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HARRY WONG APPOINTED FINANCE DIRECTOR



Sierra Madre City Manager Mike Bruckner has appointed Harry Wong to the position of Finance Director following a competitive recruitment process. Currently serving as the Director of Finance & Administration for the City of Lynwood, Mr. Wong has nearly 15 years of municipal finance experience—including service with the cities of Monterey Park, Buena Park, and Garden Grove—developing and managing large city budgets and leading teams of finance professionals in challenging financial environments.

“I’m excited to join a community known for its safety and rich history,” said Mr. Wong. “I look forward to supporting the City Council and the City’s leadership team to enhance fiscal stability, navigate current budget challenges, and support the high level of service residents expect.”

With extensive experience in operating and capital budget administration, debt management, complex accounting, payroll, and other areas of financial management, Mr. Wong will support the City as it navigates a challenging budget environment and works to maintain current service levels supported by the General Fund. *(continued on page 3)*



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Conrad (seated) was taken by surprise when Sierra Madre Chamber President Chris Cimino and VP Rachele Arizmendi announced the selection.

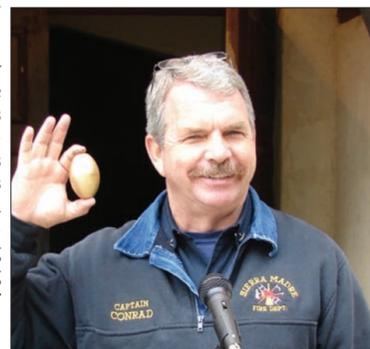
TODD CONRAD NAMED 2025 SIERRA MADRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Sierra Madre community will honor longtime volunteer Todd Conrad as this year’s Citizen of the Year, recognizing decades of dedicated service that have quietly strengthened the fabric of the town.

The announcement was made recently during a meeting of the Sierra Madre Events Committee, where volunteers were gathered to begin preparations for the city’s upcoming Fourth of July festivities and the community’s plans to celebrate America’s 250th birthday next year. During the meeting, Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce President Chris Cimino, Vice President Rachele Arizmendi, and Chamber Board Member Michelle Keith surprised Conrad with the announcement of his selection.

Conrad is best known for his 33 years with the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Department, where he served from 1981 until 2015 as both an Engineer and Captain. During his time with the department, he earned a reputation not only as a dependable responder but also as a mentor to younger firefighters. His commitment to training and developing new members led to him being named Firefighter of the Year in 2006. In 2011, he was also awarded the Public Safety Award at the annual Honors Dinner.

Todd’s leadership extended beyond emergency response. Conrad served on the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association and later as its president, helping organize many of the department’s long-standing community traditions and fundraising events. He also volunteered as a trainer for the Sierra Madre Fire Academy and served as the department’s liaison to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), helping residents prepare for emergencies. Continuing that commitment, Conrad is returning this year as a trainer for the city’s current CERT program.



In 2011 he was also awarded the Public Safety Award for his dedicated service.

Regionally, Conrad also served as president of the former San Gabriel Valley Firemen’s Association, further demonstrating his dedication to public service across the broader community.

While his years with the fire department represent a major chapter of his service, Conrad’s volunteerism extends well beyond emergency response. He has been active with the Sierra Madre Events Committee and the city’s beloved Fourth of July celebrations. During the holiday season, many residents know him best in another role — Santa Claus. Over the years he has volunteered to bring holiday cheer through appearances with the fire department, at the Sierra Madre Senior Center, Winter Village, St. Rita Church’s CLIMB program, The Gooden School, and the Pack Station in Santa Anita Canyon.

Conrad is also active at St. Rita’s Church as a member of the Men’s Club and serves as both a lector and usher. In neighboring Arcadia, he volunteers his time with the Arcadia High School Music Department by driving the semi-trailer used to transport band equipment to performances and competitions.

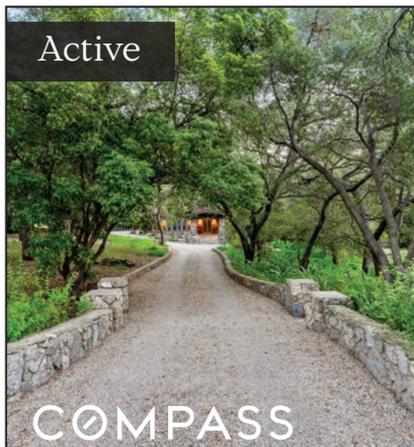
His past community involvement also includes leadership with CARE (Children’s Advancement Through Racing Environment), a mentoring program designed to support and guide young people.

