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Our hearts go out to all those affected by the Los Angeles wildfires. As your neighbors, we're here to help our community recover

Resources:

Free temporary housing:

If you know anyone who has been evacuated or lost their home due to the fire, they can call 211 which has partnered with Airbnb and are providing people one week of free stay at an Airbnb.

FEMA Assistance:

Register Online or by Phone: Call FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

Los Angeles County Assessor:

Taxpayers whose properties have either been destroyed or sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage may file a Misfortune and Calamity (M&C) claim for property tax relief. Assessor's Disaster Relief Hotline (213) 974-8658

Convoy For Hope:

Organizations like Convoy of Hope provide disaster relief and recovery services, including distributing relief supplies and offering support for rebuilding.

Donations:

CAR Disaster Relief, Pasadena Humane Society, Mutual Aid Los Angeles Network



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UNSAFE WATER ALERT

Este aviso contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Para una copia en español, favor de llamar al sistema de agua al (626) 355-7135.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE WATER SYSTEM experienced wildfire impacts and may have fire-related contamination. As a precautionary measure, this notice is being issued until test data is available.

DO NOT DRINK-DO NOT BOIL YOUR WATER
Failure to follow this advisory could result in illness.

The CITY OF SIERRA MADRE WATER SYSTEM NUMBER 1910148 is located within the EATON FIRE wildfire impact zone; however, the City of Sierra Madre never lost system pressure in any water zone, and the City did not suffer any damage to its critical water infrastructure. The City was able to maintain pressure in all zones within the water system throughout the event. The City conducted an initial assessment of the water system with routine bacteriological samples taken throughout the water system. All samples were analyzed by a third-party certified lab and found absent of coliform bacteria. As a precaution, the City of Sierra Madre is now required to test for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs), including benzene. The State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles County Health Department, and the City of Sierra Madre are advising residents of the affected area to **NOT USE THE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Due to VOCs ability to vaporize at lower temperatures and become airborne, residents are advised to:

- Limit use of hot water.
- Limit shower time/bathing, and do not take baths (use lukewarm water and ventilate area)
- Use a dishwasher to wash dishes and use air dry setting
- Wash clothing in cold water
- Avoid using clothes dryers (dry laundry outdoors)
- Do not use hot tubs or swimming pools
- Do not use ice from automatic ice makers
- Use proper ventilation when using water indoors

What should I do?

• **DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER - USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, and making ice and food preparation until further notice.

• **DO NOT TRY AND TREAT THE WATER YOURSELF.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe.

• A limited amount of bottled water is available at the City Hall.

UPDATES TO THIS ADVISORY WILL BE PROVIDED BASED ON MONITORING RESULTS.
For more information, call:626-355-7135

Water Utility contact: Steven McGee, Water Superintendent, Sierra Madre Water Department, tel: (626)355-7135 ADDRESS 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Sierra Madre, California, Public Water System ID # 1910148 .
Date Distributed: 1/14/2025.

Please share this information with all other people who receive this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (ex., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). This can be done by posting in a public place or distributing copies by hand.

Posted by:
Laura M. Aguilar, City Clerk
City of Sierra Madre, California
January 14, 2025 – 7:55 pm

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SIERRA MADRE EATON FIRE UPDATES:

Sierra Madre City Manager Jose Reynoso confirmed that as of Friday evening there were 14 confirmed homes that were completely destroyed and 25 structures, which include garages and ADUs that were also damaged by fire. Damage assessments still being conducted..

Restrictions on parking have been eased, however as heavy equipment is working on clean up and restoration of services, residents are asked to avoid parking on the streets. (See details on page 2).

The Sierra Madre YMCA on E. Sierra Madre Blvd. is a resource center for fire victims and a location for donations. The Sierra Madre community have

City Manager Reynoso, Water Superintendent McGee, Chief Bartlett, Corporal Shaw, and Public Works Director Yanez provided the community with updates regarding the Do Not Drink, Do Not Cook Water Order as well as Eaton Fire updates. You can monitor updates from the city by going to: https://local.nixle.com/alert/11354063/?sub_id=0

You can also watch the live briefings by going to:
Facebook Users: https://fb.watch/x9ujFz_yXL/

On The City's Website: <https://bit.ly/CSMEatonBriefings>

On the SMTV3 Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@3SMTV>. MVNews



Community volunteers and YMCA Staff at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd where fire victims can get food, clothing and supplies. Photo by Bob Spears

FROM CNS WIRE SERVICE:

The Eaton Fire is 73 percent contained today ... up overnight from 65 percent.

Firefighters continue to extinguish hot spots in steep ...inaccessible ... canyons near Winters Creek ... Mount Lowe ... and Mount Wilson. Crews and water dropping helicopters are also working in unison to extinguish any remaining heat in those areas.

The fire has burned more than 14,000 acres in the Altadena and Pasadena areas since it began on January 7th.

It has left at least 16 people dead ... destroyed nearly 8700 structures. and damaged 938.



A COMMUNITY UNITED:

In the wake of the devastating Eaton Fire, our hearts go out to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods. This week has brought unimaginable challenges, but together, we will move forward.

Now is the time to come together and support one another as we learn about the larger changes this event has wrought in our community.

Our Sincerest Gratitude to the first responders who ran towards the flames as we fled and to the brave citizens who selflessly helped their neighbors.

Our Heartfelt sympathy goes out to all affected. Let us know how we can help you!

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FOR SALE
MONROVIA \$400,000
Flat, abated lot with partial structure in Monrovia, ready for new construction or rebuild. Seller financing available. Investors welcome!



FOR SALE
WEST COVINA \$850,000
Charming 3-bedroom West Covina home with pool, family room, and den. Quiet street near shopping, dining, and freeways!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IT'S JUST "STUFF"

Throughout this past week, this perfunctory phrase has been uttered with increasing frequency. I guess it's often hard to find the words when addressing people in the heart of a personal tragedy. "Stuff", being used to show gratitude that despite the person's material loss, they still have the gift of life.

Having personally had a family home destroyed in the East Bay fire in 1991. That "Stuff" Matters! The "Stuff" we so casually refer to is the tangible reflection of the life lived in those homes. Every purchase in the house tells a story of a hard worker that invested time, sweat, and tears in creating a home for themselves and their family. Every scrap book, is the history of those efforts and the efforts that came before. Every single lost item in this time of unpredictable tragedy is like an eraser, that cleared the chalkboard of the family's existence.

It's not stuff!

It is the embodiment of the lives that lived there. It is the monument of the dedication that it takes to turn a space into a home. It is the destruction of the rare instances of dreams realized. It is painful it will take years to recover; if at all, and so much of the "Stuff" is irreplaceable. It is Not Stuff!

Fred Thomas, SM

A poem for all who have lost so much to the fires.

"HOMELESS"



Don't give me lessons to learn
or tell me God had a plan
all I knew is gone
houses once echoing
with laughing friends
after school snacks
begrudging homework
streets endlessly biked and skateboarded
now silent paths in an eerie land

shut up and just be here
in the rubble with me
and my burnt-edged heart
full of tears unwept
bear witness to what is no more
hold me
as homeless memories wander
in my black hole of grief.

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Image (a home in Altadena): Michael Burton

THANK YOU FROM YOUR UPPER CANYON "MARLBOROUGH TERRACE" NEIGHBOURS!



Thank you, Bill Duvall, Jay Calleton and Dyon Taylor, our dear neighbours, for putting out hotspots and embers on Tuesday night, January 7th, 2025 in our upper canyon. You did this during that treacherous wind event, in the dark, on steep terrain and in life threatening conditions. Ya'll stayed back attempting to save homes while many of us evacuated. We understand you worked throughout the night.

We also extend our most heartfelt thanks to our neighbours who joined in later to fight on. They include Taylor Caruso, Giovanni DePaolis, Connor Haas, Mike Hodgkinson, Miro Serrell Freed, Duane Waliser, and Andres Zamorano.

Additionally, this resident learned that more upper canyon dwellers jumped into action by dousing the flames on the other side of our neighbourhood. Thank you so much Ray Fountain, Serge Lakobrija- and your stepfather Milan as well as our neighbour: Hovik Oganezov.

Apologies if anyone was missed or not mentioned, here. We have since learned that the lower canyon also had residents up by the Dam and other areas fighting flames - the Hagen brothers and Richie Wisz along with Miro, a former 'Hotshot' who was interviewed on CNN.

You are all our brave heroes. We owe you an enormous dept of gratitude.

Sadly, we lost a home on Churchill Road that once belonged to the late, great Minor Harkness of the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue team. The other home lost is artist Lynne Fearman and her husband, Ed. Our hearts go out to these neighbours.

Still, we cannot thank you all for the efforts to save the homes along the hillsides below Mt Wilson trail, it could be that the entire upper canyon was saved! enough

Some of our neighbours had just moved in to this beautiful canyon and some are 'old timers' having lived here for decades, like Bill Duvall. Many were well prepared for evacuation - as in this resident's case, it happened to be our 5th fire experience since 1992. The previous four fires had little to no wind events, but this Eaton fire was a different animal. On January 16th, we viewed our home (s) from up above on the hillside and can see scorched earth, trees and debris that are just a few feet away from the back of our houses. Thanks also goes to the tireless work from volunteers who are now on our Mt Wilson trail clearing brush, and getting it prepared for the next phase: to protect our homes from potential mudslide issues.

Gratefully,
The residents of the upper canyon, founded in 1921 as Marlborough Terrace.

by Catherine Adde
KitCat Cottage - Upper Canyon Neighbourhood Watch
Sierra Madre



Healing Together

For those impacted by the fires in Los Angeles County

FREE GROUP SESSIONS:

MONDAYS FROM 10AM-12PM

(JANUARY 20TH & 27TH; FEBRUARY 3RD & 10TH)

Sierra Madre Office - Art Therapy with Missy Washington, AMFT

South Pasadena Office - Group with Lauren McAulay, APCC and Peter Clark, MA

THURSDAYS FROM 4PM-6PM

(JANUARY 23RD & 30TH; FEBRUARY 6TH & 13TH)

Virtual group with Stella Galarza, Psy.D., LPCC

For more information text or call:
(323)345-1402

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South Pasadena Office
1499 Huntington Drive, Suite 408 South Pasadena CA



THE CITY OF
SIERRA MADRE

SIERRA MADRE UPDATES

• POLICE & PARKING UPDATES

- Residents are being asked to avoid parking in areas that may obstruct access for utility crews, including Southern California Edison, as they continue working to restore power.
- Residents are encouraged to park in their driveways, garages, and if possible, in the City's public parking lots.
- Parking enforcement is in effect only in areas where utility access is critical.
- Parking restrictions have been lifted except during Red Flag Warnings.
- Parking enforcement is in affect only in areas where utility access is critical.
- Still have enhanced patrols in the City. Please report any suspicious activity.
- Stay vigilant. Stay safe.

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6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Mon	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Tues	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2025 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transparency efforts and The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The public may also comment in person at the meeting.

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



Sierra Madre Public LIBRARY
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This week at the Sierra Madre Public Library

January 20 — January 25

Monday

Library Closed for Holiday—
No Services

Wednesday

Green Teens— Library at
4:00pm

Saturday

Digital Services— Library from
10:00am—11:00am.

Read, Discover, Connect
@ Sierra Madre Public Library
350 W Sierra Madre Blvd.
(626) 355-7186

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"I'd like to cancel my subscription to 2025. I've experienced the free 7-day trial and I'm definitely not interested."

I expect a lot of us feel exactly like that and my constant prayer is, "Oh Lord, please no more wind!" As people we know are trying to cope with the worst thing they could ever imagine, i.e., losing their homes and everything they treasured, I'm sitting with this blank page trying to think of something to say that will bring comfort and hope. Friends and neighbors are doing everything they can to help each other and food, no matter what some people say, is always a big comfort. Why do they call macaroni and cheese comfort food? Because it is.

A couple of days ago, my dear next-door neighbors, Sarah and Jay, asked me if I could use some zucchini as a friend of theirs had given them seven homegrown beauties. Having grown zucchini, I discovered that it's delicious when it's small and tender but if you turn your back on those cute little ones, they somehow grow into the size of baseball bats and you can grate all day to make zucchini bread and never use up one of them. So, I grated two of these more than medium size dark green babies and made zucchini bread. If someone you know needs comfort they can just slice and eat, this will do the trick.

