE AIDS FOR MOBILITY CHALLENGED SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I am interested in purchasing a recliner that lifts and lowers off the ground, or some other type of senior-friendly furniture that can help my elderly father. He's arthritic and overweight and struggles mightily with getting up from most of the cushioned furniture in the house. What can you recommend?  
Need a Boost

Dear Need,  
The task of sitting down and/or getting up from soft cushioned furniture is a problem for many seniors who struggle with excessive weight, arthritis or other mobility issues. Here are some different product solutions that can help.

### Lift Recliners

One of the most popular types of cushioned furniture on the market today for mobility challenged seniors is an electric recliner lift chair. While they look just like regular recliners, powerlift recliners come with a built-in motor that raises and lowers the entire chair, which makes sitting down and getting up much easier.

- With literally dozens of different types and styles of lift recliners to choose from, here are a few key points that can help you select a good fit for your dad.

- Chair size: The recliner needs to fit the person sitting in it, so your dad's height and weight will determine the size of chair he needs.

- Reclining options: Aside from the lifting system, the degree in which the chair reclines is your choice too. Most lift recliners are sold as either two-position, three-position or infinite-position lift chairs. The two-position chairs recline only to about 45 degrees, which makes them ideal for watching TV or reading. But if your dad wants to nap, he'll probably want a three-position or infinite-position chair that reclines almost completely horizontally.

Style and features: You'll also need to choose the type of fabric, color and back style you want the chair to be, or if you want any extra features like built-in heating or massage elements, or a wall hugging chair which is great if you're tight on space.

While there are many companies that make lift recliners – such as Med-Lift, NexIdea, Catnapper, Berkline, Franklin and La-z-boy – Pride Mobility (pridemobility.com) and Golden Technologies (goldentech.com) have been around the longest and have some of the best reputations. With prices



typically ranging between \$600 and \$2,000, you can find lift recliners at many medical supply stores and online.

You'll also be happy to know that Medicare provides some help purchasing a lift chair. They cover the lift mechanism portion, which equates to around \$300 towards your purchase.

### Risedale Chairs

If powerlift recliners don't appeal to your dad, another option to consider is a Risedale chair. These are open-legged, wing back chairs that are different from lift recliners because only the seat cushion lifts instead of the whole chair. Sold by Carex Health Brands (carex.com), the Risedale costs \$725.

### Furniture Adapters

If you're looking for something less expensive, or if your dad doesn't want different furniture, there are also a number of assistive products that can be added to his current furniture that can help too, like the Stander CouchCane or EZ Stand-N-Go (see stander.com).

These products provide support handles that make sitting down and standing up a little easier, and they both work on couches and recliners. Available online at Amazon.com, the CouchCanes sell for around \$110, and the EZ Stand-N-Go costs \$129.

Another way to make your dad's furniture more accessible is by increasing its height with furniture risers. These typically range from 2 to 5 inches in height, are made of heavy-duty plastic or wood, and are inserted under the base of the legs or supports of his furniture. Costs typically range from a few dollars up to \$50 or more and can be purchased at retail stores like Walmart and Target, or online at Amazon.com.

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.

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...November Birthdays\*

Alberta Curran, Carmela Frontino, Kathy Wood, Lena Zate, Joe Pergola, Janice Kacer, Valerie Howard, "Mike" Ruggles, Joan Ruggles, Lois Stueck, Jean Wood, Shirley Yergeau, Kathi Jefferson, Pat Krok, Irene Nakagawa, Anna Ross, Mary Steinberg and Sue Quinn. \*To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

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



### YWCA San Gabriel Valley - Intervale Senior Cafe

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.

**Tech Talk:** Held on Monday, October 19th and 26th from 1:30-2:30pm. Learn how to use your new technology devices. Please reserve your space with the Hart Park House by calling 626-355-7394.

**Hawaiian and Polynesian Dance Class:** Every Tuesday morning from 10am to 11am. Join instructor Barbara Dempsey as she instructs you in the art of hula.

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

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

**Brain Games:** 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.

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

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

**Game Day:** Every Thursday starting at 12:00pm. (Please note the time change.) A regular group of seniors play poker. Other games available for use.

**Free Strength Training Class:** Every Friday from 12:45pm to 1:30pm with Lisa Brandley. The class utilizes light weights for low impact resistance training. All materials for the class are provided.

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



### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS: CANDLELIGHT PAVILION (CLAREMONT)

#### HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

**DATE:** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015  
**TIME:** 10:30AM - 4:00PM  
**MEETING LOCATION:** HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER  
**COST:** \$75.00 (LUNCH IS INCLUDED)

Description: Ben D. Bollinger's Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre in Claremont provides patrons with a dinner theatre and musicals for a theatrical experience the caliber of the Broadway shows in downtown LA. The gourmet food prepared by the executive chef and served by his formal wait staff ranks the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre as a fine food restaurant that rivals any fine dining establishment in Los Angeles and San Bernardino. For 30 years, the Candlelight Pavilion has written and produced each of its Christmas shows with a focus on the spirit of Christmas and bringing family and friends together. Appropriate dress requested: Jackets for gentleman, tie optional, dress or dressy pant suits for ladies, no jeans, t-shirts or tennis shoes. Price includes lunch, show and gratuity. Level of Walking: Low. Last day to register is November 2nd. Please call the Hart Park House at (626)-355-7394.

#### Excursion Refund Policy

Notification of the cancellation must be made at least 3 business days before the excursion. A refund will only be issued 1) for a medical excuse or 2) if the Department is able to fill the patrons spot from a waiting list. This refund will be issued in the form of a credit which will be applied to the patron's account with the City, less a \$11 cancellation fee. The credit will remain on your account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Community Services Dept.

#### LUNCH AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

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#### LIFESAVERS PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The Sierra Madre Lifesavers Paramedic Subscription Program is an official program offered by the City of Sierra Madre which offsets the cost of emergency medical responses. The membership program is available to residents of Sierra Madre. Your subscription to the program will perform similar to a secondary insurance plan, with no out-of-pocket cost to you. Subscriptions are \$60.00 per individual (July 1 – June 30). For additional information contact The Sierra Madre Fire Department 626-355-3611.



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

You may have noticed that my column didn't appear in last week's paper. Usually when this happens it is because things have piled up at work and I've fallen behind in my submission of new material, or sometimes I simply don't have any great ideas for an article. But this last week I did have a good excuse for failing to turn anything in --my finger hurt "like all get out!"

What made it worse was that I wasn't entirely sure how it happened. Sometime Wednesday night I woke up to get an extra blanket from the closet. Our closets have sliding doors that are infamous for smashing fingers, so in retrospect I think that must've been what caused it, but I was in a foggy sleep state at the time and can't be sure. In the morning I was surprised that my finger hurt and was swollen. At that time, however, I hadn't yet connected the dots between the pain in my finger and my midnight visit to the closet, so I thought maybe I had just slept on it funny. My husband told me I should have the nurse at the school where I work check it out.

When I got to work I called my parents as I do every morning, and told them about my mystery injury. My Mom, bless her heart, did what she usually does whenever there is the slightest thing wrong with me --overreact. (What a blessing it is to have a mom who cares about you enough to overreact!) I assured her that it was probably not a tumor or Ebola. I was a little concerned when my Dad, the voice of reason, thought it could've been an infection for which I would need an antibiotic.

Throughout the day I was alright as long as I ignored the pain and swelling. When you work with kids there is never a dull moment, which is good if you are trying to take your mind off your own problems. I was debating whether or not to have the nurse check out my finger. She's new at the school and I felt kind of silly waiting behind a kid who got hit with a ball at recess to have her look at my damaged digit. But she was very nice and took her time examining me. "And you don't know how it happened?" she asked. "I think I may have smashed it in the closet door?" I said sheepishly. "The only other thing I can think of is a bite," she said. Oh great! I thought. Our house, like probably every other property in Sierra Madre, has experienced an outdoor infestation of brown widow spiders. (I will have to write an article about that, too!) I had only seen one inside, but the thought of sleeping with those nasty buggers might just inspire my husband and I to burn our house down. We both HATE spiders! "But there doesn't appear to be any bite marks," the nurse said, turning my sausage sized finger from side to side. "Yeah, that's pretty swollen," she said.

