

S.M.F.D. SWEEPS CHILI COOK-OFF!



Last Saturday, for the first time in the Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre's Chili - Cook Off history, both the Celebrity Award and the People's Choice Award were won by the same group!

The event, established in 2011 to support Kiwanis charitable activities, this year's event was renamed the PERGOLA CHILI COOK OFF in honor of Kiwanian Joe Pergola who came up with the idea.

This year's event had 6 entries including an entry from Corfu Catering.

Food Critic Peter Dills, pictured top right with SMFD Firefighter Rose-year - center- and Kiwanis President Judy Webb Martin presided over the food tasting.

Photo by Dean Lee



SPECIAL ELECTION NEWS:

Sierra Madre In-Person Voting On Prop 50* Begins November 1st

Vote-by-mail ballots for the State's Special Election were sent out to voters at the beginning of October.

Completed ballots may be returned by mail in the postage-paid envelope or deposited in the drop box outside City Hall.

In-person voting will begin in Sierra Madre on November 1, 2025 at Sierra Madre Middle School Gymnasium.

The Vote Center will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm leading up to the election.

On Election Day, November 4, the Vote Center will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

For a complete list of vote centers in Los Angeles County, please visit LAVote.gov

Laura M. Aguilar, City Clerk
City of Sierra Madre
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*Additional information on Prop 50 on page 7.

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Above left are (l to r) SMFD Gacad, Rose-year, 2nd Place Winner Former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi and Chief Bartlett.

Photo courtesy of Arizmendi

On the right are Former Mayor Clem Barolai and his wife Nina and Jacqui Pergola, wife of honororee Joe Pergola.

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5:00-7:00PM

Arroyo Pacific	La Salle
Bishop Amat	Loyola
Cantwell Sacred Heart	Marantha
CS Arts	Mayfield
Damien	Polytechnic
Don Bosco	Sequoia
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- October 2, 3:00 PM: Senior Community Commission
- October 9, 5:30 PM: Revenue Ad Hoc Committee
- October 14, 5:30 PM: City Council Meeting
- October 15, 6:30 PM: Natural Resources Commission
- October 16, 5:30 PM: Planning Commission
- October 20, 5:00 PM: Community Services Commission
- October 27, 5:00 PM: Library Board of Trustees
- October 28, 5:30 PM: City Council Meeting

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6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	50s
Mon:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 28, 2025 5:30 pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmmedia.org/sier-ramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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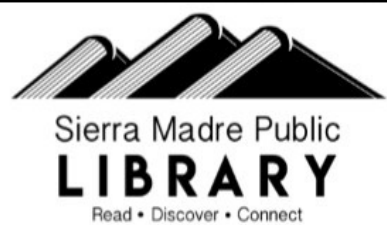
Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
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Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



This week at the
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October 20 — October 25

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time — Library at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime — Library at 10:00am

Wednesday

Green Teens — Hart Park House at 4:00pm

Stitch & Share — Hart Park House at 5:30pm.

Registration requested.

Thursday

Shelf Stories — Library at 6:30pm. Registration requested.

Saturday

Sensory Play — Library from 9:00am—9:30am. Registration required.

Sip & Shush — RT Rogers from 6:30pm—7:30pm. Registration requested.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"When witches go riding and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, 'Tis near Halloween!"

"Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and caldron bubble."

William Shakespeare, "Macbeth" The Song of the Witches

Yes, friends and neighbors, Halloween is a mere three weeks away and the picture today is one of the window paintings from last year, created by one of our youthful artists. And, as Halloween is so near, I thought an Emma Gainsworth Adventure is exactly what Sierra Madre needs. We've got Legendary Bingo coming up on the 18th, the Scarecrow Festival is in full swing, our Rose Float Association is asking for volunteers for the Royal Court to ride on our float New Year's Day, the Firefighters Annual Pancake Breakfast is the 25th, and, as I'm sure you're aware, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so if you haven't gotten your mammo-gram this year, book it! I've had mine!

Emma Gainsworth, my favorite heroine; favorite because I created her and have written about six of her adventures, needs to stretch her arms, limber up her chef skills and see what trouble she can get into this Halloween. Sha has outwitted Pumpkinetta, Queen of a Pumpkin planet where she labored to create gourmet dishes featuring pumpkin and darn little else, including Pumpkin Chardonnay. She has built a cooking school, a fabulous restaurant, survived a hurricane, married and given birth to twins. But now, she's going back to her beginnings...

EMMA GAINSWORTH CONQUERS HALLOWEEN...AGAIN

Emma Gainsworth was born on the wrong side of the tracks. Her parents, who considered her less than average, abandoned her abruptly and moved to Sweden. All she had left was a tumbledown shack and a pumpkin patch. As Halloween was approaching, Emma thought she'd create a sort of haunted pumpkin patch, hoping she could generate a little income so she could do some grocery shopping. Emma was tired to the bone of ramen noodles in a Styrofoam cup and longed for a nice piece of salmon, or maybe even a pound of hamburger and a box of hamburger helper.

Walking along the tracks, Emma found some pieces of wood, a bit of wire, and just a little further along, an abandoned corn field. "Perfect," she thought to herself, and started dragging her finds home. This took quite a while as old wood and dried up corn stalks are heavy. However, as Emma was not going to let a little hard work defeat her, she persevered and eventually created a ramshackle sort of corn stalk embellished sign:

Haunted Pumpkin Patch! Just \$1.00!
Open All Night...Bring Your Flashlight

It was the week before Halloween and she was ready. She



had nailed flyers all over town advertising her Haunted Pumpkin Patch and was ready for business. The Harvest Moon had waned and the crescent moon gave very little light. Bottom line, it was dark! Halloween was less than a week away and Emma had carved terrifying faces in some of her pumpkins and lit them with candles, piled others into tall pyramids, and hoped for the best.

Astonishingly, the flyers all around town had worked like a charm and carloads of bored teenage boys descended on Emma's Haunted Pumpkin Patch. Armed with flashlights and illicit cans of Bud, they brushed by Emma like she was invisible. "Wait," she cried, "it's a dollar each! Come back!"

Laughing maniacally, the boys, led by the local high school's football team, started kicking Emma's pumpkins, destroying her carefully carved jack o' lanterns. "Stop it!" she shrieked. But they were destruction possessed.

But wait, Emma had cherished her pumpkins. Fed them, loved them, watered them and they, in turn, were grateful. The dim moon barely showed Emma's pumpkins beginning to grow. The vines that still lay on the ground moved quietly, stealthily, and snaked around the ankles of the marauders, and before they even had time to scream, they were jerked up in the air, higher and frighteningly higher...

To Be Continued....

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis

There are treasures there! Trust me!

And All the Emma Gainsworth Adventures,
Including "Just Desserts" A Fall Fantasy of Pumpkins Gone Wrong!

**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

10/31/25

**TRICK OR TREATING IN DOWN TOWN &
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4:30 PM – 5:45PM

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5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

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News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena Confirms Case of West Nile Virus

PPHD Recommends Prevention Tips

The Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) confirmed last week that the city's first case of West Nile virus (WNV) in a human this year on October 9, recommends prevention tips.

WNV is most often detected during warmer months when mosquitoes are breeding and can quickly spread viruses. PPHD continues to monitor disease activity and collaborate with the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District to control mosquitoes in public spaces through routine inspections and necessary treatments. The last confirmed case of WNV in a Pasadena resident was in 2022.

"There is no vaccine or cure for West Nile virus in humans," said Dr. Parveen Kaur, Acting Health Officer. "By taking preventive measures, we can reduce the risk of infection and help protect our community."

Take the following actions to reduce the presence of mosquitoes, stay healthy and bite-free: Tip out stagnant water around the home weekly; Toss unused containers that can hold stagnant water; Use screens on windows and fix holes in screens; and Protect against bites by wearing protective clothing and using insect repellent containing any one of the recommended ingredients: Picaridin, DEET, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (or PMD), or IR3535.

"PPHD urges residents to take an active role in reducing the threat of West Nile virus by following mosquito prevention tips," said Manuel Carmona, Director of Public Health. "The most effective way to stay protected is to prevent mosquito bites."

For more information visit: CityOfPasadena.net.

Haunted Heritage: A Preservation Mixer

Join Pasadena Heritage for a spirited evening of Halloween fun at ID-éclair in Old Pasadena Monday night at 6 p.m..

They are gathering for a casual night of conversation, connection, and a little bit of indulgence to celebrate the spirit of the season.

Sip on some wine or treat yourself to something sweet (available for purchase onsite), and mingle with others who share a passion for historic places and preservation. This is your chance to meet others who care about keeping Pasadena's stories alive. Costumes are optional.

ID-éclair is located 169 W. Green Street.

For more information visit: pasadenaheritage.org.



Director of JPL Announces Mass Layoffs

Over five-hundred employees at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory were notified Tuesday that they no longer had their jobs after another round of layoffs – many of them still severely impacted by the Eaton Fire.

"In order to best position JPL going forward, we are taking steps to restructure and establish an appropriate size to ensure future success," said JPL Director Dave Gallagher in an open letter to all employees. "As part of this effort, JPL is undergoing a realignment of its workforce, including a reduction in staff. This reduction... will affect approximately 550 of our colleagues across technical, business, and support areas."

Gallagher said the layoffs are not related to the current government shutdown.

Pasadena Mayor victor Gordo said the city's Workforce Development Board was working with the Verdugo Workforce board to assist affected employees. "Assistance is available both on-site and virtually and includes unemployment insurance information, career counseling, resume workshops and job search assistance," he said.

Gordo said the news hit hard as many of the employees are part of the "heartbeat of our city."

"People who frequent our businesses, volunteer in our schools and contribute in countless ways to our community's life," he said adding "Some recently lost

their homes in the Eaton Fire and are now facing the uncertainty of job loss."

Gallagher said the layoffs were essential to "securing JPL's future by creating a leaner infrastructure, focusing on our core technical capabilities, maintaining fiscal discipline, and positioning us to compete in the evolving space ecosystem — all while continuing to deliver on our vital work for NASA and the nation," he said. "We are grateful for the contributions of our departing colleagues, whose work has advanced exploration and innovation in ways that benefit us all."

Congresswoman Judy Chu said the cuts equaled approximately 11 percent of JPL's total staff.

"These layoffs are an absolute tragedy, especially as they come at a time when our community is still recovering from the Eaton Fire that destroyed thousands of homes and disrupted so many lives and livelihoods just 9 months ago," she said adding that the layoffs were an immense loss for the nation.

"Every layoff devastates the highly skilled and uniquely talented workforce that has made these [feats in space and science] accomplishments possible," Chu said. "Taken together with last year's layoffs, this will result in an untold loss of scientific knowledge and expertise that threatens the very future of American leadership in space exploration and scientific discovery."

Pasadena Police to hold Free Citizen Motorcycle Academy

Pasadena Chief of Police, Eugene Harris, is reminding everyone that motorcycle safety saves lives and on Saturday, December 6 the Pasadena Police Department's Traffic Section will host the Citizen's Motorcycle Academy from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This course is designed for all motorcycle riders, regardless of experience. Spend the day with Pasadena Police Motor Officers at the Rose Bowl Stadium and gain valuable skills and confidence on your bike including defensive techniques, and understanding how to respond to unexpected road conditions. Safe riding protects not only you but everyone sharing the road. Participants must bring their own:

- Motorcycle

- Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet
- Gloves and boots
- Eye protection and proper riding attire
- Valid Class C driver's license with motorcycle endorsement

You will learn:

- Basic motorcycle riding skills
- Low-speed maneuvering
- Braking and U-turns
- Counter steering and cone patterns
- Common hazards to motorcycle riders

This class is free, limited to 30 riders, with lunch provided. For more information, please contact Officer Zachary Sprague at zsprague@cityofpasadena.net. To register, click on the following link: cityofpasadena.net/police.

last year, starting in February, over 850 JPL employees were let go in two other rounds of layoffs.

"I have repeatedly led efforts in Congress pushing for funding for critical missions like Mars Sample Return led by JPL, Chu said. "And as Co-Chair of the Planetary Science Caucus in Congress, I have led bipartisan appropriations requests to demand that Congress fully fund NASA's Science Mission Directorate and protect all its missions. Most recently, I have been urging Appropriators to include language in any short-term federal funding bill that would explicitly protect NASA's budget and missions from any cuts."

Pasadena Police to Host Trunk or Treat

Get ready for a spook-tacular good time as Pasadena Chief of Police, Eugene Harris, and the department, in partnership with the Pasadena Police Foundation and Day One, invite the public to their annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Extravaganza.

Join the department on Thursday, October 30, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Centennial Square (100 N. Garfield Ave.) for an evening packed with fun, fright, and community spirit.

Bring your little ghosts and goblins to trick-or-treat safely among creatively decorated police vehicles and community trunks. There will be games, music, activities, and—of course—tons of treats.

