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Sierra Madre Public Library prepares for closure, move, and exciting return home

It's almost time to say goodbye to our "home away from home!" The Sierra Madre Public Library's temporary location at 350 W Sierra Madre Blvd. will close to the public beginning February 1, 2026, as we prepare to move back to our permanent home at 440 W Sierra Madre Blvd.

After two years of serving the community from our temporary space, we're thrilled to be heading back to where it all began—this time with some big improvements in store.

A short closure... for a big comeback. As the Library moves and gets settled, both the temporary and permanent locations will be closed to the public through May 31, 2026. During this time, staff will be hard at work merging the temporary collection with the larger Library collection that has been in long-term storage. This major project has been made possible

thanks to \$10,669,210 in state and federal grant funding and \$1,800,000 from City Reserves, which will help bring the original 1955 Library building up to modern standards and expand services for years to come. Improvements include:

- Seismic and ADA upgrades
- Asbestos abatement
- New HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Improved green space
- A 5,000 square foot expansion

One last week to stock up!

Before we close, we invite the community to stop by the temporary Library during our final week of operation to pick up books, movies, music, audiobooks—and anything else you'll want to enjoy during the closure. Consider it your official "Library haul" week!

Your Library card still works—online! Even while our doors are closed, the Library is still open 24/7 online. Be sure to renew or sign up for a Library card before February 1 so you can keep enjoying our free digital

resources, including:

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- Brainfuse for homework help, test prep, college readiness, and resume support

And there's even more available—visit our online catalog anytime to explore all the options.

Save the date: Grand Reopening!

We can't wait to welcome the community back to our refreshed and expanded Library home. Mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, June 6, 2026 for our Grand Reopening, Ribbon Cutting, and Summer Reading Kickoff!

We're so grateful for the community's support and patience during this exciting transition—and we can't wait to see you at the Library again soon.

SIERRA MADRE HONORS NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED

This year marks the 9th Annual City of Sierra Madre and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce joint event honoring those organizations and individuals that work tirelessly to make Sierra Madre a wonderful place to live, work and play! The Awards ceremony will be held in early 2026 and the committee is currently accepting nominations for the following recognitions:

SIERRA MADRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR for residents who have worked in the city during 2025 as a volunteer.

SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR for an outstanding business existing in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years that has been an active supporter of the community.

GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the city's spirit of volunteerism.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD (aka Employee of the Year) Awarded to an employee that consistently goes above and beyond their typical duties.

THE WISTARIA AWARD recognizing a City/Community Partnership that assists with providing community wide programs and services.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre.

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE AWARD presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply email your nomination with the reasons why you feel this person or organization is deserving to by 5:00 pm February 10, 2026 to either smadrec@gmail.com or Honors-Dinner@cityofsierramadre.com. You can also mail your nomination to: Honors Dinner Nomination c/o Sierra Madre City Hall 232 W Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre,

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



WALKING SIERRA MADRE: The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.” Kahlil Gibran

“January sees past mistakes with kinder eyes. Offering new paths from lessons learned.” Eleanor Roosevelt



I'm writing this on Tuesday, January 20th and Walking Sierra Madre is full of good news today. The Mt. Wilson Trail is open! Joyful Trail walkers have been posting incredible pictures and videos on Facebook and the picture today was taken by Carlo Bronsozian. Look for pictures by Randy McDevitt and Della Gonzalez. There is so much water in the stream. My favorite Trail hiker, my husband, John, who is now hiking in heaven, would have been so thrilled with how First Water looks now. He would frequently hike up there, sit for a few minutes, listen to the quiet, and thank God for the beauty of this place. The picture on the front page of last week's Mountain Views News of the volunteers working on the Trail was awesome. I'm sending a check to the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund. And you can, too, to pay for the supplies and equipment these people need to keep our Trail in shape. P.O. Box 715, Sierra Madre CA 91025. All donors will receive a written tax-deductible acknowledgement letter. There now, that's the best news of the week.

I discovered that today, January 20th has quite a history.

In 1945 on this day, President Franklin Roosevelt was inaugurated for an unprecedented fourth – and final – term in office!

In 1961, John Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th president. Kennedy was the youngest person elected to be president at age 43. Probably the quote he will be remembered most for was:
“My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.”

In 1981, 52 U.S. captives who were held at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran, were released minutes after Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as the 40th president. Their release ended the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis, which began November 4, 1979. The pastor of our church PazNaz, right down the road on Sierra Madre Blvd., at that time was Earl Lee. His son, Gary, was one of those hostages and let me tell you, friends and neighbors, when that plane landed with the hostages on board, Pastor Lee stepped over that rope where the parents and families were to wait and walked right out on the tarmac to embrace his son. The service that was held at the church filled that huge building to overflowing and the song I will never forget was, “My Son Is Home!” When I think of unforgettable moments, that's high on my list!

In case you didn't know, today, January 24th, is National Compliment Day. This is an unofficial holiday, the purpose of which is to give you an opportunity to say something nice to your friends, family, co-workers and anybody else who crosses your path. Compliments are so important that every March 1st, is World Compliment Day. This also happens to be our daughter, Patti's, and granddaughter, Nicole's, birthday. I don't know if you've noticed, but people never get tired of hearing compliments. I know I certainly don't! Compliments reassure people, strengthen relationships and build self-esteem and trust. Look at all the nice things you can accomplish by just telling the girl who hands you your Caramel Brulee Frappuccino that her hair looks nice. Or maybe telling the WalMart stock person who is kind enough to reach you down something from a high shelf that you really appreciate his help. It just takes a few seconds and makes a real difference.

Mark Twain once said, “I could live for two months on one good compliment.” Similarly, President Abraham Lincoln said, “A drop of honey catches more flies than a gallon of gall.” I'm not exactly sure what gall is, but I'm clear on the concept of honey.

WE ARE PREPARING TO MOVE!

There will be no Library programs for the entire month of January 2026. Stop by the Library to check out items before our four month closure. Last day the Library is open is Saturday, January 31, 2026.

This week, go take a look at our beautifully restored Mt. Wilson Trail, give someone a compliment and enjoy seeing signs of Spring emerging. And, rejoice, the Library will be moving into their fabulous new building very soon.

“Kindness is free. Sprinkle that stuff everywhere!”

My book page: Amazon.com:
Deanne Davis
There are wonders to be found there.
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January 27, 2026 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 foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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



This week at the
Sierra Madre
Public Library

December 29— January 3

December 29—January 2

Library Closed for Holiday— No
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Saturday, January 3

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Saturday, January 31

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A PERFECT VALENTINE'S DATE: WINE, CUISINE, AND COMMUNITY

Looking for a memorable Valentine's gift? The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library invite couples and friends to sip, savor, and celebrate at their 51st Wine & Cuisine Tasting on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Held just days before Valentine's Day, the event offers an ideal evening out, whether you're planning a romantic night with a partner or a stylish gathering with friends. The tasting takes place at the Baldwin Avenue Gallery (The BAG), located at 12 N. Baldwin Avenue in the heart of Sierra Madre, where art-filled surroundings set the mood for conversation and connection.

Guests will enjoy a thoughtfully curated selection of wines paired with cuisine tastings, creating a relaxed yet elegant experience that feels tailor-made for a special night. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it's a chance to toast love, friendship, and community all in one place.

Beyond the romance, the Wine & Cuisine Tasting is an important fundraiser supporting the Sierra Madre Public Library. Proceeds help fund library programs, collections, and services that benefit residents of all ages, making this an evening that feels as good as it tastes.

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library are known for events that blend culture, community, and celebration, and this annual tasting continues that tradition—offering a meaningful way to enjoy a night out while giving back.

Community members are encouraged to secure tickets early for this popular event. All proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Public Library. Learn more about the 51st Wine and Cuisine Tasting, and learn about the library's Grand Reopening June 6, 2026 at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at: <https://auctria.events/51stWineCuisineTasting>

Wine lovers and Valentine's planners alike are encouraged to secure tickets early for this popular February event, as tickets are limited. All proceeds benefit the Sierra Madre Public Library. Learn more at www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org.

Pasadena Library Every Story Counts

A week in the life of your public library

Pasadena Public Library is participating in Every Story Counts, a statewide initiative aiming to capture data, stories and photos about how and why Californians use their local public libraries. During the week of January 25 – 31, library patrons are encouraged to share their library stories through an online survey, available at: cityofpasadena.net/library.

Public libraries across California serve all residents as vital community hubs for learning, connection, essential services and trusted information for all California communities. “The Pasadena Public Library staff work hard to provide our community with a wide range of programs and services,” said Library Director Tim McDonald. “We want to know more about not only how and why our community uses the library, but to hear from the community directly about their own library experiences.”

“We all know the value of public libraries and the strong return on investment they provide” said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. “Every Story Counts will help us create a more complete picture of the extraordinary range of activities that happen in libraries across the state.”

During the week of January 25 – 31, 2026 the Pasadena Public Library will encourage patrons to share their stories about visiting the library. Whether you’re bringing your child to storytime, using the library computers, checking out items from books to sewing machines, asking a question, or many of the other things you can do at the library, we want to hear about it!

Along with libraries everywhere, Pasadena Public Library continues to seek your valuable insight on our programs and services that we provide to our community.

Gordo to Give State of the City

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo and his colleagues announced they are inviting the community to join him on Wednesday for this year’s State of the City. This year’s theme is “Rising Together”.