"Comfort food is whatever makes your heart stop pounding, your tears stop flowing, the ache in your stomach to ease and the tiny seeds of hope to start growing in your soul."

ZUCCHINI BREAD

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 8" x 4" loaf pan

- 1-1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon (generous)
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg (generous)
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Combine all those in a large bowl

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup grated zucchini
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. or more grated lemon peel
- 1/2 cup pecans (optional) dried cranberries are good and a little chopped apple is also a delicious, comforting addition.

Combine all that in a medium bowl. Mix well then add to the dry ingredients.

Spoon batter into greased pan. Bake 55-60 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes or so. Remove the loaf from the pan and cut yourself a slice. You can spread a little butter on it, pour yourself a cup of coffee and thank God for comfort food.

This recipe can be doubled as many times as you like. The two zucchini I used ended up being four loaves of bread. You can make lots of little loaves, too, and give them to those around you who could use a little comfort. The picture is the four loaves of zucchini bread.

I got this recipe from the Pasadena Star News in 2011 from Dorothy Reinhold's column, which is no longer there. In it, she described her son's ecstasy about the zucchini bread that his 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Corinne Le, had baked and brought to share. "It's soooo good," he said, "and she gave me the recipe!" Corinne Le knew how to bring comfort to 3rd graders and I hope this will bring you some, too.

"We don't even know how strong we are until we are forced to bring that hidden strength forward. In times of tragedy, of war, of necessity, people do amazing things. The human capacity for survival and renewal is awesome." Isabel Allende

This recipe is in my book:
"A Tablespoon of Love A Tablespoon of Laughter"
Available on Amazon

There are lots of other comforting things in there, too.

"May God bless you and keep you all and make His Face to shine upon you and give you peace...and comfort."

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: Public Hearing: Proposal for Parking Violations Fines and Penalties

Notice is hereby given that on January 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM, or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to hear testimony regarding a proposal to establish parking violations fees.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, January 28, 2025 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m. or soon thereafter). All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PLACE OF HEARING

This meeting will be conducted at City Council Chambers and will be recorded for live streaming.

Watch the meeting on Channel 3 (Government Access Channel) or live on the City's website at www.sierramadreca.gov Email public comments to: publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

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EATON FIRE RESPONSE

The Eaton Fire came with little warnings. How did the city respond? Was the EOC activated?

This is your chance to ask Bob Spears, Emergency Services Manager, how this emergency was handled. We will also be discussing evacuation plans: What went right and what went wrong?

The public is always welcome to join us! Find out about our upcoming CERT Basic Training Class.

Sierra Madre CERT General Meeting
Thursday, January 23rd, 7:00 PM
Hart Park House - Memorial Park
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

SIERRA MADRE UPDATES

• PUBLIC WORKS MUDFLOW & FOOD WASTE UPDATES

- A Mudflow and debris flow mitigation plan is being worked on by The Public Works Department.
 - Please keep wind driven debris off the parkway and street as crews will begin deploying K rails in strategic locations.
- Please maintain the practice of disposing of spoiled food like you would in your bear-resistant trash can.
 - Place the spoiled food in a trash bag and not include food containers.
- Athens has provided the City with additional bins for spoiled food disposal at Sierra Vista Park.
- These bins are only for spoiled food
 - Please do not add your regular waste or trash to the bins located at Sierra Vista Park.

SIERRA MADRE UPDATES

- PUBLIC WORKS LEAF BLOWER & POWER UPDATES
- LA County has issued a temporary ban on the use of ALL leaf blowers to mitigate health risks associated with fire ash, smoke, and particulate matter.
- The Leaf Blower Ban will remain in effect until the County Health Officer determines that recovery conditions no longer pose a health risk.
- More sections of the City have restored power.
- Residents still experiencing outages are encouraged to call Southern California Edison (SCE) at 211 and to contact the City for additional support.

Pasadena Altadena



News From Your Community For Your Community

Public Health Department Declares Local Health Emergency

Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) Acting Health Officer, Dr. Parveen Kaur, declared Wednesday a local public health emergency due to the widespread impacts of Eaton Fire, including the presence of ash and particulate matter in the air throughout the community.

Ash and debris pose a significant potential current and future risk to health, safety, and the environment. PPHD is declaring a local health emergency to ensure residents take appropriate measures to protect themselves from toxic ash and debris, as well as proactively positioning the city to access County, State, and Federal resources and programs that will be critical to the rebuilding process.

PPHD is distributing free personal protective equipment (PPE) to those impacted by the Eaton Fire at 450 N. Lake Ave., in conjunction with Pasadena Water and Power Department's bottled water distribution site, that started Wednesday and will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The use of power air blowers, including leaf blowers, is prohibited until further notice to help protect the health and wellbeing of residents. These devices stir up ash and particulate matter into the air, further worsening air quality and increasing health risks for everyone and their pets, particularly for those with respiratory conditions, older adults, children, and other vulnerable populations.

Red Cross Offers Financial Assistance

The American Red Cross said it is committed to providing individuals affected by the devastating wildfires with safe shelter, access to food, basic health services, and emotional support. In addition to assisting those currently in our shelters, they will also begin providing financial assistance to residents who lived within the fire perimeters of Eaton, Palisades, Hurst, and Kenneth, as defined by Cal OES.

These current active perimeters can be found (in orange) on Tab 4 the Red Cross 2025 California Wildfire Disaster Partner Brief.

Currently they have actively begun outreach to specific individuals whose primary residences were located within these defined areas. These individuals are eligible for this initial Red Cross Financial Assistance program. For those they have contact information for, they will send an invitation to enroll via email, text message, or phone call directly from the American Red Cross. For more information about the Red Cross visit: redcross.org.



Pasadena Elks Lodge Sets Up Donation Center after Members Lost Their Homes

With nowhere to go after being evacuated during last week's devastating fire in Altadena, and Pasadena, some Elks Members ended up finding refuge at their Lodge No. 672 where other members and the public were quick to help.

According to Lodge No. 672 Exalted Ruler Matt Stadler the Board of Directors, soon after, held an emergency meeting, and voted to establish an objective that the Pasadena Lodge was an official Donation Center. "Voting was Phase 1," he said. "Phase 2 was opening donations to the public."

Stadler said they will enter Phase 3, as other Elks Lodges across the Country send them donations that were expected to start arriving yesterday.

He said baby diapers, socks, underwear, bras and towels were among the most

requested items. He said after they organize and categorize all of the donations, Lodge 672 is set to host a Merchandise Distribution Event Monday.

The Distribution Event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Pasadena Elks Lodge located at 400 W. Colorado Boulevard, with vehicle access on Green Street.

During this event, Pasadena Elks members will distribute new clothing, personal care items, bedding, diapers, bottled water, and other essential goods to first responders and community members impacted by the Eaton Fire.

Identification that indicates residency in an affected fire area is required to participate in the merchandise distribution event.

In addition, the Pasadena Elks Lodge will offer

complimentary meals daily from noon to 8:00 p.m. on days that do not include a merchandise distribution event. The meals will be offered to first responders and community members impacted by the Eaton Fire. This service will continue based on food supplies and community demand, and meal hours may change. Identification indicating residency in an affected fire area is also required to participate in the meal service.

Established in 1901, Pasadena Elks, Lodge 672, is a 501(c)(8) charitable organization with more than 1,200 members.

Homeless Count Postponed

Acting Director of Housing, James Wong, and the Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness announced Thursday that the 2025 Point-in-Time Homeless Count, originally scheduled for this month, has been postponed at least until the end of February. The decision to postpone the Homeless Count is a direct response to the devastating fires that have communities over the past week.

The Homeless Count is a critical event that enables us to collect essential data, better understand the scope of homelessness in our community, and secure the resources needed to address this urgent issue. "Our community has faced extraordinary challenges this week, and our immediate focus must be on recovery and supporting those affected by the fires," said Dan Davidson, Homeless Count Consultant and Coordinator. "We thank our dedicated volunteers and partners for their patience and understanding as we adjust our timeline."

The City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness call on our community and volunteers to remain on standby and join us for this important event at the end of February. "We deeply appreciate your continued support and dedication to making a difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness." Further updates, including the confirmed date of the rescheduled Homeless Count, will be available. For more information visit: pasadenapartnership.org or contact Dan Davidson and Erika Fay Gottfredson at homelesscountpasadena@gmail.com.

Pasadena Issues Advisory for Homes Impacted by Eaton Fire



The City of Pasadena advised residents Friday to be aware of possible health hazards when returning to their properties, especially if they live in or near areas impacted by the Eaton Fire.

According to officials, even if your home or property was not damaged by Eaton Fire, ash and debris may have blown indoors. Ash can irritate your skin, eyes, nose, and throat; make it difficult to breathe; and can exacerbate asthma. Everyone should wear an N95 or P100 mask when cleaning their home, even if they have not been directly impacted by Eaton Fire. For those with respiratory conditions and other pre-existing conditions, consider masking up and speaking to your healthcare provider for further advice. Monitor Los Angeles County's air quality at the South Coast Air Quality Management District website: aqmd.gov.

Residents whose properties have been impacted by Eaton Fire are encouraged by the City of Pasadena to use their discretion and consider receiving professional assistance to help ensure that their property is suitable for their return. If you have any doubts on the safety of your property, contact licensed professionals for support and guidance listed at the California Contractors State Licensing Board: cslb.ca.gov/OnlineServices/CheckLicenseII/CheckLicense.aspx.

The following guidance is ONLY for properties that have suffered smoke damage AND

do not have fire damaged structures, including yellow and red tagged structures. Pasadena Building Inspectors continue to conduct Structure Safety Assessments for all structures within the wind and fire impacted areas, and colored placards have been posted to each assessed property. The placards correspond to the structure's safety status.

DO NOT ENTER your property if your property has been damaged directly by fire and/or has been yellow or red tagged.

Before re-entry, sniff for gas. If you detect natural or propane gas, or hear a hissing noise, leave the property immediately and call the fire department after you reach safety. If you have a propane tank system, turn off all valves and contact a propane supplier to check the system before use.

Be careful when moving throughout your home and property. Damaged objects or areas of your property, such as furniture or stairs, may be unstable. Be very cautious when moving. Avoid holding, pushing, or leaning against damaged building parts. If power is out, use a flashlight. Do not use any open flame, including candles, to inspect for damage or serve as alternate lighting. Disconnect and check all appliances for water damage before using them.

If you return home and your house smells like smoke, but does not appear to be fire damaged, follow tips provided at: cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news.

Altadena Town Council Statement on the Eaton Fire

"The Altadena Town Council is deeply saddened and heartbroken by the catastrophic damage caused by the Eaton Fire. Our town has been forever changed by the destruction, and many of us, including councilmembers, have lost our homes and businesses. We grieve alongside each and every one of you who has been affected by this disaster. Our schools, churches, restaurants, parks, water reservoirs, and many cherished historic buildings have been lost, some of which can never be replaced.

We want you to know that you are not alone. We stand in solidarity with you during this incredibly difficult time. The spirit of Altadena lies in its residents, and we are committed to working tirelessly to bring you the most up-to-date information possible. While we are still in the early stages of recovery, we will soon begin to heal and rebuild together."

"Please take care and stay safe. Altadena will rise again from this devastation, and together, we will rebuild."

For more information visit: altadenatowncouncil.org.

Rent Protections Stay in Place During State of Emergency

The City of Pasadena's Rent Stabilization Department reminds tenants and landlords that important protections are still in effect during the ongoing natural disaster and proclaimed state of emergency. These protections, created by the Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter Amendment, aim to provide stability for renters and property owners during challenging times.

These protections apply to certain rental units in Pasadena. To find out if your unit is included or to get help, visit our website, call a Housing Counselor at (626) 744-7999, or email rentstabilization@cityofpasadena.net.

Key Provisions:

Rent Increase Protections:
 • Annual Limits: Rent can only be increased once every 12 months, and landlords must give a 30-day written notice. From October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, the maximum rent increase allowed is 3.0%.

• **Contesting Rent Increases:** Tenants can petition against rent increases that exceed the limit unless the increase has been approved through a petition. Rent increases are not allowed if landlords fail to follow city rules, keep units habitable, or make required repairs.