Friends and neighbors say what truly sets Conrad apart are the many acts of service that happen quietly and without recognition. Whether repairing equipment for a neighbor, helping someone move, assisting with a home project, or responding when someone simply needs a hand, Conrad is known throughout town as someone who always shows up.

Todd Conrad and the other honorees will be formally recognized in May at the annual Sierra Madre Honors and Citizen of the Year Dinner, where the City of Sierra Madre and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce come together to celebrate the dedication, volunteerism, and community spirit of those who give so much back to the town.

By naming Conrad Citizen of the Year, the community is recognizing not just a lifetime of formal volunteer service, but also the everyday kindness and willingness to help others that continues to define his legacy in Sierra Madre.

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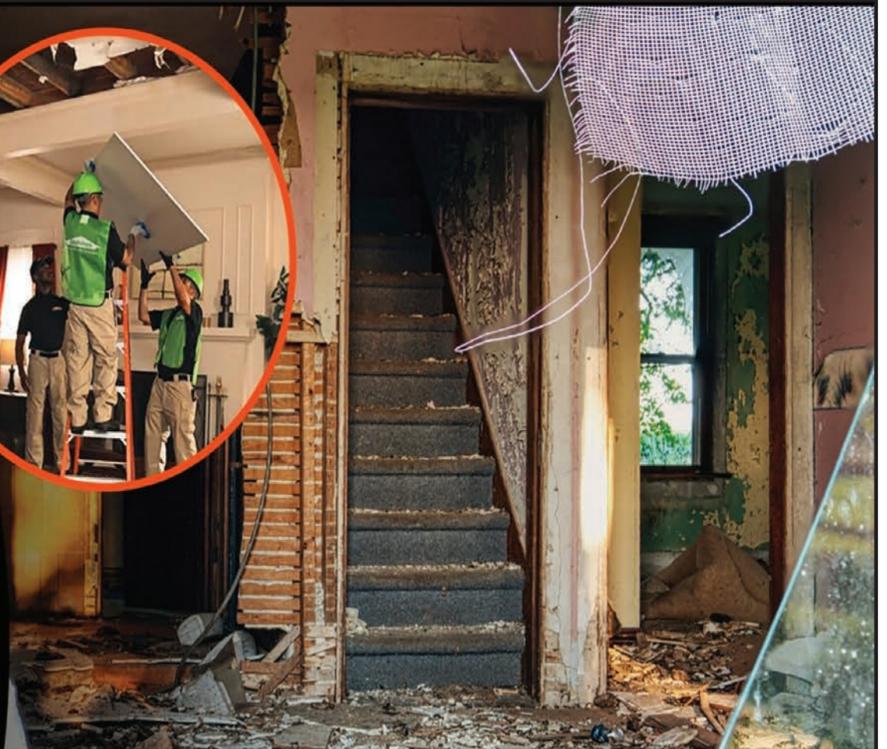
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SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 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 foothillsmidia.org/sier-ramadre 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.



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Saturday, February 28

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE: The Social Side by Deanne Davis



fans can find schedules and all they need to know elsewhere.

St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday, March 17th and joy of all joys, Daylight Savings begins Sunday night, March 8th. Yes, tomorrow! Spring Ahead, Fall Back, which means you need to set your clocks, all 27 of them, ahead one hour. This results in us losing an hour of sleep and being cranky for several days but the upside is an earlier sunrise and sunsets later.

February left us with a special treat that was supposed to be visible to the naked eye: The Planet Parade on February 28th. This naked eye saw absolutely nothing and I haven't heard from anyone who saw this splendid event when "Four of the planets, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn will be bright enough to see with the aforementioned naked eye." Ha!