The event will take place at the Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N Fair Oaks Ave. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Limited parking is available at the Robinson Park Rec. Center and Jackie Robinson Comm. Center parking lot. Street parking is also available. The State of the City will also be live-streamed at: PasadenaMedia.org/Kpas. For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.



City Conducts 2026 Homeless Count

Pasadena city officials announced Friday that the city conducted a Point-in-Time Homeless Count on Wednesday night with approximately 200 volunteers, both new and returning, participating from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The operation continued Thursday with a Youth Count from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

“The community response has been incredibly encouraging. We surpassed our volunteer recruitment goals ahead of schedule, demonstrating that Pasadena residents view homelessness as a critical problem that is deserving of time and attention,” said Homeless Count Coordinator Christina Kasali. “This year, 48 percent of volunteers participated in the Pasadena Homeless Count for the first time. We’re grateful to everyone who participated and

made the count a success.”

According to officials, teams of four to six people were deployed to 28 geographic zones covering the city’s entire geography and used a mobile, GIS-enabled app to conduct a survey which was developed by the City’s Department of Information Technology they said.

Volunteer teams also counted in all ten of the city’s branch libraries and at locations where people receive services.

Volunteers distributed cold weather kits with warm clothing items, snacks, and resource flyers. The Pasadena Police Department provided critical support, surveying in the city’s parks, freeway embankments, and other hard-to-access locations. The Pasadena Public Health Department, in partnership with Huntington Health, administered flu, COVID, and hepatitis A vaccines

and distributed Narcan overdose reversal kits throughout the count.

The Homeless Count provides a “snapshot” of what the homeless population looks like on any given night. Count data is most useful as a tool to study the demographics of the unhoused population and to track trends over time. Pasadena was the first city in the State of California, and one of the first three cities in the nation, to conduct a dedicated Homeless Count in 1992.

Homeless Count data is used year-round to inform the planning and funding of homeless services in the City and is used by federal, state, and county funders in the allocation of homeless services grants. The results of the Homeless Count will be available by June.

Pasadena Chorale Celebrates Black American Composers

The Pasadena Chorale invites the community to I BELIEVE, a powerful concert honoring Black History Month through music that explores faith, hope, and social justice. This free performance by the award-winning Pasadena Chorale will take place Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Pasadena.

I BELIEVE celebrates the profound musical legacy of two Black American composers. The program opens with original spiritual arrangements by Michal Dawson Connor, an Altadena-based composer whose settings of “My Lord, What a Morning” and “There Is a Balm in Gilead” draw on deep traditions of resilience, devotion, and communal strength.

The concert culminates in Margaret Bonds’ Credo, a work of conviction and hope based on the poem by W.E.B. DuBois. With a bold vision of social justice and belief in humanity’s shared responsibility, Credo stands as a moving artistic statement that remains deeply relevant today.

Together, these works offer an evening of spiritual reflection and musical storytelling—honoring a rich cultural heritage while affirming the enduring power of belief.

Admission is free and open to the public. Tickets can be reserved at pasadenachorale.org. A reservation is required for entry, as seating is limited.

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Now Accepting Grant Applications



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation announced Wednesday that it is now accepting applications for its 2026 grant program. Since its inception in 1983, the Foundation has invested over \$5.8 million in more than 800 Pasadena-area organizations. The grant awards in 2025 totaled a little over \$200,000, which funded 21 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley.

The grants supported new and ongoing programs benefitting children, teens, adults and seniors. From nonprofits offering animal therapy to special needs children, to organizations providing technical skills to underserved students and dance therapy for seniors diagnosed with Parkinson’s and multiple sclerosis.

The 2026 grant cycle will be structured as follows – Tier 1: a one-year grant for \$35,000, Tier 2: a one-year grant for \$20,000 and Tier 3: several one-year grants, each up to \$10,000. The Foundation requires applicants to include information on how their program will be delivered.

Eligible applicants are organizations with 501(c)(3)

status, as of the submission deadline, February 20 that serves one or more of the following communities: Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and Temple City. As in previous years, grants will be given in the categories of Visual & Performing Arts, Sports and Recreation, and Education (Early Childhood, Middle and High School, Literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs.

To view all guidelines and apply for the 2026 grant cycle, eligible organizations should visit the Tournament of Roses Foundation page: www.tournamentofroses.com/foundation/. The website will direct users to a portal with instructions on how to begin the application process.

Applications will be accepted from now through February 20 at 5 p.m. PST. The Foundation’s Board of Directors will make the final grant selections at its annual spring meeting, and applicants will be notified of their funding status via email in April 2026.

South Pasadena Library Announces New Director

The City of South Pasadena announced Thursday the appointment of Matthew Patsel as the new Library Director of the South Pasadena Public Library. Patsel brings over two decades of public library leadership, innovation and community-focused service to the City.

Patsel joins the city with over 23 years of experience in the Orange County Public Libraries system, one of the largest and most diverse library systems in California. His previous roles include Librarian, Branch Manager, Public Information and Safety Officer, and Regional Services Manager, where he oversaw operations for ten library branches and supervised branch managers and staff.

In his most recent role, Patsel collaborated closely with library administration to shape systemwide policies and implement county directives

across 29 branches that served more than 400,000 registered users. He played a key role in managing a \$90 million operating budget, overseeing staffing for more than 340 employees, and guiding decisions related to facilities, information technology, bibliographic services, and programming. Under Patsel’s leadership, branches within the region experienced significant growth and engagement. During fiscal year 2023–2024, branches he supervised saw programming increase by 20 percent, program attendance rose by 88 percent, and overall foot traffic grew by 14 percent, reflecting a strong commitment to community-centered service.

Patsel chaired the Library of Things Committee, which launched in 2024, and led the Teen Services Committee.

For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov.



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ARCADIA AUDIT CONFIRMS STRONG FISCAL POSITION

ARCADIA, CA – Independent auditors have completed their annual review of Arcadia's Fiscal Year 2024-25 financial results, reporting a positive ending result of \$4.6 million, significantly outperforming initial projections.

By September 2024, the approval of five labor association agreements resulted in a projected deficit of \$2.2 million. However, by June 2025, updated forecasts indicated that a balanced budget was the most likely outcome. Consistent with prior years, actual results proved significantly more favorable than initial projections, which were supported by stronger revenues, disciplined spending, and routine timing and supply chain delays for certain capital projects.

Arcadia's positive financial results were driven by favorable performance on both the revenue and expenditure sides of the budget. On the revenue side, tax collections exceeded projections by \$1.6 million, led by higher collections on sales, utilities, property, and hotel stays. The fiscal year also reflects increased investment income, which contributed an additional \$1.3 million to the budget. Further revenue growth came from fees, fines, and charges for services, including approximately \$150,000 for code enforcement activity, \$150,000 for engineering services, \$300,000 in grant funds, and \$400,000 in reimbursements related to Fire Department Strike Team deployments.

Budget savings were largely the result of normal capital project scheduling and supply chain delays, lower-than-anticipated personnel costs, and the deferral of a voluntary contribution to help stabilize employee pension costs. Capital and equipment spending totaled about \$2.5 million less than projected, with most of those costs being carried forward into the current fiscal year. Following the favorable results of the audit, the City will proceed with transferring the \$1.0 million previously set aside to help smooth pension costs.

Although the labor contracts initially signaled a challenging budget year, higher revenue growth and disciplined spending helped Arcadia turn a multimillion-dollar deficit into a \$4.6 million surplus. "Our employees are the foundation of Arcadia's success, and the City Council ensured that our labor agreements reflect their vital contributions to the community," said City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto. "Their foresight to invest in our workforce contributes to Arcadia's long-term vitality, helping our community remain a place where people want to live, work, and play."

Arcadia's FY2024-25 financial audit will be posted to the City's website at ArcadiaCA.gov in the coming weeks. Any questions about the audit can be directed to the Administrative Services Department at (626) 574-5424.

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About Arcadia

Nestled along the rolling foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and Angeles National Forest, Arcadia is a charming, family-oriented community with a population of just over 57,000. Located only 13 miles east from downtown Los Angeles, regional transportation networks like the Metro A Line connect Arcadia as a premier residential, shopping and entertainment destination in the San Gabriel Valley. Arcadia is known for its top-rated schools, iconic landmarks, and serene neighborhoods. With the conveniences and amenities of a full-service, mid-size city, Arcadia's "Community of Homes" provides a quality of life that will go Above & Beyond your expectations.

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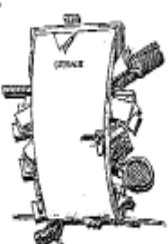
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Hmm... is that my shadow?

