

Mountain Views News

Sierra Madre Arcadia Duarte Monrovia Pasadena Altadena South Pasadena San Marino

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

VOLUME 19 NO.09



the webb-martin group

REIntroducing the Webb Martin Group

At WMG, we've always believed in the power of *teamwork*. While we recently said goodbye to a valued team member, our commitment to providing *exceptional service* remains as strong as ever.

Led by Judy Webb-Martin and Jan Greteman and supported by a talented group of professionals, we're ready to continue helping you achieve your real estate goals with *dedication, expertise, and personal care*.

Whether buying, selling, or investing, we're here to guide you every step of the way. Your trust means the world to us, and we look forward to working with you.

Stronger Together, Even Through Change



Jan Greteman 626.975.4033
lic #01943630

Judy Webb-Martin 626.688.2273
lic #00541631

webbmartingroup.com

COMPASS

by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. Lic. #01991628. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate. If your property is currently listed for sale this is not a solicitation.

LET'S PLAY BALL!

SIERRA MADRE GIRLS SOFTBALL KICKS OFF SPRING 2025

SEASON WITH FUN & RESILIENCE

Under bright blue skies, Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association celebrated the start of spring softball last Sunday. Starting with a parade in elaborately decorated trucks down the boulevard from Taylor's Market to Heasley Field, culminating in an Opening Day Ceremony against the backdrop of the familiar, if bare, San Gabriels Mountains view, SMGSA welcomed 318 girls from 6U to 14U divisions

SMGSA President, Christopher Bates, reflected on the start of the January 7th windstorm, as league volunteers raced to protect Heasley Field from wind damage, having no idea that the Eaton Fire would break out later that night. And when the fire started, the SMGSA family and friends from our neighboring foothill communities came together selflessly to support and help each other, from that tragic night through the following weeks. Just over a month later, our community's love and strength are evidenced by the return of softball at Heasley Field.

As many of our players live in Altadena, Sierra Madre and Pasadena, the Eaton Fire directly impacted many of our families and affected the entire league and community. SMGSA came together immediately after January 7th, starting an equipment drive and hosting a fundraiser, a part of which will support fire-impacted families. In a show of true resilience, even though so many have faced significant loss and displacement, our players and coaches have returned to the pure joy of friendship and play with the routine of regular practices and games. *(continued on page 2)*

The Parade & Honoring Our Heroes Make The 2025 Opening Day One For The History Books



SIERRA MADRE LITTLE LEAGUE'S OPENING DAY CEREMONIES HONORS UNSUNG HEROES OF SIERRA MADRE

Sierra Madre Little League (SMLL) has four core values rooted in our name: Service, Mentorship, Leadership and Legacy.

With everything we have all been through over the past two months, Service is at the heart of our efforts this year.

With that in mind, we wanted to honor those who have dedicated their lives to the service of our community and have carried the burden of keeping our city going through these catastrophes.

At our opening ceremonies yesterday we had the opportunity to acknowledge some of those people including Sierra Madre's City Council, Tom Canterbury, Sue Levoe and, our Grand Marshalls, the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

Breaking News:

OVER 150 FULL-TIME PUSD STAFF TO BE LAID-OFF

The Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education voted Thursday night to eliminate positions that will lay-off 151 employees including Special Assignment Teachers, Coaches, Social Workers and other specialised staff. The layoffs were approved in a 6-1 vote.

Superintendent Elizabeth Blanco made the following statement after the vote: "The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education made the difficult decision to reduce approximately 151 full-time-equivalent positions to address our financial challenges and insure the district's stability. With declining enrollment, rising costs, and the expiration of COVID relief funds, this action was necessary.

To minimize classroom disruption, cuts are focused on the central office, and we are committed to supporting affected employees. We deeply appreciate our staff's dedication and recognize the impact of this decision.

Our priority remains providing a high-quality education for every student. With the continued support of our community, we will navigate these challenges and build a stronger future for Pasadena Unified."

The layoffs come at a time when several PUSD employees have lost homes during the Eaton Fire.

INSIDE THIS WEEK

ATTENTION MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS HOME DELIVERY SUBSCRIBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR RESIDENCE:

Please contact our office via either telephone, email or text and let us know where you are. We will be happy to resume your subscription at your new location. editor@mtviewsnews.com 626-355-2737

SIERRA MADRE NEWS & NOTICES	Page 2-3
PASADENA NEWS	Page 4
AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY	Page 5
MORE RECOVERY INFORMATION	Page 6
EDUCATION & YOUTH	Page 7
PUZZLES & MORE	Page 8
FOOD -DRINK-FUN	Page 9
BEST FRIENDS	Page 10
THE GOOD LIFE	Page 11
OPINION	Page 12
LEGAL NOTICES	Page 13
SPORTS & HEALTHY LIVING	Page 14
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESS	Page 15

Don't Rely On Luck To Sell Your Home!

A Good Real Estate Agent Is Like A 4-Leaf Clover... Hard To Find But Lucky To Have.

Call us, we would love to meet with you to discuss how we can help you achieve your 2025 Real Estate Goals.

38 Years of Combined Experience Representing Buyers and Sellers

Barbara Rogers

626.484.8135
CalRE# 01169115

COLDWELL BANKER REALTY

Eileen Benson

626.278.0187
CalRE# 01880650

Not intended as a solicitation if your property is already listed by another broker. Affiliated real estate agents are independent contractor sales associates, not employees. ©2023 Coldwell Banker. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker logos are trademarks of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. The Coldwell Banker System is composed of company owned offices which are owned by a subsidiary of Anywhere Advisors LLC and franchised offices which are independently owned and operated. The Coldwell Banker System fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act.

CENTURY 21 Village Realty

626.355.1451
c21village.com

Serving the Community since 1980

follow us on Social Media @c21village

LIC# 02119245



FOR SALE
SYLMAR \$249,000
Sylmar 3BR/2BA manufactured home with 2-car garage, patio, community pool, playground, gazebos, and athletic courts. Spacious living!



FOR SALE
GLASSEL PARK \$750,000
Charming 2-bed 1-bath Glassel Park home with fireplace, ADU potential, spacious yard, fruit trees, and great location! Needs TLC but worth it!



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

SIERRA MADRE

SIERRA MADRE

ARCADIA

PASADENA

ALTADENA

MONROVIA

SMGSA (continued from page 1)

Spring season continues through early May. Come on out to Heasley to cheer on our girls, enjoy a meal from the Heasley Diner, and celebrate the strength and resilience of our foothill community.

Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association offers girls ages 5 to 14 from Sierra Madre, Altadena, Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, and surrounding communities the opportunity to develop softball skills and good sportsmanship in a positive environment. For more information, visit smgsa.org and follow SMGSA on Facebook @sierramadregirlsoftballassociation and Instagram @sierramadregirlsoftball.



Above, Sierra Madre Mayor Robert Parkhurst welcomes the parents, players and guests. Below, players are ready to go! Photos courtesy SMGSA



"The Sierra Madre congregation is a close-knit, authentic, and welcoming community striving to serve God and neighbor. I enjoy the intimate bonds and the serious study of God's plan for our lives."
—Doug Hurley

212 N Lima St, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-1817
www.sierramadrechurch.org

Sunday Worship, 10:00am, Refreshments and Talk Back, 11:15am

An Easter Sermon Series – Sundays, March-May 2025

"The Prelude to the Cross in the Old Testament"

The heart of God that we have seen in the past is most intimately revealed in the cross of Jesus Christ.

Speakers – Check out sierramadrechurch.org for the list of dates



Dr. Ron Cox is Dean of International Programs and Professor of Religion at Pepperdine University.



Dr. Jerry Rushford is a historian and founder of the Rushford Center historical library at Pepperdine.

Dr. Allen Jang is a retired science teacher and presently Sifu of our Tai Chi class that meets on **Saturdays at 8:30am.**



Billy Curl is minister emeritus and elder at Crenshaw Church of Christ, also a former missionary to Ethiopia.



Dr. Tim Willis is Old Testament Professor of Religion at Pepperdine.



Dr. Jack Scott is former President of Pasadena City College and California State Senator.

Dr. Chris Heard is Old Testament Professor of Religion at Pepperdine.



Doug Hurley is Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Pepperdine.



The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society

presents

Author Layne Staryl

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. Staryl shares this amazing and historical journey.

A picnic-style ice cream social will be provided as refreshments!



FOR RENT

Quit well kept bldg
391 W #B - Sierra Madre Blvd,
Sierra Madre

2 bedroom
Down stairs w/ enclosed patio

(NEW paint - carpet - Refrigerator -
Mirror closer doors)
FAH / AC

Locked storage cabinet, carport & laundry room
\$2575. Call Earl (626) 893-0473

Wistaria Thrift Shop

Founded 1957 – 68 Years as of 2025

We Are The Best Little

100% Volunteer Run Thrift Shop in the San Gabriel Valley
We are the ONLY Federated Club-Run Thrift Shop in California
And 1 of only 3 Federated Club-Run Thrift Shops in the entire United States.
Sierra Madre Woman's Club Rocks!!!

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays - 10 a – 3 p
Saturdays - 10 a - 1 p

Explore our carefully curated collection of clean, gently used clothing, purses, shoes, belts, jewelry; dishes, linens, fabrics toys, craft supplies, artwork, frames, books, digital media & so many other wonderful treasures

550 W Sierra Madre Blvd
(Parking & Shop entry off Sunnyside)
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-355-7739

Shop proceeds help support Club Philanthropies and Scholarships!

Spring Fling
March 13, 14, 15
Thurs., Fri., Sat.

9 am - 2 pm

Freshen Up w/ Spring Specials

NIXLE

Sign up for important messages from your city!

Text 91024 to 888777



Community messages are used to convey everyday local news, happenings, and developments.



Advisory messages are intended to communicate important, need-to-know information. For example, the Police Department will send out bear sighting notifications using this format.



Alert messages are reserved for critically important information where loss of life and/or property is potentially imminent. Alert messages are time-sensitive and require your immediate action

By default, residents who are signed up for Nixle alerts will only receive email alerts for advisory messages. We recommend that our residents opt in for text messaged for advisory and alert messages

SIERRA MADRE

SIERRA MADRE

ARCADIA

PASADENA

ALTADENA

MONROVIA

Weather Wise



6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2025 5:30pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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

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 timely message from this time last year is with an update on the birthdays is below.

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble." Rudyard Kipling

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?" Lucy Maud Montgomery

No more discussion about rain. It's going to be Spring. It's going to be beautiful. The Wistaria is going to bloom like never before. All Sierra Madre's gardens will be absolutely awesome. Wildflowers will bloom on every hill and there will be peace in our little corner of the world. Trust me!

That quote by Rudyard Kipling up there at the top is a wonderful thought. I totally agree with it and live my life that way. However, there is currently a person or entity of some sort that is continually hacking into my computer, attempting to either rob me blind or drive me around the bend. I am not thinking the best of that person. The tech guy is coming tomorrow to see if he can find my menace and banish him forever to someplace unpleasant.

Today, March 1st, is our daughter, Patti's, birthday. You will remember Patti is our Leap Year birthday girl. The 1st is also our granddaughter, Nicole's, birthday. Patti gave herself the gift of a lifetime some years ago on her birthday. Her daughter, Nicole. Happy birthday, Patti and Nicole, a few days late. I know the day was filled with joy, laughter and delight. These women are awesome.

And, speaking of awesome, I don't know if you've heard of this book: The Book of Awesome, by Neil Pasricha, which I bought for myself from Amazon for \$11.08. Neil listed so many absolutely awesome things in his book...small simple things. It got me thinking about all the awesome things around me. The picture today is of flowers...awesome!

Awesome is an adjective meaning extremely impressive or daunting, inspiring great admiration. You'll be able to whip up your own list of awesome things in about ten seconds because we are surrounded by awesomeness. Here are a few of mine:

- Being inside and watching rain pouring down outside.
- Watching the sun come up every day.
- The first cup of coffee in the morning. And a lemon muffin to go with it.
- Seeing a friend you haven't seen in a while.
- Reading a really good book.
- Finding a \$5 bill in your pocket.
- Getting a letter in the mail.
- Turning the seat warmer on in your car.
- Having a good hair day.
- Finding the sheets or towels you've been dying to have unexpectedly on sale.
- Flowers. Any kind of flower, any color, any shape.
- Weighing yourself and finding you've actually lost a pound or two.
- Unexpectedly seeing the full moon early in the morning.
- Watching a hummingbird build a nest in the tree outside your window.
- Knowing God loves us no matter what.
- Crawling into bed with clean sheets on it.
- Seeing pictures of your grandchildren doing adorable things.
- Going out to eat and finding you have rewards and your bill is \$10 less.
- Turning on your car and one of your favorite Jimmy Buffet songs is playing.

In a world where you can be anything you want to be... Be KIND!
"Until further notice, celebrate everything!" David Wolfe

Lent is here, which means Easter is on its way.
"The Crown" a story about what could have happened to
The Crown of Thorns that pierced Jesus' brow,
is now an actual book, in addition to a Kindle book.
"The Crown" will enrich your Easter experience.



YOUTH BOOKMARK CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Local students are invited to enter the popular annual Bookmark Contest in March 2025.

This year's theme is: "Love My Sierra Madre".

Artwork may be designed with any tools but must be completely original work. Entries should showcase people, places, or things that illustrate what they love about Sierra Madre.

Winning entries will be displayed in the Library and winners will receive a certificate and a cash prize at a ceremony in their honor at the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

The contest is open to children in Kindergarten through 8th grade (including Transitional Kindergarten), who go to school in Sierra Madre, live in Sierra Madre, or who have a Sierra Madre Public Library card.

Pick up your bookmark application at the Sierra Madre Public Library, on the Library website, and at schools in Sierra Madre starting March 3, 2025. Entries are due by April 10, 2025 at the Library. No late entries will be accepted.

For more information, contact Librarian Doreen Thomas dthomas@sierramadrecap.gov

SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER



February 16 to February 22 2025
Total Year to Date for 2025

Calls for Service	Formal Investigations
187	20
1,983	97

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 WEAPONS VIOLATION
At approximately 2:30 AM, while on patrol in the area of Sierra Madre Blvd and Hermosa Ave, officers observed a vehicle with non-functional brake lights and a license plate cover blocking the vehicle's registration month and year, both in violation of vehicle codes. Officers then initiated a traffic stop. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license. A search of the vehicle revealed a firearm. The driver was transported to Pasadena Jail. This case has been forwarded to the LA District Attorney's Office for filing considerations.