By now the normal creases in my finger had disappeared. It reminded me of a bloated queen termite. (If this metaphor isn't doing anything for you, look up images of queen termites and you'll see

exactly what I'm talking about.) "Is it, like--" she made a grimace to show that she was looking for a word. "Throbbing?" I said, "Yes." "Can you move it?" she asked. I gingerly bent my finger for her. "Yeah, I don't think you broke it," she continued, "Otherwise you'd be howling in pain right now." Does it still count that I might be howling if I wasn't too embarrassed to do that in front of you and the second grader with a bump on his head? "Okay, well that's good to know," I replied. "I'll get you an ice pack" she said, going to the little fridge between her desk and the cot where the sick kids lie down. I thanked her as I swaddled it around my club finger. It was noon and I had about three hours to go.

As the day progressed I realized just how invaluable my right index finger is. Typing was difficult, using a fork at lunch was slightly challenging. However, things got worse during a meeting that afternoon. My presentation was over fairly quickly, although I had to consciously not gesture with my hands while talking. I didn't want to scare anyone. By now my ice pack had become room temperature, and I could feel the blood throbbing against the taut skin. What if this is an infection? I thought. Maybe my finger's going to actually explode! I remembered that you're supposed to elevate wounds above your heart to lessen the blood flow, but I didn't feel like I could casually hold my hand over my head for the rest of the meeting.

At one point the nurse came in to present her information. Here is my chance! I thought. I'll discretely ask her to bring me another ice pack when she leaves the meeting. She is very serious and focused, so it took a while for her to notice me staring at her. Finally I whispered, "Really sorry! Could I please trade it in for a new one?" lifting my warm ice pack for her to see. She smiled, "Yeah! No problem!" I smiled back and waited for her to get up --but she never did. As the painful minutes ticked by I realized that she misinterpreted my indirect request for her to get me another ice pack. Sometimes when I'm stressed I can be literal like that, too. When at last I realized waiting for her was futile, I chose an opportune moment to excuse myself.

Part of why I wanted the nurse to get the ice pack herself was that I didn't want to go through her things. But it didn't matter now, all that mattered was surviving the meeting. Her little fridge looked like the promised land. So you'll appreciate my dismay when, upon opening it, there was only a bottle of medicine inside! Gritting my teeth, I replaced my warm ice pack and returned to the meeting. The nurse smiled at me as I sat down, not noticing the absence of a new ice pack. I smiled back at her, wearily. Driving home that day I hooked my hand above my head on the door handle, not caring how ridiculous I looked to the other drivers. The swelling eventually went down and, as you can see, I'm able to type again. The morals of the story are: Be careful of sliding doors, particularly when you're half asleep. And keep two bags of frozen peas at work, they make great ice packs, I learned.



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TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills  
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TRIED AND TRUE NIKKI C’S

My journey for old restaurants for PBS has taken me to many restaurants in Los Angeles, here in my own backyard of Pasadena there is a restaurant that I know will be around for a long time.

Nikki C’s is a small restaurant which possesses a large appeal. It is named after the owner’s daughter, and the restaurant has gathered a large faithful following over the years among racetrack enthusiasts, local neighbors and a slew of regulars from all parts unknown. It offers an Italian menu with an old American flair. The restaurant is softly lit and has almost a club feel about it. The bar has been recently upgraded with new TVs, and many of the patrons find Nikki C’s as attractive and satisfying as Norm would on any Cheers episode.

Most of the regulars sit at the bar when they take their main course, and it appeared to me that they felt as at ease as if they were in their own home enjoying a meal. For my last visit I decided to sit in the dining room which is quaint, or in proper American speak, on the small side. I wanted to get a better idea of what they had for a selection, so I decided that I would order half orders of appetizers and entrees. That way I could try more dishes and get a better idea of what they have to offer. For starters I had the Blue Cheese Wedge Salad (\$8). It is comprised of a crisp cut of lettuce topped with bacon bits and blue cheese dressing. That is one fantastic dish that I will order every time I come to this restaurant. I stuck with appetizers for our next course, which was a combination of Ahi Sashimi and Filet Mignon on toasted baguettes with a touch of wasabi mayo (\$11), a gold medal winner for this critic.

During the meal I enjoyed a Cadillac Margarita; I missed the ice float though. Well, that’s just how I enjoy it. Okay, its entrée time. You have to have lasagna at an Italian restaurant, don’t you? It brought back a forgotten memory of a place that I went to in Hoboken, NJ on a rainy day. It has enough cheese to satisfy any cheese lover and flavor that would make your mama lift her fork approvingly (\$16). My friend and political pundit Madd Maxx had the Cioppino Pasadino (\$25) that he swears is the best in town and has enough shelled fish to feed an army. Our host Nikki got wind that there was a big time food critic in the stable (I asked where?) She brought me a portion of the Tuscan Osso Bucco (Pork Shank) - for \$25 it will be well worth the full course on my next visit. Since I wasn’t driving I ended the night with a martini at the bar -- tasty, and at \$10 a pop I’ll stick around and have two. Dessert, I am full!

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On the Marquee: Notes from the Sierra Madre Playhouse

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY  
Opens Nov. 27th

OPENING  
WITHOUT ME

By Artistic Director,  
Christian Lebano

I sit down to write this with a piece of pumpkin pie by my laptop! Though I will be missing the opening night of A Christmas Memory (the first one I’ve missed since becoming Artistic Director) I had my own premiere last night as I prepared a sitdown dinner for 19 at my sister-in-law’s house ( a different kind of jitters – trust me.) It went off beautifully and I got glowing reviews as I know Friday’s opening of this charming musical will have done.

I’ve written before about the number of people it takes to mount a show and this team has worked exceptionally hard to mount what turned out to be a much more complicated show than we initially expected. It really is a testament to the team we’ve put in place that I would even consider not being there for the last week of tweaking and fixing before an opening. But I knew that this show was in excellent hands with this group.

We have a dynamite cast – I know that you will enjoy their great talents and find new favorites among them (I’m already plotting how I can entice them back for other shows!) They have shown great good humor and patience as we’ve worked out all of the details of a show with a live band, moving set pieces, body mics, and a dog!

We have had a great group of designers – David Goldstein did marvelous sets for us and worked so hard through all the technical rehearsals sharing his expertise and jumping in on things outside his contract as we labored to get the show up without a permanent Technical Director, Vicki Conrad (fresh off her Ovation win for Best Costume Design) has created a beautiful, period-appropriate look for the characters, Michael Kozachenko’s lights set the mood so well, and Barry Schwam’s additional sound effects complete the sound scape.

We have an incredible, hard-working management team led by Stage Manager Kelsey O’Keeffe who did a yeoman’s job



marshalling all of the many challenges on this show and never once lost her cool – she has been ably helped by her assistant, Emily Hopfauf, and Vicki Aguilar who run the backstage so capably.

Special thanks go to John Sparks, a member of our new Advisory Council, who came on as a Producer on this show. His years of experience (and unflappable calm) certainly taught me a thing or two. Estelle Campbell and Ward Calaway, my partners at the Playhouse, once again showed up and took on all the myriad tasks that go in to making these shows fly – a man couldn’t ask for better partners.

Thanks to Emily Cohn, our Musical Director, who put together the great band and coached the actors so well on this complicated music and never seemed to lose her smile or positive attitude – I look forward to working with her again in the future.

And finally, to Alison Eliel Kalmus, our director, who brought her passion for this story to this endeavor. She was a wonderful captain of this ship and I’m so glad she is part of the Playhouse team!

I look forward to getting back and seeing how all of their work has come together to create the magic that we do at the Playhouse. And Sunday I begin rehearsals for Deathtrap with another wonderful team. How lucky can I get!

A Christmas Memory - perfect for all ages - opened Friday and runs through the holidays to December 27. There is no chance of extending this one as Deathtrap is hot on its heels for its January 15 opening. Please visit our website at SierraMadrePlayhouse.org or call Mary at 626.355.4318 to arrange your purchase.

SEAN’S SHAMELESS  
REVIEWS:  
BEST FALL ALBUMS

By Sean Kayden



**Foxing – “Dealer”** – St. Louis quintet Foxing have released the rare sophomore successor to their impressive debut LP, “The Albatross” in the form of “Dealer.” It’s a massive record that spawns tranquility and meditateness. When I say massive, I don’t mean something loud or creating a raucous, but rather a subtle voyage that can still rattle one’s frame. The record unfolds with solid songwriting, beautiful guitars, and delicate pianos. Throughout the eleven tracks, sonic bliss is to be heard. There are frequent moments of catharsis yet every moment feels intentional. “Dealer” is truly a spellbinding experience that touches the mind and soul. It’s bold, bursting with raw emotion and beyond that, it’s brutally honest. “Dealer” may fall into sub categories like indie-rock/post-rock/emo-rock, but at the end of the day, this album just simply rocks.

