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Pharmacist Paul Mansour in 2022

## SIERRA MADRE PHARMACIST PLEADS GUILTY TO MEDICARE FRAUD

On Wednesday, the United States Department of Justice announced that local resident Paul Mansour pleaded guilty to "submitting fraudulent claims to Medicare for prescription drugs that were never dispensed to patients." Mansour is a co-owner of Best Buy Drugs in Sierra Madre.

In the plea agreement signed by Mansour, he admitted to creating "fake patient profiles in the pharmacy's digital filing system and added fraudulent prescription medication entries to these fictitious patient files that duplicated prescriptions for medications provided to real patients of the pharmacy. Mansour then submitted false and fraudulent claims for the drugs added in the fictitious patient files that had never been dispensed, billing Medicare for the fraudulent prescriptions in the names of real patients of the pharmacy."

The release goes on to say that "between January 2017 and June 2022, Mansour caused Medicare to pay the pharmacy between approximately

\$600,000 and over \$1 million as a result of the submission of false and fraudulent claims."

Mansour pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud. He is scheduled to be sentenced on June 28 and faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, although the US Attorney's office is seeking a lesser sentence. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The FBI Los Angeles Field Office and HHS-OIG investigated the case. Those agencies raided the business in 2022, however no reason for the search was ever disclosed.

Mansour was the recipient of the Sierra Madre Business of the Year Award for his service in 2021. The award is bestowed upon outstanding businesses that have existed in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years and have been an active supporter of the community.

The pharmacy itself was founded in 1910. Mansour took over the helm in 1995.

As of this date, the Pharmacy remains licensed by the State of California and is maintaining its regular business hours. Best Buy is owned by Mansour Partners, Inc.

S. Henderson/MVNews

## CITY CLERK TAKES PRO-ACTIVE MEASURES TO "PROTECT THE INTEGRITY" OF THE UPCOMING SPECIAL ELECTION.

On May 9, 2023, there will be a Special Municipal Election on Measure M, giving Sierra Madre voters another opportunity to express their feelings on the controversial Meadows at Bailey Canyon project. Voters will be able to cast Yes or No Votes on whether or not to overturn the city council ordinance that authorized the project to move forward.

The community is divided over the issue, something that is not unusual in Sierra Madre, especially when it comes to matters of development. What is unusual in this instance, is that there will be no local poll workers assisting with ballots cast in person on election day.

On April 1st, Sierra Madre City Clerk, Election Official, informed the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder - Dean Logan of her decision not to use the "services of any Sierra Madre registered voter as a poll worker". She goes on to explain the reasons for her decision:

"The decision is based on two policy considerations. First, I want to ensure voters' faith in the integrity of the election process. Second, I want to avoid any voter intimidation.

Sierra Madre is a very small community, and many of the potential poll workers would be, and have been, strongly and vocally partisan. I do not want citizens to question the outcome of the election or to be afraid to vote because of the poll workers.

My goals, as Election Official, are the same as yours: to preserve the voters' right to vote, and provide accessibility, while maintaining accuracy and integrity in the election process.

Poll workers are selected at random by the County and generally pulled from registered volunteers who live in the election district. County officials, at Aguilar's request, will use volunteers registered in cities outside of 91024.

Ballots will be mailed to voters beginning April 10th and the voting center will be open from April 29th - May 9th. The Vote Center will be the new SMPD Headquarters - 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. MVNews

City of Sierra Madre  
Special Municipal Election  
May 9, 2023

### VOTE CENTER OPEN:

April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>: 10 AM - 7 PM  
Election Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>: 7 AM - 8 PM

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# YES on M

- Parks
- Public Safety
- Fewer New Homes



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|   | YES <u>on</u> M | No on M      |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
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| \$250,000 for a New Police Station                    | ✓               | ✗            |
| 500+ New Trees Planted                                | ✓               | ✗            |
| 40 Acres of Permanently Protected Hillside Open Space | ✓               | ✗            |
| Roadway Improvements to Carter Ave                    | ✓               | ✗            |
| Supported by City Council & City Leaders              | ✓               | ✗            |

### City Leaders Stand United in Support of YES on M:

Sierra Madre Mayor & City Council



Sierra Madre Professional Firefighters Association



Sierra Madre Police Officers Association

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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*“Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.”  
Pope John Paul II*

*“The great gift of Easter is Hope – Hope that makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake.” Basil Hume*

Tomorrow is Easter, friends and neighbors, a time of celebration and joy. What Easter is really about is the fact that the stone was rolled away and there was an empty tomb. As the angel said, “He is not here. He is risen!” This is the amazing concept upon which many of us base our lives. A lot of us, including me, will still be live-streaming our Easter service, but, as always, it will be the most meaningful day ever.

Yes, we might have brunch reservations and be thinking thoughts of eggs benedict and a mimosa. But we might also still be remembering the Good Friday service that made us think long and hard about what actually happened the three days before Easter.

I’ve been remembering a wonderful, peaceful, reflective time walking through the stations of the cross with John up at Mater Dolorosa on a foggy morning and seeing deer wandering through the trees, sitting down for a few minutes on one of the benches and just ‘being still and knowing that He is God.’

This week before Easter has been kind of a hard one. April 1st would have been our 56th wedding anniversary. John is celebrating in heaven and I have been blessed with a tiny gift just outside my office window. I’ve mentioned this before, but it’s just such a sweet thing to see...a hummingbird started building her nest outside my window a couple of weeks ago and now she’s spending a great deal of time perched on there. The picture here last week was of her working on her nest. Watching her makes me smile. The oleanders are covered with pink blossoms, buds are bursting with new flowers and the world is beautiful after all the rain. It was also my birthday and my grandson, Brady’s birthday a few days ago but I’m ignoring mine and hoping everyone else I know will, too, while celebrating Brady to the max! He’s 8 and, like all other children his age, all he wants is a Roblox gift card. Yes, of course I got him one!

The stores are filled with Easter lilies, Peeps abound, enormous chocolate bunnies fill the shelves of the candy aisle at our supermarket; I’ve been given several chocolate caramel eggs – my Easter guilty pleasure - and there’s a Kohl’s commercial on every channel showing you adorable children’s Easter outfits you could buy. There are Easter egg hunts all over the San Gabriel Valley and, as always, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire-fighter’s Association is hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt today in Memorial Park complete with eggs, candy and the Easter Bunny for children 12 years of age and younger. It starts at 9 am and the event is free.

Let me say it again, tomorrow is Easter! He is risen! He is risen, indeed! I hope this poem will help you see that first Easter through the eyes of Jesus’ friends. Their world had just been completely upended.

*Before dawn...Easter Sunday...The sky was gray...  
The world was hushed...  
The women walked toward a tomb,  
Jars of spices in their hands,  
To tend the One, the One Who died, crucified that*



Friday.

*The women walked, Mary Magdalene and another.  
They walked and wondered, who would roll away  
the stone.*

*They stopped to rest, await the day, sad eyes filled  
with tears.  
Sorrow for the One Who died, crucified that  
Friday.*

*Another dawn, another day, what did it matter  
anyway?  
The one who loved her as she was, who changed her  
life, was gone.  
They raised their eyes to see the sky, streaks of pink  
and gold.  
And then they saw the guards were gone.  
The stone was rolled away!*

*The grief they’d felt since Friday, like the stone, was  
rolled away.  
They grabbed those jars of spices and running like  
a child,  
Climbed that hill to tend their Lord.  
Before dawn on Sunday.*

*They looked inside that borrowed tomb, petrified  
with fright.  
An angel sat there on the stone, clothed in brilliant  
white.  
“I know the One you seek,” he said, “Jesus,  
crucified.  
He is not here, he’s risen! He’s risen, as he said.  
Now go! And tell the others, He’s risen as he said.*

*Look not for the living, here among the dead!  
He is not here, He’s risen, risen as He said.”  
Joy broke free and hope broke free,  
Before dawn that first Easter Sunday.*

May this Easter bring you closer to the Risen Lord than ever before and may joy and hope break free within you, too, as you celebrate the One Who is risen.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Easter is here and “The Crown,”

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City of Sierra Madre

**From:** The City of Sierra Madre  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Sierra Madre on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 for consideration of ballot Measure M:

|                  |   |     |
|------------------|---|-----|
| Ballot Measure M | Shall City Council Ordinance No. 1461 approving a zoning map amendment, a specific plan, and a development agreement for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project located at 700 North Sunnyside Avenue in Sierra Madre be adopted? | Yes |
|                  |   | No  |

There will be one (1) vote center located in the City of Sierra Madre. The lobby of the former Bank of America building has been selected as the vote center for in-person voting between April 29, 2023 and May 9, 2023. The address is 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Vote-by-mail ballots will be mailed to voters the week of April 10, 2023. Voters have the option to submit their signed vote-by-mail ballots at the drop box located at City Hall, at any U.S. Post Office or U.S. Postal Mailbox, and at the vote center located in the lobby of the former Bank of America building, during the 10-day voting period.

Posted April 4, 2023

By:  
Laura Agullar  
City Clerk  
Elections Official  
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**SIGNS OF AGREEMENT**

A couple weeks ago I wrote of things both sides on Measure M could agree on. Now that yard signs are popping up all over town, I think we can all agree we're looking forward to the day after the election when they'll be coming down.

On the "Yes" side, I've seen signs advocating three different things; a "Park", "Public Safe-ty" and "Fewer Homes" - things most of us strongly support. But how a "Yes" vote to go ahead with the McMansions advances any of them is far from clear.

For that "Park", I assume they're referring to the turf they'd be laying over the water retention basin they'd be unable to build on, anyway. Those who've been to developments out towards San Bernardino, Moreno Valley or Orange County have probably seen how they'll put a patch of green in the center, add a couple benches and some playground equipment, and call it a "park". But for those who've ventured up Mt. Wilson Trail, explored Bailey Canyon (which this development would encroach upon) or enjoyed an out-door concert at Memorial Park - sorry, it doesn't cut it; especially when offered as a token in exchange for 17 acres of existing open space for a developer's McMansions.

"Public Safety"? Construction of 42 McMansions in what the state deems a "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone" wouldn't enhance it. Nor would the hundreds of additional daily car trips through town and who-knows-how-many additional residents needing services.

Maybe they're referring to that \$250K the developer would kick in for refurbishment of the old Bank of America building. A few years back, residents approved and later voted to retain an increase in our utility tax - some additional \$2.6M in support of our police, fire department, emergency responders, etc. When it comes to our own public safety, in Sierra Madre we're more than capable of taking care of that ourselves - thank you very much.