This family-friendly event was created to give children and young adults a safe, healthy, and happy place to celebrate Halloween.

They welcome treat donations and community partners who would like to decorate a trunk and spread the Halloween cheer.

For more information, please contact Community Services Officer Lou Oronoz loronoz@cityofpasadena.net.

Statement on Impact LA County Will Face if Federal Shutdown Continues Nov. 1



Supervisor Kathryn Barger speaks during a recent Board of Supervisors meeting (Photo credit: LA County)

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger expressed concern Tuesday during a Board of Supervisors meeting following updates from county officials regarding the impact a prolonged federal shutdown will have on essential safety net programs.

Barger made the following statement, "I am deeply concerned about the looming cliff facing many of our vulnerable families and children if federal funds are not secured by the end of this month."

Programs like CalFresh, which provides essential food resources to thousands of families, and CalWORKS, which supports child welfare payments for children in need, are lifelines for the most vulnerable in our County. Without these resources, families who rely on them could face unimaginable hardship beginning November 1.

The ongoing federal

government shutdown will also affect funding needed to pay County employees in key departments, including Public Social Services and Children and Family Services. Any efforts by the County to backfill these shortfalls could impact our credit rating—a vital tool that keeps our necessary borrowing costs low. The cascading effects are worrisome.

Clearly, our County's resources are limited resources and every dollar counts. It is essential that we prioritize funding for these core programs. Spending on new initiatives outside this essential safety net should not come at the expense of basic support for families who depend on these services.

I urge our federal partners to act immediately to ensure that no family is left without the help they need and that our County can continue serving its residents effectively."

For more information visit: kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov.

Free Latin Band Concert at Pasadena Senior Center

The Pasadena Senior Center will host a free salsa/Latin dance party with music by the Susie Hansen Latin Band on Sunday, October 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the air-conditioned Scott Pavilion at the Center.

The Susie Hansen Latin Band mixes together infectious Latin rhythms with jazz improvising, vocals in both Spanish and English, recognizable standards and strong soloing from players. They play salsa, cumbia, charanga, merengue, bachata, bolero, cha-cha-cha and Latin jazz. The result is music that inspires dancers yet also rewards a close listen.

While the event is free reservations are suggested. Register at pasadenaseniorcenter.org, then go to Activities & Events, then Special Events, or call (626) 795-4332.

All are welcome to join in for a joyful and lively afternoon of music, with plenty of room for dancing. We're starting a new Fall tradition with the addition of salsa dance with the Susie Hansen Latin Band. Light snacks will be provided.

As a donor-supported nonprofit, the center operates without any local, state or federal funding and provides more services to older adults than any other organization in the San Gabriel Valley. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.



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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

NEWS BRIEFS

Governor Newsom Signs Bills to Further Protect and Expand Services for Nearly 500,000 Californians with Developmental Disabilities

Sacramento, CA - The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is eager to share that Governor Newsom has signed several bills into law that will expand services and protections to Californians with developmental disabilities. SB 258 (Wahab), AB 1172 (Nguyen), and AB 341 (Arambula) vary greatly in their objectives, including more supportive dental and health care and sexual consent, but each is meaningful to nearly 500,000 Californians and their families who rely on state laws and regulations to understand the unique challenges faced by this community.

"We appreciate the support from the governor, authors of the bills, and members of the legislature who agreed that advancing these three critical pieces of legislation was the right thing to do to continue serving one of our most exceptional communities," said Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA. "It is critical that California policymakers continue to support and protect Californians with developmental disabilities in a wide variety of ways while recognizing improvements needed, SB 258, AB 1172, and AB 341 do just that."

SB 258 Removes the spousal exemption from the definition of rape in the California Penal Code. Current law permits sexual assault against a spouse when that spouse is unable to consent due to a disability. In contrast, the same act committed by a non-spouse is classified as a crime. SB 258 aims to eliminate this discriminatory law and clarifies that there shall be no assumption that people with disabilities cannot consent. Learn more about SB 258.

AB 1172 Allows the administration of emergency antiseizure medication in day programs and licensed homes. This is important because it expands the choices of services. It also enables immediate medical intervention, thereby reducing the risk of preventable health issues. By doing so, it prevents delays in treatment, lowers the likelihood of serious medical outcomes, and helps individuals maintain stability in their care settings. Learn more about AB 1172.

AB 341 Dental care is critical for individuals with developmental disabilities. However, some people are so fearful or anxious about dental care that they exhibit behaviors resulting in sedation, general anesthesia, or delaying dental care until the pain is unbearable or their health is at serious risk. This bill will help reduce the challenges encountered by individuals and their families. Learn more about AB 341.

About ARCA

ARCA and its 21 member regional centers remain committed to equitably serving Californians with developmental disabilities and their families. ARCA works collaboratively with stakeholders, advocacy organizations, the Legislature, and the Administration to continue advocating for improvements to services for those served by regional centers and their families

CITY LANDMARKS WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

The City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Historic Preservation Group (MOHPG) are partnering to present for the community a workshop on landmarking a home/building in Monrovia. The workshop is free and open to the public one day only - Thursday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Monrovia Public Library (321 S Myrtle Ave). Community Development Director, Sheri Bermejo, and Planning Division Manager, John Mayer, will be on hand to walk residents through the process of applying for landmark status and to answer questions about what it means.

If you have been thinking about landmarking your home, this workshop is for you! Get the information you need from the people who handle landmark applications.

VECTOR CONTROL RESPONSE TO LOCAL CASE OF DENGUE IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

West Covina, Calif. (October 15, 2025) — The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGV Mosquito/District) is working collaboratively with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to conduct additional surveillance, mosquito control, and educational outreach in the San Gabriel Valley community where a locally acquired case of Dengue has been confirmed.

District staff have expanded surveillance by deploying additional traps and increased the frequency of testing to identify the presence of mosquito transmitted diseases in local mosquito populations. Additionally, field staff have conducted door-to-door property inspections and mosquito control treatments to reduce adult mosquito populations and mosquito breeding sources. Depending on surveillance trap results, additional treatments will be considered.

"In response to emerging disease risk, the District rapidly launched enhanced mosquito control operations, surveillance, and outreach across the community," said SGV Mosquito District Manager Jason Farned. "We encourage residents to take simple preventive steps at home, like tipping out standing water and using mosquito repellent."

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility. The District urges residents to take an active role in reducing the threat of Dengue in their community by taking the following actions to stay healthy and bite-free:

- Tip out stagnant water around the home weekly;
- Toss unused containers that can hold stagnant water; and
- Protect against bites by using insect repellent containing any one of the following CDC-recommended ingredients: Picaridin, DEET, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (or PMD), or IR3535.

If residents suspect they are experiencing any dengue-related symptoms, they are encouraged to reach out to their primary health care provider. For more information regarding mosquitoes, residents can contact the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

CONCERT FUN: SIERRA MADRE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION PRESENTS AN OFFERING OF MUSIC FEATURING STEPHEN MARSHALL



Stephen Marshall has had a life filled with interesting experiences: education, music, art, architecture, design, piano, singing, choirs, pipe organ, composition, teaching and performing. COVID redirected what had been a thirty-year illustrious career in downtown Seattle to several years of introspection and redirection with parents and family in Oregon and, ultimately, to exciting new beginnings in the Los Angeles area. Here now for less than two months, Stephen is intentional to choose what he loves the most from a full and exciting life in music: teaching and performing in community - using his musical, artistic, and teaching gifts to encourage and inspire people of all ages.

One of Stephen's favorite places in the world is Oxford, England - a place he immediately loved and came to know well as he studied there toward completing his Doctorate in Sacred Music. "When I first entered Sierra Madre's charming Episcopal Church of the Ascension, I thought I had been transported right back to Oxfordshire. I love its charming atmosphere." As the church's new Director of Music and Organist, Stephen is excited to share an interactive musical experience - pipe organ, singing, and piano - where the goal will be to enjoy some music while we get to know one another: Sunday, October 26, 4:00PM.

Dr. Marshall says, "I used to be very good at presenting stuffy concerts. Now, I make it my goal to create an interactive, fun experience where audience members of all ages leave having enjoyed a time of learning, interaction, and musical inspiration."

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THE END OF THE JOURNEY:

“CAMINO DE SANTIAGO-MY JOURNEY MY WAY IN 29 DAYS APRIL 17-MAY 15, 2025”



By: Lorie Veiner-Clause

As my small feet began moving across the green rolling hills in the Pyrenees from France to Spain, the unknown and mystery embarked my pilgrimage.

Walking on the Camino path of road, dirt, mud, cobblestones. Seeking bright yellow arrows. Following the various apps to assure I was headed in the correct direction.

Unpredictable weather. Sunshine with bright rays floating in the periwinkle blue sky. Gray puffy clouds with wet rain pouring down my cold body.

Countless spectacular colorful sunrises in the early morning. Sunsets were equally picturesque.

The mental and physical push of motivation.

I am a tenacious and persistent person. Reaching a daily goal of kilometers converting to miles. The math quiz in my brain.

Exploring for a place to stay each night. Searching for food. Meeting several Camino Angels along The Way.

Tears of fear. Tears of abandonment. Tears of physical pain. Tears of emotional pain. Tears of happiness. Getting lost a few times.

Dodging dragon's teeth rocks with energetic footing. Slipping in wet brown mushy mud.

Word of frustration is "Wonderful!"

Blessed each day. An adventure of a lifetime.

Pinching myself. My 500-mile goal of walking the Camino is no longer wishful dream.

Approaching a hill on day 29, my vision with large brown eyes viewed the magnificent large city of Santiago de Compostela.

The emotions intensified as it overtook every ounce of my body with wet tears. My small feet kept moving. Passing the village, I was going to reside in for the evening. I turned around. The sight of the most beautiful colorful sign stared at me.

My large, enchanting smile with inverted dimples deepened with delight.

I walked Camino de Santiago in 29 days. Achieved the unthinkable.

Walking to the famous Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela at the most exquisite sunrise the next morning. Jumping my body in the air. Free of all the pain I endured during my journey.

My Camino officially ended on May 16, 2025, when I received my Compostella. Did I officially start my Camino? Yes! Thank you for following My Journey, My Way in 29 days. Buen Camino #LoriesCaminoJourney



Unknown Hikers on the Camino Photo courtesy santiagoways.com



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CALASSIST MORTGAGE FUND EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY TO SUPPORT MORE DISASTER-IMPACTED HOMEOWNERS

WHAT:

The CalAssist Mortgage Fund team and partners will announce expanded income eligibility for program applicants, ensuring more California families can access mortgage payment relief after disasters. The program, launched in June 2025, provides 3 months of mortgage assistance for homeowners whose homes are destroyed or severely damaged.

WHO:

- Tomiquia Moss, Secretary, Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH)
- Rebecca Franklin, Chief Deputy Director, California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)
- Lori Gay, CEO of Neighborhood Housing Services of L.A. County
- Lorena Domínguez, CalAssist Mortgage Fund Spanish Spokesperson (Spanish remarks)

WHEN:

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, starts at 10:00 AM

WHERE:

Virtual via Zoom – Register GO TO: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom?mtm_source=govdelivery#/ registration (Recording will be available after the press event)

WHY:

- Increased income limits mean thousands of additional homeowners may now qualify for disaster-related mortgage relief.
- Californians previously denied due to the program's income limits will be invited to reapply.
- The program provides 3 months of mortgage payments, up to a maximum of \$20,000.
- Funds are provided as grants — paid directly to the mortgage servicer, never have to be re-paid, and it is free to apply.
- Homeowners whose properties are destroyed or severely damaged as the result of disasters such as wildfires, floods, or earthquakes are encouraged to apply now, while funding is still available.

RSVP:

Please confirm your attendance by sending an email to media@CalAssistMortgageFund.Org or call 916.282.0696.

About the CalAssist Mortgage Fund:

Administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), the CalAssist Mortgage Fund is a limited-term program that offers assistance to homeowners affected by recent disasters in California. In response to these emergencies, Governor Gavin Newsom proposed in February 2025 that CalHFA dedicate \$105 million from the National Mortgage Settlement to provide direct mortgage relief to affected homeowners across the state.

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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR “SHOP & DINE ALTADENA FOR THE HOLIDAYS” CAMPAIGN

Sponsored by Webster's Community Pharmacy and Altadena Chamber of Commerce

Altadena, CA – As the first holiday season after the Eaton Fire approaches, Meredith Miller, co-owner of 99 year-old Webster's Community Pharmacy in Altadena, felt like she had to do some-thing to help surviving businesses have a chance at successful fourth quarter sales. Her idea for the “Shop & Dine Altadena for the Holidays” campaign was born.

Webster's Community Pharmacy began fundraising for Altadena very soon after the Eaton Fire. Donations began with e-commerce and then in-store purchases of Altadena products, and a percentage of net proceeds of Altadena apparel, license plate frames, signs, stickers, and many other items accumulated over a six-month period. Many of the products were created by local Altadena-based artists who lost their homes and studios. The end result of this fundraising effort was enough money for an advertising campaign for the surviving businesses of Altadena.

