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BARGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON FULL CONTAINMENT OF EATON FIRE

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger issued the following statement in response to today's full containment of the Eaton Fire:

"I am incredibly grateful to the courageous firefighters, first responders, and emergency personnel who worked tirelessly to contain the Eaton Fire. Their hard work and perseverance is world class.

While the fire is now fully contained, my focus and undivided attention remains on recovery efforts, supporting those affected, and mitigating future fire risks.

I will continue working closely with local, state, and federal partners to ensure our communities have the resources they need to rebuild and prepare for future wildfire threats. Together, we will continue strengthening our response and resilience. The Eaton Fire has taught us all that we must remain vigilant and prepare for the unimaginable."

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Breaking News: "ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE IS DENIED"

On January 27, 2025 at 2:33 pm, The Honorable Stephen I Goorvitch of the Superior Court of California summarized his ruling on the case of Protect Sierra Madre vs. the City of Sierra Madre with the statement above. The case, which was filed on May 22, 2024 asked the court for a Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief which, if granted would have had an adverse impact of the controversial Meadows at Bailey Canyon project.

For all parties involved, the timing of the hearing was problematic because of the Eaton Fire which had not yet been contained and which impacted so many lives and homes, including homes and structures in Sierra Madre.

Over the years, the project has faced expensive and fierce opposition from opponents. The plans first came to light in an exclusive story in this paper in 2013. (<https://mtnewsnews.com/old/?t=MVNews&v=7&n=46>). Since then there have been revisions of the original plans, challenges against the project which failed at the ballot box. First there was Measure HR which sought to stop the 42 Home Project that was defeated in November 2022 and was soundly defeated - 58.9% to 45.48%.

Then less than a month after the election opponents of the project demanded using the referendum process, the issue be taken up again which subsequently led to a Special Election in hopes of stopping the project. Measure M was placed on the ballot and that election was held Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The majority of Sierra Madre voters supporting the project prevailed by a margin of more than 300 votes. (54.52% Voting YES to support the project and 45.48% of voters voting NO to stop the project.). The Special Election for Measure M cost Sierra Madre taxpayers more \$325,000.

In May, 2024 the citizens group Protect Sierra Madre filed a Writ of Mandate in an effort to halt the project once again, and once again their efforts failed. In the writ, the group sought essentially to overturn the City's approval of the project, the approved Environmental Impact Report and the Tentative Tract Map by allegations the the city was in violation of state and local ordinances governing such.

In his ruling, Judge Goorvitch noted that the court had "...limited authority to set aside the City's decision" and "...may not substitute its discretion for that of the City's...." He went on to say that, "Petitioner does not demonstrate that the TTR fails to comply with any of the applicable fire regulations or the City's ordinances.

It was not lost on the judge that the project "is located within a wildland-urban interface location that is statutorily designated as a Local Responsibility Area Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone", as designated by Cal Fire, however he found that no evidence had been provided that the city had failed to comply with any of the laws governing such areas.

City Manager Jose Reynoso when reached for comment said, "I am pleased that the Superior Court of Los Angeles has ruled in favor of the City of Sierra Madre by denying the Petition for Writ of Mandate filed by Protect Sierra Madre against the City. This decision reaffirms the City's adherence to due process and regulatory compliance regarding the approval of the Tentative Tract Map and environmental review process for the Meadows Project.

This ruling underscores the City's commitment to responsible governance and regulatory compliance in land use decisions. It also reinforces the integrity of our planning and environmental review processes, ensuring that development in Sierra Madre aligns with legal and community standards.

Moving forward, we will continue to prioritize transparency and thorough environmental oversight while advancing responsible development initiatives that benefit our community."

S. Henderson/MVNews

BE A FLOAT DESIGNER

CONTRIBUTE A DESIGN FOR THE 2026 SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT

Each year the Sierra Madre Rose Float Assoc. holds a contact to choose a design for our next float. Anyone can submit a black & white pencil or pen concept drawing on our submission form, along with a description. This year's design contest will be held until Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Please visit our website www.SierraMadreRoseFloat.org for additional info, rules and guidelines..



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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
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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SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM RECEIVES WELL DESERVED GRANT

SMSR was presented with a donation of \$25,000 from Direct Relief, along with medical and equipment supplies, in recognition of SMSR's response to the Eaton and Palisades Fires.

Direct Relief's Emergency Response Manager Staci Richard delivered the donation, which included five medical bags containing diagnostics, infection control and PPE equipment, along with a set of 30 Nomex (flame-resistant) shirts and pants.

The Team is hugely appreciative of this offering. The donated monies will go directly towards equipping the team for our 24/7 emergency response.

Sierra Madre Search and Rescue is an all-volunteer, professional, unpaid non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations go directly to team training, equipment, and supplies.

Photo courtesy SMSR

REPORT EATON FIRE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE



- Report structural damage from the Eaton Fire.
- Email DAMAGEREPORT@SIERRAMADRECA.GOV
 - A description of the damage
 - address/location of the damage
 - Photos of damage

COUNTY DEBRIS REMOVAL HOTLINE



(844) FIRE DEBRIS
(844) 347-3332

- For general questions about fire debris removal.
- Available Monday through Friday: 7 AM to 7 PM
- Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM to 6 PM.
- Visit pw.lacounty.gov/epd/debris-removal/ for more information.



Help Us Keep Sierra Madre Safe and Clean

Public Works crews have been tirelessly installing K-rails and removing debris to minimize the impacts of recent rains.



Keep Streets Clear

Please do not place yard debris in the street or gutter. Doing so blocks stormwater flow and increases the risk of flooding.



Wind Driven Yard Debris

Continue to place windstorm debris in your green yard waste bins weekly until fully cleared by Athens.



Additional Bins Available

For larger loads of green waste, Public Works and Athens Services have provided additional green waste bins at the City Yard.



Street Sweeping Resumes

Athens will resume street sweeping to further remove debris and "protect our watersheds" from run-off from streets.



NO PARKING

CHURCHILL DRIVE
CANYON CREST DRIVE
IDLEHOUR LANE
ORANGE DRIVE





UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In response to the Eaton Fire, Los Angeles County Public Works will work to clear the Sierra Madre Dam and restore the basin's capacity to capture debris flows.

EATON FIRE DEBRIS REMOVAL

Performed at no cost to affected residents

Phase 1: Household Hazardous Waste Removal

- Underway Week of 01/27/2025
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will survey, remove, and dispose of hazardous materials from properties burned by wildfires in Los Angeles County.
- EPA will remove potentially dangerous everyday products like:
 - Paint
 - Cleaners and solvents
 - Oils
 - Batteries
 - Pesticides
- EPA will remove lithium-ion batteries from vehicles, homes, and other products.
- EPA will remove visible asbestos and inspect pressurized fuel cylinders (like propane tanks).

Questions? Contact the EPA Hotline: 1-833-798-7372
or Email: EPALAWildfiresInfo@epa.gov
Website: epa.gov/california-wildfires

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Text 91024 to 888777

-  Community messages are used to convey everyday local news, happenings, and developments.
-  Advisory messages are intended to communicate important, need-to-know information. For example, the Police Department will send out bear sighting notifications using this format.
-  Alert messages are reserved for critically important information where loss of life and/or property is potentially imminent. Alert messages are time-sensitive and require your immediate action

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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

February 11, 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 foothillsmidia.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.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that I had written a really dandy column mentioning our awesome Rose Parade float. But then the world caught fire and I decided to put it away for a while. Thanks to the delightful rain last Monday, the fires are pretty much under control and now all we need to worry about is mudslides and what all the dear people who lost everything are going to do. We are now seeing generosity coming forward in so many ways as the response to need is amazing. My friend, Pat, wanted to donate some gently used clothing to her church but was told that they had already received so much that there was nowhere to put anymore. Money is happening, help is happening and Altadena will come to life again. Sierra Madre losses will be rebuilt. We are a people of strength, energy, hope and...there's my word for the year again: Thankful.

Here are my BTF (Before the Fire) thoughts, which might make you smile...

January is International Creativity Month. My creative efforts so far this year have been along the lines of putting away Christmas decorations. Again I ask...why is it that putting Christmas decorations up, carefully placing each ornament, gluing Joseph's fingers on again for the perfectly arranged Nativity scene, and just generally having a great time unwrapping all these treasures is so much fun and putting them back in their crates just really isn't. (Frowny face emoji here.) This comment isn't totally dated as I have several friends and neighbors who are still just now getting around to putting away the last of Christmas.

The picture is of our fabulous prizewinning 2025 Rose Parade float, "Fiesta!" and granddaughter, Emily, taken before the parade started. I was elated to see the exciting announcement by the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association, and I quote, "The recent wildfires have left our hearts heavy. Now is the time to lift our spirits and turn our thoughts to creativity. Take a moment to escape the weight of it all - grab your sketchpad and start drawing. This year's float design contest is open and we want to see your visions come to life! The theme for the 2026 parade will be announced on February 4th." Can't wait to see what it's going to be but I'm thinking it's going to be based on HOPE!

In case you didn't know, 2025 is the Year of the Wood Snake, which begins on January 29th and ends on February 16, 2026. The snake is the sixth animal in the Chinese zodiac and represents wisdom, patience and mystery. It's also known for its ability to shed its skin, which symbolizes personal growth and renewal. The Wood element adds creativity, flexibility and growth to the snake's traits.

And what does this mean to us? Well! The snake will be lucky in 2025. Our natural intuition will help us navigate challenges and seize opportunities. It's going to be a busy year and we need to avoid burnout and fatigue. We've certainly had plenty of that!

I was happy to see so many Christmas trees out by the curb waiting to be picked up and recycled. Looking further into recycling Christmas trees, there are all sorts of good things that can happen to them: You can start a new compost pile. A thin layer of evergreen branches makes a sound base for a new compost pile as the branches allow for air flow. Some communities use Christmas trees to make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially for lake and river shoreline stabilization. Sunk into fish ponds, trees make an excellent protective nursery where smaller fish can take refuge. Shredded trees can be used as free, renewable and natural path materials that help the environment and meet the needs of hikers. And, yes, our trails will be open again soon.

"Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way."
Native American Saying

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."
Cicero, Roman Philosopher

As I've already mentioned, my word for 2025 is Thankful. Another word for Gratitude.

Gratitude has been linked to improved mental health. It can reduce stress, increase happiness and even improve sleep. A simple "thank you" can go a long way to uplifting both the giver and the receiver.

"Gratitude can transform any situation. It alters your vibration, moving you from negative energy to positive. It's the quickest, easiest, most powerful way to effect change in your life." Oprah Winfrey

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His loving kindness lasts forever."

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Take a look! There are interesting goodies galore for You Kindle readers and even an actual book or two for you "I need to hold it in my hands" readers.



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

February 3 — February 8

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time — Library at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime — Library at 10:00am

Tuesday

Astronomy in the Park — Memorial Park from 6:00pm—7:30pm

Friday

Best Used Book Sale in Library Parking Lot— In-person from 3:00pm—7:00pm

Saturday

Best Used Book Sale in Library Parking Lot— In-person from 10:00am—2:00pm

3D Printing Basics— Library at 12:00pm

OBOC Sip & Shush Silent Book Club— RT

Rogers from 6:30pm—7:30pm

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE ADDITIONS

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of a City Council resolution amending the Fee Schedule by adopting an Emergency Medical Services Dispatch fee, ePCR fee, First Responder fee and Paramedic Subscription fee.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

For further information on this subject, please contact Sierra Madre Fire Department EMS Captain Karen Bustillos at (626) 355-3611.

