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President's Pen

This will be my last column as I complete my term as President. I want to take this opportunity to thank the community of La Habra Heights

for their generosity, support and prayers for our family (Michael, Kelly, Kyle & me) during this difficult and scary time. At the time of this printing, we are in New Orleans awaiting Michael's multiple-organ transplant, he is at the top of the transplant list for his tissue type.

We are OVERWHELMED by the outpouring of support from the community! It has lifted our spirits and we are grateful and blessed to be part of such a wonderful community. There is no place as special as La Habra Heights and when we return (after the transplant) we hope to be able thank each of you personally for your support.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you!

Sincerely,

*Michelle Saldivar, President
La Habra Heights Improvement Association*

From the Friends of Michelle & Michael Saldivar

If you would like to help the Saldivars during this challenging time, please go to:

<http://www.gofundme.com/tgnthc>

Your support, prayers and well-wishes are welcomed and appreciated.



Mayor's Corner

Coffee with the Mayor: Our first get together was held on May 16, the Saturday after the Council meeting in May. We had a nice cross section

of our residents attend. Several different topics were discussed including trash, weed abatement, volunteer groups, emergency preparedness, and neighbors working with neighbors to resolve disputes. Brian Bergman attended and was able to share his knowledge as a Council Person and Past Mayor. We hope to see you at the next "Coffee with the Mayor" on Saturday, June 13th at the City Hall MPR from 9 -10:30 a.m. Come and share what's on your mind.

Treasurer: We would like to thank Arlene Mosley for her many years of volunteer service as our City Treasurer. Congratulations to our new Treasurer, Don Tilley.

Graffiti: The City is establishing a volunteer graffiti removal group and we are looking for volunteers to sign up at City Hall. We are working on a set of rules to keep residents safe while removing graffiti. The City will provide the necessary materials for the job.

Roads: We will be setting a date for another Roads Town Hall meeting. The last one was very well attended and productive. Please keep an ear out for the date. Meanwhile, we are updating the 2011 road management study so we will have a more accurate picture of what needs to be done and the cost.

General Plan: The Council talked about updating the General Plan at the last meeting. The current plan lacks a housing element. We encourage you to come to the next City Council meeting and share your thoughts. We are working hard to create a welcoming environment for you.

Sincerely,

Michael Higgins, Mayor

**Next "Coffee with the Mayor"
June 13, 9-10:30 a.m., City Hall**

Spotlight on Heights Resident

Jill McGill Has Olympic-Sized Goals

La Habra Heights resident Jill McGill is a 5-time National Champion junior lightweight rower and a twelve-time National Medalist. She has trained as a competitive rower for all four years of high school and currently rows for Southern California Scullers Club, located in Huntington Harbor. She is team captain for the high school-aged team. With workouts every morning from 6-9:00 a.m. and a second workout in the afternoon, Jill chose to homeschool for high school to allow time to focus on her competitive training.

Ranked as one of the top high school girls in the country, Jill has been highly sought-after by college scouts. She recently signed with the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Division I Lightweight Rowing Team receiving both academic and athletic scholarships.

Rowing is a family sport. Jill's Dad, Dan McGill rowed in college and was on the U.S. Rowing team. He won a Gold Medal at the 1987 Pan American Games in the Men's Lightweight Coxless Four event. Jill's sister, Jasmine, is also a national champion. For many years, the McGills would wake up at 5:15 a.m. and drive to Long Beach to row a scull for two hours along a 12,000-15,000-meter water course. Jill swam competitively for 10 years beginning when she was four years old and began competitively rowing when she was 14 years old. "I am used to getting up early, working hard and preparing to achieve my dream. It's a unique and fortunate

situation to have your Dad as your coach and your sister as your doubles partner. It adds a whole new level of intensity to it."

In June 2011, Jill and Jasmine placed 2nd in the Youth Nationals lightweight double rowing sprint over 2,000 meters. In July of 2011 Jasmine was 17 and Jill was 14 when the sisters competed at Club Nationals in the intermediate lightweight double category (competing against college athletes) and placed 2nd. In 2013 Jill placed 2nd at both the Under 23 World Trials and the Jr. World Trials.