DRUG VIOLATION
At approximately 2:30 AM while on patrol in the area of Sierra Madre Blvd and Hermosa Ave, officers initiated a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation. While sitting the subjects out on the curb, officers observed a package fall out of one of the male's pockets. Based on the officers investigation, the package appeared to be drugs. Officers conducted an additional search of the male and found another package in his pocket, which appeared to be drugs. Officers seized the drugs and booked it at the police station. The male was cited and released at the scene. This case has been forwarded to the LA District Attorney's Office for filing considerations.

FRAUD
At approximately 11:30 AM, officers responded to the police station lobby to meet with a citizen regarding a fraud report. The victim stated that his identity had been used to register with FEMA to obtain the victim's financial aid check. Officers took a report and the case is pending further information.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 DRUG VIOLATION
At approximately 8:30 AM, officers responded to the 500 block of Sturtevant Dr regarding a suspicious circumstances call of a possible kidnapping investigation in the area. Based on officers investigations, the possible kidnapping was determined to be un-

founded. The reporting party admitted to the officers that he had consumed drugs. The reporting party was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and was transported to Pasadena Jail. This case has been forwarded to the LA District Attorney's Office for filing considerations.

CRIMINAL THREATS
At approximately 7:00 AM, officers responded to the 300 block of Camillo Rd regarding a criminal threats report. The reporting party's son received threatening text messages and paid over \$1,000 to an unknown person(s). Officers took a report. This case has been forwarded to the Detectives Bureau for further investigation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 DOMESTIC DISPUTE
At approximately 7:00 PM, officers responded to the 200 block of West Montecito Ave regarding a domestic dispute report. The reporting party's ex-boyfriend came to the reporting party's house uninvited. He then left after being told to leave. Officer's took a report for documentation purposes only.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 DRUG VIOLATION
At approximately 12:00 AM, while on patrol in the area of the 200 block of Grove Street, officers noticed a vehicle with expired registration tabs. Officers called a tow truck to impound the vehicle. While the tow truck was preparing to tow the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle was removing property from his car. Officer's noticed a plastic clear bag containing drugs in the vehicle. Officers cited the vehicle's owner for having possession of a controlled substance. The vehicle was impounded. This case has been forwarded to the LA District Attorney's Office for filing considerations.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE
At approximately 10:30 AM, officers responded to the 500 block of West Sierra Madre Blvd regarding a domestic dispute. The male and female were heard verbally arguing. It was later learned the female battered the male. The female was arrested for the battery and for having a warrant. She was transported to Pasadena Jail. This case has been forwarded to the LA District Attorney's Office for filing considerations.



Sierra Madre Public LIBRARY
Read • Discover • Connect

This week at the Sierra Madre Public Library

March 3 — March 8

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time — Library at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime— Library at 10:00am

Saturday

3D Printing Basics— Library at 12:00pm

Bookmark Contest Begins!

March 3

Kids in grades K—8th can participate

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

Pasadena Altadena



News From Your Community For Your Community

ArtNight Pasadena Free Events

ArtNight Pasadena is set to return on Friday, March 14, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Experience free admission to 19 world-class arts and cultural venues throughout the city.

According to city officials, this spring, in recognition of the devastating wildfires, ArtNight looks toward the promise of spring with several exciting programs and performances to celebrate the healing power of the arts. Here are some highlights of the exciting offerings you can enjoy:

- **Gamble House:** Discover the intersection of sound and architecture with live performances by Lineage Performing Arts.

- **Alkebu-lan Cultural Center:** Experience live music and Caribbean painting.

- **Muse/Ique:** Enjoy Latin music and song at the Senior Center with Grammy nominated musicians.

- **At the Pasadena Museum of History,** explore "100 Years—100 Images" celebrating the centennial of the Pasadena Society of Artists.

- **Hear storytelling and spoken word** at Parson's Nose Theater where the Ampola Players invite you to "Beat Back the Night," with stories and a special late-night work on resistance and resolution.

- **The Jackie Robinson Community Center** hosts a celebration of the arts in the Northwest -Community with music and artwork by Heather Hilliard Bonds. Visit artWORKS Teen Center's interwoven arts and screen-printing workshops.

- **Join in the art activities and installations** guided by teaching artists at the Armory Center for the Arts.

- **Explore the immersive exhibit "Wired for Wonder: A Multisensory Maze"** at Kidspace Children's Museum.

- **Student creativity is the focus** at PUSD's "No Boundaries 20," which showcases diverse K-12 student artwork at the Paseo.

- **The Art Center College of Design** will showcase three thought-provoking exhibitions, including "Dancing in the Dark."

- **Participate in art making** at Remainers Creative Reuse for all-age crafts and a gallery exhibition.

- **Celebrate the Year-of-the-Snake** at City Hall with spring themed-art activities and experience the Immortals Lion Dancers performance, roving among the crowd.

This event is made possible in part by the City's Arts and Culture Commission. Each venue will offer Braille versions of the ArtNight brochure, and many locations, including City Hall, will feature food trucks.

For a full list of participating venues visit ArtNightPasadena.org.



Colorado Street Bridge Party is Back

Pasadena Heritage announced Thursday that their iconic Colorado Street Bridge Party is set to return Saturday, July 19, closing the bridge to traffic. The party will feature live music on multiple stages, a variety of local gourmet fare, kids activities, a display of vintage first responder vehicles and more. The Bridge Party will run from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

In 1913, the Colorado Street Bridge opened to the public and eventually became part of the new Route 66 winding

from Chicago to LA. But in 1977, the bridge was slated to be demolished until Pasadena Heritage saved it from the wrecking ball. In 1978, the victory was celebrated with a party on the Bridge, and Pasadena Heritage became a force in the community, and the bridge became their logo.

Occurring every other year and last held in 2023, we are thrilled to be back on our bridge. Funds from the Bridge Party support historic preservation programs and advocacy throughout the city. Sponsorship opportunities

are now open, and tickets will be available later this spring. If you are interested in sponsoring this iconic celebration for thousands of people, would like to learn more about purchasing a booth, or have a vintage emergency vehicle you would like to display, please get in touch with BP@pasadenaheritage.org.

Annual Arts Grants Program Applications Available Online

Director of Planning and Community Development, Jennifer Paige, and the Cultural Affairs Division announced Thursday that applications for the City's FY 2025-2026 Annual Grants Program are available online. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, May 12 by 11:59 p.m. (online).

The Annual Grants Program supports creative life in Pasadena by providing funding to eligible local arts and culture organizations and artists for projects and programs that engage both local and regional audiences and PUSD students. Applicants may submit proposals in four categories: Arts & Culture I, II or III (based on annual organizational budget size), Arts Education, Festivals & Parades or Individual Artists projects. All applicants are required to meet guideline requirements and awards are based on Selection Panel recommendations. Eligibility requirements for organizational applicants include a Cultural Equity and Inclusion ("CEI") Statement, Plan or Policy, based on annual budget size, in alignment with the LA County's CEI Initiative.

Each year, the Cultural Affairs Division offers a series of free technical assistance workshops for potential applicants to improve grant-writing skills and pose questions specifically related to the Annual Grants Program application process. Again, this year, all Pasadena-based arts and cultural organizations are offered a CEI workshop to support



their individual progress and to set future milestones. All workshops will be virtual.

Attendance at a Technical Assistance/Grants Writing Workshop is mandatory for new applicants and is recommended for returning applicants (Virtual access information will be posted on the Grants Program page of the Cultural Affairs Division website). Technical Assistance virtual workshop schedule is:

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, March 28, 2025, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
 Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cultural Equity and Inclusion Workshop for Pasadena-based arts organizations: April 2025 (see website for updated information) Funding for the Annual Grants Program is provided by the City of Pasadena to eligible Pasadena-based organizations and artists. For more information and a summary of current Grants Program funded events, visit: www.cityofpasadena.net/arts or contact Rochelle Branch, Cultural Affairs Division Manager, Planning and Community Development Department: (626) 744-7062.

Chris Holden Appointed New CEO of LA Fire Justice

LA Fire Justice officials announced Wednesday that Chris Holden has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer. In that role, Holden will lead the organization's community outreach efforts and oversee recovery initiatives for areas affected by the Eaton Fire they said.



"When I saw the fire destroy the communities and neighborhoods of people I had gone to school with, families I've known my whole life, people I went to church with, I knew that the next chapter of my life had to be dedicated to rebuilding," Holden said. "After meeting the LA Fire Justice Team, I realized they not only represented my values, but that this was the place that would allow me to have the most impact on my community."

As a California State Assemblymember representing the 41st District which includes Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre, Holden was the author of AB1054, landmark legislation that revamped utility regulations and established a wildfire fund to provide compensation to help victims rebuild. Enacted in response to the increasing incidence of catastrophic wildfires linked to utility equipment, its primary objectives are to enhance utility companies' financial stability, ensure timely compensation for wildfire victims, and promote rigorous safety measures to mitigate future wildfire risks.

"The work that Chris did to write and enact this legislation has been absolutely remarkable for the people of California, leading to the establishment of a wildfire fund that has already assisted thousands of victims in rebuilding their lives" said Trial Attorney Mikal Watts. "His foresight in recognizing future wildfire risks and the urgent

need to provide resources to address them proved to be absolutely prescient."

Prior to his election to the Assembly, Holden served 24 years as a Pasadena City Councilmember and Mayor. He was the youngest City Councilmember at age 28 and only the second African American to serve as Mayor. While on the City Council, Mr. Holden served as a Commissioner and President of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority and on the Pasadena Light Rail Alignment Task Force.

Holden's dedication to people has cemented his reputation as a public servant with unparalleled heart. "I'm making a personal promise to every community member that I will stand with them to help them rebuild after the fires, and that their safety, growth, and future matter."

"Chris' 40-year career has embodied his slogan of Promises Made, Promises Kept," said Attorney Doug Boxer. "The LA Fire Justice Team has proven its long-term commitment to working with fire victims in the Tubbs, Camp, Bobcat, and Lahaina Fires, and we are honored that he has entrusted our team to help his home community get the resources it needs to rebuild."

Full Street Closure California Boulevard

Director of Public Works, Greg De Vinck, announced California Boulevard between Caltech South Campus Drive and Arden Road will be closed to all traffic today from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the first phase of the construction of a tower crane which will be located at 1200 East California Boulevard. The crane construction will occur in two phases. The second phase will occur starting at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, March 14 and extend through 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. Once again, a full closure of California Boulevard between Caltech South Campus Drive and Arden Road will be required to complete this second phase of crane construction.

Through traffic will not be permitted during the specified periods; however, the contractor, Pankow Builders, will ensure driveway access for local traffic within the closure area. Detour routes for the full street closure include Arden Road, Wilson Avenue, Del Mar Boulevard, and Hill Avenue. All affected properties, including Polytechnic School, have been previously notified of the closures by the contractor and provided contact information. Additionally, changeable message signs will be placed in advance of the closures to inform roadway users and direct them to alternate routes.

Caltech Conversation with Eric Schmidt: AI Future(s)

The Subra Suresh Distinguished Lecture at Caltech is set to be presented by Dr. Eric Schmidt, former CEO and Chairman of Google, March 12, in conversation with Pietro Perona, the Allen E. Puckett Professor of Electrical Engineering at Caltech.

Schmidt is an accomplished technologist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist known for his pivotal role in the growth of Google as its CEO and chairman from 2001 to 2011, overseeing its transformation from a small startup to a global tech giant.

He has written several acclaimed books, including his latest titled Genesis: Artificial Intelligence, Hope, and the Human Spirit (2024), co-written with the late Dr. Henry Kissinger and Craig Mundie. The event will run from 4:30



p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Ramo Auditorium located 1200 E California Blvd. This is a public lecture and no registration is required.

For more information visit: sureshlecture.caltech.edu.



SIERRA MADRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH


Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.

COME JOIN US IN WORSHIP! ALL ARE WELCOMED!

695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-0629

smumc.net





Floral Gatherings and Keepsakes

9 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
626-355-1180 www.leonoramoss.com

BIG THANKS FOR ALL WHO SHOP SMALL BUSINESS

(626) 794-3383
Fax (626) 794-3395

Nuccio's Nurseries
INCORPORATED
www.nucciosnurseries.com

Growers of Rare Camellias and Azaleas Since 1935

3555 CHANEY TRAIL
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA 91001

HOURS: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
(Closed Early on Rainy Days)

CLOSED WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (ALL YEAR)
CLOSED SUNDAYS - JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER

Need to get out of the house?
Come and see us. We're Still Open!

CALIFORNIA BUSINESS COMPLEX & SELF STORAGE MONROVIA

WE'RE YOUR PLACE WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF SPACE!

CALL US 626-303-7917



AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

ALTADENA LIBRARY REOPENS TUESDAY, MARCH 4

MAIN LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN NORMAL OPERATING HOURS

BOB LUCAS MEMORIAL LIBRARY TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR RENOVATION



The Altadena Library District is excited to announce the reopening of its Main Library on Tuesday, March 4, at 10 a.m.

After two months of recovery efforts, the library is remediated and ready to serve the residents of Altadena as they work to rebuild from the devastation of the Eaton Fire.

“Over the past two months, we’ve partnered with many local organizations to support our community,

including a fundraising campaign with LA County Library to provide free hotspots to our community,” says District Director Nikki Winslow. “We also helped staff the LA County Parks’ Care Camps, hosted programs at Pasadena Library branches, and have been to countless outreach events. But we are so happy return to our library, to serve Altadenans here in our community. We want the library district to be a symbol of hope and recovery for our community.”

For nearly a century the Altadena Library District and its facilities have served as essential community gathering places. At the library, Altadenans connect with their neighbors, use computers and free WiFi, research school assignments and resolve life challenges, build literacy skills, create things in the Fab Lab, download new music and ebooks, check out materials from books to blood pressure monitors, enjoy local art and music, and more.

“Our library is deeply committed to supporting Altadena in every way possible,” says Winslow. “Whether you are looking for a place to study or work remotely, need reference help, attend a craft or concert, or simply want a familiar space to meet with your neighbors, we are here for you.”

With the library open, the district will start hosting programs again at Main, located at 600 E. Mariposa St. in Altadena. The first big event is the Second Saturday concert on Saturday, March 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. featuring local band Suavé, which performs jazz, rock, swing, R&B, and many Latin styles.

To register for this concert and for more information about this and other events, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/programs.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY NEWS BRIEFS

San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Complete Budget Priority Initiatives Survey by Monday

Your voice matters! Join us in shaping the future of San Marino. Public participation is crucial in the budget process. Take a moment to complete the 2025 Budget Priority Initiatives Survey - your insights will directly influence the Mayor and Council in their FY25-26 Budget Discussions. Let's work together for a better community! Submit your feedback by this Monday, March 3 at 5 PM.

