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## SIERRA MADRE TO REESTABLISHES ITS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

by Stuart Tolchin



Unlike the familiar old Boy Scout song, the City of Sierra Madre encouraged its residents to BE PREPARED for future threats to themselves, their neighbors, and their residential property. On Monday evening, February 3rd a presentation was made at the City Hall to over 100 residents all of whom had faced mandatory evacuation related to the recent Eaton Fire.

In an answer to the question "What Can I Do to Help" attendees were encouraged to sign up to create a FIRE SAFE COUNCIL<sup>1</sup> and make Sierra Madre a FIREWISE Community. As explained in an accompanying handout the aim of the Fire Safe Council is to provide a collaborative framework to help neighbors become organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community to reduce wildfire risks.

The intended Fire Safe Council would be a non-profit voluntary organization making it eligible to receive grants designed to aid qualifying residents receive assistance in performing the necessary tasks required to protect their property. Such tasks were described included brush clearance, and fire-hardening houses. The major emphasis of the program was the encouragement for community involvement and the necessity to look out for each other. In the question-and-answer session at the conclusion of the presentation, audience members asked who was responsible for the trees on the individual properties. Sierra Madre Fire Chief Brent Bartlett and Sierra Madre City Manager Jose Reynoso explained that in the City of Sierra Madre there are two distinct types of responsibility relating to trees. Trees growing between the street and the sidewalk are the responsibility of the City, while trees between the sidewalk pavement and the house are the responsibility of the private homeowner.

A question as to the existence of Federally owned property within the city. The city manager explained that there was no Federally owned property within the city but acknowledged the existence of Federal Property in the mountains above the city. Trying to meet the concerns of audience members regarding the possibility that embers from the Federal Areas could endanger Sierra Madre homes on hilltops such as Liliano Avenue it was acknowledged that this was a concern that needed to be addressed.

There were other concerns about the possible cancellation and/or the rising rates of fire insurance. One resident noted that his fire insurance had already been cancelled. Fire Chief Bartlett commented that making the city a Fire Safe city would make further rate hikes and cancellations less likely.

Attendees were asked to provide their email addresses and told they would be receiving further information on the council. Questions should be directed to Gavin Reed [GavinSMFSC@icloud.com](mailto:GavinSMFSC@icloud.com) who will be head of the new Fire Safe Council Board.

It was emphasized that although the inhabitants of Sierra Madre continue to live in a relative paradise it is probable that future fires, earthquakes, or mudslides will occur, and the best protection involves communication and continuing community involvement.

<sup>1</sup> As early as 2006, Sierra Madre had a very active Fire Safe Council which worked with City Officials and the community in an effort to keep the town safe. Longtime Resident/Volunteer Caroline Brown contributed a weekly column of FSC Safety Tips for the community. ([https://mtnviewsnews.com/old/mvobs/v01/MVObs\\_2007\\_08\\_04.pdf](https://mtnviewsnews.com/old/mvobs/v01/MVObs_2007_08_04.pdf)). You can see videos of the first SMFSC activities on Bill Coburn's SierraMadreNewsNet - <https://www.sierramadrenews.net/firesafecouncil/index.htm>



## FALLEN TREE CREATES POWER OUTAGE AND HUGE TRAFFIC HAZARD ON AUBURN

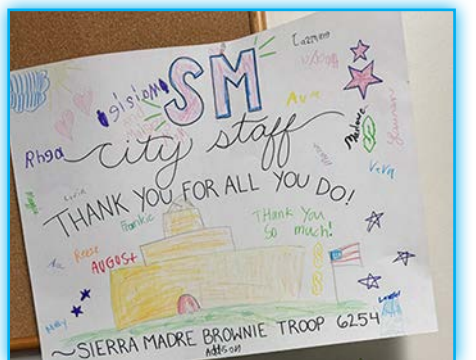
On Friday, residents on N. Auburn in Sierra Madre were awakened by the crashing sound of a huge tree and the sudden disruption of power. The power outage happened around 7 am and at press time, had not yet been restored;

Sierra Madre Public Works and So CalEdison quickly began the process of removing the hazards. Photo courtesy L.Aguilar

## BROWNIE TROOP 6254 SAYS THANKS!



Former Sierra Madre Mayor Rachele Arizmendi has impeccable timing of being at City Hall at the right time. She joined Sierra Madre Brownie Troop 6254 in thanking Sierra Madre City Staff for all that they do- most especially for all their work during the Eaton Fire. Shown above from left to right are Fire Chief Brent Bartlett, Asst. City Manager Miguel Hernandez, Mayor Robert Parkhurst, Mayor Pro Tem Kris Lowe, City Manager Jose Reynoso, and of course, Brownie Troop 6254.



## 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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## INSIDE THIS WEEK

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## ONE BOOK ONE CITY EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY!

CHECK OUT MORE THAN BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH FOR ONE BOOK ONE CITY!



<b>MONDAY 3</b>	<b>8 PM: WRITING CONTEST</b> Online submissions due today for a publication opportunity!	<b>SATURDAY 15</b>	<b>11 AM: CRAFT-IT - FELTING</b> Craft-It is back for this month only at the Library!
<b>SATURDAY 2</b>	<b>ORIGAMI CAT</b> All month long, enjoy learning how to make an origami cat!	<b>THURSDAY 20</b>	<b>11 AM: THURSDAY BOOK CLUB</b> Join in a discussion about this year's One Book One City pick!
<b>SATURDAY 8</b>	<b>6:30 PM: SIP &amp; SHUSH</b> Silent Book Club at RT Rogers Brewing Co.	<b>MONDAY 24</b>	<b>7 PM: OFF THE PAGE</b> A reading of "The World's Strongest Librarian" at the SM Playhouse.
<b>MONDAY 10</b>	<b>10 AM: PRESCHOOL STORYTIME</b> OBOC themed Storytime with an in-person wet felting craft.	<b>WEDNESDAY 26</b>	<b>4 PM: GREEN TEENS</b> Teens, learn how to make sushi candles at the Hart Park House!
<b>WEDNESDAY 12</b>	<b>4 PM: GREEN TEENS</b> Teens, learn how to felt at the Hart Park House!	<b>WEDNESDAY 26</b>	<b>7 PM: SIP &amp; SHUSH</b> Silent Book Club at RT Rogers Brewing Co.
<b>FRIDAY 28</b>	<b>7 PM: BOOK READING</b> Community published book reading & signing!		

*Special thanks to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library and to the One Book One City Committee Members: Catherine Adde, Rich Procter, Jane Zamanzadeh, Julie Imahara, Marta Capoccia, Leigh Gluck, and Leila Regan.*




### The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society

presents

#### Author Layne Staral

discussing her book  
**Pioneer Picnics: Settlers of the East San Gabriel Valley**

Monday, March 3, 6pm  
Hart Part House Senior Center



What began as a series of articles about her personal family history became a larger story of the settling of Henry Dalton's Ranchos Azusa and San José. In the mid-1800s, these California homesteaders built homes, schools, churches, and the local towns of the San Gabriel Valley. In her story, the author elaborates on this transition from vast Mexican land grants to small independent communities. Please join us as Ms. Staral shares this amazing and historical journey.

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## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

January 26 to February 1 2025  
Total Year to Date for 2025

Calls for Service	243	Formal Investigations	18
	1,327		58

Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Monday, January 27	Theft from Vehicle	Monday, January 27	Grand Theft	Tuesday, January 28	DUI/ Alcohol	Tuesday, January 28	Grand Theft
<p>At approximately 12:30 PM, officers responded to the police station lobby regarding a theft from vehicle report. The victim stated he left his vehicle unlocked while he went inside the gym. When he returned to his vehicle, he noticed his wallet was no longer on his passenger seat. The reporting party stated there was no sign of forced entry to his vehicle. This case has been forwarded to the Detective's Bureau for further investigation.</p>		<p>At approximately 9:00 PM officers received an online report regarding a grand theft that occurred in the 600 block of East Sierra Madre Blvd. Officers contacted the victim over the phone and the victim reported her driver's license, cash, and credit cards were stolen from her unlocked vehicle. No suspect(s) were seen or heard. This case has been forwarded to the Detective's Bureau for further investigation.</p>		<p>At approximately 2:30 AM, officers responded to the 70 block of Esperanza Ave regarding a DUI investigation. The reporting party stated there was a possible driver under the influence who hit a sign at the park and left the car bumper behind. Officers located the driver. The driver was found to be impaired and under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was arrested and transported to Pasadena Jail. This case has been forwarded to the LA County District Attorney's office for filing considerations.</p>		<p>At approximately 1:30 PM officers responded to the police station lobby regarding a grand theft report. Victims stated they attempted to purchase baseball tickets through two different subjects online using the Facebook application. The total loss between both subjects was over \$1,000. Officers took a report. This case has been forwarded to the Detective's Bureau for further investigation.</p>	

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## Weather Wise



### 6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows 40s
Mon	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
Tues	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
Wed	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows 50s
Thur	Rain	Hi	60s	Lows 50s
Fri	Rain	Hi	60s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

#### SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 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](mailto: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 [foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre](http://foothillsmmedia.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:

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- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

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#### Saturday

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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis



### A note from the Editor:

Our beloved columnist and friend took a bad fall last week, but she will be back as soon as she is able to Walk Sierra Madre Again. In the meantime... her Valentine's message from February 8, 2023 is reprinted below.

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." Charles M. Schulz

"Oh, if it be to choose and call thee mine, love, thou art every day my Valentine." Thomas Hood

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." Lao Tzu

Valentine's Day is Tuesday [it was in 2023] and I hope all my readers are totally prepared with a card and/or some flowers. Possibly a dinner reservation, or maybe you're planning to cook your Valentine's favorite dish...something like a beautiful piece of salmon with some roasted veggies or a medium rare filet and a baked potato, followed by something chocolate and champagne. Thinking of chocolate and champagne makes me think about holding hands. And walking somewhere lovely with your Valentine. Sierra Madre abounds with lovely places to walk where there are trees and flowers and exquisite gardens. Walking and talking is a very romantic thing to do and might even lead to kisses...

Question for you: when, if ever, was the last time you read Elizabeth Barret Browning's famous sonnet, "How Do I Love Thee?" Probably not since you were in high school. In case you didn't know, "How Do I Love Thee?" is sonnet number 43 taken from Sonnets from the Portuguese, a book first published in 1850. It was dedicated to her husband, Robert Browning. Anyway, here it is and it's pretty nice:

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death."