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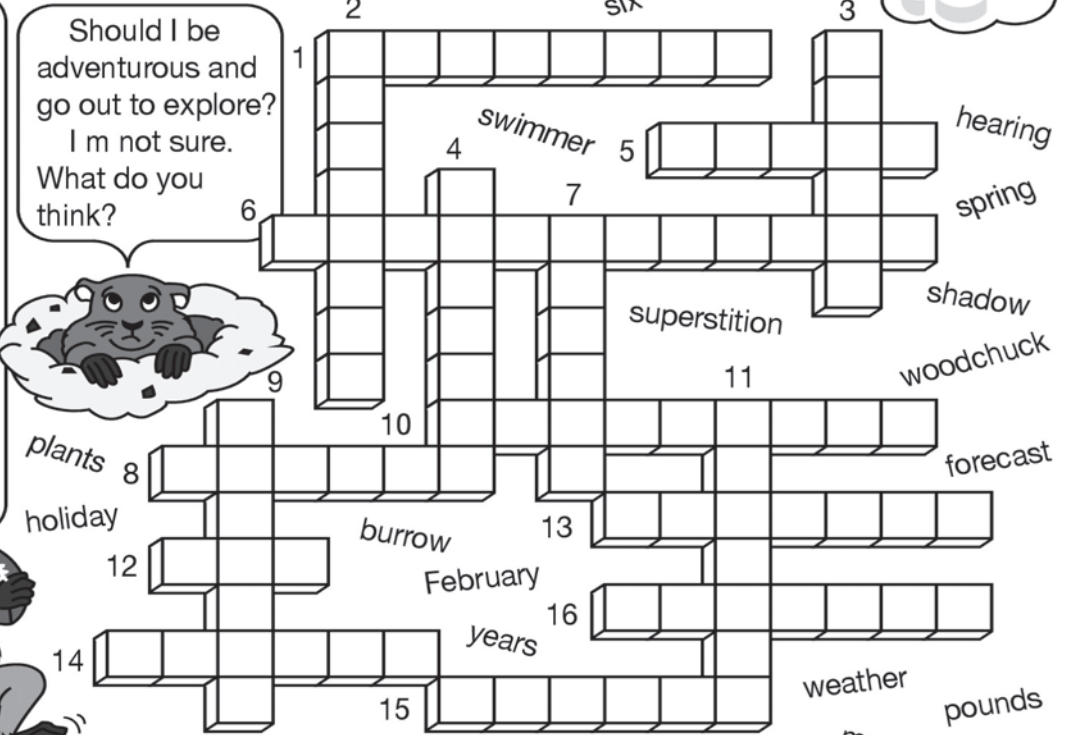
On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or if winter and the cold weather will stay longer.

How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when a groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid, will venture out and we will know that spring is near!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- On February 2nd, Phil, the famous groundhog (and other groundhogs in other places) will be watched for his weather _____ a prediction about what kind of weather to expect
- the second month of the year
- a tunnel dug underground
- groundhogs can be found in the woods, fields and _____
- a groundhog usually lives to be 6 to 8 _____ old
- belief in magic, luck and chance
- the dark area formed when light is blocked
- a groundhog usually weighs about 12 _____
- the groundhog is the only animal with its own national _____
- another name for a groundhog is _____
- a groundhog can see very well, and has excellent _____
- number of weeks winter will continue if Phil is frightened by his shadow
- hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. What it looks and feels like outside!
- a groundhog is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____
- season of warmer weather following winter
- a groundhog is an excellent _____

Have super Super Bowl fun!





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CHEESEBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, CHEESEBURGER. ACT #2

No, that's not me chanting into the void—it's a pop-culture wink from a very popular TV show. Check my Facebook page for the answer; consider it your appetizer before the main course.

Now, to matters of real importance. The cheeseburger was invented in Pasadena, and if that doesn't earn us a full week of indulgence, I don't know what does. So welcome to Cheeseburger Week, where I say calories don't count, opinions are strong, and napkins are mandatory.

Let's begin with the obvious truth: everyone has a favorite burger, and everyone else is wrong. But that won't stop me from trying.

The Neighborhood Heroes

In nearby Sierra Madre, 355 Burger remains a logical—and delicious—starting point. I wrote about them a few months back, and the appeal hasn't changed: focused menu, freshly ground beef, no gimmicks. A burger that knows exactly what it is. Confidence is attractive, even in food.

Then there's Tom's Famous Family Restaurant—and honestly, the name alone deserves an award. No trophies on the wall, no celebrity endorsements, just a proper neighborhood joint serving a real-deal value burger. Is it an award winner? No. Is it family-friendly, satisfying, and honest? Absolutely. Sometimes that's better.

When the Chef Gets Involved

At The Arbour on Lake, an award-winning chef turns the humble cheeseburger into something a bit more... polished. Their Happy Hour burger(\$11) is top-shelf in both execution and price point—a reminder that even comfort food can dress up and still feel comfortable. Just around the corner sits the heavyweight champ, Pie 'n Burger. Anyone with a phone, a Yelp account, and an opinion swears by it—and for good reason. It is the best of the best. But let's address the elephant in the diner: when a burger hovers around \$20, one is allowed to raise an eyebrow. Even Oscar Wilde would have something clever (and slightly cutting) to say about that.

Crossing Bridges (Literally and Figuratively)

I mentioned The Hook last week, so we move on. Just outside our immediate area—just over the bridge—you'll find Colombo's Italian Steakhouse. Their idea of a smash burger makes the Dills cut, which is not handed out lightly. Italian steakhouse, smash burger? Odd couple, yes. Successful marriage? Also yes.

Under-the-Radar Finds

If you like your burgers without fanfare and with a side of nostalgia, Super Burger has you covered. Think In-N-Out energy, but with a larger tomato slice. Hey folks, I'm just the writer here—I report the facts as I find them.

There are many more burgers worth mentioning. Many more. But even Cheeseburger Week has its limits, and this is all I could eat in one week without requiring medical supervision. So get out there. Support the classics, discover the under-the-radar gems, argue with your friends, and remember: life is far too important to be taken seriously—especially when there's a cheeseburger in front of you.

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

If you are looking for a great tasting Cabernet Sauvignon that is well-made, small production, and it's organic – look no further! The Bottle Shop has the 2024 Ultraviolet Cabernet Sauvignon from Sonoma County.

This wine is produced by Samantha Sheehan, a rising star in the wine world. She has been making wine since 2009 with her POE label, and since 2010 with the Ultraviolet label. She checks all the boxes for me in what I am looking for in a wine. It's small production, she uses locally sourced organic grapes, she uses minimal sulfites, and her wines are bright and balanced.

The 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from two vineyards – Norgard Farms in Mendocino and her estate vineyard in Coombsville. It's 97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. The grapes were hand-picked and destemmed into a stainless-steel tank. She used native yeast in the fermentation process. The wine was aged for 12 months in neutral French oak.

The wine is delicious. Dark black fruit, Bing cherry, cacao, and Christmas spice. The tannins are almost non-existent. This is a soft and easy drinking wine with a long mellow finish. We have been carrying this wine at The Bottle Shop for at least seven years now ever since I met Samantha at a wine trade tasting. She takes care in the making of this wine and she takes her time with it. It shows in the glass. An exceptional value for Cabernet Sauvignon.

Get it at The Bottle Shop for \$17.99. Say you saw it in the Mountain Views News and get the special price of \$16.20. Special pricing good through January 30.

Join me all this month to share good wine with good friends. Come together for wine. Wine is food. Wine is sustainable. Wine is historical. Wine is social. Wine is discovery. Wine is artisan & family.

Here's the TRYnuary schedule for The Bottle Shop Tasting Room this month. Use the QR-Code to sign up for our newsletter.

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Thurs & Fri Jan 15 & 16 - Wines We've Forgotten About
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Until next time – Salud!

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KNOWING WHEN TO CONSIDER ASSISTED LIVING IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

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One of the first indicators is difficulty with daily activities. Seniors may struggle with cooking, bathing, managing medications, or keeping up with household chores. In the San Gabriel Valley, where many older adults live alone in long-time family homes, these challenges can go unnoticed until a fall, illness, or emergency occurs.

Memory changes are another common concern. Missed appointments, confusion while driving familiar streets, or forgetting to turn off appliances may signal that additional support is needed. Social isolation is also a growing issue locally, especially for seniors whose families live out of the area or who no longer drive. Loneliness can negatively impact both physical and emotional health.

Family members often step in to help, but caregiver stress should not be overlooked. Balancing work, family, and caregiving responsibilities can quickly become overwhelming. This is where guidance can make a difference. Organizations such as Safe Path for Seniors, a local senior placement service, help families understand care options and navigate assisted living communities throughout Pasadena, Arcadia, Glendora, and the surrounding areas.

Assisted living does not mean giving up independence. Many local communities offer private apartments, daily meals, housekeeping, transportation, and 24-hour support, along with social activities that promote wellness and connection.

Starting the conversation early allows seniors to be part of the decision-making process. With the right information and local support, families can make confident choices that help their loved ones continue to thrive close to home. For more information, Safe Path for Seniors can be reached at (626) 999-6913.



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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IT'S NOT A MESS, IT'S MY CREATIVE DECOR!

The greatest joy I have every morning is not only getting up but also stepping in my office. I step inside, pause for a moment, and look around at all the books on my shelves. I have almost 10,000 books. And yes, I read every one of them. Well, except for commentaries and dictionaries. I love looking through all my books, and most of them, I know where I got them. Every once in a while, I'll take one down and spend some time reading it. What would I do without my books?

If you saw my desk, you would not be able to find it. My desk is such a mess of papers and folders, my laptop, and other things. But I love every bit of it. When I retired, I had to have a room built at the back of our house for my office. I think it was one of the best things I've ever done. Walking into that office is a wonderful experience for me. Some days, I look at all of the books that I have written and remember working on that manuscript. I have over 30 books at the present time.

Every once in a while, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will come into my office while I'm working. She will step in, pause, look all around my office and then say, "What a mess you have." I will look up to her with a big smile on my face and reply, "Where do you see any mess?"

With sort of a grunt in her voice, she says, "Just look all around this office. It's a mess everywhere. I don't know how you can work in this environment?" "It's not a mess," I respond to her, "it is my creative décor." I'm sure she's never heard that phrase before, especially coming out of my mouth.