And then "Fewer Homes". Fewer than what? There are zero homes there now. Okay - the 42 McMansions on the ballot are "fewer" than the 50 in that preliminary proposal filed as a threat to ensure we cave on the 42. But once the 42 are rejected, if they decide to actually move on the 50 - and with the prospect of more months of hearings, challenges, re-visions, etc. it's a big "if" - I'd expect the developer to submit yet another threatened proposal, this time for maybe 55 houses. That way they'd be able to re-use whatever "Fewer Homes" signs they had leftover.

Contrary to what the other side says, the ship has not sailed. We still have the opportunity May 9 with a NO on Measure M to keep that ship from sailing, to prevent our village from becoming another McMansionville. Hundreds of residents, business and civic leaders, longtime homeowners and newcomers, have come together to not only stop these 42 McMansions with our NO on Measure M but to make clear such development as has spread throughout the aforementioned Inland Desert and Orange County will not be allowed in Sierra Madre.

And that's a good sign.

Howard Hays  
Sierra Madre

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:

The people in favor of No on Measure M are against large tract subdivisions of multi-million dollar McMansions. The park is not the issue. The primary reason for the park is for the retention basin beneath the land for the park. The land with that basin underneath it cannot support the weight of houses...hence a park became the developer's solution. Selling the park as a "bonus" was good marketing. We are for parks - we have the adjacent Bailey Canyon Park and we do not want it encroached upon because of the bloated subdivision. We don't need another park if it means destroying the meadow. To Stop the Housing Project Vote No on Measure M.

Of course we are for public safety. Those of us voting NO have been fighting for public safety from the beginning - we don't want houses stacked side by side in a very-high severity fire zone. We don't want a housing project that will more than double traffic in the adjacent neighborhood adding 700-800 vehicle trips a day to a neighborhood with NO sidewalks. Children walk to school in the middle of the streets above Grandview because we have no sidewalks. The developer's original plan was to just open the gate on the narrow side street of Carter which was a disaster waiting to happen. The Yes group's idea of public safety is that the city receives \$250K towards the massive cost of renovating the Bank of America for the police department -That isn't Public Safety! We strongly support the public safety of our residents of Sierra Madre. For Real Public Safety, Vote No on M.

"The Meadows" is just a bad project all around. Widening Carter will potentially kill seventeen additional mature trees (not including those that will be impacted and die later) and remove 10' along the current chain link fence further shrinking the size of an already small wilderness park used constantly by scouts, hikers, residents, and people from all over Southern California. More importantly, besides destroying the habitat for wildlife in the current meadow, it will also disrupt a second natural habitat and a second environment for wildlife. It allows a private housing development to take public land to be used for the developer's own purpose - a lane of traffic for their housing development. Never would Nathaniel Carter have given that land to the city so it could become a lane of traffic. It was given to the city to be maintained as a public park. What is wrong with this picture? The Preserve Bailey Canyon, Vote No on Measure M.

Nancy Beckham  
No on Measure M Proponent

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Maybe we shouldn't say that... because Protect Sierra Madre (PSM) tried to negotiate with the developer to withdraw the referendum and they could have gotten even more for the city, including \$50,000 to improve Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park, \$25,000 for additional traffic studies, \$25,000 for wildlife habitat improvements, prioritizing sidewalks on Lima St., and limited construction hours. But PSM doesn't have the city's best interests in mind. Oh, and PSM could have had \$50,000 of their own legal bill paid by the developer.

All those possible benefits to the city (and PSM) are lost because they also demanded that only 34 homes be built and that the Passionists do no future development. Absurd requests from a group that long ago lost their betting power.

Protect Sierra Madre has now claimed the developer of the 42-home Meadows project is extorting the city because they have submitted a 50-home backup project. This other project is regulated by SB 330, a California fast-tracking housing law designed to stop cities (or its citizens) from interfering with the reasonable development rights of property owners. Notice that in the case of the SB 330 project, the developer is offering no concessions. Why is that? Because they can build by right under state law and they don't have to offer the city anything. The State will have their back.

Is it extortion to submit an alternate project in case the already negotiated one is denied? Of course not. That is the normal course of business. The developer is not walking away, and the voters should know what the alternative is going to be, just don't expect PSM to tell you any of this.

So, the developer was willing to put up \$150,000 to save the city from having to go through an expensive election, and they are certain that the threat from the referendum is not worth giving up eight houses. They know the cards they are holding and what PSM is holding. The reality is that PSM bet too much and they now will have nothing to show for it. The only hand they have is the actual threat of the \$400,000 election. That's it. No one except the delusional few think Measure M can stop development, and now the developer has called their bluff. What the developer could have given the city will instead be used to help defray the costs this wasteful election.

**Vote Yes on M on May 9th to protect the remaining benefits for Sierra Madre and keep local con-trol.**  
[SierraMadreForParksAndPublicSafety.org](http://SierraMadreForParksAndPublicSafety.org)



Sierra Madre Mayor Edward Garcia

**YES ON M FOR LOCAL CONTROL.**

There is a lot of confusion regarding the "Meadows" development. Simply put, a YES on M vote is a vote for local control and input. A No vote opens the door to higher density development that is benefited by State law that reduces local discretion. You have heard it before, something will be built on this property. A YES vote let's Sierra Madre have a say on what is built.

The City Council and the Planning Commission, with much of the work done by the Planning Commission, negotiated to establish concessions to benefit the entire City. Some of these concessions include:

- An open PARK, paid for and maintained by the development, for the community ;
- PRESERVATON of our natural hillsides; funds for
- WATER, and, funds for our PUBLIC SAFETY departments.

A NO vote opens the door to dangerous development that releases our local control to State Laws.

The City of Huntington Beach recently entered into expensive litigation against the State and lost their claim relating to housing density. Our Governor and Attorney General have made it clear that they will prosecute any city that does not abide by affordable housing and increased density laws.

In a March 21, 2023 Press Release from the California Attorney General Rob Bonta, he stated:

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: Local governments don't get to pick and choose which state laws they want to follow. Huntington Beach's lawsuit is another baseless and obstructionist attempt by the city to defy state housing laws." . . . The California Department of Justice will continue to fight to increase housing supply throughout the state, and hold Huntington Beach accountable to state law."

In a November 4, 2022 Press Release from the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, his Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez stated:

"California is removing barriers to housing development and preservation, streamlining permitting, and, most importantly, holding local jurisdictions accountable for meeting the housing needs of their communities,"

**Let's have a say on what is developed in our town and vote YES on M.**

**DON'T BE FOOLED!**

We just celebrated the fun of fooling others on April 1st, but let's not lose sight of those that are trying to fool us on important issues.

The No on Measure M folks want to use loaded words to fool us into thinking that they have our City's best interest in mind. They use words like "McMansions" on their signs to describe the houses, even though they know the Planning Commission has limited the size of the proposed homes.

And, they are trying to fool you into thinking that no homes will be built if you vote "no". They don't tell you that their petition created the ability for the land to be developed with more homes and without all the concessions like a park, \$250K for Public Safety, \$900K for water, etc.

They don't tell you that there will be homes built on that property, no matter what, because the Passionist Priests, like all private property owners, have the right to build on their property if they follow the laws of the City, County and State. The Passionists has bent over backwards to comply with all the requirements. Remember, it was not the priests that forced the City Council to spend \$400K on another election.

They don't tell you that this important City issue has had countless hours of public debate, public hearings, and lots of input. Remember Measure HR? The citizens of Sierra Madre have voted once to endorse the public planning and legally mandated process for the Meadows project. The citizens approved it; now we are forced to spend \$400K to do it again.

So don't fall into someone else's trap.

Vote Yes on Measure M because you support the rights of property owners to build on their property in compliance with all local and state laws.

Vote Yes on Measure M because you support the work of the City staff, Planning Commission and City Council to influence the project to be in the best interests of all the citizens.

Vote Yes on Measure M because you believe that a family friendly 3-acre park with lifetime maintenance would be a welcome addition to the west side of the City.

Vote Yes on Measure M because you feel that \$985K would allow the City's Water Department to offset the water used on this project.

Vote Yes on Measure M because you feel that \$250K would help the City's Public Safety programs.

Vote Yes on Measure M because you see that the donated improvements to Carter are an important addition.

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### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11, 2023 5:30pm

#### THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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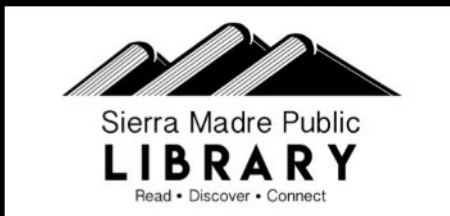
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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## L.A. Judge Upholds the Validity of Measure H

Pasadena Assistant City Manager Nicholas Rodriguez gave an update Thursday on the lawsuit that challenges the validity of Measure H, stating that a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge upheld the Charter amendment which established a Rental Housing Board, approved by Pasadena voters in the November 2022 election.

In the lawsuit, California Apartment Assn. v. City of Pasadena, case no. 22STCP04376, the City has successfully defended the measure. On March 28, a judge upheld the validity of Measure H, with minor exceptions. The litigation is still pending. The City will continue the process to appoint Rental Housing Board members before the April 20 deadline. Following appointment of Board members, the Board will begin meeting, and will thereafter take steps to implement Measure H. The City's website has a page that continues

to be updated, as the litigation progresses, and as Measure H is implemented. For future updates visit:

[cityofpasadena.net/measure-h](http://cityofpasadena.net/measure-h).

## Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 4

7:30 - 9 a.m.

Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St.

Join Mayor Victor M. Gordo, Pasadena residents, local leaders, and members of the interfaith community for a morning of peace, prayer and reflection. This event is hosted by Friends In Deed.

For additional details, including ticket information, visit: [FriendsInDeedPas.org/MIPB](http://FriendsInDeedPas.org/MIPB)

## Free E-waste and Paper Shredding

Saturday, May 27

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Brookside Park, 360 N. Arroyo Blvd., Parking Lot I

Pasadena residents are invited to bring old electronics and up to THREE legal size boxes of documents to this free e-waste recycling and paper shredding event. Proof of residency required.

Acceptable electronics include:

- Cable/TV equipment
- Cell phones and telephones
- Laptops
- Computer monitors
- Computer peripherals
- Copiers
- Printers
- Scanners
- Fax machines
- Radios
- TVs
- DVD players and VCRs
- Microwave ovens
- CFL bulbs and batteries

The duration of this event is subject to truck capacity. If you have questions, please email [recycle@CityOfPasadena.net](mailto:recycle@CityOfPasadena.net) or call (626) 744-7311.



