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

### An Easter Sermon Series – Sundays, March-May 2025

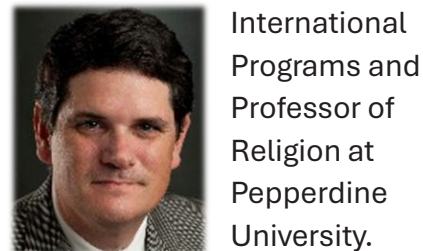
#### “The Prelude to the Cross in the Old Testament”

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Speakers – Check out [sierramadrechurch.org](http://sierramadrechurch.org) for the list of dates.

Dr. Ron Cox is Dean of



International Programs and Professor of Religion at Pepperdine University.



Doug Hurley is Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Pepperdine.

Dr. Tim Willis is Old Testament Professor of Religion 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.



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### CREATIVE ARTS GROUP

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Tickets are limited to this very popular event that sold out quickly last year!

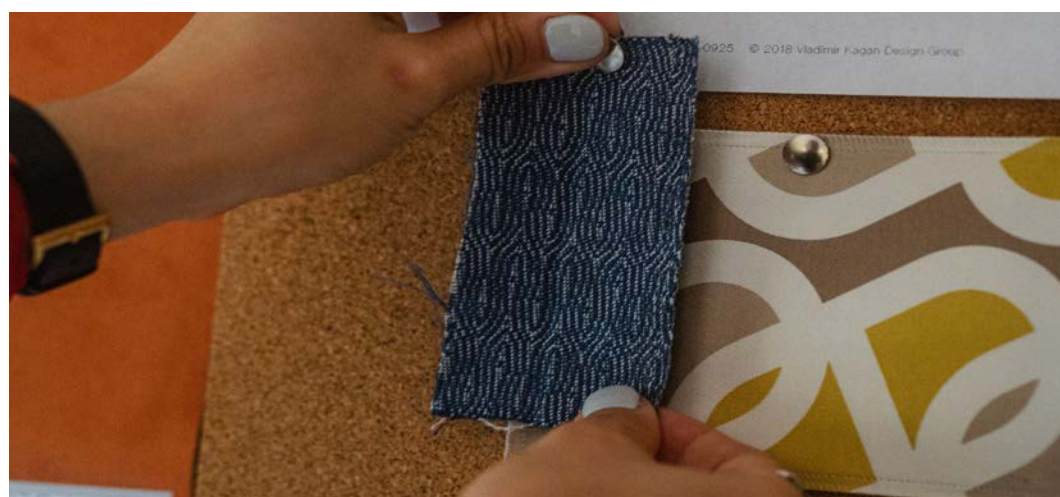
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NUMEROUS REASONS TO HONOR OUR VETERANS



More than 43 million Americans have served or are currently serving their country — and more than 1.3 million gave the ultimate sacrifice.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 15.8 million U.S. veterans living to-

day — about 6.1 percent of the adult population. Roughly half are age 65 or older and nearly 2 million are under 35.

Our older veterans served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The younger veterans primarily served in Iraq and Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks.

World War II veterans are dying at a rapid pace. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, fewer than 100,000 are still living, down

from 16 million who served. Of the 5.7 million Americans who served in the Korean War, approximately 767,000 are still alive. My father, who served during the Korean War, left us nearly three years ago at the age of 89.

As for Vietnam, around 5.6 million of the 8.7 million Americans who served in that war are still living.

To round out the numbers, more than 8.4 million veterans have served during the Gulf War era, which spans from 1990 to the present. Additionally, approximately 4.4 million served during peacetime.

Some living veterans served across multiple war periods. Nearly 63,000 served during the Vietnam War and both Gulf War eras — from August 1990 through August 2001 and again from September 2001 onward.

More impressively, nearly 37,000 living veterans served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Many Americans confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day. While Veterans Day honors all who have served — living or dead — Memorial Day is specifically for those who died in service.

It began after the Civil War as “Decoration Day,” a time to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. Today, it’s a day of national mourning, and rightly so.

To date, more than 1.3 million Americans have died in military service. About 4,500 died during the American Revolution. In the Civil War, around 370,000 Union soldiers and an estimated 260,000 Confederate soldiers lost their lives.

We lost 116,516 in World War I and nearly 405,000 in World War II. The Korean War claimed 36,574 lives; the Vietnam War, 58,220. Modern warfare has led to fewer battlefield deaths — a silver lining of improved medical care and technology.

Of the Americans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, more than 7,000 died. Nearly 50,000 were wounded and many still suffering from their injuries.

Many of today’s veterans face challenges well beyond the battlefield. Many struggle with PTSD, physical injuries, job placement and endless health challenges.

In any event, each veteran who gave the ultimate sacrifice represents a life cut short — young men and women who never came home, never started a family, never got to see the freedoms they died to protect.

Their families carry that loss forever. Their sacrifice is not just national — it’s heartbreakingly personal.

Yes, the purpose of Memorial Day is to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

While we kick off this summer, let’s take some time to remember, thank and honor them for their service.

While we do so, let’s also pay homage to all of the many men and women who have served, or are serving, our country.

ANNOUNCES 2025 GRANT AWARDS TOTALING MORE THAN \$200,000

Sierra Madre Library Included With Recipients

PASADENA, Calif. (May 21, 2025) – The Pasadena Tournament of Roses® Foundation is proud to announce its 2025 grant awards, totaling more than \$200,000, to 21 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. These grants will support new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors.

The Foundation’s 2024 Golf Classic presented by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. was a resounding success, raising more than \$100,000 in net proceeds. This year, we are proud to welcome five new organizations to receive grant support that have not previously been awarded a grant from the Tournament of Roses Foundation.

In 1983, the Foundation was created to receive and manage contributions from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, its members, donors, friends of the Foundation, sponsors and public supporters. The Association and the Tournament of Roses Foundation are focused on positively impacting the Pasadena community through charitable giving, volunteerism and community involvement. Since its inception, the Foundation has funded more than \$5 million in charitable contributions on behalf of the Tournament of Roses Association, to invest in people through sustainable programs. This year, one \$35,000 grant and one \$20,000 grant were awarded, in addition to 19 other community initiatives that received grants of up to \$10,000.

\$35,000 grant – The Sierra Madre Library inspires lifelong learning by providing access to information, programs and resources that enrich the community. The Sierra Madre Library will add a dedicated teen room for the first time as part of a major state-funded renovation. This inclusive space will feature academic resources, games, furniture and technology to promote connection, support learning and serve the evolving needs of the community’s youth.

\$20,000 grant – Founded in 1990, Partnership for Success (PFS) is a collaboration between Pasadena schools—Chandler, Mayfield Junior, Polytechnic, Westridge—and the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). This summer academic enrichment program helps close achievement gaps for economically disadvantaged PUSD students. Spanning nine consecutive summers, it begins after fourth grade and continues through the summer after high school graduation, serving about 400 students annually. By leveraging partner school resources and expertise, PFS delivers a high-quality educational experience at no cost, removing financial barriers to academic and personal growth.

The Foundation grants are divided into three categories: Education (Early Childhood Learning, STEAM/STEM, Literacy), Sports and Recreation, and Visual and Performing Arts. These broad categories allow the Foundation to contribute to our local communities’ civic, cultural and educational advancement. Below is a complete list of the 2025 Tournament of Roses Foundation grant recipients and their respective funding categories. Brief descriptions of the organizations and the programs that will benefit from the grants are available on the Tournament of Roses website: <https://tournamentofroses.com/2025-grant-awards/>



SIERRA MADRE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES UPDATE By Kevin McGuire

SM Fire Chief Brent Bartlett presented an updated report on the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13.

The City Council received and filed the report issued by CAL FIRE and directed city staff to assess local implications related to zoning, building codes, defensible space requirements, and public education. The community can expect public outreach regarding these updated hazard classifications within the Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) to prepare for the implementation of updated maps.

The new maps will incorporate new climate science and wildfire modeling, according to the re-port. State laws require the city to adopt these updated maps. City staff aims to outline the next steps in response to the ever-changing wildfire hazard landscape.

According to the report, under Public Resources Code §4202 and Government Code §51178, CAL FIRE is mandated to classify lands within LRAs into three fire hazard zones: Moderate, High, and Very High. The 2025 update integrates advanced fire behavior modeling, which accounts for wind patterns, ember transport, and recent climate data (2003–2018).

Before the updated maps, Sierra Madre only listed the High severity zones. The maps don’t show short-term wildfire risks such as Red Flag conditions; they only reflect long-term hazard conditions, according to Chief Bartlett. Local authorities are allowed to increase, but never decrease, the fire severity warnings.

This is the first time the maps for LRAs have changed since 2011. In addition to Red representing the Very High risk, Orange has been added for High, and Yellow for Moderate risk. As a result, some residents were removed from the Very High risk to either the High or Moderate zones.

Key considerations include:

- **Model Enhancements:** Incorporation of 50-year wildfire behavior projections using local wind and ember data.
- **Zoning Impacts:** Properties within High and Very High zones will be subject to Chapter 7A of the California Building Code (Wildland Urban Interface standards) and natural hazard disclosure requirements during real estate transactions.
- **Public Tools:** Residents can access zone-specific data using CAL FIRE’s online FHSZ Map Viewer.
- **Urban Edge Dynamics:** Proximity to wildland areas may rapidly alter zone boundaries, even between visually similar neighborhoods.
- **Collaboration and Support:** CAL FIRE will provide technical assistance to local agencies and is committed to hazard alignment without stifling development.
- **Insurance Caveats:** The hazard-based mapping system differs from the risk models used by insurers, although similar data inputs may overlap.

Local implications may include updates to safety elements in the General Plan, revisions to development review processes, and expanded public outreach on defensible space and home hardening strategies. Subsequent Council meetings are scheduled to consider formal adoption of the maps. Dates are as follows:

- May 27, 2025 – Public Hearing: Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Adoption (1st Reading)
- June 10, 2025 – Consent: Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map Adoption (2nd Reading).

As part of the Strategic Plan Correlation, the Fire Department, in collaboration with the Public Works Department, has completed the annual brush-clearing events for 2025 to reduce wildfire risk and enhance community safety.

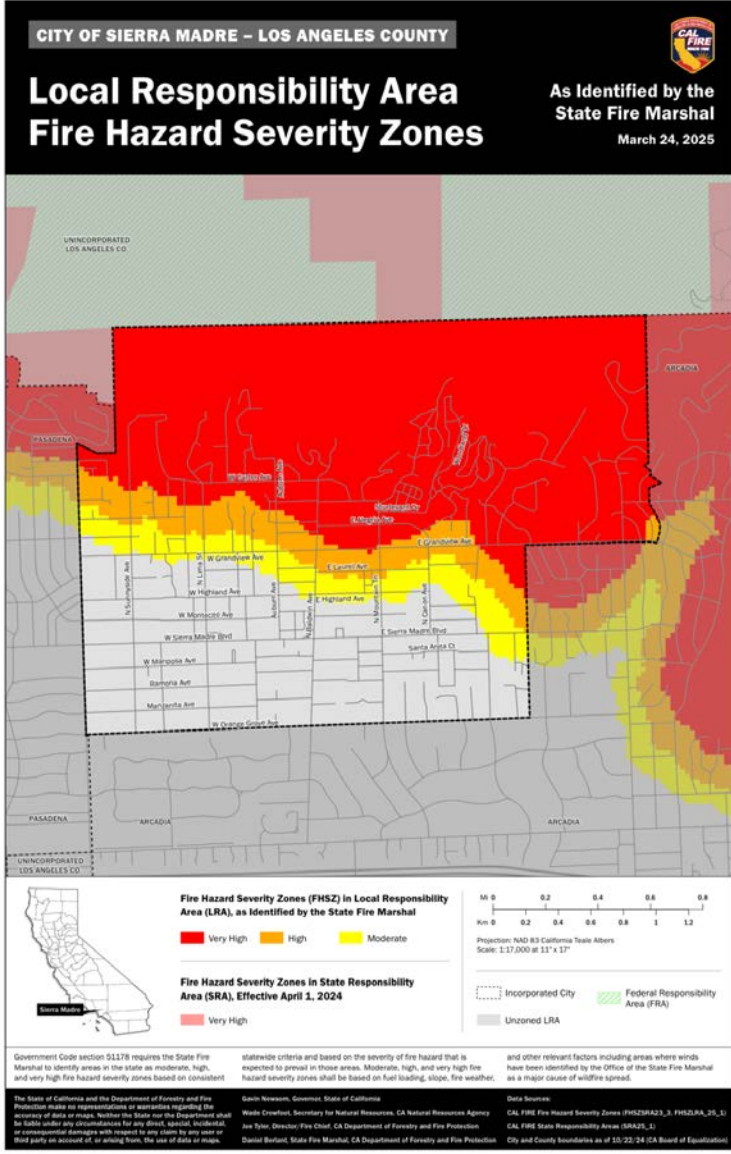
The Fire Department also hosted a “Home Hardening” presentation to educate residents on strategies to protect their homes

from wildfire damage. This initiative will continue on an annual basis. There will also be information listed on the city’s social media sites, and town hall meetings will be announced.