Battalion 9: Dedication and “Push in” Ceremony

This month, the San Marino Fire Department placed a new Command Vehicle into service as Battalion 9. The Fire Department is currently planning a dedication and “push in” ceremony on Saturday, March 8 from 10 AM to 11 AM to unveil the new command vehicle to San Marino residents. The “push in” ceremony dates to the days of horse-drawn equipment when members had to push the equipment into the bay of the fire station.

Tree Planting Ceremony

Join us for the annual Tree Planting Ceremony on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10 AM at Lacy Park. The Chinese Club of San Marino has donated a tree in honor of Arbor Day, which will be planted during the event. Join the community as we come together to commemorate this meaningful contribution. The ceremony will take place at the southwest corner of the inner walking loop. For questions, call (626) 300-0788.

Joyful Living Happy Life

Sunday, March 2 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM, Barth Community Room

This workshop gives you tools to face challenges in the workplace, social life, and family life. Join the Unified Charity Foundation as they talk about the customs and traditions in a new land and how to remove cultural obstacles to prosperity. Registration is not required.

East Meets West Parent Education Club

Sunday, March 9 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Barth Community Room

This multicultural parent club presents professionals who share their knowledge and pass on skills to the local parents on how to raise their children in an international and competitive world. Although the program is presented in English, Mandarin speakers will be on hand to translate. Registration is required.

Happy Mar10 [Mario] Day

Monday, March 10 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Community Center, Fireside Room

We’re celebrating Mario Day! Young adults ages 11-17 are invited to play in a Mario Kart tournament for the chance to win a prize, make a Yoshi egg or Toad pot painting craft, and more! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required and begins March 1.

Lacy Park Non-Resident Weekend Entry Fees Suspended

Given the widespread impacts of the Eaton Fire on the San Gabriel Valley, and the significant impacts on places for individuals to recreate, the City Council has expressed a desire to make Lacy Park more accessible while the region heals.

The City Council voted to approve a temporary suspension of the non-resident weekend entry fee to Lacy Park. Admission will be free for all on weekends for the coming months as staff assess the impact to the park this will have, please be prepared for the following weekend operations at the park:

- All guests must check in at the Gatehouse.
- Please be prepared to provide your zip code.

Street Rehabilitation Project

The City’s Annual Street Rehabilitation Project is currently ongoing and progressing on schedule. The project is currently in the roadway improvement phase to resurface the streets, which is expected to conclude within the next few weeks. A total of 26 streets are scheduled to be re-paved as part of the project, helping ensure the City’s infrastructure is well-maintained. For more information on the project, including timelines for specific streets, please visit the City’s Current Projects page at: sanmarinoca.gov.

Meetings

Design Review Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 5 at 6 PM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

For more information visit: sanmarinoca.gov.

Where Your Community News Comes First

Mountain Views News

SIERRA MADRE ARCADIA DUARTE PASADENA SOUTH PASADENA ALTADENA SOUTH PASADENA SAN MARINO

Sierra Madre “Business of the Year 2023”

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS EVERY WEEK SINCE 2007

Where can I get a copy?
 ▶ At newsstands all over town.

Can I get home delivery?
 ▶ YES! Use the QR code to sign up.

View online?
 ▶ Go to: mtnviewsnews.com

CABRERA'S

MEXICAN • CUISINE SINCE 1985

Visit Our 3 Locations!

625 E. LIVE OAK AVE ARCADIA, CA 91006 626.445.5327

655 N. LAKE AVE PASADENA, CA 91101 626.795.0230

1836 E HUNTINGTON DR. DUARTE, CA 91010 626.359.3614

www.cabrerass.com

ARNOLD'S FRONTIER HARDWARE

297 W. Sierra Madre Blvd
 Sierra Madre, CA 91024
 626-355-3365
 Fax 626-355-8300

ACE
 The helpful place.
 Open 7 Days a Week

www.frontierhardware.com
sales@frontierhardware.com

“Where Old-Fashioned Service is Never Out-dated”

BAILEY CANYON & MOUNT WILSON TRAILS

WELCOME TO THE BAILEY CANYON TRAILHEAD

BAILEY CANYON TRAIL TO JONES PEAK 2 1/4 MILES

CANYON VIEW NATURE TRAIL (DEAD END) 1/10 MILE

SPONSOR: S.M.E.A.C.

CLOSED

UNTIL THE TRAILS CAN BE INSPECTED AND MADE SAFE

You Deserve an Agent Who Will Do More Than Just Sell Your Home

Learn why sellers say that working with me was the difference between success and stress!

SUE COOK

COMPASS

626.253.1323
suecookrealtor@gmail.com

DRE#02015404

If you're thinking of making a move next year give me a call!

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY: RELIEF GRANTS AND FUNDS FOR LA COUNTY WILDFIRE VICTIMS

DCBA Launches LA County Household Relief Fund Grant to Aid Wildfire Victims

In response to the devastating Eaton and Palisades wildfires, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs launching LA County Household Relief Grant offering grants to eligible households ranging from \$6,000 to \$18,000, based on household size and composition. This immediate financial assistance aims to help LA County households who have been directly impacted by the 2025 Eaton and Palisades fires. The program is designed to bridge financial gaps and promote the general welfare of affected households until insurance or government recovery resources become available.

The online application will be open from February 26 - March 12, 2025.

For more information and to sign up for updates about the application, please visit lacountyrelieffund.com.

Support the LA County Wildfire Recovery Effort - Donate Today!

LA County has launched a Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund donation portal to encourage community support for LA County wildfire victims.

Donations received through this portal will fund the LA County Household Relief Grant program, helping to expand the assistance available to those in need.

To donate, visit the Disaster Relief and Recovery Donations Portal to donate.

Donate Today

Deadline Extended: Apply Now for LA Region Small Business & Worker Relief Funds

The Department of Economic Opportunity and the City of Los Angeles have extended the application deadline for the LA Region Small Business & Worker Relief Funds to March 2nd.

These relief funds are designed to provide direct financial support to workers businesses, and nonprofits, helping bridge the gap until long-term recovery efforts kick in. Don't miss out on this opportunity for critical financial support.

Get more information and learn how to apply at opportunity.lacounty.gov.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ALTADENA IS NOW ACCEPTING ALTADENA FIRE RELIEF GRANT APPLICATIONS.

In the wake of the Eaton Fire and in support of Altadena's disaster relief and recovery efforts, the Rotary Club of Altadena has established a fund to provide support for immediate and long-term relief efforts through disaster response grants.

The Altadena Rotary fire relief grants will support community projects that benefit Altadena residents, businesses, services, and charities affected by the Eaton Fire. Applications will be considered and prioritized on the basis of need and impact.

Grant applications must be completed by not-for-profit 501(c) organizations only. Organizations may sponsor projects by individuals,

businesses, or units of government. Grant projects must be in-tended for and completed within the unincorporated area of Altadena.

Grants are available between \$500 and \$5,000. Matching funds are encouraged but not required. Funding for a purpose that is part of a larger project is acceptable. Grants will be considered on a rolling basis quarterly with deadlines of March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2025.

The grant application can be found at Restore Altadena: Rotary Club of Altadena Fire Relief Application Form (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBAPeia2N2om9OZ83k3X4QQ2erj2GAqr0s5IL2D66gPavdg/viewform>).

Donations may be made to the fund by going to: <https://givebutter.com/EatonFireARC>

COUNTY DEBRIS REMOVAL HOTLINE



(844) FIRE DEBRIS
(844) 347-3332

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



CA WILDFIRE RELIEF GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

REALTORS® are dedicated to their communities and the importance of homeownership. Apply now for a REALTOR® Relief Foundation grant (up to \$1,000/household) to support rebuilding and recovery from the recent Southern California wildfires.



Prepare Now and Protect Against Future Disasters

Disaster preparation and hazard mitigation efforts are key to saving lives and property. SBA and FEMA can provide support for shoring up your home and business today.



Home and Personal Property



Business Physical Disaster

After a disaster, you can use an SBA disaster loan to make your home or business safer and stronger for the future. These loans can be increased by up to 20% to pay for upgrades that help prevent damage and protect lives.

Even small changes can make a big difference in keeping your property safe and avoiding costly repairs later. Spreading the cost of these improvements over 30 years makes them more affordable, especially when done while rebuilding after a disaster

Natural hazard mitigation saves \$6 on average for every \$1 spent on federal mitigation grants.

Source: Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves Interim Report, June 2018

Mitigation Affordability



- **Assess Your Needs:** Evaluate the extent of damage and determine the necessary funds for recovery and mitigation.
- **Apply:** Visit sba.gov/disaster or call 800-659-2955 to start your application. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 7-1-1.
- **Plan Your Strategy (Optional):** Call FEMA's hotline 833-336-2487 to speak with subject matter experts who can share mitigation techniques.
- **Request Mitigation Funding:** Inquire about increasing your loan amount for mitigation purposes, during the initial loan application process or within two years of receiving the loan.

All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. (07/2022)



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 re-route their mail, including packages and letters, may complete the process online at <https://movers-guide.usps.com/> or by filling out a PS Form 3575, Change of Address, available at any post office.

Facility
Mail Pickup Location
Altadena Post Office
2271 Lake Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001 - 9998

Pasadena Post Office
600 Lincoln Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109-9998
Mon – Fri: 9 am – 6 pm
Sat: 9 am – 3 pm

Altadena Customer Pickup Hours:
Mon - Fri: 10 am – 5 pm
Sat: 10 am – 3 pm

Who Can Apply?

This program is available to full-time residents who are U.S. citizens or legally admitted for residence in the United States and have experienced displacement or damage to their primary residence due to the recent wildfires. Eligible households can receive up to \$1,000 in housing-related financial assistance.

What Does the Grant Cover?

Eligible applicants may receive assistance for one of the following housing-related expenses:

- **Mortgage Payment Assistance** – If your primary residence was damaged by the disaster.
- **Rental Assistance** – If you are displaced from your primary residence due to the disaster.
- **Hotel Reimbursement** – If you incurred temporary lodging costs due to displacement from your primary residence.

Please Note: This grant does not cover expenses such as second mortgages (home equity loans), clothing, appliances, equipment, vehicle costs, or other non-housing-related expenses.

How to Apply:

- Complete the application online at car.org/difference/realtorscare
- Submit required documentation to verify wildfire-related displacement or damage.
- Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are allocated.
- **Deadline to apply: April 30, 2025**
- For application inquiries, email: communitygrant@car.org



If you or someone you know has been impacted, don't wait—apply today at car.org/difference/realtorscare.



HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT DEBRIS ?

US Army Corps of Engineers®

Connect with us!

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

Debris Call Center Hours of operation

- Monday-Friday
6:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday
6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday
6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



877-214-9117

SIERRA MADRE CIVIC CLUB EDUCATIONAL AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Each year the Sierra Madre Civic Club provides Educational Awards to graduating seniors who plan to attend college or trade school and either reside in, or attend school in, or work in Sierra Madre. Recipients are selected based on accomplishments, community service, interests and plans.

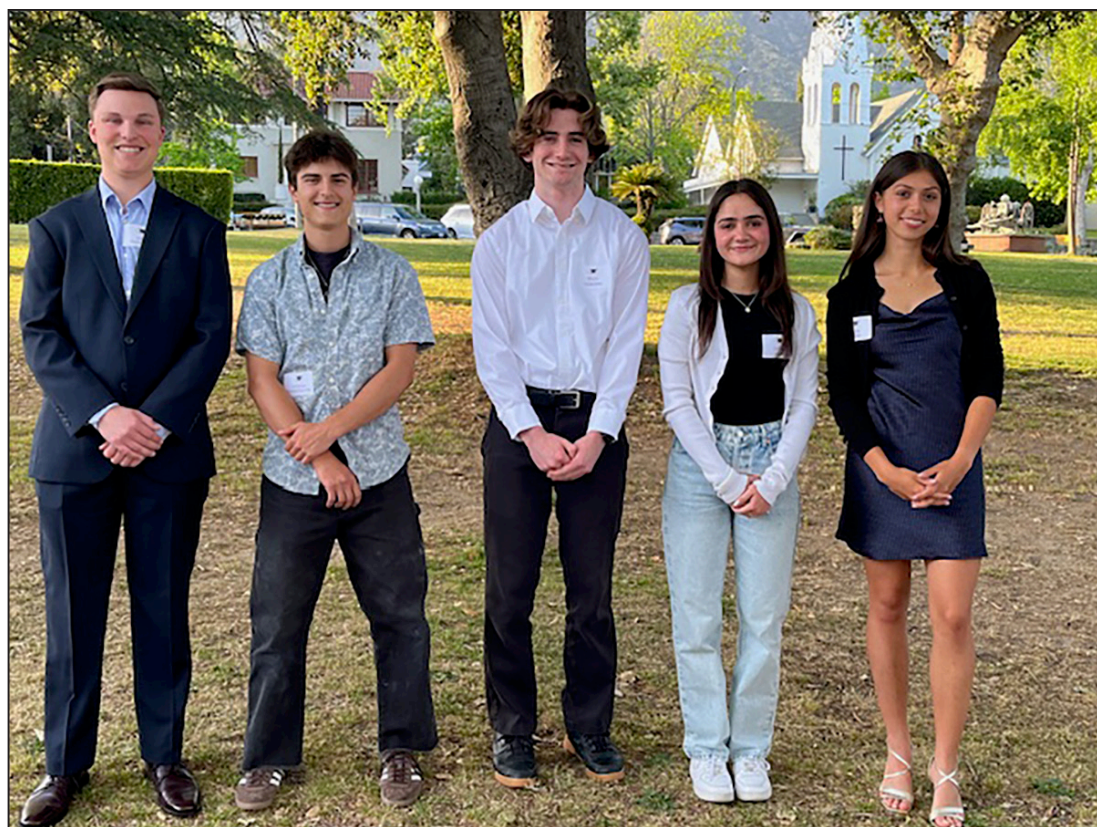
Informational flyers have been posted in businesses all over town. Applications are also available at: City Hall, Sierra Madre Library, Club's Facebook page (Sierra Madre Civic Club), High School counselors, Civic Club members or the Sierra Madre City Club website at: (www.sierramadrecivicclub.org)

The Sierra Madre Civic Club is a volunteer nonprofit group that serves the community in a variety of ways, including raising funds to benefit local philanthropies and providing Educational Awards.