Miller approached the Altadena Chamber of Commerce to consider sponsorship in the media initiative, and they immediately signed up. The ad will be running for 12 weeks through both ca-ble and streaming until December 28th. The campaign launched on October 8th.

For the production, Miller tapped local resident and film editor Austin Scott to direct and produce the piece. Cinematographer duo Neil Watson and Veronica Smith shot the ad which featured all local residents, many of whom lost their homes. Many local film professionals joined the cause and donated their time to make this ad come to life.

“This could not have happened without the tremendous support of the Altadena community; who although mostly displaced and without homes, nevertheless supported this fundraiser whole-heartedly and also offered pro bono services for the campaign's production,” said Miller.

“I'm so proud of the result, which instills pride in our town and reminds people that Altadena businesses are still here and ready to serve you this holiday season and beyond.”

FACTS & FIGURES

Total commercial production including filming, editing, etc - Pro Bono Commercial Value \$25,000

Webster's Community Pharmacy Donation: \$15,000
Altadena Chamber of Commerce Donation: \$7,000
Total Advertising Budget: \$44,000

Reach: San Gabriel Valley, East to Duarte, South to South Pasadena, West to Burbank & Glendale
Audience: Adults 25+

Programming Including: Local, CNN, Bravo, E, TBS, USA, Prime Video, ESPN, HGTV, Hall-mark, Lifetime, Food Network, MSNBC, HULU, Peacock, SLING, ROKU, TUBI, many more

SHOP & DINE ALTADENA FOR THE HOLIDAYS :30 COMMERCIAL COMPLETE CREDITS

Director/Producer/Editor: Austin Scott
Executive Producer: Meredith Miller
Directors of Photography: Neil Watson, Veronica Smith - Film Dreams Inc.
Composer: Michael Schmidt - Fuse Box
Graphics: Daniel Cox
Mixer: Michael Edwards - Schmusic Productions
Online Editor: Rachel Angaran - Fancy Film
VO: Dominique Franceschi

TALENT:

Jon Carmody Brad Parr Mark V. Jones Courage Gwyn Voong Laura Mendoza Judy Matthews Tharita Sadnongbua Rhoda Coleman Maureen Pinsonnault William Haner Grace Pajakowski Dennis Robinson Perry Bennett Annemarie Pazmino	Margarita Cortez Anton Anderson Mark Goldschmidt Mark Mariscal Michele Zack Veronica Jones Larry Hammond Emma Scott Soleil Scott Victoria Knapp Jeremy Keller Ashley Keller Jude Keller Jett Keller Nelly Head Norman Jr.
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STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 4, 2025

The last day to register to vote for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election is October 20, 2025. All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. Your county elections office began mailing ballots on October 6, 2025. Ballot drop-off locations opened on October 7, 2025. Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop-off location, or your county elections office. To make sure your ballot is counted, return it early by mail, drop box, or vote center. If you mail it, do it early — or walk it into the post office and request a postmark. Vote centers open for early in-person voting in all Voter’s Choice Act counties beginning on October 25, 2025. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by November 12, 2025.

PROP 50 AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS’ PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature
Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. Fiscal Impact: One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES

A YES vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California’s new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NO

A NO vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

ARGUMENTS

PRO

Proposition 50—The Election Rigging Response Act—approves temporary, emergency congressional district maps to counter Donald Trump’s scheme to rig next year’s congressional election and reaffirms California’s commitment to independent, nonpartisan redistricting after the next census. Vote Yes on 50 for democracy in all 50 states. Learn more at StopElectionRigging.com.

CON

Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians—dismantling safeguards that keep elections fair, removes requirements to keep local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor political parties. Vote NO to protect fair elections and keep citizens—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

PROPOSAL

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. Congress. The U.S. Congress is the part of the federal government that makes laws. Congress has two parts: the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives (House). Each of the 50 states is represented by 2 senators, with 100 senators in total. The House has 435 members. The number of representatives in the House for each state depends on how many people live in that state. Each member in the House represents an area of the state called a congressional district. California currently has 52 congressional districts. Voters who live in each congressional district elect one member of the House every two years to represent them. The next election for all 435 representatives will be in 2026.

U.S. Census Counts States’ Populations Every Ten Years. The number of people living in an area goes up and down over time. Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts the number of people who live in the U.S. The last census was in 2020, and the next census is in 2030. This count is used to determine how many people live in each state and how many representatives in the House each state gets for the next ten years.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Each State Draws Congressional District Maps Following the U.S. Census. Every ten years, after the U.S. Census is completed, states draw new congressional district maps to reflect their number of House representatives and where people live. This process is called “redistricting.” Each state decides what process to use to draw its new district maps. When drawing new maps, each state must follow federal laws. For example, each congressional district in the state must represent about the same number of people.

States Typically Do Not Redistrict Sooner Than Every Ten Years. States typically only draw congressional district maps every ten years, unless a court orders changes to comply with the law. In August 2025, however, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to adopt new maps for the 2026 elections without a court order. Several other states also are considering changes to their maps before the 2026 elections.

Congressional Redistricting in California. State legislatures draw congressional district maps in most states, but some states use commissions to do this job. Before 2010, the California Legislature drew the state’s congressional district maps. In 2010, California voters gave this job to an independent commission known as the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Commission includes 14 members: 5 Democratic members, 5 Republican members, and 4 members who are not registered with either of those political parties. When the Commission draws new congressional district maps, it must follow federal and state laws. For example, state law requires, among other things, the Commission to avoid splitting up neighborhoods or local communities of interest to the extent possible. State law also prohibits the Commission from considering political parties, current office holders, or people running for office when it draws the maps.

Current California Congressional Districts. The Commission drew the current maps for California’s 52 congressional districts. These maps were based on the 2020 U.S. Census and have been used since the 2022 congressional elections.

CALIFORNIA’S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

Use Legislatively Drawn Congressional District Maps Until After the Next Census. Proposition 50 replaces California’s current congressional district maps with new, legislatively drawn maps. (The total number of districts would not change.) Proposition 50’s maps must follow federal law, but they are not required to follow the state requirements placed on the Commission. The state would use Proposition 50’s maps for congressional elections starting in 2026. The state would use these maps until the Commission draws new district maps, following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Call for Change in Federal Law. Proposition 50 asks the U.S. Congress to change federal law and propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to require redistricting be done by “fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.” Proposition 50 expresses voter support for this idea, but does not change federal law or require any particular action of Congress or the California Legislature.

FISCAL EFFECTS

Minor One-Time Costs to County and State Elections Officials. Counties run elections, and the state oversees them. Because most congressional districts in California would change at least some under the new maps, county and state elections officials would need to update election materials. This would result in one-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide and one-time costs to the state of roughly \$200,000. The state amount is much less than one-tenth of 1 percent (0.1 percent) of the state’s roughly \$220 billion General Fund budget. (The General Fund is the account the state uses to pay for most public services, including education, health care, and prisons.)

CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

A description of the census blocks represented by each district in the proposed maps can be found at the following website: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB604

Visit sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2025-ballot-measure-contribution-totals for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure.

Visit fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html to access the committee’s top 10 contributors.

SOURCE:

California Secretary of State - Elections Information

PROP 50: FOLLOW THE MONEY

The Nov. 4 special election will determine whether California will redraw the state’s congressional district lines as Proposition 50 seeks to temporarily bypass the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and the state to use the newly drawn congressional district maps, in time for the 2026 midterm elections.

Prop 50, also known as the Election Rigging Response Act, is backed by Governor Gavin Newsom and the leaders from the state assembly and senate. Newsom has outright said the state ballot measure is California’s attempt to “fight fire with fire” and counter Texas’ new congressional map that favors Republican candidates and could help the GOP maintain the control over the U.S. House of Representatives.

The people behind “Yes on Prop 50” want Californians to approve the proposal, arguing it would give California voters an opportunity to “push back against President Trump’s power grab in Texas and other Republican led states.

Those in the “No on Prop 50” group is asking voters to reject the ballot measure, saying this is a direct violation of Prop 11, which Californians approved in 2008 and created a 14-member independent commission, giving it the authority to draw the district lines every 10 years based on the census data.

Prop 50 has generated tens of millions of dollars in contribution, with both sides aggressively putting on ads ahead of Nov. 4. With more than \$82 million raised for the proposition as of Tuesday, see who is funding the efforts to support or oppose Prop 50.

Who is supporting Prop 50?

Three committees have been formed to raise funding to pass Prop 50, according to the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Among them, the Election Rigging Response Act, Governor Newsom’s Ballot Measure committee has raised the most amount of money with nearly \$40 million contributions.

The largest amount of money donated to “Yes on Prop 50” came from the Fund for Policy Reform. The lobbyist group founded by billionaire George Soros donated \$10 million.

The House Majority PAC (HMP), a Democrat led super PAC, has donated \$9.9 million for the Election Rigging Response Act, Governor Newsom’s Ballot Measure committee. Influential labor unions like the National Education Association, California Teachers Association and California Nurses Association have donated nearly \$3 million each. The political campaign that funded Newsom’s 2022 gubernatorial reelection effort has transferred \$2.6 million. A politician’s campaign funds can be legally transferred or donated to political party committees or candidates.

Who is opposing Prop 50?

Two committees raised over \$7.6 million to the “No on Prop 50” campaign as of Tuesday. Charles Thomas Munger, Jr. donated over \$32 million as his name has been blasting all across the airwaves and social media platforms.

Munger, a key ally of former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, was instrumental in passing 2008’s Voters FIRST Act that gave Californians the power to draw congressional district lines every 10 years through the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

A Republican super PAC called the Congressional Leadership Fund whose donors include Elon Musk contributed \$5 million to the “No on Prop 50” campaign, Federal Election Commission records show.

California’s notable GOP leaders: The election campaigns for former Speaker Kevin McCarthy and his successor Congressman Vince Fong have donated \$1 million each to the “no” campaign.

Congressman Ken Calvert, whose Congressional District 41 would be heavily impacted if Prop 50 is approved, donated over \$276,000 from his reelection campaign funds.

A Native American group is among the donors for the “no” campaign. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians contributed \$25,000. NBCLA reached out to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to clarify its possible link to Prop 50 and California related issues.

From various news sources including NBCLA.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

Register by Oct. 20 to Receive a Vote by Mail ballot; In-person Voting Begins Oct. 25

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan reminds eligible voters that Monday, October 20, is the deadline to register to vote and receive a Vote by Mail ballot for the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election.

Registering to vote is quick and easy and can be completed online at LAVOTE.GOV. Voter registration applications are also available at most government buildings, such as libraries, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and RR/CC offices throughout Los Angeles County.

Voters can check their voter registration to ensure they are registered to vote and their information is up-to-date.

If eligible voters miss the deadline, they will not be issued a Vote by Mail ballot, but can still vote in person at any Vote Center in Los Angeles County beginning Saturday, October 25.

The RR/CC provides translated election materials in 18 different languages. Voters can request to receive their materials in their preferred language by returning the Language Request Form on the back of the Sample Ballot Book, or by calling (800) 815-2666, option 3. Spanish-speaking voters may also call (213) 358-2701 for direct assistance.

PASADENA'S MAYFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL SUPPORTS



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND RESEARCH

(Pasadena, CA) – Mayfield Junior School continued its tradition of supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month, led by fourth-grade teacher Rebecca Seymour. Inspired by the loss of a beloved colleague nearly 20 years ago, Seymour has been a passionate advocate for breast cancer awareness, turning a loss into purposeful action.

What has now become an annual tradition, the entire MJS community—students, faculty, and staff—raised funds for the American Cancer Society. In exchange for donations, students enjoyed a Free Dress Day, proudly donning denim and pink—the signature color symbolizing support for survivors, remembrance of those lost, and hope for a cure.

The event was made possible in large part thanks to the support of Mayfield’s Student Council, guided by Student Events & Activities Coordinator Lisa Byrne. Leading up to the event, daily announcements during Morning Prayer and promotion throughout the campus helped educate students about the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, reinforcing the school’s commitment to compassion and community action.

Adding to the initiative, students hosted a sweet treat sale to boost donations, and eighth graders wrote reflections on the power of charitable giving and the importance of supporting meaningful causes. Student Council members also played a role in collecting donations.

While strides have been made in the fight against breast cancer, the need for continued support remains critical. Donations to the American Cancer Society help:

- Fund groundbreaking research to better understand, prevent, and treat cancer
- Provide vital information and support services for patients and their families
- Promote prevention and early detection strategies that save lives

Mayfield Junior School remains dedicated to making a difference, one act of kindness and awareness at a time. Seymour announced that the school’s fundraising goal was not only met, but exceeded.