The Fire Department also sent out a survey to the community, which elicited some excellent feedback, according to Chief Bartlett. The survey revealed that most residents are aware of the fire zone to which their properties belong. The biggest concerns were increased insurance rates, development impacts, and the accuracy of the maps. Ninety-four percent of those surveyed support the use of science-based data to contribute to the development of these new map models.

Chief Bartlett is encouraging residents to join the Fire Safe Council, which is seeking non-profit status, to allow funding to be made available. According to the Sierra Madre Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) website, the Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council is a community-based organization that shares the objective of making California’s communities less vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires. Fire safe councils accomplish this objective through education programs and projects such as shaded fuel breaks or firebreaks to protect area residents against an oncoming wildfire and to provide firefighters with a place to fight the oncoming fire.

In addition, there is the FireWise USA® pro-



gram, which encourages FireWise Communities to “band together” to reduce the risk of wildfires. This program is the Neighborhood Watch for wildfire danger. As a result of neighborhoods becoming FireWise Communities, residents may be eligible for discounts and rebates on their insurance. There is an application process, and you can download their toolkit and learn more at [www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa](http://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa).



## Weather Wise



## 6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Sun</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows 50s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows 50s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows 50s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS  
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COUNCIL MEETING

**May 27, 2025 5:30 pm**  
**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@Cityof-SierraMadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@Cityof-SierraMadre.com) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

- 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](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).



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Monday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE  
The Social Side by Deanne Davis

as far as our family is concerned, is one of our grandchildren, Nicole, Blake and Luke Simon at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, visiting the grave of their other grandmother, Margaret Ineson, who was a Navy nurse. They were very small at the time but love was written all over them. Sierra Madre is such a special place to be on Memorial Day. John and I went so many years to Pioneer Cemetery, where he rests now, to participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies and came away every single time glad we had gone. We visited Arlington Cemetery some years ago. It was an unforgettable experience. We wept the whole time we were there. 639 acres with close to 400,000 people buried there.

Some time ago, I saw this great statement by Laurie Roberts, USA Today Network:

*"Before you slap the burgers on the grill, remember Inchon and Heartbreak Ridge and Chosin Reservoir where heroic Marines fought to their last breath against overwhelming odds. Remember Khe Sanh and Hamburger Hill. Remember Ramadi and Fallujah and Kandahar. It's easy to forget the fallen, especially on a day when the sun is shining and we are so blessed with the tremendous good fortune to live in peace."*

The picture today is my son, John, and his son, Caleb, who will be 12 years old in just a few days and is well on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. High adventure took place last weekend when John, Caleb and their Scout troop set off backpacking to the summit of Mt. San Jacinto. Setting off from sea level, they took the Palm Springs Tram up to the 8,500 ft. elevation, hiked 3 miles with full backpacks, set up camp then hiked 4.25 miles to the summit at 10,800 ft. Hiked back down to base camp, spent the night and then returned home. They didn't quite hit the summit but the entire experience was amazing. Why am I telling you this? I have a hiking experience I think you'll enjoy.

Many years ago when we were all much much younger, My husband, the adorable John, now a resident of heaven, thought we would all enjoy hiking down the Mt. Wilson Trail from the top. Which is still 6 or 7 miles. Never having hiked anywhere in my life, I set out in cute suede boots and no socks. John carried baby Crissy, who was about one, in a carrier on his back, and we drove up to the top and started down. This was a bad idea in so many ways as I developed blisters immediately and daughter, Leah, who is now a tremendous hiker, and I collapsed part-way down and asked to be left to die. Son, John, and daughter, Patti, ran up and down the trail gleefully and couldn't understand what was wrong with us. John did the kindest thing any man has ever done for his wife: he gave me his socks to wear. We did finally complete the downward march and found John at the bottom sitting on the grass sharing wine with some guy who also happened to be sitting on the grass.

John hiked to First Water countless times and would be so sad to see the Trails closed now as volunteers work to repair our beloved Mt. Wilson Trail. The MWTR Recovery Run, planned for Saturday, October 4th is a community event to raise money for trail reinforcement and redesign in many places. You can help by contributing to the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund which pays for the equipment, materials, supplies and tools used by our awesome Trail Maintenance Crew volunteers. You can send your tax-deductible donation to Post Office Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025

And, no, I never hiked any part of the Mount Wilson Trail again! Greater love hath no man than to sacrifice his socks to cover his wife's bleeding feet!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find the Emma Gainsworth Kindle novelettes,  
Along with other goodies like "A Treasure Map, A Drunken Owl  
And 47 Rattlers in A Bag" True Tales of Early California

**"IT TAKES A VILLAGE"**

On Wednesday afternoon, school and city officials and Sierra Madre Elementary School teachers gathered to thank the Sierra Madre Community Foundation and the Sierra Madre Rotary Club for their generous grants that purchased the 8 new pole banners that line the school parking lot along Auburn Ave.

Six months ago, school volunteer, Ann Palmer, approached these two groups about the possibility of funding this project. Principal Dr. Jodi Marchesso held a reception in the outdoor courtyard and thanked both groups for their continued support of Sierra Madre Elementary School.

In attendance were: PUSD School Superintendent, Dr. Elizabeth Blanco, PUSD Asst. Superintendent, Julie Reynoso, Dr. Jodi Marchesso, SMES Principal, PUSD School Board Member, Michelle Richardson Bailey, Sierra Madre Mayor, Robert Parkhurst, Ann Palmer (S.M. Community Services Commissioner and school volunteer) SMES Annual Fund President Miles Prince, SMES PTA President Hannah Haney, and SMES teachers Kimberly Sibbrel, Lisa Prado and Laura Palmer. Representing Sierra Madre Rotary were Rob Stockley, Geoff Woods (also a S.M. Community Services Commissioner), Marilyn Diaz and Hans Mumper. The Sierra Madre Community members in attendance were Sue Spears, Miles Prince and Laura Palmer.



For more information about Sierra Madre Elementary School: <https://sme.pusd.us> For grant applications: Sierra Madre Community Foundation: [www.sierramadrefoundation.org](http://www.sierramadrefoundation.org) Sierra Madre Rotary Club: [www.sierramadrerotaryclub.com](http://www.sierramadrerotaryclub.com)



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## Memorial Day Closures & Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services and administrative business offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day, a national day of remembrance for the brave men and women of the U.S. military who died in the line of duty. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

City Council will not meet on Monday.

The City of Pasadena will have trash collection on Monday. There will be no delay to trash, recycling and yard waste collection; however, bulky item pickups will not be available.

The City Service Center (CSC) will be closed on Monday and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) will also be closed. Residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call the Power Emergency Line at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call the Water Emergency Line at (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at PWPweb.com or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office will be closed on Monday. All parking meters not posted as a "No Parking" zone will be free on May 26, and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement will resume Tuesday.

The Permit Center will also be closed on Monday but will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Online permitting services are available 24/7 at CityOfPasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on Monday, May 26. Regular service will resume Tuesday, May 27.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday and Monday and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

All recreation and community centers operated by the City's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will be closed on Monday but all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are being accepted for the holiday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to the police department at (626) 744-4241.

## Pasadena to Celebrate 139th Birthday



*Exhibition “100 Years – 100 Images” on display.*

Pasadena Museum of History is set to hold a party, with an artfully fun-filled afternoon of free activities, in honor of Pasadena's 139th birthday. The event will be held Sunday, June 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum.

The free event dubbed “Happy Birthday Pasadena: Cake, Paint, & Party!” with feature a traditional cake cutting with complimentary birthday cake and popcorn at Eva's Sweet Shop.

The party will coincide with the Pasadena Society of Artists (PSA) exhibition “100 Years –

100 Images.”

The exhibition will feature a retrospective featuring pivotal historic pieces honoring PSA members across the decades, as well as a juried display of artwork by present-day PSA members. Highlights include works by the Society's founding artists – such as Benjamin Brown, Marion Wachtel, and Orrin White – as well as pieces by early members, including Walther Askin, Jae Carmichael, and Jirayr Zorthian. Events will include: The Pasadena Society of Artists' hands-on Watercolor Studio. Creating a unique custom frame for your watercolor in the Art 2 Go Craft Workshop. A mini self-guided tours of the 1906 Fényes Mansion and

Finnish Folk Art Museum.

Pasadena History Trivia and z Scavenger Hunt. Do the Cakewalk for chances to win sweet treats. Sing or hum tunes with The Jazz Expedition. Pump and Splash interactive water toys.

Pasadena Museum of History is located at 470 W. Walnut Street. For more information visit: pasadenahistory.org.

## Memorial Day Swing Band Concert and Dance

Memorial Day is a time to honor our nation's military heroes. A Memorial Day swing band concert and dance on Monday at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., will take place from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Great American Swing Band will be performing fan-favorite swing dance tunes, with a guest appearance by Pam Kay's Tap Chicks! There will be decorations, an open dance floor, and light snacks available.

The cost is only \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center. Reservations are suggested for this event and can be made online or at the Welcome Desk.

## Dine to Support Pasadena Senior Center

For those who dine for lunch or dinner at El Portal in Pasadena on Tuesday will help provide vital support the programs, services, and events and more at the Pasadena Senior Center.

The Yucatecan/Mexican restaurant will donate 20 percent of that day's and evening's profits to the center. Diners can eat at the restaurant or order takeout. Just mention supporting the Pasadena Senior Center to your server.

El Portal (elportalrestaurant.com) is located at 695 E. Green St. in Pasadena and will be open from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 626-795-8553 to make a reservation.

There are also opportunities to directly support the Pasadena Senior Center year-round! Visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org and click on the red Donate button.

## Barger Leads Fire Disaster Recovery Roundtable in D.C.



Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger served in a lead role Tuesday at a bipartisan congressional roundtable discussion on wildfire disaster recovery, hosted in the U.S. Capitol by Representatives Judy Chu and Brad Sherman and Senator Alex Padilla. The high-level meeting convened key federal lawmakers, Los Angeles County leadership, and disaster recovery experts to spotlight the urgent need for federal support in the aftermath of devastating fires across California.