## Actress Thanks Firefighters after Devastating House Fire

Well known Grey's Anatomy actress Caterina Scorsone came forward Monday sharing details around surviving a devastating fire in January that heavily damaged her Pasadena home and killed a number of pets. Scorsone also said she had just minutes to save her three children.

Scorsone thanked Pasadena Fire and the community, "What we learned is that the only thing that matters are the people (and beings) that you love. The only thing that matters is community. We would not be here without it

and we are so grateful... Thank you to the firefighters and the investigators. Thank you to my neighbor who answered our frantic knocks at her door."

According to Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian the residential structure fire in the 1500 block of Poppy Peak Drive in West Pasadena was first reported shortly before 7 p.m. January 22. Firefighters encountered fire evident from the basement, interior, and attic spaces causing severe damage to the house.

Scorsone said that she first noticed smoke seeping up through the grout around her bathtub as she finished giving her kids a bath. "When I looked down the hallway a river of thick black smoke had already formed and was filling the house... I had about two minutes to get my three kids out of the house, and we escaped with less than shoes on our feet."

Scorsone also said they lost all four of their pets. Fire officials said they found one dog and two

cats deceased on scene.

The fire is still under investigation.

Photos shared by Scorsone showed heavy damage around the home's fireplace.

## Pasadena's Egg Bowl Held Today

It's time for Pasadena's popular Egg Bowl, a free egg hunt and spring festival at the historic Rose Bowl Stadium! The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Rose Bowl Operating Company invite you to hop on over to Rose Bowl Stadium, 1001 Rose Bowl Dr., today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Egg hunts for kids up to 12 years old begin at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets for the free egg hunts are available at [CityOfPasadena.net/Reserve](http://CityOfPasadena.net/Reserve). Limited spaces are available, and every-bunny counts. So, be sure to register all members in your group.

After the egg hunt, head over to the spring festival in Area H, featuring free family-friendly activities, games, youth performances, arts & crafts, food for purchase, and more! Scheduled exhibitors in the festival include Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena Fire Department, Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Water & Power Department and Options for Learning.

Free rides to and from the Egg Bowl will be offered on Pasadena Transit Route 51 buses all day. Route 51 will run every 22 minutes and every 11 minutes between 10:30 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. The route travels between Memorial Park Gold Line Station in Old Pasadena along Fair Oaks Avenue to the Rose Bowl. Rose Bowl Stadium is a 5-minute walk from the nearest Pasadena Transit bus stop. View the route map and schedule. Riders will also be entered in a raffle to win prizes! Free parking is available in Lot F for people who drive to the event.

The Egg Bowl is sponsored by the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Rose Bowl Operating Company. Additional sponsors include Pasadena Transit, Pasadena Media, Pasadena Management Association, and the Sri Lanka Foundation.

For more information about the Egg Bowl, please call the Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311. In case of moderate to heavy rain, the event will be canceled.

## Altadena Read Local, Shop Local, Rewards Program

Read Local, Shop Local has been revamped! This updated library rewards program motivates Altadenans to visit and "check in" with a rewards card at local participating businesses to earn exclusive library district merchandise.

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## Tournament House Opens Doors for Free Public Tours



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association started opening its doors to the public for guided tours every Thursday, at no cost. Experience the rich history of Pasadena and Tournament House, as you are invited to take a peek at the Tournament House, uncover the stories and see this iconic landmark.

On this intimate tour, discover hidden details, little-known facts and endearing trivia about the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association and Tournament House. You will learn about the history of the house and hear more about the traditions of the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game. Led by volunteer Members of the Heritage Committee, one-hour tours are offered every Thursday at 2 p.m. through August 31.

Located in Pasadena, the house was once home to chewing gum mogul William Wrigley Jr. and his wife Ada. Upon Ada's death in 1958, the Wrigley family presented the property to the city of Pasadena with the request that it become home for the Tournament of Roses. Since then, the house has served as headquarters for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game.

Surrounding Tournament House is the Wrigley Gardens, which spans four and a half acres and features more than 1,500 varieties of roses, camellias and annuals. The building, the grounds and the gardens are beautifully maintained and are well worth the visit.

Reservations are required for the complimentary tours. Reservation link and answers to frequently asked questions available at: [tournamentofroses.com/house-tours](http://tournamentofroses.com/house-tours).

Guests are asked to arrive ten minutes prior to the start time. For groups of 10 or more, please call 626-449-4100 or email [membership@tournamentofroses.com](mailto:membership@tournamentofroses.com).

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration with the Rose Parade presented by Honda, the Rose Bowl Game and a variety of accompanying events. The Association's 935 volunteer Members will drive the success of 135th Rose Parade themed "Celebrating a World of Music," on Monday, January 1, 2024, followed by the 110th Rose Bowl Game.

For more information, visit: [tournamentofroses.com](http://tournamentofroses.com).

## Library Talk 'Wynate: If Walls Could Talk'



The library will celebrate National Preservation Month in partnership with the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation with this special event on Saturday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Wynate (851 Lyndon Street), on the National Register of Historic Places, is the home built by South Pasadena's first mayor Donald Graham in 1888—135 years ago. The event will feature a presentation by former Wynate resident Dr. Tedie Hudson and will commemorate the loan of a

1973 painting by Southern California-based artist Richard Peterson depicting Wynate at the time of its addition to the National Register. The painting will be on display during the event and for the duration of Preservation Month in the display case on the Library's first floor.

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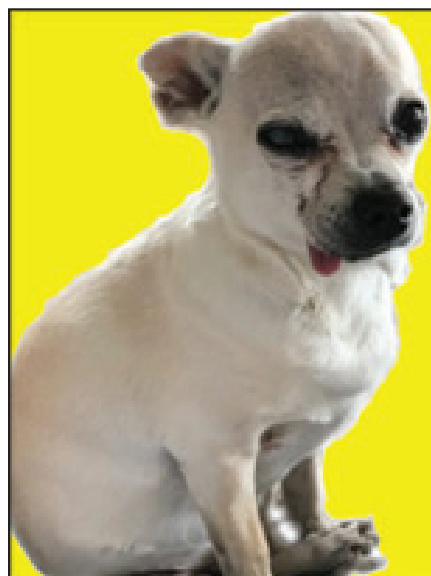
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## San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

### Huntington Nurses Health Screening

Wednesday, April 12 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

The Huntington Nurses offer free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Please plan to fast 2 hours prior to having glucose checked. These blood pressure and glucose evaluations can lead to prevention and early detection of the "silent killer" diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes. Health screenings will be held every second Wednesday of the month. Registration is not required.

### Chinese Club

Thursday, April 13 at 10:30 AM, Barth Community Room

In the spirit of cultural exchange and appreciation of diversity, educational development, and community service, the Chinese Club of San Marino holds monthly lectures and workshops. Join us this month for a fun and informative lesson on the traditional food of the Ching Ming Festival - cold burritos!

### Did You Know?

There are over 32 different types of bird species and butterflies living in and migrating through Lacy Park annually!

Join us on Saturday, April 15 at 8:15 AM for our Nature Series: Audubon Society Nature Walk featuring Pasadena Audubon Board Member and professional bird guide Luke Tiller! You'll get to explore Lacy Park and have all your questions about birds and birding answered.

### Celebrate 65 years with Friends of the Crowell Public Library!

Come celebrate the 65th anniversary of Friends of the Crowell Public Library! This event will be held on Friday, April 21, 6 PM - 9 PM, in the Library Courtyard. Enjoy an al fresco dinner in the courtyard followed by entertainment in the Barth Community Room. Purchase tickets by April 18 online or at the Circulation Desk at Crowell Public Library. Limited seating available.

### Women's History Month Tribute Video

Last month in celebration of Women's History Month, Council Member Gretchen Shepherd Romey put together a brief history of some of the amazing women in San Marino's history. Learn about the amazing contributions these women made to the City. The video is available to view on Youtube.

### Paving Complete for Annual Street Rehabilitation Project

The paving portion of the Annual Street Rehabilitation Project has been completed. Over the next few weeks, the contractor will be completing striping of the streets and other punch list items. In total, The Annual Street Rehabilitation Project has resurfaced 31 streets throughout the City, in accordance with the Council-adopted Pavement Management Plan. The next street resurfacing project is scheduled to begin later this year.

### Recent Happenings

Over the past week, Parks and Public Works maintenance staff worked on the following tasks: removing fallen tree branches, palm fronds, and other debris from the public right-of-way; replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs; performing minor trimming of hanging tree limbs; repairing pavement; picking up fallen street light globes; and unclogging storm drains. Staff also worked through the night during the recent windstorm to ensure prompt response to any issues that occurred after hours, including fallen trees. In addition, Public Works provided staff support at the Gooden Center Run for Recovery last weekend. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: [cityofsanmarino.org/report](http://cityofsanmarino.org/report).

### Meetings

#### City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

#### Special Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 17 at 8:00 AM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

#### Public Safety Commission

Monday, April 17 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

## Celebrate National Poetry Month with Pasadena Library

Pasadena Public Library is celebrating National Poetry Month this April with a variety of opportunities to hear, write, and engage with poetry.

The Academy of American Poets started National Poetry Month in April 1996 to celebrate poetry's ability to capture and enrich our daily lives. Over the years, it has become a well-loved literary celebration. Readers, students, teachers, librarians, booksellers, and others spend April marking poetry's significance in our lives. This April, celebrate the power of poetry with the Pasadena Public Library at any one of our free community events.

### POETRY EVENTS

#### Blackout Poetry

Thursday, April 13, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd.

Create poetry using old magazine, book or newspaper pages and blacking out or redacting words, leaving behind a unique poem. No artistic or poetic experience is necessary! For ages 5+.

Pasadena Rose Poets Gerda Govine Ituarte and Hazel Clayton Harrison Tuesday, April 18, 5 p.m., Virtual

Learn how to compose a poem from Pasadena Rose Poets Gerda Govine Ituarte and Hazel Clayton Harrison. Discover format, poetry conventions, topic ideas and more to craft your poem, then share your writings with attendees. For ages 18+ Presented in Zoom. To sign up, visit: [pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=8098](http://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=8098).

## Pasadena Orders COVID-19 Boosters for Healthcare Workers

Masking is also required for all healthcare workers

Interim Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler issued updated health officer orders related to COVID-19 vaccination requirements for healthcare workers and masking



evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=8098. Poetry Writing for Adults Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m., La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Join us for a poetry writing meetup to spark your creativity. Whether you are a poetry writing pro or adventuring into the world of verse for the first time, we'll have something for you. Select from a variety of tools and prompts to get your ideas flowing. For ages 18+.

Tim DeRoche and Daniel Gonzalez: Tales of Whimsy, Verses of Woe Saturday, April 22, 3 p.m., Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr.