**City Calm Down – “In A Restless House”** – “In A Restless House” from Melbourne band City Calm Down is a superb debut LP that is polished and refined. The alternative rock act bears a resemblance to bands such as The National, Empires, and The Editors. While the band remains fairly anonymous stateside, they have a strong, loyal fanbase in Australia. The eleven tracks are powerful, poignant, and intoxicating. While only on their first LP, City Calm Down’s endeavor puts to shame much of the releases from mainstream American rock bands these days. “In A Restless House” is a slow paced record, but when it explodes, it finds new dimensions. Introspective lyrics and brooding guitars, City Calm Down exemplifies an imposing rebirth of their original snythpop sound found on their first EP record. The record stands as an emotive effort and City Calm Down deserves every bit of attention. I hope they breakthrough here in the US because they

are more about substance than style (which they have plenty of both).

**Panama Wedding – “Info Focus” EP** – Panama Wedding has released their first follow-up to their indie-pop EP, “Parallel Play.” That was a super fun four-track EP that featured the popular Internet song, “All of the People.” While the band isn’t ready for their debut LP just yet, they have five spanking new songs. If you’re a fan of their infectiously catchy material then you’ll feel right at home with these latest tracks. One of the tunes “Infinite High” follows the same kind of sound of “All of the People” and while the band isn’t branching out into a different direction, they’re still making easy-going pop tunes. The band’s summery tracks are great during any season and the foursome known as Panama Wedding has a bright a future if they keep cranking out perky tunes.

**Hibou – “Hibou”** – Hibou is the Seattle-based solo project of 21-year-old Peter Michel, former drummer for Craft Spells. Not straying far from the wondrous dream pop of his earlier gig, Michel’s self-titled debut album is lush and powered by meandering reverbed-out guitar melodies and stylish arrangements. Michel’s washed-out vocals and luminescent guitars are masked in a foggy haze on many of the tracks here. The album is a prominent place for a listener to get lost inside. It serves as a getaway with dreamy echoes and nostalgic undertones. Once again, we have a promising debut album on this list from an artist with much potential. At any rate, dream-pop hasn’t sound quite this dreamy in a long time. Let the sounds of Hibou set you free. After all, isn’t that what an album should do for you anyway?

Jeff’s Book Pics By Jeff Brown

THOMAS JEFFERSON AND THE TRIPOLI  
PIRATES: THE FORGOTTEN WAR THAT  
CHANGED AMERICAN HISTORY  
by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

This is the little-known story of how a newly indepen dent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America’s third president decided to stand up to intimidation. When Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801, America faced a crisis. The new nation was deeply in debt and needed its economy to grow quickly, but its merchant ships were under attack. Pirates from North Africa’s Barbary coast routinely captured American sailors and held them as slaves, demanding ransom and tribute payments far beyond what the new coun try could afford. Over the previous fifteen years, as a diplomat and then as secretary of state, Jefferson had tried to work with the Barbary states (Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco). Unfortunately, he found it impossible to negotiate with people who believed their religion jus tified the plunder and enslavement of non-Muslims. These rogue states would show no mercy—at least not while easy money could be made by extorting the Western powers. So President Jefferson decided to move beyond diplomacy. He sent the U.S. Navy’s new warships and a detachment of Marines to blockade Tripoli—launching the Barbary Wars and beginning America’s journey toward future superpower status. Among the many sus penseful episodes: Lieutenant Andrew Sterett’s ferocious cannon battle on the high seas against the treacherous pirate ship Tripoli. Lieutenant Stephen Decatur’s daring night raid of an enemy harbor, with the aim of destroying an American ship that had fallen into the pirates’ hands. General William Eaton’s unprecedented five-hundred-mile land march from Egypt to the port of Derne, where the Marines launched a surprise attack and an American

flag was raised in victory on foreign soil for the first time. Few today remember these men and other heroes who inspired the Marine Corps hymn: “From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli, we fight our country’s battles in the air, on land and sea.” Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates recaptures this forgot ten war that changed American history with a real-life drama of intrigue, bravery, and battle on the high seas.

BEHIND THE BEAUTIFUL FOREVERS:  
LIFE, DEATH, AND HOPE IN A MUMBAI  
UNDERCITY by Katherine Boo

In this book by Pulitzer Prize winner Boo, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport. As India starts to prosper, the residents of Annawadi are electric with hope. Abdul, an enterprising teenager, sees “a fortune beyond counting” in the recyclable garbage that richer people throw away. Meanwhile Asha, a woman of formidable ambition, has identified a shadier route to the middle class. With a little luck, her beautiful daughter might become its first female college graduate. And even the poorest children , like the young thief Kalu, feel themselves inching closer to their dreams. But then Abdul is falsely accused in a shocking tragedy; terror and global recession rock the city. With intelligence, humor, and deep insight into what connects people to one another in an era of tumultuous change, Behind the Beautiful Forever s, based on years of uncompromising reporting, carries the reader headlong into one of the twenty-first century’s hidden worlds—and into the hearts of families impossible to forget. Winner of the National Book Award. Above from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

Jeff’s History Corner By Jeff Brown

- 1.The Gold Rush sparked the biggest mass migration in the history of the world.
- 2.During his engagement at the Fillmore West in San Francisco, Otis Redding stayed on a houseboat in Sausalito. While there he wrote his last song and greatest hit: “The Dock of the Bay.”
- 3.The birth of the Internet was sparked from the campus of UCLA in 1969 when professor Leonard Kleinrock needed a way to communicate between campuses.
- 4.San Francisco Bay is considered the world’s largest landlocked harbor.
- 5.During the 1930’s newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst had an income of \$50,000 per day.
- 6.Sacramento has not always been the capital of California. The seaport whaling town of Monterey held the first honor from 1781 to 1846, followed by San Jose, Vallejo and Benicia. Sacramento became a city through the efforts of the Swiss immigrant John Sutter, Sr., his son John Sutter, Jr., and James W. Marshall. Sacramento grew quickly thanks to the protection of Sutter’s Fort, which was established by Sutter in 1839. During the California Gold Rush, Sacramento was a major distribution point, a commercial and agricultural center, and a terminus for wagon trains, stagecoaches, riverboats, the telegraph, the Pony Express, and

- the First Transcontinental Railroad. The city was named after the Sacramento River, which forms its western border. The river was named by Spanish cavalry officer Gabriel Moraga for the Santísimo Sacramento (Blessed Sacrament), referring to the Catholic Eucharist.
- 7.The Rose Parade began as a promotional effort by Pasadena’s distinguished Valley Hunt Club. In the winter of 1890, the club members brainstormed ways to promote the “Mediterranean of the West.” They invited their former East Coast neighbors to a mid-winter holiday, where they could watch games such as chariot races, jousting, foot races, polo and tug-of-war under the warm California sun. The abundance of fresh flowers, even in the midst of winter, prompted the club to add another showcase for Pasadena’s charm: a parade would precede the competition, where entrants would decorate their carriages with hundreds of blooms. The Tournament of Roses was born.
  - 8.Los Angeles lays claim to the world’s largest outdoor amphitheater, the Hollywood Bowl.
  - 9.It is estimated there are approximately 500,000 detectable seismic tremors in California annually.
  - 10.California produces an average of 90 percent of total U.S. wine production. Calif. produced over 709 millions gallons of wine in 2014.

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# Looking Up

with Bob Eklund



## WHERE ALICE IN WONDERLAND MEETS ALBERT EINSTEIN: A CHESHIRE CAT LOOKS DOWN FROM SPACE

One hundred years ago this month, Albert Einstein published his general theory of relativity, one of the most important scientific achievements in the last century.

A key result of Einstein's theory is that matter warps space-time, and thus a massive object can cause an observable bending of light from a background object. The first success of the theory was the observation, during a solar eclipse, that light from a distant background star was deflected by the predicted amount as it passed near the Sun.

Astronomers have since found many examples of this phenomenon, known as "gravitational lensing." More than just a cosmic illusion, gravitational lensing provides astronomers with a way of probing extremely distant galaxies and groups of galaxies in ways that would otherwise be impossible even with the most powerful telescopes.

The latest results from the "Cheshire Cat" group of galaxies show how manifestations of Einstein's 100-year-old theory can lead to new discoveries today. Astronomers have given the group this name because of the smiling cat-like appearance. Some of the feline features are actually distant galaxies whose light has been stretched and bent by the large amounts of mass, most of which is in the form of dark matter detectable only through its gravitational effect, found in the system.