I never said anything as poetic as that to my Valentine, the adorable, ever-patient, John, who is now residing in heaven where every day is Valentine's Day, and love abounds all over the place. No, I never quoted Elizabeth Barrett Browning to him, but I did write about love. I'm nowhere near as romantic as Elizabeth, but I wrote about love like this...

### "The Best of Marriage"

"Sometimes when you are gone, I sit at your desk and look out your window at the sky.  
And I think of you and how much I love you.  
So many years we've spent together, mostly sunny with just a little bit of rain.  
I treasure these years which have flown by us.  
I've grown to love you, respect you, admire you, need you more with each one.  
There is so much about you that makes me want to be the best that I can be.  
It makes me smile each time you walk into a room.  
How many thousands of times have I watched you enter the space where I am,  
And each time I feel pleasure, delight, at just the sight of you.  
You make me laugh; you make me think.  
You make me challenge myself, you make me want to be the best me I can be.  
You've even taught me to enjoy college football... Go Trojans!  
I love just to talk with you, to exchange the ordinary stuff our days are made of,  
Conversations that are the flour and salt of life.  
You are ever in my mind.  
You are the other half of my heart.  
You are, very simply, the one person selected by God to be my lover, my friend, my husband.  
I have known you for more than half my life. The best half.  
We have shared all there is in life:  
Joy, sorrow, laughter, tears, death, birth, pleasure, misery, poverty, not quite so poverty,  
Pride in our children, and absolute disgust with them,  
And always, always we have had each other to hold on to."

Sometime soon, if you haven't already done it, tell your special Valentine how much he or she means to you. Kisses and holding hands are good...maybe even better than chocolate. Even if you totally scoff at Valentine's Day, it's never too late to say I love you.

"One is loved because one is loved. No reason is needed for loving." Paulo Coelho  
"Love grows more tremendously full, swift, poignant, as the years multiply." Zane Grey

The picture today is the last Valentine's Day John and I spent together. We went to Sena in Monrovia and our waitperson said she wanted to take our picture. So she did and I shall be forever grateful for that moment of kindness.

In a world where you can be anything you want to be...Be KIND!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
There are adventures galore available there:  
True tales of early California, a story about a well-traveled violin,  
Emma Gainsworth and her horrific encounters with pumpkins,  
So many Kindle stories to enjoy. Take a look!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Our Natural Disasters All That Natural?

Wildfires, earthquakes, floods and tornadoes are natural disasters which come with the territory when living on planet earth. But what California and the rest of our country has witnessed in the last several decades isn't "all" natural.

Eight of the ten largest wildfires in California's recorded history have occurred in the last five years and ten out of ten since 2003. Our burn season now starts earlier lasts longer and the fires have become more deadly. Cal FIRES budget has increased from 1.1 billion to 3.0 billion since 2014 and the California FAIR plan is woefully underfunded (no one really knows how much) to accommodate the losses incurred by the Palisades and Eaton Canyon fires. Finally, the insurance industry has largely stopped underwriting homeowner insurance in our state

In the short term we need to become smarter about where and how we build in the long term we need to get serious about the gorilla in the room IE climate change

This means reducing our reliance on fossil fuels such as coal oil and gas which continues to heat up our planet exacerbating these catastrophes

Our U.S. Congress recently passed several significant pieces of bipartisan legislation (bipartisan infrastructure law and inflation reduction act putting us on a path to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and move to a clean energy economy

Rebates and tax incentives are available to California homeowners and apartment dwellers go to: [HTTP:// WWW q.energy.ca.gov/programs\\_dot\\_FAQ\\_dash\\_IRA](http://WWW.q.energy.ca.gov/programs_dot_FAQ_dash_IRA) for info. We have a long way to go to mitigate the effects of climate change so if you want to volunteer and you're part of the solution grassroots organizations like Cltizens climate lobby, 350.ORG, Extinction Rebellion, or the Sierra Club are looking for help

Bob FICAS  
Sierra madre



# Pasadena Altadena



News From Your Community For Your Community

## Windstorm Cleanup Crews Done

*City asking residents not to place green waste material on the street.*

The City of Pasadena's Public Works Department oversaw an extensive cleanup effort to remove green waste debris from the recent windstorm and fire. As of Wednesday cleanup crews have finished clearing the green waste debris from the streets.

Public Works staff would like to thank residents for their patience after this disaster, as well as thank all volunteers who assisted in the removal of the debris from the streets. A huge shout-out to National Day Laborer Organizing Network and Pasadena Community Job Center in helping clean green waste debris.

Now that the street cleanup process is complete, residents should no longer place green waste material on the street. City of Pasadena residential refuse customers should place any additional green waste debris in their yard waste containers. Commercial properties and apartment complexes should work with their landscaper and/or an approved franchise hauler for removal of any additional green waste debris.

Due to the green waste debris cleanup from the streets being completed ahead of schedule, the Hahamongna Park drop-off site is no longer needed and is now closed.

For storm debris other than green waste materials, such as broken swing sets, fences, gates, lawn furniture, etc., contact a hauler on the City of Pasadena's list of approved franchise haulers. City of Pasadena Refuse customers may request bulky item pick-ups for storm debris, so long as the items meet the requirements of a bulky item pick-up.

Residents with debris from the fire must dispose of it properly. The Eaton Fire Updates page provides more information about ash and debris removal.

For questions regarding windstorm green waste debris pickup, contact a representative of the City Service Center at CSC@CityOfPasadena.net or (626) 744-7311. For TTY service, please dial 711.

## Planning Recovery Virtual Consultations

To assist with the rebuilding of Pasadena, residents affected by the recent windstorm and wildfires can book a virtual meeting with a planner to obtain information on removing a tree, repairing or replacing damaged fences, and general guidance for rebuilding damaged or destroyed structures. Appointments are available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Appointments can be scheduled at [bit.ly/PasPlanningRecovery](http://bit.ly/PasPlanningRecovery).

For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).



## TofR President Announces 2026 Theme

Story and photo by Dean Lee

Newly installed Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Mark Leavens, announced Wednesday night the 2026 theme, "The Magic in Teamwork." A theme that celebrates the sense of accomplishment in knowing that by working together, we can collectively achieve outcomes so much richer than we can ever experience as individuals he said.

Leavens explained that the 2026 theme poster (pictured) honors the organizations, agencies and community partners that make the Tournament's New Year Celebration possible.

"All the Embroidered team patches we collected from all the people that participate in our parade," he said. "From public safety partners, service organizations, and other parade participants reflect the teamwork demonstrated in working toward a common goal, to overcome challenges and produce amazing results."

Chosen by Leavens years ago,

the 2026 Rose Parade theme, "The Magic in Teamwork," is especially meaningful now in light of recent events in the Pasadena area he explained. As our community has faced challenges, from the devastating fires in Altadena to the everyday triumphs and struggles that bring people together, we've witnessed firsthand the power of teamwork—neighbors helping neighbors, first responders working tirelessly and volunteers stepping up in extraordinary ways.

"Over 30 of our members have had catastrophic losses, lost their homes, their businesses, their cars," Leavens said. "So we have taken some of our Tournament of Roses budget to help our own members but also using some of that relief fund to go to the community."

Earlier this month, the Tournament of Roses' Board of Directors confirmed Leavens as President and Chairman of the Board for the 2026 Pasadena Tournament of

Roses Association, providing leadership for the 137th Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game.

"This last New Year's day was my 30th parade," he said. "It's a commitment, it's well worth it, the things that I've gotten to experience, the people I have met, and contributed to, have been rewarding to me. It is a little surreal."

## Senior Center Lunar New Year Celebration

This year, 2025, ushers in the Year of the Wood Snake according to the Chinese calendar, associated with relationships, growth, and creative problem-solving.

The Pasadena Senior Center will celebrate Thursday, February 20, with the traditional Lion Dance and stunning martial arts demonstrations overseen by master Ken Hui of the Northern Shaolin Kung Fu Association. Come together and celebrate the Lunar New Year with what promises to be a vibrant event.

The special Cultural Thursday event is free for members, and only costs \$5 for nonmembers. Bring your friends and family to this celebration on Feb. 20 at 2:00 pm. Reservations are highly suggested. Please make your reservations online at: [PasadenaSeniorCenter.org](http://PasadenaSeniorCenter.org) or at the Welcome Desk by Thursday, February 20.

As a donor-supported nonprofit, the center operates without any local, state or federal funding and provides more services to older adults in the San Gabriel Valley than any other organization. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. To learn more, visit [pasadenaseniocenter.org](http://pasadenaseniocenter.org) or call 626-795-4331. The Center is located at 85 E. Holly Street in Pasadena.

## Right-of-Entry Forms Submitted for Eaton Fire Debris Removal

Los Angeles County Public Works Announced they have officially delivered the first batch of signed Right-of-Entry (ROE) forms from wildfire survivors to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, allowing debris removal efforts to begin. Supervisor Kathryn Barger (pictured) made the following statement Thursday.



"This is a critical step forward in our mission to rebuild and restore Altadena," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger. "The debris left in the fire's wake is not just a visual reminder of the devastation—it poses real health and safety risks to our community. By clearing these sites, we are paving the way for families to rebuild and reclaim their homes."

The submission of these initial ROE forms represents the hard work and dedication of Los Angeles County Public Works staff, along with community partners like the Altadena Town Council, and, most importantly, the resilience of Altadena residents who are determined to rebuild. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will now begin debris removal operations, ensuring the safe and efficient clearing of damaged properties while adhering to environmental and public safety standards.

"Our focus remains on accelerating this recovery process while prioritizing safety, efficiency, and transparency," Barger continued. "I want to thank every homeowner who has taken this step, as well as our partners at Los Angeles County Public Works, who are working

around the clock on this and many other efforts related to the recovery process, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their tireless commitment to this effort. This is just the beginning—more work lies ahead, but today we move forward with determination and hope."

Validation includes the careful review of submitted forms to verify property ownership, assuring the rights of residents are protected and guarding against potential fraud. Validated ROEs are transmitted electronically to the Army Corps of Engineers. If there are any issues with a submitted ROE, a County representative will contact the property owner to resolve them. If the form is in order, the Army Corps of Engineers will notify the owner 3-5 days before debris removal is scheduled for that property.

Residents who still need to submit their ROE forms are encouraged to do so as soon as possible to ensure their properties are included in the debris removal process. Additional information and support are available at [recovery.lacounty.gov](http://recovery.lacounty.gov).

## The Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions Foundation and TofR give \$1 Million in Relief

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association announced last week a partnership with Albertsons Companies Foundation, locally recognized as The Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions Foundation, to aid those impacted by the Eaton Fire.

The Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions Foundation will allocate \$1 million in gift cards to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, which is collaborating with the Partnership for Children, Youth & Families, a network of local community organizations, and other nonprofits coordinating relief efforts.

"We are grateful to partner with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and their local nonprofit partners to support our neighbors impacted by the Eaton wildfires," said Kevin Curry, Division President of Southern California, at Albertsons Companies. "We will continue to provide assistance as relief efforts continue in Altadena and Pasadena, as well as other affected communities

across Los Angeles County."

In addition to this partnership with Albertsons, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and its Foundation have established a \$200,000 Emergency Relief Fund to provide direct financial support to volunteer Members and staff who've been catastrophically impacted by the wildfires, as well as for community relief efforts. The Association is also collaborating closely with local agencies to identify urgent needs and opportunities to mobilize its more than 900 Members to make a meaningful difference.

"As America's New Year's Celebration, Dena (Pasadena and Altadena) is our home, and we stand ready to do everything we can to help as our community recovers and rebuilds. We are proud to stand with our partners at the Albertsons Companies Foundation to help our neighbors by leveraging our place in the community and ability to convene," said Mark Leavens, President of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses."

## Pasadena Launches New Rent Stabilization Hearings Division

The City of Pasadena's Rent Stabilization Department announced Wednesday the launch of its Petitions and Hearings website dedicated to the department's Hearings Division. The new platform is designed to enhance accessibility, provide clear instructions and information, and ensure fair and equitable access to the petition and hearing process for tenants and landlords in rent stabilization covered rental units within Pasadena.

The Hearings Division oversees petition filings and hearings related to rent adjustments and other rental-related disputes. With the introduction of this website, community members can now easily access important information about Tenant-Initiated Petitions, Landlord-Initiated Petitions, Hearings, and Appeal forms, each accompanied by step-by-step instructions that guide users through the entire process.

Once a petition is filed, Rent Stabilization Department staff notify all parties if the petition is accepted, and may schedule an informal review with the Petitioner before a Hearing Officer is assigned. Depending on the Hearing, there may be two mandatory prehearing meetings, a Prehearing Settlement Conference and a Prehearing Conference. These

meetings provide an opportunity for parties to seek a settlement and clarify hearing procedures. Typically, the Hearing Officer schedules a formal Hearing within 60 calendar days after acceptance of the petition (or completion of the Prehearing Settlement Conference, whichever is later) and will issue a decision within 60 calendar days after the Hearing record is closed. That decision is final unless a timely appeal is filed with the Rental Housing Board.

Key Features:  
- Streamlined Petition Process - Detailed guidelines on petition types and filing requirements ensure clarity for both tenants and landlords.  
- Resources & Forms - The website offers fillable forms, detailed instructions, and descriptive information to help users complete their petitions accurately.  
- Improved Accessibility - Built for ease of use, the platform simplifies the process of finding key resources and petition details.

The City of Pasadena encourages all tenants and landlords of covered rental units to explore the new website to better understand the petition and hearing process. For more information and to access the platform, visit: [cityofpasadena.net/rent-stabilization/petitions-hearings/](http://cityofpasadena.net/rent-stabilization/petitions-hearings/).

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## CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY GREATER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ANNOUNCES 35TH ANNUAL ANGEL GALA, "RISE TOGETHER"

Sierra Madre, CA – Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley (Cancer Support Community) is excited to announce its 35th annual Angel Gala, on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at The Langham Hotel Pasadena. This year's gala theme "Rise Together" is a celebration of unity and collective strength.

"In the wake of the devastating Eaton Fire, we recognize the importance of coming together not only to support those affected by cancer but also to uplift our community who has supported us for so many years," said Patricia Ostiller, Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Support Community. "With that in mind, Cancer Support Community will donate up to \$100,000 of the funds raised at our 2025 Angel Gala to Pasadena Community Foundation's (PCF) Eaton Fire Relief & Recovery Fund (Eaton Fire Fund)."

Proceeds from the Angel Gala will directly support Cancer Support Community's free programs, which include support groups, educational workshops, healthy lifestyle classes and one-on-one counseling designed to improve the quality of life for families affected by cancer. The evening will also include a gourmet dinner, live entertainment, and a program featuring inspiring stories from cancer survivors and leaders in the community. Guests can participate in live and silent auctions, with exclusive items and experiences available. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit <https://cancersupport.link/AG2025> or contact Cancer Support Community at [events@cancersupportsgv.org](mailto:events@cancersupportsgv.org) or (626) 796-1083.

Cancer Support Community is pleased to honor the following individuals and organizations for their dedication and contributions to the community:

- Lee and Mickey Segal are renowned philanthropists and community leaders. Mickey is the managing partner at NKSFB, LLC, and has served in numerous influential roles in local initiatives, including the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Together, they passionately raise funds for organizations closely associated with those impacted by cancer.
  - Anne Kennedy is the first Executive Director of The Wellness Community - Foothills, now Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley. Anne has led significant efforts in cancer care and research, founding Kenmar Research Institute and dedicating her career to community service.
  - USC Arcadia Hospital is a critical healthcare partner providing advanced medical care in the San Gabriel Valley, including comprehensive cancer treatment and emergency services.
- "We believe that extending our compassion beyond the cancer journey and addressing the urgent needs of neighbors whose lives have been deeply impacted by the Eaton Fire is the right thing to do," remarked Ostiller. "We hope that our Angel Gala supporters will not only continue to support the critical work Cancer Support Community does, but also help PCF provide vital resources for the greater community as we rebuild together."

Pasadena Community Foundation: Since its inception in 1953, PCF has been an essential partner in the Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre communities, helping local nonprofits provide critical services to those in need. Recently, they distributed funds in the immediate aftermath of the Eaton fire to twenty local nonprofits, including Pasadena Humane, Pasadena Village, Shepherd's Door, Five Acres, Flintridge Center, and many others.

Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley: Established in 1990, Cancer Support Community walks alongside its participants and their medical team providing evidence-based knowledge and professionally led psychosocial emotional support and activities as a proven method to enhance medical outcomes. The non-profit connects thousands of participants annually with support groups led by professional therapists, educational workshops presented by medical experts, healthy lifestyle classes, and one-on-one counseling. All programs and services are free of charge.

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## MCCHRYSTAL GROUP SELECTED FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF JANUARY 2025 FIRE-STORM EVACUATIONS AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Friday, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger issued the following statement reacting to the recent announcement that an independent contractor—the McChrystal Group—has been selected and is now reviewing the County's evacuation policies and emergency alert notification systems used in response to last month's firestorms:

"Ensuring accountability and being analytical about our County's emergency notification work are both critical to strengthening our disaster response. I am pleased our County swiftly engaged the McChrystal Group to conduct an independent review of our evacuation policies and emergency alert systems following the devastating Eaton and Palisades Fires. This is an essential step toward improving transparency. The McChrystal Group's forthcoming structured, thorough, and objective assessment will help us better protect lives and property in the future. I'm eager to review their findings."

As shared in the press release issued by Los Angeles County's Joint Information Center, the McChrystal Group is led by retired four-star General Stanley McChrystal, former leader of the United States military's Joint Special Operations Command. He has extensive experience with disaster response reviews, including an ongoing review concerning the North Carolina hurricane.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion ordering this review on January 28, 2025, to ensure the County and the public will ultimately have a clear understanding of all that was done to prevent the loss of life and property during the worst fire disaster in modern Los Angeles County history, and to determine what factors led to the tragic deaths of at least 29 of our County residents.

This work has already begun, and the first progress report will be delivered within 90 days of the Board's motion. All County departments, including the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department, and the Office of Emergency Management, are committed to fully engaging in this extensive review, which will include gathering and validating the call histories of the fire, interviewing first responders who were on scene as well as incident commanders in the field and overseeing operations, searching and reviewing 911 records, and gathering information from many other relevant sources, including community members.

More information about the McChrystal Group and team members can be found at [mcchrystalgroup.com](http://mcchrystalgroup.com).

## FIVE ACRES LAUNCHES "WEAR YOUR HEART" INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS GROWING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

ALTADENA, CALIF. — February 7, 2025 —Five Acres, a 137-year-old nonprofit serving children and families in Southern California, has launched its new "Wear Your Heart" initiative. The program supports the mental health of Southern California's youth by preserving access to quality services through advocacy and community partnerships by 2030 in Southern California.

"With the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles County, mental health is more vital than ever. Children and youth have experienced the loss of a loved one, their childhood home, or their school, and have been displaced right alongside with their families," said Five Acres CEO Chanel Boutakidis, who also recalled a six-year-old boy who was placed at its residential program during the firestorm on January 7. Five Acres staff took him in, and he was safely evacuated with other 5A children to the downtown Los Angeles relocation.

"That little boy went from one placement to our campus to a hotel within five hours with people he didn't know. As a mother, that makes me sad to think of children with that experience," said Boutakidis. "The firestorm was a terrible disaster for our community. Still, this memory reminded me that foster kids experience the trauma of having their lives at risk, being displaced, and experiencing loss over and over again as a regular part of their childhood."

"One in five children is living with a mental illness. Because young kids don't wear their hearts on their sleeves, we don't know what they might be going through," said Boutakidis. "The stigma of talking about feelings and mental health continues to be an obstacle through adolescence."

The "Wear Your Heart" initiative addresses the often-unseen mental health challenges faced by children, underscoring that "one in five children is living with a mental illness," yet the stigma surrounding mental health often silences them. In California alone, over 284,000 children experience major depression, with only 34% receiving the treatment they need. Suicide rates among adolescents have surged, making it the second leading cause of death for young people, and pediatric emergency visits for suicide attempts have seen a staggering 166% increase since 2016, according to The National Children's Hospital Association.

Five Acres "Wear Your Heart" emphasizes empowering children and their families with education, resources, and support. Since 1888, Five Acres has been dedicated to creating safe, healthy and permanent loving homes for children. This initiative continues their 137-year legacy, aiming to help children express their feelings and receive the care they need, especially during challenging times.

The organization is collaborating with community, media, and service partners to support this initiative. Partnerships will enhance access to resources, increase awareness, and connect families with a comprehensive care network. Community organizations are invited to host onsite parent education sessions, integrate Five Acres' mental health resources into their outreach efforts, and share content to amplify mental health awareness year-round.

"We hold children's hands when they're young; now, we want to help them wear their hearts by giving them a voice and letting them know they are not alone," said Boutakidis. "This initiative is a lifeline in addressing mental health needs before it's too late. We can meet you at your preferred setting, telehealth, in your home, or in your community."