Join 2019 Summer One City, One Story author Tim DeRoche and illustrator Daniel González for a poetry centered discussion, featuring their book Tales of Whimsy, Verse of Woe. A collection sure to delight anyone who loves Lemony Snicket or Shel Silverstein. Following the presentation there will be a question-and-answer session, and book sale and signing. All ages are welcome.

## South Pasadena Library to Celebrate Earth Month

In celebration of Earth Month and its indigenous roots, the South Pasadena Public Library will host a Book to Art Program featuring Fresh Banana Leaves by Jessica Hernandez, Ph.D.. Patrons are invited to read the book and join us for an Upcycled Herb Planter project on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 PM in the Library Community Room located at 1115 El Centro Street.

Attendees are encouraged, but not required to read Fresh Banana Leaves.

Fresh Banana Leaves explores how indigenous science is often ignored and "otherized" within the realm of western science and the negative impact this has on its communities and the Earth. Hernandez uses case studies, historical overviews, and stories that center the voices and lived experiences of indigenous Latin American women and land protectors to explain how systemic colonialism, racism, and capitalism intersect to keep

indigenous science out of mainstream environmental policy and discourse.

The Library plans to bring these ideas to life by hosting a free Upcycled Herb Planter project. All ages are welcome to join in creating a sustainable herb garden that they will be able to take home and watch grow. All supplies will be provided, registration is required. Register for this event at: [southpasadenaca.gov/register](http://southpasadenaca.gov/register).

The Book to Art program is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library with generous support from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library and the South Pasadena Community Garden.

Visit the Library website at [southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://southpasadenaca.gov/library) for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am -8:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.

## Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and Barber Close Symphony's 22/23 Season



The Pasadena Symphony closes out its 22/23 season with An American in Paris at Ambassador Auditorium on Saturday, April 29, with matinee and evening performances at 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Emerging international conductor Kensho Watanabe will make his Pasadena debut, taking audiences on an aural journey through the City of Lights with Gershwin's iconic An American in Paris to open the show. Barber's exquisite Violin Concerto follows, performed by Avery Fisher Winner Tai Murray, whose playing has been described as "technically flawless, vivacious and scintillating" (Musos Magazine).

Grammy-nominated composer Carlos Simon rounds out the third annual Composer's Showcase with The Block, inspired by Romare Bearden's paintings portraying the rich energy that Harlem expressed as the hotbed for African American culture. Finally, Rachmaninoff's final and arguably best orchestral work, Symphonic Dances concludes the program with electrifying modern rhythms that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats. This is one season finale you won't want to miss!

The Pasadena Symphony provides a vibrant experience specially designed for the music lover, the social butterfly or a date night out. Patrons can enjoy a pre-concert meal at many nearby restaurants in Old

Town Pasadena or have a drink and a bite in the lively outdoor, tented Symphony Lounge, which opens two hours prior to show time. A posh setting along Ambassador Auditorium's beautiful outdoor plaza, the Lounge offers sandwiches, salads and desserts by Love Birds, plus coffee, cocktails and fine wines from The Michero Family before the concert and during intermission.

All concerts are held at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 South St. John Ave, Pasadena, CA. Single tickets starting at \$40 and may be purchased online at: [pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://pasadenasympphony-pops.org) or by calling (626) 793-7172.

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## South Pasadena Memory Lab

DATE: Fourth Wednesday of every month  
TIME: 3:00 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. By appointment only.  
LOCATION: Ray Bradbury Conference Room, upstairs at the Library

A Memory Lab is a free space for community members to digitize personal archive collections. In 2022 the South Pasadena Public Library received a grant to open Memory Lab services to community members. After a successful trial run in partnership with the South Pasadena Senior Center, the Memory Lab is now opening to all Library patrons. Using professional-grade equipment, a trained staff member will assist library patrons in digitizing their personal photographs, photo slides, photo negatives, and paper documents no larger than 8.5"x11".

The Memory Lab is open by appointment only on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Memory Lab appointment slots are two hours long. To make an appointment visit: [southpasadenaca.gov/register](http://southpasadenaca.gov/register) or call (626) 403-7350. For more information visit: [southpasadenaca.gov/memorylab](http://southpasadenaca.gov/memorylab).

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## CITY OF MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS



MONROVIA, CA – Monrovia Chief of Police Alan Sanvictores announces three promotions within the Monrovia Police Department. Effective May 2023, Sarah Covarrubias will be promoted to Police Captain, John Donchig will be promoted to Police Lieutenant, and Luis Villalobos will be promoted to Police Sergeant.

“These individuals performed excellently during their promotional exams, and the Department is incredibly excited and supportive of these new promotions. I know they will continue to be exemplary leaders of our team and believe they will continue to serve and protect the people of Monrovia,” said Chief Alan Sanvictores.

“There are over 60 years of institutional knowledge between these three employees, and we are excited to see them grow in this new capacity and rank. The Monrovia Police Department and our community are lucky to have such compassionate and empathetic leaders who not only bring their wide breadth of training, but also a deep respect for this profession and the people they serve,” said City Manager Dylan Feik.

Captain Sarah Covarrubias has been an employee of the City of Monrovia for over 20 years and began her career as a Police Cadet in the Explorer Program. She became a Police Officer after serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Captain Covarrubias has served in a variety of assignments within the Department, including Patrol, the Special Enforcement Team, Investigations, and was a Crisis Negotiator on the Regional SWAT Team. Captain Covarrubias previously served as a Patrol Watch Commander, and is currently serving as the Detective Bureau Commander. She has earned the Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisor, and Management Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Certificates. She completed her Master's Degree in Public Administration and her Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from the University of La Verne. She recently graduated from P.O.S.T.

Command College, a 14-month graduate-level program focused on Leadership and Futures Studies for law enforcement managers.

Lieutenant John Donchig began his career with the Monrovia Police Department in 2006 as an Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in 2017. He has served in many capacities, including the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET) / Crisis Response Team, Crimes Against Persons Detective, First Sergeant, and most recently as the Community Activist Policing (CAP) Sergeant, an award-winning program dedicated to building meaningful connections and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and those they serve. As the City's CAP Sergeant for several years, Lieutenant Donchig has led the Department's homeless outreach and works closely with our designated school resource officer across all Monrovia Unified School District schools. Lieutenant Donchig received his Master's Degree in Criminology from UC Irvine and a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Southern California.

Sergeant Luis Villalobos joined the Department in 2001 following his service in the United States Army. Sergeant Villalobos has worked various assignments, including Gang and Narcotics Officer in the Special Enforcement Team, Tactical Operator and Sniper in the Foothills Special Enforcement Team, an Agent, Field Training Officer, Patrol Supervisor, and Property Crimes Investigator. Prior to this promotion, his last assignment was as a Crimes Against Persons Detective, where he was responsible for investigating homicides, weapon offenses, felony assaults, domestic violence, sex crimes, elder and child abuse, and other felony crimes. Sergeant Villalobos studied Administration of Justice at Rio Hondo College and Criminal Justice at the University of Phoenix.

Monrovia's Police Department consists of 79 sworn and non-sworn personnel and has an operating budget of over \$18 million.

## MONROVIA APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



– Alex Tachiki has been named as the Director of Public Works for the City of Monrovia.

“I am pleased to appoint Alex to this position. Alex has grown within this Department since he started his service with the City and currently serves as the Interim Director of Public Works. He displays our organizational values of being humble, hungry, loyal, and smart. He has an exceptional ability to manage and oversee a complex department and continues to go above and beyond in all aspects of the position. It is always exciting to see individuals professionally grow within our organization. Alex is an exemplary leader, and I know he will bring innovative

ideas as he continues to serve the people of Monrovia,” said Dylan Feik, City Manager.

Mr. Tachiki joined the City of Monrovia in 2016 and has held various roles within the Public Works Department. Professionally, he has extensive experience with multiple disciplines, including budget and operations, public relations, community engagement, transportation, water conservation, storm-water, solid waste and recycling, project and construction management, and municipal planning.

“I am humbled and honored to embark on this new role and carry out the responsibility to lead the Public Works Department. Monrovia has been an incredible place to learn and grow, and I enjoy serving our team and the Monrovia community. I am excited to serve in this new capacity and I love working with our public works staff. I recognize the vital role public works plays within our community, and we will continue to strive to provide excellent service to our residents and businesses,” said Tachiki.

Mr. Tachiki will oversee all aspects of the Department, which includes: the City's water and sewer utilities; maintaining safe streets and sidewalks; supervising the maintenance of the City's nine parks and a variety of open spaces; maintaining

public facilities and infrastructure; managing the City's transportation and environmental programs, and; administering the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Alex holds a Master's Degree from the University of Southern California in Public Administration with a Public Policy Certification and a Bachelor's Degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in Political Science. Most recently, Alex completed an Executive Certification with a Concentration in Public Policy from the Harvard University Kennedy School and is in the process of completing his second Executive Certification with a Concentration in Public Leadership.

Alex was born and raised in Southern California and resides in the San Gabriel Valley. He enjoys playing basketball, spending time with family and friends, and watching the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Lakers.

Monrovia's Public Works Department consists of 36 staff members and has a total operating budget of over \$50 million. As a Department that focuses on a variety of projects, including large-scale capital improvement projects, they also respond to over 3,000 service and project-related calls annually.


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## Peter Dills Knows

### HAPPY EASTER

Recently, I was the recipient of a question from reader Cruz Trevino of Sierra Madre. It appears that Cannon Drive (Beverly Hills) and their wine list may have migrated to a location near us. Cruz was at the Langham Hotel and enjoyed a glass of Taittinger Champagne (\$27), and he asked this writer to investigate how establishments come up with prices of wines by the glass. I dream of a day when a poor restaurant critic may soothe his many worries with an exceptional glass of wine and not be required to carry a bag of gold dust as payment. Like the majority of us, Cruz strikes me as a regular consumer of wine; a person who is not cheap but searches for value when he is dining out. I must admit I, too, like the gentle view from the Tap Room over looking the 50 acres of greenery.

I reached out to my many sources in the industry and this is what I found out. Ian Blackburn, founder of Learnaboutwine.com, said, "That (\$27) is fairly common (really?) for a good glass of wine and the math works out to (\$135) for the full bottle at that price per glass." While many chain restaurants use a Libby wine glass which costs a couple of bucks, upscale restaurants use a higher quality glass, so you can guess that the cost of the glass might be just a bit lower than what they paid for the entire bottle. My next call was to Randy, who owns the Domenico's restaurant on Washington in Pasadena. He tells me that his wine purveyors suggest to "tripling the cost of the bottle". This means if you see a bottle for \$30 at your favorite restaurant, by this rule of thumb, they paid \$10 for it."