• **Eviction Protections:**
 • **Just Cause Requirement:** Landlords must provide tenants with a written notice that clearly states a valid, legal reason ("Just Cause") for eviction. This applies even if a rental unit has been damaged by the wildfires, severe winds, or related conditions. Landlords should consult with

their attorneys to determine their obligations. Examples of "Just Cause" reasons:

• **Failure to pay rent**
 The landlord or a family member moving into the unit
 • **Withdrawal of the rental unit from the market**
 Major repairs requiring tenants to vacate
 Following a Governmental Order to vacate

• **Relocation Assistance:** If tenants are evicted for reasons beyond their control (e.g., owner move-in, necessary repairs, and governmental order), they are entitled to relocation assistance. For more information about relocation assistance, please refer to Chapter 4, Article III of the Pasadena Rental Housing Board Regulations.

• **Additional Homeowner Protections:** Homeowners living in their primary residence can create temporary tenancies (up to 12 months) that are exempt from the Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter Amendment as long as the length of the tenancy is stated in writing at the inception of the tenancy, along with a statement that the tenancy may be terminated, and relocation assistance shall not be provided.

• **Anti-Harassment Protections:** Landlords cannot harass or retaliate against tenants for exercising their legal rights, including participation in tenant advocacy activities. Such retaliation is a defense to eviction.

• **Price Gouging:** As further detailed in the City's January 13, 2025 press release, the anti-rent gouging provisions of California Penal Code Section 396 are in effect during the current proclaimed state and local State of Emergency. State law prohibits landlords from charging new tenants more than the maximum lawful rent that was charged to previous tenant.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

PASADENA (CNS) -

A COALITION OF ADVOCATES TODAY URGED LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR A JUST RECOVERY FOR VICTIMS OF THE EATON FIRE

Residents and advocates gathered at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest Black congregations of this denomination in Pasadena, to join a rallying cry for equitable restoration. The Eaton Fire, which started Jan. 7, has so far resulted in the deaths of 17 people and stood at 65% containment with more than 14,000 acres burned as of Jan. 17th.

During the news conference organized by LA Voice, a multi-racial and multi-faith organization, Pastor Kerwin Manning of Pasadena Church said this is about their community, "our flock," getting everything they need for restoration.

"At the beginning of this year, Jan. 1, the whole world's eyes were on us. They were watching the beauty of the Rose Parade and the floats, and then they turned their attention to the Rose Bowl game," Manning said. "One week later, they were watching the devastation. They were watching the destruction -- what the best way we can describe it is as a war zone," he added.

Friday's call to action is a message that Altadena and Pasadena what several speakers affectionately referred to as "Dena" -- will stand together for all impacted people, including those who are most vulnerable. The group outlined four critical pillars for a just recovery of their community:

- Ensuring everyone gets help with in-person, in-language support while navigating FEMA, insurance, unemployment resources and other services. Non-federal programs must be accessible to all impacted residents regardless of status.

- Protecting the sanctity of home and community for renters with a countywide rent freeze and eviction moratorium to combat rent gouging; for homeowners by establishing rebuilding policies, and for small businesses and community centers by providing displacement-prevention measures and financial assistance in particular for those in the fire zones;

- Economic relief such as cash assistance for residents' whose livelihoods or wages have been impacted by the fires regardless of status, and that rebuilding efforts include labor protections, job opportunities, as well as improvement of the conditions for incarcerated firefighters; and

- Ensuring environmental resilience by incorporating sustainable infrastructure and traditional ecological practices during and after the rebuilding.

Rev. Larry Campbell, a pastor of First AME of Pasadena, noted that 54 congregation members lost their homes due to the fire. They've also experienced the overwhelming task of navigating FEMA, insurance companies and what he described as "wolves in sheep's clothing" ready to take advantage of victims under duress.

Fay Austin, 88, said she has lived in Altadena since 1977. She had to evacuate at 3 a.m. alongside neighbors. They drove around for two hours before finding refuge at the Pasadena Convention Center with the American Red Cross. Austin expressed her worries about finding temporary housing as prices have shot up. But she is not deterred, as she, like so many others, begins the journey toward recovery.

Rosa Salas, a member of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights and teacher at St. Mark's, which burned down, shared her story as well. "We grew up in Dena, the home my father chose 53 years ago when he arrived from Mexico to build a better future for our family," Salas said. "Over time, this hard work and determination... plant(ed) the seeds of generational wealth through homeownership."

"A proud Latino-Dena heritage, and people ask me, 'Where does that lasting legacy come from?' The answer is clear: African American trailblazers broke those systemic barriers like red lining."

In the 1960s, Black people moved into Altadena, leading to a flourishing Middle Class by the 1970s as a result of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, prohibiting racial discrimination in housing.

According to Census data, by the 1980s the Black population was at its highest at 43%. In 2020, data showed the population of Black residents was at 18% of about 42,000 residents.

Donald Kincey and his family have lived in Altadena for four generations. He recalled the night of the fire. "I went home thinking that I was okay, looked at the mountain, and I knew I wasn't okay," Kincey said. His family was elsewhere -- something he was thankful for as his parents are in their 70s. His father is also compromised from the coronavirus, Kincey noted.

"I stayed in the neighborhood and violated the (evacuation) order. I know that people on my street were elderly. I wanted to be there for anybody. I kept my house wet until the water ran out and I sat there and watched everything burn." Kincey cried as he said his home, sister's home, mother's home and his business were lost. "I want to make sure that we fight, we stay, we don't sell out, no matter what," he added.

L.A. County Supervisor Board Chair Kathryn Barger, who represents Altadena, published a letter Thursday in which she made a commitment to her constituents. "There is fear among many in the African American community, who have had their homes for generations, that they will not be able to rebuild," she wrote. "For some, these homes are more than structures. They are legacies passed down through decades -- a symbol of perseverance and family heritage. We cannot allow this wildfire to extinguish that legacy."

County, state and federal officials are also stepping in to protect fire victims from price gouging. They've implemented a crackdown on scammers and urge residents to be wary of potential offers.

Arelí Hernandez, director of executive affairs for CHIRLA, encouraged undocumented immigrants or those who may not qualify for federal assistance to seek help through the organization's iRelief Fund, among other initiatives on their website. She urged them to seek available resources from the state such as CalFresh, too.

She provided one last bit of advice that could apply to everyone impacted fires: "If there's somebody who comes to you with an offer, whatever it's for -- housing, your home, your property -- just double-check it."

"If it's too good to be true, always check back with somebody in the community, like an organization, to verify if what they're saying is accurate. Reach out for help," Hernandez said.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN HARABEDIAN AND SPEAKER ROBERT RIVAS ANNOUNCE ACTIONS TO FAST-TRACK FIRE RECOVERY, KEEP DISPLACED CALIFORNIANS HOUSED

(PASADENA, CA) — Today, Assemblymember John Harabedian (D - Pasadena), Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas), and members of the California State Assembly gathered together at incident command at the Rose Bowl to announce legislation to fast-track recovery, keep fire victims housed, and allocate billions to help Los Angeles County recover.

"I grew up in Sierra Madre and have always been proud of our community's strength, diversity, and unity. This past week has tested us like never before, as many have lost homes, jobs, and places of worship," said Assemblymember John Harabedian (D-Pasadena). "Recovery won't be easy, but by supporting one another, I know we can rebuild and I'll be with you every step of the way. I look forward to working with Governor Newsom, Speaker Rivas, and Pro Tem McGuire to provide swift relief to our community."

"We are moving right now to keep Californians housed as recovery begins, speed up recovery, and approve billions of dollars in funding to kickstart toxic debris removal and rebuild and repair schools. Families must be able to send their children back to school immediately," said Speaker Rivas (D-Salinas). "Let me be very clear," said Rivas, "We must reshape our state government so that we are better able to prevent disasters like this from happening again. All options must be on the table. We'll have more to say on that real soon. Right now we want those affected by the fires to know that immediate help is on the way so you can begin to recover."



The announcement comes after Speaker Rivas met with L.A. Assemblymembers and local officials, and visited the Altadena, Malibu and Palisades communities.

Assemblymember Harabedian introduced the following bills Monday to help provide essential relief to wildfire victims:

AB 238, Mortgage Deferment Act: Under the Mortgage Deferment Act, borrowers are entitled to request an initial forbearance of their monthly mortgage payments for up to 180 days, and may request up to an additional 180 days. This bill is inspired by the CARES Act, which provided

construction of Accessory Dwelling Units in the Coastal Zone, keep displaced Californians housed, and prohibit evictions if a tenant shelters wildfire victims or their pet.

These bills will be heard in Assembly policy committees during the spring.

Assemblymember John Harabedian represents the 41st District composed of the cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Oak Hills, Piñon Hills and Phelan.

mortgage payment forbearance to those experiencing financial hardship during the COVID-19 national emergency.

AB 239, State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force: establishes the State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force (SLDHTF) to operate throughout the long-term recovery period following the recent wildfires. Its primary purpose is to assist with coordination between the federal government, state agencies and departments, and local municipalities. The bill is modeled after FEMA guidance that each state establish a SLDHTF.

The Assembly delegation also announced legislation today to help fire victims which would stop additional cumbersome building standards, accelerate state permit review for reconstruction, expedite construction of Accessory Dwelling Units in the Coastal Zone, keep displaced Californians housed, and prohibit evictions if a tenant shelters wildfire victims or their pet.

POST OFFICE UPDATE

LOS ANGELES (CNS) -

Some post offices that were affected by wildfires have resumed retail services and mail delivery in areas designated as "safe" throughout Los Angeles County, while some offices have been assigned temporary pickup locations, officials said today.

Regular services have reopened at the La Canada Flintridge and Malibu Post Offices, according to the United States Postal Service.

The following post offices' retail and delivery services have been relocated where customers will be able to pick up mail on the effective dates:

-- ALTADENA POST OFFICE 2271 Lake Ave., mail pickup location at Pasadena Post Office, 600 Lincoln Ave.;

-- SIERRA MADRE, ARCADIA (WHEELER) ARCADIA (DUARTE RD.) EAST PASADENA (Colorado Blvd) and MONROVIA are operating on their normal schedule at press time.

The post office can forward mail to a temporary location to people who were affected. An Official Mail Forwarding Change of Address Order to reroute their mail, including packages and letters, can be completed at moversguide.usps.com, or by filling out a PS Form 3575 at any post office.

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AFTER A WILDFIRE - SAFE CLEAN-UP

WHEN CLEANING UP ASH:



Wear a tight-fitting disposable respirator (N-95 or P-100).



Wear goggles, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks to avoid skin contact.



Mist lightly with water and then sweep gently with a broom or wet mop.



Collect ash into a plastic bag and dispose in the regular trash.



Wash off ash from vehicles and outdoor toys.



Inside your home, use a vacuum with a HEPA filter or similar industrial ones with disposable collection filter bags.



Direct ash-filled water to ground areas and away from the storm drains. Don't use leaf blowers!



Clean ash off pets.



Take precautions when cleaning up ash from wildfires. Ash particles are usually bigger than smoke particles, but can still cause health problems. People with heart or lung diseases, older adults, children, and pregnant women should use special caution around ash.

Ash During A Wildfire

What is Ash?



- Dust that is gray or white
- Large enough to see
- Can be the size of sand or larger
- Visible in the air or on surfaces
- Contains hazardous toxics

Ash particles are too large to be detected by air quality monitors and are not reflected in the Air Quality Index (AQI) map. Although the AQI may show green, hazardous ash may be present in the air.

If you see ash, take proper precautions:



Wear a N95 mask.



Stay indoors with windows/doors closed.



Run your HVAC system, or air purifier if available.



Don't use a leaf blower.



If cleaning up ash, wear goggles, gloves, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

More tips:

www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips



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NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is alerting the public about fraudulent social media accounts impersonating CAL FIRE and soliciting donations. CAL FIRE does not solicit donations from the public, either in person or online.

Additionally, all of CAL FIRE's social media accounts are verified accounts and have the blue or gray checkmark and are categorized as a Government Organization. If you do not see the checkmark, it is not an official CAL FIRE account.

While CAL FIRE does not request donations, there are legitimate organizations that support victims affected by disasters, the fire service, and first responders. Anyone wishing to contribute to such organizations are encouraged to thoroughly research them to ensure their validity before making a donation.

CAL FIRE urges the public to remain vigilant and report suspicious accounts or activity to the relevant social media platform or authorities. Protecting our communities includes safeguarding them against scams and misinformation.