More specifically, the mass that distorts the faraway galactic light is found surrounding the two giant "eye" galaxies and a "nose" galaxy. The multiple arcs of the circular "face" arise from gravitational lensing of four different background galaxies well behind the "eye" galaxies. The individual galaxies of the system, as well as the gravitationally lensed arcs, are seen in optical light from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.

Each "eye" galaxy is the brightest member of its own group of galaxies and these two groups are racing toward one another at over 300,000 miles per hour. Data from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory (purple) show hot gas that has been heated to millions of degrees, which is evidence that the galaxy groups are slamming into one another. Chandra's X-ray data also reveal that the left "eye" of the Cheshire Cat group contains an actively feeding supermassive black hole at the center of the galaxy.



Astronomers think the Cheshire Cat group will become what is known as a fossil group, defined as a gathering of galaxies that contains one giant elliptical galaxy and other much smaller, fainter ones. Fossil groups may represent a temporary stage that nearly all galaxy groups pass through at some point in their evolution. Therefore,

astronomers are eager to better understand the properties and behavior of these groups.

The Cheshire Cat represents the first opportunity for astronomers to study a fossil group progenitor. Astronomers estimate that the two "eyes" of the cat will merge in about one billion years, leaving one very large galaxy

and dozens of much smaller ones in a combined group. At that point it will have become a fossil group and a more appropriate name may be the "Cyclops" group.

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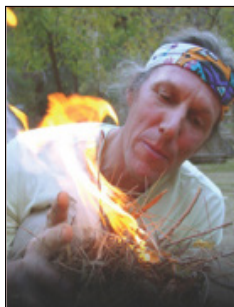
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## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

### TOYON BERRIES: A TRADITIONAL NATIVE FOOD WHICH MATURES IN WINTER



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Toyon is a common tree in the California chaparral regions. The leaves have small serrations on their edges, and are a bit leathery in texture. The fruits mature in winter, which makes them very unusual, and made them highly prized the native communities who ate the berries. After all, there are no other wild fruits that do their producing in winter. Today, folks can go to the grocery store whenever they want, but if you lived here 500 or more years ago in the pre-Mission era, "store" was a verb, not a noun. And if you ran low on supplies in winter, you could go into the hills and collect some food. Toyon was probably a life-saver!

There are many ways in which Native Americans ate the toyon berries in the past, and there are many modern methods of use.

When I am on the trail during toyon's ripening, I collect several cups worth of the fruit clusters. Then I take about a half-hour to remove all the stems. Next, I rinse the berries well, since even if they appear clean, they have accumulated lots of dirt.

Typically, you do not eat raw toyon berries because they are astringent and the flesh is mealy. They are improved by cooking or drying.

Normally, I put the berries in a pot and cover with water and bring to a boil. I let them boil for perhaps 10 minutes, until they have plumped up just a bit. I strain out the water, add fresh water, and bring to a boil again. This process removes the astringency of the raw fruit, and brings out the sweetness. After this second boiling, strain out the water and then just taste one of the fruits without any sweeteners or flavoring. There is a fresh flavor which is a combination of the low sugar content and a sour flavor, akin to a cumquat, or a raw cranberry.

#### PREPARING TOYON BERRIES

At one of my Wild Food Cooking classes around Thanksgiving where we collected these fruits fresh, and boiled them as described above, everyone found them very likable. "They're sorta like cranberries of the West Coast," remarked one woman. I had to agree.

Most often, I collect the berries, remove all the stems, wash them, and then spread them on cookiesheets to dry. If the weather is hot, I put the cookie sheets in the sun for a few days, and just cover with a towel at night. Or, I will put them into the oven; the pilot-light temperature is usually sufficient to dry them in about a week.

The dried toyon is tasty. I often pass these out to school children. Yes, some will just spit them out, but the flavor is not objectionable. There is an initial flavor like black tea, and then, as you chew the hard little fruit you get a very pleasant combination of both sweet and sour.

My preferred method of preparation was taught to me by Linda Sheer, who grew up in rural Kentucky and learned how to experiment with most wild foods to create tasty dishes. The berries are boiled, and the water changed. Assuming the berries are no longer astringent after one changing of the water, the berries are given just a little water and cooked at low heat while flour is added. I usually use wheat flour; but any other flour could be used with similar results. I slowly stir as the flour thickens, and I add a few tablespoons of honey, to taste. This mixture thickens up, like a pie filling, and most people find it delicious.

#### NATIVE FOOD SYMPOSIUM

In early November, my wife and I participated in the Native Food Symposium Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. We experimented with several methods of toyon preparation, and the good results were fed to the participants of the symposium. One method was the recipe just described, where the berries were cooked with flour and sweetened with honey.

Another method, which my wife Helen devised, involved



boiling the berries, and changing the water until it was no longer astringent. The fruits were then cooked with tapioca flour, in an amount that was determined by our volume of toyon berries. We sweetened the pot with about four tablespoons of honey. The result was like a jam, which everyone seemed to enjoy. We served spoonfuls of this on graham crackers.

We have heard many reports from people trying to make a good toyon product who were disappointed in the result because toyon is a dry berry, often astringent. However, this product turned out pretty well. According to gourmet wild food cook Pascal Baudar, "Toyon is a tough berry to play with, but Helen and Christopher did an amazing job." Even his wife Mia, who admits to not caring for toyon berries, said that she enjoyed this experiment.

#### MEET RICHARD TOYON:

Richard Toyon is a 14th generation Californian, according to the official records of the Mission San Juan Capistrano. He is descended from the Parra clan of the Acjachemem nation (pronounced "A-HA-Sha-mem), formerly known as the Mission Band of the Juaneno Indians. His family originates in what is now the city of San Juan Capistrano. He is a descendant of Alejo Parra, and the area was once called Rancho de los Toyones. Richard Toyon's grandfather's name was Ortiz de los Toyones, and after him the family name was shortened to just "Toyon."

Toyon lives in La Crescenta and is active in Boy Scouts, local politics, and in representing the Tongva Tribe for various environmental and public issues. Of course, when we first spoke, I could not wait to ask him about the native toyon tree, the tree from which his family name comes.

"When I give my walks and lectures a few times a year, I talk about the native uses of plants," he explains. "The ethnobotanical uses of plants, not necessarily just the food uses." Toyon went on to tell me about the first real estate venture just south of Griffith Park. "These guys looked up in the hills and they saw all the toyon trees with their brilliant red fruit, and they called the place 'Hollywood.' They should have called it 'Toyonwood,'" he laughs.

"The toyon fruit played a significant role in the Acjachemem diet," he says. Though there are probably a dozen common ways of preparing the fruit – ground into meal, made into a drink, made into a dessert – Toyon says that in Acjachemem get-togethers today, the fruit is cooked in a wok, fried and lightly seasoned, and served 50/50 with rice. His relatives have mashed up the toyon berries and served them on top of potatoes, with butter.

#### BOTANY NOTES

Toyon is a member of the Rose Family (Rosaceae). The Rose Family contains 110 genera and 3000 species worldwide. Species from 45 of the genera are found in California. The toyon is the only species of the Heteromeles genus. (Heteromeles is Greek for "different apple.")

Toyon can get to be a medium sized tree, and is probably most conspicuous in the winter when it's covered with its clusters of orange-red fruits. The tree is found in the chaparral zones, and often planted on the fringes of the urban areas. The leaves are leathery, ovate, with toothed margins. The tree is evergreen and can be a large bush or a small tree. In the summer, the flowers form in terminal clusters. Each flower is white and five-petaled, about ¼ inch wide. The clusters of orange-red fruit ripen from about November into January.



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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### ANOTHER THANKSGIVING UNDER MY BELT

The house is quiet now, although a few hours ago it was thumping with all kinds of noise and chatter. Once again, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I sponsored another Thanksgiving dinner.

My role, of course as in previous years, is to stay out of the kitchen and let the wife do what only the wife can do. My sponsorship is finished right there.

Now everything is quiet and I am sitting back reflecting on the marvelous dinner and time with the family. In the quietness of the time, I began to think about those Thanksgiving dinners with my grandmother back in "the day." They all blur together, but the one thing that stands out from everything is my grandmother's marvelous turkey and all the trimmings and went with it.

As I was thinking about that, I remembered some of my relatives who faithfully joined us for that marvelous Thanksgiving dinner. What great times we had.