Posted 1/31/2025
By: Laura M. Aguilar
City Clerk of Sierra Madre

SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that the next Used Book Sale will be held on Friday, February 7 (3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) and Saturday, February 8 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). The sale will take place on the parking lot at the Temporary Library, 350 West Sierra Madre Blvd. This sale will feature our VINTAGE books.

We've been collecting a wide variety of titles including T. E. Lawrence's REVOLT IN THE DESERT and an early reprint of LOLITA. Also look for THE THREE MUSKETEERS and the sequel TWENTY YEARS AFTER, together in a 1901 The D'Artagan Romances set. Attractive 1976 editions of LLANA OF GATHOL, JOHN CARTER OF MARS, and AT THE EARTH'S CORE, Science Fiction titles by Edgar Rice Burroughs, will also be available as well as many other classic titles and authors. In addition, we have a large Local History collection including reference sets CALIFORNIA OF THE SOUTH (1933) and HISTORY AND REMINISCENCE, LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY (1930s). As always, we have current fiction and nonfiction in every genre for your reading pleasure.

Look for our Bargain books at only \$1.00 each, small paperbacks .25 each or 5/\$1, Children's and Teen books from .50 to \$5, and a media collection of DVDs and CDs for \$1.00 each; audio books \$3. At this sale, we'll also have games and jigsaw puzzles.

Our knowledgeable and enthusiastic cashiers look forward to talking books with you at the next Book Sale!

CERT EVALUATES THE SIERRA MADRE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The CERT General Meeting on February 23rd was billed as an inside look at the workings of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during a major disaster. That meeting turned into a standing room only town hall with Bob Spears, Emergency Services Director along with City Manager Jose Reynoso, Captain Chris Bertrand of the SMFD and Librarian Leila Regan who answered many concerns regarding the operations during the Eaton Fire. Following the meeting, Bob Spears invited all to take a tour of the EOC.

Many of those attending were residents of the Canyon and other foothill areas who were directly impacted by the fire and still had questions regarding the procedures during and after the evacuation call-out. Most questions raised were about the storm that was forecasted for the weekend as concerns for mudslides. Manager Reynoso explained the city's placing of k-rails along vulnerable spots in the City along with the procedure for citizens to obtain sandbags for shoring up one's property.

Many thanks to Bob Spears, Jose Reynoso and Lilia Reyes for taking time out of their busy schedule during this very hectic time to answer questions and relieve some of the fears of our residents.

Sierra Madre CERT will host Rich Snyder at our next General Meeting on February 27, at the Hart Park House at 7:00 P.M. Rich will share his experiences during the Eaton Fire as well as going over some of the ways you can protect your property the next time a disaster strikes - and there will be a next time.

Pat Alcorn, President SMCERT.

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:
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Pasadena Altadena



News From Your Community For Your Community

New Director of Pasadena Public Health



Pasadena City Manager Miguel Márquez announced Monday that he had selected Manuel Carmona to be the next Director of Public Health with the City of Pasadena effective immediately. Carmona will oversee a department with 115 full-time employees and an annual budget of \$21.1 million.

Márquez said that Carmona brings nearly two decades of diverse experience in public health and municipal operations, including ten years as a leader within the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD), making him uniquely qualified to lead PPHD into the future.

"Manuel Carmona is an outstanding leader for our Public Health Department," Márquez said. "He brings a wealth of experience, having played a pivotal role in the recent wildfire response and advancing vital community programs. Manuel is a strategic thinker with a deep commitment to health equity, collaboration, and innovation. I am confident he will engage with both our community and his team to develop creative and impactful solutions for the City of Pasadena."

Carmona first joined the PPHD in 2014 as a Management Analyst, where he managed the Administration and Finance Division. Prior to his time in Pasadena, he worked in cities of varying sizes in a wide range of municipal operations, including human resources, economic development, code enforcement, and parks and recreation.

"Public health services are essential for identifying, understanding, and addressing population health needs," Carmona said. "I am honored and grateful for the trust the City Manager has in me to lead the department. I am excited to continue leading the talented and mission-driven staff of over 100 Pasadena Public Health Department employees who work tirelessly to protect and advance equitable health outcomes for the Pasadena community."

Carmona has a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Washington and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Community & Regional Development from the University of California, Davis.



Barger Honors Eaton Fire Community Heroes

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger recognized Tuesday the extraordinary contributions of community partners who provided vital support during the Eaton Fire. Three weeks after the wildfire's devastation, a special presentation hosted by Barger at the start of last week's Board of Supervisors meeting highlighted the selfless efforts of several key organizations and individuals.

"It's been three weeks since the Eaton Fire swept through Altadena, causing devastation and the displacement for thousands of residents," Barger said. "While we've witnessed unimaginable grief and loss, we've also seen the very best of our community. Countless organizations, businesses, nonprofits, and residents have stepped up to help when Altadena needed it most. Today is about honoring their efforts."

The following individuals and organizations were recognized by Chair Barger: **AltaMed**, despite significant losses, mobilized staff to provide health services and essential supplies. Sadly, AltaMed's clinic on Washington Boulevard in Pasadena was destroyed by the Eaton Fire. Yet AltaMed has not stopped providing care to residents, with over 215 of their full-time staff members responding to the emergency. AltaMed is also offering services at the Pasadena Convention Center and has given away medications, hygiene items, food and medical equipment.

The Altadena Rotary Club raised significant funds for community recovery. Although 13 of their members lost their homes, the club is still firmly committed to connecting residents to support. In the wake of the Eaton Fire, they've raised more than \$200,000 to help Altadena community members. As a small club of 40 members, they are getting these funds into the hands of those who need help in their rebuilding process—and are actively working with the San Marino Rotary Club to provide thousands of dollars' worth of supplies and gift cards that will be given away at a special event on February 8, at the Altadena Grocery Outlet.

Edgar McGregor's timely social media updates proved crucial for public safety. Mr. McGregor runs the Altadena Weather and Climate Facebook Page. Before the Eaton Fire even started, he was warning residents to be prepared for wildfires in anticipation of dry and windy conditions. Right after the wildfire erupted, he shared an impassioned video urging residents to evacuate.

Pasadena Humane sheltered and cared for hundreds of animals. As residents evacuated, pets of all sizes were displaced. Pasadena Humane took in more

than 900 animals to their shelter, and also deployed individuals into the field to help feed animals left sheltering in place. Pasadena Humane team members also lovingly took care of many animals who suffered injuries during the Eaton Fire and are nursing them back to health. They are still currently caring for 500 animals and have been able to successfully reunite hundreds of pets with their families. The organization was represented by Chief Program Officer Chris Ramon.

Since the American Red Cross first began responding to the wildfires, the organization has delivered over \$12 million in aid into the hands of survivors who have lost everything. Currently housing more than 400 people in shelters and connecting them to long term housing, the American Red Cross also has more than 500 trained responders assigned to wildfire support.

Kaiser Permanente delivered extensive medical care and support, including a Wildfire Resource Hub at its regional corporate headquarters on Walnut Street in Pasadena. Kaiser helped residents staying at a local evacuation center, offering medical equipment, prescription medication, and care. Over 425 staff members have volunteered at the Pasadena Evacuation Center, delivering over 8,300 hours of care.

Pasadena City College opened its campus to wildfire survivors at large, creating a Disaster Recovery Center and offering crucial services. The college's response began the first night of the fire, serving as a temporary shelter for residents who couldn't return home—including 670 students and 100 employees who were displaced. The campus is now open to allow the community at large to access services and support.

The Rose Bowl Stadium served as a vital command post for first responders. Just a week after hosting 90,000 fans for its annual game on New Year's Day, the stadium transformed into a staging ground for first responders around the world. Serving as a command post meant over 5,000 first responders were on the Rose Bowl's grounds on any given day. Deployed from 12 states and three countries, first responders had access to trailers with sleeping quarters, showers, laundry, medical care, peer counseling and two kitchens serving thousands of meals a day.

Santa Anita Park served as one of two base camps for the state's Watershed and Debris Flow Task Force, which is currently conducting the largest watershed mission in California. State and local agencies, environmental experts, engineers, and emergency management teams are on site working together to develop plans tailored to

communities impacted by the Eaton Fire.

"My most heartfelt thanks to everyone who jumped into action at our time of greatest need," Barger said. "This is just a snapshot of the generous and selfless work that's been happening in service to the Altadena community."

FEMA Assistance Now at Library Branches

Pasadena Public Library announced Thursday that it has coordinated with FEMA for representatives to meet with Eaton Fire impacted residents at several library branches. The response from residents has been very positive. As a result, FEMA staff is expanding the number of days that they will be offering their services at the library branches. FEMA staff are available to assist with registering for FEMA assistance and answering questions.

- The following libraries will host FEMA representatives:
- Hastings Branch Library 3325 East Orange Grove Blvd. Fridays, Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 & Monday, Feb. 10 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Santa Catalina Branch Library 999 East Washington Blvd. Friday, Jan. 31, Saturday, Feb. 1, Thursday, Feb. 6 & Tuesday, Feb. 11 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - La Pintoresca Branch Library 1355 North Raymond Ave. Monday, Feb. 3 & Friday, Feb. 7 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Lamanda Park Branch Library 140 South Altadena Dr. Mondays, Feb. 3 & 10 and Thursdays, Feb. 6 & 13 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Community members are not required to visit one of these locations to apply for assistance. Any impacted individuals may apply for disaster assistance by visiting Disaster Assistance.gov.

The City of Pasadena is committed to supporting residents impacted by the Eaton Fire as they navigate the recovery process. Our priority is the safety and well-being of our community. Visit CityofPasadena.net/Eaton-Fire/ for the latest safety information, resources, and response efforts related to the Eaton Fire.

Pasadena Settles Lawsuit over Arroyo Water Project



A settlement agreement with the City of Pasadena over the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse project Environmental Impact Report was announced Tuesday by the lawsuit's petitioner, in pro per, Clara Solis. The lawsuit claimed that the previously approved Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project was not sufficient to address multiple issues and required a full Environmental Impact Report. The Pasadena City Council revoked the project's MND Monday evening as part of the settlement agreement.

According to Solis, who was advised by attorney Amy Minter and supported by the grassroots activist group Save San Pascual Park, brought the lawsuit when she found that Pasadena and South Pasadena plans to divert 20 million gallons of water annually to the South Pasadena golf course from the Arroyo Seco. The project requires that Los Angeles cede part of San Pascual Park land to South Pasadena in perpetuity. The project also requires cutting down over 150 mature trees, including protected oak and

sycamores, which Solis claims would have a significant impact to the health of the environment, wildlife, and local community for years to come.

"This project was an example of environmental injustice," Solis said. "Pasadena was helping South Pasadena to get free water in perpetuity for their golf course at the expense of the environment and local residents. Additionally, this land historically was part of the Gabrieleno Kizh Tribal Nation, who were left out of the planning process."