The application deadline is April 11, 2025. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors about this great opportunity!

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

- Alverno Heights Academy**
200 N. Michillinda Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3463
Head of School: Joanne Harabedian
E-mail address: jharabedian@alvernoheights.org
- Arcadia Christian School**
1900 S. Santa Anita Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006
Preschool - TK - 8th Grade
626-574-8229/626-574-0805
Email: inquiry@acsliions.com
Principal: Cindy Harmon
website: www.acsliions.com
- Arcadia High School**
180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: Brent Forsee
bforsee@ausd.net
- Arroyo Pacific Academy**
41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School**
Ms. Rose Navarro, Principal
2660 East Orange Grove Blvd.
Pasadena, Ca 91107
626-793-2089
<https://school.abvmpasadena.org/>
- Barnhart School**
240 W. Colorado Blvd Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 446-5588
Head of School: Tonya Beilstein
Kindergarten - 8th grade
website: www.barnhartschool.org
- Bethany Christian School**
93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-3527
Preschool-TK-8th Grade
Principal: Jonathon Hawes
website: www.bcsliions.org
- Clairbourn School**
8400 Huntington Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91775
Phone: 626-286-3108 ext. 172
FAX: 626-286-1528
E-mail: jhawes@clairbourn.org
- Foothill Oaks Academy**
822 E. Bradbourne Ave., Duarte, CA 91010
(626) 301-9809
Principal: Nancy Lopez
www.foothilloaksacademy.org
office@foothilloaksacademy.org
- Frostig School**
971 N. Altadena Drive Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 791-1255
Head of School: Jenny Janetzke
Email: jenny@frostig.org
- The Gooden School**
192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-2410
Head of School, Jo-Anne Woolner
website: www.goodenschool.org
- High Point Academy**
1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road
Pasadena, Ca. 91107
Head of School: Gary Stern 626-798-8989
website: www.highpointacademy.org
- La Salle College Preparatory**
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 351-8951 website: www.lasallehs.org
Principal Ernest Siy
- Monrovia High School**
325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us
- Odyssey Charter School**
725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org
- Pasadena High School**
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.
(626) 396-5880 Principal: Dr. Eric Barba
website: <http://phs.pusd.us>
- St. Rita Catholic School**
322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
Principal: Jon McMaster (626) 355-6114
mcmaster@st-ritaschool.org
Website: www.st-ritaschool.org
- Sierra Madre Elementary School**
141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 355-1428
Principal: Dr. Jodi Marchesso
E-mail address: marchesso.jodi@pusd.us
- Sierra Madre Middle School**
160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Garrett Newsom
E-mail address: newsom.garrett@pusd.us
- Walden School**
74 S San Gabriel Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 792-6166
www.waldenschool.net
- Weizmann Day School**
1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 797-0204
Lisa Feldman: Head of School
- Wilson Middle School**
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln
E-mail address: resseln@pusd.us
- Pasadena Unified School District**
351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109
(626) 396-3600 Website: www.pusd@pusd.us
- Arcadia Unified School District**
234 Campus Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91007
(626) 821-8300 Website: www.ausd.net
- Monrovia Unified School District**
325 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, Ca. 91016
(626) 471-2000
Website: www.monroviaschools.net
- Duarte Unified School District**
1620 Huntington Dr., Duarte, Ca. 91010
(626)599-5000
Website: www.duarte.k12.ca.us



2024 Awardees left to right: Avery Kachmarsky (LaSalle College Preparatory High School), Nathaniel Karafilis- Spensley (Polytechnic High School), Shane Vandeveld (Pasadena High School), Daniella Agojian (Armenian Mesrobian School), Giulia Bhatia (LaSalle College Preparatory High School)

EXTERIOR MASTERS

- All types of stucco
- Plastering and Paint
- Pool Plaster
- Concrete driveways
- Water Proof balcony
- Demolition and Hauling
- Tree Trimming
- Plumbing
- Electrician
- Roof Protection
- Leak repairs

FREE ESTIMATES

(626)-235-8780

exteriormastersolution.com

20 Years Experience

Catch breaking news at: mtnviewsnews.com

We don't have to be Irish to join... ...in fun and festivities with friends.

Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2025 V9

Kids: color stuff in!

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

You won't see me, but I'll be part of all the fun and festivities for St. Patrick's Day. I love the Irish dancers and music of the harpists, bagpipers, fiddlers and drummers. I follow the floats and bands in the parades. I even pop into a few homes to taste the family's special treats and meals like corned beef and cabbage. You can look for me if you want...I'm the knee-high guy wearing green and holding a 4-leaf shamrock. **Meanwhile, fill in my puzzle about Ireland and celebrating St. Patrick's Day.**

True or False?

1. was brought to Ireland as a slave; he escaped and went back years later to teach about Christianity

2. has many Irish boys named after him

3. is a symbol of the Irish "spirit"

1. T F 2. T F 3. T F

12 is a beautiful "Emerald" **9** in the Atlantic Ocean. It is west of England, separated by the Irish Sea.

The capital and largest city in Ireland is called **15**.

In the mid-1800s, an important crop suffered terrible blight, causing what is now called the "Great **3** Famine."

To escape **6**, about one and a half **13** people left Ireland, sailing in **11** to get to America.

Most arrived in large cities and took jobs in **7**.

Today in America, the Irish people share their joy of **1** and **2**, like the Irish jig, with everyone else on St. Patrick's Day.

People like to wear something that is **4**.

You might hear a story about how lucky it is to find a four-leaf **5** or to catch a **14**.

Some cities dye a river or the water in a fountain green and people line the streets to watch **10**.

Everyone can enjoy an Irish-American dinner of corned beef and **8**.

St. Patrick ...

1 cabbage
2 million
3 leprechaun
4 factories
5 Ireland
6 ships
7 Potato
8 shamrock
9 island
10 green
11 music
12 Dublin
13 parades
14 dances
15 starvation

PUZZLES FOR YOU

MARCH MADNESS

ACROSS

1. Giant Himalayan
5. *M in MAC
8. Bath tub libation
11. Joie de vivre
12. Do like fly fisherman
13. East side of Jersey
15. Tucked in
16. Diva's solo
17. Length of a forearm
18. * ___ Sunday
20. Osiris' wife
21. Freshwater fish
22. Stir fry pan
23. Victorian era overcoat
26. Smallest
30. *Like attending band at the NCAA Tournament
31. Kaa of "The Jungle Book"
34. Great Lake
35. Prep mushrooms for steak, e.g.
37. Cooking fat
38. Bible song
39. Second to last word in some fairytales
40. False
42. Dip oreo into milk, e.g.
43. Tiresome
45. Hoariest
47. NBC's sketch comedy show
48. Misrepresent
50. South American monkey
52. *2025 NCAA Championship game venue
56. Renaissance fiddle
57. "To ___ and to hold"
58. ___-friendly
59. Founding Father Thomas ___
60. Damien's prediction
61. Reunion group
62. Bancroft to Hoffman in "The Graduate"
63. Agreement word
64. Ages and ages

DOWN

1. Nay opposers
2. River in Bohemia
3. 1.3 ounces, in Asia
4. Owes money (2 words)
5. Angelina Jolie's 2024 singing role
6. "Kick the bucket," e.g.
7. * ___ Smith, coach of 2 champs and 11 Final Four teams
8. Mongolian desert
9. Fleur-de-lis
10. *Cut down at end of last game
12. Like rheumy eyes
13. Descendant
14. *2024 winners
19. Thin pancake
22. * ___ and move on
23. *Cinderella's victory
24. Furlough
25. Spew, past tense
26. Cough syrup balsam
27. Use other end of pencil?
28. Farm structures
29. Dangle a carrot
32. * ___-up or evenly matched game
33. Step on it
36. *2024 Most Outstanding Player Newton
38. Paralyzing disease, for short
40. Afghan monetary unit
41. Neolithic tomb
44. "Riunite ____, that's nice"
46. Figure out
48. Scapegoat's due
49. Roof overhang
50. Salty drop
51. Avian wader
52. Sailor call
53. Capital of Norway
54. Statistics calculation
55. Sea eagles
56. Dashboard acronym

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4			5	6	7			8	9	10	
11						12					13	14		
15						16					17			
18					19						20			
				21						22				
23	24	25						26				27	28	29
30					31		32	33				34		
35				36			37				38			
39					40				41			42		
43					44				45		46			
					47			48	49					
		50	51					52				53	54	55
56								57				58		
59								60				61		
62								63				64		



SWITCH & GET \$25

Off First Month of New Service!
USE PROMO CODE: **GZ590**



Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

© StatePoint Media

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF

SPECIAL OFFER

SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB 1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

	1		4					
7		3		9		4		
	4				6	9		
				1	2			7
		5				8		
6			9	5				
		7	5				2	
		2		3		6		8
						8		5

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Feb. 22, 2025 Solutions

6	1	2	8	9	3	4	7	5
5	4	8	7	2	1	9	3	6
9	3	7	6	4	5	1	8	2
3	9	4	1	6	2	7	5	8
8	5	6	3	7	9	2	4	1
2	7	1	4	5	8	3	6	9
4	8	3	2	1	6	5	9	7
1	6	9	5	3	7	8	2	4
7	2	5	9	8	4	6	1	3

F	R	A	U		D	A	B		M	A	S	S						
L	U	S	T		N	A	G	A	A	O	R	T	A					
O	H	I	O		O	V	E	R	L	O	Y	A	L					
G	R	A	P	E	V	I	N	E	G	N	A	T						
					I	D	E	S		C	A	W						
S	T	R	A	I	N				W	R	E	A	T	H	E			
T	H	O			C	A	R	B	O	Y		L	E	O	N			
R	E	A	C	T		O	R	R		O	K	R	A	S				
U	S	S	R			B	E	A	M	E	D		C	R	U			
M	E	T	I	E	R	S				R	E	D	E	Y	E			
					P	R	O		S	A	M	O	A					
					D	A	W	N		S	P	R	I	N	K	L	E	R
M	A	M	A	S					A	E	O	N		O	A	K	Y	
A	T	I	L	T					V	A	S	E		I	D	E	A	
N	A	R	K						E	R	E			T	E	D	S	

Catch breaking news at: mtnviewsnews.com



YAKIYA: ANDREW CHERNG STRIKES AGAIN WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE JAPANESE BBQ EXPERIENCE

Stepping into Yakiya, you can sense that something special awaits. Opened in November 2024, this Japanese BBQ spot isn't just another addition to Pasadena's dining scene—it's a game-changer. Andrew Cherng, the mastermind behind Panda Inn and Panda Express, has once again delivered a dining experience that blends precision, quality, and hospitality into a seamless, upscale affair.

At \$128 per person, Yakiya offers a curated tasting menu that's far from traditional but undeniably impressive. The concept itself isn't new—Taiwan has perfected this style of refined yakiniku dining—but for many in Pasadena, it's a revelation. And for this restaurant writer? It was a mesmerizing journey through some of the finest flavors I've encountered in a long time.

A Menu That Commands Attention
Let's start with the star of the show: the beef. Yakiya sources A5 Wagyu, including selections from the highly regarded Snake River Farms. Each cut is rich, marbled to perfection, and melts in your mouth in a way that makes you wonder why you've ever settled for anything less. The chefs—trained in Taiwan—know exactly how to handle this level of quality, ensuring every bite is a perfect balance of texture and umami.

But the real magic here is in the details. The Bluefin Tartarelette? An absolute showstopper. Imagine the elegance of a spoonful of caviar but amplified by the deep, oceanic richness of premium tuna. It's a bite-sized indulgence that lingers long after you've finished it. Then there's the bone marrow with rice, which turns a simple staple into an extraordinary experience—unctuous, savory, and deeply satisfying.

Yakiya's approach to Japanese BBQ isn't just about high-quality ingredients; it's about orchestrating a meal where each course builds upon the last. It's an adventure in texture, temperature, and taste, where precision grilling meets bold, unexpected pairings.

An Experience Worth Savoring
Despite its upscale theme, Yakiya manages to feel intimate and welcoming, thanks in no small part to General Manager Christian. His warmth and expertise made the evening feel less like a formal dining experience and more like being invited into a close friend's home—if that friend just happened to have world-class Wagyu and an impeccable whiskey selection. Speaking of whiskey, Yakiya boasts an impressive lineup of Japanese whiskeys, rivaling even dedicated whiskey bars. Whether you're a connoisseur or just starting to explore, this is the place to sip and savor. Be sure to check their calendar for upcoming whiskey events—trust me, you won't want to miss them.

If you go (and you absolutely should), ask for a middle seat to get a full 360-degree view of the action—watching the precision and care that goes into every dish is part of the thrill. And here's a bonus: free parking. In Pasadena, that's practically a luxury in itself.

Final Thoughts
Yakiya isn't just a meal; it's an event. The flavors are bold, the service is polished yet personal, and the overall experience is nothing short of top-notch. Whether it's a date night, a celebration, or simply a treat-yourself kind of evening, this is one of those places you'll be talking about long after your final bite.

Cherng has done it again. And after just one visit, you'll be hooked.
Peter A. Dills
<https://podlink/1116885432>

THE TASTING ROOM CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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

The month of March is Women's History Month, it's a month to honor women's contributions in American history. I have a perfect wine that helps honor women who have made great contributions to their communities.



The 2019 Cantadora "The Healer" Mourvedre is 80% Mourvedre and 20% Syrah. The grapes are sourced from the organically farmed Shake Ridge Ranch in Amador County. It spent 21 months in neutral French oak. This is a juicy wine with earthy notes, spice, and red fruits. Very seamless tannins are present on the bright finish. This is an elegant and refined wine.

Cantadora Wines was founded in 2021 by Kira Ballotta to spotlight the stories of extraordinary women giving back in novel and profound ways to our shared community. Each wine donates 10% of the sales to the organizations the women have founded.

The woman on the label of "The Healer" is Cynthia Tom. Cynthia is 3rd generation Chinese American. She founded A Place of Her Own (PLACE). The mission of the organization is to ignite and sustain confidence, feminine leadership, and compassion among women. According to their website, PLACE provides trauma-informed art-based tools, establishes a culturally sensitive community, and offers public platforms for exploration and healing of wounds from generational trauma.

Not only is "The Healer" a superb wine, but it's also a wine that helps PLACE advance the causes of women in need, and to nurture the well-being of women. What a wonderful organization to support, especially during these troubled and disturbing times.

The 2019 Cantadora "The Healer" Mourvedre is available at The Bottle Shop for \$39.99. Say you saw it in the Mountain Views News and get the MVN special price of \$37.99. Special price is good through March 7th.