There was Uncle Ralph, for instance. He was a fisherman, or so he said, and had so many fishing stories I could write a book. If half of what he said in his stories were true, there should not be any fish left in the world. He would entertain us with all those marvelous fishing stories of his. Being a young person, I believed everything he said. After all, what uncle would lie to his nephew?

Then I cannot forget Uncle Andrew. He was the hunter in the family. If the deer population is on the brink of extinction, it is because of Uncle Andrew. According to him, no deer was safe from him. All except for one.

As he told the story, he was out hunting early one Saturday morning and ran across the biggest deer he had ever seen in his life. According to him, this deer went easily 1,000 pounds. As he focused that deer in his scope, he noticed the deer was staring at him. As he looked at that deer and looked into those big brown tear filled eyes good old Uncle Andrew broke down.

He put down his rifle, walked over to that huge deer, shook his hoof and said, "My friend, I just want to wish you a good day." With that, he turned around and walked away from the largest deer that ever lived in the world.

It took me years to realize no deer ever comes near the 1000-pound trophy that he talked about.

Then I remembered Aunt Sally. Boy, did she have stories to tell.

According to her stories, she was the world's most frugal shopper. If there ever was a bargain in the

world, it was negotiated by Aunt Sally. If what she said was anywhere near the neighborhood of truth, all the shopkeepers downtown paid her just to come and haul stuff out of their store.

She could negotiate to the point, or so she said, that the stores would pay her to buy items in their store. I never could figure out how that worked. As she would toss out the figures, I started doing a little bit of arithmetic and all I can say is, my arithmetic teacher did not teach me everything about arithmetic.

I would not go so far as to say these relatives of mine lied. As far as they were concerned, a lie is a devious intent to hurt someone. If you knew my relatives, that was the furthest thing from their mind.

Thinking about those relatives and their stories, I can see where I inherited some of that inclination. The thing I have that those relatives did not have was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. That makes all the difference in the world.

Whenever I get started on one of my stories, she stares at me with one of "those stares," and says, "Seriously?" Believe me that takes all the wind out of my sails.

So, with another Thanksgiving dinner under my belt, I have the privilege of all of those wonderful memories. Family is made up of memories. I do not know what it is, but the older I get, the more memories I seem to have and those memories seem to be enhanced along the way.

The funny thing about a memory is it can be anything you happen to remember at the time. I get that from my relatives.

Those relatives are gone now. All I have are their memories, which seem to be sharp this time of the year. I believe the key element of a memory, and I got this from my relatives, is exaggeration. What good is a memory if you cannot spice it up a little bit with exaggeration?

Thinking along this line, I came to one very solemn conclusion. The only thing I cannot exaggerate is God and His wonderful love for me. That I am most thankful for this one thing.

No matter how far I go in talking about God's amazing love for me, I've never reached the point or come near the point of exaggeration. God loves me with an eternal love that nothing I can do can ever compromise.

A Bible verse says it all. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God never exaggerates His love for me, it is the same yesterday, and today and forever.

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# OPINION

## DICK Polman SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN AMERICA ARE FREE TO BUY GUNS



Now that congressional Republicans and roughly 50 cowered Democratic colleagues have passed a panicky bill to impede the entry of Syrian refugees, I think it's time to pause for a reality check.

How predictable it is that the Republican Congress seeks to ratchet up the background checks on Syrian refugees, but will never consider expanding background checks on the gun purchasers already in America? Borrowing Chris Christie's calculus, a five-year-old Syrian orphan is apparently deemed to be more dangerous than an all-American schoolyard doo-

fus with a home-grown arsenal. But the willful blindness is actually worse than that. While the Republican Congress is fixated on the refugees, thousands of officially suspected terrorists already living in America are free to buy as much weaponry as they want. I bet you didn't know that.

It's totally true. As the federal Government Accountability Office explains it, "Membership in a terrorist organization does not prohibit a person from possessing firearms or explosives under current federal law." The GAO says in a report that roughly 2,040 individuals on the FBI's Terrorist Watch List bought weapons from American dealers between 2004 to 2014. Go figure. Terrorist Watch List denizens can be stopped from boarding airplanes, but if they want to buy AK-47s or dynamite - hey, no problem, this is America.

So why is Congress panicking about Syrian refugees while it allows the suspected terrorists to lock and load? Simple - because the NRA wants it that way. Even though Congress is scared of the refugees, it's downright terrified of crossing the NRA.

Back in 2007, the Bush administration endorsed a Senate Democratic bill to bar the Watch List people from buying weapons. Gun-reform groups applauded the administration's move; as Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said at the time, "When I tell people that you can be on a terrorist watch list and still be allowed to buy as many guns as you want, they are shocked." But the NRA shot it down as an infringement on Second Amendment absolutism.

A few years later, Congress launched its own bipartisan attempt to change the law. After all, the Watch List is comprised of roughly 700,000 people - suspected members of al Qaeda and other terrorist groups, plus terrorist financiers and recruiters, and people who have spent time in training camps. But this reform effort died too, thanks to pressure from the NRA. The suspected terrorists should be grateful that they have such skilled de facto defense lawyers working on their behalf. The NRA extolled its clients as "law-abiding people" who deserved their "Second Amendment rights," but the NRA revealed its true motives when it warned in an 2009 editorial that if the Watch Listers were barred from buying weapons, "whole segments of lawful firearms commerce could be wiped out."

So today, Congress beats up on Syrian refugees as it passes a bill without any expert testimony, without any committee hearings and without any input from the vetters. And while empty suits like Ben Carson compare the refugees to rabid dogs, the suspected terrorists who are already here, already listed by the feds, are free to conduct gun-buying sprees.

And nobody is happier about this than the bad guys. In a 2011 video, American-born al Qaeda operative Adam Gadahn offered some advice to those in America - Watch List suspects and others - who might wish to wreak havoc: "And in the West you've got a lot at your disposal. Let's take America, for example. America is absolutely awash with easily obtainable firearms. You can go down to a gun show at the local convention center and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle without a background check and, most likely, without having to show an identification card. So what are you waiting for?"

The man knows his native land.

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# LEFT TURN/RIGHT TURN

## HOWARD Hays As I See It



"Maybe he should have been roughed up" - Donald Trump, Republican frontrunner for the presidency of the United States

Trump made the comment last week on Fox News, about a protester at a campaign rally held earlier in Birmingham, Alabama who, according to CNN, was "shoved, tackled, punched and kicked" by attendees as Trump called, "Get him the hell out of here". A woman heard on video shouts, "Don't choke him!" Last Spring, it looked to be a predictable contest - leading to a coronation of presumptive heir Jeb Bush, or perhaps Koch Brothers' favorite Gov. Scott Walker (R-WI). There'd be faces from the past, along with Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) introducing himself on the national stage, but the money was lined up behind Bush and Walker.

Donald Trump's entrance promised to liven things up, bring media attention to the race and ratings for the debates. It did. His campaign was also predicted to last maybe a few weeks before self-imploding, with voters and the media ultimately re-focusing on the serious business of selecting a president. It didn't. Trump has remained (way) out front in the five months since he announced his candidacy. Walker is out, and the Bush backers bailed.

When announcing his candidacy last June, Trump raised alarms with the statement that "When Mexico sends its people . . . They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists." (though "some", he allowed, "I assume are good people."). Pundits questioned the prospects of a candidate who would introduce himself by smearing some 1-in-26 Americans. His opponents, however, took note of the notice he'd gotten. Rubio suddenly disowned his role as an architect of bipartisan immigration legislation in the Senate. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) declared Trump to be "well-equipped . . . to make America great again."

Early on, it was fun to make fun of it. Back then, Trump assured he had a "foolproof" plan for defeating ISIS, though he couldn't share it because "I don't want the enemy to know what I'm doing." He told Bill O'Reilly on CNN the Iran nuclear agreement, negotiated over twenty months between Iran, six major world powers and the European Union, was something he could've taken care of in "one day" because - well, he's Donald Trump.

In the past couple debates, some thought Trump to be holding back, though still center-stage. Perhaps it's because he feels no need to engage further with opponents or media moderators; his base has been established, and he's afforded more free airtime for his message than all others put together, anyway. Now, it's more a matter of espousing that "message" directly to that "base" - which includes those who, with his approval, "roughed up" that dissenting voice in Birmingham. And, especially just over this past week, that "message" has become clearer.

However opponents might bring up Trump's past nice words about the Clintons or his

advocacy of universal health care, it seems, as the Washington Post described focus-group findings from GOP strategist Frank Luntz, "there is no political issue or stance that will turn off his supporters."