What was spectacular and easily seen with anybody's naked eye who wanted to go outside and look was this month's full moon, the Worm Moon which started showing up the end of February and was awesome by last Tuesday, the 3rd, which also included a total lunar eclipse. God has certainly set up some interesting things for us to see in the skies. OK, the Worm Moon marks the return of earthworms as soil warms and spring begins. Early spring

WONG (Cont. from page 1)

"Harry brings the rare combination of technical depth and real-world municipal leadership," said City Manager Bruckner. "He's stepped into tough situations, stabilized core financial operations, and helped organizations make disciplined choices without

migration kicks off as ospreys, swallows and monarch butterflies start reappearing across Central Florida.

The March equinox occurs on March 20. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season. For me, Spring has arrived when I can get daffodils at Trader Joe's. That's the picture this week, glorious daffodils in my house. There is something about daffodils on the kitchen island and, yes, ridiculously, in my bathroom, that just makes me so happy. If you haven't treated yourself to some daffodils, do it today. They will make you feel better no matter what else is going on in your life.

To make you feel better about the return of Daylight Savings, March 8th is also International Women's Day, a day that celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights.

March 15th in addition to March Madness beginning is that infamous "beware the Ides of March" date. The date when Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC and was further immortalized in the tragedy *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. In the play, Caesar is warned to "beware the Ides of March. For me, this has a special meaning as long ago and far away, I was a sophomore at Ramona Convent and my English class had taken a sad turn as we were studying the plays of Shakespeare and the one that Sister Paula Marie had chosen for us to really get into was *Julius Caesar*. I had not done the required reading as it just wasn't nearly as exciting as whatever else I happened to be reading at the time and so, as she droned on and on, I fell into a deep and really pleasant sleep...you know, the kind when you wake up and find you've been drooling down your chin. Here is the true meaning of chagrin: waking to find you are in English,

losing sight of service to residents. That's exactly what Sierra Madre needs right now." Holding a bachelor's degree from CSU Northridge in Accountancy and Business Law and a master's degree from UC Irvine in Business Administration, Mr. Wong is also a Certified Public Accountant and

everyone is staring at you, snickering, and Sr. Paula Marie inquires gently, "Nice nap, Deanne?"

I really like the depiction of Caesar as shown in the 1963 movie, "Cleopatra," starring Rex Harrison as Caesar, Richard Burton as Mark Antony and, of course, Elizabeth Taylor, who had never been more gorgeous, as Cleopatra. Caesar was regal and his brutal assassination was shown as sort of a vision Cleopatra sees where everybody stabs him and he reaches out pathetically... "et tu, Brutus?" They just showed this on Turner Classic Movies and I enjoyed every second for about the tenth time. Lots of juicy scandal surrounded this movie which almost bankrupted the studio. At \$31 million +, it was the most expensive movie ever made at that time.

Of course, that's peanuts now, compared to what the Star Wars movies cost to make, \$447 million for *The Force Awakens*, *The Rise of Skywalker* \$417 million. Kind of takes your breath away, doesn't it!

To end this week, I have three thoughts: "Without ice cream, there would be darkness and chaos!"

Best News Ever...The Mt. Wilson Trail Race is back! This is so great that the Trail is fixed!

And a stanza from "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" by William Wordsworth, encouraging you to invest in some daffodils...

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze

My book page: [Amazon.com: Deanne Davis Easter is on its way, April 5th, and "The Crown" a story about what could have happened to The Crown of Thorns that pierced Jesus' brow, is now an actual book, in addition to a Kindle book. It's on my Amazon page. "The Crown" will enrich your Easter experience.](https://www.amazon.com/Deanne-Davis-Easter-is-its-way-April-5th-and-The-Crown-a-story-about-what-could-have-happened-to-the-Crown-of-Thorns-that-pierced-Jesus-brow-is-now-an-actual-book-in-addition-to-a-Kindle-book-It-s-on-my-Amazon-page-The-Crown-will-enrich-your-Easter-experience/dp/B09YK3L3L3)

is widely credited for helping lead Lynwood's efforts to implement financial and operational improvements in response to the California State Auditor's review, which designated Lynwood a high-risk local government. Mr. Wong joined the City on March 3, 2026.



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If you, a family member or friend would be interested in volunteering please contact Barbara Rounkle at 262-224-7594 or brounkle@gmail.com



ALTADENA LIBRARY DISTRICT SCHEDULES MOBILE LIBRARY WEEKLY STOPS AROUND TOWN

Altadena Libraries' Curiosity Connection Vol. 2 is where resources meet the road.