Several times, I walked into her Craft Room and noticed how pristine it is. When I walk in, I get a bit dizzy, and I'm not sure how to get out. Such organization is not my cup of tea.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is known for her organizing skills. If you want something organized, call her. I caught her once in my office trying to organize some things. I had to gently calm her down and walk her out of my office and set her in her chair.

My philosophy is, if you can't find something, you don't need it. And if you need something, you'll find it. I can tell how many times I couldn't find what I wanted at that time. I have learned to stop looking for it and get back to work. When I do that, all of a sudden, I find what I need. I'm not sure how that works, but in my office, it works.

Unlike The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, I do not have to have everything organized. And the word "messy" is not part of my vocabulary. Often, I will ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "What do you mean by messy?"

Oh, she will go on a long tirade explaining to me what she considers messy. I listen, but I do not comprehend what she's saying. Messy is a part of me. Not too long ago, while she was in her Craft Room, I peeked in and said, "Would you like me to organize your Craft Room?"

She stared at me for a moment and then said, "I think I'm quite all right here. There is nothing here that you can do to organize this room. Just go to your messy office and get back to work." I chuckled all the way down the hall towards my office. What would her room look like if I organized it? I'm pretty sure she would not be able to find anything she needed for any of her crafts. Whereas in my "messy office," I can find anything I want. If I can't find it, I don't need it. And if I don't need it, I'm not going to worry about it. Life can bring you a lot of lemons, but I would rather have ice tea. Sometimes, as I walk around in my office looking at my library, I see a book I haven't seen for a long time. With great delight, I go to my chair and begin reading it.

All the books in my office have created a beautiful display that I enjoy every day. Since my retirement, I can go in and out of my office as I please. Recently, both The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had the flu. All week I wore my pajamas when I went into my office. I could go in and out as I pleased, dressed as I pleased.

As I was sitting in my office, thinking about this, I was reminded of a verse of scripture that addressed it. The Apostle Paul said, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

According to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, my office may be a mess. That's not the important issue. The thing that must be organized is my service to the Lord. That is the only thing that is crucial in my everyday life.

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TOOLS TO HELP YOU FIND A PLACE TO RETIRE

Dear Savvy Senior,

What resources can you recommend for researching good places to retire in the U.S.? My husband and I are interested in relocating to a warmer climate when we retire next year.
Looking to Relocate



Dear Looking,

It's exciting to think about relocating in retirement! Whether you're considering seasonal escapes or a permanent change, there are a wide variety of digital resources that can help you find and research new locations. Here are some tips and tools to help you get started.

Where to Retire?

Deciding where to relocate when you retire is a big decision. There are many factors to think about to ensure the move supports your lifestyle, financial goals, and overall well-being. To help you identify some good retirement locations you need to consider things like cost of living, climate, taxes, health care, housing, crime, access to social and recreational activities, access to transportation and proximity to family and friends.

If you're at the beginning of your search, a good starting point is BestPlaces.net. This site compiles demographic data from numerous reliable sources, updates it regularly and lets you easily compare cities using different criteria, such as housing cost, climate, crime, religious practice, voting patterns and education level. They even offer a 10-question "Where is the best place for me to live?" quiz, which may suggest some locations you may never have thought of.

There are also news and financial publications like U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, WalltHub, Bankrate and The Motley Fool that publish "best places to retire" ranking lists on their websites each year. These can give you an idea of popular retirement locations based on different sets of criteria.

Once you identify a few good spots, here are some additional resources that can help you dig a little deeper.

Cost of living: Affordability is often the No. 1 factor when deciding where to relocate. To research and compare the cost of living from your current location to where you would like to move, use the previously mentioned BestPlaces.net, the Economic Policy Institute Family Budget Calculator at EPI.org/resources/budget and/or Bankrate's cost of living calculator at Bankrate.com/real-estate/cost-of-living-calculator. And, because housing is a big expense, you can take a deeper dive into these costs at Zillow.com and Realtor.com.

Taxes: Some states are more tax friendly than others. To investigate how states treat retirees when it comes to income, sales, property and other taxes, see Kiplinger tax guide at Kiplinger.com – search "Taxes on Retirees: A State-by-State Guide."

Crime rate: To evaluate how safe a community or area is, the FBI Crime Data Explorer (cde.ucr.cjis.gov) allows you to explore crime statistics at the national, state, and local levels.

Climate: You can find U.S. climate/weather information at National Centers for Environmental Information at NCEI.noaa.gov. And to research climate change factors and the risks of extreme temperatures, wildfires, floods, hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes and drought in different locations, use ClimateCheck.com and FEMA (Hazards.fema.gov/nri/map).

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Transportation: If you plan to travel much, or expect frequent visits from your kids or grandkids, convenient access to an airport or train station is a big advantage.

Once you have narrowed down your choices, spend a couple weeks in each location at different times of the year so you can get a feel for the seasonal weather changes, and so you can carefully weigh the pros and cons of living there. You may find that you like the area more as a vacation spot than as a year-round residence. It's also a good idea to rent for a year before buying a home or making a commitment to a retirement community.

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Because of our heavy rains of November and December, wild areas and backyard and alleys are full of tall green floral growth, most of which are widely regarded as weeds and are cut down as fast as the weed-whackers can work.

But some (though not all) of these wild weeds are great food, as long as we take the time to learn to accurately recognize them.

One of the conspicuous large weeds currently filling every vacant space is the mallow plant, also known as cheeseweed.

USES:

Mallow leaves are edible eaten raw, and are commonly used in salads. The leaves are a bit tough though chefs have found many ways to bring mallow to the table. In salads, they are chopped fine (think “taboule”), and they impart a slightly mucilaginous texture. The leaves, with the tough stems removed, are regularly cooked and eaten like spinach. They can also be added to soup.

Experimental chefs have found that the large leaves of the mallow can be used as a replacement for grape leaves in the popular Middle Eastern dolma (“grape leaf”), which is rice and meat rolled into a grape leaf.

During Covid, when many people were at home experimenting with foods, it was discovered that you can successfully sautee the individual leaf, making “mallow chips.”

As the plant matures, little flat round fruits develop along the stalk. These fruits can be eaten as-is while still green, having a nutty flavor. The green fruits are also popularly pickled, created a sort of wild caper.

The mature fruits can also be gathered, dried, and then the seeds separated from the chaff and other debris by winnowing the plant through a soft breeze. The seeds can then be simmered in water. They swell up slightly, and they can be seasoned and eaten like rice.

NUTRITION

The tasty mallow plant is also good for you. According to the USDA, 100 grams (½ cup) of the mallow leaf contains 249 milligrams of calcium, 69 milligrams of phosphorus, 2,190 international units of vitamin A, and 35 milligrams of vitamin C. An analysis of the same volume of mallow leaf by Duke and Atchley showed 90 milligrams of calcium, 42 milligrams of phosphorus, 410 milligrams of potassium, and 24 milligrams of vitamin C. This second analysis also revealed 3,315 micrograms of beta carotene.

MEDICINE/NUTRITION:

Herbalist Michael Moore regards mallow as a good demulcent and emollient. An infusion of its leaves is used for coughs and to soothe the throat. In Mexico, the raw leaves are chewed to alleviate minor sore throats. According to Daniel Moerman (“Native American Ethnobotany”), the leaves were used externally by Native Americans as a poultice on sores and swellings.

IDENTIFYING MALLOW

Mallow leaves are roundish in outline, palmately divided into 7 to 11 shallow lobes, with a margin of small teeth. Where the long leaf stem meets the base of the leaf blade, you will notice a red spot on the upper surface of the leaf. The leaves are alternate and almost hairless.

The flowers are arranged in close axillary clusters along the branches. The floral parts are five sepals, five rose-colored petals about 1/8 inch long, numerous stamens, and one pistil. Circular flat fruits develop from the flowers. These ¼-inch green fruits split when ripe into up to a dozen nutlets, resembling packaged cheese, thus its common name: cheeseweed.

WHERE FOUND:

Mallow has naturalized here from Europe and Asia. It is almost always found around the disturbed soils of urban areas, and tends to be mostly absent from wilderness areas. Look for this plant in vacant lots and waste areas. Mallow is one of the most common urban wild plants. This spreading and highly branched annual reaches to about three feet tall and is seen as mounds of green in the lots.

HISTORY

This plant is related to the marsh mallow (Althea officinalis), the root of which was boiled to yield a slimy juice. This was whipped into a froth and made into an age-old medicine for sore throats, bronchial troubles, and coughs. Today, marshmallows have no marshmallow root extract, but are made of eggs, sugar, and other ingredients and sold as candy.

Experiments done by author Euell Gibbons (“Stalking the Healthful Herbs”), common mallow root (Malva parviflora) will not yield as thick and slimy a juice when boiled, but the green fruits (and the roots) can be boiled and the water beaten for an inferior but still useful substitute.

RECIPES:

MALLOW -POTATO DISH

5 C. mallow leaves, torn or cut into bite-size pieces

2 large boiled potatoes

½ pint sour cream

Dill weed

Boil the potatoes until tender. Steam the mallow until tender. It’s easier to cook them separately because the potatoes will take longer to cook. Dice the potatoes and blend them in a serving dish with the mallow greens. Mix in the sour cream, and top with the dill before serving. Best if served warm. Serves two or three.



Ben Herrera examines the leaves of the mallow plant.

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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 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org.

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PELVIC FLOOR BUZZ

For years, the message about the pelvic floor was simple: if you leak urine, do Kegels. That advice helped some but left many confused or in pain. Today, doctors and physical therapists are talking about something fitness professionals have understood for decades. A muscle can be weak. A muscle can be tight. Sometimes, it can be both. The pelvic floor is no exception.