Held in the Capitol Building, the roundtable titled “Discussion on Fire Disaster Recovery” brought together influential voices to address the ongoing recovery efforts, housing challenges, infrastructure needs, and federal partnerships essential for mitigating future disasters. Supervisor Barger highlighted the progress the County has made thus far, as well as what lies ahead for the future. Attendees also heard from Los Angeles County Firefighter-Paramedic and lifelong Altadena resident, Ronnie Evans, who shared his first-hand experience fighting to save his childhood home.

The panel featured a comprehensive lineup of Los Angeles County leaders including Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management Leslie Luke, Director of Public Works Mark Pestrella, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Anthony J. Marrone, and Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority Emilio Salas.

Supervisor Barger thanked members of Congress for their continued support, particularly their joint advocacy for FEMA assistance, and emphasized

the importance of ongoing collaboration between federal and local partners.

“Our communities are still reeling from the aftermath of recent wildfires, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they are not left behind in the recovery process,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. “We cannot afford to normalize disasters. We must strengthen our federal partnerships to better prepare, respond, and recover. Lives and livelihoods depend on that.”

The panel discussed the status of ongoing recovery efforts, housing displacement challenges, and infrastructure rebuilding. With wildfire seasons growing more destructive, the need for robust federal engagement and resources was a recurring theme.

“I was grateful to host, along with Rep. Sherman, Supervisor Barger, Los Angeles County leaders, and members of our California delegation for an important roundtable on wildfire recovery,” said Rep. Judy Chu. “As we continue rebuilding after the fires, strong collaboration between local, state, and federal partners is essential. I will not stop fighting until additional federal disaster funding is passed in Congress and signed into law by the President to ensure every available resource reaches Altadena and Pasadena, just as Congress has done after every other major disaster in our country's history.”

Members of Congress in attendance included invited representatives from across the Los Angeles County delegation, as well as key members from the House Appropriations Committee. The event marks a critical step toward deepening federal-local collaboration and securing the resources Los Angeles County needs to



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BEACH AREA WARNINGS:

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Entire swim area.

Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica  
100 yards up and down the coast from the pier.

Castlerock Storm Drain at Topanga County Beach  
100 yards up and down the coast from the storm drain.

These warnings have been issued due to bacterial levels exceeding health standards when last tested.

BEACH AREAS NOW CLEARED:

Warnings have been lifted for the following beach areas where recent sample results identified water quality levels within State standards:

Inner Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro  
Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24- hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800- 525-5662. To view map of impacted locations and for more information please visit: PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/Beach/.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 430-5360.

CAL FIRE SEIZES OVER 100,000 POUNDS FROM ILLEGAL FIREWORKS OPERATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Commerce, CA - Today the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) seized over 100,000 pounds of illegal fireworks discovered in Commerce, CA, located in Los Angeles County.

CAL FIRE – OSFM responded to a claim of a current fireworks importer/exporter licensee with CAL FIRE – OSFM not following laws and regulations related to requirements of their license.

This seizure results from a CAL FIRE – OSFM investigation of a current fireworks importer/exporter licensee not following laws and regulations required by their license.

CAL FIRE – OSFM would like to commend ongoing efforts to help curb the use and sales of illegal fireworks, protecting the public from the hazards they present. Additionally, we would like to thank Los Angeles County Fire Department as well as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Task Force. The collaborative efforts of all agencies involved demonstrate their ongoing commitment to protecting our communities.

“As we approach the 4th of July and a typical increase in usage of illegal fireworks, this seizure should be a reminder of our zero tolerance to illegal fireworks in California,” said California State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant.

Since January 2025, California has seen over 4 million dollars in property loss from fireworks-caused fires. CAL FIRE would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to sell, transport, or use in California fireworks that do not carry the “Safe and Sane” seal, and to possess or use fireworks in a community where they are not permitted. Violations of these limitations are subject to fines up to \$50,000, and up to one year in jail.

California has zero tolerance for the sale and use of illegal fireworks. Illegal fireworks include:

- Sky rockets
- Bottle rockets
- Roman candles
- Aerial shells
- Firecrackers
- Other fireworks that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner

Fireworks are illegal in parts of California due to the significant risk they pose, as they cause severe injuries and millions of dollars in property damage each year. Large grass crops and dry vegetation increase the threat of devastating fires throughout all of California. If you have information related to this case, don't hesitate to contact the CAL FIRE - OSFM Arson and Bomb Unit at arsonbomb@fire.ca.gov.

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MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS TO HONOR 2025 GRADUATES

The June 1st edition of this paper will be dedicated to the Class of 2025! In order to be included, please send your graduates picture, full name, age, school and a line or 2 about the graduate. The Class of 2025 - tomorrow's leaders - deserve to be honored! Send to: editor@mtnviewsnews.com Subject: Class of 2025

A LASTING LEGACY: LONGTIME ARCADIA UNIFIED EDUCATORS DR. HACKING AND MR. BRAMLEY RETIRE



(Scott Bramley, left, with fellow Dodgers fan Dr. Daniel Hacking, right)

ARCADIA- The end of the school year will be the end of an era for a pair of longtime Arcadia Unified educators. Two notable changes will come with the retirements of Scott Bramley and Dr. Daniel Hacking.

For Bramley, his ties to Arcadia Unified are deep and very meaningful. He attended Bonita Park Elementary School, which is now the site of the District Office where he worked for the past decade, and down the street from his childhood home. A graduate of Arcadia High School (Class of 1983), his grandmother, Maxine Friesen, started working at Holly Avenue as a Supervisor of the cafeteria in 1951. She retired after 32 years in Arcadia as the Director of Food Services. Bramley, who put in 34 years with AUSD, says his grandmother was his hero and inspiration, who taught him about work ethic and passion for education.



(Left: Bramley at Dana Middle School as PE Teacher & Coach in 1991)

Education and AUSD run four generations deep in the Bramley family, as his father was also a custodian and maintenance worker for Arcadia, and his son Matthew is a Computer Systems Support Technician. His youngest son, Jacob, worked part-time for AUSD in years past and is now working for the PGA as a Graphic Designer. His mother, Cheryl, was the Director of Preschool at Santa Teresita Hospital, and his sister, Lisa, was an Administrative Assistant for nearby Baldwin Park Unified School District for 30 years.

"I was so fortunate to grow up in Arcadia, attend Arcadia schools, and to spend my entire 34-year career in this incredible organization. My wife Paula, our sons Matthew and Jacob, and I are incredibly grateful to Arcadia Unified School District for the opportunities my career provided for our family," Bramley said.

Education was also the Hackings' family business. His wife, Michelle, is a longtime educator and currently a school counselor for the Burbank Unified School District. Burbank is also where Dr. Hacking first started his career teaching social science at John Burroughs High School in 1990.

### Maxine Friesen is retiring as Food Services Director

Starting out as supervisor of the Holly Avenue School cafeteria in 1951, Maxine Friesen has had a full 32 year career in the Food Services Department of the Arcadia Unified School District. New director of food services, Maxine Friesen is retiring. She states that she has found it an interesting and varied career. At present she does \$100,000 worth of business a year and has 68 employees. School cafeteria food and the methods of preparing it have changed greatly since 1951. There was more cooking from scratch 30 years ago. Although some surplus food is still used to produce 3,200 healthful, balanced meals each day for the elementary schools, more and more items arrive at the kitchen fully prepared, either frozen or needing only warming. However, turkey and spaghetti are still big sellers. At the high school everything is a la carte and the trade is, as the manager says, "an adult trade." Friesen buys only high grade products and her kitchen is well equipped. Much of her buying she now does cooperatively through a consortium of 10 school districts, and the high volume buying available through this method is a real money saver for a small district like Arcadia. The AUSD cafeteria system is self-supporting. Friesen loves her job, she has enjoyed the people with whom she works, she feels happy in her kitchen and she thinks the Arcadia Unified School District is excellent, indeed. Friesen grew up on a Nebraska farm in a family of five sisters and a brother. She came to California to work at Douglas Aircraft, met and married her husband, had a baby and moved to Arcadia in 1942. She has lived ever since in the same Arcadia neighborhood with her daughter and son-in-law and family settling close by. A widow for the past 12 years, she takes great joy in her family. Friesen's grandson, Scott Gordon Bramley, is a member of the class of 1983 from Arcadia High School. Friesen is serious about running a food services business for the schools, but she is a person who loves a party and loves a joke. She has the highest regard for her "Joan." Dr. John Nelson, business services superintendent for AUSD, but that high regard is enhanced by her appreciation of his sense of humor, she reports. In the community she has been active as a chaplain for youth groups at the Presbyterian Church and she has spent many spring breaks with young people working with migrant workers and on 10-day reservations. The food director enjoys the study of history and likes to visit the old graveyards of the country's early settlers. She looks forward to pursuing that hobby. Aside from that interest Friesen loves to sew and to cook, she enjoys being an active citizen in Arcadia and in her neighborhood, and she enjoys her family. "I'm a happy person," the about-to- retire food services director concludes.

MAXINE FRIESEN ...retires after 32 years

(Newspaper article from July 21, 1983, about Bramley's Grandmother retiring from AUSD)



(2016, Former Assistant Principal Jeff Hunter, left with Dr. Hacking, right, after agreeing to dye their hair Mariner red to support a student fundraising effort)

Both of Dr. Hacking's sisters pursued the family business in higher education as well. Alison Pike is a professor of psychology at the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, and Jane Hacking is a professor emeritus in Slavic Languages at the University of Utah. They took a more direct route in following their very well-known and accomplished father, Ian Hacking, who was a world-renowned Canadian philosopher and author who wrote a dozen highly regarded books. He taught at some of the most prestigious universities, including the University of Cambridge and Stanford. He won the Holberg Memorial Prize in 2009, which came with an award of \$750,000. That was just one of several awards and recognitions, which included being elected Fellow of the British Academy, the Royal Society of Canada, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

"He was the smartest man I have ever known," Daniel recalled. "He demanded intellectual curiosity and academic excellence. He was also a fantastic teacher who loved to take his son camping. We would hike for hours to some remote campsite, cook steaks over the fire, and sleep under the stars, where he would explain the constellations in the night sky. We cycled through Northern California, the Italian Alps, and the flatlands of Holland and Germany. Never a dull moment. He actually led me to a career in K-12 education because I was not going to try to follow in his footsteps as a college academic."