Please keep in mind all those who have suffered and are trying to rebuild from the Eaton Fire. Visit DenaMadreStrong.com to learn how you can continue to help those impacted by the Eaton Fire.

Until next time – Salud!

Scan the QRCode to sign up for our newsletter.

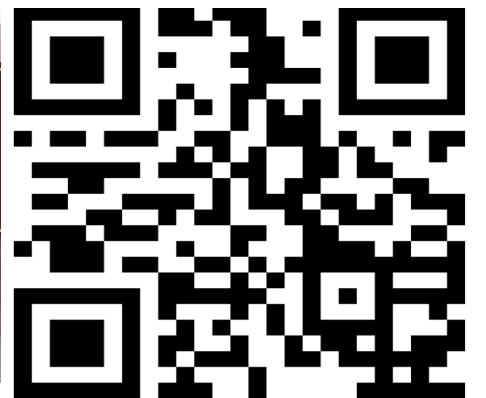
CASA DEL REY – SIERRA MADRE

31 N BALDWIN AVE
SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024
(626)355-6060
WWW.CASADELREYRESTAURANT.COM

50 YEARS - EST 1972

Casa del Rey
Mexican Restaurant & Cantina
Sierra Madre, CA

The Bottle Shop
Wine & Spirits
Sierra Madre - California - since 1963



CREATIVE ARTS GROUP

FACULTY SHOW

An exhibition of original artwork created by our talented instructors.

On view through March 1




ART IN BLOOM

An exhibition pairing the community's finest floral designers with work from talented local artists.


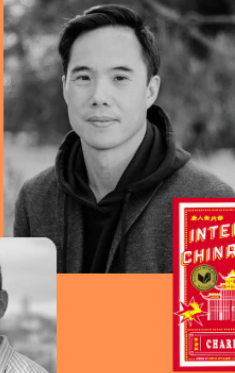
March 7-9
Opening Reception
March 7, 7-9pm

108 N. BALDWIN AVE
SIERRA MADRE 91024
CREATIVEARTSGROUP.ORG

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ALTADENA LIBRARY FOUNDATION

OPENBOOK

Ed Zwick
IN CONVERSATION WITH
Charles Yu
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:30 PM

MODERATED BY ALEX CONVERY

Tickets: www.tinyurl.com/FebOpenBook

ALL THINGS

By Jeff Brown

RAISING HARE: A MEMOIR

By Chloe Dalton

A moving and fascinating meditation on freedom, trust, loss, and our relationship with the natural world, explored through the story of one woman's unlikely friendship with a wild hare.

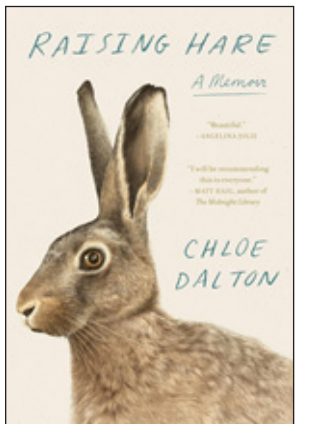
Imagine you could hold a baby hare and bottle-feed it. Imagine that it lived under your roof and lolloped around your bedroom at night, drumming on the duvet cover when it wanted your attention. Imagine that, over two years later, it still ran in from the fields when you called it and slept in your house for hours on end and gave birth to leverets in your study. For political advisor and speechwriter Chloe Dalton, who spent lockdown deep in the English countryside, far away from her usual busy London life, this became her unexpected reality.

In February 2021, Dalton stumbles upon a newborn hare—a leveret—that had been chased by a dog. Fearing for its life, she brings it home, only to discover how impossible it is to rear a wild hare, most of whom perish in captivity from either shock or starvation. Through trial and error, she learns to feed and care for the leveret with every intention of returning it to the wilderness. Instead, it becomes her constant companion, wandering the fields and woods at night and returning to Dalton's house by day. Though Dalton feared that the hare would be preyed upon by foxes, stoats, feral cats, raptors, and even people, she never tried to restrict it to the house. Each time the hare leaves, Chloe knows she may never see it again. Yet she also understands that to confine it would be its own kind of death.

Raising Hare chronicles their journey together, while also taking a deep dive into the lives and nature of hares, and the way they have been viewed historically in art, literature, and folklore. We witness first-hand the joy at this extraordinary relationship between human and animal, which serves as a reminder that the best things, and most beautiful experiences, arise when we least expect them.

"A beautiful book that makes you think profoundly about how we so often tune out the natural world around us. Chloe Dalton is a tender, curious, wise, mind-expanding guide, connecting readers with the wild we humans once knew so well. I will be recommending this to everyone."
—Matt Haig, author of The Midnight Library

Book can be ordered at Sierra Madre's new bookstore "Fables & Fancies" 626-665-8856





You Deserve an Agent Who Will Do More Than Just Sell Your Home

Learn why sellers say that working with me was the difference between success and stress!



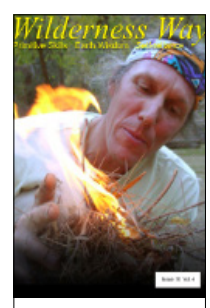
SUE COOK
COMPASS

626.253.1323
suecookrealtor@gmail.com

DRE#02015404

If you're thinking of making a move next year give me a call!

CHRISTOPHER Nyerges



[Nyerges is the author of several books including "Self-Sufficient Home" and "How to Survive Anywhere." He also leads wilderness classes every weekend. He can be reached at School of Self-Reliance, Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com]

PROFILES FROM THE FIRE: DANIEL MacPHERSON

"Fair Oaks Avenue was like a tunnel of fire!"

Daniel McPherson has been a life-long Altadena resident. He attended St. Elizabeth Catholic school, and graduated from St. Francis High School in next-door La Canada. He's a machinist, an auto mechanic as a hobby, a local historian, and a retired engineer. In the 1993 Kinleno Fire, while living in his family home on Pinecrest, he saved the home with garden hoses. In 1999, he purchased a home on Las Flores, just east of Fair Oaks, where he was enjoying his life and retirement. That is, until Tuesday, January 7.

MacPherson saw the fire to the east in the mountains on January 7. "I had no idea that the fire would make it off the mountain and into Altadena," says MacPherson. "I've seen fires take the houses in the past on the interface between the city and the mountains, but it's never burned down to where I am. This fire absolutely blind-sided me." On Tuesday evening, MacPherson had just said goodbye to some visitors and the wind just starting to pick up around sunset. "To the east, I could see the glow of fire in Eaton Canyon. I could see the fire burning but I didn't worry about it too much, explained MacPherson. "It's not unusual for us to get strong winds up here. We've had 100 mph winds before that knocked down large conifers and eucalyptus trees. In 2009, some houses got crushed by trees on my block!" he said. "So the winds always concern me. My gut tightens, and you get this worried feeling, because of the possibility of big trees coming down. I'm very well aware of the fire danger," he continued, "but my biggest concern was an oak tree falling on my car. I actually moved one of my old Chevys to the street that night so a tree couldn't fall on it. Moving it to the street saved it from the fire!"



MacPherson standing on what was his front door with Las Flores sign.

Photo by Christopher Nyerges

Once the sun set, the power in Altadena was turned off, and so "I had no light and no information from the outside world. It was just me and the raging wind," says MacPherson. Past midnight, MacPherson and a neighbor were looking at a fire over in Rubio Canyon and around Echo Mountain. "We were standing in the backyard with hoses, watching the distant fire burning. We didn't see a lot of embers then - didn't see embers til about 5 a.m.," he explains.

MacPherson explained that he felt it would be easy to go to bed, since the assumption was that the fire would be somewhere else when he woke up. "Most people on my block did not see an impending danger, since the wind was blowing smoke away from us and the air was clear. Otherwise, the night was pitch black with the wind howling."

MacPherson points out that at no point did he get any warning or evacuation notice. Keep in mind, all the power was out, and McPherson uses a flip-phone.

"At about 5:10 a.m., it was clear that the fire would get to me, which it did in about 5 more minutes. The neighbor said the house down the street was on fire, which was my first hint that things weren't going to go well. We still ran around with hose and put out embers and little fires, and we put out a burning fence."

MacPherson describes that at about 5:15 a.m., thick black smoke suddenly came down his driveway at 100 mph with big embers. "Within a very short period of time, the houses on both sides of my house were on fire." His shed out back was burning, and the neighbor's privacy bushes out back were burning. He found that his hose was not as good as he expected, since it kinked a lot.

He saw his neighbors' stucco homes burning, with flames getting into the eaves. He points out that two houses on his block survived, because "they had concrete covered eaves," explains MacPherson. "It all happened rapidly -- in 5 minutes I saw my neighbors' homes all going up in flames. I tried to open my front door (to get things) and the inside of my house was maybe 2000 degrees. I could not get back into my house," he said.

He got into his truck at 5:20 a.m. He could see the eaves of his house starting to burn. He had no chance to grab anything, except his wallet and phone. He could not get his glasses, his medications, spare clothes, or anything.

"The smoke was so thick I could not see my hand," he said, "and my vision was starting to cloud. I lost my glasses and my mask from the wind."

To top it off, when he drove down his driveway to exit his property, he couldn't see anything and his truck drove over a low cinderblock wall, which trapped the truck. MacPherson describes how he panicked, but kept trying to go in reverse, and tried turning the wheel, and it finally just seemed to pop over the wall, allowing him to escape. "That saved my life," says MacPherson, who saw everything on fire through blurry eyes as he drove away.

He stopped seeing fire when he got south to Woodbury, and once he got to Lake Avenue, he looked to the north and saw a shocking sight of 100 foot high flames up here and there in Altadena. "I didn't realize the enormity of the situation until then. "There was no one to talk to and no one to tell me anything," he added. "Just me and howling winds and these flames."

MacPherson said that one of his neighbors, an elderly woman named Kim, stayed home, figuring the fire department would put out the fire. She was found dead eventually, in her bathtub where she probably figured she'd be safe. "I lost maybe 6 of my neighbors to the fire," explains MacPherson. It got so hot that it melted glass."

MacPherson drove to the motels in Pasadena which were all full. He finally found a little place to the east called the El Rancho, and he was there for almost a month. His vision was completely blurred, and he couldn't breathe around 6 a.m.

Urged by family members, he drove himself to the emergency room at Huntington Hospital and both his eyes and lungs were treated. "They washed out about a half-teaspoon of black particles from my eyes. My lungs are still sore (as of 2.24.25)"

A friend took him to get toothbrush, soap, and other needed items. He got some new clothes at Big 5. MacPherson is currently staying at a house in Pasadena, paid for by his insurance company for a year. It took him a week to get back to his property. "It was unbelievable when I saw my place. Seemed like a dream, and it's still hard to believe this happened 2 months later. I wake up from sleep and I realize I am in a motel and my house is gone, burned. And I worry," he said. MacPherson hasn't decided whether or not he will rebuild "It seems unlikely" he said, "Inflation is astronomical, and it would cost a fortune." He wasn't sure his insurance money would be sufficient. He has applied for FEMA help, which had been delayed due to a data breach which affected him. So far, he's received no actual aid from FEMA.

He has a lot of suggestions for what should have been done, and what could be done better in the future. He encourages residents to get good hoses, and lobby their local water company to increase water pressure. He says that everyone with a swimming pool needs to get a water pump to help with fires.

MacPherson believes that brush clearance and backburns should have been maintained, but had not been. He was aware that major resources were fighting the Palisades fire when Altadena started burning, but he feels that fire department personnel had abandoned sectors to take resources elsewhere. "All Altadena resources were somewhere else," said MacPherson, "but I don't know where. I called the Fire Department and begged them to come and they said we can't come, we're busy, but they didn't say where they were busy. They were basically telling me I was on my own" says MacPherson with a bit of bitterness. He also blames the increased density in parts of Altadena for the problem, since there are now streets where it would be nearly impossible for a fire truck to get through.

Katnip News!



Meet Frankie - Your Loyal, Love-Soaked Lap Cat!

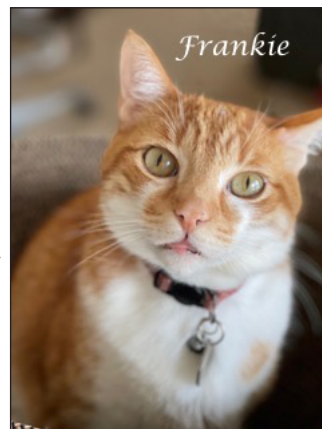
Frankie is a stunning orange tabby with a heart as big as his personality! This affectionate boy is the ultimate cuddler—once he claims your lap, he'll stay there for hours, happily snoozing until he hears the chirping of birds or the glorious sound of a can being opened.

Frankie is a one-and-only kind of guy. He craves undivided attention and will thrive in a calm, pet-free, and child-free home where he can be the center of your world. His favorite pastimes include playing with his feather wand and fluffy balls, keeping himself (and you!) entertained for hours.



Frankie has a condition called hyperesthesia, which is well-managed with just one medication. He was previously adopted into a loving but multi-cat household, where he became overstimulated and displayed aggression. However, now back with us and on his prescription, he has been nothing but his sweet, snuggly self.

If you're looking for a devoted companion who will shower you with love, Frankie is ready to be your perfect match. Could you be the person who sees how fabulous he is? See more of him and apply to adopt Frankie at <https://www.lifelinefords.org/frankie.html>.



Pet of the Week

Meryl is the kind of dog who steals hearts wherever she goes. At seven years old, this gentle pit bull mix has mastered the perfect balance of sweet affection and easygoing charm. On a recent outing with Pasadena Humane's Wiggle Waggle Wagon, she greeted every passerby with a wagging tail and a hopeful gaze, soaking up all the attention she could get. Of course, she loved all pets and cuddles, too!



One of Meryl's favorite things in the world is making new friends—both human and canine. She quickly bonded with another dog during a recent outing, and the two became inseparable for the day, happily walking side by side and enjoying each other's company. Meryl might thrive in a home with another friendly, medium-sized dog who can be her buddy. She has a wonderful, adaptable energy—excited for walks and new adventures but just as content to stretch out on the grass and relax.