Ok, so how about corkage fees? Most restaurants charge \$4-\$20 for this service because, yes, they still have to open your bottle and clean the glasses. I find it that is unacceptable to bring in a bottle of wine that is already listed on the restaurant's menu. If it is an owner-occupied restaurant, often it is a good gesture to let the owner sample the wine that you have brought in. Who picks the wine? Erudite wine broker Eddie Ramirez offers this insightful advice, "Always have the wine list when ordering, and I do not recommend asking the servers for a wine recommendation unless you do not have any issues with the price." My suggestion to Cruz and my readers is it to never blindly let the server choose the wine for you and be careful on the "House Wine" I stayed at a resort in South Laguna just a few years ago and my bill was \$110!! I hope this helps. I learned something as well.

Follow me on Tic Toc and Instagram HAPPY EASTER

## AUTHOR MAJOR ALPHONSO B. JONES TO ADDRESS WOMEN OF EAGLE SCOUTS AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON



Guests at the twenty-third annual Greater Los Angeles Area Council of Boy Scouts of America Women of Eagle Scout Brunch, Wind Under Their Wings, will be treated to an elegant and motivating event on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 778 South Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena. A reception will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed by a brunch and the program at 11:15 a.m. The celebration will end at 1:30 p.m.

Local Boy Scouts will greet guests during the hosted reception and will usher them into the dining room for a delicious brunch. Scouts from Troops 1, 359, and 509 from the San Gabriel Valley will lead the pledge of allegiance, followed by a memorable rendition of the National Anthem played on the bugle by Bryan Rose. There will also be vocal musical entertainment by soloist Ryan Liddy. Ryan Liddy, a baritone from Pasadena and senior at Loyola High, has studied classical voice at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music for the last six years. Ryan has been a chorister with the Los Angeles Children's Chorus, performed in numerous professional productions, including LA Opera's Carmen and Tosca and performed at Walt Disney Concert Hall, with the LA Philharmonic. He has won numerous musical awards, is also a classical pianist, and plans to study classical voice in college next year. Ryan will be accompanied on the piano by Dr. JoAnn Haycroft. She received her formal education at the University of Wyoming, California State University at Los Angeles, and completed her doctorate at Claremont Graduate University. She is a member of three music performing groups: Sigma Alpha Iota, Tuesday Musicales of Pasadena, and the St. Cecilia Music Club. She also teaches piano and is a past president of the Pasadena Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California.

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Garcia, of Troop 333 will share her experiences, as one of the first girls to earn the rank of Eagle in the San Gabriel Valley, following in the footsteps of her older brother, Danny. Her sister Bella is also an Eagle Scout and youngest sister Raquel is well on her way to earning the rank as well. She currently is registered with Troop 141 as a Unit College Scout Reserve.

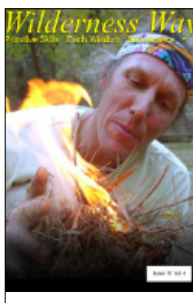
The Invocation will be presented by Eagle Scout Father Kevin Rettig of Holy Angels Parish in Arcadia.

Chairman of the Board of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, John O. Johnson, will welcome the guests and share information on the current scouting program. John Johnson has been involved with the San Gabriel Valley Council, now known as Greater Los Angeles Area Council, in the role of Vice President of Programs, Executive Vice President, in 2020, and Council President and Chairman of the Board from 2021 to the present. He is a Silver Beaver Recipient, National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient, Distinguished Second Century Recipient, and James E. West Fellow.

Capping the brunch will be a motivating talk presented by author Alphonso B. Jones who grew up in Washington D.C. during the Great Depression. He became a United States Air Force Major who served with distinction in the Vietnam war and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and four air medals. After retiring from the military, he embarked on a career as an educator, teaching youth in public and private schools in Hawaii and later serving as the Director of Youth Ministry for the Hawaiian Islands. For the past twenty-two years, Al has lived in San Gabriel Valley with his wife as an active faith leader, passionate globetrotter, and deeply involved grandparent. His journey with scouting began in Hawaii where he was the Scout master of his son's troop. After moving to Southern California, he volunteered with both his granddaughter and grandson's troops, becoming a Boy Scout Troop Master Emeritus in San Marino. To learn more about Major Al Jones, his memoir, Soaring, My Improbable Life, is available at Amazon.com.

This year's committee under the leadership of Co-Chairman, Suko Gotoh of Glendale and Vicki Elliott of San Marino includes Avery Barth, Janice Conzonire, Mary Falkenbury, Wendy Greenleaf, Lynn Hatashita-Jung, Connie Knott, Ann Kunitake, Mona Mapel, Patricia Tom Mar, Karen Quon, Helen Kim Spitzer, Valerie Gumbiner Weiss, Karen Wicke, and Julie Wong Tam of San Marino; Jane Laudeman, Rhea Gonzaga, and Robin Puri of Pasadena; Ellen Chiechi, Janet Orswell, of Arcadia; Vivian Chan of San Gabriel; Kathy Vine of Temple City, Cindy Sercel of Lakeview Terrace, and Judy Din. The committee is advised by Development Director, Lucia Bernal-Blaszowski. The committee welcomes the community to attend and honor the Women Behind the Eagle Scouts. The cost is \$75 per person and includes pre-luncheon refreshments, brunch, mementos, and supports the Boy Scouts of America. Invitations and/or additional information may be obtained by contacting Lucia Bernal at the Greater Los Angeles Area Council of Boy Scouts of America at (213) 718-6726 or Lucia.Bernal@scouting.org. Registration is also available on the website at greaterlascouting.org/wings.

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### EASTER AND THE MAN BEHIND IT In Search of the Historical Jesus

[Nyerges is an educator, and author of such books as "Extreme Simplicity," "Enter the For-est," and "Self-Sufficient Home." You can learn more about his classes and activities at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

Jesus! What a man he was! Perhaps the most amazing thing about Jesus – a man who is known and worshipped by at least a third of all humanity, and around whom our system of reckoning time revolves – is that there is still so much debate about who he was, what he did, how he lived, and what he believed. Hundreds of differing Christian sects are stark testament to the fact that though Jesus might have had "one message," that message has been widely interpreted over the centuries.

Let's work through some basics. As an historical person, he can be placed in a specific time and location. All historians concede that they do not know the birthday of Jesus, but it's not Christmas day. Most scholars suggest that Jesus was born in either April or September, in 4 B.C. or 6 B.C.

"Jesus" was not his name, just the English rendering of Yeshua. Did he have a full name? Yes, of course, and it was not "Jesus Christ," which is a title, meaning Jesus the Christ, or Jesus the Anointed. Historians say that the actual name was Yeshua ben Josephus, that is, Jesus son of Joseph. Another version says it is Yeshua ben Pandirah, Jesus son of the Panther. In Indian literature, he is referred to as Yuz Asaf ("leader of the healed"), according to "Farhang-Asafia", volume 1. In the Koran, he is known as Isa (or Issa).

#### WAS JESUS BLACK?

Ethnically, culturally, and religiously, he was Jewish. But occasionally, a writer will suggest that Jesus was actually black, with such evidence as the preponderance of the "Black Madonnas" found throughout Europe. The only Biblical evidence on this are the two line-ages of Jesus provided, which uncharacteristically include women.

The key genealogies of Jesus listed in the Bible are Luke 3: 23-31, and Matthew 1:1-17. In these lineages, we are told of at least four of the women in Jesus' genealogical line. These are Rehab, Ruth, Tamar, and Bathsheba. Rehab (also spelled Rahab) was a Canaanite. Tamar was probably a Canaanite. Bathsheba, often referred to as a Hittite, was more likely Japhethic, that is, not a descendant of Ham. (However, this is not clear). Ruth was in the line of Ham. Now, who was Ham? Who were the Canaanites and Hittites?

According to Genesis 9:19, all mankind descended from Noah's three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham's descendants became the black people who settled in Africa, and parts of the Arabian peninsula. His sons were Cush, whose descendants settled in Ethiopia, Miz-ram, whose descendants settled in Egypt, Put, whose descendants settled in Libya, and Canaan, whose descendants settled in Palestine. The descendants of Cush were the main populace of the Cushite Empire, which extended from western Libya to Ethiopia and Nubia, all of present day Egypt, and the Arabian peninsula into the mountains of Tur-key. They spoke several languages and had skin pigmentation ranging from dark black to medium brown.

It takes a bit of study to ascertain who these people were – and there were other possible African women in Jesus' lineage as well – but, in general, when we are speaking of Cushites, Canaanites, descendants of Ham, etc., we are speaking of Africans. It is entirely possible that this wasn't a big deal when the scriptures were written since Jesus' racial back-ground was common knowledge.

So, although Jesus had some African ancestry, his physical appearance was such that he fit right in with the Jews of that era, based on several passages that indicate that Jesus not only looked like every one else of the day, but was also very average and normal looking Middle-Easterner, not sticking out at all.

#### THE EARLY YEARS

The Bible speak of the young Jesus talking to the Rabbis in the Temple, sharing his youthful wisdom with the elders to the surprise of his parents. Then there is no Biblical record of what he did as a teenager, and during his 20s. We don't hear from him again in the Bible until his appearance on the scene at about age 30, where he turned water into wine at a wedding feasts, and is depicted as a healer, prophet, and fisher of men.

His religious observations would have been the regular observations for Jews of the day, and quite different from the observations of most Christian sects today. The reasons for this are well-known. The early Christians were known as Judeo-Christians (Jews who followed the Christ), and as the new religion became more and more encompassing, it eventually became Christianity by the 4th Century. In order to attract ever-more followers, Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Kingdom, and Christianized all the popular Mythraic (so-called Pagan) observations and turned them into Christian Holy Days. Catholic, after all, means Universal.

Growing up as a Catholic, I studied Jesus, and wanted to be "holy" like him. I wanted to be like Jesus -- but what did that really mean? There was so much about this person that was beyond my ability to know. For example, what Holy Days would Jesus have observed? Was he an Essene? Was he a Nazarene? What did these groups believe and practice? Did he have any Buddhist influence? Who were his closest followers, the apostles? What did he actually teach his close followers, beyond what is known from his various public talks? Were his miracles and public healings actual events, or were they symbolic stories? These and other questions have always swirled around this man called Jesus.

As a student of the real and historical Jesus, here are just a few of the many books I have found to be useful.

Garner Ted Armstrong of the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena, wrote a book about the "Real Jesus," and Jesus was described as a hard-working, athletic, health-food eating powerful man, a sort of health advocate Gypsy Boots of the past. But certainly Jesus was much more than that.