CAL FIRE ALERTS PUBLIC OF FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS REQUESTING DONATIONS



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Tips for confirming that a Government Organization's social media account is valid:

- Make sure the social media handle matches what is listed on official websites.
 - Official government accounts generally post professional, relevant, and timely information.
 - Look for official announcements or references to other credible sources, such as links to government websites or trusted news outlets.
 - Be wary of accounts with low follower counts or sudden, rapid growth.
- Government accounts will never ask for sensitive personal information via social media.

NEW 'RAPID-RESPONSE' EFFORT TARGETS WILDFIRE-RELATED INSURANCE FRAUD

LOS ANGELES (CNS) - A new "rapid response" effort to prevent and prosecute insurance fraud targeting wildfire survivors is now operational, it was announced today.

The partnership described by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and L.A. County District Attorney Nathan Hochman focuses on raising awareness, prosecuting fraud and equipping survivors with tools to navigate recovery safely.

"Scammers exploit vulnerable times, preying on survivors with false promises and fraudulent schemes," Lara said in a statement.

"We've seen this in past wildfires. By partnering with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, we're amplifying protections for wildfire victims and empowering consumers to protect themselves. My department is committed to guiding you with resources to make informed decisions and avoid scams."

As survivors begin recovery, Lara said, the insurance department's Disaster Assistance Response Team has been deployed to wildfire-affected areas to protect survivors from scams and fraud. In coordination with the contractors state license board and other agencies, DART helps educate residents about their rights, checks contractor and vendor licenses, and ensures compliance with state regulations.

The D.A.'s fraud and corruption prosecutors, meanwhile, are working with county and state agencies to hold individuals and businesses accountable for fraud, including insurance, public benefits, and charitable donation scams. Penalties for fraud can include fines and jail or prison time, Hochman said.

"Our office's fraud-fighting prosecutors have a message for scammers: You will not get away with impersonating insurance companies in order to steal from wildfire victims in Los Angeles County," Hochman said Friday. "Our office is on high alert for insurance scams and we will relentlessly pursue and seek the maximum punishment for the criminals who seek to exploit the victims of the LA County fires. ... Insurance fraud will not be tolerated under any circumstances."

In previous wildfires, the insurance department arrested criminals engaged in fraud, including one case where a person falsely posed as legal counsel, filed fraudulent smoke and ash claims, and pocketed settlement checks, Lara said.

To address common scams like public adjuster fraud, the insurance commissioner issued a notice reminding public adjusters to adhere to strict laws governing their conduct. Lara urged survivors to carefully review adjuster contracts, understand fees -- typically a percentage of the insurance claim -- and verify the adjuster's license on the department's website.

As part of the educational effort, Lara is hosting free two-day insurance support workshops on Saturday and Sunday in Santa Monica and Jan. 25 and 26 in Pasadena to help survivors understand their insurance policies and the claims process, while also providing information about available resources for rebuilding and recovery. The workshops are open to all those impacted by the recent wildfires.

Call 800-927-4357 to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Department of Insurance expert.

The department has resources for disaster survivors and strongly encourages consumers to check out the help, including how to avoid scams after a disaster. There is often unscrupulous individuals who try and take advantage of disaster survivors who can be vulnerable during a challenging time, Lara said.

Consumers who have questions on their insurance or wish to file a complaint against a public adjuster can do so on the department's website or by calling 800-927-4357.

The insurance department urges consumers to check the public adjuster's license and make sure they are properly licensed and in good standing by visiting the department's website or by calling the 800 number.

Also, Lara said, homeowners should be sure to check the contractor's license with the contractors' state license board.

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 Time: 1:00 PM

Community Meeting
Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4:00PM (PST)

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church
 1757 N. Lake Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Eaton Fire officials will host a community meeting to provide a current fire update and address questions. The meeting will be held in-person and streamed live on YouTube. Please submit your questions in advance via email at 2025.eaton@firenet.gov. Index cards will be available at the door for in-person attendees to write questions.

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PASADENA UNIFIED FIRST PHASE REOPENING

Dear PUSD Community,

I am pleased to share a milestone in our community's recovery from the Eaton fire: we are announcing the first group of schools that will reopen to bring students, staff, and families back together.

PUSD is reopening schools in phases, with a goal of returning all students to in person learning by the end of January. Each campus will open after rigorous cleaning and sanitizing and environmental tests to ensure campuses are safe and ready to welcome students back. Students are currently in self-directed learning.

Ten schools and programs will open on January 23:

Phase 1 - 10 schools and programs

- Hamilton Elementary
- Willard Elementary & *Children's Center
- Blair Middle and High School
- San Rafael Elementary
- McKinley School
- *Rose City High School
- *Center for Independent Study
- *Pasadena Adult Living Skills
- *Twilight Adult School
- *Aveson Global Leadership Academy
- *located on the Wilson campus

Approximately 3,400 TK-12 students (and additional children's center and Twilight Adult students) will return to school

School principals will send detailed information about the reopening to their school communities.

To accelerate reopening, campuses located further from the fire's impact will reopen first, allowing the community to begin its path toward healing. A team of more than 1,500 PUSD Maintenance and Operations workers and contractors are conducting extensive cleaning and sanitizing, including air filtration devices, vents, and surfaces. Each site will be reopened only after environmental testing. The cleaning process is detailed and takes time, a factor for larger campuses. For example, it took five days for large teams to complete cleaning at Blair Middle and High School. To date, 38 tons of outdoor debris have been removed from campuses.

Before welcoming students back to school, our resilient staff will attend an All-Staff Reopening event Jan. 22 to help address the aftermath of these devastating fires. Details will be sent to staff by separate email.

The Eaton Fire significantly impacted the District, with severe damage at five campuses: Eliot Arts Magnet Middle School, Franklin Elementary (closed in 2020), and three charter schools—Edison (Odyssey), Loma Alta (Rosebud Academy and Oak Knoll Montessori) and Noyes (Aveson School of Leaders). More than 10,000 of PUSD's 14,000 students were evacuated from their homes.

Learning Options and Resources

Self-Directed Learning Options for students until they return to school at gopUSD.com/learning. This takes into account students who may have been displaced from their homes and may not have access to their district-issued devices.

Resources continue to be available for students with replacement devices, Grab and Go meals, housing assistance, childcare services through community partners, and other critical supports. Information can be found on the District's Fire Relief website.

Community partners have played a key role in PUSD's recovery efforts. We are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of support and solidarity from all corners of our community. We are grateful for the contributions made to our students through the Pasadena Educational Foundation's passed.org/ responsefund.

Your strength and compassion are the bedrock of our recovery efforts. Together, we will navigate these challenging times, rebuild our schools, and ensure a brighter future for the Pasadena Unified family.

Coming Together After the Eaton Fire

Today also marked a significant moment in our recovery from the Eaton Fire as hundreds of our school community members gathered at Pasadena City College. It was deeply moving to see so many familiar faces, to witness the hugs, tears, and moments of connection that remind us of the strength we find in each other.

Many of you shared your stories of evacuation, loss, and resilience. We watched as community members wrote heartfelt messages to our staff members who lost their homes. Students engaged in art therapy activities while parents connected with our enrollment team and gathered essential supplies from our resource booths. These moments of support and healing are exactly what our community needs right now.

To our students who lost homes, who were evacuated, who are still displaced – we are here for you. To our staff members directly impacted by the fire – your PUSD family stands with you. And to our entire community – thank you for showing up today, for supporting one another, and for demonstrating what makes our school district truly special.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Blanco, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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The community has been deeply impacted by the devastating wildfires, and Kidspace provides a place of joy and hope for children and families. The Rose Bowl area and Brookside Park are being used to organize critical resources needed to battle the wildfires and support recovery efforts. Guests should enter through the north side of Lot I for parking.

The Kidspace staff has been working tirelessly to clear debris from the high winds, repair damage, and deep clean all spaces to welcome families back to play. The museum cannot accept donated goods at this time but encourages families to support their neighbors and donate to trust organizations.

For more information on Kidspace programming and to reserve tickets, visit kidspacemuseum.org. Follow Kidspace Children's Museum on Instagram and Facebook @kidspacemuseum for the latest announcements and updates.

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5. Cause of a trip?
8. Dao, alt. sp.
11. Between marquess and viscount
12. Super garb?
13. Inlet in Norway
15. Cogito ____ sum
16. Long story
17. Deprived of a limb
18. *Half-time headliner
20. Ice, dark or middle
21. *Cindy Crawford wore "____ Dukes" in a Super Bowl ad
22. Flightless bird
23. *Last year's Super Bowl winners
26. A cheap, run-down motel
30. "____ the fields we go"
31. Merry
34. Actor's part
35. Expensive
37. Not him
38. Cell phone bill item
39. Civil Rights icon
40. *David Tyree's ____ Catch
42. Letters of distress
43. What rule follower does
45. Get cozy
47. Greed, biblically-speaking
48. Grieve for the dead
50. Time period
52. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
55. 3600 seconds, pl.
56. Casino chip
57. Salmon's output
59. En ____, all together
60. Like Piper of Hamelin
61. Uber alternative
62. ____ Robinson
63. Acronym, abbr.
64. "Come Sail Away" band

DOWN

1. Service charge
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4. Marilyn Monroe, e.g.
5. ____ lazuli
6. Hot
7. 52 cards
8. Hefty volume
9. Greek god of war
10. I, e.g.
12. Cherry red
13. Post vitriol
14. *Team with no Super Bowl appearances
19. Looney Tunes duck
22. Architectural add-on
23. Meat of coconut
24. Roman king of Judea
25. Like certain whiskey
26. Grow crop
27. Brag
28. Algorithmic language
29. Ganders' companions
32. Tom Jones's "____ a Lady"
33. Rolodex abbr.
36. * ____ Superdome
38. Wombs
40. Lady lobster
41. Hardened
44. Follows wash
46. Pig sounds
48. Bouncing off the walls
49. Weasel's aquatic cousin
50. Fly like an eagle
51. Boot-wearing kitty
52. Mama Bear's husband
53. To perfection (3 words)
54. *Justin Timberlake's "____ Back," sung in Super Bowl show
55. Expression of doubt
58. *Steelers' number of Super Bowl trophies

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As the New Year begins, it's a perfect time to reflect on the memorable meals and stand-out dishes I've encountered over the past few months. While the recent fires in Pasadena have understandably taken center stage, I want to bring a little joy back to our local dining scene by celebrating some of the best places I've reviewed recently. Here's a round-up of a few gems you'll want to visit:

- John Sparr Tavern, Montrose

A last-minute discovery turned into a memorable experience! Their deviled eggs and

unique take on a Chinese chicken salad were standouts, and Clyde, the bartender, added a fun twist to the evening. A must-visit for a casual yet sophisticated vibe.

- Domenico's Italian Restaurant, Pasadena

Arguably the best pizza in town! Their greasy, cheesy, topping-loaded pies, especially the traditional pepperoni, are unforgettable. Don't miss the antipasto salad—just remember to ask for the dressing on the side.

- Taylor's Steakhouse, La Cañada

A steak lover's paradise! From a perfectly executed classic gin martini to the Molly Salad, Taylor's delivers an experience that's Grade A. Their commitment to quality shines in every bite.

- Del Rey Mexican, Sierra Madre

Family-run with incredible chile verde and margaritas crafted by co-owner Jamie. The hard-shell chicken tacos were a hit, earning four thumbs up from friends Billy and Sara Meyers. A local favorite for outdoor dining and authentic flavors.

- Panda Inn, Pasadena

The birthplace of the Panda Restaurant Group and home of amazing Mandarin and Sichuan dishes. Their famous Orange Chicken is a must-try, and the warm hospitality here makes every visit special. A local icon that continues to impress.

- Corfu Restaurant, Sierra Madre

Though Greek in theme, Corfu leans Middle Eastern in its offerings. Vic's kebabs and Greek Village Salad (sans lettuce) are authentic delights. Add a Hillas Greek beer to complete the experience.

- Colombo's Italian Restaurant, Eagle Rock

Their Linguine with Bolognese and extra meatball is a winner. The Green Goddess dressing on their salad is a rare find these days, and the service, led by bartender Julie Bransky, is impeccable. The Porterhouse steak remains one of the best deals in Los Angeles.