She continued, "For decades, local children and Los Angeles residents who live in the San Pascual neighborhood near the 110 Freeway have been able to access nature at this small forest, which has existed since before the Arroyo Seco was channelized. LA residents must have a voice in the access to water and what happens to their park."

Solis, along with Save San Pascual Park, began community outreach and received over 1,000 signatures from local residents in opposition of the project.

PWP Grand Ave. Water Main Replacement Project Resumes

Interim General Manager of Water and Power, David Reyes, announced Thursday that the Pasadena Department of Water and Power has resumed the Grand Avenue Water Main Replacement Project, which will replace a 90-year-old water main along Grand Avenue. Temporary lane closures will occur intermittently, and detour signs will be posted during construction. Businesses in the area will remain open and accessible. Crews will provide notice of any water service interruptions at least 48 hours

in advance. The project will continue south along Grand Avenue, one block at a time, until California Boulevard. Special efforts will be taken to minimize inconvenience for residents and customers.

For more details on the Grand Avenue Water Main Replacement Project, including regular updates and contact information, visit PWPweb.com/GrandAvenue. For complete details on active and recently completed projects, visit PWPweb.com/Construction.

Green Waste Drop Off Extended until February 7

Pasadena residents can dispose of their green waste (ie: grass clippings, leaves, branches) at Hahamongna Watershed Park (4550 Oak Grove Dr, Pasadena, CA 91103). The location hours are Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Closed Sundays. The site has been extended until Friday, February 7.

No trash or burn material will be accepted. Contractors will be turned away. To access Hahamongna Watershed Park: • Exit the 210 on Berkshire/Oak Grove • Turn left onto Oak Grove Dr. • Turn right onto Foothill Blvd. • Follow signage for Green Waste Drop Off.



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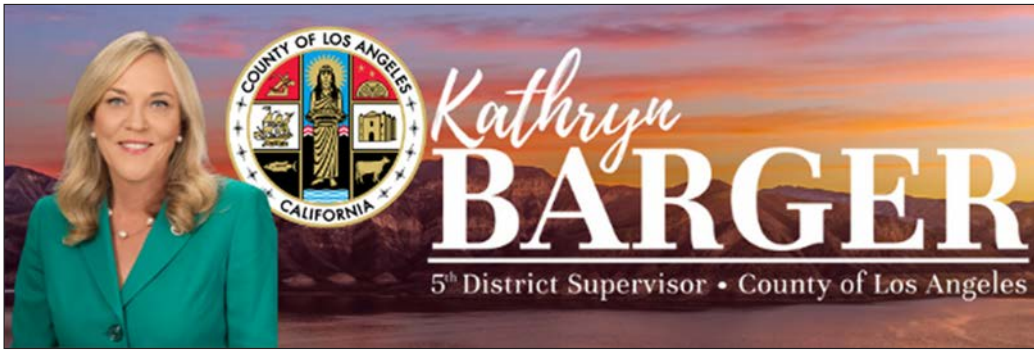
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L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR RECOVERY FROM DEVASTATING JANUARY 2025 FIRES

Friday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted a sweeping plan to accelerate recovery efforts and ensure equitable support for thousands of residents and small businesses affected by the unprecedented Eaton and Palisades Wildfires this month.

Introduced through a motion authored by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, the County's wildfire recovery efforts are now anchored by a comprehensive framework for immediate response and long-term disaster preparedness.

"The devastation caused by the January 2025 wildfires has been catastrophic, but I am unwavering in my commitment to rebuild quickly and robustly," said Board Chair Kathryn Barger. "This motion is not simply about immediate recovery. It's about creating a more resilient and equitable future for all of our communities. We are taking immediate, decisive action to help those impacted by these fires rebuild their lives and livelihoods. This plan will guide our way forward."

"This motion aligns the extensive expertise of Los Angeles County departments to our mission: a safe, swift, and sustainable wildfire recovery," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath. "Chair Barger and I—with the support of our Board colleagues—will do everything we can to care for fire-impacted communities through every phase of the recovery and rebuilding journey. No one is alone, and every resource is on the table."

This plan includes several key principles and components.

Swift and Equitable Recovery

The County's plan commits to quickly delivering crucial support and services to aid in the recovery and rebuilding of affected communities. It prioritizes vulnerable populations and employs innovative strategies to mitigate financial obstacles, such as mandating waivers and financial assistance to offset building code modifications.

Streamlined Processes

The plan significantly streamlines processes for response and recovery, including expediting permitting, reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and removing impediments to access funding.

Robust Funding Acquisition

The County will actively pursue and fully utilize available funding from federal, state, and local government sources, as well as engaging private entities to maximize recovery resources.

Targeted Community Support

The plan supports extensive community outreach and support initiatives to assist residents and businesses in navigating the complex recovery process. Los Angeles County will provide resources and information to ensure transparent and accessible assistance.

Enhanced Disaster Preparedness

The plan focuses on building greater resilience against future disasters by incorporating long-term disaster preparedness measures and plans.

The implementation of this comprehensive motion will also be closely monitored by the County's Auditor-Controller with regular updates provided to ensure accountability and transparency.

ALTADENA'S AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE EATON FIRE'S DEVASTATION

Both in the concentration of households within the burn area and the percentage of homes that were destroyed or sustained major damage, according to a UCLA study released Friday.

According to the report by the UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, the UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge and the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute, at least 2,800 Black households were forced to evacuate within a day of the Eaton Fire's outbreak on Jan. 7, and a disproportionate number of homes damaged or destroyed were located in neighborhoods historically occupied by Black residents.

"Altadena's Black community has long served as a symbol of resilience and opportunity in the Los Angeles region, but the Eaton Fire exposes how decades of segregation and the legacy of redlining practices have left Black households more vulnerable," Lorrie Frasure, a professor of political science and African American studies who directs the Bunche Center, said in a statement. "The recovery process must acknowledge this historic legacy and the disparities stemming from it to provide tailored support that ensures the restoration and future of this vibrant community."

The study found that 61% of Black households in Altadena were located in the fire perimeter, compared with 50% of non-Black households. Roughly 48% of Black households were destroyed or heavily damaged, compared to 37% of non-Black households.

Authors of the report suggested that "historical redlining practices" led to a high concentration of Black families in the areas of Altadena that were most impacted by the fire. They also noted that more than half of Black homeowners in Altadena are over age 65, and many could face additional issues such as insufficient insurance and "risks of financial exploitation" as they look to rebuild.

"The Eaton Fire has the potential to accelerate the decline of Altadena's Black community, erasing generations of progress," Frasure said. "Policymakers and relief organizations must act swiftly to protect the legacy and future of this historic community."

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MAYOR CAO OPPOSES LARIO PARK AS HAZARDOUS DEBRIS PROCESSING SITE

ARCADIA, CA – With little notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined that Lario Park, located in unincorporated Los Angeles County, would become the site for the cleanup of hazardous materials from the Eaton Fire. Numerous city officials and residents from impacted communities are urging the EPA to reconsider this decision, as transporting hazardous waste nearly 15 miles from the fire sites to Lario Park displaces remediation efforts and spreads risk to thousands more.

"I was disappointed to learn that Lario Park was selected as the site for the Eaton Fire hazardous waste cleanup, with no advanced warning or opportunity for community input. The wildfires that have ravaged Los Angeles County must be cleaned up, but I cannot understand how trucking hazardous waste through so many vulnerable communities, and placing near homes and schools, is the best possible option," said Mayor Michael Cao.

Earlier this month, wildfires across Los Angeles County destroyed thousands of homes, businesses, schools, and open space, causing numerous fatalities, displaced pets, and loss of wildlife habitats. The Eaton Fire devastated the cities of Altadena and Pasadena, with its impacts reaching most foothill communities along the San Gabriel Mountain range. In the wake of so much devastation, impacted communities are ready to focus on cleanup efforts, beginning the multi-year effort to restore and rebuild their former neighborhoods.

During the fires, many hazardous household items and materials were destroyed, creating concerns about air quality and environmental impacts. Lario Park is located between the cities of Duarte and Irwindale and is creating serious concerns for those communities, along with every other city in proximity or the path of travel, including Arcadia, Azusa and Baldwin Park.

"As Arcadia's Mayor, I stand in solidarity with our neighbors who have suffered immensely from the devastating impacts of the wildfires. Cleanup is a critical next step in the recovery process from these fires, and as the region rebuilds, I ask our federal agencies to ensure the disaster is not further expanded to any other communities."

Those seeking more information on the length of the cleanup efforts, potential truck routes through Arcadia, and details on how the hazardous waste will be transported and mitigated, are encouraged to attend the Town Hall at Duarte Performing Arts Center (1401 Highland Ave, Duarte, CA) on Wednesday, January 29, beginning at 6 p.m. Senator Susan Rubio, State Officials, and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency will be in attendance to answer questions and hear concerns from constituents.

When available, more information on the cleanup efforts can be found on the City's website at: www.ArcadiaCA.gov/Windstorm-EatonFire.

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LA COUNTY CONTROLLER REMINDS FIRE SURVIVORS OF PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL

LOS ANGELES (CNS) - With the second installment of Los Angeles County property tax bills due tomorrow, county Assessor Jeff Prang's office Friday issued a special bulletin to explain the connection between filing a disaster relief claim and the upcoming payment.

The controller's office released the bulletin as a way to answer questions by many property owners affected by recent wildfires. Impacted residents can file a disaster relief claim, known as the Misfortune and Calamity program (dubbed an M&C claim) -- providing a temporary reduction in property value, which can lower property tax bills while people recover and rebuild.

On Saturday, the second installment of property tax bills are due. If the payment is not made by April 10, property owners could face a penalty.

The controller's office noted that Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order suspending penalties, costs and interest on late property tax payments for properties impacted by the wildfires in the following ZIP codes: 90019, 90041, 90049, 90066, 90265, 90272, 90290, 90402, 91001, 91040, 91104, 91106, 91107, 93535 and 93536.

Newsom ordered for the suspension to remain in effect until April 10, 2026, for secured and unsecured property taxes due in 2025.

According to Prang's office, for property owners who filed a M&C claim with his team, the Treasurer and Tax Collector recommends that resident pay the outstanding installments under certain conditions:

- If you pay your property taxes directly to the TTC, filing an M&C claim automatically qualifies you for a deferral of those property tax payments; and
- If you pay your taxes through an impound account managed by your mortgage lender, property owners must contact their lender to explore available options.

For property owners who already paid the first installments or both installments of their tax bill, the controller's office encouraged them to file an M&C claim. Property owners could be eligible for a refund of the difference between the amount paid and the adjusted property tax amount.

After filing a M&C claim, the auditor-controller will recalculate the adjusted property taxes based on the reduced property value. The TTC will issue an adjusted tax bill, if applicable, and the auditor-controller will also refund any overpayment to the property owner.

More information is available at bit.ly/40Wjc7w.

L.A. County has established in-person disaster recovery centers at the following locations:

- UCLA Research Park West, 10850 W. Pico Blvd.; and
- Altadena Disaster Recovery Center, 540 W. Woodbury Road.