This issue affects far more people than most realize. It is not limited to women or older adults. Athletes, weekend exercisers, and people who have never stepped into a gym can all experience pelvic floor problems. Many notice leaking when they cough, laugh, run, or lift. Others feel pressure, urgency, pain, or difficulty emptying the bladder or bowels. Symptoms often appear in active people who brace their bodies during workouts and in older adults who hold tension from fear of falling or leaking.

The pelvic floor is a group of muscles at the bottom of the pelvis, forming a supportive sling for the bladder and bowel, and in women, the uterus. These muscles play a key role in bladder and bowel control, posture, balance, breathing, and core stability. Like all muscles, the pelvic floor must tighten when needed and relax when safe. It must also have endurance and move with breathing. Problems start when this balance is lost.

Pelvic floor issues usually develop slowly over time due to chronic stress, poor breathing, surgery, injury, childbirth, or years of holding tension. Many people tighten their pelvic floor without realizing it, especially during exercise or lifting. Over time, this constant holding changes how the muscles work.

A tight muscle can feel weak. When a muscle stays tense all day, it becomes shortened and tired. It loses its ability to contract strongly and relax fully. This is why some people faithfully do Kegels, strengthen their abs and glutes, and still leak, hurt, or feel worse. They are strengthening a muscle that never learned to let go.

Doing the wrong thing for the wrong problem can make symptoms worse. Strengthening exercises help a pelvic floor that is weak but able to relax. Strengthening an already tight pelvic floor often increases pain, urgency, and dysfunction. This is why pelvic health experts now say that if a pelvic floor muscle cannot relax, it should not be strengthened yet.

Pelvic health physical therapists do not guess. They look at symptoms, breathing patterns, posture, and how the hips and core work together. They assess how the pelvic floor feels at rest, whether it can relax, and how well it contracts and releases. They determine: can the muscle fully relax? If the answer is no, the issue is not just weakness.

Athletes often experience pelvic floor problems because of over-bracing. Heavy lifting, high-impact sports, and intense core training can train the body to stay tight. This can lead to leaking during exercise, pelvic pain, hip and back problems, and reduced performance. Learning how to relax the pelvic floor before strengthening it often improves control and power.

Older adults face a different challenge. With age, many breathe more shallowly, sit more, and move with extra tension. Fear of falling or leaking can cause constant guarding. In these cases, the goal is not just strength, but control, coordination, and confidence in movement.

People who worry they may have a tight pelvic floor often notice patterns in their body. They may hold their breath during movement, clench their stomach or glutes without meaning to, or feel tension in the hips, tailbone, or low back. Bathroom habits can offer clues, such as difficulty starting urine, feeling unable to fully empty, or straining despite soft stools. When clinicians identify excess pelvic tension, treatment usually focuses on relaxation rather than strengthening. This includes breathing retraining, letting the pelvic muscles drop instead of lift, improving posture and movement habits, gentle hands-on therapy, and reducing unnecessary bracing linked to stress.

If pelvic floor muscles never learn to relax, they can't work properly. Strength becomes limited, pain and tension persist, and bladder or bowel problems may continue. Even athletes may notice reduced core stability and performance, while everyday activities can feel uncomfortable. Without relaxation, the pelvic floor is always "on" and never fully functional, making long-term strength, comfort, and control much harder to achieve.

Luckily, most people can regain balance with awareness and consistent practice. Learning to breathe, release tension, and move naturally allows the pelvic floor to support strength rather than resist it. For anyone dealing with leaks, pressure, or pelvic discomfort, the first step is learning to let go. Notice your tension, breathe fully, and allow your muscles to relax, the foundation for true strength and comfort.

ALL THINGS by Jeff Brown

Fire Survivors Face a Second Disaster-Their Insurance Companies By Richard Rieber, Opinion Piece in CalMatters Jan 12,2026

I am an Altadena resident & an aerospace engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, but for the past year my second full-time job has been fighting my insurance company. I am one of thousands of Eaton Fire survivors caught in a second disaster — not in the canyons, but in the fine print.

After the Eaton and Palisades fires, survivors turned to insurers to help us rebuild. We had paid premiums faithfully for decades, exactly for this moment. Instead, we encountered obstruction, delay and bureaucracy. Navigating this system has compounded the trauma of losing our homes, possessions and communities.

California's Unfair Insurance Practices Act, enacted in 1959, was designed to prevent precisely this kind of misconduct. Yet nearly every fire survivor I know has experienced violations: rotating adjusters, ignored emails and phone calls, and missed legal deadlines. Despite widespread complaints, there has not been a single public enforcement action related to these fires. California's insurance protections have become a regulatory mirage — visible on paper but absent in practice.

One of the most harmful practices is what many survivors call "toxic gaslighting." Thousands of residents downwind of the fires are dealing with smoke and soot contamination, yet insurers routinely deny these claims, arguing that smoke does not qualify as fire damage. The soot that blanketed our communities contains carcinogens, including lead, asbestos and heavy metals. Still, insurers often refuse to pay for the industrial hygienist testing needed to identify these hazards. Instead, homeowners are told that a simple vacuuming or wipe-down is sufficient — a response that leaves toxic particulates behind and puts families at risk. Some survivors have paid thousands of dollars out of pocket for testing, only to have the results ignored.

The Department of Insurance complaint process offers little relief. For most homeowners, filing a complaint leads to silence. Only when an overwhelming number of complaints accumulate against a single insurer will the department consider a "market conduct examination," a process that can take years and typically concludes long after rebuilding is complete. It provides no timely remedy for individual families.

For survivors, time itself becomes a weapon. Additional living expense coverage is meant to pay rent while homes are repaired, but in a post-disaster housing market where rents have soared, those funds are quickly depleted. Every ignored call and delayed inspection drains that coverage. As the money runs out, families face an impossible choice: homelessness or accepting an unsafe and unfair settlement. Delay has become a profitable business strategy.

This imbalance is structural. A 1988 California Supreme Court decision stripped consumers of the right to sue for violations of the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, leaving enforcement solely to the Insurance Commissioner and removing immediate consequences for insurer misconduct. California must change course. The state should create a streamlined administrative process allowing the Department of Insurance to validate complaints and refer them to administrative law judges who can adjudicate claims in real time, determine fair payouts, and impose significant fines paid directly to the insured. Insurer-caused delays should trigger a "delay tax" in the form of additional living-expense payments beyond policy limits. Insurance companies deserve due process. But fire survivors deserve the good faith we earned by paying decades of premiums. Until noncompliance costs insurers more than delay and denial, Californians will continue to be victimized twice — first by disaster, then by their insurers.



UNLOCK YOUR LIFE



Lori A. Harris

EMOTIONAL SELF-CARE FOR MOM, DAD AND OUR LITTLES:

Introduction to Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT)
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As we recalibrate from the devastation of the fires, we find ourselves searching for ways to restore emotional balance and resilience. In challenging times like these, self-care is not a luxury—it's a necessity. This is true for all of us. Seeing the vast destruction of our community is impactful for each of us. Navigating a loss on such a grand scale is difficult. One powerful tool for calming anxious minds and fostering emotional well-being is the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT). This method isn't just for adults; it's simple enough to share with children, helping the whole family navigate stress together.

What Is EFT? EFT, or Emotional Freedom Technique, is a scientifically backed practice combining tapping specific acupressure points with an intentional focus on emotional challenges. Often described as "emotional acupressure," EFT has been shown to help individuals recover from stress, anxiety, and trauma, including veterans and victims of crime or other life-altering events.

Gently tapping on designated points stimulates your body's energy meridians, releasing emotional blockages and promoting relaxation. It's a technique grounded in science that reduces cortisol (the stress hormone), alters brain wave activity, and encourages emotional balance.

How to Perform EFT? Here's a simple guide to practicing EFT for emotional relief:

Identify the Issue: Clearly define the emotion or issue you're experiencing—fear, sadness, anger, or survivor's guilt.

Rate the Intensity: On a scale from 0 to 10, rate the intensity of the emotion, with 10 being the most severe.

Setup Phrase: Tap the side of your hand (the "karate chop" point) while saying, "Even though I feel [emotion], I deeply and completely accept myself."

Tap the Points: While repeating affirmations like "I release and let this go" or "I love and accept myself," gently tap on the following points:

Top of Head: Center of the scalp.
Eyebrow: Inner edge, near the bridge of the nose.
Side of Eye: Outer edge of the eye socket.
Under Eye: Just below the eye.
Under Nose: Between the upper lip and nose.

Chin: Center of the chin, just below the lower lip.
Collarbone: Just above the collarbone.
Wrist: Grab the wrist of the tapping hand with the opposite hand and gently release the wrist.

Repeat the process, reassessing the intensity of the emotion after each round. Many people notice a significant reduction in emotional intensity within just a few minutes.

Benefits of EFT Reduce Stress and Anxiety: EFT promotes relaxation and helps release pent-up tension.

Enhance Mood and Well-being: Addressing emotional blockages fosters a sense of calm and happiness.

Build Self-Confidence: EFT challenges negative self-beliefs, empowering you to embrace your strengths.

Strengthen Relationships: Managing emotional reactivity improves communication and connection with loved ones.

Sharing EFT With Your Children

Children, like adults, experience emotional ups and downs. By teaching them EFT, you provide them with a lifelong tool for managing stress and building resilience. Engage them in the process by explaining it as "magic tapping" that helps emotions feel better. Keep the language simple and the tone lighthearted, making it a fun and comforting activity.