In her leisure time, Jill enjoys baking (and eating!), reading, hiking and other outdoor activities with friends.



Jill placed 2nd at both the 2013 & 2014 World Trials.



"I am aiming to qualify for the World Championships. My long-term goal is to qualify for our Olympic team in 2020. There are only two spots available for the U.S. Lightweight Women's Rowing Team and I am striving to be on that 2-woman team!"

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New Sign and New Flags for City Hall



The La Habra Heights Improvement Association donated a new sign for the front of City Hall, a California State flag and a flag of the United States to commemorate the completion of the City Hall renovation.

Photos by Erick Armeson and Asst. Rich McClish



LtoR: Mark Rizzo and Carlos Lopez (firefighters and paramedics), Dexter Castillo, Stewart Emory (firefighters).

A Butterfly Lover's Dream

On April 11 butterfly lovers from the Heights enjoyed a wonderful day at The Butterfly Farm in Vista, CA.



Left to right, Front Row: Carole Restovich, Loret Saylor, Kathie Kingett. Second Row: Hugh Hofmann, John & Maria Avola, Jim & Leila Langston, Jois Hofmann, Diane Hyde, Cheryle Hack, Barbara and Val Clemens, Carol Engelhardt, Sandy Mogan, Nancy & Donald Nordine. Back Row: Jacquie & Rich McClish, Robert Ward & Marilyn Roth, Barbara Cole, Jack Saylor, Suzanne Durnford, Ward Ferguson, JoAn Hildebrandt, Rachel Ramirez. Not Pictured: Susan Ferguson, Pat Morgan, Jane Williams.

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Summer is the time for fun outside with family and friends. However, it's also when many accidents occur around the home. Keep your family, friends and neighbors safe with these tips.

Around the pool

Swimming pools and spas may be fun to play and lounge in; however, children and pets can get hurt in and around them. Follow these safety tips to ensure everyone's safety around the pool.*

- Never leave children unattended.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and openings.
- Make sure everyone knows how to swim.
- Learn CPR and first aid—they can save lives.
- Don't swim if the pool has flat, broken or missing drain covers. Drains can suction hair and body parts, causing serious injury to children and adults.
- Install a fence at least four feet tall around the perimeter of your pool.
- Make sure pool and spa covers work.
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates.

Children's drowning deaths and injuries are highest between the months of May and August.*

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children ages 1-4.*



Photo Contest Winners



**First Place
Carol Crabb**

We thank all of the talented photographers who participated in the photo contest. We received many beautiful photos of the Heights. Look for them in future issues.



**Second Place
Erick Armeson**



**Honorable Mention
Ray Bravo**



**Third Place
Brian Burgess**

Music in The Park

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm at The Park

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Surfin' - June 17

The band is a faithful re-creation of what it would have been like to see The Beach Boys live, in concert, in their prime. The band has truly captured the essence of the original Beach Boys with stunning harmonies and the genius of Brian Wilson's music. This 5-member lineup is unrivaled in their sound, presentation, and professionalism. The uniband choreography, the Fender guitar line up, the famous custom striped shirts, right down to the black suede Beach Boy boots, it's all here. **Surfin'**... a great show, a great time, and fun, fun, fun till our Daddy takes the T-Bird away!

"40" a local U2 tribute band has faithfully crafted an amazingly accurate show, incorporating memorable stage elements from past U2 concerts with "spot on" musical execution, all while emphasizing the pride and passion of the four lads from Dublin. From Bono's unmistakable vocal quality to The Edge's huge guitar sound, Adam Clayton's solid brass and Larry Mullin, Jr.'s unique drumming style, this group recreates the best of U2.