- The Stony Point, Pasadena

An old-world Italian classic that never disappoints. From the Gnocchi Bolognese to lamb chops and their legendary Caesar Salad, this place blends tradition with excellence.

- Paradise Cove, Malibu

This iconic beach spot combines a laid-back atmosphere with quality dining. Under the leadership of Bob Morris, Paradise Cove continues to be a coastal treasure worth the drive.

For more tips and reviews, make sure to tune into my Dining with Dills Radio Show this Saturday at 7 PM on AM 870 KRLA. You can also check out my Instagram for photos that bring these articles to life—you'll see all the delicious food I've reviewed!

Until next time, happy dining!
Peter Dills



EAST OF THE SUN AND WEST OF THE MOON, WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL, DEBUTS JANUARY 25 AND 26 AT LINEAGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Recent fire events have necessitated changes in our opening date and performance times, which are noted below, in bold.

WHAT: East of the Sun and West of the Moon. World Premiere engagement of a new musical.
WHO: Book and lyrics by Kai Cofer. Music by Larry Evans. Directed by Jon Peterson. Presented by Evans Live Musicals in association with P3 Theatre Company.
WHERE: Lineage Performing Arts Center, 920 E. Mountain St., Pasadena, CA 91104.
WHEN: **Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. & Sunday, January 26 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**
ADMISSION: \$32. Children, \$22.

ONLINE TICKETING: our.show/eastofsun
CONSUMER ADVISORY:

For ages six to adult. The show may be too advanced for very small children.

Performances on January 18 and 19 have been canceled. Patrons who have already purchased tickets for January 18 and 19 can have them transferred to the following weekend by emailing larry.music5194@gmail.com



East of the Sun and West of the Moon is based on a Norwegian folk tale. Karen, a young woman, is offered the chance to rescue her impoverished family from its dire straits if she agrees to become the companion of an enchanted bear for a year. Within the body of the bear resides a handsome prince destined to become Karen's true love, but the Evil Queen of the Trolls has hatched a scheme to thwart Karen and dominate the bear for the queen's own purposes. Can love prevail?

The cast includes Kristin Cortines (Karen), Christy Mauro-Cohen (Evil Queen), E.L. Losada (Bear/Prince), Christopher Allport, Aleta Braxton, Jim Raycroft, and Jini Scoville.

Kai Cofer has written the book and lyrics. Originally from the Washington, D.C. area, he is a graduate of Indiana University. He is a writer, director, actor and designer. Kai has written over 150 shows, including R.U.R., Cabaret and The Experiment with Larry Evans.

For East of the Sun and West of the Moon, Larry Evans has composed the music, and is also the show's producer and musical director. A pianist and performer, his accomplishments include creating his own themed shows (Porter, Gershwin, Broadway, etc.) and releasing a piano CD, Magnificent Movie Love Themes. He received a degree in Music Education from Michigan State.

Jon Peterson directs. The Founder and Executive Artistic Director of P3 Theatre Company in Long Beach, he brings three decades of experience directing, musical directing, stage managing, and producing. He is also an accomplished musical theatre performer and recently debuted a World Premiere cabaret show The Theatre Is a Lady.

East of the Sun and West of the Moon is a story of magic, challenge, enchantment, wonder, danger, love and romance sung by performers with magnificent voices.

Are you ready to start 2025 with a happily-ever-after?
Credit: Todd Felderstein

THE TASTING ROOM

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

Usually, my column is filled with fun stuff about wine, wine-makers, and the wines that excite me that we are about to taste. I've got to put that on pause for the moment after last week's devastating fires roared through our communities.

To all those who lost their homes, there isn't much we can say to alleviate your pain, suffering, and loss. The best we can do is to tell you we are here for you to support you in any possible way we can.

Whether that takes form in providing a shoulder to cry on or to give you space to dwell on your loss on your own terms, we are here. If you need help with finding shelter, clothing, or basic necessities, we are here. If you need someone just to talk to about something, everything, or nothing at all, we are here.

Sierra Madre, Altadena, and Pasadena, and all the other affected communities of the various wild-fires have come together and are showing the world how caring and loving Californians are. The local Pasadena-Sierra Madre YMCA is just one example of so many people coming together to provide for those who have lost dearly. Please give your time to organizations such as the YMCA if you can to support and provide for all those in need.

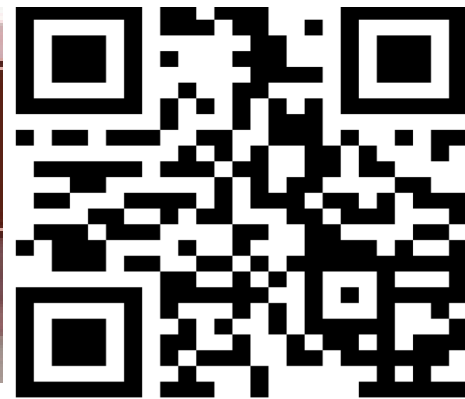
Heartfelt thanks must be given to all the first responders who have come from far and near to help our communities. It is dangerous work, and we are very grateful for all their help and efforts.

We all know of someone who has been affected by this tragic event in some form or another. Let us continue to keep all of them in our thoughts, prayers, and ACTIONS. It is going to be a long and difficult road ahead. Living in this part of the country, we are not strangers to natural catastrophes, but it doesn't make it any easier when one does come along, especially so close to home.

So, let us not be strangers to the needs of others at this time. Let us not be strangers to providing compassion and comfort to others. Let us not be strangers to extending our hand to help others regardless if they are friends or complete strangers to us. And let us pray and hope for the day to come when all can be at home. Let us pray and hope for the day to come when all can sit down and enjoy a meal with family and friends in peace and comfort. And let us pray and hope that this spirit of community stays with all of us throughout this difficult time and in the future.

God bless you all.

Gustavo



ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

COPING WITH GRIEF AFTER LOSING YOUR HOME & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Grief is often thought of in terms of death, but it can also extend to other losses, including the loss of a house or personal property. Here are some tips for how to cope with grief after losing your home or items that held special significance to you:

Take your time. After losing your home, you may feel like you need to rush to find a replacement. But so long as you and your family have somewhere safe and comfortable to stay in the meantime, take your time before committing to a new residence.

Consider what you loved about your old home—whether it be the neighborhood, the architectural style, or something else entirely—and focus on finding a new house that will check off those boxes. This will also provide you with the time you need to consider your finances so that you don't rush into a decision that will cause you stress later on.

Hold onto your memories. If you and your family spent years building memories in the home that you lost, you may be grieving the loss of those special times. You might also feel similar emotions if the item you lost was a family heirloom or a souvenir from a memorable trip. But it's important to remember that those memories live in your heart, not in the physical house or object.

Try to make the best of it. It can be incredibly difficult to look on the bright side after a loss like this, but try to see the silver lining whenever possible. Maybe you had been discussing moving to a different area, and losing your home provides you with the opportunity to do so. Or perhaps you had held onto your mother's bakeware for sentimental reasons, but after losing it, you now have the chance to own a more modern set that will better serve your needs. Best not to ruminate with "what ifs" or "if only." That recent fire was a monster. Better to save your life than to have risked it saving your home.

Seek practical support:

If needed, reach out to friends or family for help with the moving process or finding a new place to live. If you are struggling to cope with the loss of your home, consult a therapist or counselor who can provide guidance and support. Seek out all the Govt and community help that is available.

Practice self-care:

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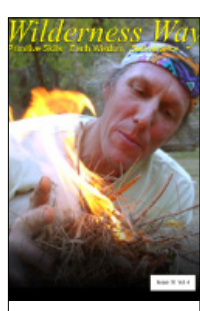
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THE BEGINNING OF THE END
A personal account of the Great Fire of 2025

On January 7, 2025, a Tuesday, I was in Highland Park to operate the weekly farmer's market, as I have done for years. It was windy, but tolerable, and I hoped that the winds would die down so the canopies that the farmers used would not be blown away. Apparently, winds were heavy in other areas, and about a third of our vendors did not arrive.

The modified market proceeded, and the wind seemed to gradually increase. Yes, there had been predictions of high winds in the news, and I assumed, as I usually do, that those highest winds would be high in the mountains and deep in the canyons, such as the Interstate 5 corridor.

By 4 p.m., steady winds made the market challenging to operate. By 6 p.m., my wife called me, telling me to try to get home as quickly as possible. "The winds are horrendous," she told me, and she could see smoke and the red glare of fire to our home's east and north. Our home is right on the Altadena-Pasadena border, just a few short blocks from Eaton Canyon, where apparently the high winds knocked down a power line and started a fire.

"The fire doesn't look good," she added, "and we have no power. Try to get home quickly. You might not be able to get back because they are telling people to evacuate." I could tell that this was serious, more serious than I had imagined. Meanwhile, I had to stay at least another hour to close down the market, as winds increased and closing up the farmers' canopies became very difficult.

I finally drove back amidst increasing winds, with branches and tree limbs blocking some roads. I drove up Lake Avenue and realized we were in a serious emergency status. As I freely drove north into Altadena, there was a line of car headlights heading south, as the exodus was continuing. Some street lights were out, and people were driving more recklessly. I could feel a sense of panic developing.

I managed to get into my neighborhood without any barricades, a darkened neighborhood where most neighbors were clearly already gone. This was about 8 p.m. High winds buffeted everything, and I as parked, I could see the orange sky to our east and north, as black smoke billowed into the sky. I didn't know that then, but I was seeing the burning of the Jewish synagogue on Altadena Drive and the Palm Villa rest home occupied by senior citizens. It had already been evacuated by the time I got home.

My wife and I quickly put a few key items into our cars, such as clothes, toiletries, some photos, and computer. While my wife continued to collect a few necessities, I watered the outside. Sparks flew down from time to time in the high winds, which made me realize that we might never return to our small and humble home. But it wasn't the time to think about things - we were operating on automatic pilot.

We finally drove off, not sure where we were going, but we headed down to Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena, home of the annual Rose Parade, to the hotel row area. The first hotel we saw had a long line of cars trying to get in, and a crowd in the lobby so we drove on. My wife found a smaller place down the road which had one room left, which we booked for the night.

We spent a fitful night, and I did my best to relax and sleep, though it was hard. We talked through what steps we'd take if everything we had got burned to the ground.

During the days that followed, we did hear from many of our friends who lost everything. My childhood friend Joe Sierra told me how he looked out and saw his neighbor's house burning across the street from his Marengo home. He knew there were high winds, but had no idea the firestorm would get right next to his home. He grabbed his cat and jumped in his truck and took off as the neighborhood burned down. "I wish I had grabbed at least a spare pair of pants," Joe told me.


In the morning, we were able to return to our home, still standing. We were on the fringe, and the still-raging fires were already well to the east and northwest of our neighborhood.

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Darlene Papas

WAYS TO HELP OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS:

-- Los Angeles and Pasadena/Altadena have phone numbers for those needing help with animals left behind in fire zones. The city of L.A.'s number is 213-270-8155, and for Pasadena and Altadena, it's 626-577-3752.

-- For those who have lost or found a pet, the city and county are partnering with Petco Love Lost, a free national lost-and-found pet database at <https://petcolove.org/lost/>.

-- Earlier this week, the Department of Animal Services and the L.A. County Department of Animal Care and Control issued a joint call for residents to help animals in need and relieve critical overcrowding at shelters by adopting or fostering those without homes. More information is available at [LAAnimalServices.com/about-fostering](https://www.lacounty.gov/department-of-animal-services/), and [animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-foster-caretaker](https://www.lacounty.gov/department-of-animal-care-and-control/).

-- Pasadena Humane Society is shouldering a major share of the burden, housing many animals forced from their homes in the Eaton Fire. People can donate on their website at [pasadenahumane.org/about/get-in-touch/contact-us/?campaign=431108](https://www.pasadenahumane.org/about/get-in-touch/contact-us/?campaign=431108). Additionally, PHS has a "strike team" that will check on missing pets. Those who have lost an animal can call 626-577-3752.

-- Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena, in partnership with Friends in Deed Food Pantry, is holding a drive to collect pet food for victims of the Eaton Fire through Sunday at 695 E. Colorado Blvd. Contact: 626-449-5320 or 626-797-2402.

-- The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has opened a Pet Adoption Center in west Los Angeles to house the pets of fire evacuees at 5026 W. Jefferson Blvd. Those displaced by the fires can call 323-730-5300 for more information on temporary pet housing.