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ACROSS

1. Eye affliction

5. Nickname

8. Christmas tree variety

11. Not we

12. Use a whetstone

13. Lyric poem

15. New Haven University

16. Unrivaled

17. Buenos follower

18. *Number one pumpkin-growing state

20. Phishing attack

21. Dead to the world

22. Albanian money

23. *"One, two, ____'s coming for you"

26. Harasses

30. Bloodshot

31. System of newsgroups on Internet

34. Muscular strength

35. Not odds

37. Zedong of China

38. Do penitence

39. Form of wrestling

40. Certain Native American dwelling

42. Cleopatra's cause of death, supposedly

43. * ____ O'Rourke of "Poltergeist"

45. *Silver ammo, useful against werewolves, sing.

47. Rooster's girlfriend

48. Seattle's ____ Needle

50. Sportscaster Andrews

52. *One of two first ever fun size candy bars

55. Unbroken mustang

56. In ____ of

57. Lash mark

59. Missouri River tributary

60. Chooses

61. *Rice of "The Vampire Chronicles" fame

62. " ____ the fields we go"

63. Turkish title of respect

64. Oxen's harness

DOWN

1. Hog haven

2. Like certain ice tea

3. Holler

4. Pupil protector

5. Driver's license sticker

6. Dark

7. #63 Across, pl.

8. Forum, pl.

9. Previously mentioned, acr.

10. Hi- ____ monitor

12. Pooh's repast, pl.

13. Drawing support

14. *Bobby ____ of "Monster Mash" fame

19. River in India

22. Auction batch

23. Like classic TV's Prince

24. Variety show

25. a.k.a. dropsy

26. *What witch's familiar says

27. Sandbar

28. Sometimes it's perfect

29. Hid under a rug

32. Independent chieftain

33. Old horse

36. *What Michael Myers says

38. Without self-control

40. Skin cyst

41. Manual calculator

44. From this time on

46. Wiggle room

48. Kind of wading bird

49. Religious devotion

50. Gaelic

51. Big cat sound

52. No neatnik

53. City in Nevada

54. Did like the Titanic

55. *What ghost says

58. Bruce or Spike

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CAROLINA BEACH: LESSONS FROM THE COAST

By Peter Dills, L.A.'s King of Cuisine

Every once in a while, it's good to get out of town — not for the weather or the photo ops, but for perspective. My visit to Carolina Beach, North Carolina, reminded me that good service and good food don't have to come with big-city prices or attitude. The slower pace here feels like a throwback to the days when a handshake still meant something and everyone knew who made the best pie in town.

Right off the bat, one thing stood out: the minimum wage is lower here, which keeps menu prices refreshingly modest. That means diners — both locals and visitors — can still enjoy a hearty meal without the sticker shock. More importantly, the service has been outstanding. It's a small but important reminder for restaurant owners back home in California: you can't always control your costs, but you can always control how you treat your guests.

The local soul food and barbecue are every bit as advertised. You can taste the pride in every pulled pork sandwich, collard green, and cornbread muffin. At the same time, there's comfort for those who crave the familiar — if your kids are jonesing for a Big Mac, yes, there's a McDonald's right here on the island. But honestly, you'd be missing out if you didn't explore the local gems that make Carolina Beach such a standout dining destination.

Midweek, I decided to take the ferry to Southport, and I can't recommend it highly enough. The short trip across the water feels like stepping back in time. Southport is quaint, clean, and filled with family-style restaurants perched right along the waterfront — so close that smaller fishing boats pull right up to the docks. Our stop for the day was Provisions, a no-frills spot known for its relaxed vibe, fresh seafood, and ocean views. But there are plenty of other inviting choices nearby, each offering that same laid-back coastal warmth that North Carolina does so well.

Back on the island, dining options range from low-key diners to lively seafood shacks, many of which boast outdoor patios and ocean breezes. Prices are often half of what you'd expect to pay in Los Angeles, and portions? Let's just say nobody leaves hungry.

One night, while talking with a local bartender, I heard a few quiet mumbles from year-round residents: "I'm glad tourist season's over." I took no offense. After all, I was the tourist — probably giving myself away in my Caltech sweater. Maybe if I had thrown in a few "y'alls," I would've blended in a little better. Still, I was treated with genuine warmth everywhere I went, proof that good hospitality doesn't end when summer does.

There's something to be said about how hospitality in smaller communities feels personal. Whether you're a regular or a visitor, you're welcomed as part of the story. Restaurant owners, take note: that's the secret ingredient that keeps people coming back, long after the plate is cleared.

In Summary: So many fun facts, I couldn't possibly load a whole story into 700 words. Email me with your questions, follow me on Facebook and Instagram, and live the vacation with me!

Thank you, Carolina Beach. I'll be back. email me thechefknows@yahoo.com

Peter A. Dills
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THE TASTING ROOM
A DAMN GOOD MALBEC.

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

Who doesn't like a damn good Malbec? With the weather cooling off and fall in the air, it's the perfect time to uncork a bottle of Malbec from Argentina. I happen to have one just for you Malbec lovers. It's the 2023 Zolo Reserve Malbec from Mendoza



Zolo was founded by Patricia Ortiz in 2003. The winemaking team is headed by Fabian Valenzuela and renowned Petrus winemaker Jean Claude Berrouet. Yep, that Petrus. The El Jarillal estate vineyard (elevation 3,444 feet), in Alto Agrelo aka "The Land of Malbec", is certified organic. The grapes were harvested by hand, fermented in stainless steel, and then aged for 14 months in French and American oak.

The 2023 Malbec Reserve is delicious. Red and blue fruit, strawberry, blueberry, floral notes, and subtle notes of chocolate and a bit of smokiness on the finish. Poorly made Malbecs can be rough around the edges, this one is a superbly made Malbec, with elegance and style. It's also a helluva deal at \$19.99.

This wine is available at The Bottle Shop.

Until next time – Salud!

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Reducing our reliance on personal vehicles can be beneficial to our stress level, save money, and improve the environment, but it can be difficult to navigate (pun intended). Pasadena Village, the nonprofit organization that supports local aging-in-place older adults, is hosting a transportation resource fair designed to help you consider the plethora of options for getting around town, and for getting what you need without getting in a car.

Join Pasadena Village at the OnTheGo Expo on Thursday, November 13 from 10-1 PM at the Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N Fair Oaks Ave, Pasadena. At the Expo, you will connect with exhibitors offering solutions to getting around town and services that can come to you, including Metro, Pasadena Transit, Dial-A-Ride, Home Instead, MobilityDog, and Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition. Those impacted by the Eaton Fire can sign up for Metro LIFE's free ride program and use the Metro at no cost for life. Friendly IT volunteers will help you set up and use Metro's programs, a Senior TAP card, transit schedules, rideshare apps, and more. Try out an E-bike with Active San Gabriel Valley, enjoy complementary refreshments, and connect with peers as we find solutions together to stay active and connected without using our car keys.

Learn more and register for the free OnTheGo Expo: www.pasadenavillage.org/events/3970-onthego-expo or call 626-765-6037.

All who register in advance will receive a free resource bag at the event.

IS LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE WORTH IT?

Dear Savvy Senior,

My husband and I have been thinking about getting a long-term care insurance policy, but we hate the idea of paying expensive monthly premiums for a policy we may never use. Is long-term care insurance worth it? Approaching Retirement



Dear Approaching,

There are two key factors you need to consider that can help you determine if purchasing a long-term care (LTC) insurance policy is a smart decision for you and your husband. One factor is your financial situation and second is your health history. Currently, around 7.5 million Americans own a policy.

Who Needs LTC Insurance?

As the cost of LTC – which includes nursing home, assisted living and in-home care – continues to rise, it's important to know that most people pay for LTC either from personal savings or Medicaid when their savings is depleted, or through a LTC insurance policy.

National median average costs for nursing home care today is over \$100,000 a year, according to the Genworth Cost of Care survey. Assisted living facilities and home care aides average more than \$65,000/year.

While national statistics show that about 70 percent of Americans 65 and older will need some kind of LTC, the fact is, many people don't need to purchase LTC insurance. The reasons stem from a range of factors, including the fact that relatively few people have enough wealth to protect to make purchasing a policy worthwhile.

Another important factor is that most seniors who need LTC only need it for a short period of time, for example, when they're recovering from surgery. For those people, Medicare covers in-home health care and nursing home stays of 100 days or less following a hospital stay of more than 3 consecutive days.

So, who should consider buying a policy?

LTC insurance make the most sense for people who have investable assets of \$500,000 to around \$2 million that they want to protect. Anything less, and you will likely deplete your resources and go on Medicaid for LTC coverage. Anything more, and you can probably afford to pay for care yourself.

Another factor to weigh is your personal health and family health history. The two most common reasons seniors need extended long-term care is because of dementia and/or disability. And, almost half of all people who live in nursing homes are 85 years or older. So, what's your family history for Alzheimer's, stroke or some other disabling health condition, and do you have a family history of longevity?

You also need to factor in gender too. Because women tend to live longer than men, they are at greater risk of needing extended LTC.

Choosing LTC Coverage

After evaluating your situation, if you're leaning towards buying a LTC policy, be aware that premiums can vary widely. According to the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance, premiums for a policy bought by a couple who are both age 65 for a benefit pool of \$165,000 each, with a 3 percent inflation rider, ranged from \$7,137 to \$8,493 a year.

You can buy LTC insurance from an insurance company or through an agent. Or you might also be able to buy a policy at work. Be sure to get quotes from several sources for the same coverage to compare prices.

There are two main types of long-term care coverage you'll want to consider. Traditional LTC insurance, which is "use it or lose it." And hybrid policies that combine LTC coverage with life-insurance benefits. These policies promise that if you don't end up needing long-term care, your beneficiaries will receive a death benefit. Both types of policies require medical underwriting to qualify.

Another hybrid product to consider is an income annuity that includes a provision to increase your payout if you need LTC. However, the payout may not cover the full cost of care, and the added cost of this provision, known as a rider, can reduce the standard payout from the annuity.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvysenior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

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

OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

OH NO, NOT ANOTHER DAY!



I thought got over the problems I had two weeks ago. I thought I stepped onto new ground and everything was going to be fine. Very few times am I right, and this wasn't one of them.

A couple of weeks ago, I had a terrible day. Our electricity was off for over six hours. My printer died, and I need-ed to get a new one. A scam artist called and said my daughter was in prison and I needed to give him \$2500 for her bail. What a day that was. I'm still not fully over it, but I'm slowly getting away from it. While getting over it, I experienced another terrible day. I don't believe in karma, but I do believe in coincidences.

It was a Sunday, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I did our ministry at an assisted living facility, and then on Sunday night, we went to an evening service at another church.

In the middle of the afternoon, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage got hit with one of her famous migraines. She has migraines, ugly headaches, and regular headaches several times a week. For many years, I thought I was her only headache, but as it turns out, I'm not her headache. I guess I'm going to have to try harder.

I was getting ready to go to church, and my wife said that she could not go because she had a terrible migraine headache.

The problem was that when I went out and got in my truck to start it, it wouldn't start. The battery had died on me. There was nothing I could do to get it started. I sat in the truck for a moment, sighed deeply, and realized that I had only one other option.

I went into the house and told my wife about my truck, saying I would have to take her sissy van to church. I'm not sure, but I think I heard her giggling as I walked out the door with her sissy van keys.

There is nothing I hate doing more than driving that sissy van. After all, I am a fully grown man and that sissy van cannot handle a real man.

To get in on the driver's side, I have to move the seat back as far as it can go. Believe me, it doesn't go back far enough for me. Then, I have to wiggle and wiggle to get into the seat behind the steering wheel. That took almost forever to get seated there.

The next thing to do was move the steering wheel up as far as I could get it so I could sit in that seat. Then I had to adjust all of the mirrors so I could see behind me and on each side. There are three mirrors, and each is very difficult to rearrange.

It took me quite a while to get everything arranged so that I could drive that sissy van. Finally, after quite a while of frustrating twisting and turning, I got seated behind the steering wheel and was ready to start up the engine. The next challenge was buckling the seat belt.

As I looked at the key, the thought that danced in my head was, "This battery is going to die on me too." Fortu-nately, that did not happen in the sissy van, which started up right away.

I took a deep sigh and backed out of our driveway and headed down the street toward the church. It's about a 20-minute drive to our church, and so I was a little late, but I would get there in time.

Then I got there, and discovered another problem. Getting into that sissy van was difficult, but now getting out was even more difficult. I couldn't get my legs out under the driving wheel, and it took me a while, giggling and twisting. Finally, I got my legs out.

I stood up, shut the door, locked it, and walked into the church.

After the service, I went out to the sissy van with a heavy heart. I couldn't let anybody see me wiggling and squirming, trying to get into that sissy van. I wasn't quite sure what to do, so I went to the sissy van and unlocked the door.