They won't be turned off by his tweeting a "wildly inaccurate" graphic last weekend, purporting to show "2015 Crime Statistics" as "Whites Killed By Whites - 16%" and "Whites Killed By Blacks - 81%". 2015 statistics aren't out - but for 2014 the FBI shows 82% of white murder victims having been killed by other whites, with 14% having been killed by blacks. The graphic has been traced to a neo-Nazi's blogsite. ("It came from sources that are very credible, what can I tell you," Trump told Bill O'Reilly on Fox News.) The New Republic characterized it as "catering to the worst form of racism".

Then there was Trump's telling NBC News he'd "certainly implement" a database of Muslims living here. As to where and how they'd be registered, "It's all about management". Asked about the difference between this proposal and Jews being forced to register under Nazi Germany, the response was, "You tell me." Later on CNN, Trump denied ever having been asked about it.

At that Birmingham rally, Trump recalled 9/11 as he "watched in Jersey City, New Jersey, where thousands and thousands of people were cheering as that building was coming down." Later on ABC's "This Week", he clarified that he saw it on TV. When told that the police, as well as media and everyone else, say it didn't happen, Trump dismissed their denials by explaining it "might not be politically correct" to "talk about it".

Last month, Trump told Sean Hannity on Fox News he'd "heard" President Obama was seeking to bring in 200,000 Syrian refugees (the president requested allowing in 10,000 over the next year), and warned of an ISIS "Trojan horse" plot to bring in terrorists disguised as refugees.

At a rally in Columbus, Ohio, Trump assured "you bet your ass" he'd approve waterboarding, "in a heartbeat", and "more than that". A year ago, the Senate Intelligence Committee released its 6,000 page report, based on a five-year review of 6.3 million pages of CIA documents, concluding that our program of "enhanced interrogation" produced no useful intelligence, lots of fabricated confessions, and consisted of acts for which we'd prosecuted past enemies for war crimes. But, according to Trump, "Only a stupid person would say it doesn't work", though "if it doesn't work, they deserve it, anyway."

The NY Times summed it up in an editorial last week; "If it's a lie too vile to utter aloud, count on Mr. Trump to say it, often." It also warned against dismissing the Trump phenomena as some bizarre diversion: "History teaches that failing to hold a demagogue to account is a dangerous act."

Linda Sasour, a Palestinian-Muslim-American blogger from Brooklyn, draws the contrast with Trump's former milieu of reality-TV: "Donald Trump is no laughing matter. Islamophobia is not a made up phenomenon. Black Lives Matter protesters shot by White supremacists isn't a scene in a movie. This is real life."

## MICHAEL Reagan Making Sense

### A COUNTRY TO GIVE THANKS FOR



The Middle East is in total chaos.

Terrorism is only getting worse.

We've got big economic, immigration and racial problems we can't solve.

And we're in the middle of a presidential election that looks like it'll end badly for the country -- no matter whom we elect.

With all this trouble, tragedy and unhappiness around the world and at home, it's easy to forget the good things we have.

Sometimes it takes an immigrant to remind us how lucky we Americans are.

My dear friends Karel and Sandy know why they love the USA and why it is so special.

In 1986, when they were 19 and 18, they and their one-year-old daughter were able to get forged documents and escape from communist Czechoslovakia.

After a year in a refugee camp in Austria, they found someone to sponsor them in the United States.

The Czech government tried and convicted them in absentia for "stealing" a ward of the state - their own child. But by the time they were each sentenced to more than 20 years in prison, they were safe in Southern California.

They didn't speak English. Karel got a job in the kitchen at the Disneyland Hotel and Sandy worked nights.

Karel learned Spanish from his co-workers while Sandy learned English by watching soap operas.

One of their few marital disagreements was over whether the official language of the United States was English or Spanish. So they decided to learn both.

Karel eventually got a job with a contractor and then became a kitchen and bath contractor himself. Sandy often worked with him.

He worked 10- and 14-hour days, learned the business from the ground up, became good at what he did and earned a good reputation.

He made a good living and today he has more contracting jobs than he can handle. Now he's trying to retire but can't because he's so much in demand.

When my wife Colleen and I visited Karel and Sandy recently, Karel said he was amazed how many native-born Americans don't realize how great they have it.

"This is a country where if you come and work hard for 22 years you don't have to worry about the next 22 years," he said.

Too often we take America for granted or see only the negatives. We need to be giving thanks this weekend that we still live in the best country in the world.

Despite our social and economic problems, we need to remember that we live in the place where millions of people from other countries want to break into - legally or illegally.

Our presidential election process is too long and too expensive. Yet whether we love or hate the people running, we should be thankful we have a peaceful and reasonably honest electoral process we can accept.

No matter who wins or loses, the Constitution will live. It's a protection against government oppression few other people have.

Karel and Sandy get America. All of us need to get it too. We need to give thanks that we have such a country where if you work hard for 22 years you don't worry about the next 22.

Only in America can you do that.

So during this Thanksgiving Day, even while we're watching the latest flood of bad news, we should sit back and give thanks that we live in greatest country in the world.

Where people can be free. Where we can have elections. Where we have a Constitution. And where, with all of our problems, we are that shining city on a hill - still.

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City of Sierra Madre

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1370U

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04 (WATER SYSTEM) AND 13.24 (“MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION PLAN”) BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 13.24.240 (“IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE MANDATES”) ALLOWING FOR AMENDMENT OF THIS CODE BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, AMENDING SUBSECTION 13.04.100 (“DELINQUENT BILLS”), PROVIDING FOR UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES TO BE ADDED TO THE WATER BILLING, AMENDING SECTION 13.04.120 (“DISCONTINUING OF SERVICE”), PROVIDING FOR UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES TO BE ADDED TO THE WATER BILLING, AND AMENDING SECTION 13.24.140 (“ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND PENALTIES”) ADDING A SUBSECTION D ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR ADDING UNPAID PENALTIES TO THE WATER BILLING

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of drought emergency in the State of California due to current drought conditions in the state; and  
WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation also noted that the snowpack in California’s mountains are approximately 20 percent of the normal average for January 2014, and that the state is experiencing extremely dry conditions that have persisted since at least 2012; and  
WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation called upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and  
WHEREAS, on July 8, 2014 the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre declared a water shortage emergency and initiated Phase III water conservation measures; and  
WHEREAS, the California State Water Resources Control Board has adopted Emergency Regulation Article X (“Prohibition of Activities and Mandatory Actions During Drought Emergency”) pursuant to its authority under Water Code Section 1058.5; and  
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Sierra Madre to enact similar prohibitions in order to comply with state law;  
WHEREAS, the State of California has established a water conservation goal for the City of Sierra Madre of reducing the City’s water consumption by 32 percent as measured against the same period in 2013; and  
WHEREAS, in spite of prior efforts to do so, the City has been unsuccessful in meeting the conservation goal as set by the State.

NOW THEREFORE,

**SECTION 1: Municipal Code Amendment.** Section 13.04.100 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:  
**13.04.100 - Delinquent bills.**  
All meters shall be read by the water department as provided in Section 13.04.050 and all bills for water or other service, including any unpaid penalties placed on such bills pursuant to Section 13.24.140, shall be due and payable at the city hall upon presentation. All bills remaining unpaid thirty days after the billing date, as printed on the bill, shall thereupon become delinquent and there shall be added to such delinquent bill an additional charge as set by resolution, which shall thereafter be paid and collected as part of said bill. Where bills become so delinquent, the water service to such delinquent user may be restricted at any time after appropriate twenty-four hour notice and/or restriction of water service. It shall be unlawful for any consumer pursuant to Section 13.04.270 to adjust or alter any reduction or service as a result of this chapter.