Current partners referring parents with young children to Five Acres are Kidspace Children's Museum and the YMCA across 28 clubs in Los Angeles County. Service partners who are providing linkages to services outside of Five Acres for a full circle of care are Ellie Mental Health and Exodus Recovery.

"Our job is to help families stay together and prevent children from needing to go into the foster care system. When a child cannot reside safely in their home, Five Acres remains a place where foster children can go when they have nowhere else to go, which we have been doing for 137 years. Even when faced with a pandemic or firestorm, our doors remain open for children in need."

For individuals inquiring about services from Five Acres, email at [HOPE@5acres.org](mailto:HOPE@5acres.org) or text at 1-800-696-6793.

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## LARIO STAGING AREA UPDATE

Earlier this week, the City of Monrovia formally submitted a letter of concern to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the City's concerns regarding the Lario Staging Area's use as a temporary hazardous waste site for Eaton Fire materials. In this letter, we communi-cated our main concerns, including potential risks to the Main San Gabriel Basin Aquifer, which serves over 1 million people, and the EPA's initial plan to use local streets for transporting hazardous materials instead of the 210 freeway. However, as many of you now know, the trucking route has been moved back onto the 210 freeway and only uses surface streets to travel to and from the freeway. Additionally, we stressed the importance of improved communication between federal of-ficials and local communities to address concerns and ensure a safe, transparent cleanup process.

The EPA presented at the City of Azusa's City Council Meeting earlier this week, and I encourage anyone interested to watch the video here (beginning at 1hr 53 min. timestamp) to learn more.

Additionally, a fact sheet on the Lario Park site was created and can be viewed here. For questions about EPA's Phase 1 Hazardous Materials removal work, please contact the EPA hotline at (1-833-798-7372) or email EPALAWildfiresInfo@epa.gov.



## BE READY TO FLEE - One Man's Story

Heading out on my driveway, right foot shaking on the accelerator, my side mirror looks like a red-hot ingot with the silhouette of my house in it. The Eaton Fire is burning like right in my backyard. Outside, white ashes are whirling like snowflakes. Dozens of grapefruit are turning and twisting on the branches stripped bare by the 80 mph high wind. A knock on my window. It's Joe, my next door neighbor, pointing to the street. I nod. He runs over the hedge to his white SUV. I move onto the street. Tofu, my only passenger, cries from below the passenger seat. I bend over to stroke the cardboard box, "I know, I know."

David's house, my sanctuary tonight, perches on the top of a hill 10 miles further south. It was almost midnight. I take my purse from the passenger seat and scoop the cardboard box out, and walk to the door.

"Come on in," David leads me directly to their guestroom. It's so quiet that it feels like a different planet. I let Tofu out, close the door, and walk to the living room to greet Alexei, David's husband. On their xxx-inch screen shadows of firefighters moving and pointing their hoses towards the orange sky. "You know Masha?" David asks me, "She is also coming with her three cats." I know how much David despises cats. Four cats in his house?

"Let's settle your cat first. What do you need?" he asks.

"Two bowls and a litter box." I line up two of his salad bowls, one for feed one for water, and a plastic basin for litter. "Toto," I call her baby name, and then "Tofu," her official name, "where are you?" "Mewl," she answers from beneath the bed.

The doorbell rings. "Masha, come on in," David's voice. Another refugee. I walk to the living room. On the floor, in front of the TV, were three metal cages and Masha.

"My roof was gone," she swings her right hand across her face. I give her a hug and hover over the largest black cage. I see a large lump of brown fur in the corner, a monster. We sit down on the couch to watch houses in fire and their owners running to cars with kids followed and babies in their arms.

David pinches his nose, "Do you smell something in the air?" "Smoke?" I ask. "No, something else." We all turn our faces towards the ceiling, sniffing. Yes, there is a smell in the air, strange yet familiar, to me. I run back to the guest room.

"What did you do, baby?" I asked her. She looks up at me with that pair of innocent blue eyes. I crawl on the thick light grey carpet sniffing around till I find a wet spot. Quietly I climb up to the bed.

I wake up by a knock on the door. "Come quickly," David beckons for me to go over. Outside in the slimmer of light, their "million dollar view" is blocked by smoke rolling like dark grey clouds towards the patio door glasses. "It's coming," David scans over our faces. I call a close friend living in Riverside.

I return back to 210, this time eastbound. I worry about Masha and her three cats, worry about David and Alexei, and worry about Tofu crying blow the passenger seat. I worry myself to sick.

At the exit to Michillinda I habitually get off the freeway, turn to north toward home. I realize the mistake but I continue. If my house has been burned down, I want to touch the ashes. If it still stands, I want to touch its walls to say goodbye.

Before 2001 I'd never thought that I would be able to buy a house in the U.S. All I wanted was to be able to send my son to the best schools I could. Then I found a moderate house in this quiet small town with giant trees lined up the streets. The San Gabriel Mountains in the north reminded me of the mountain town where I was born. Like an immigrant bird, I wanted a small nest to rest my tired wings. I became one of the 1% Asians living in the town. I roamed every single street to appreciate the grant trees, colorful flowers, domestic or wild, and the stars and moon. I held parties in my dining room and I invited neighbors to my backyard. I shared my backyard fruit with neighbors and I was moved to tears in front of the marquee at the front of Sierra Madre Playhouse. It said "Happy Chinese New Year" on Chinese New Year Day.

In this home I lost three cats and four hens to coyotes and sent my son to college and then to law school. I made friends of the waitress of the Italian restaurant The Only Place in Town and went to Corfu for Greek salads. I went to the church up to Sierra Madre Boulevard to cast my votes every four years, and I walked with my late husband to his Methodist Church for Christmas services. In this year of dragon I lost my beloved husband and a 107-year-old cedar tree. Now I'm losing this house that holds all these memories, happiness and sorrows. My eyes swell with tears that blur my vision.

With all of that weight on my heart I turn to Manzanita. I drive slowly to avoid fallen tree branches and electrical wires, piles of dry leaves, and objects I can't make out. There is no people walking, no cars running, all is deadly quiet, but the houses stand. I drive alone on the yellow line on the street and up to my driveway. I get off the car, walk to my house.


The front door is wide open with tree

leaves and black dust covering the floor, the carpet and furniture. I go through the dining room to the backyard. Flower pots are shattered on the concrete patio and garden tools and empty planters are everywhere on the grass. My fruit trees, a dozen of them, lost much of their leaves, standing under the new sun, and make no movements. I sit down on the cane chair, a chair that my husband used to sit on in his last days to look into the San Gabriel Mountains. The seat is cold and dusty. The cushions are blown to under the avocado tree. Tree leaves are piled in the corners of the fence. A branch about 8 inch across from the ancient oak tree sits upside down on the compost. No birds chirping, no dog barking, it's just me and an empty town. The blue sky looks down blandly and the sun is shining like the day before, like nothing had happened. To them this deadly wildfire is just a little game that they play at their sole will. To them, we animals are tiny creatures that they use to decorate the boring surface of this blue planet. We praise them in our poems and we worship them in awe, while they laugh at us, ignore our feelings, and watch us going through the Glacial Age and global warming with no mercy. They trample on us like elephants on ants, the ants that made onto moon and Mars.

I put the shovel back under the tree, walk through the open garden door to my car. Tofu cries when I pull out her box. "It's okay, baby. We are home." I let her out and she rushes to her feed bowl in the kitchen. I sit down by the dust-covered dining table to check the wildfire news on my iPhone. My suitcases and file cartons remain in the car trunk. I'm ready to flee again any time.

Yingchao Xiao,  
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### REPORT EATON FIRE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE



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- Visit [pw.lacounty.gov/epd/debris-removal/](http://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.



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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 "and protect our watersheds" from run-off from streets.

### HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT DEBRIS ?



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has established a Debris Call Center to help answer questions regarding Private Property Debris Removal.

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## USPS UPDATE ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATIONS

as of February 7, 2025

The wildfires burning in Southern California are a catastrophic disaster, disrupting services and operations for many organizations – including the Postal Service’s ability to deliver mail and packages – across the Los Angeles region. During this time, the Postal Service’s primary focus is to maintain the safety and security of our employees, while ensuring that customers affected by the ‘California Wildfires’ receive their mail and packages as swiftly as possible.

The Postal Service operations team continues to work around the clock to restore operations wherever safe to do so. USPS is committed to delivering mail safely and where allowable, constantly adjusting our operations for a swift restoration of services in impacted areas. The full recovery of service to the impacted areas may stretch forward for some time.

Effective February 10, 2025, customer pick up hours for packages and letters have been adjusted at the Pasadena and the Rancho Park Post Offices.

Customers interested in submitting an Official Mail Forwarding Change of Address Order to reroute their mail, including packages and letters, may complete the process online at <https://moversguide.usps.com/> or by filling out a PS Form 3575, Change of Address, available at any post office.

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## 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)
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- \*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](https://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 .

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## 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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From Pasadena Unified School District:

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

To support our students' well-being and help them heal from the impact of the Eaton Fire, PUSD is providing social-emotional learning, activities that help students cope with crises, and mental health services that address mental, social, and emotional barriers to learning.

PUSD's Student Wellness and Support Services provides mental health services through PUSD Mental Health Services and THRIVE: School Mental Health. Both provide free comprehensive services to students and their families. Whether or not you have health insurance, seek support from home or at school, visit [pusd.us/mentalhealth](http://pusd.us/mentalhealth) or call (626) 396-5920 and connect with us for support. We will heal and rise together.

Here are links to some other resources that may help students:

**Hazel Health:** is a PUSD partner that offers students free virtual physical and mental healthcare services. (English, Spanish)

**BrightLife Kids:** This CalHope app by Brightline provides mental health support tailored to children aged 0-12 years old and their families. BrightLife Kids is available for free and can be shared as a resource for caregivers and families experiencing stress.

**Soluna App:** California's mental health app is designed for ages 13-25 and offers emotional health resources. It is completely free and confidential for California teens and young adults. Always.

**Never a Bother:** Launched in 2024 by the California Department of Public Health's Office of Suicide Prevention, this campaign aims to prevent suicide and reduce self-harm among teens and young adults in California. Whether it's a low point, a crisis, or something you can't exactly put into words, get free help for yourself or a friend.