Meryl already knows some basic commands, like "sit" and takes treats gently, proving she's not just loving but well-mannered too. She's the kind of dog who will make a house feel like a home, bringing warmth, companionship, and a little bit of fun. If you're looking for a devoted and affectionate pup who will always be by your side, Meryl is ready to be your new best friend.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. Walk-in adoptions are available every day from 10:00 - 5:00. View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

GROOMING FOR DOGS AND CATS

SPA PACKAGES * MOBILE WASH

626-836-0701



187 West Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tuesday - Saturday
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Sierra Madre Self Storage
130 E. Montecito Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
(626) 355-1837



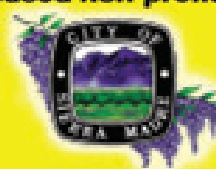
Pets in need

Some pet parents cannot afford the cost of vet care right now. You can help those pets! Visit us:

www.FreeAnimalDoctor.org



Sierra Madre based non-profit



FREE ASSISTED LIVING PLACEMENT SERVICE

Discover the perfect assisted living community with Safe Path for Seniors. Our compassionate advisors specialize in assisting individuals with unique needs. Benefit from our extensive network and affordable options. Plus, we offer personalized tours to help you explore each community firsthand. Call (626) 999-6913 or visit www.safepathforseniors.com for free assistance.



MANAGING ALLERGIES AND SPRINGTIME HEALTH: A GUIDE FOR SENIORS

As spring arrives, so do its many joys—blooming flowers, singing birds, and warmer temperatures. But for many seniors, this season also brings sneezing, congestion, and itchy eyes due to seasonal allergies. With aging immune systems, older adults may experience stronger reactions to allergens, making effective management essential for a comfortable and enjoyable spring.

Recognizing Allergy Triggers

The first step in managing allergies is identifying what causes symptoms. Pollen from trees, grasses, and flowers is a major culprit. Mold spores and dust mites can also aggravate symptoms. If you're unsure about your specific triggers, an allergy test can help pinpoint them, allowing for a more targeted approach to prevention and treatment.

Reducing Exposure to Allergens

Seniors can take several steps to minimize exposure:

- Stay indoors on days with high pollen counts, especially in the morning and on windy days.
- Keep windows and doors closed to prevent pollen from entering the home.
- Use air purifiers with HEPA filters to reduce indoor allergens.
- Shower and change clothes after spending time outdoors to remove lingering pollen.
- Wear sunglasses and hats when outside to keep allergens away from the eyes and face.

Medications and Treatment Options

For many seniors, over-the-counter antihistamines, decongestants, and nasal sprays provide relief. However, some medications may interact with existing prescriptions, so it's best to consult a doctor before starting any new treatment. If symptoms persist, a doctor may recommend stronger treatments, including allergy shots (immunotherapy), which can provide long-term relief.

Strengthening the Immune System

A strong immune system can help lessen allergy symptoms. Seniors should focus on maintaining a healthy diet rich in vitamin C, antioxidants, and omega-3 fatty acids. Staying hydrated, engaging in light exercise, and managing stress through relaxation techniques can also improve overall health and make allergy season more manageable.

Conclusion

Spring allergies don't have to put a damper on the season. By taking preventive steps, consulting with healthcare providers, and prioritizing overall wellness, seniors can breathe easier and fully enjoy the beauty of spring. A little planning goes a long way in ensuring a happy and healthy season ahead.

WHEN TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR MEMORY



Dear Savvy Senior,

At age 70, I've become more and more forgetful lately and am concerned it may be an early sign of dementia. Are there any memory screening tools or services that you can recommend to help me gauge my problem, without going to a neurologist? Forgetful Frank

Dear Frank,

Many older adults, like yourself, worry about memory lapses as they get older fearing it may be the first signs of Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia. To get some insight on the seriousness of your problem, here are some tips and resources you can turn to.

Warning Signs

As we grow older, some memory difficulties – such as forgetting names or misplacing items from time to time – are associated with normal aging. But the symptoms of dementia are much more than simple memory lapses.

While symptoms can vary greatly, people with dementia may have problems with short-term memory, keeping track of a purse or wallet, paying bills, planning and preparing meals, remembering appointments or traveling out of the neighborhood.

To help you recognize the difference between typical age-related memory loss and a more serious problem, the Alzheimer's Association provides a list of 10 warning signs that you can assess at 10signs.org.

They also provide information including the signs and symptoms on other conditions that can cause dementia like vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy and others – see ALZ.org/dementia.

Memory Screening

A great resource and first step to help you get a handle on your memory problem is the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, which offers a National Memory Screening Program. This is a free, confidential, face-to-face memory screening done virtually in real-time that takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete and consists of questions and/or tasks to evaluate your memory status. Once the screening is complete, the screener will review the results with you.

Available to everyone, these memory screenings are done daily Monday through Friday, and are given by doctors, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers or other healthcare professionals across the country.

A smart phone, computer, tablet or any other device with a webcam and Internet capability is all that's needed. Appointments can be requested online at ALZFDN.org/memory-screening or by calling 866-232-8484.

It's also important to know that this screening is not a diagnosis of any particular condition but can indicate whether you should see your doctor for more extensive assessment.

See Your Doctor

If you find that you need further evaluation, make an appointment with your primary care doctor for a cognitive checkup and medical examination. Depending on what's found, you may be referred to a geriatrician or neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

Keep in mind that even if you are experiencing some memory problems, it doesn't necessarily mean you have dementia. Many memory problems are brought on by other factors like stress, depression, thyroid disease, side effects of medications, sleep disorders, vitamin deficiencies and other medical conditions. And by treating these conditions he can reduce or eliminate the problem.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...MARCH BIRTHDAYS*



Cathy Flammer, Clare Marquardt, Karen Blachly, Carla Duplex, Ella Guttman, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Sun Liu, Helen Wallis, Nancy Fox, Martha Cassara, Rita Johnson, Sharon Murphy, Heather Sheets, Mercedes Campos, Dorothy Webster, Terri Elder, Carol Cerrina, Amy Putnam, **Michael Murphy and Sally Contreras turn 100 this month!**

* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

Chair Yoga

10am - 10:45 am
Monday's and Wednesday's
at the
Hart Park Senior Center

Monthly BLOOD Pressure SCREENING

IS NOW TAKING PLACE AT THE
HART PARK SENIOR CENTER
THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH
AT 12:30PM



OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
HOW COFFEE HAS CHANGED MY LIFE

Recently, I was sitting drinking a nice hot cup of coffee. It's the first thing I do, and I can't get an-anything done until I do. I was thinking about this coffee as I was drinking it and remembered there was a time when I did not like coffee at all.

When I was young, my parents made coffee in the morning, and it was the worst coffee you could ever drink. I tried it and could not get beyond the first sip. I tried it with cream and sugar, black, cream, and sugar, but none of those ingredients enabled me to drink any of that coffee.

I couldn't understand why my parents drank that coffee in the morning. It didn't make sense to me, but then a lot of things my parents did, made no sense at the time.

My father had to have a cup of coffee just before he left for work. He also took a thermos of coffee to work. It never made sense to me.

It wasn't until many years later that I realized why that coffee was so terrible. After graduating high school, I went to a Bible college where I met the future Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. My life changed in so many ways that it would take a series of books to explain them all.

The one thing that really changed my life had to do with coffee. Up until this point in my life, I never drank coffee. When I went out with friends to a restaurant, I was the only one who did not order coffee. I didn't notice until we were married that The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was highly addicted to coffee. I don't know how I missed that before we married, but I did.

After we were married, one of the first things she bought was a coffee maker. That was the first time I really saw a genuine coffee maker. Every morning, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would make coffee. The smell of that coffee filled the little apartment we lived in then. It was an aroma I had never smelled before, and I just couldn't quite place it.

On our first morning in our apartment, she said, "How do you like your coffee?" I looked at her, smiled and replied, "I like my coffee in the coffee pot." She didn't understand what I was saying, but she let it go.

Several weeks later, I began to think through this coffee business. What puzzled me was why her coffee smelled so much better than I remember my parent's coffee. I didn't address it because it wasn't necessary. But as the days and weeks went by, I soon became addicted to the aroma of that fresh coffee in the morning. I tried to figure out what the difference was between her coffee and my parent's coffee. One morning, as she made her coffee, she said, "Why don't you try some of my coffee this morning? I think you just might like it."

It took me several weeks to accept her invitation, but I finally agreed to have a cup of coffee.

"Do you want cream and sugar in your coffee?" I agreed, so she fixed my coffee and brought it to me. I smelled the coffee, which smelled so wonderful that I couldn't believe it was coffee. After looking at the coffee for a while, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Are you going to taste it or not?"

Looking at her and smiling, I nodded and took my first sip of real coffee. It was the most wonderful sip I've ever had. I responded, "This is wonderful." "See," she replied, "I knew you would like it."

It didn't take long for me to drink that first cup of genuine coffee. My wife offered to get me another cup of coffee, and I did not stop her.

When she brought the coffee back, I looked at her and said, "Why is this coffee so much better than the coffee my parents made?"

"I'm not sure," she replied, "maybe your parents were making instant coffee. There's a great difference between instant coffee and real coffee."

I looked at her for a while and remembered those days when I lived at home. When my parents got up early in the morning, my mother would heat water on the stove, put instant coffee in both their cups, and then pour the hot water into each cup. I did not realize at the time that they were not drinking real coffee. I started giggling, and my wife said, "What are you giggling about?"

With a huge smile on my face, I looked at her, raised my coffee cup, and said, "This, my dear, is the real thing." From then on, I have enjoyed many cups of real coffee daily. It has wonderfully changed my life.

Thinking on this I was reminded of a scripture, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). Many misquote this verse. But to know God's word is to know the truth which will set you free from all hypocrisy. I want the real truth not some artificial truth.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail Jamessnyder51@gmail.com, website www.jamessnyderministries.com

CENTURY 21
Village Realty
Sales - Leasing - Management

626.355.1451
c21village.com
@c21village

38 W Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre
Serving the Community since 1980

MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS

PUBLISHER/ EDITOR
Susan Henderson

PASADENA CITY EDITOR

Dean Lee

SALES

Patricia Colonello
626-355-2737
626-818-2698

WEBMASTER

John Avery

DISTRIBUTION

Peter Lamendola

CONTRIBUTORS

- Lori A. Harris
- Michele Kidd
- Stuart Tolchin
- Harvey Hyde
- Audrey Swanson
- Meghan Malooley
- Mary Lou Caldwell
- Kevin McGuire
- Chris Leclerc
- Dinah Chong Watkins
- Howard Hays
- Paul Carpenter
- Kim Clymer-Kelley
- Christopher Nyerger
- Peter Dills
- Rich Johnson
- Lori Ann Harris
- Rev. James Snyder
- Katie Hopkins
- Deanne Davis
- Despina Arouzman
- Jeff Brown
- Marc Garlett
- Keely Toten
- Dan Golden
- Rebecca Wright
- Hail Hamilton
- Joan Schmidt
- LaQuetta Shamblee

Mountain Views News has been adjudicated as a newspaper of General Circulation for the County of Los Angeles in Court Case number GS004724; for the City of Sierra Madre; in Court Case GS005940 and for the City of Monrovia in Court Case No. GS006989 and is published every Saturday at 80 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., No. 327, Sierra Madre, California, 91024. All contents are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher. All rights reserved. All submissions to this newspaper become the property of the Mountain Views News and may be published in part or whole. Opinions and views expressed by the writers printed in this paper do not necessarily express the views and opinions of the publisher or staff of the Mountain Views News.

Mountain Views News is wholly owned by Grace Lorraine Publications, and reserves the right to refuse publication of advertisements and other materials submitted for publication.

Letters to the editor and correspondence should be sent to:

Mountain Views News
80 W. Sierra Madre Bl.
#327
Sierra Madre, Ca.
91024
Phone: 626-355-2737
Fax: 626-609-3285
email:
mtviewsnews@aol.com



A member of the California Newspaper Publishers Association

Mountain Views News Mission Statement

The traditions of community newspapers and the concerns of our readers are this newspaper's top priorities. We support a prosperous community of well-informed citizens. We hold in high regard the values of the exceptional quality of life in our community, including the magnificence of our natural resources. Integrity will be our guide.

STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



CONSEQUENCES OF READING

To combat feelings of isolation, I joined a book club at Arcadia Library. With meetings and deadlines approaching, I motivated myself to read two full books, only one of which was available in Large Print. Like many Americans I have of late been unable to read full books. This to me has been a great loss as the enjoyment of books has always been a major pleasure in my life. Motivated to read the two full books already had provided me with a feeling of accomplishment and I looked forward to discussing the books at the meetings of the book club. Sadly, my participation at the book club meeting was unwelcome. I wanted to discuss how the reading of the books was not only informative but also broadened my perspective and understanding about current events. The leader of the group responded to my comments by saying repeatedly "Let's get back to the book". Another member said something like "I only read for entertainment and distraction, and I give this book only three stars because it had so much dull history in it, and I could not keep track of the characters." I suggested perhaps taking notes and heard another member say "I don't want to study the book. I already had enough School."

Unfortunately, or fortunately, it is always my desire to increase my perspective and discuss how what I read applies to my overall understanding. I left the meeting disappointed and without noticing that I was leaving without checking out a book that I had had picked up at the meeting.

I was stopped by a Security Guard before I realized I was carrying two copies of the same book one of which I had picked up at the meeting. I went back to the checkout desk to return the books and was informed that I had damaged one book by writing in the margins. (I know, unforgivable, but old habits die hard.) I was told that I had to pay \$22.50 for damaging the book which I was now free to keep. I was humiliated and incensed but handed over my credit card and left the library downcast.

Now I did not want to talk to anybody and stopped at an unfamiliar restaurant which looked like it catered to people who did not want to talk to anybody. I should point out that I generally love talking to strangers but not this time. Surprisingly, with many other free counter seats available some old guy asked if it was okay for him to sit next to me. I nodded and soon found myself involved in conversation although at the time that was the last thing I wanted to do.

I shared my experience at the library and said that I was disgusted that people were unwilling to discuss anything of significance.

Unexpectedly the man asked if I had ever heard of William Shockley. Of course I had. Shockley was the Nobel Prize Winning inventor of the transistor and was scheduled to speak at my college graduation in 1965 but was disinvented because it was revealed that he was an advocate of eugenics programs and believed in policies inhibiting Black Women from giving birth because of their supposed intellectual racial inferiority. I knew at the time that racial and gender prohibitions existed at many public universities seemingly were just accepted. I recalled that during my three years at UCLA Law School there were no people of color or females in the in the student body.

The man and I had an interesting conversation although we had different political views. I had a copy of last week's Mountain Views which had my column, and I handed it to him, and he read it. Lastly, I guess the man was interested in talking to me because I was wearing a special tie-dyed shirt that a friend's wife had made for him, but he did not like that it attracted too much attention. As an unintended consequence of his wife's efforts, I have now, and in the past, have received attention related to the shirt.