Meanwhile, residents countywide will have additional time this year to file their federal and state income taxes.

The tax filing deadline for L.A. County residents and businesses will now be Oct. 15, which the Internal Revenue Service and governor's office previously announced. "The Oct. 15, 2025 deadline applies to individual income tax returns and payments normally due on April 15, 2025," according to a statement from the IRS. "This relief also applies to the 2024 estimated tax payment normally due on Jan. 15, 2025, and estimated tax payments normally due on April 15, June 16, and Sept. 15, 2025. Penalties on payroll and excise tax deposits due on or after Jan. 7, 2025 and before Jan. 22, 2025 will be abated as long as the tax deposits are made by Jan. 22, 2025."

The California Franchise Tax Board mirrored the IRS' action, announcing that the state tax filing deadline was also being extended for all county residents until Oct. 15.

"Our state faces one of the most devastating fires in recent history, which has taken lives, displaced thousands of families and left entire communities in ruins," state Controller and FTB Chair Malia M. Cohen said in a statement. "My heart goes out to everyone affected -- please know that you are not alone. I am committed to ensuring that Californians have the help they need during this incredibly difficult time through disaster relief resources that are available through FTB."

PASADENA TO RESUME PARKING ENFORCEMENT POST-EATON FIRE

PASADENA (CNS) - Enforcement of parking restrictions in Pasadena that were put on hold during the Eaton Fire will be phased back in during the next month, the city announced today.

Starting Monday, the Pasadena Department of Transportation will resume enforcement of restrictions for street sweeping, oversized vehicles and the 72-hour limit for vehicles that are not moving, the city announced in a press release.

On Feb. 17, the city will resume Preferential Parking Districts, where permits are required to park on the street, according to the city. The ban on overnight parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. will resume March 1.

Residents affected and displaced by the Eaton Fire will be given the opportunity to apply for preferential parking and overnight parking permits when the city verifies and approves their homes were damaged or destroyed in the fire, the city announced.

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AFTER A WILDFIRE - SAFE CLEAN-UP

WHEN CLEANING UP ASH:


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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.

City of SOUTH PASADENA Senior Citizen Dumpster Day

Senior citizen residents ages 62 years and older can have large and bulky items picked up from their homes for FREE the
Week of February 3-7, 2025

Senior citizens are asked to have all items collected and readily available in an OUTDOOR area near trash containers.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Please call the South Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 403-7360 Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS: Thursday, January 30, 2025 by 12:00 p.m.

SPACE IS LIMITED

PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE PICKED UP. ITEMS NOT LISTED WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY ATHENS.



Accepted Items:

- Couches
- Refrigerators
- Rugs and carpets
- Water heaters
- Washing machines
- Wood, pipes or branches that are bundled together
- Other large bulky items

Prohibited Items:

- Rubbish items that can be picked up with typical refuse items
- E-waste such as TVs, DVD players, cellphones, gaming consoles, computers and monitors
- Construction and roofing materials such as concrete, cement bricks, roof shingles, tiles and dry wall
- Household hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, fertilizer oil and cleaning supplies
- Materials from landscaping projects such as dirt, sand, gravel, large tree branches and stumps, bushes and railroad ties
- Automobile parts

NOTE: Delinquent Athens customers are not eligible.

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



WHAT WILL FEMA WANT TO KNOW WHEN I APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE?

Filling out a FEMA application can be unsettling when you are still experiencing the results of a natural disaster firsthand. It helps to know in advance what information and documents you'll need to provide to verify your identity, occupancy, and other details related to your disaster-caused losses. Below are helpful details on what data and documents will be needed to apply with FEMA. Information needed when you apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance:

- *Your phone number and the address, including zip code, of the damaged property
- *Contact information after the disaster, including phone number, alternate residential address or email address to receive electronic notifications
- *Your Social Security number
- *Insurance information, including settlement letter if you received it
- *Condition of your damaged home, if known, and personal property losses
- *Your annual household income (for possible referrals)
- *Bank account information, if you would like your assistance provided via direct deposit Documents needed to verify:
- *Identity: Your Social Security number, state driver's license, state ID, or voter registration card
- *Ownership and vital records (birth, death, marriage): Los Angeles County residents directly impacted by the fires can request property records and vital records at no cost to support their recovery. Contacts: o Vital records: (888) 985-9913 o Property records: (800) 201-8999, option 3 o Email for both: RRCCFireAssistance@rrcc.lacounty.gov
- *Occupancy: FEMA will usually verify your occupancy and ownership through a public records search.

If they can't, they may ask you to provide additional documents such as: January 2025 1 FEMA Fact Sheet – What Will FEMA Want to Know When I Apply o A lease or housing agreement, rent receipt, motor vehicle registration, or a utility or other bill, or bank or credit card statement, mailed to your address. If these documents have been destroyed, contact your mortgage company, landlord, vendors, employer or bank or a public official's signed statement. If you cannot access documentation to prove occupancy, you may provide a written statement from a public official, member of a tribal council, homeless outreach advocate, etc. It must include your name, location of residence, dates of occupancy, and the official's name, title, signature and contact information.

- *Annual household income: Pay stub, tax returns, W2 forms
- *Bank account information: Bank statement
- *Damage to your property: A description of the damage caused, photos of the damage. Receipts to verify expenses caused by the disaster.

For information on replacing documents lost in the wildfires: Replacing Lost Documents after Los Angeles County Wildfires. Apply for FEMA Individual Assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov (fastest option); on the FEMA App (available at the Apple App Store or Google Play); by phone at 800-621-3362 (if you use a relay service, give FEMA your number for that service) or visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC); to locate a DRC near you, visit the DRC Locator .

GUIDELINES FOR SWIMMING POOLS IMPACTED BY SMOKE AND ASH

The City of Pasadena issued the following guidelines Friday for the maintenance of pools impacted by smoke, ash, or fire damage. "Do not use the pool until the steps are completed."

Restoring Water Clarity and Chemistry:

Follow the eight steps below to restore water clarity and chemistry in pools with working recirculation systems, electricity, and access to safe water. For pools in the area of the Do Not Drink Order, do not use tap water to refill the pool until the Order is lifted.

1. Skim water surface with a pool net and clean out skimmer baskets to remove all debris.
2. Brush the sides and the bottom of pool to loosen contaminants. Vacuum pool.
3. Backwash and clean the filter(s). Discharge wastewater into a municipal sewer only. Backwashing into the storm drain system (driveways, gutters, streets, storm drains) is prohibited by law.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 if necessary after cleaning the filters.
5. Check the pH value and adjust to between 7.2 and 8.0.
6. Check free chlorine level and adjust to minimum of 2.0 ppm.
7. Check the filter pressure and flow meter to ensure the recirculation system is functioning.
8. Reopen pool to bathers only when the drain cover in the deep end is visible, pH levels are within 7.2 to 8.0, and the free chlorine is at a minimum of 2.0 ppm.

A pool service company may be contracted to clean the pool. Check for their business license and experience. Pool companies are prohibited from discharging backwash to the storm drain system.

Deck Cleaning: Clean the pool deck and dispose of debris into the trash. Do not hose down the deck to storm drains. Minimize dust and ashes from becoming airborne by misting the deck. Then, use a stiff brush or broom to sweep up and discard. A mop and bucket can also be used for cleanup. **Draining Pools:**

Draining pools is generally not recommended. If you must drain the pool, contact the Department of Public Works' Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division for guidance by calling (626) 744-7311. In general, pool water must be dechlorinated to 0.0 ppm chlorine and have a pH value between 7.2 and 8.0 if it is drained.



Mosquito Breeding: Pools with standing water can breed mosquitoes. During power outages you may need to maintain chlorine manually until the recirculation system is restored. For assistance with a pool that is breeding mosquitoes contact the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at (626) 814-9466.

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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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RIGHT OF ENTRY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

As a resident affected by the wildfires, you have two choices for managing debris removal on your property:

- Opt-in to the government-run debris removal program.
- OR**
- Opt-out and manage cleanup without government assistance.

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After **Eaton Fire**

What Can I Do to Help?

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FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

To Learn More:
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in the City Council Chamber!





Dear PUSD Community,

With our schools fully reopened, our students are back to normalcy and the calm routine of learning, and they are on the path to healing. Their resilience and the way that our staff, families, and community have shown up for them are truly inspiring.

I am so glad that our children are back in school. We could not have gotten here without the vision and tireless work of the incredible PUSD team. Their collective efforts have put our community on the path to recovery, and they are a testament to the strength and power of the "us" in PUSD.

Enroll in PUSD

PUSD has reopened applications for the 2024-2025 school year and extended application dead-lines for the 2025-26 school year in response to the Eaton Fire. Independent study options are also available. We look forward to welcoming you to the PUSD family. Apply Now

Applications for 2024-25 will be processed as quickly as possible, and results for the 2025-26 lottery will be published by March 19.

For assistance, please call (626)396-3639. *Photo courtesy PUSD*



OPEN LETTER TO CHARTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Dear Charter School Communities of PUSD,

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) is steadfast in our commitment to all children in our community, including those attending charter schools. In the wake of the devastating Eaton Fire, our priority has been to ensure that every student has a safe, welcoming, and prepared space ready for them to resume their education as quickly as possible.

We care deeply for all students. That is why we have been in constant communication with charter school officials since just days after the fire began to keep them informed as soon as we gained access to sites in the mandatory evacuation zones.

As we drive around our community, the marks of the fire are everywhere: homes and structures lost, and the mountains denuded of shrubs and trees.

We acted swiftly to offer spaces to charter schools within PUSD boundaries that will allow students to return to a sense of normalcy as soon as possible. Each site has been subjected to rigorous cleaning, sanitizing, and environmental testing before being cleared for reopening.

We have moved district programs and offices to other sites, installed furniture, and offered to provide N95 masks for children in charter schools so that students can be back in classrooms as early as this week, in alignment with the return timeline for PUSD students.

PUSD will follow its air quality procedures whenever there is a concern because of nearby burned areas: students will be kept indoors, with special attention to be provided to students and staff with asthma or breathing issues.

To charter school students impacted by the Eaton Fire disaster: we have your back. Since just days after the fire, we've been in constant communication with charter school leaders to find solutions.

On Monday, January 17, we met with charter school officials to discuss the spaces offered to relocate charter schools destroyed or damaged by the fire. During the meeting, some shared that they were pursuing commercial spaces but requested that we not disclose this to their communities yet. Out of respect, we agree

Aveson School of Leaders TK-5 (formerly at the Noyes Elementary School campus): We offered Aveson School of Leaders relocation to Cleveland Elementary School, which keeps them within PUSD and co-locates them with another charter school. We have moved preschool programs and PUSD Early Childhood Education offices out of Cleveland and to other PUSD sites to accommodate Aveson. While charter school leaders have expressed interest in PUSD's Wilson Middle School site, that campus is not available because it houses five critical PUSD programs, including Rose City High School, a children's center, the Center for Independent Studies (which is expected to grow following the fire), Twilight Adult Education, and a special education hub and program for adult students. Aveson Charter also has a small sports academy at Wilson Middle School. Providing Aveson with the additional space it seeks at Wilson would require the displacement of existing PUSD programs, far more than the PUSD programs already displaced at Cleveland.