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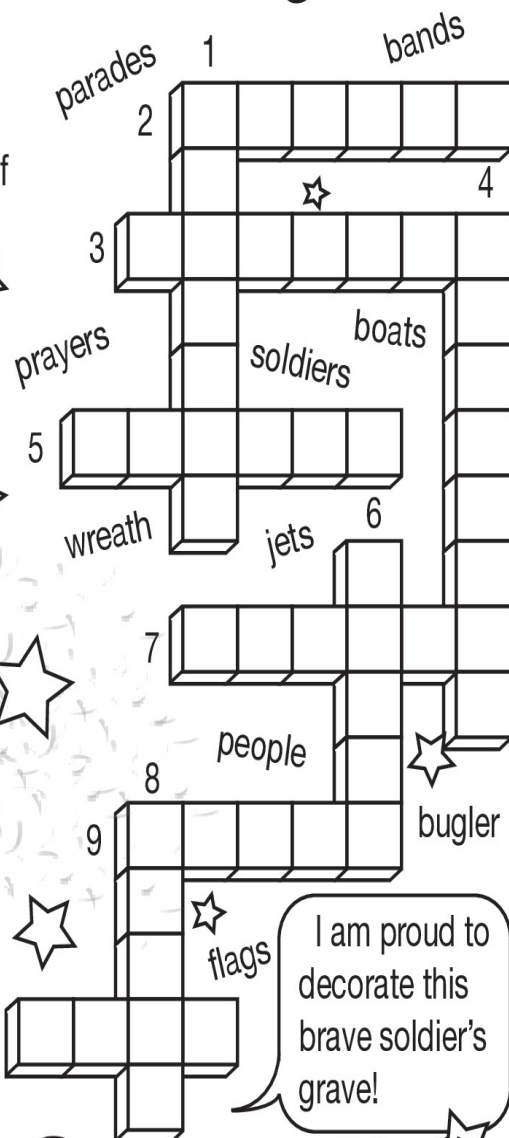




Memorial Day is a time for us to remember and share memories of the people who have fought and given up their lives for our country. We remember them when we hold events in their honor with flowers and watch military jets fly overhead. It's a good time to honor our living veterans. We also tell stories about their military service and the challenges they faced in their grades. We also honor them when we raise the American flag and the clues they may have when they come home. **Use the clues to fill in the holiday puzzle.**

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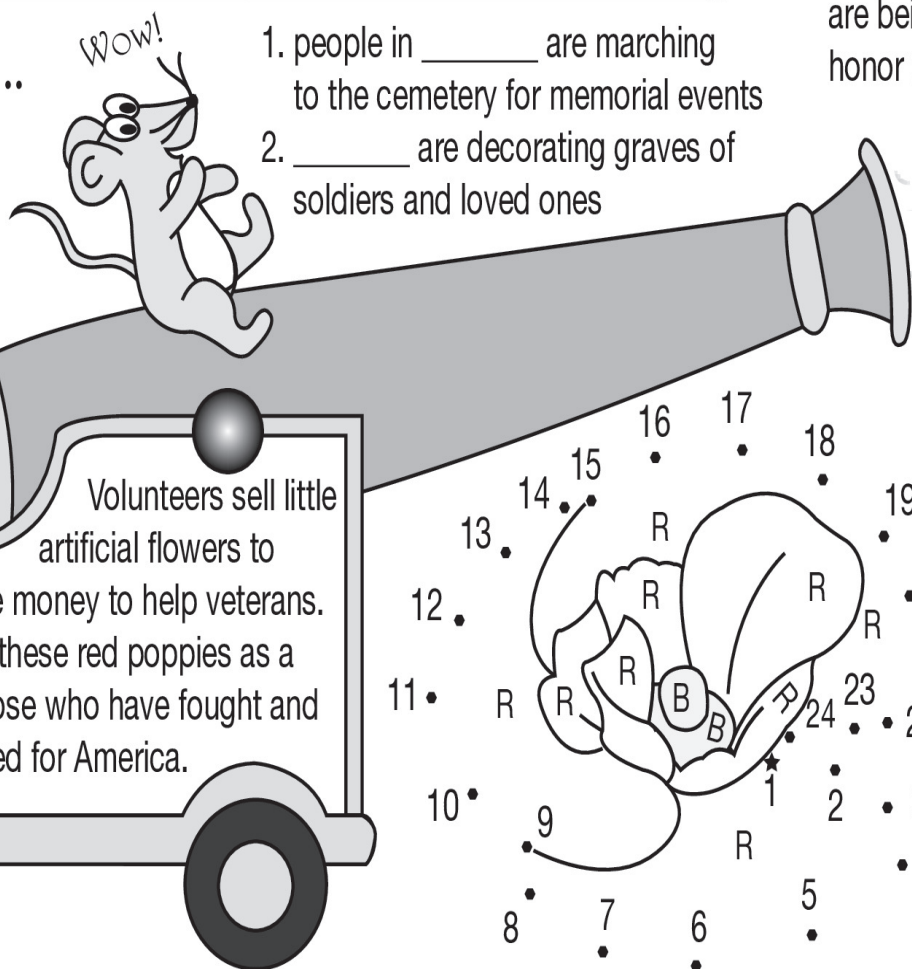
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## LA COUNTY REOPENS LOMA ALTA PARK

ALTADENA (CNS) - In another recovery milestone for the Altadena community, Los Angeles County today reopened Loma Alta Park, which was damaged in the Eaton Fire and underwent significant renovations to become a "superpark."

"Loma Alta Park is a vital gathering place where our community can come together, especially in times of healing," county Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger said in a statement. "After the trauma of the Eaton Fire, having a space to reconnect, rebuild relationships, and support one another is incredibly important. Parks like Loma Alta help restore not only our physical surroundings, but our sense of belonging. Social connection is essential to recovery, and this reopening is a meaningful step forward for Altadena."

The park in the 3300 block of Lincoln Avenue underwent extensive renovations and upgrades following the Eaton Fire. It now includes a pair of Dodger Dreamfields -- the only baseball fields in Altadena -- along with a renovated gym and basketball courts funded by the LA Clippers Foundation, which will offer a Jr. Clippers Basketball Program for Altadena youth. The Clippers Foundation also funded a new computer lab and tech center.

The park also now includes a satellite senior center and library, after-school programming for kids 5-12 and a Tiny Tots program for kids 3-4, mental health services and an Our SPOT Teen Center. The park's swimming pool was also renovated. The Altadena Rotary Club will also move its summer concert series to the park due to extensive fire damage at the previous venue,

Farnsworth Park.

County officials said volunteers also planted 44 trees, 32 tree seedlings and 818 plants at the park, and spread 50,000 square feet of mulch.

Murals were also painted throughout the park, including work by local artists Victor Ving, Eric Junker, Ryan Burch and Katie Chrishanthi Sunderalingam.

"L.A. County Parks is grateful for the outpouring of support for Loma Alta Park from many generous partners, Supervisor and Board Chair Kathryn Barger, several county departments, and L.A. residents who just wanted to lend a helping hand," county Parks Director Norma E. García-González said in a statement. "We had over 2,000 volunteers from across L.A. County sign up in April to help their Altadena neighbors by painting murals, planting trees and shrubs, and enhancing the park."

"Loma Alta Park was fortunate that none of its buildings burned, which allowed us to move quickly to meet this community need, and now it is ready to better serve Altadena with new and expanded services and facility improvements. The community asked for the park to reopen, and knew we needed to meet the moment. Here we are, as promised, just two months later."



## SBA Disaster Relief Notice: Apply by May 30, 2025

### Grace Period for Physical Damage Loan Applications Ends Soon!

The President's major disaster declaration for California, issued January 8, 2025, includes a 60-day Grace Period for filing physical loan applications due to the scale of the disaster. **Deadline: May 30, 2025** – submit your application before it's too late!

Apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster).

To find a local center near you, visit [appointment.sba.gov/schedule](https://appointment.sba.gov/schedule).

Applicants may call the SBA Customer Service Center with questions regarding their application at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

## DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE MAY 31; RESOURCES TRANSITIONING TO NEW LOCATIONS

LOS ANGELES – The two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) for the Los Angeles Wildfires are permanently closing Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 4 p.m. and federal resources will be transitioning to new locations.

Current DRC Locations and Hours

UCLA Research Park West  
10850 West Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Altadena Disaster Recovery Center

540 West Woodbury Rd.  
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Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Small Business Administration (SBA) will be transitioning from the current DRC locations to county and city run facilities. Federal resources will be available at their new locations beginning Monday, June 2, 2025.

Services Will Continue at:

One Stop Rebuilding Center  
1828 Sawtelle Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed weekends.

Altadena Community Center

730 E. Altadena Dr.  
Altadena, CA 91001  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed weekends.

If you applied for FEMA assistance, it's important to stay in touch with FEMA to track and update your application should you receive an insurance settlement or denial and as your situation changes to work through any approval processes. FEMA representatives can explain available assistance programs and help you with resources for your recovery needs.

Rental Assistance is available for eligible individuals and families who were displaced by the wildfires. If you were displaced and need assistance covering housing costs, you should contact FEMA to determine your eligibility for this program.

SBA's Customer Service Representatives are available at the Centers to answer questions, help applicants complete their disaster loan application, accept documents, and provide updates on an application's status.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

Resources offered by State agencies are available online and at some existing field offices. Survivors can find a complete list of recovery related services on the [CA.gov/LAFires](https://CA.gov/LAFires) Recovery Services Finder page, including how to contact each agency and their office locations.

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For help answering questions regarding debris removal, please call: 213-308-8305. The call center is available daily from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, you can also visit the USACE Los Angeles County Wildfire Debris Removal Mission.

One-Stop Permitting Centers

For unincorporated LA County communities, One-Stop Permit Centers are also available in Calabasas and Altadena for residents impacted by the Palisades and Eaton fires. LA County permitting agencies, including Fire Department, Regional Planning, Public Health, Public Works Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division and Public Works Building and Safety, are available to guide owners and their representatives through the rebuild process and answer any questions they may have. Walk-ins are welcome and consultation appointments can be scheduled. More information including days and hours of operation, can be found here: [recovery.lacounty.gov/rebuilding/one-stop-permit-centers](https://recovery.lacounty.gov/rebuilding/one-stop-permit-centers).

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California is committed to supporting residents impacted by the Los Angeles Hurricane-Force Firestorm as they navigate the recovery process. Visit [CA.gov/LAFires](https://CA.gov/LAFires) for up-to-date information on disaster recovery programs, important deadlines, and how to apply for assistance.

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LEGEND IN OUR BACKYARD: A RIDE THROUGH LIFE WITH HALL OF FAME JOCKEY MIKE SMITH

By Peter Dills, Special to Mountain Views News

In the quiet calm of the foothills, where horses train just a stone’s throw from where we sip our morning coffee, lives one of the greatest jockeys in the history of horse racing — Mike Smith. With over 5,600 career wins and mounts on champions like Zenyatta and Justify, Smith is a legend not just at the track, but right here in our own backyard.



At 59 and closing in on 60, Mike still brings the energy and focus of a rider half his age. I caught up with him for a conversation about fitness, food, and what keeps him grounded — both in the saddle and around town.

Staying Fit, Staying Sharp  
“I still feel great,” Smith says. “I stay active, stretch a lot, and try to eat smart.” He’s not riding horses every day, but when he does, he makes it count. “The key is keeping the weight down without losing strength.”

The work ethic and discipline that took him to the top of the sport are still intact. “There’s no shortcut. You put in the work — day in, day out.”

Where Mike Eats — From Arcadia to Del Mar  
Mike’s career has taken him everywhere from Del Mar to Lexington, but when it comes to favorite meals, his local picks say a lot about his roots.

“Arroyo Chop House is one of my favorites. Smitty’s is solid, and I’ve always liked Houston’s,” he says. “And The Derby in Arcadia — that’s a classic. Great food, great vibe.”

On a cheat day? “Sierra Donuts,” he grins. “That’s my treat spot.”

In Del Mar, where the coastal air meets racetrack tradition, Mike doesn’t miss. “Tracton’s is great, and I love Pamplermousse — both are special places.”

Grateful, Always  
With all he’s accomplished, Mike keeps it in perspective. “I never take it for granted. I still love being around the horses, the people, the fans.”

And yes, he still gets a thrill on race day. “Walking into the paddock before a big race — the butterflies are still there. That’s when you know it still matters.”

In Summary  
Whether he’s dining at Arroyo Chop House or riding into the winner’s circle, Mike Smith is a rare blend of world-class talent and neighborly humility. We’re lucky to call him a local — and lucky he still takes the time to talk horses, donuts, and life with fans who admire the ride.

Email me your thoughts at the [chefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:chefknows@yahoo.com)



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound strawberries, hulled and halved (about 3 cups), plus 8 ounces more, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ¾ cup sugar, plus ½ cup more for macerating
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- ¼ cup vodka or silver tequila

DIRECTIONS

In a blender, puree halved strawberries with lemon juice and salt. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve. (You should have 1 1/2 cups of puree; reserve any excess for another use.)