Perhaps that is why I wore it to the meeting in the first place. Actually, it is my hope that by bringing the day to day events of my life to my readers there will be the intended consequence of people gaining a greater understanding of themselves and the world which is, coincidentally the reason that I always loved reading in the first place.

HOWARD HAYS As I See It



"there's something about raping companies and leaving them in debt and setting up Swiss bank accounts and corporate businesses in the Grand Caymans. I have a real serious problem with that." - Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC), 2012

That election of 2012, President Obama up against Republican Mitt Romney, seemed to turn on Romney's role at Bain Capital - one of those "vulture capitalist" private equity firms that acquire companies, often through leveraged debt, lay off workers and cash out whatever assets re-main. They walk away with their fees and golden parachutes, leaving a shell of what was and devastated communities behind.

The goal of management is not the success of the company, but to enrich the new managers along with their investors. As seen over the past several weeks, it's the approach now being taken in managing our federal government.

With Donald Trump, using the office of President of the United States to enrich himself began before the Inauguration with the launch of the \$TRUMP meme coin. It's been described as a "pump and dump"; insiders purchasing at the outset to jack up the price and then bailing, leaving others holding the bag.

The Trump family made some \$100 million in trading fees alone. Early insiders raked in some \$6.6 billion and then, in less than three weeks, over 813,000 smaller investors lost a cumulative \$2 billion on the coin. But it remains a useful conduit for those wanting to pump millions into Trump family coffers - with no worries of public disclosure.

The largest source of the president's wealth is Trump Media and Technology Group, with its Truth Social subsidiary the primary outlet for the president's missives. For those seeking White House favors, it's simply a matter of buying a big chunk of shares, raising their value and increasing the wealth held by the Trump family; a handy alternative for foreigners barred from making campaign contributions.

A former federal prosecutor was quoted in New Republic, "The entire force and power of the United States government is now part of the business support structure for the Trump family."

Under vulture capitalism, it's not only managers stuffing their own pockets but also investors seeking maximum return.

Elon Musk invested \$277 million to get Trump elected, and he intends to realize maximum return on that investment. His personal wealth has been pegged around \$400 billion, but much of that's on paper. Actual wealth depends on the value of his companies, and that value depends on how much business they do - with profitability depending on the regulations they have to deal with along the way.

Musk has pulled in \$21 billion in government contracts since 2008, with \$77 million just since Trump's inauguration. There's \$20 billion in new contracts promised, which could grow to \$90 billion with the right people in the right places making the right decisions (for Elon Musk).

SpaceX had been fined by the FAA for ignoring rules on rocket launches. But with DOGE rid-ding the agency of hundreds of those with accumulated knowledge and expertise, Musk is now positioned to argue that the safety of our skies should instead be entrusted to a private company - like SpaceX.

A \$400 million deal is in the works with the State Department for "armored electric vehicles" (presumably reconfigured Cybertrucks). As soon as news of that deal came out, though, the name "Tesla" was scratched from the paperwork.

It's not only securing contracts for Musk's businesses, but targeting those who regulate them - like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, researching the safety of self-driving cars (like Tesla) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau - dealing with hundreds of com-plaints from Tesla owners.

There's gutting the National Labor Relations Board, with 24 investigations currently underway involving Musk companies, and the SEC - dealing with shareholder suits and investigations into stock manipulation connected with Musk's purchase of Twitter. There were firings at the FDA of those overseeing clinical trials at Neuralink, Musk's company for brain implants.

They're going after those at the IRS working to nail wealthy tax cheats. Tesla is valued at over \$1 trillion, with billions in profits. In 2023 they paid 1.4% in federal taxes; in 2024 it was 0%. Importantly for both Trump and Musk, they're wanting to gut the Federal Elections Com-mission - so they won't have to worry about the consequences of some future "free and fair" election.

We have rules in place regarding transparency, disclosures and conflicts of interest. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt assures us, though, that should there be any conflict between Elon Musk and the "contracts and the funding that DOGE is overseeing", Elon Musk will let us know. When President Trump was asked about such conflicts, he promised he'd be "personally checking".

To paraphrase Rep. Clyburn, when it's clear there's something about raping our government, we should all have a real serious problem with that.

Closing with a quote from last week's acceptance of the Lifetime Achievement Award from SAG: "And by the way, 'woke' just means you give a damn about other people." Jane Fonda is 87. Our son described that as "pretty badass". I told him that, over fifty years ago when we were out in the streets over Vietnam, she was "pretty badass" then, too.

RICH JOHNSON A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS...OTIS



Alright, I'm coming out of the closet. My middle name is Otis. I've been known to hid it by identifying myself as Richard O'Johnson. It's not really a typo. Rather a diversion.

How many other people named Otis do you know? The most famous Otis is, of course, the elevator guy. No, Otis didn't invent the elevator. The first elevators, referred to as "ascending rooms" came along 30 years before Otis invented and installed his first elevator brakes. Otis brakes were not the first brakes, but they were the first brakes that WORKED! You see, the "ascending rooms" became "descending rooms" if the brakes failed. And going down was faster than going up. Before 1857, if you were on an elevator 10 stories up and the brakes went out, the fall wouldn't injure you. It's true. On the other hand (or leg) the sudden stop at the bottom would not be good for your long term health.

People were so wary of elevators, that when the word went out elevators were installed with Otis brakes and fatalities had dropped dramatically, people started using them... but only if they knew the brakes were made by "Otis". This is why, to this very day, you see a shiny metal strip with the name "Otis" on the ground in front of most elevators. Back to my middle name, truth be told I'm not even the second most famous "Otis". That honor belongs to the town drunk on the "Andy of Mayberry" show. Sadly, the physical resemblance is not all that different. By the way "hooch" is not my vice of choice. If you must know I'm a Hostess Twinkie addict.

Frankly, I'm not even my most favorite Otis. Two ahead of me are my grandfather, Otis Larson and Otis Redding the singer.

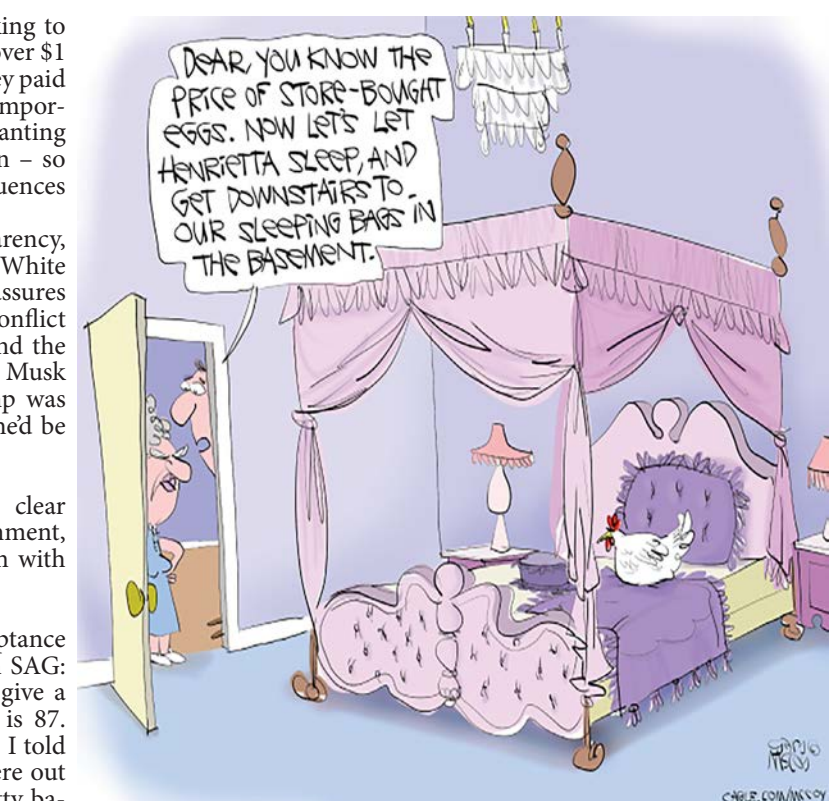
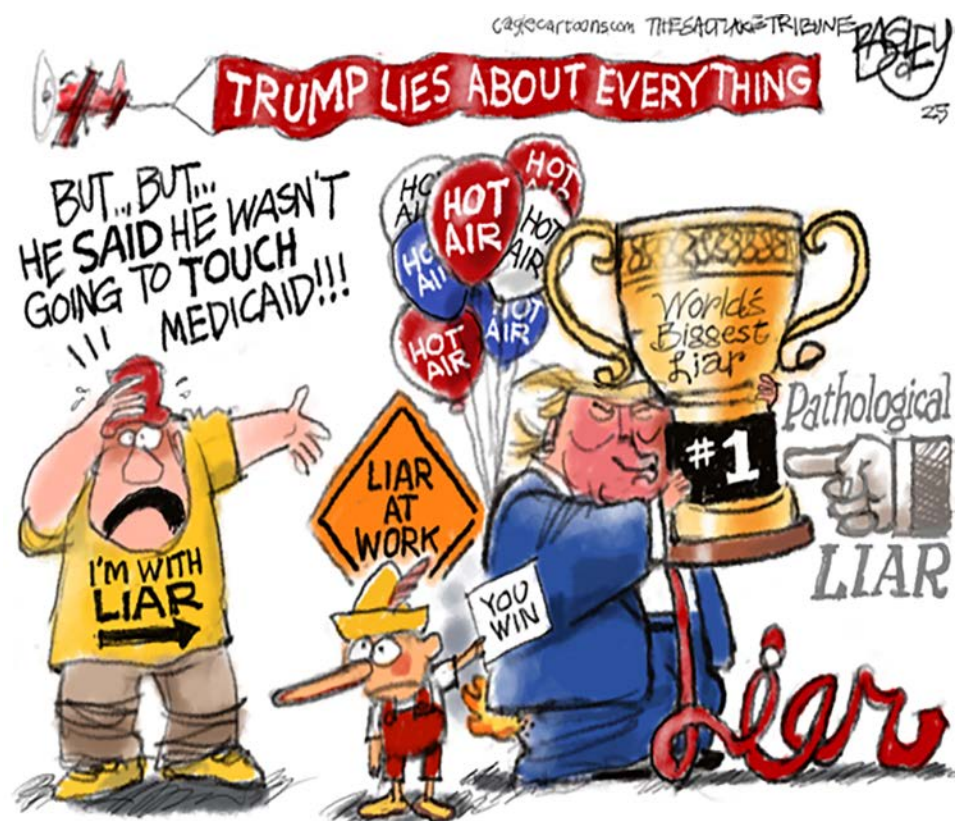
I've thought of legally changing my name. But Tom Cruise was already taken and Pee Wee Herman just didn't work on several levels. By the way, I'm not the first public person to consider a new "nom de plume". Not to be confused with "nom de guerre". A "nom de guerre" is a pseudonym (pretend name) chosen by someone headed out to fight in a war. I guess you don't want people to know your real name in the unfortunate event you accidentally shoot them. "So sorry!" might not cut it.

The more traditional term is a "nom de plume". Writers tend to adopt nom de plume's in case whatever you are writing enflames people around you. Or you become rich and famous and want your real name on your mailbox.

Sometimes you change your name for more practical reasons. Award winning actor Ben Kingsley's (he played Ghandi) real name is "Krishna Pandit Bhanji". It may be hard to believe but Freddie Mercury is not really Freddie Mercury. His parents knew him as "Farrokh Bulsara". One of my favorite actresses, Helen Mirren, was born "Ilyena Lydia Vasilieвна Miironov".

This may come as a big surprise to you but your favorite wrestler is not really named "Hulk Hogan", Real name? "Terry Gene Bollea". We can go back a couple centuries and yes, they were doing it back then too. "Samuel Langhorne Clemens" became famous as "Mark Twain".

Back to this century "Dana Owens" started calling herself "Queen Latifah". "Calvin Broadus, Jr." we know as "Snoop Dogg" (And you thought it was really his name! Sorry.) I was secretly hoping I was



LA SALLE TENNIS EMBRACES THE CHALLENGE: DEFENDING CHAMPIONS READY FOR THE SEASON

As the defending Del Rey League and CIF champions, the La Salle tennis team is no stranger to high expectations. But rather than letting the weight of last season's success hold them down, the team is choosing to embrace it with a different perspective. Their word for the season? Pressure.

"Pressure is not a weight to hold you down, but a foundation to lift you up," says head coach Javier Djeu. This mentality is shaping the way they approach their matches, practices, and preparation for the regular season.

The Lancers have played three preseason matches so far and have a record of 2-1, and the team is feeling confident going into the regular season. Despite losing some key players from last year's lineup, they have successfully filled those gaps with athletes who have been part of the program and have now stepped up into bigger roles.

"As a team, they have all improved in different ways," the coach noted. "But the biggest standout is Evan Loh, an 11th grader promoted to captain this season. He has been a great leader and a huge benefit to how our team operates." Loh's leadership and on-court presence have played a key role in keeping the team motivated and focused as they prepare for the challenges ahead.

Looking forward, the regular season presents new tests for the Lancers. While they carry the pride of being reigning champions, they also understand that every opponent will be eager to take them down. Staying focused and continuing to improve is at the heart of their strategy.

"We know there will be challenges, but this team is ready to embrace them," coach Djeu added. "We're not looking at pressure as something to fear—we're using it to push ourselves to be better every single day."

With strong leadership, a growth mindset, and a hunger for success, La Salle is poised for another exciting season. As they step onto the courts, they do so with confidence, knowing that the very pressure they face is what will drive them toward their ultimate goal—another championship run.