Holger Kersten in his "Jesus Lived in India" book presents a very different Jesus, one who is depicted on the Shroud of Turin, and one who traveled to India and studied from the Buddhists. In fact, the way in which the holy men of the Bible sought and found the baby Jesus is very much of the pattern of the holy men of Tibet seeking and finding the next Da-li Lama, and Kersten puts Jesus in that very same pattern.

Manly Hall, who founded Los Angeles' Philosophical Research Society, writes that the patterns of all historical saviors (he cites at least 16) include more or less the same elements. But Hall is less concerned about historical facts than he is in demonstrating that there is an extant prototype of human spiritual evolution.

According to Harold Percival in his "Thinking and Destiny" book, Jesus succeeded in reuniting his Doer and Thinker and Knower, his internal trinity, which put him in touch with his divinity, which made him, effectively, a God. Though Percival's terminology is unfamiliar to most Christians, he is less concerned about the historical details of Jesus and more concerned about what Jesus did, and became, that made him a focal point of most societies on earth over the last 2000 years. According to Percival, the virgin birth, the miracles, and the resurrection should all be studied to find the inner meanings for our own individual evolution.

There is also a silly but interesting book that purports to show that Jesus was never a person but actually a hallucinogenic mushroom. Don't bother reading it. Another book suggests that there was no Jesus, that he is just a made-up person as a metaphor of astrological principles. Really?

I believe it is unwise (and incorrect) to suggest that a Jesus never existed because of the way his followers centuries later chose to remember him, and continued to overlay so many symbols onto the historical person.

Jesus lived, and it is not reasonable to assume that the stories of such a great one arose from mere myth or fabrication. Such a person lived, and his influence of what he did and said affected many people, and everyone seemed to "read" that message of Jesus in their own way.

Regardless of your religious background or belief, you are likely to be richly rewarded by delving deeply into the nuances of who Jesus was. When everyone's mind is upon Jesus and the Mysteries during the Easter season, I have found great value in viewing the "Jesus of Nazareth" series, and I even find value in such depictions as "Jesus Christ Super-star." Unlike so many who purport to follow in his path, I find the real Jesus one who was not dogmatic, but one who knew that only when we recognize each other's humanity do we rise up into our own divinities.

According to Holger Kersten, "Jesus did not supply theories to be ground in the mills of academia, about his path and message – he just lived his teachings! Tolerance, unprejudiced acceptance of others, giving and sharing, the capacity to take upon oneself the burdens of others, in other words, unlimited love in action and service for one's fellow human beings – this is the path which Jesus showed to salvation."

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Dine, dance, listen to music and bid on auction items while saving rescue dogs and helping them find homes. Golden Oaks Apartments, 1000 El Centro St. in South Pasadena, is hosting a fundraiser for Bubbles Dog Rescue from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 in the building's club room. Party attire is requested. Parking is available on the street.

Robin Ortega, the building manager, and her husband work with the rescue organization in transporting and fostering dogs. "A couple of dogs that just touched my heart were euthanized recently," she said, "because there were no fosters available and not enough money to support them." She decided to hold a fundraiser to help the group save more dogs.

All proceeds from the event will go to Bubbles Dog Rescue to pay for medical treatment, arrange for transportation and find temporary or permanent homes. Donors are covering costs of catering and other expenses for the evening.

To RSVP, contact Ortega at 619-548-5050 or robin.e.ortega@gmail.com . Tickets (\$55) can be purchased by Venmo, PayPal or Zelle on the website at <https://bubbles-dogrescue.org> .

Checks can be sent to Bubbles Dog Rescue, 1223 Wilshire Blvd., P.O. Box 337, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Donations to the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization are always welcome (Tax ID No. 88-0886274). Another way to help is to foster a dog.

**Katnip News!**



**CAN ANYONE PLEASE  
HELP TESSIE?**

Look into Tessie's eyes and see a life of lingering disappointment and uncertainty. Have you ever had a good experience, thought it would last, only to find it didn't. But, when one door closes, another opens, and you find even more happiness—only, SLAM, the door closes again! Your next experience is only mediocre, but tolerable, when suddenly that life changes for the worse and you are disappointed again. This is what Tessie has experienced through no fault of her own. This shy but sweet girl is now age 10 and is looking for a home that will KEEP her and give her unconditional LOVE and patient pam-purr-ing to help her forget her sadness. Yet, in true feline form and for-giveness, she has a lot of love to give to someone who will give her her space and let her come around at her own pace.

PLEASE submit our adoption application and come and meet her. As the song from Cats says, "If you touch me, you'll understand what happiness is." See more pictures of her on our web-site's Adult Cats page, [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org).

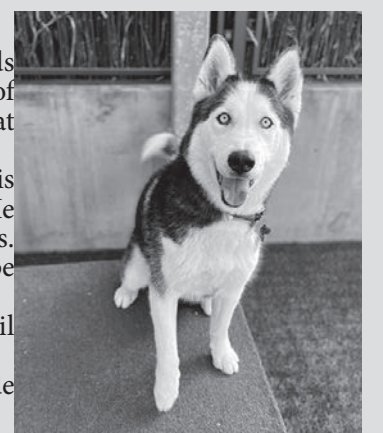


**Pet of the Week**

Muñeco is a handsome Husky who is sure to turn heads wherever he goes. This beautiful boy loves being the center of attention, so the double-takes and stares don't bother him at all. Paparazzi are just part of the game for this dude. Thankfully, Muñeco is more than just a pretty face. His name translates to "Sweetie", and it's perfect for him. He loves everyone he meets and soaks in the pets and scratches. His easy-going demeanor and laid-back attitude also vibrate with the So Cal lifestyle that he deserves.

All large dogs' adoption fee is reduced by 50% until April 11th. Come meet the movie star Muñeco today! The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet. View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.




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## ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOME?

There are many myths about Assisted Living being like Nursing Homes. This is not true at all. Nursing facilities are for those with chronic health issues who require care around the clock from medical professionals.

In Assisted Living, one will get the support as needed, such as getting help with showering, grooming, and dressing. Again, these services are based on the seniors needs.

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If you have any questions about placing a loved one, visit [www.safepathforseniors.com](http://www.safepathforseniors.com) or call Steve at 626-999-6913



## NEW RMD RULES FOR 2023

Dear Savvy Senior:

What are the new rules on required minimum distributions from IRAs and 401(k)s? I will turn 72 this year and want to be clear on what I'm required to do. Planning Ahead



Dear Planning:

Thanks to the SECURE Act 2.0 that was passed by Congress last December, there are several new rules that affect required minimum distributions (RMDs) from traditional IRAs, 401(k)s and other tax-deferred retirement accounts. These changes, which build on the original SECURE Act of 2019, are a benefit to retirees by increasing the RMD age and lowering the penalty for missing a withdrawal. Here's what you should know.

New RMD Rules

As of Jan. 1, 2023, the starting age for taking RMDs is now 73, up from 72. And it rises to age 75 in 2033. This change means that if you turn 72 this year, as you stated in your question, you can delay your RMDs one more year, allowing your savings in these accounts to grow longer, tax deferred.

But once you turn 73 (next year), you must start taking annual RMDs from the tax-deferred retirement accounts you own - like traditional IRAs, SEP IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s and 457(b)s - and pay taxes on those withdrawals. Distributions are taxed as ordinary income in your tax bracket.

There are, however, a few exceptions. Owners of Roth IRAs are not required to take a distribution, unless the Roth is inherited. And starting in 2024, Roth 401(k)s will not be subject to RMDs either.

There's also a work waiver for RMDs you should know about. If you are still working beyond age 73, and you don't own 5 percent or more of the company you work for, you can delay withdrawals from your employer's retirement plan until after you retire. But if you have other non-work-related accounts, such as a traditional IRA or a 401(k) from a previous employer, you are still required to take RMDs from them after age 73, even if you're still working.

Deadlines and Penalties

Generally, you must take your distribution every year by Dec. 31. First timers, however, can choose to delay taking their distribution until April 1 of the year following the year you turn 73. But be careful about delaying, because if you delay your first distribution, it may push you into a higher tax bracket because you must take your next distribution by Dec. 31 of the same year.

Also note that you can always withdraw more than the required amount, but if you don't take out the minimum, you'll be hit with a 25 percent penalty (it was 50 percent) on the amount that you failed to withdraw, along with the income tax you owe on it. This penalty drops to 10 percent if you take the necessary RMD by the end of the second year following the year it was due.

Distribution Amounts

Your RMD is calculated by dividing your tax-deferred retirement account balance as of Dec. 31 of the previous year, by an IRS estimate of your life expectancy. A special rule applies if your spouse is the beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you.

IRA withdrawals must be calculated for each IRA you own, but you can withdraw the money from any IRA or combination of IRAs. If you own 403(b) accounts, they too allow you to total the RMDs and take them from any account or combination of accounts.

With 401(k) plans, however, you must calculate the RMD for each plan and withdraw the appropriate amount from each account.

To calculate the size of your RMD, you can use the worksheets on the IRS website - see [IRS.gov/Retirement-Plans](http://IRS.gov/Retirement-Plans) and click on "Required Minimum Distributions." Or contact your IRA custodian or retirement-plan administrator who can do the calculations for you.

For more information, see the "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements" (publication 590-B) at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590b.pdf](http://IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590b.pdf).

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

## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



## DO I NEED TO CREATE A NEW WILL IF I MOVE TO ANOTHER STATE?

Most states will accept a will which was executed properly under another state's laws. However, there could be differences in your new state's laws that make certain provisions in your will invalid.

Here are a few things you should review when moving out of state:

## YOUR EXECUTOR

Consider whether the executor you've chosen for your will, will be able to serve in that role in your new location. Every state allows an out-of-state executor to serve, but some states have special requirements for executors, such as requiring them to pass a credit screen and post a bond. Other states require non-resident executors to appoint an agent who lives within the state to accept legal documents on behalf of the estate.

The former can, and sometimes does, completely prohibit a named executor from being able to step into that role. The latter increases the overall costs associated with administering a will. Either way, you may want to re-evaluate your chosen executor.

## MARITAL PROPERTY

If you are married, consider how your new state treats marital property. While a common-law state might treat the property you own in just your name as yours alone, community-property states treat all of your property as owned jointly with your spouse. If your new state treats marital property differently than California (a community-property state), you might need to draft a marital property agreement or even a new will to ensure your wishes are honored.

## YOUR NEED FOR A TRUST

While your will is an important part of your estate plan, it may not be the most appropriate foundation of your plan. Your new state may have probate laws completely different from California's. If your planning goals didn't necessitate a living trust in California, it's likely they won't necessitate a trust in your new state, but it could be costly to make that assumption without first seeking qualified legal counsel. Each state's probate code is unique, and you may be unaware of specific detrimental nuances in your new state's code which could be completely avoided by a living trust.