Odyssey Charter School - South TK-8 (formerly at the Edison Elementary School campus): Our relocation plan would bring Odyssey Charter School and Odyssey Charter School - South together on a single site at Audubon Elementary School - a consolidation their executive director had pursued before the fire. At the time of our offer of relocated space, Odyssey asked us to keep those plans private until they could communicate with their community, and we respected that request. PUSD is cleaning and sanitizing the Audubon campus in the same way as its own campuses. Like PUSD campuses, the Audubon campus must pass environmental tests before being cleared for reopening. Air quality will be monitored, and air quality procedures will be put into effect whenever there is a concern about nearby burned areas. Students will be kept indoors, and special attention will be given to students and staff with asthma or breathing issues.

Pasadena Rosebud Academy TK-8 (formerly at the Loma Alta Elementary School campus): PUSD has offered to share the campus of Don Benito Elementary School, consolidating its own classrooms and programs on that site to create dedicated space for Pasadena Rosebud Academy. Concerns have been raised about co-locating with PUSD students at Don Benito, which is located near some burned homes. The Don Benito campus is being cleaned and sanitized and must pass environmental tests before reopening this week. To address any concerns about air quality because of burned homes in the area, air quality will be monitored, and the school will put into effect its air quality procedures whenever there is a concern: students will be kept indoors, and special attention will be given to students and staff with asthma or breathing issues.

We have gone above and beyond to support charter school students in this time of need, including offering food service even though most charter school operators have not signed facilities use agreements or paid the pro rata share rates adopted by PUSD's Board of Education. Despite this, we have and will continue to treat charter school students with the same care and urgency as our own PUSD students, ensuring safe spaces and resources to return to school quickly and begin healing.

Before the devastating fire and destruction of these buildings, PUSD spent a considerable amount of Measure O and routine maintenance funds and developer fees to upgrade Loma Alta, Edison, and Audubon to enhance the educational experience for children in charter schools. These projects included roofing, HVAC, playground, and portable restrooms.

This is not the time for division or misrepresentation. It is a time for collaboration, integrity, and leadership. Together, we must work toward a shared goal: getting every student back in school as quickly as possible to restore a sense of stability and normalcy in their lives.

Sincerely,
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Peter Dills asks: ARE THERE TOO MANY RESTAURANTS?

You ever notice how there used to be just a handful of restaurants that really felt like a night out? A special occasion. You dressed up, you sat at a table with cloth napkins, and maybe, just maybe, the waiter wore a bow tie. That was dining. That was an event.

Now? Restaurants are everywhere. You can't throw a breadstick without hitting one. They're crammed into strip malls, tucked away in back alleys, even doubling as gas stations. Remember the Velvet Turtle? That was living! It was a place you told people about. Now, I can't even count how many restaurants are on a single block.

And what happened to those big-name chains? Claim Jumper was the hottest ticket in town—until it wasn't. The Sizzler? People would line up for that salad bar like it was an amusement park ride. And the Cheesecake Factory? Sure, they make a decent cheesecake, but do we really need a 30-page menu? Do people enjoy spending 90 minutes just deciding what to order?

Restaurants come and go, that's just the nature of the business. But what surprises me is how many keep opening. My city has grown, sure, but have we really grown enough to justify all these new places? I heard San Francisco and Pasadena are neck and neck for the most restaurants per capita. Is that something to be proud of?

Now, don't get me wrong—I'm not calling for some restaurant shutdown order. Let freedom ring! If someone wants to take a shot at running a restaurant, more power to them. But make no mistake, it's a roll of the dice. My father, who made a nice living reviewing restaurants on TV, used to say he'd rather lose a finger than own a restaurant. And believe me, I heard that one enough times to believe it.

But I have to wonder—who's funding all these places? You watch enough TV and you start to think half of them are just money laundering operations. Ask a restaurant owner why they did it, and they'll probably say, "Oh, I can do it better." Can they? Or is it just another dream doomed to turn into an empty dining room with a 'For Lease' sign in the window?

So, are there too many restaurants? Well, that depends. If you're a diner, it's great. If you're a restaurant owner, it's a war zone. Either way, it's hard not to wonder—when did eating out stop being special?

But hey, you decide where you spend your dollars. As for me? Maybe I'll just have a home-cooked meal every now and then.

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ACROSS

1. Actor Driver
5. By way of
8. Bambino
11. Oscar De La ____
12. *Do this backwards to try hard to please
13. Range
15. Petri dish gel
16. Celestial bear
17. K-pop home
18. *Cold one is offensive
20. Sportscaster Andrews
21. Outer space path
22. Hold title to
23. *Take this to commit to marriage
26. Bullet factory
30. Even, poetically
31. Trim
34. Sitar music
35. Kon-Tiki and such
37. Be in a cast
38. Very, in music
39. Actress Barrymore
40. "Long Day's Journey into Night" playwright
42. Between Mar. and May
43. Annuling
45. Loads
47. Compass point between NE and E
48. Dugout river ride
50. Check-in via text
52. *Sign of nervousness (2 words)
55. One up
56. Lowest female voice
57. One quark plus one antiquark
59. Toothpaste brand
60. Riddle without solution
61. Cogito ____ sum
62. *Leg's partner, price-wise
63. Make a mistake
64. Robin's house

DOWN

1. "Eureka!"
2. *They cause no problems when they sleep
3. Nursemaid, in India
4. ____ 5, band
5. "Il Trovatore" composer
6. Garment insert
7. Month before Nisan
8. Torus, pl.
9. Word before sesame
10. *Cupful that's not for everyone
12. Adjective derived from bulb
13. Distorts
14. *Cutting these leads to poor results
19. Prods
22. Dot follower
23. Lost, in Provence
24. Live's partner
25. Hungry
26. Voting no
27. Like Fran Drescher's voice
28. Wide open
29. Bear digs
32. Group of buffaloes
33. *Breaking it relieves tension
36. *When these meet, one can afford what they want (2 words)
38. Remote in manner
40. Football's extra point
41. "The Call of the Wild" author
44. Gold bar
46. Dig further
48. One on artist's wheel
49. Communion table
50. Feline vibration
51. Unit on a list
52. *Easy piece
53. Ireland's other name
54. Duds
55. Edible tuber
58. 1990s negation

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FROM THE OLDEST CINSULT VINEYARD IN THE WORLD

THE TASTING ROOM

I'm Gustavo Lira, Tasting Room Manager and Wine Buyer at The Bottle Shop in Sierra Madre with another wine and spirits selection.

This area that encompasses Sierra Madre, Pasadena, and Altadena has always been a gem. It's home. It's community. It's our corner of the world. As we say goodbye to January, let us keep in mind all those who have suffered this past month and let us not waver in our commitment to supporting our friends and neighbors of this amazing community in the coming months and years. We shall survive and we shall thrive once again.

This week's featured wine comes from the oldest Cinsault vineyard in the world. The Birichino Cinsault Bechthold Vineyard, Lodi 2023 is sourced from 137-year-old



vines. These vines have survived all these years through brutal summer heat, no irrigation, and other obstacles. Not only have they survived, but they have thrived. Bechthold Vineyard is in Lodi and is beloved by many winemakers.

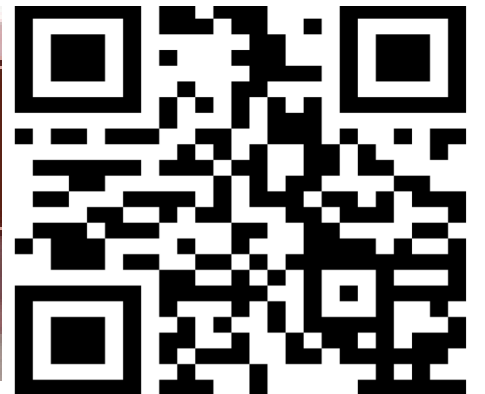
You would think with the high temps in Lodi that this wine would be high in alcohol, super ripe, jammy, and out of whack. Nothing could be further from the truth. This wine is elegant, light-bodied, and smooth. It has vibrant acidity, and beautiful aromas. It reminds me of a Cru Beaujolais. The alcohol level

comes in at around 12%. It checks all the boxes for me as well. It's organic, it's vegan, it's dry-farmed, and it tastes amazing.

Only about 150 cases were produced, and we have a case in the shop right now. Don't delay. Get this beauty right now. The Birichino Cinsault 2023 is available at The Bottle Shop for \$29.99. Say you saw it in the Mountain Views News and get the MVN special price of \$27.99. Special price good through February 3.

Until next time – Salud!

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ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

REST AS THE OCEAN OF PRESENCE by Alik Reddy & Jeff Foster



"So the invitation is just to rest as your deepest self. Rest as the ocean of Being, of presence, and to allow thoughts to come and go, sensations to come and go. Even to allow non-allowing, even to allow resistance, even to allow contraction, boredom, numbness, loneliness, this radical inclusion. The ocean radically includes and loves and cherishes and welcomes all of its waves. No waves work against the ocean. No thought, no sensation, no feeling that arises in you is fundamentally working against you, even if it's uncomfortable.

Give yourself a few moments of rest, a break from this project of trying to be someone, trying to attain something, trying to win something, trying to prove something, trying to get someone else to understand you, trying to win love, trying to become enlightened. Just for a moment, let all of that fall away. Let yourself sink. Let's all sink together into the earth.

As Rumi reminds us, even that most uncomfortable or unwanted or darkest of waves may hold spiritual riches, may hold healing, may hold intelligence, may just be a part of you longing to be included, to be known as part of the ocean.

So just let go of trying to meditate and rest as much as you can, as this moment plays itself out, moment by moment. Let yourself sink into the chair, the bed, the couch, the earth. Let the earth itself hold you. Let yourself fall.

And if, during this meditation, you've found in yourself a place of peace, a place that feels contented or whole, safe, still, silent, see if you can stay connected to that place within you."

Have you noticed how the word, "rest," keeps coming up, again and again in these wisdom quotes? Could it really be that simple? Is ceasing all effort the secret that has eluded us for so long?

"The invitation is just to rest as your deepest self." It's not difficult to rest as the ocean of Being. It's not complicated to rest as the ocean of Presence. It's what happens naturally when you drop all the unrest you've been holding and carrying, when you drop all the thoughts that this is difficult.

"Let go of trying to meditate and rest as much as you can." Rest as much as you can. What a beautiful invitation, and one that our tired soul longs to accept.

"Give yourself a few moments of rest, a break from this project of trying..." trying to be and do so many things. Give yourself a break. In this moment, right now, relinquish all effort and let yourself fall into the most intimate connection you could ever have with this moment. Simply rest, knowing that there is nothing you need to do in order to enjoy the riches of presence because you and this moment are inseparable.



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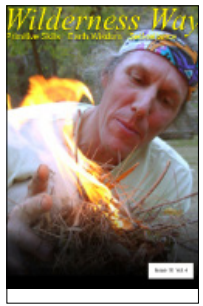
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EVACUATION

It's painfully obvious that there is no definitive way to "prepare" for certain disasters, such as a tsunami coming your way, a major hurricane, or a wall of fire being driven by near 100 mph winds. You can only get out of the way, and then, when things calm down, take stock, and attempt to rebuild your life as best you can.