I took a deep breath, opened the door, and then wiggled and twisted my way in behind the steering wheel. It took several minutes for me to drag my legs in at their proper position. Finally, I got in my seat, started the engine, and was ready to go home.

With a grateful heart, I drove out of the parking lot, thankful that I got this far. Then I remembered that when I got home, I had to get out of that sissy van one more time.

It took me a few minutes to wiggle my way out of that sissy van, but I finally did. As I recovered from that trip I thought of a Bible verse. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is com-mon to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

There is no problem or struggle in my life that God doesn't make a way to escape. Praise the Lord.

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GATO BARBIERI’S GIFT OF “EUROPA”

I had just been told that a friend had died. It was sad to realize I’d never see him again. The musical chairs of life goes on, but I always have to stop when I hear of death, at least a death of one who is close. For me, life is about the people around me. When they die, a piece of me dies.

Gato Barbieri’s “Europa” is playing on the radio. That’s Ramah’s song. Ramah was my purebred pitbull who came on my field trips. When she died many years ago, I was holding her in my arms as she gave out her last goodbye cry, as the eerie nostalgic sound of Europa was playing on the radio. Since then, Europa has been “Ramah’s song,” her goodbye rite-of-passage song. I think of Ramah when I hear Europa, and I think of death and the seem-ing impermanence of life.

It is time for work so I drive away with the radio off. I want to hear the silence. I arouse a cooper’s hawk as I go down the long driveway and he swoops away under the oaks with a pocket gopher in his claws. More death.

I think about the pocket gopher which devours my root crops, and I feel no sadness. Still, I only shudder to think that he’ll be ripped apart and eaten while still alive. Is that good? Is it bad?

A local Sierra Club hiker wrote about his chancing upon a mountain lion killing a deer. He said he could have interrupted it, but he didn’t. He watched it. He said it was beautiful. He said it was part of the beauty of nature.

Beauty? Certainly the kill is part of nature, part of The Way. Eat or be eaten. But “beauti-ful”? The deer would have had its throat slit from behind, and while it struggled, the lion would have ripped open his underside and begun eating the deer while it was still alive. Nope, not beautiful. Brutal, vicious, sobering.

Part of The Way, yes. Beautiful, no.

Death is not beautiful. To the dead, I presume it is peaceful. To the living, painful, especially when a close one goes and you experience their absence, and the pain of separa-tion. You’re forced to acknowledge the temporary nature of life. You’re forced to make each moment count, to make each moment matter.

Off to my work of the day, I think about the immediate now, the temporary world of timeclocks and responsibility and bills and rents and taxes. I am only mildly cheered up by telling myself this is only temporary.

I sip my coffee at a downtown coffeehouse in the dense fog of the early morning before my work begins. The fog drifts and flows, like the drifting landscape of my thoughts of life and death and work and bills.

I pause as I sip my coffee, and acknowledge the endless cycle of year after year, life and death and life and death, and each day provides new opportunities to improve and to do what has not been done yet.

Still, death is everywhere. It is inescapable. And yet it is perhaps our blessing. It is the so-bering element that forces us to reconsider everything, and to strive to do the right thing in each moment. Death forces us to think larger than just our own interests, and forces us to think about what is best for the most people, and what is best for the next generation. It forces us to treat everyone around us even better, and we never need to wait for “tomorrow” in order to do that.

FREE ANIMAL HOSPITAL AND COOKIE WISH MARGARET HAPPY 101st BIRTHDAY!

By Sam Bernardo

On Monday September 29, 2025 Margaret turned 101 years old. Cookie, a rescue, is estimated to be 13-14 years old. Together, they have a wonderful story to tell:

Margaret moved to Sierra Madre after she retired to be near her younger sister, Sadie who lived in Arcadia.

Cookie was brought to Free Animal Doctor in or about 2017-18 with mammary tumors.

Free Animal Doctor (FAD) raised the money to have her tumors removed (not cancer); afterwards she convalesced with me and was eventually put up for adoption. In 2018, Sadie adopted Cookie and another FAD rescue named Stanley.

Cookie, fiercely independent did not play well with Stanley, so as big sisters do, Margaret came to the rescue, and adopted Cookie

Margaret and Cookie lived just around the corner and I would frequently see these two strolling along while I was walking my dogs. As a result Margaret and I became friends.

In late 2020, Sadie entered the Kensington and within several months Margaret and Cookie followed. Once again Margaret had the need to be near her little sister. Sadly, Sadie has since passed away.

The relationship between Margaret and Cookie is heartwarming. When I asked Margaret what Cookie meant to her, she said, Cookie loves me more than anyone else in the world.

Then I asked Margaret if she felt the same way about Cookie, Margaret said she loves several *people* and Cookie is one of them.

Then she said “Cookie is my companion.” Companion is defined a person or animal with whom one spends a lot of time, shares activities, and provides mutual support and affection

Cookie relies on Margaret and Margaret relies on Cookie. Every day without fail, each receives and gives unconditional love.

Weather permitting, Margaret walks Cookie twice a day. “Cookie keeps me walking, which is exactly what my doctors tell me to do.”

According to Margaret, “everyone knows Cookie more than they know me.” “People talk to me because of Cookie. They stop to ask about Cookie and tell me about their dog.”

Recently, Cookie’s mammary tumors returned and were again removed.



Katnip News!



PURE PURRFECTION

Twyla, age 6, is the picture of grace and charm, and reminds us of the song by Joe Cocker, “You Are So Beautiful.” She’s wrapped in a coat of gorgeous, flowing fur. With her sweet nature and calm

presence, she emits a sense of warmth and serenity. This lovely girl is polite and well-mannered, yet still playful enough to keep you smiling with her gentle antics.

Pick her up and she’ll reward you with a soothing purr, happy to be cradled in loving arms. Twyla is wonderfully friendly with both cats and dogs, making her a delightful companion in a home with furry friends. She is also fully vetted, and ready to settle into her forever family.



Twyla’s current loving owner, sadly, can no longer keep her, so we are seeking a special home where she will continue to receive the same care, kindness, and affection she has always known. If you’re looking for the perfect feline companion—one who is beautiful inside and out—Twyla is waiting to fill your home with love. See more at <https://www.lifelineforpets.org/twyla.html> or scan the code.



Pet of the Week

Sonnet is a two-year-old Australian Kelpie at Pasadena Humane who has raised her puppies and has seen them through to adoption – now it’s her turn to find her own loving home!

Sonnet is a gentle, affectionate dog with a quiet energy indoors and a playful side outdoors, according to her beloved foster family. While shy at first, Sonnet quickly bonds and becomes a loyal shadow, following her person everywhere. She’s happiest playing fetch, or curling up by your side for a good nap. She’s house-trained, doesn’t bark, and has excellent manners – no begging, no jumping, and no pushing for attention. She sticks close off leash in secure spaces and is very respectful of boundaries.



Sonnet would do best in a quiet, child-free home where she can settle in at her own pace. She’s still learning to trust new people and places, but once she opens up, she’s incredibly loving. Now available for a 10-day adoption trial, let her show you what a special companion she can be!

Sonnet and all other available animals will have their adoption fees waived on Free Adoption Day, October 18th from 10am to 2pm. The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. Walk-in adoptions are available every day from 10:00 – 5:00. View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org.

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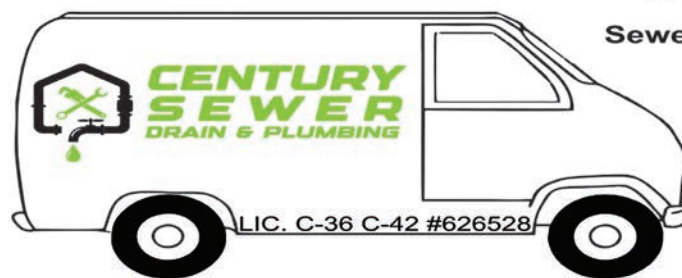
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COOL IT

When the temperature starts to drop, most people head indoors. The gym gets crowded, and the couch starts to look more and more inviting. But believe it or not, cooler weather might actually be the best time to take your workout outside.

Exercising in crisp fall air does more than wake you up — it can boost your metabolism, clear your mind, and help you burn a few extra calories without even trying. Your body loves cool weather.

When it's chilly, your body has to work a little harder to keep your core temperature stable. That means it's burning extra energy just to stay warm, even before you start moving. Your heart pumps a bit faster, your muscles tighten slightly, and your internal “furnace” kicks on. This process helps increase calorie burn naturally. You don't need to be shivering to get the benefit, either. Moderate cool weather — between 45 and 60 degrees — is often ideal for outdoor activity.

If you've ever gone for a brisk walk on a cool morning and felt more energized than usual, that's your metabolism doing its job. The bonus? Cooler air helps you stay comfortable longer, which means you may walk, jog, or move more without feeling tired or overheated. Cold-weather workouts feel easier, but your body is actually working harder. Even walking at the same pace can burn slightly more calories in cool air compared to a warm day. That doesn't mean you need to push yourself harder, it just means nature is giving you a gentle edge.

You'll also sweat less, which helps you stay hydrated and comfortable. Many people find they can stay active longer without that sticky, overheated feeling that summer workouts bring.

There's something refreshing about breathing in cool, clean air. It seems to wake up your brain and sharpen your focus — and there's real science behind that feeling. Cool air increases oxygen flow, and that extra oxygen helps your brain function more efficiently. You may notice better concentration, quicker thinking, and a calmer mood after even a short outdoor workout.

Exposure to natural light also plays a big role. During fall and winter, many people struggle with lower energy or mild “winter blues” due to shorter days. Getting outside for just 20 minutes of daylight exercise can improve mood, help balance hormones, and help you sleep better at night.


While there are lots of benefits to exercising in the cold, a few smart steps can help keep you safe and comfortable, especially if you're older or recovering from an injury,

- 1. Warm Up Before You Step Outside**
Cold muscles are tight muscles. Spend 5 to 10 minutes doing gentle movement indoors before heading out. Arm movements, leg swings, or light marching in place can all help push blood to cold muscles and prepare you for your exercise routine. A proper warm-up reduces the risk of strains or joint pain.
- 2. Dress in Layers**
Wear moisture-wicking fabric closest to your skin, then a light layer for warmth, and finish with something wind-resistant if needed. Layers trap heat but also let you remove clothing as your body warms up. Avoid cotton, which holds sweat and can make you cold once you stop moving.
- 3. Protect Hands, Feet, and Ears**
Your body naturally sends more blood to your core to stay warm, so your fingers, toes, and ears can get cold fast. Lightweight gloves, warm socks, and a headband or hat make a big difference.
- 4. Watch Your Step**
Cool mornings can mean wet grass, slick leaves, or even light frost. Choose shoes with good traction and walk on clear paths. If balance is a concern, consider using walking poles for extra stability.
- 5. Check the Air Quality**
Cool weather often means clearer air, but sometimes pollutants get trapped close to the ground on still days. If you have asthma or lung issues, check your local air quality index before heading out.

Cool-weather workouts can be a great option for people recovering from joint replacements, surgery, or chronic pain issues. The cooler temperature can reduce inflammation and swelling, making movement more comfortable. Focus on gentle, low-impact activities like walking, cycling, or water exercise in a heated pool. Keep your movements steady and avoid sudden bursts of speed.

Remember, consistency is more important than intensity. Even 10 minutes of outdoor movement each day can boost circulation, improve balance, and help strengthen your immune system as cold and flu season begins. Plus, the crisp air and changing scenery can make exercise feel less like a chore and more like a treat.

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE



WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES:
The Power of One Good Action

As people who care about our community, our planet, and the people we love, we sometimes struggle to remember how powerful we really are. We might say to ourselves: “But I’m only one person. What can I do? How can I help? I wouldn’t know where to start.”

Here’s what I want you to know: We have what it takes. Not just for climate change. For everything. And when we respond to the desires of our hearts to do good, the world transforms before our eyes.

When We Paused, the World Breathed

Remember the spring of 2020? When the global pandemic forced us to stop, to pause, to stay home? Something remarkable happened.

Air pollution dropped dramatically, particulate matter decreased by 43% in cities around the world. In Europe’s most populated cities, nitrogen dioxide concentrations fell by 45-54%. The sky turned blue again. Rivers ran clearer. And the animals, oh, the animals.

Peacocks strutted through towns. Road mortality rates for wildlife dropped by 50%. Nature pressed the reset button, simply because we stopped.

We saw, in real time, how quickly the world responds when we change our behavior. It wasn’t about grand plans or billion dollar programs. It was about millions of people, simultaneously, doing something different. Or rather, not doing, what they usually did.

It’s Not Always What We Do, Sometimes It’s What We Stop Doing

This is crucial to understand: Goodness multiplies not just through our actions, but through what we choose *not* to do.