-- Bunny World Foundation, an all-volunteer rescue that finds homes for hundreds of unwanted rabbits from the L.A. shelters and other places, is in need of fosters and adopters to relieve the large number of rabbits evacuated from homes. To foster or adopt, contact info@bunnyworldfoundation.org. To donate, visit [bunnyworldfoundation.org/donate/](https://www.bunnyworldfoundation.org/donate/).

-- Zooh Corner Cat and Rabbit Rescue has helped animals with special needs and disabilities for decades. They operated out of their own home, which is now gone in the fire. The public can help at [gofundme.com/f/help-cat-kevin-rebuild-after-fire-loss](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-cat-kevin-rebuild-after-fire-loss).

-- Best Friends Animal Society has two locations providing dog and cat food to the community and is accepting donations at [bestfriends.org/emergency-response/los-angeles-wildfires](https://www.bestfriends.org/emergency-response/los-angeles-wildfires).

-- A site promoting lost or found pets due to the Palisades Fire can be found at [instagram.com/palisadesfirefoundlostpets/](https://www.instagram.com/palisadesfirefoundlostpets/), where people can post a direct message if they've found or lost a pet.

-- Cleo's Critter Care in Pasadena has a wildfire evacuation fund, and can be reached at [cleoscrittercare.com](https://www.cleoscrittercare.com). People can also Venmo them with the message "LA Fire Relief" @ [cleos-critter-care](https://www.instagram.com/cleos-critter-care).

-- The California Wildlife Center's clinic and facility are temporarily closed due to the Palisades Fire, but donations can be made at [https://30583.thankyou4caring.org/donate](https://www.thankyou4caring.org/donate).

-- Donate to the World Animal Fund at [worldanimalprotection.us](https://www.worldanimalprotection.us).

-- Viva Rescue in Menifee has been helping rescue horses and other animals impacted by the fires, and can be reached at [vivaglobalrescue.org/](https://www.vivaglobalrescue.org/).

-- The Humane Society of the United States has an ongoing Emergency Animal Relief Fund to ensure animals get the help they need during situations like this. Find out more at [secured.humanesociety.org/page/82188/donate/](https://www.humanesociety.org/page/82188/donate/).

-- PETA's Los Angeles office has pitched in during the wildfires, donating supplies to firefighters. The organization has a list of local vegan businesses that have also helped out on its website, where donations are also accepted, at [peta.org/blog/vegan-love-unites-amid-los-angeles-fires/](https://www.peta.org/blog/vegan-love-unites-amid-los-angeles-fires/).

-- An easy way to help for those who can't afford donations is to eave one or more fresh water bowls outside your home for displaced pets and wildlife who haven't been able to return to their home areas.

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THE WILDFIRES IN EATON CANYON: SENIORS COPING WITH LOSS AND UNCERTAINTY

The recent wildfires that have swept through Southern California, including the devastating blaze in Eaton Canyon, have left many residents grappling with the aftermath, with seniors among the most affected. In addition to the Eaton Canyon fire, other local fires in the region have further exacerbated the challenges facing elderly populations. For seniors, the emotional and physical toll of these fires is particularly heavy, given the loss of their homes and possessions and the uncertainty surrounding future fire seasons.

In Eaton Canyon, many elderly residents were forced to evacuate quickly, often with little time to prepare. For those with limited mobility or health concerns, escaping the danger posed unique challenges. The fear of losing not only their homes but also treasured personal items—such as family photographs and keepsakes—was a significant emotional strain. The worry about the future compounded the immediate anxiety of the fire itself.

When residents returned to their homes, some found damage or destruction, including the loss of irreplaceable items. For older adults, these possessions hold profound sentimental value, representing years of memories and personal history. The emotional impact of these losses can be especially overwhelming, leaving many seniors struggling with grief and uncertainty.

Mental health professionals stress the importance of providing emotional support to seniors following such traumatic events. "The emotional toll of losing a home and personal belongings can be especially profound for older adults, who may already face isolation or physical challenges," says Dr. Lisa Hart, a local psychologist who works with disaster-affected populations. "It's essential to offer counseling, social connections, and resources that help seniors navigate the grief and stress that comes with such a loss."

Local organizations have been working diligently to support seniors in the aftermath of the fires, offering temporary shelter, counseling, and assistance with recovery. Yet for many seniors, the road to emotional healing remains long. The ongoing uncertainty of living in a fire-prone region continues to weigh heavily on their minds.

The recent fires in Eaton Canyon and surrounding areas serve as a powerful reminder of the vulnerability of seniors during disasters. As communities rebuild, ensuring that elderly residents have the necessary support and resources to recover physically and emotionally will be crucial for their long-term well-being.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

I'M NOT OLD JUST YOUNG CHALLENGED

Most people are fascinated by their age as if it makes any difference in their lives. Some people are very intimidated by getting older and struggle against it.

When I was young, I couldn't wait to get older. I couldn't wait until I was old enough to get a driver's license. Why does it take so long to get old when you're young, and when you're old, it flies by like a bullet?

Sometimes, I get a call from a scammer who asks me how old I am. I respond, "I'm not sure how old I am because every year my age changes." Then I hear the infamous "click."

I have several relatives who will never accept how old they are. They are frozen at 20 and try living as though they were 20 years old. It never works out, but I won't be the one to tell them. Why try to act like you're younger than you are when you could just be yourself?

People are intimidated by getting older. I keep telling them that the only cure for old age is to die.

If I tried to live my life as though I were 20, I'd get into a lot of trouble, especially with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She is one of those reality people. I don't disagree with her, but I often conflict with her by not acting my age.

I might be doing something rather silly, and she'll catch me. Then, with both hands on her hips, she will say, "Why don't you just act your age?"

I wanted to respond a few times and ask her if she was acting her age, but my love of life keeps me from doing stupid things like that.

At this stage, the big question in my life is: How do I act my age? And what really is my age?

If I'm at a certain age, I'm not acting that age; I'm just living that age. So when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage wants me to act my age, she wants me to pretend I'm older than I really am. I don't know what that means!

I tried to tell her that I'm really not old; just young challenged.

I was wondering the other day if I acted like I was 30 if The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would recognize me. When I was 30, I was completely different than what I am today, whatever my age. I believe I should be able to get up in the morning, pick an age, and then act that age.

It sounded like a good idea until I tried it.

One morning, I got up and said to myself, "Today, I am 20, and so I'm going to act like a 20-year-old."

Before lunch, I had worn myself out so badly that I didn't know if I would continue the day. I forgot how active I was at 20. I forgot that when I walked, I was half-running. I forgot that when I ate, I ate like a starving chimpanzee. Oh, I don't want to be young again.

I began to realize what it really means to be young and challenged. I would have to practice for a month to act like I was 20 for one day. I don't have that much time left to do that. So I'm young challenged. So what?

When I was young, I acted my age and got into trouble that I won't discuss with anyone today. But those days are over, and now I'm going to try to act like I'm an old geezer. I have found that I am a superb actor in this category. If there was an Emmy for acting like an old geezer, I would win hands down.

My wife and I were discussing this, and she said, "I remember what you were like when you were 20, and it would be good for you to act like you were 20 again." With a little smirk on my face, I looked at her and said, "I will act 20 if you also act 20. Because a 20-year-old doesn't date an old geezer." I'm not sure she got it, but she didn't like how I said it.

But if I'm going to act like a 20-year-old, then my whole surroundings have to be in that category. What good is it to act like your 20 when you don't have the energy of a 20-year-old?

It's been a long time since I heard The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage ask me if I was going to act my age. I'm glad because I'm not a very good actor.

I also have a hard time acting my age. How do you practice to act a certain age so that by the time you're done practicing, you're older?

It doesn't matter how old you are or that you have to act a certain age; it's really living today with today's understanding.

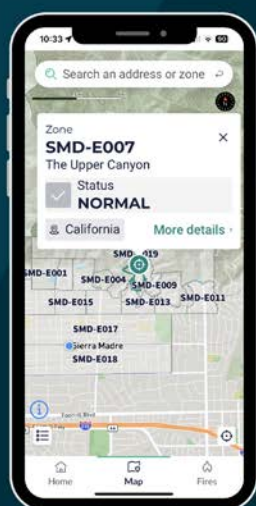
I was reminded what Solomon said. "The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head" (Proverbs 20:29). I never understood this until one day I looked in my mirror and saw I had grey hair. I never thought my hair would get grey, but there it was and my mirror doesn't lie, so says The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON INADEQUACY OF WORDS



Right now, I am thinking about the word "wind." This is not surprising since it was the raging winds last week that my wife and I first noticed as we learned about the fire that was racing up-above us in Altadena. We were forced to evacuate our home for a week. Now we are back in our home, vigilant about potentially high winds affecting the continuing nearby fires which would require us to evacuate again. Of course, that's not the worst thing that could happen. Homes of our friends, including the home where my wife and I were married, Foxes one of our favorite restaurants, and golf course where my son worked, are all no more!

Of course, my words do not really describe the feelings of loss behind the words. They are just labels which frequently obscure more than they reveal. I first thought of this feature of words when my wife and I were prevented from returning home by National Guardsmen standing in their combat uniforms next to their tanks preventing us from returning. Finally, the next day after we returned my wife walked around the area and told me that she saw a firetruck from Tahoe at the top of our hill in front of an empty house. She asked the firefighters why they were gathered there and was told that they had been directed to stand in front of all fire stations.

It is true that the house has an old sign in front that says "Fire Station" but this is a remnant of long ago. Many years ago, this house operated as a volunteer fire station but since then the city built its own fire Station on Sierra Madre Boulevard in the middle of town. (The whole town has only ten thousand people). The old sign is still in front of the place now converted into a house and the words misled the firecrew.

When my wife told me of her encounter, I was immediately reminded of a chapter I had just read in the book, "THE THINGS THEY CARRIED" by Tim O'Brien which is one hell of a book. It is described as a book of literary imagination that combines fiction with non-fiction. The incident I recalled was the story of Mary Anne Belle, described initially as a typical seventeen-year-old attractive girl who had managed to wrangle her way to Viet Nam to join her soldier boyfriend whom she planned to marry. She looked like a cheerleader, perky, and fresh-faced. Already she and her boyfriend had talked of getting married when he was able to return. A house had already been selected in respectable Cleveland Heights where it was assumed they would soon live together. In a remarkably brief time Mary Anne's values and expectations completely changed.

Soon she stopped wearing jewelry and hygiene became a matter of small concern. In not too long a time she disappeared and was gone for different periods of time. Before disappearing, she began the questioning of her values and plans after being exposed to the different world of War in Viet Nam. Eventually she reappeared and "at the girl's throat was a necklace of human tongues." In her own words she explained that now "I feel close to my own body----because I know exactly who I am." This language resonates with me.

Perhaps facing the destruction of my own home and everything else I value has made me aware of how little I know of myself or of anything else. The necklace of human tongues wordlessly speaks of the distrust of language and accepted values. Going back to the word "wind" I think of the word "windbag" described by Wikipedia as a person who talks a lot without saying anything interesting or important. As my experiences of the last week have demonstrated the "wind" is something interesting and important the meaning of which is obscured by the word. A moment ago, I received an emergency call from Kaiser directing me to come to the facility for an "ultrasound". I have little understanding of the procedure, but I am now faced with a lot I don't know, and the words don't help.

Let it be that it is only the "wind" that soon must die down. (I don't want to be morbid, but I am over 80 and a bit scared or scarred. Despite the inadequacy of my "words" you might understand what I am feeling even though I, myself, am unsure and don't like to talk about it) WORDS DON'T HELP.

Now it is the next morning and I wish I could say I feel guilty that our house is still standing while so many others have lost everything but the truth is while I feel sad about all the loss I am immensely grateful that my house is still standing and at least I am well enough to still play golf even if I have to find a new course.



HOWARD HAYS As I See It

"How Could You Believe Me When I Said I Loved You When You Know I've Been a Liar All My Life?" - Burton Lane song title from the film "Royal Wedding" (1951)

Donald Trump just makes stuff up. The big deal here is not any particular falsehood, but that our incoming president habitually making stuff up is no longer treated as a big deal.