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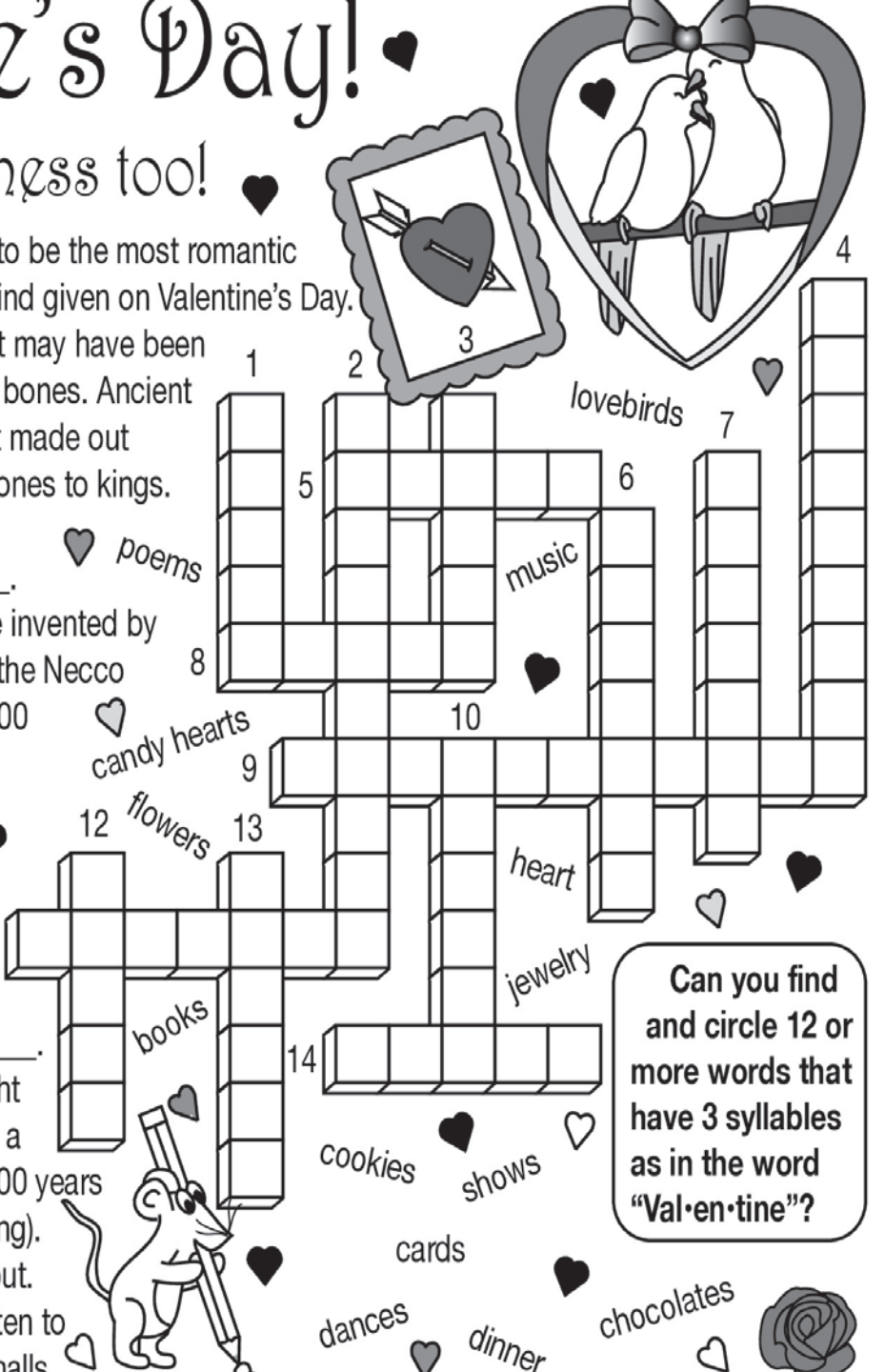


Whew! I've been delivering Valentine surprises all day long. I'm tired, but happy because it's nice that so many people care about other people and want to send them nice Valentines!

**Read these clues to fill in the crossword to discover the most popular gifts given on Valentine's Day:**

- Poetry and fun Valentine stories will fly off store and library shelves.
- The first box, introduced by Richard Cadbury, had a painting of his daughter holding a kitten on its cover. Later, he created the first heart-shaped box.
- These used to be made by hand and delivered in person. Now they are machine-made and a billion are enjoyed all over the world.
- These snuggly birds, along with doves, have been popular to give or use in designs for Valentine's Day. Each year, Fort Worth Zoo in Texas lets people add a "wild child" to their family by buying a Valentine's Day or other "adoption" package. The money raised goes to care for animals.
- People will sell a lot of pizza, doughnuts and other food items in this shape.

- Red roses are thought to be the most romantic and the most popular kind given on Valentine's Day.
- The first type of this gift may have been made out of shells and bones. Ancient Egyptians gave this gift made out of gold with precious stones to kings.
- Some people will go to plays or comedy \_\_\_\_\_.
- These sugary messages were invented by Oliver Chase in 1847. Today, the Necco company makes about 100,000 pounds of these a day!
- People will create special memories attending parent/child or other family \_\_\_\_\_.
- Bakeries will sell cakes, cupcakes and Valentine \_\_\_\_\_.
- The oldest of these is thought to be the one discovered on a clay tablet written about 4,000 years ago (from a priestess to a king).
- People will enjoy this meal out.
- People will buy tickets to listen to romantic \_\_\_\_\_ at concert halls.



lovebirds

music

heart

jewelry

books

poems

candy hearts

flowers

cookies

shows

cards

dances

dinner

chocolates

**Can you find and circle 12 or more words that have 3 syllables as in the word "Val-en-tine"?**





## DOMENICO'S RISTORANTE IN MONROVIA: THE BEST STEAK YOU DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD

There's something about an old-school Italian restaurant that draws you in—the promise of hearty dishes, warm hospitality, and a menu steeped in tradition. But at Domenico's Ristorante in Monrovia, it's not just the pasta and classic Italian fare that steal the show—it's the Certified Angus steaks that leave a lasting impression.

Not to be confused with similarly named restaurants in Pasadena and Long Beach, Domenico's Ristorante in Monrovia has carved out its own identity as both an Italian eatery and a steakhouse in disguise. The moment I stepped in, I was greeted by an inviting atmosphere that strikes the perfect balance between casual comfort and upscale dining. A small, cozy bar area offers an excellent spot for a more intimate meal, while the main dining room, complete with TVs, provides a relaxed yet polished setting.

On this particular evening, I had the pleasure of dining with owner Aner, who took the lead in selecting my meal. It's not every day that you let someone else make all the choices, but in this case, I was happy to sit back and enjoy the experience. From the first bite, it was clear—this wasn't just an Italian restaurant serving steak; this was a steakhouse hiding inside an Italian gem. Every cut of beef is Certified Angus, cooked to perfection, and bursting with flavor.

I'll admit—it felt a little strange not to order a pizza at Domenico's. But after this meal, I can say with certainty: I'll be back. The steak alone is worth the trip, and next time, I'll be sure to dive deeper into the menu. What took me so long to visit? I don't have an answer, but one thing's for sure—I won't make that mistake again.

And for those who love traditional Italian dishes, rest assured—Domenico's still delivers on pizza and pasta. Whether you're craving a hearty plate of spaghetti or a classic, cheese-laden pizza, you won't be disappointed.

If you're a steak lover who enjoys a side of Italian charm, Domenico's Ristorante in Monrovia is your next must-visit spot. Come for the pasta, stay for the steak.

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## THE TASTING ROOM

### SPARKLING WINE + VALENTINE'S DAY = PERFECTION.

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

Valentine's Day is next week, and here's a gorgeous sparkling wine from Italy that will guarantee love is in the air, as well as in the glass.

The Gia Labriola Brut "Gia" NV is from the Prosecco region of Italy. Prosecco is not on the label since this wine is declassified, however, you are getting amazing quality for the price you pay. This sparkling wine is a blend of Bianchetta, Perrera, and Verdiso grapes. The vineyard extends from the hillside slopes around Conegliano and Valdobbiadene down to the banks of the Piave River, roughly 31 miles north of Venice. The Piave river contributes calcareous white stones which cover the soil and slowly release at night the heat accumulated during the day. This helps grape maturity and retains the freshness of the grapes. All vines are farmed under biodynamic principles and the winery is Certified Organic by the ICEA.

Transparent Wine Company collaborates with a rising young cellar master in the Venetian Prosecco country to create this unique sparkling wine. They wanted a long aged sparkling wine with real depth, and zero sugar. Furthermore, this wine comes from a vineyard that is certified organic. A lot of Prosecco in the US market is mass produced from chemically farmed vineyards. Those are machine harvested and then rushed through the wine-making process in a few months. "Gia" is not done this way. Gia special in that it is made from fruit that is harvested, and the juice is vinified for 1.5 years. This results in a uniquely complex, balanced, pure sparkling wine. It's clean, refreshing, and has the right amount of bubbles. Yes, this would be a very enjoyable sparkling to drink on Valentine's Day, but I know I am drink this throughout the year!

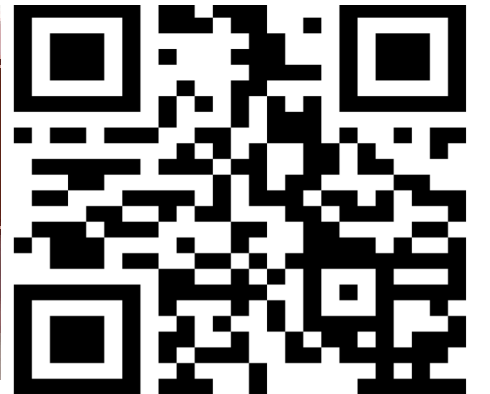


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The Gia Labriola Brut "Gia" NV is available at The Bottle Shop for \$17.99. Say you saw in the Mountain Views News and get the special price of \$16.20. Special price good February 14.

Please keep in mind all those who have suffered and are trying to rebuild from the Eaton Fire. Visit [DeanMadreStrong.com](http://DeanMadreStrong.com) to learn how you can continue to help those impacted by the Eaton Fire. Until next time - Salud!