The fact that we have Insurance companies and FEMA helps, as everyone knows that money is a great survival tool. But if you are in the direct path of a wall of destruction, run!

If you lived a life of self-reliance and frugality, you might have the tools to reconstruct your life quickly and efficiently. So this leads to a popular question if suddenly, you should have to evacuate.

What should you take?

We've had lots of recent fire incidents where neighborhoods burned, and people had to get out quickly - maybe within minutes. These recent cases include the Altadena Eaton fire, Pacific Palisades, the Hawaii fire, Paradise and Santa Rosa in California, as examples.

The only way you can calmly get out and get out with essential items is by being thoughtful that such a scenario might occur, and even though you don't want to believe it will ever happen to you, you go ahead and plan and pack accordingly.

Harsh Reality check: Even if you did have such a survival bag of essentials, some residents of the Altadena and Pacific Palisades fires were away at work as the winds and fires increased, and were never able to get back home. That aside, you should still plan such a bag or pack, and maybe keep one in your office or car.

What should you carry?

I had been away on a week-long camping trip when I was driving to my home in Altadena, seeing the flames of the Station fire in the nearby forest. I realized that I might be asked to evacuate soon after I got home, so I mentally reviewed what I already had in my car: tent, sleeping bag, clothes, towels and toothbrush, many outdoor tools, flashlights, solar shower, etc. All the neighbors in my area, the Meadows, were told to be ready to evacuate. So I spent that night considering what I did not want to lose, and I packed my computer, and two large boxes of photos. Yes, two very large tubs of photos, a result of having thousands of photos in the pre-digital era. I also gathered my passport, checking account books, and certain legal papers.

The fact is you never really know what you need until you need it!

The neighborhood was finally given a "soft" evacuation order. They would not force you out but once you left the area, you couldn't get back in. So I drove off the next day as the fire was dangerously close to the neighborhood, and spent the next 3 days at a friend's house in Pasadena.

Our neighborhood didn't burn and I was able to eventually return to my humble home with great joy.

When the Great Fire of 2025 began, I had less than an hour to grab whatever I considered important, and evacuate to somewhere. My neighborhood experienced howling 90 mph winds, with no lights on anywhere, with sparks that would occasionally rain down on us. We could hear police or sheriff's bullhorns going up and down the streets, announcing "Get out NOW!"

I grabbed clothes, flashlights and batteries and solar chargers, towels, toothbrush and comb, check-book, and a few essential notebooks. And my computer. Not much really. My wife had already grabbed the passports, bottles of water, a box of food, and her photos. We knew it was possible that our home would be reduced to ash, though that didn't happen, thankfully.

So, what should YOU have in a pack, ready to evacuate? Though everyone's situation varies, and you really need to customize a pack to your own needs, here are some obvious choices: clothes, flashlight with batteries and a charger, all basic toiletries, cash, medications, first aid kit, bic lighter, important legal papers. I always carry a Swiss Army knife too for countless things.

There is no shortage of published lists of all the things you should have ready for emergencies. Just remember that you should not rotely follow anyone's list, but should collect those items that you know you need, and know how to use.

Katnip News!



DOLLY & PINKY

You know we normally feature cats, but we couldn't resist helping these two doggies find a new home together. They are female Rhodesian Ridgebacks, ages about 8, and very bonded. They were much



loved, but when their owner died they were taken to a high kill shelter and separated. They were going to be put down, when a kind woman took pity on them and got them out, but she can't keep them. They are both very sweet, and are good on walks. They don't seem to like small animals. Dolly and Pinky may be seniors, born 2016, but they have lots of energy and love to give.

They are wonderful together and will stick close to your side. See more of them at <https://www.lifeline-forpets.org/pooch-place.html>.

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FALL RISK FOR SENIORS: HOW TO KEEP YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE

Falls are a leading cause of injury among seniors, often leading to fractures, head trauma, and loss of independence. As we age, various factors increase the likelihood of a fall, making prevention critical for maintaining safety and quality of life.

Physical changes are a major contributor to fall risk. Weakened muscles, slower reflexes, and reduced balance are common as we age. Additionally, conditions like arthritis, diabetes, and heart disease can further impair mobility and coordination. Vision problems, such as cataracts or glaucoma, also make it harder to see potential hazards, increasing the risk of tripping.

Medications are another significant factor. Many common drugs, including those for blood pressure, anxiety, and sleep, can cause dizziness or drowsiness, making falls more likely. Regular check-ups with a doctor can help manage medications and monitor conditions that affect balance and mobility.

Environmental hazards in the home are a top concern. Cluttered hallways, loose rugs, poor lighting, and uneven flooring can all create tripping dangers. Installing grab bars in bathrooms, using non-slip mats, and improving lighting can make a big difference in preventing falls. It's also important to regularly remove obstacles that could cause trips and to keep walkways clear.

To reduce fall risk, seniors should engage in exercises that improve strength and balance, such as walking, tai chi, or strength training. Wearing proper footwear with good arch support and non-slip soles is essential. In some cases, using a cane or walker can help provide extra stability.

By taking these steps—both medical and environmental—families can help ensure their loved ones stay safe and independent as they age. Preventing falls is all about vigilance, small adjustments, and a commitment to maintaining health and safety.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*



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OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
MY DAYS OF WONDER IN THE HOSPITAL



My plans for the New Year were horribly changed by ending up in the hospital.

Around the middle of the month, it seemed like I may have had the flu. After all, everybody around me had the flu, and I just wanted to fit in with society in general.

I had to cancel my Sunday ministry because of this which is something I do not like to do. But, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said I had to do it to protect anybody who would come to the service and catch my flu.

Everybody around me seemed to have the flu, so I went along with her. A certain incident happened on a Sunday afternoon. It was the first Sunday in a long time that I had not been at our Sunday morning ministry. I was in the bathroom, and on the floor of the bathroom was a little rug so that I wouldn't get water all over the floor.

When I stepped on that rug, it slipped out from under me, and I went crashing to the floor. It was unexpected at the time. As I lay there on the floor, I could not, for some reason, get back up on my feet. I didn't seem to have any strength. With no other option, I had to call out to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to come and help me. It took me several minutes to put that all together, and I had no other choice.

She came and was not able to help me get up, so she immediately called the ambulance, who came and helped me out of the bathroom and into my bed. But the situation was a little more than I understood, and so the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage had the ambulance take me to the hospital for some examination. That was the beginning of four days of wonderment. By that, I mean every day, I wondered if this would be the last day and if I would go home today. I had never wondered so much in my life.

The medical team assumed I probably had a heart attack, and so I was up for every examination known in the civilized world. I had so many needles plunged into my body that I began looking like a porcupine. I went through one examination after another after another. They were trying to find out some evidence I had a heart attack. But, to my satisfaction, I did not have a heart attack. They did find out I probably had pneumonia.

Because I fell, I was not allowed to get out of bed without a nurse supervising. I had to go to the bathroom so many times, but I needed a nurse to help me get out of bed. If a nurse wasn't there, a little motion light and siren went off if I stepped away from my bed.

In order to go to the bathroom, I had to call for the nurse to come and make sure I didn't fall. Many times, the nurse wasn't available at the time.

Every day, I asked if this was the day I was going to be released from the hospital. Much to my discouragement, the nurses all said that I would have to wait one more day. The next day, the same news came to me: I had to wait just one more day. Oh, just one more day.

I wanted to figure out how I could get out of here.

All of the nurses looked at me and said that I was not allowed to leave the room. I told them I wanted to sneak out, run away, and go home. All of the nurses looked at me and said, "I will never allow you to do that."

As I lay in bed one afternoon, I thought of how I could escape this hospital room. Then, it occurred to me that if I could harass the nurses enough, they would get so perturbed that they would want to let me go immediately.

I worked on my little plan and tried to figure out ways to harass the nurses to make them want me to leave. However, the more I harassed them, the more they made sure they were not going to let me leave.

There are times in life when I wish I wasn't so charming, and this was one of them. I wanted to be one of those patients the nurses wanted to get rid of quickly.

Every time I did something to harass the nurse, that nurse would always look at me and laugh out loud, and then, with both hands on her hips, would look at me and say, "That's not going to work today." Then, she would leave the room laughing. I needed some plan to get out of the hospital, and I wondered day after day how can I accomplish that.

Laying on my hospital bed some scripture came to my mind. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Either the stress in my life can frustrate me or, I can let it work for my good. I'm anxious to see the good that will come out of this frustration.

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HOW TO CHOOSE AND USE A HOME BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR



Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you offer me any tips on choosing and using a home blood pressure monitor? I just found out I have high blood pressure and my doctor recommended I get a home monitor so I can keep tabs on it. Just Turned 63

Dear 63:
Everyone with high blood pressure (130/80 or higher) should have a home blood pressure monitor. Home monitoring can help you keep tabs on your blood pressure in a comfortable setting. Plus, if you're taking medication it will make certain it's working, and alert you to a health problem if it arises.

Here are some top-rated blood pressure monitors to consider along with some tips to help ensure you take an accurate reading.

Best Monitors

The most accurate and easiest to use home blood pressure monitors today are electric/battery powered automatic arm monitors, which are more reliable than wrist or fingertip monitors. With an automatic arm monitor, you simply wrap the cuff around your bicep and with the push of one button the cuff inflates and deflates automatically giving you your blood pressure reading on the display window in a matter of seconds.

Many automatic monitors also come with additional features such as irregular heartbeat detection that checks for arrhythmias and other abnormalities; a risk category indicator that tells you whether your blood pressure is in the high range; a data-averaging function that allows you to take multiple readings and get an overall average; multiple user memory that allows two or more users to save their readings; and downloadable memory that lets you transmit your data to your smartphone or computer.

The top five automatic arm monitors as recommended by Consumer Reports for 2025 are the Omron Platinum BP5450 (\$90), Omron 10 Series BP7450 (\$70), Omron Evolv BP7000 (\$70), A&D Medical UA767F (\$55), and Omron 3 Series BP7100 (\$55). And the top wrist monitors are the Omron 7 Series BP6350 (\$55) and the Equate (Walmart) 4500 Series (\$40).

You can purchase these blood pressure monitors at pharmacies, medical supply stores or online and you don't need a prescription to buy one. Prices, however, will vary slightly depending on where you buy.

How to Measure

After you buy your monitor, it's a good idea to take it to your doctor's office so they can check its accuracy and make sure you're using it properly. Here are some additional steps to follow to ensure you get accurate measurements at home.

Be still: Don't exercise, smoke or drink caffeinated drinks or alcohol for at least 30 minutes before measuring. Empty your bladder and ensure at least 5 minutes of quiet rest before measurements.

Sit correctly: Sit with your back straight and supported (on a dining chair, rather than a sofa). Your feet should be flat on the floor and your legs should not be crossed. Your arm should be supported on a flat surface (such as a table) with the upper arm at heart level. Make sure the middle of the cuff is placed directly above the bend of the elbow. Check your monitor's instructions for an illustration.