Trump complained flags would be flying at half-staff (in honor of Jimmy Carter) "for the first time ever during an Inauguration of a future President". During Nixon's Inauguration in 1973, flags were at half-staff in honor of Harry Truman (who'd passed a few weeks before). Had President Biden made a similar misstatement, it'd be conclusive evidence of mental incapacity. If it were Vice President Harris, it'd be intentional lying. But with Trump, it's just Trump.

On New Year's Day, the attacker in New Orleans who rammed his F-150 into a Bourbon Street crowd was an Army vet from Texas. He went over the edge with online ISIS indoctrination. An Army Special Forces member from Colorado shot himself before explosives ignited in the back of his Cybertruck parked in Las Vegas. He called this a "wake up call", urging "military and vets" to "be prepared to fight to get the Dems out of the fed government and military by any means necessary".

Both were American citizens, born and raised here. Both had Army service with deployments overseas. Both had messy personal lives and were driven by extremist ideologies.

Trump jumped right in and made stuff up, reacting to the New Orleans attack: "When I said that the criminals coming in are far worse than the criminals we have in our country, that statement was constantly refuted by Democrats and the Fake News Media, but it turned out to be true." No one recalled Trump ever having made such a statement, nor of anyone refuting it if he had. The perpetrator was not "coming in", but had been here all along. Trump followed that with, "This is what happens when you have OPEN BORDERS". The idea we have "open borders" is itself made up.

Fox News reported early-on that the truck used in the attack was seen coming across our Southern border, but corrected itself an hour later - this sighting was weeks before the truck was rented by the perpetrator and with a different driver. But at the end of the day, long after retractions had been made and facts became more clear, Trump posted to his Truth Social platform: "TRUMP WAS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING!" This is a post from someone about to become President of the United States. Let that sink in.

At his Mar-a-Lago press conference earlier this month, Trump claimed that among rioters at the January 6 insurrection, "there wasn't one gun that they found." At least eight individuals have been prosecuted for illegal possession of firearms at the Capitol on that day. Regarding trade with Europe, he complained "they don't take our cars". The EU is our second-largest market for vehicle exports. As for aid to Ukraine, "Europe is in for a tiny fraction of the money that we're in." Through October 2024, Europe has committed twice as much (\$250 billion) as we have (\$123 billion).

As the catastrophe of our Palisades and Eaton fires was unfolding, Trump posted about "Governor Gavin Newsom". Again, let that sink in - this was not coming from some bratty, name-calling third-grader but from one who in a few days will be inaugurated as our 47th president.

Trump complained Gov. Newsom "refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water. . . to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning". There wasn't any "water restoration declaration". Trump just made that up. Whatever it was he was referring to, it didn't involve water flowing to "areas that are currently burning", but mainly to Central Valley farmers.

He continued, "no water for fire hydrants, not firefighting planes." According to our Department of Water Resources, most reservoirs were "at or above" average levels the day before the fires broke out. Fire hydrants were intended to take care of an occasional house fire, not infernos engulfing entire communities. Aircraft were grounded because of high winds.

Trump claimed there's "no money in FEMA". The agency has nearly \$30 billion in its Disaster Relief Fund and has agreed to reimburse California for its firefighting costs.

There's nothing illegal about a politician lying, exaggerating or simply making stuff up - but there's no First Amendment protection when it's done "in furtherance of a crime". In his report released last week on Trump's efforts to overturn an election, Special Counsel Jack Smith made clear, "The throughline of all of Mr. Trump's criminal efforts was deceit -- knowingly false claims of election fraud -- and the evidence shows that Mr. Trump used these lies as a weapon to defeat a federal government function foundational to the United States' democratic process".

The Washington Post logged over thirty thousand falsehoods during Trump's first term in office. The lying has continued since, and will over the next four years. To paraphrase the great songwriter Burton Lane, "How can we believe him when he says whatever, when we know he's been a liar all his life?"

"The time is always right to do what is right."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



A ROCK, A HARD PLACE, AND A BEAR NAMED POOH

Rarely do I have no idea what to say. This week, I find myself in a tough spot. With the fires, so many of my friends and readers have found themselves in a tragic, or at the least, difficult place. To my dear friends who have lost their homes to the recent fires, my heart goes out to all of you. I can say with relative certainty (and experience) there is no right or wrong way to grieve loss. We know a few truths to be true (P.S. I am going to find some humor to end this week's column. I promise. I'll alert you when the seriousness stops.) Back to the truths:

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross introduced what came to be known as the "Five Stages of Grief": Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance. (The steps are not mandatory). Just rules of thumb.

Don't ignore or bury the pain. Let your friends gather around you and support you (Hint to friends: Don't try to fix. Talk less).

Don't try to "be strong". As your friends, we want to see what's really going on (Hint to friends: Don't try to fix. Still talk less).

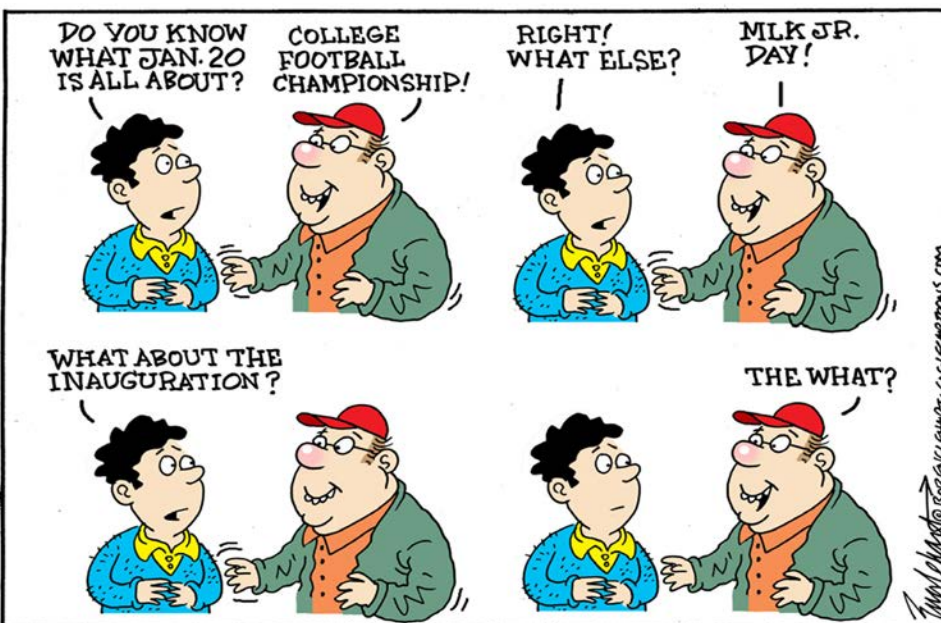
Looking for the perfect expert in these type of occasions I stumbled upon...of course, Winnie the Pooh. Winnie is known for his gentle nature and insightful observations (A little help no doubt from A. A. Milne.) Share with us Pooh!

- "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." "Some people care too much. I think it's called love." "Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart." "A hug is always the right size." "The things that make me different are the things that make me, me." "If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever." "Those who are clever, who have a brain, never understand anything." And my favorite Winnie the Pooh quote: "What could be more important than a little something to eat."

If you, good friend, are suffering loss, there is no timetable. As friends, we want to be there for you. Tell us how you want us to work. You want a peanut butter sandwich at 3:00am? Call us.

This column may go down in history as my shortest. What remains to be seen is how it's received. I am so thankful for the compliments I receive regarding this column. Special thanks to Ms. Henderson for being my enabler.

If you can, be meaningful to someone who could use it. And that includes yourself.



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NUYS BLVD SHERMAN OAKS, CA, 91403. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VAHIK MANOUKIAN 10573 COLEBROOK ST SHADOW HILLS, CA, 91040 This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VAHIK MANOUKIAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/17/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2012. 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: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec. 21, 28, 2024 and Jan. 4, 11, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024-252819 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: C & S CONSTRUCTION, 14818 HELWIG AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CELSO SEGUNDO, 14818 HELWIG AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CELSO SEGUNDO OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2014. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024-250302 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JP APPLIANCES GENERAL MERCHANDISE, 8015 S BROADWAY AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN ANTONIO PANIAGUA, 8015 S BROADWAY AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN ANTONIO PANIAGUA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/10/2024. 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/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 21, 28, 2024, JAN 04, 11, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024-252108 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOS CARLOS, 630 E 113TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CONSUELO ERAZO VANEGAS, 630 E 113TH

ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. KARLA E LARA PADILLA, 630 E 113TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: CONSUELO ERAZO VANEGAS/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/24. 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/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 21, 28, 2024, JAN 04, 11, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024-252100 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: M2 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 20212 HILLFORD AVE, CARSON, CA 90746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRIAN O'KEETH HINES, 20212 HILLFORD AVE, CARSON, CA 90746. DANIELLE MARIE CARRIER-HINES, 20212 HILLFORD AVE, CARSON, CA 90746. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: DANIELLE MARIE CARRIER-HINES/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/12/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2024. 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/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 21, 28, 2024, JAN 04, 11, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024-250964 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VALLARTA TIRES AUTO REPAIR, 7219 S. ALAMEDA STREET SUITE D, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROMAN ALEJANDRO ODAR, 7219 S. ALAMEDA STREET SUITE D, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROMAN ALEJANDRO ODAR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/11/2024. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2007. 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/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 21, 28, 2024, JAN 04, 11, 2025



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What Needs to Happen Before You Can Return to Your Property?

Los Angeles County, along with local, state, and federal partners, is working tirelessly to ensure areas affected by the Eaton Fire are safe for residents to return. Here's what must happen before your community is ready for repopulation:

- Fire hot spots must be fully extinguished.
- Urban Search and Rescue operations need to be completed.
- Roads must be cleared of hazards, such as downed power lines, fallen trees, and broken glass.
- Streets and road infrastructure must be repaired and deemed safe for travel.
- Utilities, including water, electricity, gas, and sewer systems, must be inspected to ensure they are safe.
- Homes and other structures must be evaluated for fire damage, structural weaknesses, and potential for collapse.
- A Red-Tagged building means it is unsafe and cannot be entered.
- A Yellow-Tagged building means some areas may be safe but only for limited use or specific purposes.

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POST-FIRE FITNESS

When wildfires sweep through an area, they leave behind more than charred landscapes and heartbreaking loss. The air itself becomes a hidden danger, carrying microscopic particles and chemicals that can harm your health, especially if you're someone who loves outdoor exercise. Understanding how to stay active while protecting your lungs is key to maintaining your fitness and health in the weeks and months following a fire.

Air pollution from wildfires doesn't just smell bad—it can cause real harm. Wildfire smoke contains tiny particles called PM2.5, which are about 30 times smaller than a human hair. These particles can penetrate deep into your lungs and even enter your bloodstream. Breathing them in during exercise, when you're taking deeper and faster breaths, increases your exposure.

Short-term exposure to poor air quality can irritate your eyes, throat, and lungs, but long-term exposure can lead to more serious conditions like asthma, heart disease, or reduced lung function. For outdoor exercisers, this poses a tough question: How

do you balance your love of exercise with the need to protect your health?

Check out the air quality first. The Air Quality Index, or AQI, is a tool you can use to decide whether it's safe to exercise outside. The AQI measures five major air pollutants, but wildfire smoke makes PM2.5 the primary concern. Here's a quick guide to AQI levels and their impact on outdoor exercise:

- 0–50 (Good): Air quality is safe, and you can exercise without restrictions.
- 51–100 (Moderate): Air quality is acceptable for most, but sensitive groups should be cautious.
- 101–150 (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups): People with respiratory conditions should limit outdoor activities.
- 151–200 (Unhealthy): Everyone should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion.
- 201+ (Very Unhealthy to Hazardous): Stay indoors and limit physical activity.

Apps like AirNow and websites from local environmental agencies provide real-time AQI updates for your area. Make checking AQI a part of your routine because the air quality will likely remain unhealthy for weeks after the fires.

Note that smoke and ash travel far. Even if the fire is hundreds of miles away, wind can carry smoke into your area. Check the AQI even if you don't see or smell smoke. Wildfire particles are even worse than urban smog. PM2.5 from wildfires often contains toxic chemicals from burning homes, vehicles, and other materials. These are more harmful than typical urban air pollution.

How hard you plan on exercising matters too. High-intensity workouts increase the amount of air you breathe by 10 to 20 times compared to rest, which means you're inhaling more pollutants if the air quality is poor.