When we don’t waste food, we’re doing more than saving money. Food waste generates 8-10% of global greenhouse gas emissions, almost five times the total emissions from the aviation sector. The world wastes one billion meals every day while 783 million people go hungry. Every time you use that leftover chicken, finish that banana, or freeze those vegetables before they spoil, you’re part of solving this.

When we don’t share rumors or spread negativity, we’re choosing to turn down the volume on darkness. Think about it: Negativity doesn’t need our help. It will spread just fine without us. But kindness? Hope? Encouragement? Those need champions. Those need you.

The Math Still Works for Everything Good

You are one of 8.2 billion people. If all 8.2 billion of us say “I’m just one person,” then collectively, we surrender our power. But if all 8.2 billion of us act, if we help a neighbor, smile at a stranger, save our leftovers, switch one light bulb, refuse to pass along gossip, we change everything.

One Small Move That Matters
Here’s something beautifully simple you can do this week. Choose one:

Replace one light bulb with an LED. A single 18-watt LED used in place of a 75-watt bulb will prevent half a ton of CO2 from entering the atmosphere over its lifetime.

Use up something in your fridge before buying more. Plan one meal around what’s already there. Those wilting vegetables? They’re begging to become soup.

Help someone without being asked. Hold a door. Carry groceries. Send an encouraging text. Notice someone who seems invisible and see them.

Stop one negative habit. Don’t forward that inflammatory post. Don’t join the complaint session. Don’t add fuel to someone else’s fire.

Pick one. Just one. Then watch what happens.

What Would Happen If...

Imagine this: What would happen if everyone in the world did the very thing, that very good thing, that lit them up, that made them come alive?

I want to suggest to you that we would change the world.

We, the good readers of the Mountain Views News, good people of Earth, all 8.2 billion of us, have the power to create the world we want to see. Not someday. Not when conditions are perfect. Now. Today. With what we have.

The pandemic showed us: When we pause, nature flourishes. When we change, the world responds. When we care, it matters.

Who Can Stop You?

What can I do? The better question is: Who can stop you?

Don’t believe the lie that you are small and insignificant. Don’t believe that your one choice, your one kindness, your one decision to do good or stop doing harm doesn’t matter.

It does.

You matter. Your choices multiply. Your goodness spreads.

We have what it takes, not just for climate change, but for everything. Daily kindness. Refusing to waste. Choosing encouragement over criticism. These aren’t small things. These are the things that, when multiplied by billions, transform our world.

Let’s go.

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ALL THINGS by Jeff Brown

WHY DO WE CARVE PUMPKINS AT HALLOWEEN?

The jack-o'-lantern has a long history with Halloween, although our favorite demonic faces haven't always been carved out of pumpkins.



Their origin comes from an Irish myth about Stingy Jack, who tricked the Devil for his own monetary gain. When Jack died, God didn't allow him into heaven, and the Devil didn't let him into hell, so Jack was sentenced to roam the earth for eternity. In Ireland, people started to carve demonic faces out of turnips to frighten away Jack's wandering soul. When Irish immigrants moved to the US., they began carving jack-o'-lanterns from pumpkins, as these were native to the region.

But how did jack-o'-lanterns become associated with Halloween? Halloween is based on the Celtic festival Samhain, a celebration in ancient Britain and Ireland that marked the end of summer and the beginning of the new year on November 1. It was believed that during Samhain the souls of those who had died that year traveled to the otherworld and that other souls would return to visit their homes.

In the 8th century CE, the Roman Catholic Church moved , All Saints Day, a day celebrating the church's saints, to November 1. This meant that All Hallows' Eve (or Halloween) fell on October 31. Traditions from Samhain remained, such as wearing disguises to hide yourself from the souls wandering around your home. The folklore about Stingy Jack was quickly incorporated into Halloween, and we've been carving pumpkins—or turnips—ever since. Have a safe fun Halloween.



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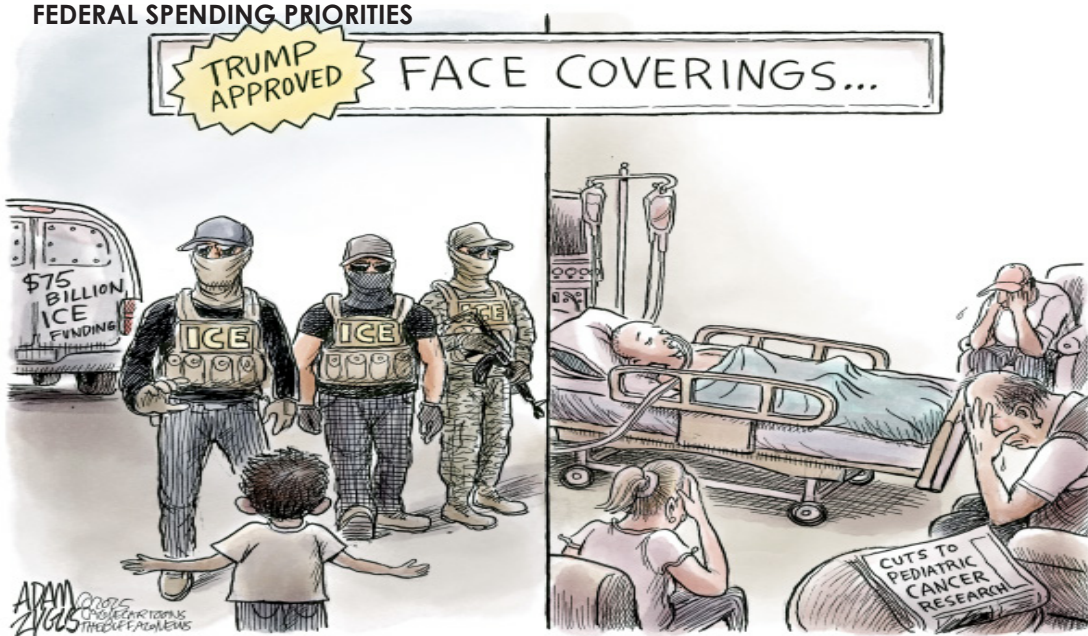
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STUART TOLCHIN



I am sure you have noticed that Halloween decorations are everywhere. I feel as if I am surrounded by pumpkins. Already I am worried. Framed on my bedroom wall is a picture of my column from November 4, 2023, in which I am pictured walking with my granddaughter who was then 4 years old. We are in costume. I wear a straw-hat, dressed in overalls and am carrying a wooden pole with three paper fish attached. In the article I explain that the picture was taken just after I had tripped over some rocks and fallen to the ground. Now I was standing up, and both my granddaughter and I are grasping the fishing pole.



In the article I explain that my granddaughter is now proclaiming that the fishing pole should belong to her as I imagine she believes I am too old to fish and it is now up to her. In another article written within the last couple of years I described my granddaughter noticing that my wife has colored the front part of her hair leading to my granddaughter to announce "Mima, you're not old anymore." I was wearing a baseball cap at the time and removed the cap displaying my bald head and white hair. I asked my granddaughter "What about me?" and she replied "Grandpa, you were always old!"

Well, that is the way she saw me then and still sees me now. To her I was always old but that is not true for me. It is true that I worry this year if I will walk be able to walk along with her trick or treating without falling all over again. It is something to worry about because, as I have written, I am a few years older than Donald Trump and everything, almost everything, has gotten much harder. I mention Donald

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

TRICK OR TREATERS YOUNG AND OLD

Trump having just seen the accolades given to him by his cohorts and other world leaders. Whether these accolades are deserved is not the question. My point is that the President is motivated by his need for praise in a way that is embarrassing to the rest of us.

Really, I sympathize and somewhat understand why the President is as needy as he seems to be. Perhaps this need is not necessarily connected with his age. This inevitable ageing is generally connected to a diminution of abilities which most of us want to ignore and disprove. Recently, I saw 88-year-old Jane Fonda being interviewed on a morning news show. Not surprisingly she was articulate, alert, and filled with passion and ideas and energy. After all, she is Jane Fonda, a hugely successful actress, activist, with a varied life history that is unique. I know all that; but what amazed me was the way throughout the interview that she sat in her chair.

Not once did she rest against the back of her chair. Her back remained completely powerfully straight in a way that absolutely amazed me. By some bizarre coincidence I have attached to the wall in my bedroom, the same bedroom where the Halloween picture of my costumed trick or treating is hung there exists a tracing of a picture of Jane Fonda. I believe I traced the picture probably forty-five years ago when I first moved alone to Sierra Madre soon after the break-up of my first marriage. I imagine I was planning to live a life containing exercise and activism and whatever and that picture of Jane Fonda traced from the cover of her exercise book was intended to be a motivating factor of some sort. Well, things changed and I soon had sole custody of my two children, and exercise and activism took a back seat.

What I realize now is that life keeps changing in the most unpredictable ways and that although ageing can be predicted its effects are still a surprise. Trying to hold on to what we were is probably damaging but accepting who we are and noting what we have already accomplished is always possible. I am not Jane Fonda and never was, but I still will have this Halloween to do what is best and appropriate for me to do.

America today is what it is, and I wish it wasn't. Holding on to what now seems like our untroubled past does not help. We should all notice where we are walking because we have tripped before and need to get back on our feet and maintain this world as safely as we can for ourselves and our grandchildren. After all; Things often get better. Look at the green mountains today after the rains of yesterday and the recent fires.



HOWARD Hays As I See It

"The war is over; the war is over! Okay. You understand that?" - President Trump, embarking on his mission to the Mideast

Two dozen world leaders were in attendance at the summit in Egypt, marking approval of the peace plan for Gaza negotiated under President Trump. Missing, however, were Israel and Hamas. This followed Trump's speech to Israel's Knesset, where he called for pardoning Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu – facing charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust. ("Give him a pardon. Come on.")

At the Egyptian summit, Trump complimented Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on her looks ("You don't mind being called beautiful, right? You are."). He praised Hungarian PM Viktor Orban ("You are fantastic, alright?").

Orban's held office for fifteen years – targeting press freedom, political opponents, independent institutions, immigrants, gays, etc. – and is up for re-election next Spring. Polls show him behind, but with fears he'll refuse to give up power regardless of the vote. Trump assured him in front of the other world leaders, "We're behind you 100 percent", while also reminding them, "but I'm the only one that matters".

In attendance were two of the lead negotiators, the president's chief envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner. Witkoff is a former real estate attorney whose firm once had Donald Trump as a client, later be-coming a billionaire real estate developer. His son is a partner in the Trump family crypto firm. The Qatari gov-ernment sought to get in good with the first Trump administration by getting in good with those close to Trump – so provided bail-out funding to the Witkoff Group real estate firm.

Kushner is now also a billionaire – mainly through his private equity firm. That company kicked off with a \$2 bil-lion investment from the Saudi Arabia sovereign wealth fund, months after Trump's first term ended. Late last year, it received an additional \$1.5 billion from an Abu Dhabi firm and the Qatar Investment Authority. Reported-ly, it was Kushner who recommended to his father-in-law that Steve Witkoff join the team in Mideast negotiations. Also at the summit was the intermediary for Hamas, Emir Al Thani of Qatar.

Negotiations had been going on since the Biden administration. There's been speculation as to why it's now that they've concluded. Some say it had to do with France joining ten other nations (Canada, Australia, the U.K., Mexico, etc.) that just this year have recognized a Palestinian state. Others suggest there simply wasn't much left to bomb. Over 67,000 killed, a third of them children – thousands more still buried in the rubble. 10% of the population

killed or injured, 90% displaced. 98% of housing damaged or destroyed, 78% of the buildings. 99% of agricultural land inaccessible. 95% of hospitals damaged or destroyed, 90% of the schools.

Other countries had long since ended their support for this war on Gaza, but not Trump - until Israel's targeting Hamas leaders with an attack on Doha, the capital city of Qatar. While meeting at the White House, Trump had Netanyahu call Qatari PM Al-Thani with a personal apology. That same day, he issued an executive order – that any attack on Qatar would be regarded "as a threat to the peace and security of the United States", promising we'd provide "if necessary, military" aid to defend Qatar against such attack. It's like the commitment among NATO allies, but Qatar isn't a NATO ally.

Defense Secretary Hegseth is getting flak from even diehard MAGAs for his recent announcement we'd be allow-ing Qatar to establish a military training facility at an Air Force base in Idaho.

Six months ago, Qatar gifted that \$400 million tricked-out Boeing 747 to Trump – with skeptics wondering what, if anything, Qatar would be receiving in return.

For the war in Gaza, some Israelis feel the whole point was return of the hostages – and the remining twenty still alive are now home. There are 28 bodies to be recovered, but Hamas says it doesn't know where they all are. And then there are members of Netanyahu's own cabinet who feel that regardless of whatever commit-ments made, the war must continue.

As of this writing, aid trucks are still not being allowed into Gaza. Five were killed by an Israeli drone strike – Israel says they'd crossed a "yellow line" too close to their troops, others suggest they were returning to check out damage to their homes.