Moving Forward Together As we move forward from our collective challenges, remember that healing is a journey. EFT is one of many tools to help us and our little ones find peace, strength, and balance. In the weeks ahead, I will share additional techniques and insights to support your family's emotional well-being. Together, we can create a foundation of resilience and hope for the future.

Today, try EFT and involve your children. You might be surprised how a few taps can make a real difference.

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PERSERVERANCE: A LESSON WE MUST ALL LEARN

First, let me emphasize as strongly as possible that I am not a fan of the current American President. In fact, I shall do my best to avoid mentioning his dreaded name within this article that I am trying to create. Now that this avoidance is understood, let us begin. The first lesson involves the results that can be bought about by simple perseverance as demonstrated by the President.

Perseverance. If you want something, keep pushing, keep trying until you get what you want. Once you get it, you might realize that you really didn't want it. It makes no difference now that you have achieved what you set out to do; you can now take a minute or an hour or a lifetime to congratulate yourself on your achievement. It is not even important that you understand why that achievement was ever so important in the first place. Now that you have done it, what do you want to do with it?

Perhaps we all understand this better than the President himself. There is much agreement that the President really doesn't care about being President. There is nothing he wants other than attention, victory, and acceptance. He believes that these are goals which can be reached by his imagining the attitudes of other people.

The second lesson we learn from the President is that his goals cannot be reached from without, they must be reached from within. He has been elected to the American Presidency twice. Many better educated, more intelligent, even richer people have undoubtedly wanted the same thing, but he's the one who did it; shouldn't that be enough?

Why do we need attention, admiration, and validation from other people? Aren't those things we should be able to attain for ourselves? One would think that achieving money, status, power, and even being admired by other people would be enough. Perhaps the great drive that allows certain individuals to persevere arises from a certain inner void. Maybe it has to do with genetics, or upbringing, or experiencing a painful tragedy at a young age, or feeling rejected by a loved one or just the realization that one is unloved.

The reasons for the feeling of continual dissatisfaction are multiple and unanswerable. Another lesson is that we, the unpersevering masses, benefit greatly from the efforts of those strivers. They work hard and make discoveries, create jobs, and entertain us. In a certain way it should be understood that they live their lives that have consequences that benefit the rest of us whether it is their intention or not.

The problem is that as a result of their persevering efforts these individuals often end up in powerful positions that affect the rest of us. Clearly, the present President has little interest in our welfare, he is a slave to his unquenchable needs which can never be fulfilled. Poor guy—but it is difficult to have much sympathy for him. What can we do to help ourselves? The lesson that is clear is that society at large must take action that influences the rich and powerful. There are such people, officials, or appointees that can bring about change. I would suggest universal boycotts, perhaps everyone could stock up on food and then stop buying stuff, stop going out to eat, even stop driving and buying gas. Universal strikes and boycotts could do the trick. We all must be ready to do what must be done even if it hurts for a while. That is how we can persevere ignoring our current desires and focusing on the long run.

I did go to college and learned a little about the effect of boycotts and strikes. During the brief time I worked with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Mississippi I witnessed how joint action which affect the pocketbooks of the upper classes will inevitably bring about change. We can do it and I hope we do. Otherwise, there will be more painful lessons for the rest of us to learn. There is a huge potential for unimaginable discomfort.

The lesson is that temporary willing sacrifice can do the trick. I know that economics is important not only to those of us who buy things but also to those who sell things. It is a wonderful demonstration of ultimate equality that can ultimately benefit everyone. That is something worth persevering for!



HOWARD Hays As I See It

"Get it all on record now – get the films – get the witnesses – because somewhere down the road of history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened." – Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, on viewing evidence of Nazi atrocities following the German surrender

President Trump, for whom the Donald J. Trump Institute of Peace was named (until last month known as the United States Institute of Peace) and owner of a Nobel Peace Prize (received from its actual recipient in exchange for a White House swag bag) is setting up a Board of Peace. \$1 billion buys a permanent seat; money controlled by the Chairman, membership and board decisions upon approval of the Chairman – named as Donald J. Trump, who'd hold the position indefinitely and name his successor.

Trump sees it as replacing the United Nations. A stated mission to "secure enduring peace", run by a guy eager to deploy 1,500 federal troops against Minnesota (Stephen Colbert assures, "That'll calm everybody down"), and whose top aide Stephen Miller insists we're entitled to Greenland simply because our military can defeat Denmark's.

But whatever Trump's commitment to peace, it's now up in the air. He told Norway's prime minister that since he wasn't awarded that Noble Prize, he's not that into it anymore. He now demands Greenland for "security". (Jimmy Kimmel notes the irony of war threats over a peace prize.) For our allies, it's like restaurant management dealing with a toddler throwing food on the floor while not wanting to lose that family's business. For China and Russia, it's delight over the sinking of NATO – unable to do it themselves and now Trump's doing it for them.

Ninety years ago in Europe, "security" was the stated justification for crossing borders to seize territory – echoed today by Trump. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and others blame events in Minneapolis on Democrats' calling federal agents "Nazis" and "Gestapo". In response, there's the pro-tip that if you don't want to be compared with Nazis and the Gestapo, then don't act like them.

Or dress like them. When CBP chief Greg Bovino showed up in that long trenchcoat with black scarf in Minneapolis for his photo op, one wondered if, when watching "Hogan's Heroes" as a kid, he didn't yearn to grow up and be on the other side. The Mirror collected posts from X: "Chief Greg Bovino walking around Minneapolis in his custom Nazi cosplay coat . . . harassing American patriots exercising their First Amendment rights". There was, "Why does he look like Hitler to me?" and "Absolute Gestapo."

At the Department of Labor, there was Trump's face on what Gov. Newsom's office called a "Thank You, Glorious Leader" banner hung over the side of their building. They captioned one of their social media posts, "America for Americans", which many connected with the ubiquitous "Deutschland den Deutschen!" from early last century.

At DHS, Secretary Kristi Noem had the phrase "One of Ours. All of Yours" on her podium the day after Renee Good was killed. It's connected with the 1942 massacre in the Czech village of Lidice, wiped out when villagers were accused of killing an SS officer. Nazis used the slogan now embraced by Noem to warn that if their soldiers were attacked, an entire population would be killed or sent to concentration camps. Trump blasts out a Wagnerian, "THE DAY OF RECKONING & RETRIBUTION IS COMING!". (This all began with allegations of fraud at daycare centers.)

Another Labor Department post was headed, "One Homeland. One People. One Heritage." Joking about the obvious "Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuhrer" connection, government affairs attorney Robert Kelner posted, "That sounds very familiar. Can't quite place it. Maybe something in a different language? As for me, I remember who I am. I am the grandchild of immigrants. In a nation that welcomed all four of my grandparents when they were dirt poor, with no formal education, fleeing tyranny, pogroms and war."

The University of Pennsylvania is now in federal court, resisting the Trump Administration's demand they provide a comprehensive list - names, phone numbers, home and email addresses - of all Jewish students, faculty, staff - and those affiliated with campus Jewish organizations. UPenn Religious Studies Professor Steven Weitzman reminds, "The Nazi campaign against Jews depended on institutions like universities handing over information about their Jewish members to the authorities." A group of faculty members warns of what this means "not only for the Jewish community but for all of us: unfettered government power to stifle opposition, impose ideological uniformity and undermine civil society."

Making the connection directly was U.S. Marine vet "Skye", who told how as she was following ICE in Minneapolis, they suddenly braked and jerked into reverse, tried ramming her car, broke her window, "yanked" her out by the neck, shoved her face in the ground, stomped on her and warned, "Have you not learned? This is why we killed that lesbian b*tch". Referring to her own service, she said, "I took an oath. And it's the oath they're spitting on and stomping on. And this isn't Germany. They're Nazis. They're Gestapo. They think that they're above the law. They don't care."

We need to get those records, films and witnesses in order, as Gen. Eisenhower advised. Not just for "down the road of history" - but as we approach the midterms, for those who still might not have been paying attention.

RICH JOHNSON



PRESIDENTS, PARROTS, AND PECULIARITIES

Presidential legacies are best viewed in a rearview mirror. Never reserve your final opinion of our chief executives until they are out of office for a considerable length of time. While they are in office upwards of 50% of the commentariats extol our chief executive's glowing successes while the other half decry the pending destruction of modern civilization. In Trump's case 93% of the major purveyors of news decry his villainous reign and our impending doom. Let's look at some other presidential peculiarities: Andrew Jackson, our 7th caretaker of the White House, had a pet parrot named Poll. Poll was an extension of President Jackson particularly in Jackson's fiery use of the language. During Andrew Jackson's funeral the parrot had to be removed due to his "inappropriate language". I wonder if Poll did press conferences?

If you want to document a presidential act that added substantially to not only the quality of life here in the good ole' US of A, but also the wasteline. Thomas Jefferson, number 3 in the White House, invented what possibly was the first hand-cranked ice cream machine. Now there is a president who deserves our eternal thanks. And by the way, don't play "Trivial Pursuit" with President Jefferson. He will win!

President #26, aka Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning in 1912 in Milwaukee was shot in the chest. "Teddy" was not about to let a little bullet in the chest slow him down. The consummate politician continued his hour long speech before seeking medical care. And don't let him take you out for dinner. "Teddy" was described as an adventurous eater. Loved the exotic cuisine.