Combine milk, cream, 2/3 cup sugar, and corn syrup in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil,

then reduce heat to low and simmer 2 minutes.

Strain mixture into a bowl set in an ice bath and let stand, stirring occasionally, until cold, about 5 minutes. Stir in strawberry puree. Refrigerate, covered, at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

Stir together remaining 1/2 cup sugar and vodka. Add chopped strawberries and macerate at room temperature at least 2 hours, or in the refrigerator, covered, up to 12 hours.

Process puree mixture in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's instructions. When it has the texture of soft serve, drain macerated berries (reserving syrup for another use) and fold into ice cream. Transfer to a loaf pan and freeze, wrapped in plastic, at least 4 hours and up to 1 week. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes before serving.

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SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE,IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SILENTS SYNCED,MERGES VINTAGE CINEMA AND MODERN ROCK, PAIRING BUSTER KEATON’S 1924 SILENT COMEDY SHERLOCK JR. WITHTHE ATMOSPHERIC SOUNDS OF R.E.M.’S

"NEW ADVENTURES IN HI-FI"

Friday, June 13, 2025, 8:00 PM, at Sierra Madre Playhouse

(Sierra Madre, CA – May 21, 2025) Sierra Madre Playhouse, in partnership with Silents Synced, pairs Buster Keaton’s hilarious 1924 silent comedy Sherlock Jr. with the atmospheric sounds of R.E.M.’s 1996 hit album "New Adventures in Hi-Fi," merging vintage cinema and modern rock to create a compelling fusion of past and present. The one-night only screening takes place on Friday, June 13, 2025, 8:00 pm, at Sierra Madre Playhouse.

“This innovative and immersive experience reimagines Buster Keaton’s masterful comedy through a contemporary musical lens,” says Matt Cook, Artistic and Executive Director of Sierra Madre Playhouse. “Mash ups of music and silent film breathe new life into classic motion pictures and also build upon Sierra Madre Playhouse’s roots as a silent film house.”

Sherlock Jr. stars Buster Keaton as a well-intentioned film projectionist and would-be detective who plies his negligable skills when he gets framed for stealing a pocketwatch from his sweetheart’s father. The Hollywood Reporter declares Keaton “the greatest of all silent film comedian-auteurs.” Sherlock Jr. was selected in 1991 by the Library of Congress for preservation in the National Film Registry for its historical and cultural significance.

R.E.M.’s "New Adventures in Hi-Fi," released in 1996, was named it among the best albums of the year by Rolling Stone, Entertainment Weekly, and Spin. Recorded after the bands’ challenging 1995 world tour, the evocative album reflects the ephemeral aspect of life on the road.

For tickets (\$20) and information, please call 626.355.4318 or visit [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org). Sierra Madre Playhouse is located at 87 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

ABOUT SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

Sierra Madre Playhouse, a vibrant Southern California cultural hub with a rich history spanning a century, energizes audiences and the community with distinctive theatrical productions and captivating live performances. Hailed as a “jewel” (Pasadena Weekly) and “a landmark theater” (ABC7 Los Angeles), the performing arts center has garnered tremendous accolades for its varied repertoire and thought-provoking education and outreach programs curated with social impact in mind. The Los Angeles Times proclaims, “This is theater from the heart.” As one of San Gabriel Valley’s only performing arts center presenting a broad spectrum of performance genres, including theater, music, dance, film, comedy, and family-friendly productions featuring eminent local and national professional artists, the treasured artistic beacon draws audiences from across the Southland. The intimate 99-seat Sierra Madre Playhouse offers an up-close and personal connection to performances that resonate deeply, earning multiple Ovation Awards, NAACP Awards, and LA Times Critics’ Choice honors. It is nestled into a historic building on the inviting Main Street of Sierra Madre, a charming village in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Retaining its distinctive movie theater façade and instantly recognizable marquee, the structure has undergone numerous transformations since opening in 1910, from furniture emporium to silent movie theatre to the artistic institution that now stands as a vibrant embodiment of the region’s rich cultural legacy. The Sierra Madre Playhouse fosters creativity that aspires to bridge divides and spark dialogue, all while celebrating the rich tapestry of the American experience and the enduring pursuit of shared understanding.



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ALL THINGS

By Jeff Brown

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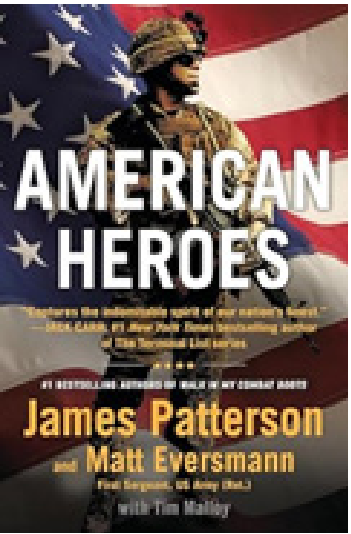
They never acted alone, but always in the spirit of camaraderie, patriotism, and for the good of our beloved country.

There has never been a better time for all of us to think about duty, sacrifice, and what it means to be an American hero.

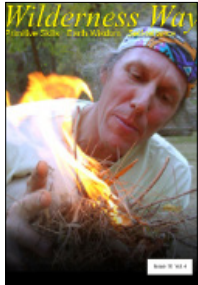
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OCTAVIA BUTLER'S "PARABLE" BOOKS

In the last few months, numerous friends have told me that I should read Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower," a book that she wrote in 1993. I finally got a copy to see what it was all about.

The book is a day by day account of growing up in a futuristic society that is disintegrating at every level. The story begins in a town called "Robledo," which I am told is the Pasadena/Altadena area where Butler lived. There are pervasive water shortages, climate change, economic depression, and vagabonds everywhere ready to steal and kill for whatever you have.

Butler's story is told through the eyes of then 15-year-old Lauren Olamina, who watches her little world as things just get worse. There are dead bodies in the nearby foothills, and thieves who regularly go into your yard to steal whatever fruit is on your tree.

The day by day existence is rough, dangerous, and unpredictable. Police are around, but generally only if they are paid for their services. Lauren sees her father disappear and never finds out what happened. Her plan is to travel north, by foot, and make it to a better place. Slowly she collects a small band about her whose focus is to escape the burning and destroyed towns. Food, water, and medical aid are constant issues.

Lauren is a writer and has also slowly compiled a collection of truisms, which she calls Earthseed. We're not sure if Lauren's Earthseed is a religion or a belief system, but it gives her hope. To her, God is Change.

This is a hard book to read since it feels too real, and it makes you want to do everything you can possibly do to maintain all that is good and just in society so we never go down that path.

I wondered if Butler could see into the future.

In her sequel to "Parable of the Sower," which is "Parable of the Talents," the daughter of Lauren is the main character, describing the difficult development of a community in Oregon that seeks to find meaning and order in a dysfunctional society.

In "Talents," Butler mentions the politics of the day, almost as a footnote. In her fictional 2032, there is a Texas Senator Andrew Jarret whose followers seem to be a throwback to the Klu Klux Klan, burning and killing people they do not like.

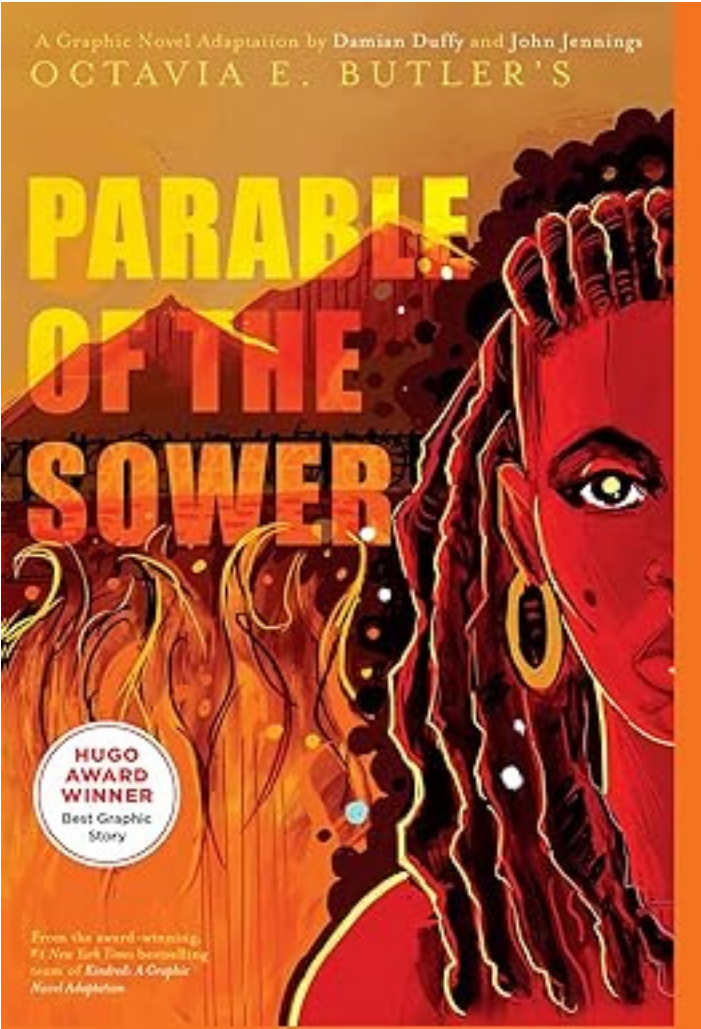
Writes Butler, "Jarret insists on being a throwback to some earlier 'simpler' time. 'Now' does not suit him. Religious tolerance does not suit him. The current state of the country does not suit him. He wants to take us back to some magical time..." a time that Butler adds never really existed. "But these days when more than half the people in the country can't read at all, history is just one more vast unknown to them."

"Jarret supporters have been known, now and then, to form mobs and burn people at the stake for being witches," and witches is defined as a Moslem, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, or in some areas, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, 'cults,' even Catholics, anyone who doesn't match Jarret's version of Christianity. Butler adds that Jarret "condemns the burnings, but does so in such mild language that his people are free to hear what they want to hear."

In Butler's quasi-prophetic works, she says that Jarret tells everyone, "Join us, our doors are open to every nationality and every race. Become one of us. Help us to make America great again." Jarret lets people know that if they do not join him, "whatever happens to you as a result of your own sinful stubbornness is your problem."

In the story, Lauren's daughter is concerned that her little Earthseed group might be viewed as a 'cult' by the blind followers of Jarret.

Again, the book is hard to read, and one cannot help but think that Butler had a glimpse into one possible future. It is my belief that Butler wrote the book so that readers would awaken to the path that might lead to this "future," and do everything possible to create a world that is just, fair, and equal for all.



Katnip News!



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We just got in 3 little fluffball siblings—2 boys and a girl, and they are SOOO CUTE! Only 6 weeks old! You can see all 3 on our website, but this week we'll show brother JACK.



Jack

He's adorable and cuddly. These cuties will be ready for delivery in June, but pre-adopt now. We prefer that you adopt 2 together or have another young kitten at home. This age is also fine to be introduced to a nice doggie. We take care of vaccines, spay & neuter, testing, microchips, and more!

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Pet of the Week

Momo is a 3-year-old, tall and dashing adventurer who's ready to be your loyal sidekick! Momo is a Chow mix, and despite the fluffy coat, we "only" weighs about 65 pounds. Momo's got personality! He's sweet and affectionate, and he's even been described as "a pro snuggler". While he can be a little nervous with strangers, he warms up very quickly, especially when he's getting tasty snacks. He's also very quick to show off the tricks he's learned- he's a master at "sit" (when he wants to sit, that is). He's also learning "shake", but it seems like he's just in a hurry to get back to one of his new favorite activities- splashing in the pool!