Hamas still patrols the streets of Gaza. Earlier this year, Israel was supporting rival gangs to help take down Ha-mas. Now it's Hamas taking down those rival gangs, in very public executions. But Trump's cool with it: "They want to stop the problems, and they've been open about it, and we gave them approval for a period of time ... I think it's going to be fine", Trump said of this new role for Hamas.

Meanwhile, Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner are no doubt reviewing Mideast business interests – property develop-oment, construction, raw materials, investment and finance – within the context of an estimated \$53 billion, ten-year rebuilding project in Gaza.

Appearing at the Harvard Kennedy School, Kushner made his suggestion for the Gaza waterfront; "Get the citizens out, then go in and finish the job" – a year before his father-in-law pro-posed a "Gaza Riviera". It's remarkable, the possibilities now that "the war is over! You understand that?"

RICH JOHNSON



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Over the course of our lifetime we will have learned and used many expressions for one purpose or another. Dissecting a number of these expressions

might prove to be a boring and tedious project (I'm bored already), or devoid of any real substantive use (like all my columns). Then again, it might be "more funny". Or should I say "funnier"? And if it puts you to sleep, all the better.

Take the expression, "more or less". What does that really mean?

"More or less" is defined as true in a general way, but not completely true. The British would define the expression as "to an unspecified extent or degree". Us Americans are more prone to define "more or less" as "to some extent or as an approximation".

More importantly when is it good to use the expression, and more importantly, not use it? If you teach a "English as a Second Language" course and the prospective student asks if he or she would be able to converse with someone who speaks that new language, it's okay for you to say, "More or less"!

On the other hand, if you are in a church, in a tuxedo with a beautiful girl in a white gown standing next to you, when a person nearby holding a Bible asks you, "Do you take this woman to be your wife, do you promise to honor and keep her and so on..." I would strongly recommend you not say "More or less".

Our use of the language has rules of usage. For example, if I somehow accidentally tell you a joke that's actually funny and then I tell you another joke that you like better do you say the second joke was "more funny" or "funnier"? Experts tell me "funnier" is by far the correct choice to use. But, not so fast: "more funny" is making a comeback in literary circles. People are still good with saying something is "funniest" as opposed to "most funny".

Just to completely confuse you (always my goal), experts tell us you cannot use the words "funner" or "funnest" as other forms of "fun". So, you can tell some-

one "you are more fun than I am", but you cannot tell them you are "funner" than I am. I say "Why not?"

In an attempt to redeem this already "tedious" column, I will share some of the funniest words (more or less) in our native tongue.

"Bumfuzzle" (to be confused) "Rich tends to "bumfuzzle" people who read his column."

"Snickersnee" (a knife from the 1700's) "Rich uses a "snickersnee" to fight off the angry readers of his column."

"Gubbins" (something that is useless or silly) "Why doesn't Rich's editor realize Rich is "gubbins".

"Lollygag" (mess around or waste time) "If you ever want to "lollygag" read one of Rich's columns"

"Malarky" (a situation which is madness or chaotic) "(Referring to Rich's columns) I should not read this "malarky" for another second".

"Flibbertigibbet" (a person who talks a lot or is silly) "I don't know how much longer I can read this column by Rich. He's such a "Flibbertigibbet".

"Snollygoster" (A politician who serves for his own benefit and not the community.) "I double dare you to run up to Arnold Schwarzenegger and call him a snollygoster". Okay a "former" snollygoster.

"Bibble" (To eat or drink in a noisy fashion) "Don't ever go out to lunch with Rich. He doesn't eat, he bibbles!"

It's terribly important to realize when should we use these expressions, and more importantly, when we shouldn't.

Shameless plug! If you are looking for a second opportunity to wear your Halloween costume, why not come to Nano Café Saturday night, November 1st for a Halloween Costume Party/Concert. My band JJ Jukebox will be performing, costumes are not mandatory, but fun. Great food, full bar, dancing to vintage Rock and Roll a la JJ Jukebox. 7:00-10:00pm Saturday evening. (626) 325-3334 for questions (Call after 4:00 Wednesday through Saturday)

TOM PURCELL

FAKE AUTHENTIC STUFF



It's called "messy authenticity," and it's the latest trend to clearly demonstrate America has lost its collective mind.

Looking for a Maison Margiela sweater with unfinished threads and gaping holes? It'll cost you nearly \$1,500.

How about a designer purse with fringed eyelets, frayed material and uneven seams? That'll be about \$1,700.

How about a "Rag Chair" for your living room that's stitched together with discarded fabric scraps? That will set you back about \$4,000.

I first documented the "designs made to look imperfect" trend nearly 18 years ago. Distressed furniture was one of the first troubling examples.

As it went, people were bringing brand new chairs, tables and dressers into their garages, kicking and scratching the bejesus out of them, then covering them in a lumpy, blotchy paint.

My sister, an interior designer, told me that people did this because they wanted an antique look, but real antiques are hard to come. So they paid good money for brand new furniture which they spent hours making look tired and worn.

The blue jean trend was another regrettable example. In 2007, the owner of an upscale jeans store told me the jeans with holes and splattered paint were selling like hotcakes.

"People spend money on jeans with holes and paint on them?" I said.

"Yes, up to \$700," she said.

"But they have holes and paint on them!" I said.

"Yes!" she said.

She told me the best-selling jeans were either washed in dirt or smeared with grease — so that people who buy them can be as fashionable as the guy digging graves or changing fluids at the Jiffy Lube.

Since 2007 the trend for authentic-looking fake stuff has accelerated in some areas, but it is declining in others, and I think I know why.

As more Americans move to major metro areas — nearly 85 percent of us live there now — we've traded dirt, grass and sky for pavement, strip malls and cookie-cutter townhomes.

We work long hours in gray cubicles doing bland service work — keeping our personal observations and human emotions to ourselves out of fear that HR will write us up.

The farther we drift from hands-on living and the freedom to be ourselves, the more we long for authenticity of any kind — even messy authenticity that is totally fake.

Then again, more young people are walking away from college and paper-pushing jobs to become electricians, plumbers and carpenters. They're rediscovering what we once called blue-collar horse sense — the joy of making and fixing things with your hands.

Our country was built by people who toiled with their hands. Ben Franklin started as a printer's apprentice. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson farmed — most of the founders did.

Working daily in nature — wrestling with real problems out in the fields and the woods with the many animals they cared for — taught them humility, practicality and authenticity.

To that end, the return of young people to the trades gives me hope. The more that Americans fix and create things, the less we will desire fake authentic stuff.

One design trend offers hope:

The "working-stiff" jeans of two decades ago have become more refined — the holes are smaller, the dirt's rubbed in more gently and the grease is applied in modest dabs.

It's a start.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1488 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.72 (SIGNS*) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE**

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a first reading of Ordinance No. 1488 amending Chapter 17.72 (Signs*) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, as recommended by the Planning Commission following a public hearing held on September 18, 2025. The purpose of the ordinance is general clean-up providing clarification on temporary signs and creative signs.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

PLACE OF HEARING

City Council Chambers
Sierra Madre City Hall
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA

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@SierraMadreCA.gov by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Receipt of emails will be acknowledged at the public hearing, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.SierraMadreCA.gov, on Foothills Media website at <https://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed amendments to Chapter 17.72 (Signs*) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under 14 CCR 15061(b) (3) (common sense exemption) where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments may have a significant effect on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: **ORDINANCE NO. 1486 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE**

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

Project Location: Citywide

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct public hearings to consider Ordinance no. 1486 – to adopt and amend the 2025 California Fire Code and 2025 California Wildland Urban Interface Code. This notice is provided as a correction to a notice provided on October 4, 2025, which had erroneously referred to the adoption and amendments to the 2025 International Fire Code.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
(Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre
City Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto. This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance 1486 is available at the City of Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. The 2025 California Fire Code and 2025 California Wildland Urban Interface Code are available for review at the Planning and Community Preservation counter at Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project, Ordinance No. 1486, qualifies for an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will enforce the 2025 California Fire Code and 2025 California Wildland Urban Interface Code in compliance with State requirements.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing.

For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

By Order of the City Council
Clare Lin
Director of Planning & Community Preservation

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025214716
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EVREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 68874 CONCEPCION DR CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EVREN UCOK 68874 CONCEPCION DR CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234 This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EVREN UCOK, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/14/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2025. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 18, 25, NOV 1, 8, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025215777
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOP NOTCH BUILDERS 215 E 56TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HILLEL MICHAEL SHAMAM 215 E 56TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HILLEL MICHAEL SHAMAM/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/15/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/25/2025. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 18, 25, NOV 1, 8, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025215779
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BIG SMOKE #2 17246 VANOWEN ST SUITE D VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. AON C6243896 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MERTKHANYAN CONSULTING, INC. 18400 VENTURA BLVD. TARZANA, CA. 91356. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MERTKHANYAN CONSULTING, INC., MANVEL MIKE MERTKHANYAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/15/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/20/21. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 18, 25, NOV 1, 8, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025214713
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOWMASTER SERVICES 14725 BESSEMER ST STE F VAN NUYS, CA. 91411. AON 4685897 LOS ANGELES COUNTY Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TOWMASTER SERVICES 14725 BESSEMER ST STE F VAN NUYS, CA. 91411 This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: TOWMASTER SERVICES, VAHAGN SELVERANY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/14/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/20/21. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 18, 25, NOV 1, 8, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-209114
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AGR PROS, 1764 E VERNON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REGINA MARIE SAUCEDO, 1764 E VERNON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: REGINA MARIE SAUCEDO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/06/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

LES, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) REGINA MARIE SAUCEDO, 1764 E VERNON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: REGINA MARIE SAUCEDO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/06/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/25/2025. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-212841
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL REY SECURITY SERVICES, 1528 S CHESTER AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FRANK IVAN VALLEJO, 1528 S CHESTER AVE, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FRANK IVAN VALLEJO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/09/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-204990
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ICE CREAM HERNANDEZ, 819 N. TOWNSEND AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GABINO HERNANDEZ EVANGELISTA, 819 N. TOWNSEND AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063, EULALIA ROMERO RAMOS, 819 N. TOWNSEND AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90063. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: GABINO HERNANDEZ EVANGELISTA/HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/30/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-211231
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J & A QUALITY COLLISION CENTER, INC., 937 ROSE ST, BELLEVILLE, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) J & A QUALITY COLLISION CENTER, INC., 937 ROSE ST, BELLEVILLE, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JOSE DEL CAMPO/SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/08/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-211508
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JBM CONSTRUCTION, 3926 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRIAN KHALEB RODRIGUEZ, 3926 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRIAN KHALEB RODRIGUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/09/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/08/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/02/23. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

DRIGUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/08/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/23. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-211137
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JM RECYCLING CENTER, 7918 S MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE VIRGILIO MARTINEZ ROMERO, 7918 S MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE VIRGILIO MARTINEZ ROMERO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/08/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-212843
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JR&C CLEANING SERVICE, INC., JR&C CLEANING & JANITORIAL SERVICE, 4622 LA MIRADA AVE UNIT 34, LOS ANGELES, CA 90029. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JR&C CLEANING SERVICE, INC., 4622 LA MIRADA AVE UNIT 34, LOS ANGELES, CA 90029. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JOSE ROBERTO LARIN/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/09/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-210713
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: P.F. RENOVATION SERVICE, 604 W 102ND ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FELIPE JESUS PEREZ, 604 W 102ND ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FELIPE JESUS PEREZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/07/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-212839
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SURVIVING-RETIREMENT, 1180 LA CIMA DR, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEROME CARL TROST, 1180 LA CIMA DR, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JEROME CARL TROST/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/09/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/25/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/25/2025. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-207509
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THINK-TALK, JOY CARRIER, COVENANT MARRIAGE PREP, 1043 ROSWELL AVE UNIT A, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THINK-TALK MEDIA LLC, 1043 ROSWELL AVE UNIT A, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: FUNMI WINIFRED DOKUNMU-DA SILVA/ANALYST/MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/02/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-210193
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TONIE'S KREATIONS, 2612 1ST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JAYMIE RYNEE JUAREZ, 2612 1ST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JAYMIE RYNEE JUAREZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/07/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025-207193
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DWD SOLID CONSTRUCTION CO, 612 S LONG BEACH BLVD, COMPTON, CA 90221. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WINSTON DABBS, 612 S LONG BEACH BLVD, COMPTON, CA 90221. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: WINSTON DABBS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/02/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FILE NO. 2025-211411