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## ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

### MY TOP 3 PRACTICAL SPIRITUALITY BOOKS BY ALIKI REDDY

*Coming Home: Uncovering the Foundations of Psychological Well-being*

You already have within you all that you need for psychological well-being. In *Coming Home* you will be gently guided toward your own realizations of the fundamental principles that underlie all human experience. They will help you realize your spiritual and psychological nature and allow you to live in harmony with life more fully. This understanding that is known as the Three Principles is now being shared worldwide in the fields of education, business, community renewal, policing and criminal justice, addictions, prevention, psychology and psychiatry. *Coming home* is realizing the truth of what it is that is creating all of your experiencing, and then being at ease with all the different experiences that life brings you. It is waking up to this always-existing inner world, and as you do, you will experience a shift in your level of well-being so that your feelings are uplifted and your thinking is helpful and inspired.

*The Untethered Soul* by Michael A. Singer  
What would it be like to free yourself from limitations and soar beyond your boundaries? What can you do each day to discover inner peace and serenity? *The Untethered Soul* offers simple yet profound answers to these questions. Whether this is your first exploration of inner space, or you've devoted your life to the inward journey, this book will transform your relationship with yourself and the world around you. You'll discover what you can do to put an end to the habitual thoughts and emotions that limit your consciousness. By tapping into traditions of meditation and mindfulness, Singer shows how the development of consciousness can enable us all to dwell in the present moment and let go of painful thoughts and memories that keep us from achieving happiness and self-realization. Finally, with perfect clarity, this book opens the door to a life lived in the freedom of your innermost being.

*The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment* by Eckhart Tolle  
It's no wonder that *The Power of Now* has sold over 16 million copies worldwide and has been translated into over 30 foreign languages. Much more than simple principles and platitudes, the book takes readers on a spiritual journey to find their true and deepest self and reach the ultimate in personal growth and spirituality: the discovery of truth and light. In the first chapter, Tolle introduces readers to enlightenment and its natural enemy, the mind. He awakens readers to their role as a creator of pain and shows them how to have a pain-free identity by living fully in the present. The journey is thrilling, the author shows how to connect to the indestructible essence of our Being, "the eternal, ever-present One Life beyond the myriad forms of life that are subject to birth and death."

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**EXPLORING THE WORLD OF FUNGI**

**INTRODUCTION TO MUSHROOMS**

My serious pursuit of the natural world began before I entered high school. Of all the natural sciences, I found mycology the most fascinating and mysterious. There were scant few experts that I could consult with. Furthermore, you couldn't just go out and study a specific mushroom any day you wish, as you might with, say, an oak tree. Mushrooms occur when conditions are right, in a somewhat unpredictable manner, and then they quickly decompose.

So, in the early 1970s, I joined the L.A. Mycological Association to actively pursue my education of the mysterious world of fungi directly with experts, rather than books. I learned how to identify wild mushrooms in the field, and I learned how to cook the edible ones. I had some great mentors from the organization.

I was interested in mushrooms from the standpoint of food, though it was always impressed upon me to never eat any wild mushroom until I've taken the time to absolutely identify it. I had the opportunity to participate in the field to learn about the details of mushroom identification. Through our monthly meetings with LAMA, I was given insight into the taxonomy of mushrooms, and many of the fine details for keying out a mushroom to genus, and ideally to species. Fortunately today, we have the internet which can dramatically speed up your learning process.



President of the L.A. Mushroom Association, Jess Starwood, shows an edible chanterelle. Photo by Nyerges

**GETTING STARTED**

If you are a complete beginner, I would suggest seeking out a group local to you where you can get some field experience. Locally, you should attend the annual L.A. Mushroom Association event on February 9, Sunday, at the L.A. County Arboretum from 9 to 4 p.m. This is an excellent way to see recently collected mushrooms and listen to lectures from experts. Even if you cannot attend Sunday's event, you should get to know this group.

You can also search for field trips through local colleges and universities, through native plant organizations, and through general internet searches. There are many sources on-line for mushrooms identification. My favorite is MushroomExpert.com run by Michael Kuo.

**FOOLPROOF FOUR**

A good beginning to the study of mycology is the "foolproof four," a term coined by Clyde Christensen in his "Common Edible Mushrooms" book. These are four edible mushrooms that are widespread, and easily identified. These are morels (*Morchella* spp), Puffballs, Inky caps, and Chicken of the woods. These are not the only "easy" mushrooms to identify, but if you are a beginner, start there. Then learn the other common mushrooms in your area. There are many common wild mushrooms that are found nation-wide such as oyster mushrooms, chanterelles, and field mushrooms (*Agaricus campestris*).

**CAVEAT**

Mycology is a Science, and it requires a substantial amount of study and field work to be able to collect wild mushrooms and eat them without getting sick or dying. And in March of 2009, life-long mushroom hunter Angelo Crippa collected some mushrooms in the hills above Santa Barbara, California. He sautéed them, and ate them, and told his wife they were delicious. Unfortunately, rather than an edible species, he collected a close-lookalike, *Amanita ocreata*, which is deadly. Even with hospital treatment, he survived only 7 days in what became a painful death.

**Katnip News!**



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**SENIOR HEALTH: THE IMPORTANCE OF MANAGING SLEEP APNEA**

As we age, maintaining good health becomes even more critical. Many seniors focus on nutrition, exercise, and medical checkups but often overlook the impact of sleep disorders like sleep apnea on overall well-being. Sleep apnea, a condition where breathing repeatedly stops and starts during sleep, is common among older adults and can contribute to serious health problems if left untreated.

**1. The Link Between Sleep Apnea and Senior Health**

Sleep apnea disrupts sleep patterns, leading to daytime fatigue, memory issues, and increased fall risk—all major concerns for seniors. More importantly, untreated sleep apnea is associated with high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke, worsening existing health conditions.

**2. Recognizing the Signs**

Many seniors may not realize they have sleep apnea. Common symptoms include loud snoring, gasping for air during sleep, morning headaches, and excessive daytime sleepiness. Partners or caregivers often notice these signs before the individual does.

**3. Treatment Options**

The most effective treatment for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is using a CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machine, which keeps airways open during sleep. Other approaches include weight management, positional therapy, and avoiding alcohol or sedatives before bedtime.

**4. Lifestyle Changes for Better Sleep and Health**

- Maintain a Healthy Weight – Excess weight increases the risk of airway obstruction.
- Exercise Regularly – Physical activity helps improve breathing patterns.
- Establish a Sleep Routine – Going to bed at the same time each night improves sleep quality.
- Monitor Blood Pressure – Sleep apnea and high blood pressure often go hand in hand.

By addressing sleep apnea, seniors can improve their overall health, reduce fatigue, and lower the risk of serious medical conditions. If you suspect sleep apnea, consult a doctor for proper diagnosis and treatment.

**SERVICE DOGS CAN HELP SENIORS WITH DISABILITIES**



Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about service dogs for seniors with disabilities? My 67-year-old father has chronic arthritis and Parkinson's disease, and I'm wondering if an assistance dog could help make his life a little easier.

Dog Loving Leah

Dear Leah,

For people with disabilities and even medical conditions, service dogs can be fantastic help, not to mention they provide great companionship and an invaluable sense of security. But be aware that service dogs can be very expensive to purchase and the waiting list to get one can be long. Here's what you should know.

While most people are familiar with guide dogs that help people who are blind or visually impaired, there are also a variety of assistance dogs trained to help people with physical disabilities, hearing loss and various medical conditions.

Unlike most pets, assistance dogs are highly trained canine specialists – often Golden and Labrador Retrievers, and German Shepherds – that know approximately 40 to 50 commands, are amazingly well-behaved and calm, and are permitted to go anywhere the public is allowed. Here's a breakdown of the different types of assistance dogs and what they can help with.

**Service dogs:** These dogs are specially trained to help people with physical disabilities due to multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease, chronic arthritis and many other disabling conditions. They help by performing tasks their owner cannot do or has trouble doing, like carrying or retrieving items, picking up dropped items, opening and closing doors, turning light switches on and off, helping with balance, assisting with household chores, barking to indicate that help is needed and more.

Service dogs can also be trained to help people with medical conditions like epilepsy or other seizure disorders, autism, diabetes, PTSD and other psychiatric disabilities.

**Guide dogs:** For the blind and visually impaired, guide dogs help their owner get around safely by avoiding obstacles, stopping at curbs and steps, navigate shopping centers and buildings, find doors, seats, pedestrian crossing buttons and more.

**Hearing dogs:** For those who are deaf or hearing impaired, hearing dogs can alert their owner to specific sounds such as ringing phones, doorbells, alarm clocks, microwave or oven timers, smoke alarms, approaching sirens, crying babies or when someone calls out their name.

**Finding a Dog**

If your dad is interested in getting a service dog, contact some credible assistance dog training programs. To find them, use the Assistance Dogs International website ([AssistanceDogsInternational.org](http://AssistanceDogsInternational.org)) which provides a listing of around 80 accredited members and 25 candidate programs in North America.

After you locate a few, you'll need to either visit their website or call them to find out the types of training dogs they offer, the areas they serve, how long their waiting list is and what they charge. Most dog training programs charge anywhere from \$10,000 to \$40,000 or more for a fully trained service dog, however, most programs can assist with fundraising or grant applications for those in need. None of that cost is covered by health insurance or Medicare.

To get an assistance dog, your dad will need to show proof of his disability, which his physician can provide, and he'll have to complete an application and go through an interview process. He will also need to go and stay at the training facility for a week or two so he can get familiar with his dog and get training on how to handle it.

It's also important to understand that assistance dogs are not for everybody. They require time, money, and care that your dad or some other friend or family member must be able and willing to provide.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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**OUT TO PASTOR**  
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder  
**A NEEDLE NAMED MISS OUCH**

My father has been gone for 15 years. It hardly seems that long, but time goes by, and you can't stop it.

One of my father's "jokes" was, "Son, I'm so sick and tired of being sick and tired." Then he would laugh, and I would, of course, join in with his laughter. Although I was laughing, I did not get the punch line. I may be getting a little closer to understanding that joke, but believe me, I'm not laughing.

In the hospital recently, I thought about my dad's "joke." And believe me, I was sick and tired of being sick and tired of the hospital. I think I was there for four days and four nights, but I can't be too sure.

One thing I learned during my time in the hospital was how important nurses and the nursing staff are. Everything I needed was at their disposal, and all I had to do was ask—and sometimes, I didn't even have to ask.

I had about six nurses in my room daily, including nursing staff and technical nurses. They were cheerful and encouraging, and I enjoyed getting to know them. I was, however, very anxious to leave the hospital and go home. I didn't have anything against the hospital staff; I just wanted to go home. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired in the hospital. Every morning, I would ask one of the staff if I was going home today. It was the first thing on my mind when I woke up. Is today the day? The staff always replied, "No, I don't believe you'll be going home today. Maybe tomorrow."