When he's not splashing around, he enjoys going on hikes and long walks, and exploring the outdoors. He's always up for a game of fetch and if you're lucky enough, he'll even bring the toy back to you.

Momo has had experience living with other dogs, so he might be a good companion for a similar-sized buddy.

Whether lounging by your side or exploring the outdoors, Momo will bring joy, loyalty, and a touch of goofy charm into your life. He'll even help keep you cool on a hot day. Ready for an adventurous, affectionate companion? Momo's your guy!The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.



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## THE SILENT STRUGGLE: HEARING LOSS IN THE ELDERLY

As we age, many of our senses begin to decline—but none more subtly and impactfully than hearing. Hearing loss affects nearly one-third of adults aged 65 to 74, and almost half of those over 75, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Yet, it often goes undiagnosed and untreated.

The implications of untreated hearing loss extend far beyond having to turn up the television. Seniors with hearing impairment may withdraw from conversations, leading to social isolation, depression, and even cognitive decline. Recent studies have linked hearing loss to an increased risk of dementia, falls, and hospitalizations.

Despite these risks, many older adults delay seeking help. Some dismiss it as a natural part of aging, while others are reluctant due to the stigma around hearing aids. However, today's hearing aids are smaller, smarter, and more effective than ever—some even connect wirelessly to phones and TVs.

Early detection is key. Regular hearing screenings should be a standard part of annual health checkups for seniors. Family members and caregivers also play a vital role in noticing signs—such as asking people to repeat themselves, turning up volume excessively, or withdrawing from social activities.

Addressing hearing loss can vastly improve quality of life, restore confidence, and reconnect seniors with the world around them. It's time we treated hearing health with the same seriousness as vision or heart health.

If you or a loved one are experiencing signs of hearing difficulty, don't wait. Consult a healthcare provider or audiologist. The world is a better place when you can hear it clearly.

## ESSENTIAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS ALL SENIORS SHOULD HAVE

Dear Savvy Senior:

*What kinds of legal documents do I need to help my family take care of me in my elder years? I would like to get my affairs in order but could use some help.*  
Approaching 80



Dear Approaching,

All adults, especially an older adult like yourself, should have at least five legal documents to protect yourself and your family. These documents will make sure your wishes regarding your estate are legal and clear and will help minimize any conflicts and confusion with your family and your health care providers if you become seriously ill or when you die. Here are the key documents you need, along with some tips to help you create them.

**Durable Power of Attorney:** This document allows you to designate someone you trust to handle your financial affairs if you become incapacitated.

**Advance Directive:** This includes two documents that spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment. The two documents are a "living will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated. And a "health care power of attorney" (or health care proxy), which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you're unable.

To complement your advance directive, you should also consider getting a Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment – see POLST.org. This is a state specific form that your doctor would fill out that translates your end-of-life wishes into medical orders to ensure your wishes are carried out.

**A Will:** This lets you spell out your wishes of how you'd like your property and assets distributed after you die, whether it's to family, friends or a charity. It also allows you to designate an executor to ensure your wishes are carried out and allows you to name guardians if you have dependent children.

In addition to a will, if you own real estate or have considerable assets, another option you may want to consider is a "revocable living trust." This functions like a will but allows your estate to avoid the time and expense of probate (the public legal process that examines your estate after you die) and helps ensure your estate's privacy.

**HIPAA Release:** This form gives your healthcare provider permission to discuss your medical care and medical bills with those you designate. You may need specific HIPAA release forms for each medical professional or health care establishment you deal with.

Do-It-Yourself

If you have a simple estate and an uncomplicated family situation, there are do-it-yourself resources that can help you create all these documents for a few hundred dollars. Some top-rated options to consider include Quicken WillMaker & Trust software (see WillMaker.com), Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com) and Legal Zoom (LegalZoom.com).

Get Help

If, however, you want or need assistance or if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or have considerable assets, you should hire an attorney. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases – especially when writing a will or living trust – which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

Costs will vary depending on where you reside, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$500 and \$2,000 for a basic estate plan that includes a will, power of attorney and advance directive. If you want your estate plan to include a living trust, that can run anywhere between \$1,500 and \$5,000.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org) and the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (NAEPC.org) are two good resources that have directories on their websites to help you find someone in your area.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar association (see FindLegalHelp.org) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for a referral.

Send your questions or comments to [questions@savvysenior.org](mailto:questions@savvysenior.org), or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.



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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## MY ONLY EXERCISE IS JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS



Over the past few weeks (or was it months?) I've been recovering from some health issues. They were not that serious, just annoying. I spent one day in the hospital and the rest of the time in bed, which is not the kind of vacation I want.

During all that time, I've not had much time to exercise. I asked about it when I was at the Doctor's for my last examination. I said, "Doctor, what should I do about exercising? I haven't been able to do much of that during my sickness." Looking at me rather grimly, he said, "If I were you I would exercise daily." Smiling at the doctor, I said, "Thank You, I appreciate that."

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to the Doctor's appointment and was now driving me back to the house. While driving, she looked at me and said, "Well, do you think you're going to start exercising now? What are you going to do first?"

I just looked at her and laughed. "What are you laughing about?" She said. "Did you hear what the doctor said? He said he would exercise daily for me." Looking at me with her eyes rolling in her head, she said, "This is why I have to come with you when you go to the doctors. You never hear what the doctor says. That is not what he said."

"You heard it as well as I did," I said, "he said, 'If I were you, I would exercise daily.'"

Still rolling her eyes, she said, "That is not what I heard him say." I was still chuckling, and then she said, "I think you have some loose marbles rolling around in your head."

Smiling at her, I said, "Thank you, my dear, for recognizing that I have some activity in my head."

I glanced in her direction and noticed she wasn't laughing at all, but her eyes were still rolling.

I must say that jumping to conclusions is a great way to exercise. And it solves a lot of problems.

I had one exercise project that I wanted to do. I wanted to run to the store and get an Apple Fritter and run back. Now the problem with that is, my energy is not up to the place where I can run that far. And, sneaking out of the house at this time would not work for me at all.

I have been jumping to conclusions for as long as I can remember. That is because I don't let people say everything on their mind. If I think I know what they're saying, I jump immediately to what turns out to be the wrong conclusion.

When I was a young kid at home, my father would often say to me, "Son, do you want a spanking?"

At the time, I never knew if it was a rhetorical question or if he was giving me a choice. That is the only time I can remember that I didn't jump to some conclusion.

If I look at my life, I can blame a lot of my problems on my habit of jumping to conclusions. If only I would just let people say everything on their mind and wait until they're done to make some kind of a decision.

I remember many years ago when I met the young lady who is now The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. We were riding along in a van with some of the other young people at the Bible school we were going to.

Just before we got back to the dormitory, she said to me quietly, "Wouldn't it be nice to be married?"

I did not know what she was talking about because I was too naïve then, so I jumped to the conclusion and said, "That would be wonderful."

I was the last in the Bible school to know I had become engaged. I jumped to a conclusion I had no understanding about.

Under the circumstances, that was probably the best conclusion I ever reached. It just took me a long time to understand what it meant.

I jump to conclusions because I think I know what that person is talking about. I wouldn't get into so much trouble if I weren't so smart.

A dumb person would usually say, "What do you mean?" And then wait for the explanation.

A smart person would think he knows what that person is talking about and jumps to conclusions.

I come from Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Dutch have a saying that goes like this: "Throw Papa down the stairs..." There's a pause, and after the pause, they finish it by saying, "His hat."

If you don't listen to the whole sentence, you're liable to throw Papa down the stairs. But if you listen to the entire sentence, you will throw his hat down the stairs.

There are times when I don't listen to the entire sentence. In my Bible reading, I discovered a verse dealing with this.

Proverbs 25:8-9, "Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another."

I get into trouble when I respond "hastily" to what I hear. I need to slow down and listen to the whole sentence, not just what I want to hear.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON

THE TRYLIGHT ZONE



I have been stuck in the house with pneumonia for a week and going kind of crazy listening to the news. This morning, I checked my e-mails and read that it was possible to have actual conversations with AI on the cell phone. After watching the PBS News at 8AM I realized that I had little understanding of why conservatives thought that the deficit was such a bad thing. I attempted to follow instructions and succeeded in having a very informative conversation with a non-human who went by the name of CLAUDE.

Claude explained a whole lot to me which depressed me as I now feared that the future and perhaps the present is already devoid of the need for human contact or conversation. I thought about this for a while and decided that I needed to write an article called VALUES. I realized that Claude doesn't CARE but, right or wrong I do. He, or more properly "it" has no hopes or dreams or loves or worries or envy or malice or even wants or needs. I realized that these inner experiences, emotions let's call them, are what gives life meaning independent of rationality.

Humans are not rational creatures involved only in finding consistencies and proofs. A little after noon, feeling a kind of need to protect my humanity and independence I announced to my wife that notwithstanding her displeasure I was going to drive myself to Carl's Junior and obtain a promised a free hamburger to be provided with the cost of a large drink the day after a Dodger game in which the opponent had been struck out seven times or more. I drove straight to Carl's Junior and spoke into the microphone and demanded a free hamburger. The answering voice said no free hamburgers were given out and I became incensed. I threatened to call Carl himself.

I began to drive away from the fast-food place and noticed that the price of a combo hamburger was about 9 dollars. I drove back in and purchased a burger and brought it home and ate it and it was delicious. I told my wife the story as she disapprovingly watched me eat the burger and she told me that I had gotten the whole thing wrong. We looked up the entitlement to free burgers and the free burgers were a promotion by Jack in the Box and not Carl's Junior. I immediately found the phone number to the Carl's Junior and apologized to the man I antagonized. He couldn't have cared less and was not at all interested in talking to me. (Who can blame him?)

At dinner time I announced to my wife that I was well enough to meet with my son, daughter, and granddaughter as we customarily did every Wednesday. We did meet and I got into a hassle with my daughter over her advice to her daughter to not get impatient with other kids for not being able to keep up with her. It was more important that she develop social skills. Remember my granddaughter is five going on six and is very bright. I informed my daughter that by the time I was seven I was double promoted twice and always tried to do my best even going so far as to argue with the teachers.

My daughter said she well-knew my lack of social skills and my wife and she nodded at one another. Maybe that's why I attempt to communicate with others like you through these articles. Thanks for reading and know that we do not need Claude or AI to approve of our actions. I am an emotional often irrational human being who in my 80's still enjoys my life. I can only hope the same for my granddaughter.

We can make use of AI when we feel like it but as to the most important questions our very humanity exists completely independent of the need for only rational answers. Too bad, CLAUDE, I know you don't or can't even care! That's why you are artificial, and we are something else that is, irrationality and all, worth saving. No matter our present confusion I believe the light of humanity will not be easily extinguished.



HOWARD Hays As I See It

*"It looks like Saddam and Liberace's decorators got together and said, 'let's make a flying brothel that will appeal to Donald Trump.'" – Steve Wilson on the Boeing 747-8 gifted from Qatar*

“a creative disposal strategy” – Dubai-based aviation consultant Linus Bauer on Qatar’s unloading the plane on Donald Trump

Following President Trump's recent visit to the Middle East, the White House bragged of some \$2 trillion in investments secured. Fox's Jesse Waters called Trump's performance a “masterclass”. Among the deals touted were an \$8.5 billion investment from Qatar in a Texas energy company, \$200 billion in Amazon cloud computing from Abu Dhabi and \$600 billion from Saudi Arabia for an airport project.

But as the Washington Post later reported, these deals and others had already been made months, if not years, before – under President Joe Biden. The administration also bragged about billions in military purchases by Qatar – also either announced under Biden or which had “been in the works for years”, according to a congressional aide quoted by the Post.