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) JOSE VIRGILIO MARTINEZ ROMERO, 1135 E. E. 59TH PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001 has/ have abandoned use of the fictitious business name: JM RECYCLING CENTER, 5001 S. COMPTON AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/01/2024, in the County of Los Angeles. The original file number is 2024204376. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/08/2025. The business information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares a true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) JOSE VIRGILIO MARTINEZ ROMERO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 01, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025212106
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DIRECT ACA 9420 RESEDA BLVD 3522 NORTHRIDGE, CA. 91324. AON 2019224710512. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DIRECT ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATES, CARLOS VELLASCO, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/07/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025207958
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNDERCOVER ROOFING 7148 CAPISTANO AVE WEST HILLS, CA. 91307. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) UNDERCOVER ROOFING INC, 7148 CAPISTANO AVE WEST HILLS, CA. 91307. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: IRF DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/03/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025210108
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JCU CARRIES 1101 N PACIFIC AVE SUITE 200 GLENDALE, CA. 91202. AON 4685897 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JEWEL CITY UNIT-101 N PACIFIC AVE SUITE 200 GLENDALE, CA. 91202 This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: JEWEL CITY UNIT-ED, ISABEL ABRAMANY, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/05/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/25/2025. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025208961
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRIGHT-LOUD CLEANING SERVICES 15150 PARTHENIA ST APT #34 NORTH HILLS, CA. 91343. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUDITH REYES 15150 PARTHENIA ST APT #34 NORTH HILLS, CA. 91343. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUDITH REYES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/06/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025209371
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ERFAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 646 MARPOSA AVENUE SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91204. M&M PHILANTHROPY CONSULTING 646 MARPOSA AVENUE SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91204. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MOLLY ANN WOODS PO BOX 304 SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91025. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MOLLY ANN WOODS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/29/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/25. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

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File No. 2025210336
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VIK'S POOL SERVICES 753 GLENWOOD

RD GLENDALE, CA. 91202. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VIKIN S AWADI, 753 GLENWOOD RD GLENDALE, CA. 91202. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VIKIN S AWADES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/07/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/19/93. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: OCT 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 2025

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File No. 2025206973
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CULINARY COURIER 7111 WOOLLEY AVENUE APT 3 VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDER FERNANDO MACAL RECINOS 7111 WOOLLEY AVENUE APT 3 VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDER FERNANDO MACAL RECINOS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/02/25. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/25. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fict



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October 4
Barks and Boos at The Arboretum - A day of happy dogs, craft beers, and food. 11am – 4pm
A dog costume contest takes place at 2:30pm

October 10
ArtNight Pasadena - This dynamic arts and cultural open house in Pasadena includes visual arts, literary arts, and performing arts. 6 – 10 pm

October 12
Crafting Memories: Family Day at The Gamble House and Pasadena Museum of History - Enjoy a free day of storytime & crafts 11 – 3pm

October 24
Strange Science at The Huntington - Join in a night of Gothic grandeur with mysterious tales, dark trivia, and live performances. 6 pm – 10pm

October 24
Fall Fun Festival at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse Plaza - A haunted zone, costume contest, trunk or treat and more. 5pm - 9pm

October 24
Halloween Haunting in Downtown Arcadia
Festivities take place on First Avenue in Arcadia - trick-or-treat, crafts, and games. 4pm – 6:30pm

October 25
The Ghoulish Garden at the Arboretum
Discover spooky and creepy plants on a hike full of fun activities and Halloween thrills.

October 25
Fractured Fairy Tales at the Sierra Madre Playhouse - This family show gives classic fairy tales playful twists. 11am

October 31
Pasadena Halloween Bar Crawl
Come in costume and enjoy ghostly cocktails and bewitching brews at the city's top bars 5pm

October 31
Halloween Happenings in Sierra Madre - Trick or treat, costume contest, pumpkin patch, kids' fun zone, and more. 3pm – 6:15pm

October 31
Halloween Spooktacular Trick-or-Treating and Family Pics at One Colorado – Store to store Trick-or-Treat, & silent screening of Dracula 4 - 8

Ongoing Events

October 1 - 31
Halloween at Kidspace - Activities include a parade, pumpkin bowling, & monster-making.

October 3 – 30
Carved at Descanso Gardens - Giant, carved jack-o-lanterns, light displays & seasonal treats.

October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31
Haunted Pasadena Walking Tour - Discover eerie alleys & hidden courtyards & haunted secrets of Pasadena's past. 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Saturdays and Sundays, October 4 – 26
Cal Poly Pomona Pumpkin Festival
Explore a pumpkin patch, giant corn maze, petting farm, and hay wagon ride 10am – 7pm

October 4, November 5
Annual Shōya House Rice Harvest at The Huntington - Get a first-hand look at how rice is cultivated from seed to grain. Join in on bundling, tying, threshing, and winnowing. 10am – 2pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10
Music in the Rose Garden at The Huntington
Wander around the stunning rose garden as you listen to live performances 1pm – 3pm

October 11, 12, 18, 19
Oktoberfest at Santa Anita Park - Enjoy Bavarian beer tastings, German eats, live music, and live racing.

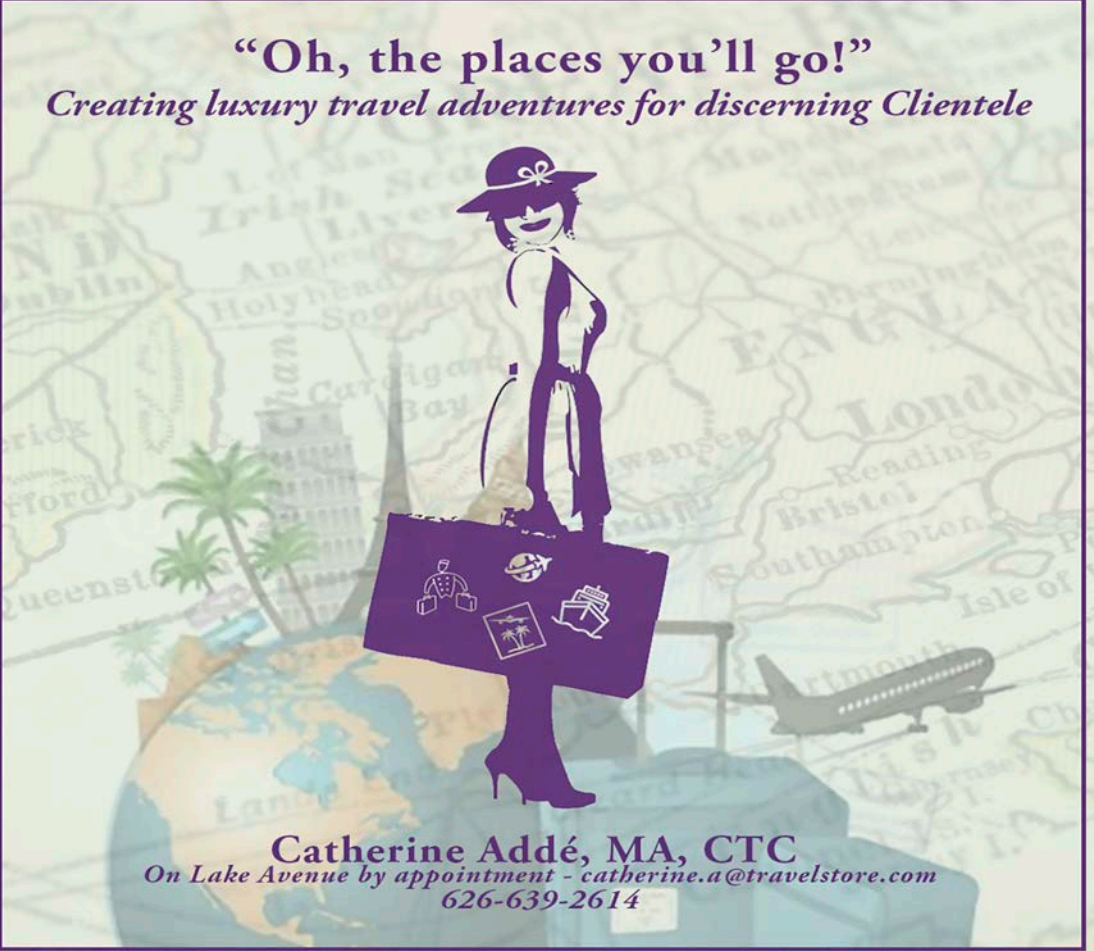
October 25, 26
Japan Family Weekend at Santa Anita Park
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October 25, 26
Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fun Fest at Santa Anita Park – Bounce houses, straw maze, ponies

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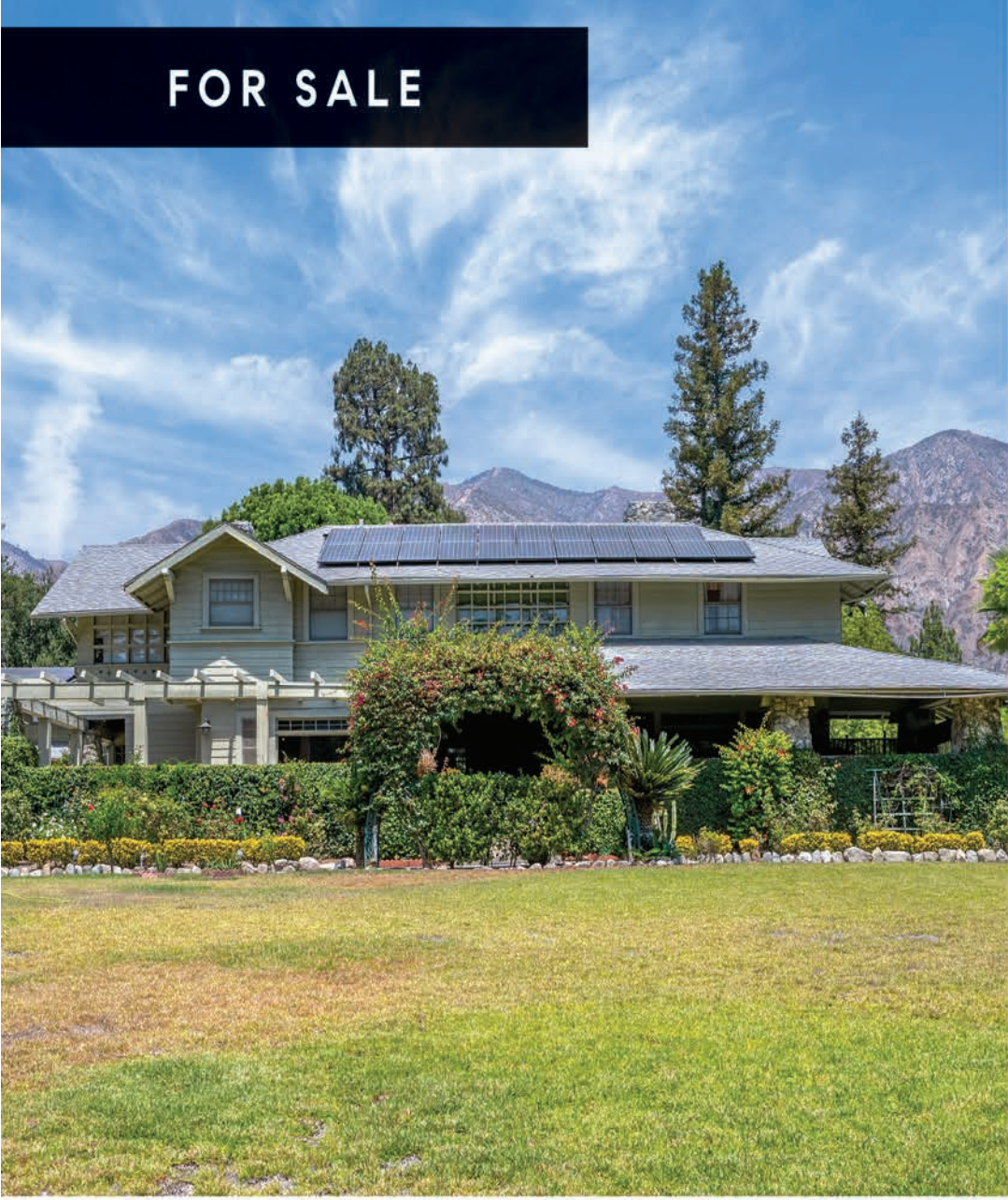
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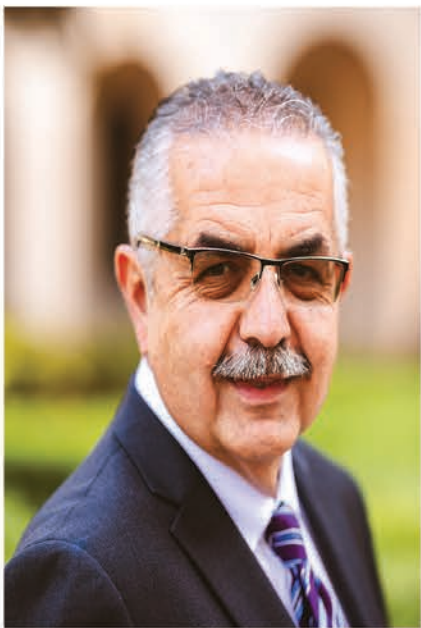


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