## YOUR OVERALL PLAN

Moving is one of those life events

presenting a perfect opportunity to review your entire estate plan. Along with your will (and considering whether you also need a trust), you should review your trust - if you already have one, power of attorney, health care directive, final disposition instructions, kids protection plan - if you have minor children, and your asset spreadsheet to ensure each asset you own is catalogued within your plan and titled correctly to receive the full protections provided by your plan.

## FINDING THE TIME

It may seem overwhelming with everything else you've got on your plate during a move, but there is no better time to review your estate plan. And because it's so important to regularly review your plan and keep it up to date, you'll gain additional peace of mind after you settle into your new home, and you'll ensure your plan works exactly as you intend whenever it's needed. That's an invaluable gift to your family. In other words, it's well worth the effort.

To your health, wealth, and family legacy,

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## SENIOR HAPPENINGS



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## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## HAS ANYONE SEE MY MARBLES?

Whenever a week goes by without any hitches, I have learned that something somewhere is wrong.

I have lived long enough to realize that problems are a part of life. Most of my were created by me. I guess I'm a great creator in that regard. I don't think there is any reward for that kind of creativity.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is exceptionally educated in this area of my mistakes. She could receive the Nobel Peace Prize. She can recognize one of my mistakes two days before it even happens. I don't know how she does that and probably never will find out.

Whenever I screw something up, she always responds, "Have you lost your marbles?" Initially, I didn't know I had marbles, nor did I understand what marbles were. But as I grew as a husband, I began to understand what she meant by marbles. I didn't know I had as many marbles as I had lost over the last 20 years.

One morning last week, I got up before The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and went out and got my coffee, I saw the kitties out on the porch looking in, so I opened the door, and they came marching in. What a great time they had together. As I was going to feed them, I heard a familiar voice down the hallway, "Have you lost your marbles? Get those cats out of here."

Of course, I didn't have to get the cats out because they ran for fear when they saw her coming down the hallway. I just stood there looking at the floor, trying to find my missing marbles.

Life has ups and downs, and I'm unsure which is better or worse. But throughout my life, I have never been helped in any situation by my marbles. How do my marbles help me in my everyday life? After all, my life has not changed much during these years of losing my marbles.

If I had more appreciation for my marbles, maybe, just maybe, I would not be getting in as much trouble with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Her obsession with marbles is beyond my ability to comprehend. If I still have one or two marbles left maybe I could figure out how I can get back at her.

We had a doctor's appointment last week, so she drove her Sissy Van, and I sat over on the passenger side. It's hard for me to get in and out of that Sissy Van, but it saves me gas money for my truck.

As we were going down the street, I looked at her and said, "Have you lost your marbles? You missed the street we were supposed to turn on." Inside I was laughing hilariously, but she did not share in that. She just looked at me and flashed one of her quirky smiles.

I sure do like it when a plan comes together.

One morning this week, I got up rather late and walked out to the living room in my pajamas. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Have you lost your marbles? We have a breakfast appointment in about 10 minutes across town."

I had no idea, or at least I forgot about it, and maybe she was right; I did lose my marbles on this one.

I was thinking recently about how my life would change if I had all the marbles I lost. So what would my life be like at that point?

The other day as she was coming in the front door from a shopping trip I said to her, "Have you lost your marbles?"

Looking at me strangely, she said, "What are you talking about?"

Smiling back at her, I said, "Nothing, I just wanted to know if you had all your marbles together."

She didn't think that was funny and scowled at me and took the shopping bag into the kitchen.

If anybody has marbles, I think she does. So my question is simply, what is she doing with all those marbles?

I think I have one or two marbles left, and I was thinking of a plan for her birthday. I've been putting a lot of thought into it, and I'm almost done with the thinking aspect and about ready to put it all together.

I was in Wal-Mart the other day, and walking down one of the aisles, I saw something that got my attention. There on the shelf were bags of marbles. It was the first time I ever saw marbles for sale. When I saw them, it gave me an idea. So I bought a bag of marbles.

This year I plan to give her a special birthday gift. It will be a box filled with marbles, wrapped in red paper with a lovely bow on the top.

When she opens it, I expect she will say, "Have you lost your marbles?"

I will respond, "No, my dear, I found your marbles."

I could not help but think of a Bible verse in Isaiah 55:8-9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

God has never lost His "marbles." God shares His thoughts with us in the word of God.

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## STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON



### REMEMERING SPECIAL MOMENTS

In a way all the moments are special. On Monday night my son, my friend John, and I together went to a restaurant to watch the final game of what we call March Madness. Over the past forty years the three of us have watched many games together and my son and John chatted about moments that they remember. I am a person for whom the past is always alive and this year I was very sad to realize that there is so much I have forgotten. Every day I manage to lose something but the loss I regret most is the increasing amount of my lost memory. I am so aware that frequently the moments that are so special for me today will so often be lost by tomorrow and forever.

Last night, which was Wednesday, my wife and I were driving home after having met my son for dinner and my wife noticed the unique moon in the Eastern early night blue sky. The moon was full and pink and round yes, and very special. My wife turned the corner to get a clear view of the sky. She turned the corner, stopped the car, parked, and went out into the cold happily using her iPhone taking pictures of the sky. I see her looking beautiful and happy much like a child reacting to a rainbow. What a wonderful world is all around us and yet it is so easy to forget.

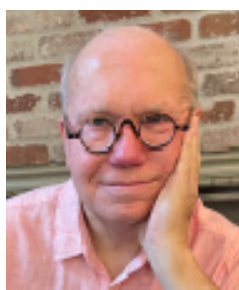
Frankly I am sick of having so much of my world being dominated and obscured by Donald Trump. On Monday or Tuesday, I can't remember which, my wife told me about one of the TV Stations that presented 6 separate boxes displaying all the news stations simultaneously. One could flip from one box to another and see and hear what was being presented. I took that opportunity and was absolutely sickened to realize that every single station was busy talking about Donald Trump and his indictment. I felt immediately that this indictment was just part of a long continuing story of Trump and his travails preventing focusing on the multitude of problems facing the world today.

As I turned away from that station called News Mix, if you are interested, I thought of that wonderful moment soon after Joe Biden became President. There on the television was his new White House Press Secretary, Jen Psaki. She was clearly intelligent, informed, seemingly truthful and sincere. What a moment for me this was. No more Trump, no more lies, no more unnecessary conflict. The world will be saved!

Well that moment was just over two years ago and as we all know Donald Trump has not disappeared. As far as I can tell he receives more attention than anyone else in my lifetime. Jen Psaki has turned into just another news television news analyst talking about Donald Trump. I want to remember the joy I felt when I saw her for the first time in the same way I want to remember and retain the joy I felt yesterday as I watched my wife delighted by the moon. I want to remember the joyful moments I had with my son and John watching sporting events over the years.

Right now, two short day, later I can barely remember who won the March Madness final on Monday night. I mourn the loss of my short-term memory and the loss of so many life affirming long term memories. If there is anything important to remember it is the memories of the past joys we retain and the ability to note and remember the present joys that occur before us every day even though we may well forget them by tomorrow. (I wish we could all forget that Trump ever happened.)

## RICH JOHNSON



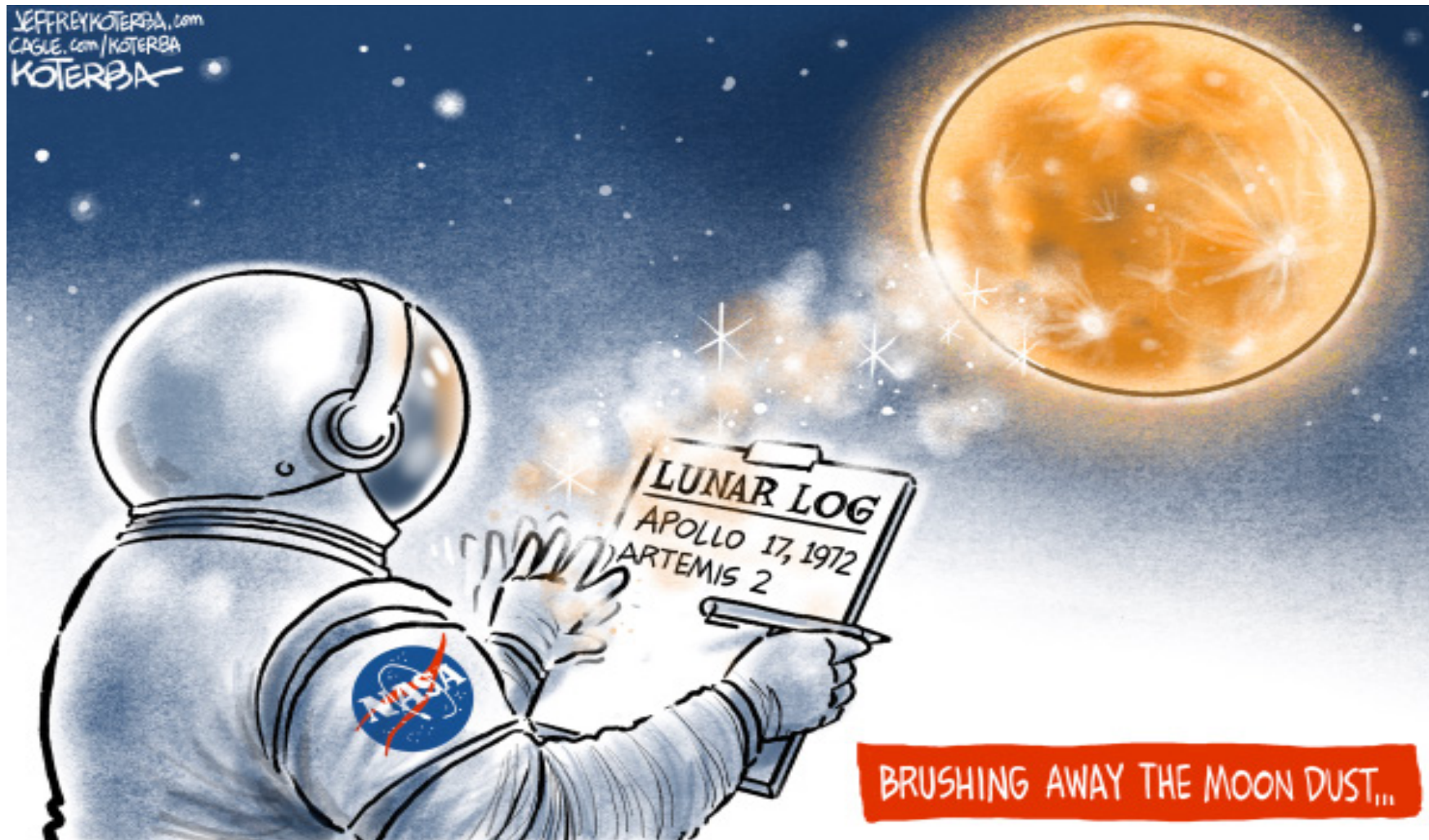
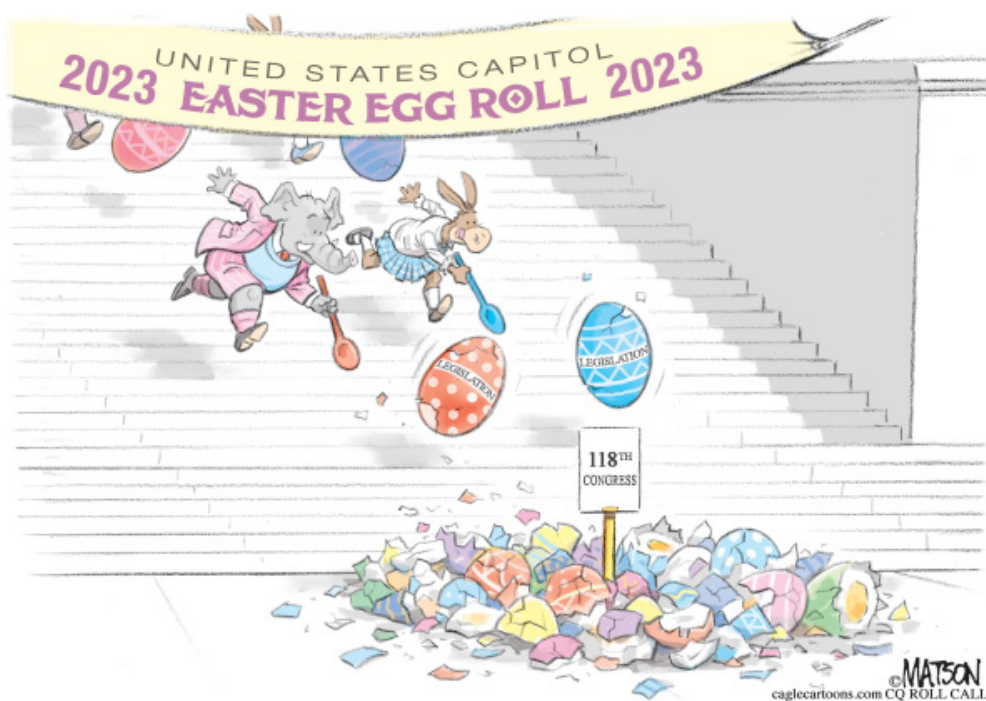
### NOW THAT'S RICH SHOWER THOUGHTS