If you're determined to exercise outdoors, make it as safe as possible.

First, adjust the time of day you're going to be outside. Air quality tends to improve during midday when the sun disperses pollutants. Avoid exercising in the early morning or late evening when smoke often settles closer to the ground.

Second, aim for the best location. Parks with dense tree cover or areas near water may have slightly better air quality than open spaces. However, avoid recently burned areas where ash and debris can be stirred up by wind or foot traffic.

Third, switch from high-intensity activities like running to lower-impact exercises such as walking or yoga. This reduces your breathing rate and minimizes exposure to pollutants.

Other things can help too. Like staying hydrated. By drinking plenty of water you help your body flush out toxins. Include antioxidant-rich foods like berries, spinach, and nuts in your post-workout meals to support lung health. If you can handle wearing a mask, a N95 or P100 mask can filter out most of those PM2.5 particles. You can always switch to indoor workouts for the time being too. Having cleaner air to breathe will make your workout more enjoyable and productive.

If you spend a lot of time exercising outdoors, you'll know fairly quickly whether it feels safe to be outside. The difference between fresh, clean air and polluted air is noticeable within minutes. Breathing in those tiny particles, especially during intense physical activity, can quickly make you feel off or even sick. Symptoms like coughing, shortness of breath, a scratchy throat, metallic taste in the mouth or dizziness can appear rapidly. Remember, you're exercising for your health. Pushing yourself in dangerously poor air quality not only hinders your progress but also risks long-term damage to your lungs and overall well-being. Instead, experiment with alternatives. Consider indoor workouts, low-impact exercises, or even try something new to stay active while giving your body a break from harmful air pollutants. Above all else, keep monitoring the air quality in your area until it's safe to return to your outdoor routine.



Lori A. Harris

EMOTIONAL SELF-CARE FOR MOM, DAD, AND OUR LITTLES: INTRODUCTION TO EMOTIONAL FREEDOM TECHNIQUE (EFT)

As we recalibrate from the devastation of the fires, we find ourselves searching for ways to restore emotional balance and resilience. In challenging times like these, self-care is not a luxury—it's a necessity. This is true for all of us. Seeing the vast destruction of our community is impactful for each of us. Navigating a loss on such a grand scale is difficult. One powerful tool for calming anxious minds and fostering emotional well-being is the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT). This method isn't just for adults; it's simple

enough to share with children, helping the whole family navigate stress together.

What Is EFT?

EFT, or Emotional Freedom Technique, is a scientifically backed practice combining tapping specific acupressure points with an intentional focus on emotional challenges. Often described as "emotional acupressure," EFT has been shown to help individuals recover from stress, anxiety, and trauma, including veterans and victims of crime or other life-altering events.

Gently tapping on designated points stimulates your body's energy meridians, releasing emotional blockages and promoting relaxation. It's a technique grounded in science that reduces cortisol (the stress hormone), alters brain wave activity, and encourages emotional balance.

How to Perform EFT

Here's a simple guide to practicing EFT for emotional relief:

1. Identify the Issue: Clearly define the emotion or issue you're experiencing—fear, sadness, anger, or survivor's guilt.
2. Rate the Intensity: On a scale from 0 to 10, rate the intensity of the emotion, with 10 being the most severe.
3. Setup Phrase: Tap the side of your hand (the "karate chop" point) while saying, "Even though I feel [emotion], I deeply and completely accept myself."
4. Tap the Points: While repeating affirmations like "I release and let this go" or "I love and accept myself," gently tap on the following points:
 - Top of Head: Center of the scalp.
 - Eyebrow: Inner edge, near the bridge of the nose.
 - Side of Eye: Outer edge of the eye socket.
 - Under Eye: Just below the eye.
 - Under Nose: Between the upper lip and nose.
 - Chin: Center of the chin, just below the lower lip.
 - Collarbone: Just above the collarbone.
 - Wrist: Grab the wrist of the tapping hand with the opposite hand and gently release the wrist.

Repeat the process, reassessing the intensity of the emotion after each round. Many people notice a significant reduction in emotional intensity within just a few minutes.

Benefits of EFT

- Reduce Stress and Anxiety: EFT promotes relaxation and helps release pent-up tension.
- Enhance Mood and Well-being: Addressing emotional blockages fosters a sense of calm and happiness.
- Build Self-Confidence: EFT challenges negative self-beliefs, empowering you to embrace your strengths.
- Strengthen Relationships: Managing emotional reactivity improves communication and connection with loved ones.

Sharing EFT With Your Children

Children, like adults, experience emotional ups and downs. By teaching them EFT, you provide them with a lifelong tool for managing stress and building resilience. Engage them in the process by explaining it as "magic tapping" that helps emotions feel better. Keep the language simple and the tone lighthearted, making it a fun and comforting activity.

Moving Forward Together

As we move forward from our collective challenges, remember that healing is a journey. EFT is one of many tools to help us and our little ones find peace, strength, and balance. In the weeks ahead, I will share additional techniques and insights to support your family's emotional well-being. Together, we can create a foundation of resilience and hope for the future.

Today, try EFT and involve your children. You might be surprised how a few taps can make a real difference.

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Lori A. Harris is an award-winning coach and former lawyer who helps people live intentionally and authentically. Learn more from her on her podcast, *Unlock Your Life with Lori Harris*, available at loriaharris.com and all streaming platforms.

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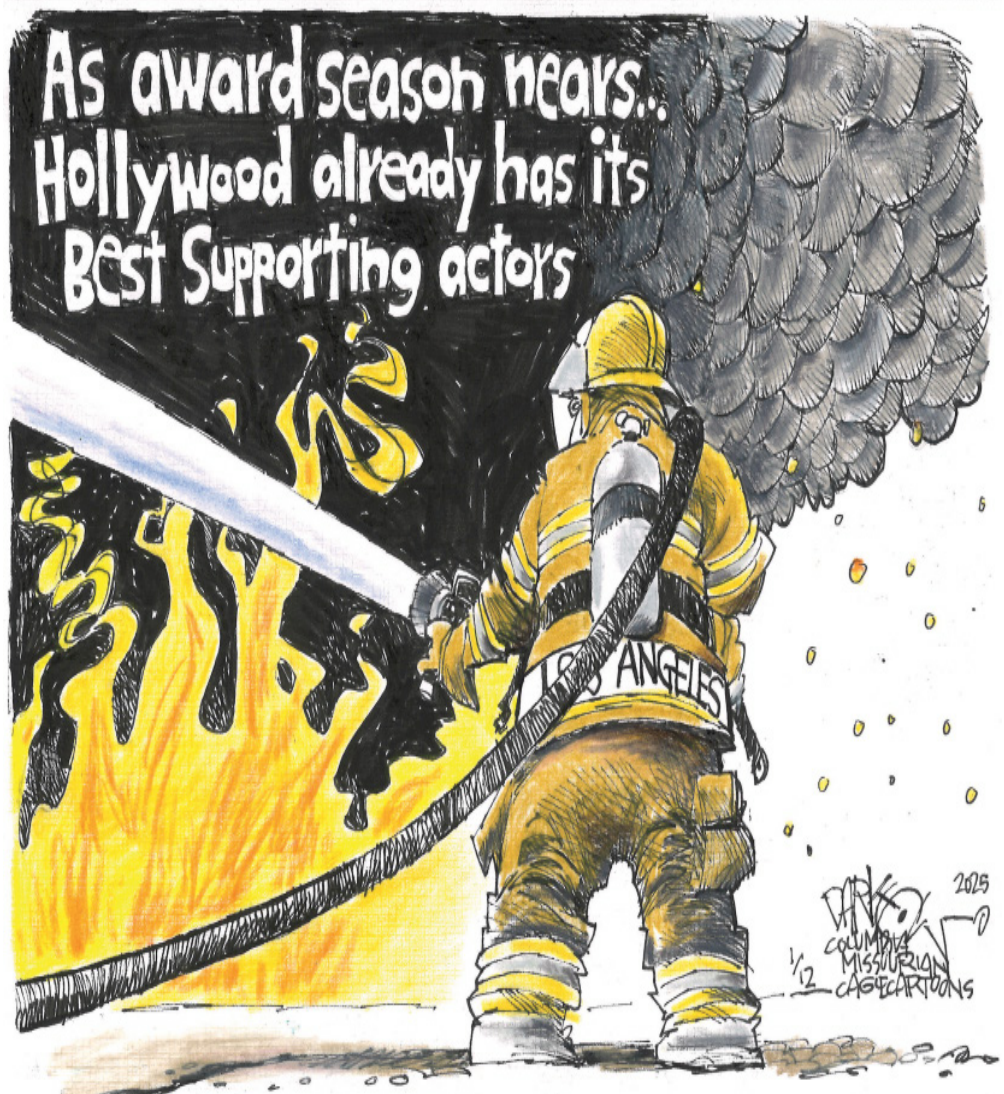
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Tournament of Roses 2025 "Best Day Ever"
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January 1
Rose Bowl Game - College Football Playoff between Ohio State and Oregon. 1 pm

January 2
Rose Bowl Holiday Tours - Explore this National Historic Landmark. See the 1922 locker rooms, the Court of Champions and much more.

January 4
Camellia Walking Tour at Descanso Gardens
Learn about Descanso's camellia collections of rare and exotic camellias. 9:00 - 10:00 am

January 11
The Art Deco Architecture of the Playhouse Village - Enjoy Pasadena Heritage's guided walking tour of the Playhouse District's notable Art Deco landmarks. 12:00 - 2:00 pm

January 11
Flower Arranging: Golden Hour at The Huntington - Create a floral arrangement featuring orchids and golden blooms. Adults only 10:00 - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 3:00 pm

January 14
Camerata Pacifica: Bach Inventions & Reinventions at The Huntington - Experience high-definition chamber music with virtuosic musicians. 7:30 - 9:00 pm

January 18
Culinary Workshop: The Artistry and Flavors of Tangyuan - Discover the art of making colorful stuffed rice balls and their cultural roots. 10:00 - 1:00 pm

January 18
Chinese Floral Arts: Realistic Style - Explore traditional Chinese flower arranging with master floral artist Rosa Zee. 10:00 - 12:00 pm

January 18
Kingdom Day Parade "Peace and Unity, Let it Start with Us" - The world's largest and longest running life celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King 10:00 - 2:00 pm

January 25
Pasadena Symphony and Pops at Ambassador Auditorium - Brett Mitchell conducts the orchestra's performance of Montgomery's Starburst, Price's Concerto for Piano in One Movement, and Mozart's Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter" 2:00. & 8:00 pm

January 25
Cyndi Chao: Lunar New Year Concert at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center
Enjoy the soulful melodies of Cyndi Chao in an evening of romantic music. 7:30 pm

Ongoing Events

January 1 - 3
Tournament of Roses Floatfest - A 2-mile showcase of stunning Rose Parade Floats on Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards

January 3, 4, 5
Jurassic Quest at the Pasadena Convention Center - The world's largest, most popular Dino event features exciting experiences for the whole family, and includes a life-sized T-Rex and more.

January 18, 19
The 61st Winter Silhouettes Bonsai Show at the Arboretum - See miniature trees in all their leafless glory. Includes a giant raffle/auction and entertainment. 10:00 - 4:30 pm

January 24, 25
Anything Goes at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium - Cole Porter's classic musical romp features music theater's most beloved songs.

January 25, 26
Southern California Camellia Society Show and Sale at the Arboretum - View hundreds of camellia blooms

January 26 - February 1
Cheeseburger Week
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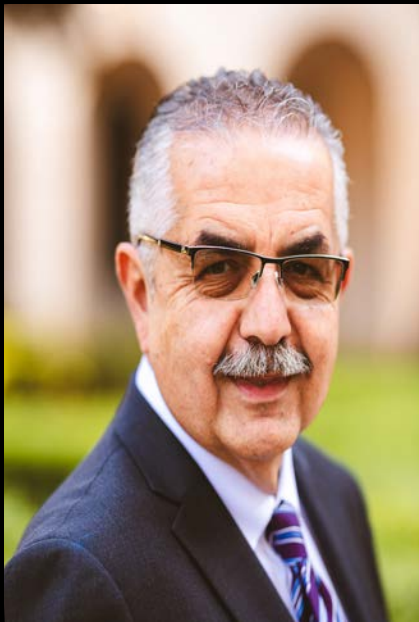


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