Well, everybody knows that tomorrow never comes. And I was sorry to hang around in this atmosphere much longer.

Every day, I had nurses coming in with their favorite instrument, the needle, to give me my shots for the day. I'm not sure I counted right, but I think I had at least 10 shots daily. Even now, my stomach is still black from all of the needles poked in my stomach. I'm not sure what the needles in the stomach were for, but they were there.

Pain is something that is not one of my friends. I don't like pain. Those needles in the hands of those nurses created pain in this body of mine.

On the first day, when one of the nurses came in to give me my first needle shot, she said, "There's no need to worry. This will not hurt in any way." Then she smiled at me, a smile I'll never forget until I'm in my coffin.

To this day, I do not know what she understood pain to be. But that very first needle shot in my stomach was painful, according to my definition of pain.

After I gasped most hurtful, the nurse said, "See, that didn't hurt, did it?" Since this nurse with the needle in hand was female, I responded to her as I would to my wife. I smiled and said, "I didn't feel a thing." She smiled back at me most wonderfully. That was just the beginning.

Every time the nurse came into my room, I froze in expectation of pain. I tried to hide behind a pseudo-smile so the nurse would think I wasn't in pain.

After the third day of being stuck with needle after needle after needle, I leaned back in my bed and thought a lot about those needles. Then, a thought came to my mind. What that nurse held in her hand as she entered my room was "A Needle Named Miss Ouch."

Every time I looked at Miss Ouch, my body froze in expectation of pain. Those needles were causing me a lot of pain, and I wanted to do something to get rid of every needle in the hospital. It was those needles causing me pain.

Every time I got a needle shot in my stomach, the nurse always looked at me, smiled, and said, "This isn't going to hurt."

Of course, it's not going to hurt her. Doesn't she understand that the hurt is on my side of the needle, not hers?

As I was recovering from the last shot from Miss Ouch, I began to rethink this whole matter. Was it really that needle causing me pain? I thought about that for a while.

Then, my thinking went in the direction of the nurse. Would the needle pierce my stomach if it was not for the nurse? The pain is not a result of the needle but rather a result of the nurse. She is the source of my pain.

That caused me to think a little bit. Because the nurse was in control of the needle, it could be more or less painful, and I tried to make sure that it was going to be less painful. I tried to smile cheerfully at my nurse and not let her know I was in pain. I did not want to upset her because an upset nurse can cause more pain through the needle.

Resting in my bed a verse of scripture came to mind. James 1:2-3, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

With the needle came pain, but also, the medicine I need. Through pain comes my medical solution.

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## STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON THIS MOMENT DEMANDS A NOBLE SACRIFICE



On television just a little while ago I heard Senator Chris Murphy make the statement that this moment demands extraordinary tactics to combat the evil actions of the present governing powers. He is maintaining an all-night filibuster as a tactic designed to prevent the President from effectuating his most drastic measures. I am not going to count each action because if you do not know already or just do not care

it is beyond my understanding. Our entire righteous democratic way of life is threatened.

Actually, I wonder why you do not care but may have some understanding. It is analogous to our reaction to the fires. Hearing about fires somewhere else, no matter how devastating the damage may be, only momentarily gets our attention. When the horror does not touch us personally our continued focus is limited. The fire that swept through our area recently is a vastly different matter. I will always remember that Tuesday night when my wife and I followed the order to evacuate our home. While driving west we looked to the north and saw the fire raging in the mountains just above us. Now that we are back in our home in the canyon I look up at the mountains and they are forever changed to me. I see danger rather than beauty. This Thursday morning the mountains have disappeared behind the rain and clouds which for me adds to the fear. Returning to the Presidential actions most political actions always seemed far away to me. Now that I am over eighty and rarely leave the house other than to walk the dog or put out the trash cans on Wednesday or keep medical appointments at the nearby Kaiser. Rarely do I drive by myself and never at night. My wife takes care of everything including me as she has for thirty years. I give you all this information as background so you can understand why my options are limited. Yesterday I watched the news most of the day and by eleven P.M I was very depressed. My Social Security and the disability aid to my son along with our entire way of life is threatened. Prior to yesterday I had tried to follow my wife's example and avoid the news completely. But yesterday I realized that avoiding the news was like walking in the forest with my eyes closed. Eventually, I would stumble over something, and I decided it was best to allow myself to be informed and try to do something significant to protect my family and the nation.

Today, I reflect on a difficult choice, similar to the tough decisions made by people under oppressive regimes. With limited options, I decided to start drafting a book. This challenging task would occupy my mind and could have positive outcomes. I searched for examples online describing octogenarians achieving something significant for the first time in their 80s. The only notable example I found was Grandma Moses, who began painting at 84. While I may not become a painter, I aim to be a published writer, courageously sharing my story with the world.

The only other sacrifice that seems significant would be for me to avoid watching the Super Bowl. I have watched every single Super Bowl since the very first one in 1966 when my Law School roommate put broomsticks on our roof to act as antennae to view the game which was blacked out in Los Angeles. After my son was born in 1972, beginning the following year, I have watched every Super Bowl with him. I have already noted that a forced discontinuing of that activity would in fact be a sacrifice but also unnecessarily hurtful to my son who would not understand. It is hard for me to understand myself.

Instead, I have decided to demonstrate sacrifice by preparing my own breakfast and washing my own clothes. I know this will not necessarily create a better nation but as a sacrifice it may make me a better husband which would be an extraordinary tactic and a welcomed act anyway. Meanwhile I will try and work on the book.

Yes, I am confused and desperate, but aren't we all? I do hope the gods of democracy and civilized humanity are really somewhere and that they do care. I hope they understand that throwing virgins, male or female, is today not considered an acceptable sacrifice.



## HOWARD Hays As I See It

*"The Democrats don't matter. The real opposition is the media. And the way to deal with them is to flood the zone with (crap)." - Former Donald Trump advisor Steve Bannon, 2018*

I'm not "media", just one who appreciates being able to express my views in the local paper. But I understand Bannon's tactic: Take actions that would normally dominate news cycles for days, then immediately pile on others before the import of the prior ones can sink in.

My routine has been to consider recent events, then choose a topic to focus on for the col-umn. But that's getting hard, with all the (crap) flooding in. Just in the week starting January 27, for example:

### MONDAY

Justice Department officials fired for having been involved with criminal investigations of Trump.

US Centers for Disease Control ordered to end communications with the World Health Organization.

White House freezes all "Federal financial assistance", including foreign aid.

Transgender troops banned from military.

### TUESDAY

California officials correct Trump's claim he'd sent the "Military" who "turned on the wa-ter". Workers opened channels down for maintenance, then proceeded to dump billions of gal-lons that Central Valley farmers were counting on for the dry months.

Systems to access funding for Head Start, student financial aid, transportation and infrastructure projects shut down; Medicaid officials with no access to portals. Law-suits filed, alleging fund-ing freeze violates Administrative Procedures Act.

Judge puts hold on funding freeze, citing how "The government doesn't know the full scope of the programs that are going to be subject to the pause".

Email sent to 2.3 million federal employees urging them to resign and accept buyout offer.

### WEDNESDAY

White House withdraws funding freeze, blaming whatever confusion on the media.

Trump orders re-purposing of Guantanamo Bay to hold immigrants.

No survivors following crash between American Airlines flight and army helicopter above Reagan National Airport. Trump blames former Presidents Biden and Obama, former Transpor-tation Secretary Buttigieg and DEI.

### THURSDAY

New FCC Chairman orders investigations into NPR and PBS.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio says Trump's wanting to buy Greenland "is not a joke".

Directors of the Center for Women Veterans and Center for Minority Veterans are fired.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy orders that project funding "give preference to communities with marriage and birth rates higher than the national average".

### FRIDAY

Justice Department orders FBI to provide names of agents who "at any time" had worked on the J6 investigations. Acting Director Brian Driscoll says the list "encompasses thousands of em-ployees across country" - including himself along with the acting deputy director. An agent says, "Even for those not fired, it sends the message that the bureau is no longer independent."

CDC removes all references to HIV, LGBTQ, youth development issues, etc. from its

## RICH JOHNSON THE ROMAN LUPERCALIA FESTIVAL



If you are currently in a solid romantic relationship and all cylinders are firing at peak performance, this Friday is a day to look forward to. You see, nothing quite complements your romance as much as the Roman Lupercalia Festival. And if you are not in a romantic relationship currently, stand by. This may be your lucky day.

The Roman Lupercalia Festival (RLF) was an annual event in ancient Rome promoting prosperity and fertility. Seeking to maintain a solid "G" rating in my columns I am unable to get into the more intimate aspects of the festival celebration apart from one. This "tradition" we could recreate right here in Kersting Court. It would involve writing all the names of the eligible ladies in town on slips of paper and depositing them in a jar. At a designated hour on Valentines Day, eligible bachelors in town would line up and each draw a name randomly out of the jar and, "oom shaka laka" there was your betrothed. We could even have ministers of all faiths standing by to execute the wedding.

Who knows? Random selection might improve the percentage of successful marriages. Back to Rome. As you might know from history, Rome eventually transitioned from paganism to Christianity. The Roman Lupercalia Festival was eventually replaced by what we know as Valentine's Day. But before that happened...

Saint Valentine, a Roman Priest started secretly marrying couples. Had to do it in secret. You see, the Emperor at the time, Claudius II had strictly prohibited marriage believing single men made better soldiers. Well, eventually Claudius II arrested and executed Saint Valentine. (By the way, the very first Valentine's card was given by Saint Valentine to his jailer's daughter. The card was simply signed "Your Valentine").

Enough history. Let's wrap this column up with quotes on love and marriage. Here goes:

"In a relationship, one person is always right and the other is the boyfriend" Anon  
"I love being married. It's so great to find one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life." Rita Rudner  
"I think men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry" Rita Rudner  
"A man in love is not complete until he is married. Then he is finished" Zsa Zsa Gabor  
"A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple days" Tim Allen  
"Women marry men hoping they will change. Men marry women hoping they will not. So each is inevitably disappointed" Albert Einstein  
"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury" Groucho Marx  
"If you want to read about love and marriage, you've got to buy two books" Alan King  
"An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her" Agatha Christie  
"What's the best way to have your husband remember your anniversary? Get married on his birthday" Cindy Garner  
"People should fall in love with their eyes closed" Andy Warhol  
And a few quotes on love from our newest generations of lovers:  
"I love you more than my phone...and that says a lot." Anon  
"Relationships are like a walk in the park... Jurassic Park" Anon  
"You're the cheese to my macaroni" Anon  
"If you were a vegetable, you'd be a cute-cumber" Anon  
"Love means never having to say 'I'm sorry I ate all the chips'" Anon  
"We're like two peas in a pod. One of those peas is weird and annoying" Anon  
And finally...my favorite:



websites - in order to "(Defend) Women From Gender Ideology Extremism".