A White House spokesperson referred to some of these as “reaffirmed investments”. Others were described as “aspirational”. And then there were doubts whether Saudi Arabia could come up with even half the cash needed to fund what they'd been talking about, anyway.

But the trip wasn't about the president making deals for our country; it was an opportunity for those who accompanied him – dozens of CEOs and top execs from Nvidia, Amazon, Cisco, Qualcomm, Open AI, Palantir, etc. – to make deals for their companies. Nvidia, for instance, struck deals with the UAE and Saudi Arabia for semiconductor chips The Guardian describes as “the most advanced in the world for the creation of artificial intelligence products”.

Under President Biden, such deals were restricted in the interest of national security – fearing these technologies would somehow make their way from the Gulf states to China. But national security isn't a concern of President Trump's and, apparently, neither are issues like the war in Gaza and Iran's influence in the region – not on this trip, anyway.

What was important was rewarding his billionaire donors with the opportunity to make billions more on the president's first overseas trip of his second term. Also tagging along, of course, was Elon Musk – so he could ink more deals for his Starlink satellite communication system.

At a crypto convention in Dubai the week before the trip, it was announced the UAE was putting \$2 billion into Trump crypto through the Trump family's World Liberty Financial – with Eric Trump on stage for the announcement. That same day, the Trump administration lifted restrictions allowing the UAE to buy those semiconductor chips from Nvidia. (Now what was that Hunter Biden thing all about again?)

Tied into the trip was news of that \$400 million Boeing 747-8 for President Trump from Qatar. Since such a “gift” without Congressional approval would violate the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, it was later clarified that the plane would be going to the Defense Department, and then to the Trump Presidential Library once Trump left office (with assurance he wouldn't then be using it personally – like yeah, right).

It was seen as a successor to the aging Air Force One. Trump had ordered replacements for that plane back in 2018, but they probably won't be ready until nearly the end of this second term – if then. With the special requirements for a president's Air Force One (most passenger jets don't need protection against electromagnetic waves from a nuclear blast), even this new one from Qatar would have to be retrofitted in a process taking years and an extra billion-or-so dollars. With all this still to be resolved, it appears Trump went ahead anyway - the plane was delivered and parked at the San Antonio airport. It was presented as a generous out-of-the-blue offer from Qatar, but now we know Trump had been shopping around for one since deciding he just couldn't wait for those already-ordered replacements to be ready.

There's another aspect to the deal reported by Forbes that puts it in a whole different light: Qatar has been trying to unload this plane for years. It'd been on the market since 2020 – with no takers. They did manage to unload one like it on President Erdogan of Turkey back in 2018, but at a then-cost of \$23,000 an hour to fly, one wonders if the Turkish president afterwards had any second thoughts.

And that per-hour flight cost doesn't include the millions of dollars in on-going storage and maintenance. Even without the required retrofitting, the plane Trump is saddling us with is due in a couple years for its 12-year maintenance – itself taking months and costing millions, while it's becoming harder to find mechanics to work on them. Billionaire oil sheiks nowadays are going for more efficient, versatile two-engine planes (think Boeing 787 or Airbus A350) – not those four-engine outmoded guzzlers with the extra-large runways they require.

Qatar has managed to rid themselves of an obsolete, unwanted, money-pit liability – improbably finding someone thinking they're getting a deal in being able to take it off their hands (“Only a FOOL would not accept this gift on behalf of our Country”). In this exercise of a “creative disposal strategy” between Qatar and Donald Trump, there is indeed a party giving us a “masterclass”. And it's not our president.

RICH JOHNSON



MEMORIAL DAY 2025

So, this is Memorial Day Weekend. Let me start with a little trivia regarding this very “sacred” holiday.

Where is the official birthplace of Memorial Day?

Waterloo, New York  
What is the other name for Memorial Day? Decoration Day Why was May 30 originally designated as Memorial Day? Because flowers would be in bloom across the country.

Memorial Day was established to honor fallen soldiers of which war? The Civil War. (First observed in 1868) Interesting side note: South Carolina actually celebrates a second “Memorial Day” every May 10th to remember the fallen Confederate Army soldiers.

Yikes! Did you know in 2000, Congress passed a law requiring Americans to pause on Memorial Day to honor fallen servicemen and service women? What time of day is the remembrance supposed to be remembered? 3:00 PM

Which U.S. President Officially declared Memorial Day a National Holiday? Richard Nixon Speaking of presidents, George W. Bush was the last president who served any time in the military. His father, George H. W. Bush was the last president to have served in combat.

Presidents that attained the highest rank of General of the Armies included George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower. One president obtaining his highest rank as Private was James Buchanan. He was the only enlisted man to become president.

A little more trivia regarding presidents. Grover Cleveland was drafted into military service but actually paid someone else \$150 to take his place (it was legal back then under the Conscription Act of 1836)

The army wins in having 16 of their veterans elected as presidents . State Militia's generated ten presidents out of their ranks. John Kennedy and George H. W. Bush came out of the Navy. And finally, the National Guard played host to Harry S. Truman and George W. Bush.

Speaking of Harry Truman, his middle name is “S”. That's it! Truman's parents couldn't decide whether to honor his dad's dad (Anderson Shippe), or his mother's dad (Solomon Young). So, since there was a “S” on each parent's side, his middle name became simply “S”. For extra credit Harry (not Harold) is Harry Truman's first name. We are not going to waste letters in this boy's name.

Military service proved detrimental to the following seekers of the White House. Presidential seeker John Kerry and John McCain's military experience were successfully weaponized against them. On the other side of the fence, five deferments each during the Vietnam War were weaponized unsuccessfully against both Donald Trump and Joe Biden's aspirations for a stay at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW (White House address for my close friends).

My column wouldn't be “Rich” if I didn't include some totally useless information. Some may think I either subbed out the column to

some quasi ignorant third party, or took a speed AI course on a Commodore 64 computer. No, it's just me. Let's see:

Starting Memorial Day and ending Labor Day, 7 billion hot dogs will be eaten. That's 818 per second. In fact, July 4th, keep an eye on Memorial Day. Independence Day narrowly beats Memorial Day for backyard barbecuing and drinking brews. Here are the national averages on what will be barbecued on Memorial Day:

Burgers (85%), Steaks (80%), Hot Dogs (79%), Chicken (73%), Peanut Butter Sandwiches (my house).

If you want to truly celebrate Memorial Day by displaying the old Stars and Stripes, fly the flag at half-staff until 12:00noon and then raise to its full height. I have referred in passing to Winston Churchill's 1947 speech to the U.K. House of Commons. This is the actual quote to which he does not take credit for creating. The Prime Minister said:

“Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time; but there is the broad feeling in our country that the people should rule, continuously rule, and that public opinion, expressed by all constitutional means, should shape, guide, and control the actions of Ministers who are their servants and not their masters.”

In truth, it was originally written by a Canadian educator named Guy Henson in May 1946 in a scintillating report entitled: “A Report on Provincial Support of Adult Education in Nova Scotia”. And Mr. Henson didn't even take credit saying it was anonymous. I would love to take credit for originally saying the phrase. My sole complication in taking credit is I was born in 1951 Which (though my math has always been bad) 5-6 years after it was first quoted. Darn!

I think we can all agree we have the worst form of government except for all the others.

And like most in group sports, one team pairs off against another. One team wins and one team loses. And the losing team's assignment is keep the mother ship floating while they regroup and assess how to beat the winning team the next time they meet on the field of battle.

If we got rid of one side's team how long would it be before a group of our own teammates split off for one reason or another from us and suddenly we are faced with yet another adversary. So, as bad/good our system is, let's keep it. Tweak it if you will, but let's keep it.

In closing, I would like to tender a name for President of the United States in 2028. My candidate will finally be old enough to run. Of course, my candidate is my favorite “son”... Henderson! What say you?









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FILE NO. 2025-081765 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) HERMAN V TRUJILLO, 245 CARBONIA AVE, WALNUT, CA 91789, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: AV 24 7 TECH CREW SERVICES, 245 CARBONIA AVE, WALNUT, CA 91789. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/18/2024, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2024011887. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 04/22/2025. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) HERMAN V TRUJILLO/OWNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: MAY 03, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FILE NO. 2025-080191 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) GABRIEL MARCELO SAMANIEGO, 11135 FERINA ST UNIT # 10, NORWALK, CA 90650, MARCELO HIDROGO SAMANIEGO, 11135 FERINA ST UNIT #10, NORWALK, CA 90650, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: AZTECA DOORS AND ACCESS CONTROLS, 11335 FERINA ST UNIT # 10, NORWALK, CA 90650. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 02/08/2022, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2022080809. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 04/21/2025. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) MARCELO HIDROGO SAMANIEGO/GENERAL PARTNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: MAY 03, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025-080797 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MERCY MOVERS, 838 E DANA ST MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA. 94041. AON C5286112 CALIFORNIA STATE CLARA CLARA COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TEASDA L. CLARA, INC. 838 E DANA ST, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA. 94041. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MAKE IT EASY MOVING, INC. OLEKSANDR KOMOVY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2016. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025-088257 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GREEN PLANET RESTORATION OF SANTA CLARITA 26821 ALBION WAY SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ORANGE TEAM OF LOS ANGELES, INC. 26821 ALBION WAY SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91351. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ORANGE TEAM OF LOS ANGELES, INC. TUMAR FELDMANN, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2024. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025088254 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TAI LOCKSMITH SAN DIEGO 21050 KITTRIDGE ST APT #21 CANOGA PARK, CA. 91303. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TAI FOR YOU 21050 KITTRIDGE ST APT #21 CANOGA PARK, CA. 91303. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: TAI FOR YOU, ALMOGO PEREZ, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025088152 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOODLAND RECOVERY CENTER 8127 GOODLAND AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BABAL, INC. 8127 GOODLAND AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BABAL, INC., VANESSA MARINA PEREZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025087876 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE ALTERED STITCH 6740 BALBOA BLVD LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406. AON B202500777 CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THE ALTERED STITCH, 6740 BALBOA BLVD LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed: THE ALTERED STITCH, TIENDITA, LLC., VANESSA MARINA PEREZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025089617 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AM CONSTRUCTION & PLUMBING 563 VIA DE LA PAZ PACIFIC PALISADES, CA. 90272. SHERMAN REALTY 563 VIA DE LA PAZ PACIFIC PALISADES, CA. 90272. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AKIVA KIM SHERMAN 563 VIA DE LA PAZ PACIFIC PALISADES, CA. 90272. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AKIVA KIM SHERMAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2007. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025088376 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LONDON AUTO SALES AND SERVICES 13406 VAN NUYS BLVD, UNIT B, PACOIMA, CA. 91331. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JONATHAN ZEA GONZALEZ 13406 VAN NUYS BLVD, UNIT B, PACOIMA, CA. 91331. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JONATHAN ZEA GONZALEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025089376 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J. P. PAINTING COMPANY 6900 COLDWATER CANYON AVE APT 3 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUISA MARIA CARRERA SANDOVAL 6900 COLDWATER CANYON AVE APT 3 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUISA MARIA CARRERA SANDOVAL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025088252 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ZENITUDE SKIN SPA 21021 VENTURA BLVD STE 100 STUDIO 25 WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARGARITA SETIYAN 21021 VENTURA BLVD STE 100 STUDIO 25 WOODLAND HILLS, CA. 91364. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARGARITA SETIYAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/01/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2016. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025085192 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SEPIDEH LUXURY CLOSET 5150 YARMOUTH UNIT 209 ENCINO, CA. 91316. AON B20250061169 CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SEPIDEH LUXURY CLOSET, INC. 5150 YARMOUTH AVE, #209 ENCINO, CA. 91316. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SEPIDEH LUXURY CLOSET, INC. SEPIDEH SOLEYMANPOOR, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) ES Dates Pub: MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2025087919 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VINTAGE UPHOLSTERY & MORE 12035 BROMONT AVE SAN FERNANDO, CA. 91331. CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAVID STEVEN GARCIA, 12035 BROMONT AVE SAN FERNANDO, CA. 91331. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DAVID STEVEN GARCIA/





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ROTATOR CUFF STUFF

By the time you read this I will have gone under the knife – again. This time for a repair of one of my rotator cuff muscles. If you suspect you may have a shoulder injury that requires surgery, read on. You can follow my progress at the Facebook page listed at the end of this story.