Match Scores:

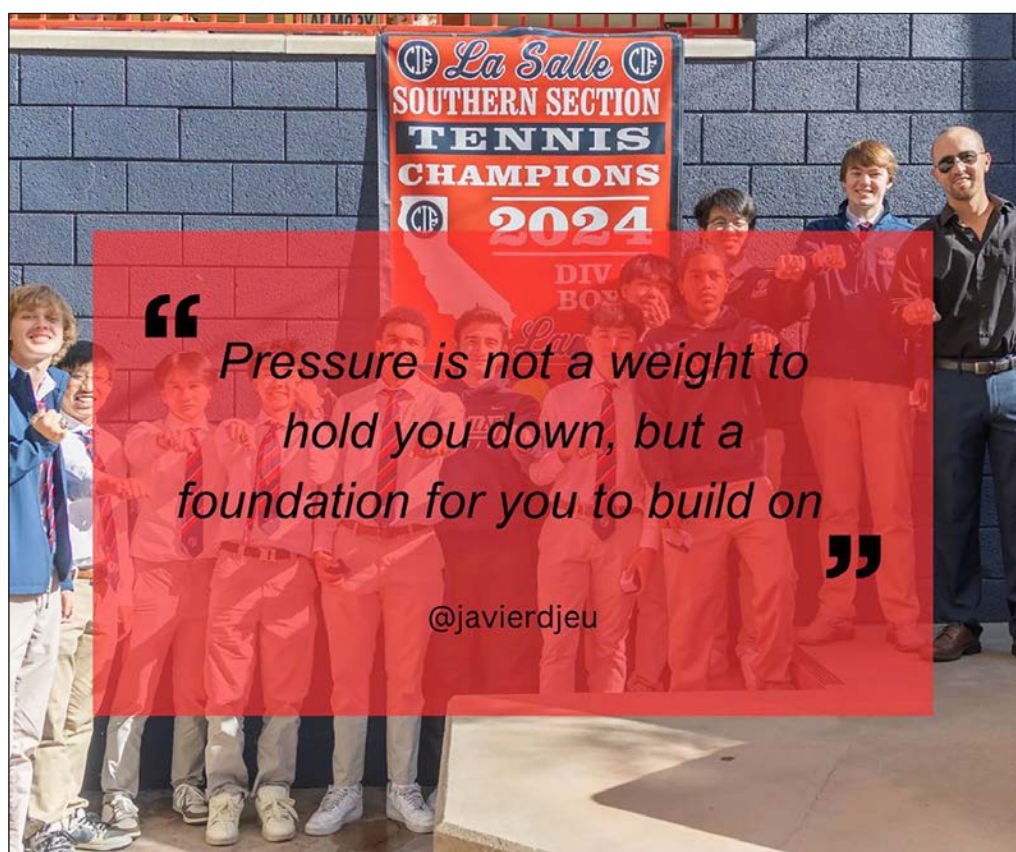
Loss- Temple City 8-10

Win- Duarte 12-6

Win- Marshall 17-1

Box scores can be found here:

<https://highschools.usta.com/state/california/school/4d4e3818-cd74-4795-9666-f8360f505c74/roster/6972e451-3eca-4d86-abd7-582db7527b0d>



SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



FITNESS FOR LIFE



EXERCISE BARRIERS

If someone you care about struggles to exercise, it's hard not to worry. You might feel tempted to remind them how much better they'd feel if they got moving or to suggest yet another workout plan that "really works." But if they're not exercising, chances are it's not because they don't know it's good for them. It's more likely that unseen mental, emotional, or practical barriers are standing in the way.

Consider what might be going on beneath the surface. Do they believe they need to be fit before they can start exercising? Maybe they think workouts only count if they're long, intense, or leave them sore the next day. They might avoid the gym because they feel self-conscious or they believe they're just not "an exercise person." If you've ever heard them say, "I'll start once I have more energy, more time, or the right plan," you've seen how easy it is for good intentions to get stuck in limbo.

Lifestyle challenges can be just as powerful. Is their schedule so packed that exercise feels like an impossible addition? Do they have a job, commute, or caregiving responsibilities that leave them drained every day? Maybe they don't have easy access to a gym, safe outdoor space, or enough room at home to move comfortably. When life feels overwhelming, exercise often falls to the bottom of the priority list.

But practical obstacles aren't the only thing standing in the way. Emotional barriers can be even trickier to navigate. Have they mentioned feeling embarrassed about being out of shape? Do they seem discouraged from past experiences, like trying a program and "failing" to stick with it? Sometimes, the hardest part isn't the workout at all, it's the mental battle beforehand. Thoughts like "Why bother? I'll never stick with it anyway" can quietly chip away at motivation until they stop trying altogether.

For many people, the problem is just not enjoying exercise. If someone finds every workout boring or exhausting, it's no wonder they avoid it. Maybe they've only ever exercised for weight loss, stopping the moment they hit a goal. Or perhaps they've never found an activity that feels fun or rewarding. Without enjoyment, staying consistent becomes nearly impossible.

Health issues can also play a role, even if they're not always obvious. Chronic pain, fatigue, joint problems, or even lingering effects from past injuries can make exercise feel like torture. Mental health challenges, like depression or anxiety, can sap motivation and make the smallest tasks feel overwhelming. If someone already feels physically or emotionally drained, the idea of working out can feel like climbing a mountain.

If you know someone this applies to you might be wondering what you can do to help. The truth is, pushing, reminding, or warning usually backfires. Exercise is personal, and change has to come from within. What often works better is curiosity and compassion. Instead of asking, "Why don't you exercise?" try something gentler, like "What makes it hard to get started?" or "Is there any kind of movement that actually sounds fun?" Sometimes, just acknowledging their struggle can make it easier for them to take that first step.

Also consider that their idea of exercise might need an update. Many people think exercise only counts if it involves a gym, a formal class, or a structured plan. But movement comes in many forms. Walking the dog, dancing, or even stretching while watching TV all contribute to physical health. If traditional workouts feel overwhelming, encourage smaller, more manageable ones.

Another helpful approach is to offer to join them. Sometimes, the thought of exercising alone can be discouraging, especially if one feels insecure about their fitness level. A simple invitation like "Do you want to go for a short walk together?" can feel less intimidating than "You should really start working out." Making movement a social activity not only provides motivation but also strengthens relationships.

Maybe you realize that some of these barriers apply to you too. That's OK. We all face roadblocks when it comes to exercise. Whether it's your journey or someone else's, the first step toward change is understanding what's really standing in the way—and confronting it with patience, not judgment.

In the end, the best thing you can do for someone you care about is to meet them where they are, not where you think they should be. Change doesn't happen overnight, and pushing too hard can make someone dig in their heels even more. Instead, offer support, understanding, and hope. Because when exercise stops feeling like an obligation and starts feeling like an opportunity—even a small one—that's when real progress begins.



Lori A. Harris

THE FEAR OF OUTSHINING

Ever caught yourself holding back your true brilliance? Perhaps you've downplayed your achievements, minimized your talents, or made yourself smaller to avoid making others uncomfortable. Maybe you've even stopped yourself from sharing good news because you didn't want to seem boastful or "too much."

If this resonates, you're in good company. The fear of outshining others is surprisingly common.

This hesitation often has deep roots in our childhood. Remember those well-meaning messages? "Don't brag." "Stay humble." "Don't make others feel bad." These instructions stick with us long into adulthood. But here's what I've learned: Dimming your light doesn't actually

benefit anyone.

As Marianne Williamson powerfully reminds us: "As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same." The world doesn't need a watered-down version of you—it needs your full, authentic brilliance.

When that fear of standing out too brightly begins to creep in, try these approaches:

1. **Acknowledge It.** Simply notice when you're holding back. Ask yourself, "Am I doing this because I'm afraid of outshining someone?" Awareness itself is a powerful tool.
2. **Reframe It.** Instead of thinking, "My success might make others feel inadequate," try, "My willingness to shine might actually inspire others to embrace their own gifts."
3. **Lean Into Your Purpose.** When your focus shifts to serving, inspiring, and uplifting others, your brilliance becomes a gift to share—not something to diminish.

Remember this truth: Your success doesn't diminish anyone else's potential. There's abundant room for all of us to shine. When you show up fully as yourself, you silently give others permission to do the same.

Here's my invitation for this week: Find one opportunity to step into your greatness without apology. Say yes to that opportunity you've been hesitating about. Speak your truth in that meeting. Share your accomplishments without minimizing them.

And if you're feeling particularly courageous, send me a note: Where have you been holding



February Events Around Town!

Brought to you by Sue Cook

One Time Events:

- March 2**
Restore & Explore: Reflective Writing and Intuitive Collage at The Huntington
Explore the beauty of the natural world, then create a collage of reflection 8:30 – 10:30 am
- March 7**
50 years: Highlights of the Collection at Norton Simon Museum
Tour some of the most exquisite and celebrated works of art in the Norton Simon. 5 – 6 pm
- March 8**
Japanese Garden History Talk and Tour at Descanso Gardens
Hear about the storied past of Descanso's Camellia Forest and Japanese Garden. 3 – 5 pm
- March 9**
Barks and Brews at the Arboretum
Stroll the Arboretum with your canine friend, enjoy craft beers and delicious bites in this fundraiser benefiting Pasadena Humane and the Arboretum Foundation. 11 am – 4 pm
- March 13**
Irish Tales By The Fire at the Blinn House
Padraic P. Keohane shares tales of wit, wonder, and wisdom. 6 – 7:30 pm
- March 14**
ArtNight Pasadena
Cultural open house-showcasing visual arts, literary arts, dance, music, & theater. 6 – 10 pm
- March 15**
Leprechaun Shelters Workshop at the Arboretum
Create a whimsical home for leprechaun friends. Children 4–10 years old w/adult. 2 – 3:30 pm
- March 15**
Culinary Workshop: Snow Skin Mooncakes at The Huntington
Learn about history and traditions as you learn to make mochi-like mooncakes. 10 am – 1 pm
- March 16**
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at the BPOE Lodge in Pasadena
Join the Irish Center of Southern California with a buffet lunch, live Irish music, and Cleary Irish Dance. 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

March 22
Pasadena Symphony and Pops at Ambassador Auditorium
Mozart's "Turkish" Violin Concerto, Hailstork's Baroque Suite, Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, and Stravinsky's Suite from Pulcinella. 2 – 8 pm

March 27
Altadena & Friends Fire Relief Benefit
Variety show w/internationally known artists, many of whom lost homes, studios, and instruments in the Eaton Fire Alex Theatre in Glendale. 7 – 9 pm

March 29
California Young Artists Symphony Performs Mahler's 9th Symphony
Experience some of the most expressive music of all time at the Ambassador Auditorium. 7 pm

March 29
Family Night Hike: The Luck of the Garden at the Arboretum
Celebrate St. Patty's with an enchanting night hike discovering plants believed to bring good fortune, health, and protection. 5:30 – 7 pm
Adult Night Hike 7:30 – 9 pm

Ongoing Events:

March 7 – 9
Art in Bloom Gallery Exhibition
Creative Arts in Sierra Madre pairs the community's finest floral designers.

March 13, 14, 15
9 to 5: The Musical
Award-winning Arcadia Stage presents popular musical 9 to 5

March 13 – May 19
Butterfly Season at Kidspace Children's Museum
Highlights include bug safaris, flutter-by-play, create a caterpillar, and flower showers.

March 14 – 28
America's Got Talent at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium
Witness a new season of jaw-dropping talent and unforgettable moments.

March 23 – April 20
Jane Eyre at A Noise Within
Enjoy this dynamic production of Jane Eyre.

COMPASS



SUE COOK

626.253.1323
suecookrealtor@gmail.com

DRE 02015404

"Oh, the places you'll go!"
Creating luxury travel adventures for discerning Clientele



Catherine Addé, MA, CTC
On Lake Avenue by appointment - catherine.a@travelstore.com
626-639-2614

Start with an Inspection • We'll Answer Your Call 24/7

GARVEY ROOFING INC.

A ROOF FOR ALL SEASONS

All Work Guaranteed
Free Estimates

WWW.GARVEYROOFING.COM

626.358.9208

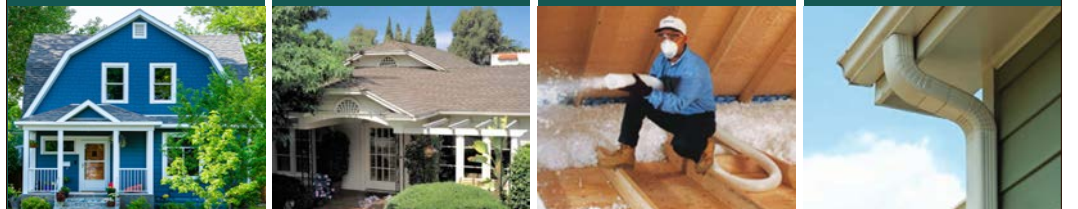
State Contractors License #692839

Exterior House Painting

New Roof, Re-Roof, Roof Repair

Attic and Wall Insulation

Pre-Painted Seamless Gutters



RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PLUMBING SPECIALISTS

626.222.7954

CENTURYSEWERSERVICES.COM

We Specialize In:

All Plumbing Repairs

Sewer & Drain Cleaning

Video Sewer Inspection

Water Heater Replacement

Backflow Testing Services



LIC. C-36 C-42 #626528

OVER 50 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SERVING YOU SINCE 1949

GEM PLUMBING

Locally Owned & Operated

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION

We Do It All!

COPPER RE-PIPES
FAUCETS | LEAK DETECTION
KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELS
DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING | WATER HEATERS | WE TACKLE OLD FIXTURES

ALL MAJOR BRANDS
Emergency Service Available
355-3496

140 E. Montecito | Sierra Madre
State Contractor Lic. #111308

VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS

FREE ESTIMATES

Moffett's FAMILY RESTAURANT

"Home of the famous pot pie"

OPEN: Mon-Sat 8am to 8pm
Sun 8am to 2pm
Breakfast from 8am to 2pm
Lunch & Dinner Served All Day
Early Bird Special Mon -Fri 8am to 11am

1409 S. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia Ca 91007
We Deliver : UBER EATS & DoorDash
For Pick-up Call: 626-447-4670

Sierra Madre Woman's Club
550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. **2025: 118 Years**
Founded February 23, 1907 – "Living the Volunteer Life" in Friendship
Member of General Federation of Women's Clubs cfwc.org & gfwc.org

2025 Academic Scholarship Applications

Due March 29, 2025

Application Form Online
(Pasadena, CA Area High Schools Only)
SierraMadreWomansClub.org

Presented May 2025 for 2025-2026 Year.

Join the SierraMadreWomansClub.org
Explore SierraMadreWomansClub

Sierra Madre ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Walter Cailleteau, DVM

927 N. Michillinda Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91107

(626) 351-8863

Free Exam!
For New Clients

Bring this coupon to save!

Serving the Sierra Madre Community for 30+ Years



JUST SOLD

Charming North Duarte Home with Endless Possibilities

425 Greenbank Avenue, Duarte

Listed for \$1,298,000



JUST SOLD

JUST SOLD

Well Maintained & Updated Triplex
1680 Corson Street, Pasadena

Listed for \$1,595,000

Glassell Park Traditional
4381 Scandia Way, Los Angeles

Listed for \$995,000



Luther Tsinoglou

626.695.8650

luther@tsinoglou.com

tsinoglou.com

DRE #01135433

Questions About Today's Real Estate Market?

Call now for a free consultation!

COMPASS



Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.

To Learn More,
Scan QR Code