"40" - June 24

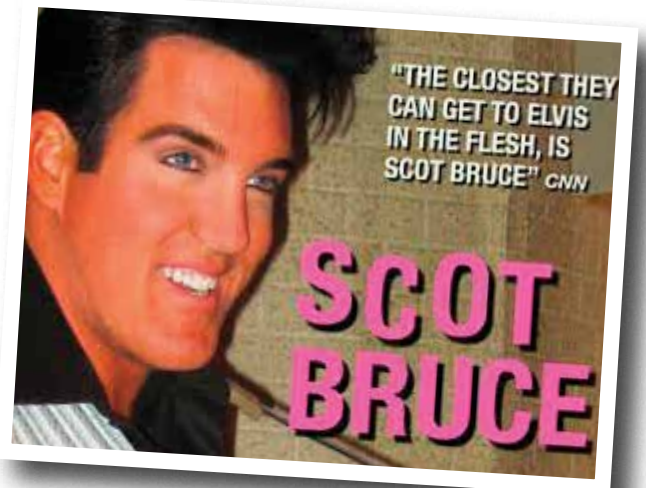


Swing Dolls - July 8

THE SWING DOLLS perform music made popular by The Andrew Sisters and The McGuire Sisters. This dynamic female vocal trio has been thrilling audiences nationwide for over ten years with their close harmonies and stylish choreography. In addition to appearing at "Music in The Park" in La Habra Heights, they have performed for Bob Hope's 100th Birthday Celebration, the Pasadena Pops Orchestra, and numerous performances for USO and patriotic-themed shows on military bases and aboard the USS Midway in San Diego.

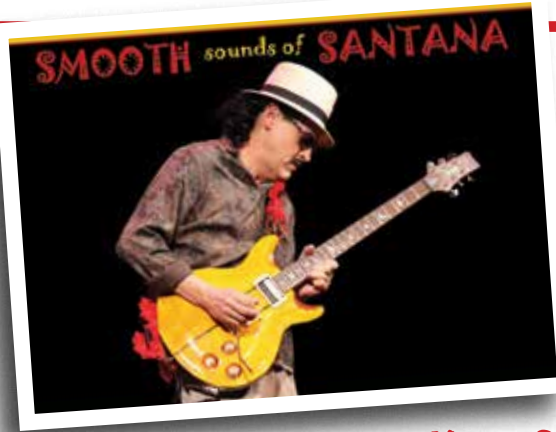
SCOT BRUCE, because of his uncanny resemblance to a young "Elvis," (and his ability to sing, strum a guitar, and swivel his hips), has appeared across the U.S. and all over the world. He has appeared in music videos with Faith Hill and Sheryl Crow. If you saw the "True Hollywood Story: Elvis in Hollywood" on the E! Entertainment Network, Scot played Elvis in the reenactment scenes. He performs at Disneyland on a regular basis and tours with the "Legends of Rock and Roll."

Elvis - July 15



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Smooth Sounds of Santana - July 22

SMOOTH SOUNDS OF SANTANA recreates the look and sound of Carlos Santana by replicating the music from his legendary early days to material from all eras of Santana's 30+ year history. Although they are based in Southern California, the group performs all across the United States and Canada.

Neon Circus - July 29

NEON CIRCUS is the authentic Brooks and Dunn tribute band performing nationally and internationally and delivering the ultra high energy show Brooks and Dunn were famous for. Put on your boots and jeans and come relive your favorite memories. NEON CIRCUS features authentic renditions of Brooks and Dunn's #1 hits such as "My Maria," "Only in America," "Neon Moon," and "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone."



Dean Colley - August 5

DEAN COLLEY returns to La Habra Heights to perform his "Hot August Night" tribute to Neil Diamond. He is considered by some to be the best Neil Diamond recreator in the world, with favorable reviews by major publications globally. He has played major showrooms in Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, Hollywood, Anaheim, Beverly Hills and Palm Springs.