Trump Media gives its directors blocks of shares, worth \$825K - including two of those directors up for cabinet posts; Linda McMahon (Education Secretary) and Kash Patel (FBI Director).

Employees at Office of Personnel Management are locked out of data systems, now under con-trol of Elon Musk and his crew - with access to over 2 million federal workers' home addresses, Social Security numbers, pay grades, etc.

Acting Treasury Secretary David Lebryk quits over dispute granting Musk's crew access to Treasury's payment system - handling over six trillion in Social Security and Medicare payments, government salaries, tax refunds, contractor fees, etc.

And while all the above was happening, there were ongoing hearings on three of the most dan-gerously unqualified cabinet nominees; Tulsi Gabbard for Director of National Intelligence, RFK Jr. for Health and Human Services and Kash Patel for FBI Director.

Then came Trump's tariffs against Canada, China and Mexico. Those holding stocks took a ma-jor hit, while hedge fund managers betting short on the market made a bundle. But Prime Minis-ter Trudeau of Canada and President Sheinbaum of Mexico knew how easily Trump could be played. They agreed to do what they'd been planning to do anyway, and let Trump boast he'd gotten what he wanted.

Just as that tariff drama was subsiding, we had snowballing alarms over Congress' "power of the purse", civil service protections and statutory control over government agencies being usurped not by President Trump, but by Elon Musk.

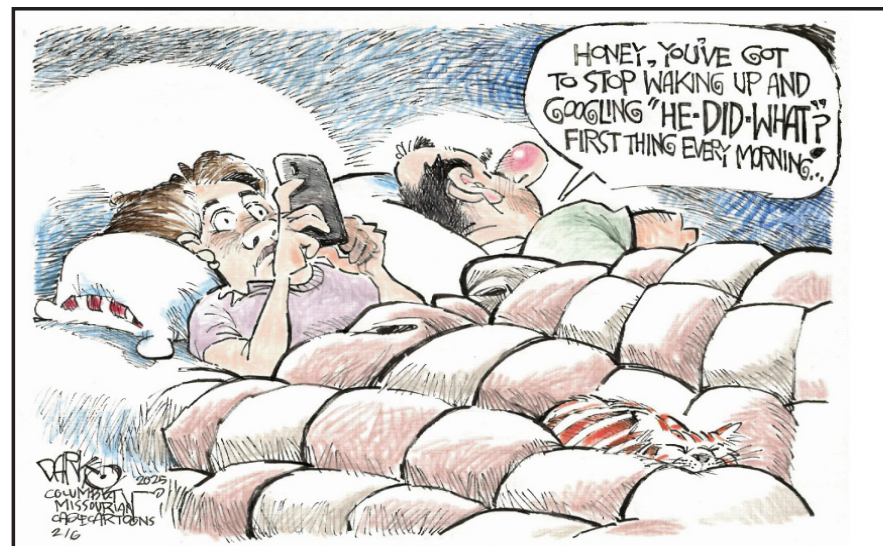
His crew took over and gutted the Agency for International Development. Security officials were put on leave for refusing them access to USAID personnel and security files without proper clearance. Musk's team was identified by Wired as a half-dozen 19-25-year-olds. Trump and Musk indicated their next target is the Department of Education.

Regarding that airline tragedy over the Potomac, the NTSB announced that further updates will come from one source only: Elon Musk's X.

And now more federal employees are resisting; reminding that their allegiance is to our country, its laws and our Constitution - not to Donald Trump, and especially not to Elon Musk.

That's nearly thirty topics in the past week alone which would each warrant a column of its own. It's only the second week of the Trump presidency and we've still got 206 weeks to go.

Now as I think I'm finishing up this column, Trump says, "We'll take over the Gaza Strip... We'll own it". 206 more weeks of this (crap) flooding the zone - and I haven't even gotten to the White House attacks on Selena Gomez.







Michele Silence, M.A. is a 37-year certified fitness professional who offers semi-private/virtual fitness classes...

FITNESS CHALLENGES

You know that friend who always says, "I should work out, but..." and then trails off with an excuse? Maybe it's "I don't have time..."

The secret? Make it fun. People stick with things they enjoy, and fitness challenges add just the right mix of motivation, competition, and accountability.

One of the easiest fitness challenges to get people hooked is the "7-Day Step Challenge." It's simple, measurable, and doesn't require any special equipment.

family to hit a step goal for a week, like 8,000 or 10,000 steps a day. If that sounds too easy, aim higher.

This test works well because it doesn't require gym equipment or a complicated workout routine. It's just about getting out there and moving, and it's something everyone can fit into their day.

The "Try Something New Challenge" keeps things exciting. People get bored doing the same workouts, so trying something new can reignite their interest in fitness.

Trying new activities breaks the monotony of regular exercise. If people feel like they've done everything already, they might not be as excited to work out.

For those who need more structure to stay on track, the "30-Day Streak Challenge" is perfect. It's all about building a habit without feeling overwhelmed.

This task is great for people with busy schedules or who find it hard to stick to an exercise plan. It doesn't matter if you're not working out for hours each day; the goal is consistency.

Finally, try the "Workout for a Cause Challenge." People are more likely to commit when their efforts benefit someone else.

This motivator adds an extra layer of purpose to your workouts. When people know their effort is going toward something bigger than themselves, they're more likely to stick with it.

The key to getting others excited about exercise isn't to lecture them about fitness. Just make it social, fun, and rewarding.

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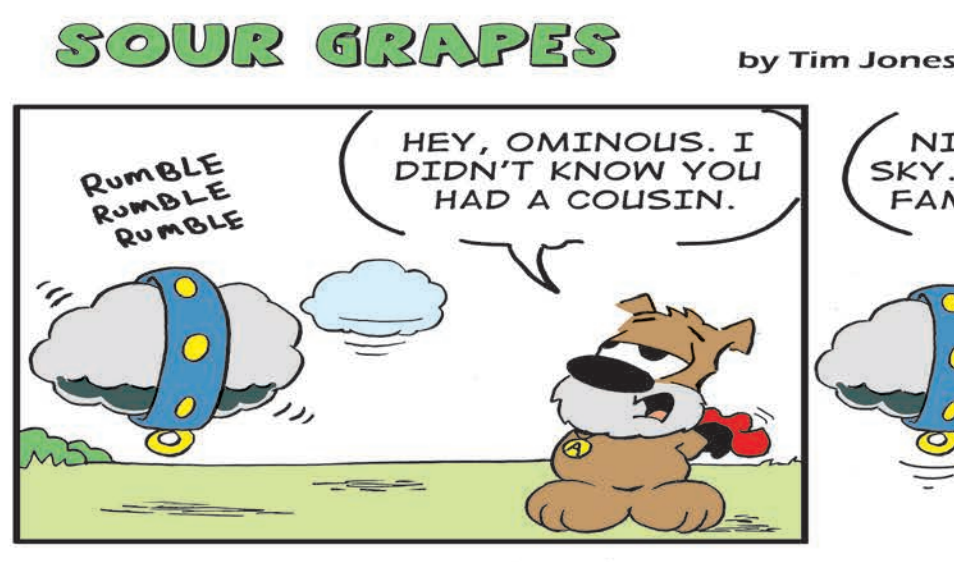
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## February Events Around Town!

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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 - 6 pm

#### 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

**Dvůřák Cello Concerto - Pasadena Symphony at Ambassador Auditorium** Indulge in the romance of Wagner's thrilling "Magic Fire Music" & Dvůřák'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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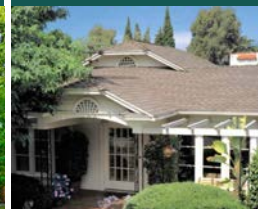
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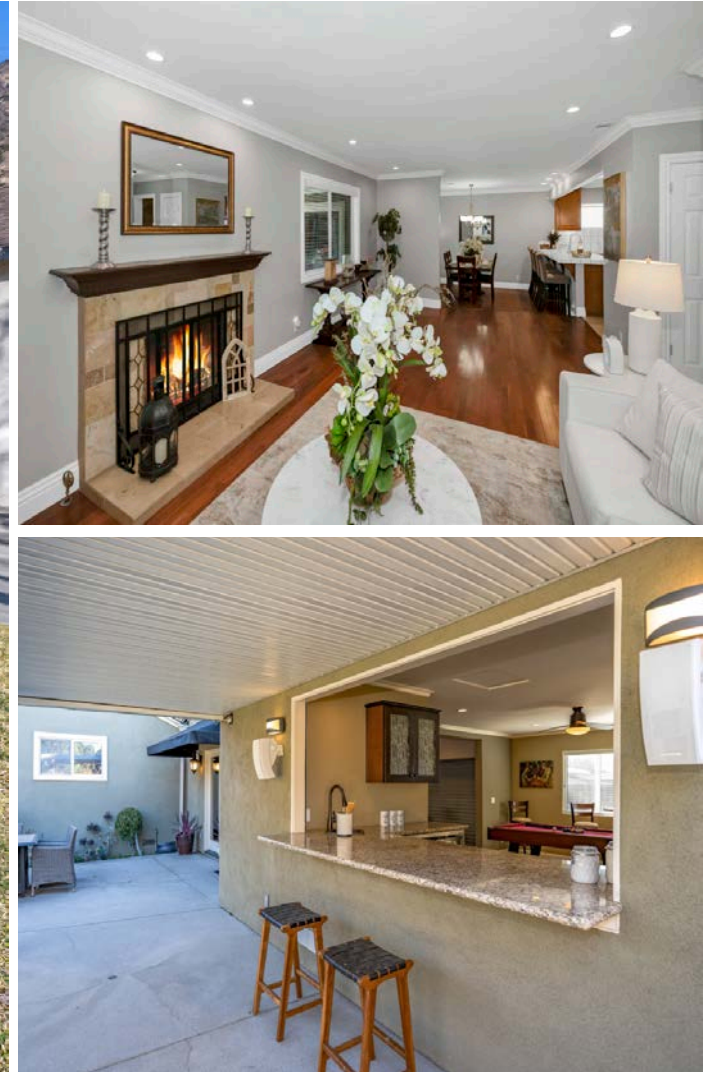
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