**SECTION 2: Municipal Code Amendment.** Section 13.04.120 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:  
**13.04.120 - Discontinuing of service.**  
A. The water rates, charges and penalties herein made, including penalties assessed for a violation of Chapter 13.24, shall be charged against property upon which such water or service is furnished and against the owner thereof; if for any cause any of such sums owing become delinquent and unpaid, or if any of the other terms of this chapter of the rules and regulations established as a condition to the use of water are not complied with, the water may be restricted; and provided there has been no bona fide change in ownership, the water shall not be turned on to the same property until all of such charges, delinquencies and penalties have been paid in full, including the additional sum of the amount fixed in subsection E of this section for the expense of turning water off and on.  
B. Upon the written request of the owner of any premises upon which such water or service is furnished, the water superintendent may, in his/her discretion, shut off the water for a period not exceeding three months, provided no delinquency exists in the payment of charges and penalties for water service, upon the payment of the sum of the amount fixed in subsection E of this section as and for the expense of turning water off and on.  
C. If no application is made to restore such water service before the end of a three-month period, the water superintendent may remove the meter installed for such premises and the water department shall charge and collect for reinstalling a meter for such premises the charges specified in [Section 13.04.150](#).  
D. After the current month subsequent to the last meter reading by the water department following the receipt of the water department of the aforesaid written request, no further monthly minimum charge shall be made against such premises until water service has been restored.  
E. The amount fixed for water turn-off and turn-on charges is established by city council resolution.

**SECTION 3: Municipal Code Amendment** Section 13.24.140 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:  
**13.24.140 - Failure to comply—Penalties.**  
It is unlawful for any customer or user thereof of the water department to fail to comply with Sections [13.24.070](#) through [13.24.120](#) of this chapter. Civil penalties for failure to comply with any of the provisions shall be as follows:  
A. First Violation. For the first violation by any customer of the water department of any provision of Sections [13.24.070](#) through [13.24.120](#), a surcharge penalty is imposed in an amount of twice the Tier 1 water rate per one hundred cubic feet of water or billing units.  
B. Second Violation. For the second and all future violations by any customer of the water department of any provision of Sections [13.24.070](#) through [13.24.120](#), a surcharge penalty is imposed in the amount of three times the Tier 1 water rate per one hundred cubic feet of water or billing units.  
C. Pursuant to State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Rule Article X, Section X.1 and the procedures set forth in Chapter 1.18 (“Administrative penalties”) of this code, a violation of Sections [13.24.060](#)(A), (B), (F), and (G) or [Sections] [13.24.230](#) or additional state regulations adopted according to Section 13.24.240 of this chapter shall be punishable by an administrative citation as follows:  
1. \$125.00 for the first violation;  
2. \$250.00 for the second violation;  
3. \$500.00 for the third and any additional violation.  
D. Upon the exhaustion of the procedures set forth in Chapter 1.18 (“Administrative penalties”) and this chapter for any penalties imposed pursuant to this section, the city may thereafter place any such unpaid penalties on the water bill in the manner prescribed in section 13.04.050. Payments on water bills shall first be applied to any such unpaid penalties before payments for water or other service.

**SECTION 4. Municipal Code Amendment**  
Section 13.24.230 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:  
**13.24.230 - Restrictions on irrigation.**  
A. If so declared pursuant to a drought or water shortage emergency, in addition to the restrictions set forth in [Section 13.24.060](#) (A)—(G), no customer shall make, cause, use, or permit the use of water delivered from the water department more than two days per week for purposes of irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area (“landscape irrigation”):  
1. Even-numbered addresses shall be limited to landscape irrigation on Mondays and Thursdays.  
2. Odd-numbered addresses and addresses ending in fractions shall be limited to landscape irrigation on Tuesdays and Fridays.  
B. The restrictions of subsection A above do not apply to landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use very low flow drip type irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than two (2) gallons of water per hour. These restrictions are not applicable to watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device, or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system.  
C. No water customer shall perform any type of outdoor watering within 48 hours of a measurable rain event. A measurable rain event shall be defined as a storm producing 0.25 inches or more of precipitation within Sierra Madre during a 24-hour period.

**SECTION 5. Municipal Code Amendment**  
Section 13.24.240 shall be added to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to read as follows:  
**13.24.240 - Implementation of state mandates.**  
In times of water emergency the State Water Resources Control Board may adopt regulations requiring local agencies to enact certain mandatory water conservation measures. In similar manner the state may rescind water conservation measures. The city council shall, after a noticed public hearing and by resolution, order that the appropriate water conservation measures as directed by the State be implemented, modified, or rescinded. The resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the city council and shall be published once in the newspaper of general circulation.


**SECTION 6. Severability.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause and phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**SECTION 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption if passed and adopted by a four-fifths vote of the City Council, pursuant to Government Code Section 36937 (b).

**SECTION 8. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner prescribed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 2015.

AYES: Capoccia, Goss, Arizmendi, Delmar, Harabedian NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None



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City of Sierra Madre

ORDINANCE NO. 1368

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.22 SECOND UNITS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2014, the City Council adopted the 2014-2021 Housing Element;  
WHEREAS, a housing program objective of the 2014-2021 Housing Element is to amend the City’s current second unit ordinance (Chapter 17.22 of the Municipal Code) to better facilitate the provision of second units for seniors, caregivers, and other low and extremely low income households;  
WHEREAS, second units offer a benefit to homeowners by receiving a supplementary income by renting out their second units, which can help many modest income and elderly homeowners afford to remain in their homes;  
WHEREAS, second units can offer an important opportunity to help Sierra Madre address its regional housing needs while maintaining the community’s small town character;  
WHEREAS, an amendment to Chapter 17.22 of the Municipal Code was adopted by the City Council on November 26, 2013 to remove constraints to the production of second units in the city;  
WHEREAS, it was identified that some of the provisions in the amended ordinance were still preventing homeowners from applying for a second unit permit. Such constraints included the requirement that the subject property conform with all other requirements of the underlying zone, onerous secondary frontage setback requirements when converting existing structures to second units on reverse corner lots, limitation on minimum unit size, and lack of health and safety inspection requirements for the conversion of existing structures to second units;  
WHEREAS, the City is also concerned that new two-story second unit structures may be inconsistent with the surrounding residential neighborhoods and the overall small village character of Sierra Madre, and with the recent amendments made to the City’s R-1 Ordinance requiring a conditional use permit for construction of any second story structure; accordingly, an amendment to the Second Unit Ordinance to add a requirement for a conditional use permit in an effort to ensure that second story units are consistent with the City’s new zoning requirements and community preservation goals while encouraging their production is necessary; and  
WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared for the 2008-2014 Housing Element in accordance with the City’s guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the measures identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City’s RHNA allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Planning Commission and City Council concluded that they will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration was adopted by City Council on June 11, 2013; and  
WHEREAS, the amendments also qualify for a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), in that the City can say with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because adding the regulatory requirement of a conditional use permit in order to build a second story unit is not likely to result in additional construction beyond that already permissible; and  
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on October 1, 2015, and thereafter recommended that the City Council approve this Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre as follows:

**SECTION 1: Municipal Code Amendment.** Chapter 17.22, entitled “Second Units”, is hereby amended in its entirety with a new Chapter 17.22 as provided herein as Exhibit “A”.

**SECTION 2. California Environmental Quality Act.** The City Council has considered all of the evidence in the record, including the staff reports, the testimony received during the public hearing on the matter held by the Planning Commission and City Council, and hereby determines that the Initial Study prepared for the 2008-2014 Housing Element in accordance with the City’s guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the housing program objectives identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City’s RHNA allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. The amendments also qualify for a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), in that the City can say with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment because adding the regulatory requirement of a conditional use permit in order to build a second story unit is not likely to result in additional construction beyond that already permissible. Therefore, the City Council concludes that the amendments to Chapter 17.22 will not have a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 3. Severability; Continuation of Provisions.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance or the rules adopted hereby. The City Council of the City of Sierra Madre hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable. To the extent the provisions of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code as amended by this Ordinance are substantially the same as the provisions of that Code as they read immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, then those provisions shall be construed as continuations of the earlier provisions and not as new enactments.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption pursuant to California Government Code section 36937.

**SECTION 5. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner prescribed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 2015.

AYES: Mayor John Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, John Harabedian

NOES: None

City of Sierra Madre

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: Summary of Urgency Ordinance No. 1373-U:

**URGENCY ORDINANCE 1373-U OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.93 (STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WIRELESS FACILITIES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937**

On December 8, 2015, the City Council will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 1373-U, an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, amending Chapter 17.93 (“Standards and Criteria for Wireless Communication Facilities”) to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Chapter 17.93 is amended to fulfill requirements of Assembly Bill 57 (AB 57) describing that a wireless facility colocation or siting application that is not acted on by the local jurisdiction in accordance with time periods and procedures established by Federal Communications Commission ruling in Government Code Section 6594.1 and Section 6580.6 shall be deemed approved.

The proposed ordinance complies with the requirements of AB 57. 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. 1373-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.

All interested parties may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at 626-355-7138 and ask to speak to Vincent Gonzalez, Planning Director.