Battle of the Bands - August 12

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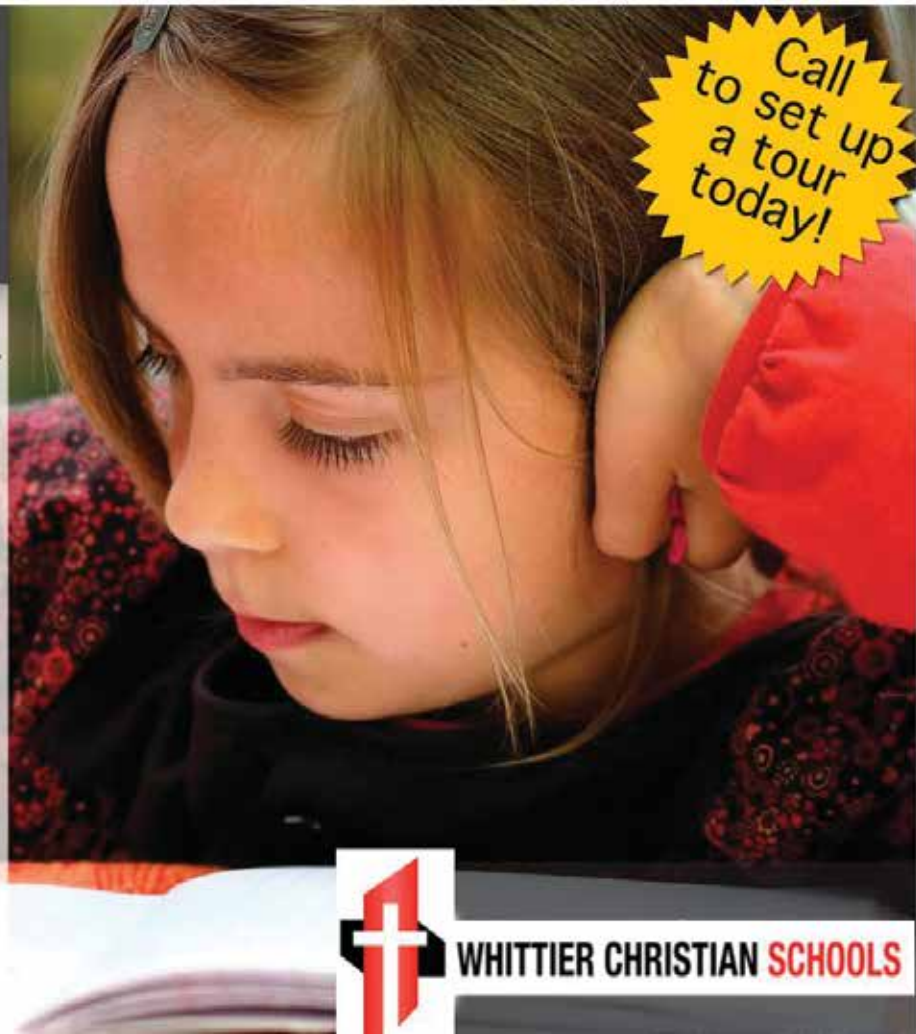
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Garden Plot

By Community Contributor Beverley Lepak
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HERE COMES SUMMER!

It's June and the weather will be heating up. With our ongoing drought and the promise of cool evenings, maybe it's time to reduce the lawn area and expand your patio! And what BBQ chefs wouldn't like a little more space for their culinary masterpieces? And you can have the kids plant some potted herbs for summer cooking.

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

Drought-stressed trees can create serious problems. And when trees/plants are stressed, they are more susceptible to pathogens and insects — which can cause infections and possible death. Signs of drought-stress include yellowing of the leaves and green leaf drop. For pine trees, the tops of trees will start to die.

“SUMMER BRANCH DROP” occurs when a tree's limbs cannot bear the weight of the foliage— and the limbs drop off! This is common with oaks and liquidambar trees. Look for low hanging-branches and do some light pruning to reduce excess weight (which will leave more water for the rest of the tree!).

Even arid California native trees and plants can suffer from drought—check for proper summer watering: excessive summer irrigation can mean death for some. (Note: as a survival technique, some California native plants are dormant during the summer.)

MAKING THE BEST OF A SITUATION . . .