Most people don't know this about president #16, aka Abraham Lincoln. Abe was a accomplished wrestler. He was always known for his physical strength, but he limited his wrestling career to his youth. Except when it came to wrestling rhetoric.

The first president to throw out the first pitch in a baseball game was president #27, William Howard Taft. Taft, by the way, was 5'11" tall, weighed 322 pounds, wore 54-inch waist pants. His shoe size was 14. The first pitch was thrown in 1910 at a Washington Senators baseball game. Presidents have been doing it every since.

#37, President Nixon not only had a dog named Checkers, Tricky Dick had a passion for playing the game of checkers.

We have all heard #1 president, George Washington, had false teeth. The claim his teeth were wooden is a bit in error. To be truthful his "dentures" were made out of wood, ivory, gold and human teeth. How and where did he get the human teeth?

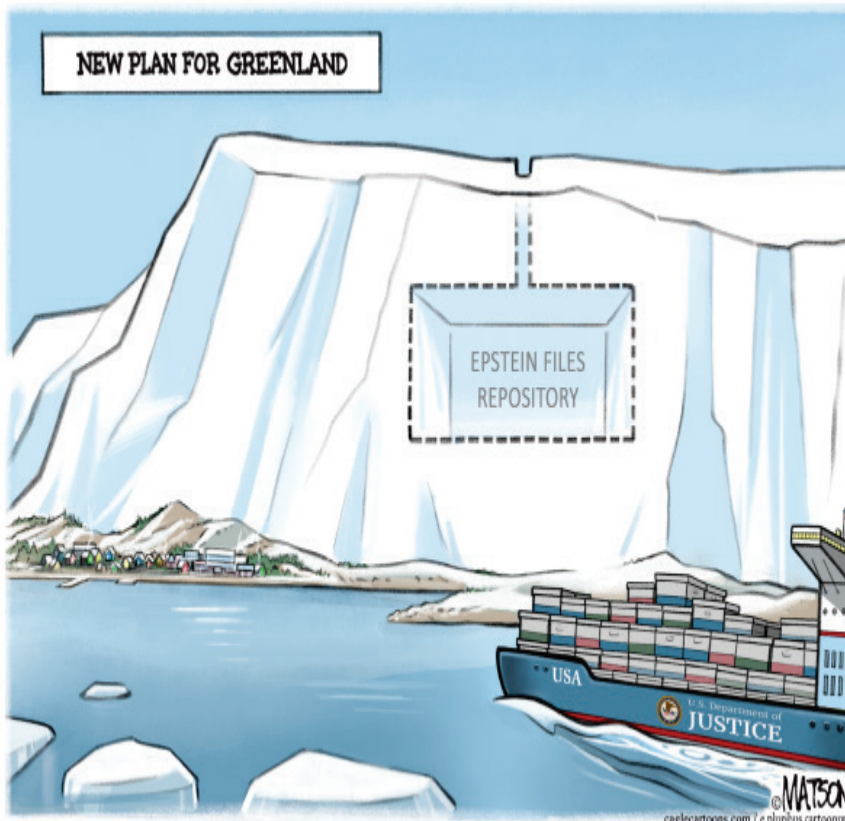
John Quincy Adams, #5. Please don't let Mr. Adams swim in your pool. He was known for swimming in the all together. The "all-together" means no clothes.

John Kennedy could read 1,200 words per minute. The average reader reads at 238 words per minute when reading silently. Out loud reading drops to 183 words per minute.

Ronald Reagan had a big old jar of jelly beans on his presidential desk. Many think it was there to remind him and others to give up smoking and replace that vice with jelly beans.

I sometimes wonder why people run for office. Chutzpah, a Yiddish word, can be interpreted for good or for bad. Some call chutzpah "courage bordering on arrogance". Whether good or bad, people who run for president put themselves smack dab in the bull's eye. They should be given credit, and they should also be publicly held to a high standard, particularly if elected.

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



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2025287627
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: Z-AXIS
CREATIONS 14400 FRIAR ST 307
VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. Full name
of registrant(s) is (are) SARTAJ
MOHAMMED 14400 FRIAR ST
307 VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. This

Business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARTAJ
MOHAMMED/OWNER. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
12/30/2026. The registrant(s) has
(have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2025-282684
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: BONNY
PHOTO STUDIO SUPPLIES,
4433 S. ALAMEDA ST. A-62B,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90058. Full
name of registrant(s) is (are)
ROSALINDA CATALINA VIDES, 4433
S. ALAMEDA ST. A-62B, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90058. This
Business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROSALINDA
CATALINA VIDES/OWNER. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
11/22/2025. The registrant(s) has
(have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-014431
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: DAVINCI
DESIGNS, DAVINCI EVENT
PLANNER, 6916 PACIFIC BLVD.
HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255
Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
LUCISME COUTURE INC, 6916
PACIFIC BLVD, HUNTINGTON
PARK, CA 90255. This Business is
conducted by: A CORPORATION.
Signed: DAVID SAUL DE PAZ
ARAMIREZ/PRESIDENT. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
01/21/2026. The registrant(s) has
(have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
above on 05/20/2020. NOTICE- This
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT File No. 2026-010398
 The following person(s) is (are)
 doing business as: FERROVIAL
 SA, 1527 W 108TH ST 3, LOS
 ANGELES, CA 90047. Full name
 of registrant(s) is (are) CHADRA
 WAITS, 1527 W 108TH ST 3,
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90047. This
 Business is conducted by: AN
 INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHADRA
 WAITS/OWNER. This statement
 was filed with the County Clerk of
 Los Angeles County on 01/15/2026.
 The registrant(s) has (have)
 commenced to transact business
 under the fictitious business name
 or names listed above on 12/20/25.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-0165922
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as: LA
SURVEILLANCE SOLUTIONS,
4535 N. HUNTINGTON DRIVE,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. Full
name of registrant(s) is (are)
ANTHONY MANZANO, 4535
N. HUNTINGTON DRIVE,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90032. This
Business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANTHONY
MANZANO/OWNER. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
01/23/2026. The registrant(s) has
(have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
above on 01/2026. NOTICE- This
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-012252/STATE
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: MASSFLOW
BODY SHOP, J.M. RENT A
CAR, 4509 FIRESTONE BLVD,
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full
name of registrant(s) is (are)
MORALES MASSFLOW; INC.
4509 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH
GATE, CA 90280. This Business is
conducted by: A CORPORATION.
Signed; WALTER SAUL PEREZ
MORALES/CEO. This statement
was filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on 01/16/2026.
The registrant(s) has (have)
commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name
or names listed above on N/A.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-008376
The following person(s)
is (are) doing business as
MONTEBELLO DENTAL CARE,
1400 W WHITTIER BLVD,
MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full
name of registrant(s) is (are)
SMILES GROUP CARE INC.,
1400 W WHITTIER BLVD,
MONTEBELLO, CA 90640.
This Business is conducted by: A
CORPORATION. Signed: LUIS
FLORES RIVERA/PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of Los Angeles County
on 01/13/2026. The registrant(s)
has (have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
above on 12/2025. NOTICE-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-009632
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: PAPA BEAR,
3038 9TH AVE, LOS ANGELES,
CA 90018. Full name of registrant(s)
is (are) LUIS ACOSTA-REYES,
3038 9TH AVE, LOS ANGELES,
CA 90018. This Business is
conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.
Signed: LUIS ACOSTA-REYES,
OWNER. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles County on 01/14/2026. The
registrant(s) has (have) commenced
to transact business under the
fictitious business name or names
listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2025-284237
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: ROBLEDO'S
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION,
13750 UNITED RD, DSRT HOT
SPGS, CA 92240. Full name
registrant(s) is (are) JESUS JR
ROBLEDO, 13750 UNITED RD,
DSRT HOT SPGS, CA 92240.
This Business is conducted by:
AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; JESUS
JR ROBLEDO/OWNER. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
12/23/2025. The registrant(s) has
(have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
above on 01/2022. NOTICE- This
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-010346
The following person(s) is (are) doing
business as: SAN PERDO LOCK