It started many years ago. First with a sore bicep muscle. Then difficulty pulling off clothing over my head. More recently pain while lifting weights for arm work. Then discomfort while sleeping on it. I pretty much don't pay attention to minor aches and pains. As someone who has worked out more than 30 hours a week for 40 years, you get used to strains, sprains and muscle knots that come and go. But this has persisted for a long time. And now that it is definitely not going away, it needs to be taken care of.

What exactly are the rotator cuff muscles and what do they do? The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles and their tendons that surround the shoulder joint, helping to keep the

shoulder stable and allowing you to move your arm in various directions. These muscles are:

1. Supraspinatus: Located on the top of your shoulder blade (scapula), this muscle attaches to your humerus bone and helps lift your arm away from your body.
2. Infraspinatus: Found on the back of your shoulder blade, it allows you to rotate your arm outward.
3. Teres Minor: Also on the back of your shoulder blade, this muscle assists in rotating your arm outward.
4. Subscapularis: Situated on the front of your shoulder blade, it helps rotate your arm inward.

Together, these muscles and tendons form a "cuff" around the top of your arm bone (humerus), keeping it securely in the shallow socket of your shoulder blade. This setup allows you to move your arm in many directions, such as lifting, reaching, and rotating, while keeping your shoulder stable. The deltoid muscle is the outer shell that moves and shapes the shoulder. The rotator cuff muscles are deeper stabilizers that keep the joint secure.

In my case, it's a complete tear of the supraspinatus muscle and tendon that is involved. After years of overuse, the muscle has torn off the bone and slipped back making the other muscles pick up the slack to keep the arm moving and functioning as best as possible.

Such tears don't heal on their own due to limited blood supply to the tendons, which hampers the body's natural healing process. Plus, the detached tendon may retract, making natural re-attachment difficult. Over time, the muscle can weaken and be replaced by fat tissue, further complicating healing. Despite this, not everyone with a complete tear would opt for surgery. Many find relief through physical therapy, which can improve function and reduce pain. But, for someone like me, who wants to continue to have a high level of physical activity using my arm for lifting weights, swimming and fitness classes there isn't really a choice. And if I leave it as is, it will eventually lead to an entire shoulder replacement which my doctor said is way worse than a hip replacement!

The procedure is done arthroscopically. Just a few holes in the front and back of the shoulder. It really is a fascinating process to see how they anchor sutures into the bone and then sew the tendon back onto it. Kind of reminds me of one of those bags that cantaloupes are sold in. Criss crossed mesh. Technical name is Transosseous-equivalent (TOE) double-row repair.

Whatever it's called I'm not looking forward to it. Two surgeries within 10 months means another summer of no fun. Recovery time is the worst part. At least 4-6 weeks in a sling. Then a full 3 months to get back to using it in any kind of normal capacity. God forbid I re-tear it during healing (something that happens more often than you would think – about 25% of the time in people my age) and need to have surgery all over again. To make matters worse, I think I have the same issue in my other arm but I'm not ready to deal with finding that out just now.

Sometimes I feel like the body parts are breaking faster than I can fix them. But the good news is that they CAN be fixed. Yes, parts wear out from years of overuse. I absolutely expected that. Still I much prefer this over heart disease, diabetes, stroke and obesity issues. I guess an occasional 'repair' from an active lifestyle is a worthwhile trade-off for overall long-term health.

5 TIPS FOR PRIORITIZING MENTAL HEALTH THIS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

By: Dr. Donald Tavakoli, UnitedHealthcare National Medical Director for Behavioral Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which is a great time to check in with yourself, the people in your life and explore ways to prioritize emotional well-being. With one in five U.S. adults experiencing mental illness each year, taking small, intentional steps to support mental wellness may have a very meaningful impact.

This month, and in the months ahead, there are simple yet effective ways to focus on your mental health. Here are a handful to consider:

1. Stay Connected to a Strong Support System  
Social support can play a critical role in mental well-being. Research shows that strong social connections are linked to lower levels of anxiety and depression. In fact, according to UnitedHealthcare's College Student and Graduate Behavioral Health Report, young adults are increasingly turning to their peers for emotional support more than any other outside influence. Whether it's friends, family or colleagues, maintaining these connections may provide stability and encouragement during life's ups and downs.
2. Build Healthy Habits  
Lifestyle choices may have a significant impact on mental health. Regular physical activity, proper sleep, and balanced nutrition may help regulate mood and reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. Studies have shown that individuals who engaged in regular exercise experience lower levels of stress and improved mental well-being. Even small changes, like a daily walk or practicing mindfulness, may make a significant difference.
3. Limit Online Time: Studies have shown that excessive social media use is linked to a higher risk of depression and anxiety, especially among young people. It's important to keep in mind that a person's social feed may not reflect their actual life story. Instead, try to embrace the difficulties of life as normal, focus on the present, and prioritize your offline relationships.
4. Take Advantage of Mental Health Resources  
Exploring available mental health resources available through your health plan can be a great first step. For example, some insurers, such as UnitedHealthcare, offer digital self-care tools such as Calm Health, coaching, 24/7 mental health support lines for "in-the-moment" support visits, along with in-person and virtual visits, allowing individuals to access support in a variety of ways. If you're unsure where to start, sign in to your health plan or call the number on your insurance ID card.
5. Seek Professional Help When Necessary  
If feelings of stress, anxiety, or depression start to feel overwhelming, reach out to your primary care physician (PCP). If you don't have a PCP, establish a relationship with one. Your PCP will provide valuable insights and care, and referrals if needed. Getting the right support can guide you toward a more balanced and fulfilling life.

Please remember, taking care of your mental health isn't just important this month – it may be something that benefits overall well-being year-round. Even small, consistent efforts may lead to long-term improvements in emotional resilience and quality of life.

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A LITTLE MORE TIME?



"Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity." Albert Einstein

When I turned 40, I became more attuned to death. I thought dying at that age would be shocking—a tragedy—but it happens. I decided I'd better start taking better care of myself.

At 50, I accepted that death was definitely on the menu. I'd better start having more fun. In my 60's, I'm doing my best to make the most of things, and I find it harder than I expected. My questions have changed. Is it possible to be truly known, or to truly know? Everyone around me seems so sure of everything, while I seem to know less and less. At this point, I find myself asking: "What would you do if you knew you only had a little more time?"

I'd try to be kinder and laugh more. I'd get out of the house and meet new people. I'm trying to be less resistant, more forgiving, and more loving.

Henry David Thoreau said, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived... I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms..."

I will be 64 soon, and my mother was 66 at the time of her death. I'd love to eliminate everything that's not essential, but I'm finding that to be more difficult than I imagined. It's easy to acquire possessions, but far more difficult to shed them.

I woke up this morning thinking about forgiveness.

I'm noticing the small transgressions and slights that I've held onto. My longtime friends and friendships have changed. One of my coping skills is constantly reminding myself that everything changes, and nothing stays the same, but sometimes, my resistance is so subtle that it sneaks up on me.

Lots of my friends are judges now. That has changed the landscape of friendship in the legal community, and I was hurt by it. Many now believe their relationships with lawyers should be confined within the four walls of the courtroom, regardless of decades of friendship before they took the bench. I felt abandoned, excluded from lives I once shared. But I'd never considered the other side. In today's world of constant surveillance and scrutiny, perhaps these once-close friends now live in a kind of social prison. Every interaction outside the courtroom risks being misinterpreted, photographed, or posted online. Their position demands a distance that may pain them as much as it does me. I'm learning that there's another way to interpret what felt like rejection. It may not be personal after all, but the price of the robes they wear.

The real question isn't what we would do with more time, but how we choose to spend our precious moments now. Let go of what doesn't serve you. Don't resist love when it appears. Practice self-kindness daily. The time to live fully isn't someday—it's today.

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# May Events Around Town!

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### One Time Events

**May 2**  
**Cinco De Mayo at San Gabriel Mission District**  
Entertainment, vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, beer/wine garden. 5:30pm – 9pm

**May 3**  
**Beethoven "Pastoral" Symphony at Ambassador Auditorium**  
Pasadena Symphony performs Beethoven's joyful and expansive symphony 2pm & 8pm

**May 3**  
**UCLA Spring Showcase and Cinco de Mayo at the Rose Bowl**  
See UCLA Football's preparations for the 2025 season, and celebrate Cinco de Mayo with food, music, shops, and boxing. 11am

**May 4**  
**Museums of the Arroyo Day**  
Experience family fun at six area museums 12pm – 4:00pm

**May 4**  
**Monrovia Historic Home Tour**  
Explore five vintage homes and museums in Monrovia. 10am – 4:00pm

**May 10**  
**Pasadena Heritage's Arts and Crafts Architecture Bus Tour**  
Discover Pasadena's Arts and Crafts architecture 10am – 12:30pm & 2pm – 4:30pm

**May 10**  
**Pasadena Walking Film Tour**  
Explore Old Pasadena and learn about movies and TV shows filmed here. 10am – 12pm

**May 11**  
**Mother's Day Brunch at The Huntington**  
Celebrate Mom with an elegant brunch in the beautiful Garden Court. 11am & 3:30pm

**May 17**  
**Cruel World Music Festival at Brookside at the Rose Bowl**  
The festival features performances by New Order, The Go-Gos, and more. 11am -11pm

**May 20**  
**Camarata Pacifica: Auerbach's Dreammusik at The Huntington**  
Enjoy the music of Auerbach, Bolcom and Chopin. Rothenberg Hall. 7:30pm – 9pm

### Ongoing Events

**April 5 – May 18**  
**Renaissance Pleasure Faire 2025**  
Enjoy rollicking games, demonstrations, food, and more. Santa Fe Dam 10am – 7pm

**April 22 – June 15**  
**Cai Gur-Qiang: A Material Odyssey at Pacific Asia Museum**  
Artworks and scientific displays explore the properties of gunpowder use by the artist.

**April 22 – August 1**  
**Wired for Wonder: A Multisensory Maze at KidSpace Museum**  
Immerse yourself in this multisensory maze for all ages. Tues – Sun 10am – 5pm

**April 20 – May 18**  
**Pasadena Showcase House of Design**  
The Bauer Estate and Gardens set in five acres of peace and seclusion. Proceeds fund music programs and grants to non-profits.

**May 2 – May 26**  
**LA County Fair at The Fairplex**  
Enjoy attractions, concerts, competitions, fair food and more!

**May 3, 4**  
**Sierra Madre Art Fair**  
Held in Memorial Park this art fair features over 80 fine artists. 9:30am -5pm

**May 10, May 24**  
**Greene & Greene Drop in Talks - Huntington**  
Gamble House docents host drop in talks at The Huntington's Greene & Greene Gallery May 10 the Robinson Dining Room May 24 At the Hearth 11:30, 12:30, 1:30

**May 22, May 29**  
**Twilight Music and Cocktails at the Peacock Café Terrace**  
Relax with cocktails and delicious bites 6 – 8pm




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