It's a real dilemma: We need to reduce water usage, but how do we keep mature trees and plants from dying and possibly becoming fire hazards? Try these:

- Periodic deep watering (rather than frequent, shallow waterings).
- Irrigate only within the “drip line” or “feeder root” zone of trees and large shrubs.
- Apply a good layer of mulch. Keep a 4-12 inch area around the trunk mulch-free to discourage fungus and rot.
- Water deeply and less frequently. Be water-wise and allow the water level to go deeper into the root zone—where the water is needed.
- Avocado trees: Avocado trees need water in the top eight

inches or so of soil, and the soil should not be constantly moist. Do not remove the fallen leaves as mulch—and consider adding mulch. (Note: some local tree-trimming companies will provide free mulch!)

Strive to use less water and use mulch to both reduce evaporation and enrich the soil (and keep down weeds!).

VEGETABLES & HERBS FOR THE SUMMER GARDEN

Here's some vegetables to plant for tasty summer dining: *beans, beets, celery, corn, eggplant, peppers* and *tomatoes*. Cucurbit, such as *cucumbers, melons, pumpkins* and *squash*, will need lots of space and water. Check local nurseries for “smaller” growing plants in all varieties, which can cut down on space and water – especially “bush” forms of cucurbit. Cucurbits can “wilt” in hot weather.

Plant flavorful herbs for summer meals. *Basil, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel* and *mints* (keep in containers to prevent spreading). Once established, these herbs can tolerate drought conditions: *lavender, oregano, rosemary, thyme* and *sage*. Trim and remove flowers from herbs often to keep them growing strong.

To help with water conservation, consider planting herbs and other edibles rather than decorative annuals this year. Or perhaps skip planting a summer crop and dedicate water usage to maintaining existing trees and shrubs.

SUMMER CHORES

- Keep up on brush clearance and controlling garden critters. All kinds of animals will be creeping in for a nibble and a drink.
- Check irrigation systems for leaks. To help reduce evaporation, water early in the morning and when the air is still.
- Remove old fruit, trim off dead growth, and remove spent flowers.
- Provide some flowering plants and water for the birds, bees and butterflies.

Then grab a cool beverage, and kick back and enjoy the summer sunsets.

You can reach Beverley at beverleylepak@yahoo.com.

Beware of the Pencil Tree, Sticks-on-Fire, Firesticks or Milk Bush (*Euphorbia Tirucalli*). The white latex sap it contains is toxic!

A Heights resident had the unfortunate experience of getting the white sap on his hands and around his eyes. He lost his sight for a short period and experienced a burning sensation in his eyes and on his hands for several days. He was treated at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital but there is no quick antidote to stop the burning sensation. Sticks-on-Fire are widely used in landscaping and are sold as houseplants. "Residents may have this plant on their property and not know that the milky latex sap it contains is toxic," says Don Swartzbaugh, owner of Hacienda Growers.

With the continuing drought, we are all searching for drought-resistant, attractive landscaping alternatives. Use thick gardening gloves when trimming/handling and make sure your children know not to handle it.



Sticks-on-Fire Plant BURNS!



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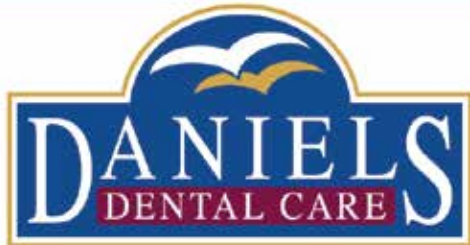
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Jun 11	City Council Meeting
Jun 13	"Coffee with the Mayor" 9:00-10:30 am, City Hall MPR
Jun 15	Deadline to Register for Water Conservation Drawing
Jun 17	Music in The Park - SURFIN' BEACH BOYS TRIBUTE
Jun 24	Music in The Park - "40" - U2 TRIBUTE BAND
Jun 23	Planning Commission Meeting
Jul 6	City Offices Closed - Independence Day
Jul 8	Music in The Park - SWING DOLLS
Jul 9	City Council Meeting

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La Habra Heights County Water District	562-697-6769
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"Fido Come Home"	562-694-8090

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TOTAL INCIDENTS 21

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