AND KEY, 464 W SEVENTH ST
SAN PEDRO, CA 90731. Full name
of registrant(s) is (are) QUEZADA
GROUP ENTERPRISES, 464 W
SEVENTH ST, SAN PEDRO, CA
90731. This Business is conducted
by: A CORPORATION. Signed
FAUSTINO QUEZADA/CEO. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
01/15/2026. The registrant(s) has
(have) commenced to transact
business under the fictitious
business name or names listed
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-015957
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: SHABAT
BUSINESS SERVICES, 10233
EIGHT ST, VICTORVILLE, CA
92392. Full name of registrant(s)
is (are) GLORIA B HERNANDEZ
10233 EIGHT ST, VICTORVILLE,
CA 92392. This Business is
conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
Signed: GLORIA B HERNANDEZ
OWNER. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles County on 01/22/2026. The
registrant(s) has (have) commenced
to transact business under the
fictitious business name or names
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-004886
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: SPEEDY SMOKE
TEST CENTER, 1206 N GAFFEY ST
STE A, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731
Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
PETER SEWA, 1206 N GAFFEY ST
STE A, SAN PEDRO, CA 90731
This Business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL. Signed; PETE
SEWA/OWNER. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles County on 01/08/2026. The
registrant(s) has (have) commenced
to transact business under the
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT File No. 2026-001023
The following person(s) _____
(are) doing business as: THE
TAKEDOWN BAR HAIR SALON
22005 S. AVALON BLVD SUITE
#E, CARSON, CA 90745. Full name
of registrant(s) is (are) PAULA
HASTINGS 1526 E. BACH ST
CARSON, CA 90745. This business
is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
Signed: PAULA HASTINGS
OWNER. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles County on 01/05/2026. The
registrant(s) has (have) commenced
to transact business under the
fictitious business name or name
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT File No. 2026-0165847
 The following person(s) is (are)
 doing business as: VEGA PRO
 CLEANING SERVICES, VEGA PRO,
 326 E 12TH ST, LOS ANGELES,
 CA 90015. Full name of
 registrant(s) is (are) ISABELLA
 BLUSH BOUTIQUE INC, 326 E
 12TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA
 90015. This Business is conducted
 by: A CORPORATION. Signed
 DAVID DE PAZ RAMIREZ/VIC
 PRESIDENT. This statement was
 filed with the County Clerk of Los
 Angeles County on 01/23/2026 at
 11:01 AM. The registrant(s) has (have)
 commenced to transact business
 under the fictitious business name
 or names listed above on 12/25/2025.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2026-001195
The following person(s) is/are
(are) doing business as: ALAM
JEWELERS, 18500 PIONEER BLVD
SUITE A, ARTESIA, CA 90701
Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
MOHAMMED JAHANGIR ALAM
18500 PIONEER BLVD SUITE A
ARTESIA, CA 90701. This Business
is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
Signed: MOHAMMED JAHANGIR
ALAM/OWNER. This statement
was filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on 01/05/2026.
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commenced to transact business
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2026-003608
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: AMERICAN
CLEANING COMPANY CORP.
924 S HOBART BLVD APT 504, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of
registrant(s) is (are) AMERICAN
CLEANING COMPANY CORP.
924 S HOBART BLVD APT
504, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006
This Business is conducted by
A CORPORATION. Signed
MATIAS DANIEL VANEGAS
VICE PRESIDENT. This statement
was filed with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on 01/07/2026
The registrant(s) has (have)
commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name
or names listed above on 08/2019
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2026-001056
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: CARTA'S
PAINTING SERVICE, 21225 E.
MESARICA RD, COVINA, CA
91724. Full name of registrant(s)
is (are) RENE RAFAEL CARTA
CARRILLO, 21225 E. MESARICA
RD, COVINA, CA 91724. This
Business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL. Signed; RENE
RAFAEL CARTA CARRILLO
OWNER. This statement was
filed with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles County on 01/05/2026.
The registrant(s) has (have)
commenced to transact business
under the fictitious business name
or names listed above on 07/2015.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-004804
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COAST TO COAST L&V CLEANING SERVICES, 4415 ORCHARD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037
Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEILY NOEMI OROZCO BARRIOS, 4415 ORCHARD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LEILY NOEMI OROZCO BARRIOS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/08/2026. 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 14111 et seq.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-008309
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EL SABOR LATINO, 3116 EL SEGUNDO BLVD APT 2, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DILMA ORALIA CASTRO CIFUENTES, 3116 EL SEGUNDO BLVD APT 2, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DILMA ORALIA CASTRO CIFUENTES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/13/2026. 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 14111 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News-JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2026-006925
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: GOLDEN NAILS
SALON, 8017 1/2 FLORENCE AVE.
DOWNEY, CA 90240. Full name
registrant(s) is (are) VIVIAN NGOC
NGUYEN, 8017 1/2 FLORENCE
AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240. This
Business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VIVIAN
NGOC NGUYEN/OWNER. This
statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County on
01/12/2026. The registrant(s) has
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-008243
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOODA ENTERPRIZE, 2203 W 152ND ST, COMPTON, CA 90220. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICHARD VALO, 2203 W 152ND ST, COMPTON, CA 90220. HENRY MEJIA, 8603 E LIVE OAK ST, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by COPARTNERS. Signed: RICHARD VALO/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/13/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2026. 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 14111 et seq. Business and Professions Code). Publish: Mountain Views News. JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-006918
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAYDEN MEXICAN PRODUCE, 1174 1/2 E 21ST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALDEGUNDO CRISPIN DAMIAN, 1174 1/2 E 21ST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALDEGUNDO CRISPIN DAMIAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/12/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 2026-003624
The following person(s) is (are)
doing business as: KAIROS FAITH

CRAFTER CONTRACTOR,
VANEGAS UNITED PLUMBING,
924 S HOBART BLVD APT 504,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Full
name of registrant(s) is (are)
MATIAS DANIEL VANEGAS,
924 S HOBART BLVD APT 504.
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DANIEL VANEGAS/OWNER. This
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-001430
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: OGD PAINTING, 6901 PERRY RD, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUDY OMAR ESCOBAR NAJERA, 6901 PERRY RD, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201, KARLA GOMEZ, 6901 PERRY RD, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: RUDY OMAR ESCOBAR NAJERA/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/05/2026. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-008174
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RODRICK ORLANDO SMITH TRUST, 1701 NORTH PAULSEN AVE, COMPTON, CA 90222. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RODRICK ORLANDO SMITH, TRUSTEE, 1701 NORTH PAULSEN AVE, COMPTON, CA 90222. This Business is conducted by: A TRUST. Signed: RODRICK ORLANDO SMITH/TRUSTEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/13/2026. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-007154
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WRC REMODELING SERVICES INC, 11324 CALIFORNIA AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WRC REMODELING SERVICES INC, 11324 CALIFORNIA AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: WILLIAN EDUARDO RIOS PABLO/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/12/2026. 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
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PAST AND PRESENT - WALK WITH ME ARCADIA HERITAGE WEEK

MAY 18-28, 2026

ON BEHALF OF THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AHS), WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT ARCADIA HERITAGE WEEK, A CITYWIDE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE INVITING STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE ARCADIA'S RICH HISTORY WHILE SHAPING ITS FUTURE.

THIS OPTIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO PRESERVE AND RECOGNIZE ARCADIA'S HERITAGE, BUILD A SHARED CIVIC IDENTITY, AND SEE THEMSELVES AS FUTURE LEADERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

Hallmarks of Arcadia Heritage Week

- Preserving Arcadia's local history and traditions
- Encouraging civic pride and community connection
- Engaging students through education and enrichment
- Connecting past generations with future leaders

Request for Partnership

- Monetary donations
- Scholarships or partial scholarships
- Gift cards or discounted items
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- Volunteer staff time
- Marketing materials
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The Philosophy Behind the Celebration

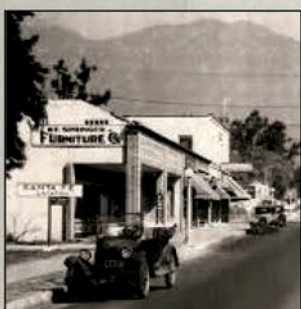
At its core, Arcadia Heritage Week is about valuing community, education, and shared history. It invites residents to reflect on the past while actively shaping a future rooted in pride, service, and leadership.

What's In It for Your Business

Public recognition throughout the celebration, logo placement on print and digital materials, tax-deductible contributions where applicable, and visibility as a business invested in Arcadia's future.

Contact Information

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ONE TIME EVENTS

January 1

Tournament of Roses 2026 "The Magic in Teamwork"
The iconic New Year's parade. Parade begins at 8 am at the corner of Orange Grove Boulevard and Green Street in Pasadena

January 1

Rose Bowl Game
The Indiana Hoosiers will take on the Alabama Crimson Tide in the College Football Quarterfinal. The game begins at 1pm

January 7

A Concert for Altadena at Pasadena Civic Auditorium
On the one-year anniversary of the Eaton Fire, this benefit concert honors the resilience of the community and raises funds for rebuilding. An amazing lineup of artists will perform. 6:30 pm

January 10

Flower Arranging: Orchids and Camellias at The Huntington
Create stunning arrangements in this wintry workshop. 10 am – 12 pm; 1pm – 3 pm

January 17

Guided Nature Meditations at Descanso Gardens
Experience a peaceful 15-minute meditation in a beautiful natural setting. 9 am; 9:30 am; 10 am

January 17

Guided Walk: Camellia Connections to Asian and Western History at The Huntington
Explore the Camellia Garden and discover the history of the beloved camellia. 9 am – 11 am

January 18

Rose Bowl Half Marathon and 5K Tenth Anniversary
Kick off the new year with a run through picturesque Pasadena and support the mission to cure neurological diseases.

January 24

Pasadena Symphony and Pops at Ambassador Auditorium Performs Mendelssohn and Meyer
A rich musical journey featuring Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony and Meyer's genre-bending Violin Concerto. 2 pm and 8 pm

January 24

Southern California Camellia Society Show and Sale at the Arboretum
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January 24

Nature Hike with Arcadia Community Center
Enjoy a staff-guided hike to Wisdom Tree. Includes transportation and boxed lunch. 7:30 am

Ongoing Events

January 1 – 3

Floatfest: A Rose Parade Showcase
View a two-mile showcase of stunning Rose Parade Floats on Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards in Pasadena.

Now – January 11

Winter Frolic at Kidspace Museum
Your little ones can share in the magic of the season with sock-skating, "ice-fishing", and more.

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Historic Downtown LA Walking Tour with LA Conservancy
Get a great overview of LA's history and architecture on this walking tour. 9:45 am

January 15, 16

Rooted Workshop: Terrariums at Descanso Gardens
Learn the basics of design, planting, and care as you create your own terrarium. 10 am – 11 am

January 26 – 31

Cheeseburger Week 2026 in Pasadena
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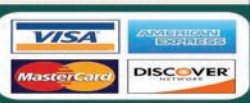
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