<b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>PLACE OF HEARING</b>
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2015 (Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIMO 4 YOU RENTALS, 321 E. 13<sup>th</sup> ST., AZUSA, CA 91702. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEANNA M. BRUNING, 321 E. 13<sup>th</sup> ST., AZUSA, CA 91702. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DEANNA M. BRUNING. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/29/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-273265  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LUMEA INTERNATIONAL. 9087 LAS TUNAS DR. UNIT A, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HANNAH DING. 1600 GREENCASTLE AVE. UNIT B, ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HANNAH DING. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/26/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-273445  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIKE SNACK. 840 SANTEE ST., L.A., CA 90014. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SARA VILLEGAS. 840 SANTEE ST., L.A., CA 90014. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARA VILLEGAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-272609  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MR. GREENS ECO-FRIENDLY RAGS. 4049 S. KEANSBURG AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91792. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSEPH GONZALEZ. 4049 S. KEANSBURG AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91792. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSEPH GONZALEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/26/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-272134  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MYO BEAST. 5533 LONG BEACH BLVD. SPCV #54, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GUILLERMO MORA VALLE. 5533 LONG BEACH BLVD. SPC #54, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GUILLERMO MORA VALLE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-271231  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NB FLEET SERVICES. 11734 TELECRON AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIK GUTIERREZ-BARAJAS. 11734 TELECRON AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90605. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIK GUTIERREZ-BARAJAS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-272837  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OCTOPUS ART STUDIO. 221 W. LAS TUNAS DR., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91775. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ATILIO PERNISCO. 336 STURTEVANT DR., SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ATILIO PERNISCO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/26/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-273192  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ONE STOP AUTO REPAIRS. 19717 VALLEY BLVD., WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS CARLOS MURILLO. 13659 ALCADE ST., LA PUENTE, CA 91746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS CARLOS MURILLO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-275865  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PLUMBERS 4 LESS. 9903 PARAMOUNT BLVD. 305, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAYLESS 4 PLUMBING, INC. 985 S. KENDALL DR. STE 323A, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ALEX BELTRAN SR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-275195  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: QQ MESSAGE AND SPA. 3948 N PECK RD. #11, EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HAN WU. 735 S. CHAPEL AVE. #1, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HAN WU. This statement was filed

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-274737  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: QUEEN OF MY HEART FLOWERS. 1744 N. SPRING AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YADIRA QUINTERO. 1744 N. SPRING AVE., COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YADIRA QUINTERO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-271595  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RIVERA'S FLOOR COVERING II. 270 W. 37th ST., L.A., CA 90007. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NT INVESTMENTS, INC. 5363 STILLWATER DR., L.A., CA 90008. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: NILUBOL THAPABUT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-271927  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROCKET BROTHERS FRESH. 1065 E. WALNUT ST. STE A, CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) F.P.D., INC. 1065 E. WALNUT ST., CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JOSEPH BALCOM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-274803  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHADDAI MOVING CO., 10915 LEWIS RD., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SULMA ESMERALDA GANUZA. 10915 LEWIS RD., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. KEVIN MARTIR TOBAR. 10915 LEWIS RD., LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: SULMA ESMERALDA GANUZA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-275417  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STAR HAIR NAILS. 7252 ROSEMEAD BLVD., SAN GABRIEL, CA 91775. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MY TRUONG. 1663 COGSWELL RD., SO EL MONTE, CA

91733. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MY TRUONG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-274697  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE LITTLE SWEET PLACE. 57 LINDEN LN. UNIT 42, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MONDE DE JOIE, LLC. 57 LINDEN LN. UNIT 42, TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JOEI MIU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-275414  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE REPPE CREW. 376 E. ALVARADO ST., POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUBEN JIMENEZ. 376 E. ALVARADO ST., POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUBEN JIMENEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-275385  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VITAL YOUTH; ESSENCE LIFE; ISKINET,

3579 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NEW ME AESTHETICS, LLC. 3579 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: JENNIFER CHEUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-274549  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WENDY GAMES. 634 N. POPLAR AVE. STE B, ORANGE, CA 92668. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN CARLOS RICO. 2152 E. 101st., L.A., CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN CARLOS RICO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2015. 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  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-275172  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WINE PRESS LIQUOR. 20651 GOLDEN SPRINGS DR., WALNUT, CA 91789. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MTANOUS SAMAAAN. 18421 ROCKY CT., ROWLAND HTS., CA 91748. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MTANOUS SAMAAAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/28/2015. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/2015. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 2015-272114  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZUMBA CITY. 4704 S. VERMONT, L.A., CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VERONICA ZAMORA-JIMENEZ. 245 E. 31st ST., L.A., CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VERONICA ZAMORA-JIMENEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/23/2015. 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  
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FILE NO. 2015-273944  
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) JULIO AGUILERA, 4447 ORCHARD ST., MONTCLAIR, CA 91763. ALEJANDRINA CIBRIAN, 4101 PARAMOUNT BLVD. 78, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660, has/abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CALIFORNIA PIZZA & SUBS, 915 S. CENTRAL AVE., L.A., CA 90021. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/05/2013, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2013115777. The business was conducted by: CO-PARTNERS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/27/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: ALEJANDRINA CIBRIAN/PARTNER.  
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FILE NO. 2015-266798  
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) JUAN SEQUERIA, 2903 VALLEY BLVD., POMONA, CA 91768, has/abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: SALAS ENTERPRISE, 2903 VALLEY BLVD., POMONA, CA 91768. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/28/2011, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2011054846. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/19/2015. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) SIGNED: JUAN SEQUERIA/OWNER.  
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8. draw and cut out a paper \_\_\_\_\_, make clothes with tabs to fit
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### This Week

The median list price in SIERRA MADRE, CA this week is \$779,000.

The Market Action index has been trending down lately, while days-on-market is climbing, providing mostly bearish signs for the market.

### Supply and Demand

The Market Action Index has been trending lower for several weeks while prices have remained relatively stable. If inventory continues to grow relative to demand however, it is likely that we will see downward pressure on pricing.

### Quartiles

Quartile	Median Price	Square Feet	Beds	Baths	Age	Inventory	New	Absorbed	DOM	
Top/First	\$ 1,097,000	2175	3.0	2.8	0	2	0	0	98	Most expensive 25% of properties
Upper/Second	\$ 909,000	1766	3.0	3.2	0	2	0	0	98	Upper-middle 25% of properties
Lower/Third	\$ 689,000	1439	3.0	3.5	20	2	0	1	98	Lower-middle 25% of properties
Bottom/Fourth	\$ 533,000	1177	2.0	2.5	37	3	0	0	33	Least expensive 25% of properties

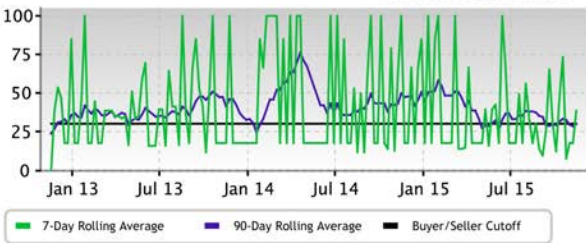
### Price

The market seems to have paused around this plateau. The Market Action Index is a good leading indicator for the durability of this trend.

### Real-Time Market Profile


Median List Price	\$ 779,000	Trend
Asking Price Per Square Foot	\$ 503	
Average Days on Market (DOM)	76	
Percent of Properties with Price Decrease	22 %	
Percent Relisted (reset DOM)	0 %	
Percent Flip (price increased)	0 %	
Median House Size (sq ft)	1499	
Median Number of Bedrooms	3.0	
Median Number of Bathrooms	3.0	
Market Action Index	Buyer's Advantage	29.9

### Market Action Index



The Market Action Index answers the question "How's the Market?" by measuring the current rate of sale versus the amount of the inventory. Index above 30 implies Seller's Market conditions. Below 30, conditions favor the buyer.

### Price Trends



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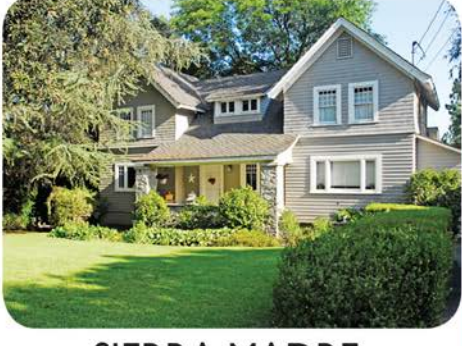
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