Stumbled across a concept called "shower thoughts". What is a "shower thought" you ask? "A sudden idea or epiphany occurring to someone during an unconnected activity like taking a shower."  
Yay! A new hotbed of mindless trivia...right up my alley... or is it right down my alley? Perfect timing for amazing and delighting friends, strangers and family.

Shower thoughts:

- "If you're waiting for the waiter, aren't you the waiter?"
- "Subaru said backwards is 'you are a bus'."
- "The internet nearly killed postal service with email, then saved it with online delivery."
- "Do you ever wonder what your dog named you?"
- "What was the first guy to milk a cow trying to do?"
- "Prince Charles waited 73 years for a promotion."
- "Its not your money, its just your turn to play with it."
- "If a fly loses its wings, is it now called a walk?"
- "In Roman numerals L is larger than XL."
- "If money doesn't buy happiness, you're probably not spending it right."
- "First you learn to read, then you read to learn."
- "If we call it tuna-fish, why don't we call it chicken-bird?"
- "Ever wonder what underwater smells like?"
- "The only part of your reflection you can lick is your tongue."
- "When you use a straw you are actually drinking from the bottom."
- "There are two E's in bee, but they're both silent."
- "Why do self-driving cars have windshield wipers?"
- "No one has ever been in a fully empty room."
- "If Elvis Presley was so popular, why don't we meet people named Elvis?"
- "We're lucky blinking doesn't make noise."
- "Is firefly the opposite of waterfall?"
- "Aren't pregnant women the only bodybuilders?"
- "If you give someone food, you're feeding them. When you give them water, are you watering them?"
- "One day you'll be someone's ancestor."
- "Isn't the object of golf to play the least amount of golf?"
- "If you drop soap on the floor, is the floor clean, or is the soap dirty?"
- "Isn't your first birthday technically your second birthday?"
- "When you clean a vacuum cleaner, are you the vacuum cleaner?"
- "Doesn't being down for something and being up for something mean the same thing?"
- "When my dog brings me the same toy, is it his favorite toy or does he think it's my favorite toy?"
- "Isn't a fire truck actually a water truck?"
- "Does a straw have one hole, or two?"
- "Isn't the youngest picture of you the oldest picture of you?"

Have a wonderful week my friends.



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**SUMMONS**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: BRUCE KUYPER, AN INDIVIDUAL; TEODORA MANOLVA, AN INDIVIDUAL; DOES 2 through 20, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

GK CONSTRUCTION, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION  
CASE NUMBER: 228TLC05122

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below:

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

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corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

CASE NUMBER:  
(Número del Caso):  
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NO. 23NWCP00102**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

PETITIONER **ROBERT A RODRIGUEZ FOR MINOR LUNA ROSALIE LUIS FLORES** HAS FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT – SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT – NORWALK COURTHOUSE FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name: **LUNA ROSALIE LUIS FLORES**

Proposed Name:  
**LUNA ROSALIE RODRIGUEZ FLORES**

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 05/31/2023 at 9:30 A.M. in Dept. C ROOM 312 at NORWALK COURTHOUSE 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA. 90650

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**ROBERT A RODRIGUEZ  
FOR MINOR LUNA ROSALIE LUIS FLORES**  
Petitioner Appearing Pro Per  
14417 CABRILLO AVE  
NORWALK, CA. 90650  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058438  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GLOBAL SOCCER 17216 SATICOY ST #669, LAKE BALBOA, CA. 91406; GLOBAL SACKE 18641 SATICOY ST 15, RESEDA, CA. 91335. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DILCIA J LEIVA FERNANDEZ 18641 SATICOY ST 15, RESEDA, CA. 91335.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **DILCIA J LEIVA FERNANDEZ, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/16/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058583  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROUTE 175 BODY SHOP 9000 NORRIS AVE UNIT #4, SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ALBERTO RUIZ HERNANDEZ 1631 LAUREL CANYON BLVD APT #23, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **ALBERTO RUIZ HERNANDEZ, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2019. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058316  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YOUR WAY OUT BAIL BONDS 6313 VAN NUYS BLVD, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **YOUR WAY OUT BAIL BONDS CORP. 6313 VAN NUYS BLVD, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401.** This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: **YOUR WAY OUT BAIL BONDS CORP, SALVADOR RIVAS, CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2004. 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)  
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with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/14/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2015. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023054669  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOLUTION CIGAR LAND 1914 W 7TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90957; SOLUTIONS CIGAR LAND 120303 SATICOY ST APT 211, WINNETKA, CA. 91306. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **MARIA MAGDALENA GONZALEZ MATUL 1914 W 7TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90957.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **MARIA MAGDALENA GONZALEZ MATUL, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/13/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2013. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058855  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL DONE PLUS HAULING 7062 MCLAREN AVE, WEST HILLS, CA. 91307; ALL DONE PLUS HAULING 530 LOS ANGELES AVE 115 BOX 197, MOORPARK, CA. 94021. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JORGE RUIZ SIBAJA 7062 MCLAREN AVE, WEST HILLS, CA. 91307.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **JORGE RUIZ SIBAJA, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2017. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058314  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ASA H TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 10164 COMMERCE AVE, APT1, TUJUNGA, CA. 91402. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **HOVHANNES ASATRYAN 10164 COMMERCE AVE, APT1, TUJUNGA, CA. 91402.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **HOVHANNES ASATRYAN, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058311  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DB PERFORMANCE AUTO 12650 FOOTHILL BLVD UNIT 1, SYLMAR, CA. 91342. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **DB PERFORMANCE AUTO 12650 FOOTHILL BLVD UNIT 1, SYLMAR, CA. 91342.** This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: **DB PERFORMANCE AUTO, DAVIT DARBINYAN, CEO.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023056270  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GARAGE KINGS AUTO BODY 10624 MCCLEMMONT AVE, TUJUNGA, CA. 91402. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **NAREK EDWARD HAKOPIAN 10624 MCCLEMMONT AVE, TUJUNGA, CA. 91402.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **NAREK EDWARD HAKOPIAN, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/14/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023058853  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GONZALEZ CLEANING & TILE SERVICES 29021 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD SPACE 291, SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91390. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JORGE ALBERTO GONZALEZ MERAZ 29021 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD SPACE 291, SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91390.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **JORGE ALBERTO GONZALEZ MERAZ, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023057590  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARTINEZ FLOORING 5323 MONROE ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90038. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JUAN LUIS MARTINEZ RAMIREZ 5323 MONROE ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90038.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **JUAN LUIS MARTINEZ RAMIREZ, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/15/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023057588  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RIVER PUMPING 10546 1/2 CANTARA ST APT 2, SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ROBERTO JOSE RIVERA LOPEZ 10546 1/2 CANTARA ST APT 2, SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **ROBERTO JOSE RIVERA LOPEZ, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/15/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023054807  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KING RODENT CONTROL 14245 FRIAR ST APT 3, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **JUAN CARLOS ALAS BAUTISTA 14245 FRIAR ST APT 3, VAN NUYS, CA. 91401.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **JUAN CARLOS ALAS BAUTISTA, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/13/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2023054667  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AM POOL & SPA SERVICE 468 W ELK AVE APT 103, GLENDALE, CA. 91204. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **ASHOT MHLAMYAN 468 W ELK AVE APT 103, GLENDALE, CA. 91204.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **ASHOT MHLAMYAN, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/13/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2017. 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)  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20230454665  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PAULO & IRMA COOKING 327 RIVERDALE DR APT 6, GLENDALE, CA. 91204. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) **PAVLE AZNARASHVILI 327 RIVERDALE DR APT 6, GLENDALE, CA. 91204.** This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: **PAVLE AZNARASHVILI, OWNER.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/13/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2023. 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)  
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2023 SPRING CLEANING

# SHRED EVENT

**Date** Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time** 8:30am to 2pm

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9a & 10:45a

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