Don't measure over cloths: Put the cuff directly on your bare skin. Putting it over clothes can raise your systolic (upper) number by up to 40 mmHg.

Measure at the same time: It's important to take the readings at the same time each day, such as in the morning before taking medications, or evening before dinner.

Take multiple readings: Each time you measure, take at least two readings one minute apart and record the results.

For more information on high blood pressure numbers and how to accurately measure it at home, visit Heart.org/HBP.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON NOTICE THE WATER



There is a commencement speech given by David Foster Wallace to the graduating class of Kenyon College on May 21, 2005. The speech is about awareness and consciousness and choice. The speech begins with a description of two young fish swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way. The older fish nods at them and says "Morning, boys. And the two young fish swim on for a bit, and then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes "What the hell is water?"

How's the water?"

Do you get the point? Most of us ignore what is all around us most of the time. We take it all for granted until something changes. The young fish did not notice or even think about the water because there was no need to. There was always enough water for them to comfortably swim along and go about their life. It is only when change occurs, when there is suddenly not enough water, and the young fish become uncomfortable that they will have to realize that they have to pay attention and make choices. The older fish has reminded them, whether they realize it or not, that there is a need to prepare and be ready for change.

Well, people of Sierra Madre, our times have changed. We have lived in our paradise just going along happily appreciating our mountains and our views and spending our times thinking about vacations and what to do in retirement and perhaps worrying that our kids or grand kids are spending too much time on their cell phones. There have been a few troublesome occurrences like the closing of favorite independent restaurants and the absence of bookstores and the rising prices of groceries, but overall life was manageable and then with little warning—BOOM.

Fires and hundred miles per hour winds have raged around us resulting in orders to evacuate our homes. For well over a week, we have been forced to live in hotels or in cramped conditions with relatives who eventually became sick of us.

Finally, when we were allowed to return home, we all learned of close friends and relatives living in nearby Altadena had lost their homes together with all their belongings to the fire. For us, a final indignity was that after returning home we were not allowed to drink the water from the faucet or even use it to wash our hands or brush our teeth. Bottled water was required for another week and believe me, it is hard to shower or bathe using only bottled water. Kind of reminds you of the young fish, doesn't it?

Of course, that is not the end of our problems. Donald J. Trump has been reinaugurated as President and unpleasant changes have already occurred and continue to occur as I struggle to create this article. Trump and his billionaire cohorts have taken power and intend to treat the nation as if it is a corporation and Trump and Musk and Bezos are the CEOs. The Constitution is being ignored and governmental benefits and safeguards that we have all taken for granted are now being threatened. You have heard all this before and you know it is not a dream so what do we do? How do we protect ourselves?

I wish I knew the answer, but the Wallace speech is helpful. Our greatest tool is our own awareness. What do we value and how do we continue or at least begin to think positively. I think the most important thing is to realize that we are not alone. Isolation goes hand in hand with depression. Being ready to help others is a way of helping ourselves. I am joining book clubs and volunteering largely to be around people who are doing something to help others.

I have stopped watching negative newscasts and have resolved to be more polite and respectful to other people. That is not a bad idea, and it feels pretty good.

I have given myself deadlines by which I intend to accomplish things such as reading and writing. Maybe that's not enough but I will keep writing and intend to let you know how let you know how I am doing. We need each other, but we all must be aware and notice the water around us.



HOWARD Hays As I See It

"This us versus them thing is the most dangerous thing we're confronting, but as long as people are rewarded for it politically it will continue."

— Bill Clinton at Georgetown University (2017)

Later this Summer we'll be marking the eightieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. There's been renewed appreciation of its relevancy; how fascism was allowed to take root, the fight against it and how so many Americans were initially opposed to engaging in that fight. A couple examples of Americans' dedication and heroism from that period made the news last week.

One is the Tuskegee Airmen – 14,000 of our first Black fighter pilots with support staff who helped ensure victory by escorting bombers on missions over Europe. Their record in combat helped lead President Truman to desegregate our armed forces in 1948.

The other is the Women's Airforce Service Pilots - the WASPS. Over a thousand women ferried combat aircraft around the country, towed targets for live anti-aircraft practice and trained other pilots – freeing up the men for duty overseas. 38 of these women died in service.

Both had been included in the history curriculum for Air Force recruits. And both had instructional materials on them pulled from that curriculum in order to, according to the Air Force, "fully execute and implement all directives outlined in the Executive Orders issued by the President" – as this coursework might suggest DEI.

Bernice King, CEO of the MLK Jr. Center, reacted, "Believing or asserting for the sheer purpose of erasure that the #TuskegeeAirmen are 'DEI hires' or that teaching about them is 'CRT' = racism + gross miseducation + willful ignorance." Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL) adds, "Their heroism is not DEI. It is American history!" The White House responded to Newsweek, "President Trump promised to terminate DEI in the federal government... and he delivered."

Following an outcry, the materials were soon returned to the curriculum. Even our new Defense Secretary, Pete Hegseth, spoke out in support of the Tuskegee Airmen - though not offering similar support for the women of the WASPS.

Studying history, I'd started in on "Mein Kampf". In the early pages its author, Adolf Hitler, described how after serving in WWI he returned home seeking work in building trades – but could never hold a job for long. This had nothing to do with his own stellar skills, he explained, but was because the industry was controlled by the Jews.

This narrative was reflected in a TV commercial for the re-election of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) – a pair of white hands crumples an apparent rejection notice with the narration, "You needed that job... but they had to give it to a minority".

And now, inability to get that job or be awarded that promotion has nothing to do with you, but rather it's because "they" had to give it to some "DEI hire", instead.

Most have experienced self-doubt and disappointment that things weren't going as we thought they should. For some, there's a degree of consolation in believing it had nothing to do with any personal shortcomings, but rather the fault of some undeserving "them" who's deprived "us" of what's rightfully ours. Frustration leads to anger, and that anger can be manipulated and channeled.

For Hitler, exploiting that widely-shared anger helped swell the ranks of his brownshirts. For Jesse Helms, it won him re-election to the Senate. And with Trump, it's like – you'll get that job or promotion once we get rid of DEI. Inflation? Watch how housing costs drop after we deport those immigrant families. If you don't think we're serious, check

RICH JOHNSON APHORISMS, IFFERISMS & WHATIFFERISMS



Know what an aphorism is? No, now don't run and look it up. I didn't know what an aphorism was either. I thought it might be a medical condition. "Have you had that aphorism looked at? I'd get it checked out."

In reality, an aphorism is a literary observation that attempts to communicate truth, typically short with a dash of wit. A couple examples: "Better late than never" (I say that to my editor most every week. Sometimes she agrees) "To err is human; to forgive, divine" (I say that about 10 times a day)

Ifferisms: Now, let's move from aphorisms to ifferisms. Ifferisms push us into the world of cause and effect. An ifferism has a "then" component, as in If...then. A couple of examples of an ifferism:

"If they can put one man on the moon, why can't they put them all there?"
"If there is no wind, then row."

And my favorite: "If you wish to avoid seeing a fool, then break your bathroom mirror."

"If you are following then, by all means, read on." (If you are following me, please contact me and tell me where I am. I haven't got a clue.)

Finally, whatifferisms: Whatifferisms differ from ifferisms in that you don't have to have a "then" in a whatifferism. It can be an open-ended question. Whatifferisms can be fun in that you can make up your own response:

What if every time you burped, you fainted?
What if your pet could talk? What would it say?
What if you found a talking monkey, or, what if you found a monkey that writes? (that would be me)

Before I proceed, critics of my column have credited me with creating a new "ism"... whocaresism. I would have responded but I really didn't care...ism.

Let's focus the rest of the column on ifferisms (the if, then figures of speech). We are most aware of ifferisms as our parents beat us over the head with them while growing up. And, in turn, we do the same to our offspring. I'll start with the most egregious ifferism foisted upon children by their parents: "If it tastes good, it's bad for you." (says who...my grandma)

Ifferisms pointed at me by my "friends" (I'll personalize these for interpretation purposes)

"If brains were dynamite, Rich couldn't blow his nose."
If Rich were smarter, we could teach him to fetch."

Writer Truman Capote gave us this Californian's great ifferism: "If you stay in California, you lose one point of IQ every year." (Yeah, so what's an IQ?) Beverly Hillbillies legend Jed Clampett described Jethro this way: "If brains were lard, that boy wouldn't have enough to grease a skillet."

Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw wrote a descriptive ifferism about the English: "If the English can survive their food, they can survive anything?"

Shakespeare gave us in "The Merchant of Venice", the following quote: "But love is blind and lovers cannot see the pretty follies that they themselves commit."

Benjamin Franklin summed up the whole issue with his aphorism: "If you would be loved, love and be lovable."

I consider myself squishy lovable. And the ifferism I most live by: "If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older."
Works for me.

Finally another plug for Sierra Madre's new book store, Fables & Fanics. Its right (or is it write) there at 50 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. on the south side of the street about 5 or 6 businesses west of Baldwin, right next to Corfu Restaurant.

Owner Ana is typically there minding the store. I found a couple of gems already. Bought my daughter a little gift book of what cats are really saying when all you hear is "meow". A must for all people who are owned by their cats. I also scored a quote book by none other than Dolly Parton. Dolly is much more than a pretty face...no, don't go there. I'm referring to her cleverness and brilliance. Go there.

The cat quote book and the Dolly Parton quote book are must haves. Perfect gifts. Their number is (626) 665-8856. A perfect plan is to go score a fun read at Fables and Fancies and enjoy the book over breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner at Corfu right next door.

And tell Ana, that knucklehead Rich recommended the excursion. And... thank you to those who enjoy my column. I write hoping you enrich your lives and color your communications with a contribution or two. P.S. I've been encouraged to consider publishing a few hundred of my columns in a book. If you have a thought or a comment on that hair(less) brained idea let me know. Rich@versatape.com is my email address. Enjoy your week.

out Dr. Phil at that ICE raid in Chicago. Sure, the economy's important - but these transgender folks! In the meantime, just keep putting your money into our Trump crypto. MAGA!

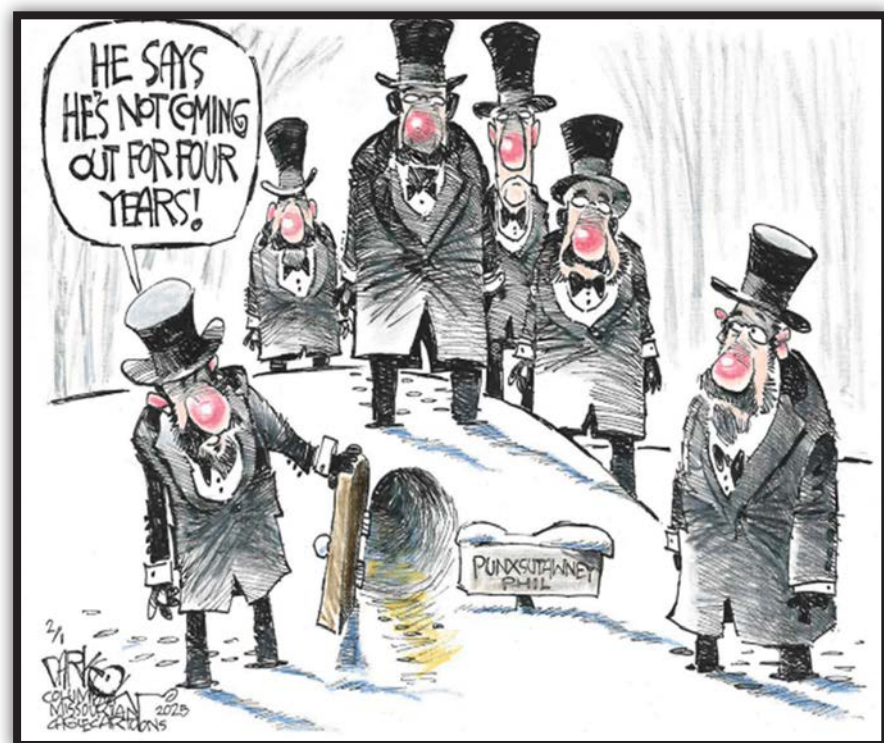
This attack on DEI isn't confined to the federal government. The party traditionally of "free enterprise" and limited government now has a Justice Department ordered to compile information on corporations, non-profits, professional associations and universities that might have such programs themselves.

As outlined in Forbes, companies adopt DEI because it helps their bottom line. Those with a more diverse workforce, especially at the executive level, outperform those that don't. It results in more "innovation and creativity", is more likely to "attract and retain top talent", has been shown to "accelerate complex problem-solving" and "enhances team morale". But now these companies are considered suspect, facing possible sanctions, under orders of the President.

The term "DEI hire" is used to smear someone's race and/or gender without explicitly smearing someone's race and/or gender. It suggests doubts about background and qualifications, as it's been used against Kamala Harris and LAFD Chief Kristin Crowley, both with unquestioned qualifications and up-through-the-ranks backgrounds. The irony is that those most fond of the term are in the process of seating perhaps the most unqualified Cabinet in our history.

In WWII there were those separate units for Black airmen and women pilots, but all were united as one in service to our country. As Bill Clinton reminded at the DNC in 1992, "This is America. There is no 'them'. There is only 'us'".

History shows that those who instead try to aggravate division - warring against ideals like Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - are in it neither for "us" nor for "them". They're only in it for themselves.



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PLAYLIST POWER

You're lacing up your running/walking shoes, ready to get moving, when you realize you forgot your headphones. Suddenly, you feel less excited. Why is that? Because music has a way of transforming exercise from a chore into a full-on experience.

But what's really happening when we press play? How does music work on our bodies and minds? Find out why your playlist might just be the most powerful tool in your fitness arsenal.

It's science. Researchers have been studying the connection between music and exercise for years, and the results are clear: music has the power to boost performance. It's not just about feeling pumped up—it's about how our brains and bodies respond to sound.

When we listen to music, especially songs we love, our brains release dopamine, the "feel-good" chemical. This makes us happier and more motivated, even when we're tackling something as challenging as a tough workout.

Studies have shown that people who listen to music while exercising tend to work out longer and harder than those who don't. Why? Because music distracts us from fatigue and discomfort.

Not all music has the same effect, though. The key is to match the tempo and energy of the songs to the type of workout you're doing.

For activities like sprinting, HIIT, or intense cardio, fast-paced music with a strong beat is ideal. Songs with 140-180 beats per minute (BPM) can help you push through those challenging sets.

If you're going for a long run or cycling session, songs with a moderate BPM (120-140) can help you maintain a consistent pace.

For stretching or winding down, slower, soothing tracks are best. Songs around 60-100 BPM, like those by Norah Jones, Sam Smith or instrumental pieces, help your heart rate come down while keeping you relaxed.

Even professional athletes rely on music to stay motivated. Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps famously listened to high-energy electronic music before competing, using it to get into the zone.

Ready to get started with making your own playlists? Choose music that inspires you. Nostalgic songs or tracks with powerful lyrics can create an emotional connection, giving you that extra boost of energy when you need it most.

Begin with a familiar track that immediately puts you in the mood to move. Think of it as your warm-up hype song. If you're doing intervals alternate song speeds so that strengthening exercises are done to slower songs while cardio work is done to faster, energizing songs.

As much as music can enhance workouts, there are times when silence or natural sounds might be a better choice. For example, if you're practicing mindfulness during yoga or running on a quiet trail, the absence of music can help you stay present and in tune with your body.

Music and exercise enhance each other. The right playlist can elevate your experience and help you reach new levels of performance. So, next time you work out make sure your playlist is as ready as you are.

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February Events Around Town!

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One Time Events

February 1

Lunar New Year @ PAM USC Pacific Asia Museum hosts a celebration for the Year of the Snake - live performances and activities for the whole family. 11am - 5 pm

February 1

Year of the Snake Family Workshop at the Arboretum Celebrate Chinese New Year and create a Year of the Snake craft. 2 - 3 pm

February 2

Lunar New Year Festival in Downtown Arcadia Celebrate Lunar New Year with music, dances and traditional benefiting Arcadia teachers, staff, and families who lost their homes in the recent fires. 11 am - 4 pm

February 8

Lunar New Year One Colorado Dance along to live traditional music, then enjoy performances of the lion and snake dances. 1 - 4 pm

February 8

Pasadena Heritage's Art Deco Day: Exploring Timeless Elegance Experience Art Deco charm with guided tours and engaging lectures celebrating this timeless design. 10 am - 6pm

February 15

Black History Festival Providing a bit of joy in the community in the wake of the Eaton Fire. Held at Robinson Park in Pasadena, the festival features entertainment, family friendly activities, community resources, and more. 10 am - 3 pm

February 15

Dvůrák Cello Concerto - Pasadena Symphony at Ambassador Auditorium Indulge in the romance of Wagner's thrilling "Magic Fire Music" & Dvůrák's rapturous Cello Concerto. 2 - 8 pm

Ongoing Events

January 24 - February 7

Dine LA Restaurant Week Enjoy diverse culinary experiences offered by restaurants in Pasadena and L.A. A portion of the proceeds goes to Red Cross for fire relief.

February 1 - August 1

Wired for Wonder: A Multisensory Maze at Kidspace Navigate a physical structure that harnesses color, light, movement, texture, vibration, and smell. For all ages.

February 1, 2

San Gabriel Lunar Lantern Festival In the San Gabriel Mission District featuring amazing lantern displays, live performances, street foods, and more. 10 am - 7 pm

February 1, 2

Lunar New Year Festival at The Huntington Enjoy lion dances, a mask-changing artist, floral arts, music, and more. 10 am - 5 pm

February 1, 2

Lunar New Year Celebration at Santa Anita Park Enjoy Chinese cultural shows, activities, food, and live horse racing. 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

February 8, 9

Botanic Boutique at Descanso Gardens Enjoy a no-host-bar and meet local artisans. Shop an assortment of beautiful jewelry, ceramics, scarves, and more. 10 am - 4 pm

February 9 - March 9

Macbeth at A Noise Within This twist on Shakespeare's compelling tragedy is set in New Orleans.

February 11, 25

Camerata Pacifica Performs at The Huntington February 11 - "Pierrot Lunaire" Features pieces by Gershwin, Debussy, and more. February 25 - "Baroque" Features pieces by Sancho and Handel. 7:30 - 9 pm

February 15, 16

Bawdy Botany at the Arboretum Discover the fascinating botany of love and lust on this evening jaunt that's a bit naughty, very nerdy, and a lot of fun. 7:30 - 9 pm

February 23 - March 1

Cheeseburger Week in Pasadena This event, originally scheduled to begin on January 26, celebrates the invention of the cheeseburger in Pasadena. Participating local restaurants will feature special menu items and deals for patrons.

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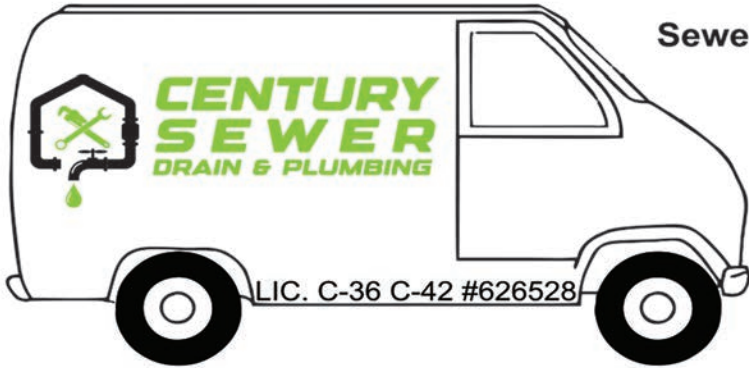
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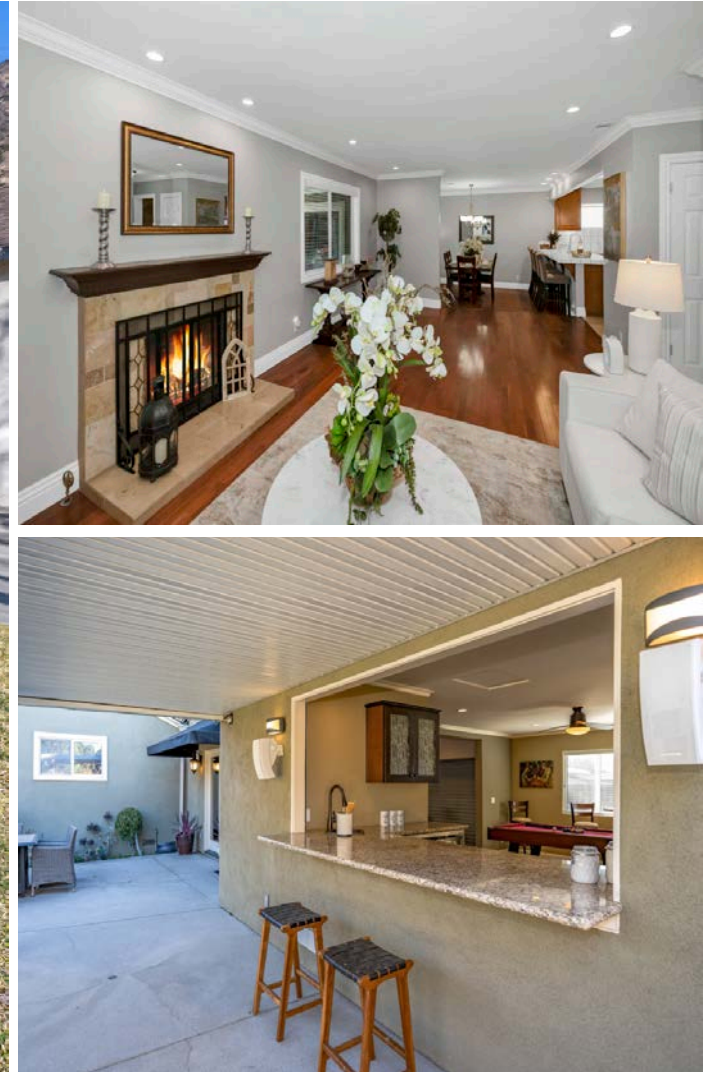
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