Starting this week and throughout the spring, district staff will make regular stops around Altadena with this mobile library.

The schedule is:

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| Tuesdays | • 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Grocery Outlet,
2270 Lake Ave. |
| | • 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Fair Oaks Burger,
2560 Fair Oaks Ave. |
| Thursdays | • 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., | Triangle Park,
800 E. Altadena Dr. |
| | • 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., | Prime Pizza,
1900 Allen Ave. |

At each stop, residents can sign up for a library card, browse a curated selection of books for all ages, check out items from the district's Library of Things (including a sewing machine, hot spot, etc.), pick up information about upcoming library programs, and more. And until March 31, they can participate in the library's "passport challenge," getting a stamp when they visit the van at each location. Those who collect all four stamps will earn a \$10 gift card from a participating local business (while supplies last).

For more information about the district's services and programs, visit www.AltadenaLibrary.org

MONROVIA EARNS 2025 TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

The City of Monrovia has once again been recognized as a Tree City USA for 2025 by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program celebrates communities nationwide that are committed to growing healthier, greener, and more resilient urban forests.

Tree City USA recognition is awarded to cities that demonstrate a strong commitment to urban forestry by maintaining a tree board or department, adopting a tree care ordinance, investing in their community tree program, and celebrating Arbor Day each year. Monrovia's continued recognition reflects the City's long-standing dedication to preserving and enhancing our local tree canopy.

The benefits trees bring to urban environments are endless. Trees help to:

- Mitigate the urban heat island effect
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Improve air quality
- Enhance property values
- Support mental and physical health

The City continues to actively expand and maintain tree canopy. Currently, the city maintains a total of 8,390 trees and is in the process of planting 200 new trees between Huntington Drive and Foothill Boulevard. If you are a Monrovia resident who lives in this area and would like to have a city tree planted in the public right-of-way in front of your property, please contact Brittany Jasso at bjasso@monroviaca.gov or 626-932-5562.



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SMLL KICKS OFF ITS BIGGEST BASEBALL SEASON TO DATE!

Sierra Madre Little League kicked off the 2026 Spring Baseball season with opening day festivities this past Saturday morning! The morning started with a parade led by the Sierra Madre Fire Department, Police Department, and City Council Members - Gene Goss, Ed Garcia, Kelly Kriebs, and Robert Parkhurst. This kick-off was followed by players, team managers, and their families. Everyone makes their way to Hoesley Field for the opening ceremonies.

"I love opening day! All of us get so pumped up for the parade, and the neighbors come out to wave and cheer us on as we drive by! The players are really proud to represent Sierra Madre and play some awesome baseball!" – Conrad, AAA player.

In keeping with league tradition, the players gather in the parking lot at Taylor's Market just after 7am to get ready for the opening-day parade. Each team works together to decorate a vehicle in their team colors, and all players ride together down Sierra Madre Blvd to the field. Sierra Chevrolet of Monrovia even provided extra vehicles for a few of the teams to decorate and ride in. When the teams arrive at the field, there are games, treats, and music!

"Opening day is the greatest day of the year! It represents the unique and special place that Sierra Madre is, and the community that makes it so great! It's a day where we are reminded that each of our players gets to represent not only the names that are on the back of their jerseys, but the name that's on the front of their jersey as well, the reminder that together we are all Madre. Go Madre!" - Cory Marquez, SMLL President

This year, the league welcomes more players than ever, with over 400 young athletes participating. Players range from those taking the field for the first time in T-ball, to the very experienced Juniors team, for players aged 13 and 14 years old. The league welcomes any student who lives in or attends school in Sierra Madre. Throughout the season, the SMLL teams play our neighbors from Altadena, Arcadia, Santa Anita, and Pasadena. Games start at 9am and run to 9pm, every Saturday at Hoesley field throughout the season. During gametime, Lisa's Diner is open, serving burgers, soda, candy, and this year – chili fries to complete your game day experience. You can support the Sierra Madre Little League by coming out and cheering on these young athletes or by sponsoring the league! For sponsorship opportunities, email: smadrelleagueinfo@gmail.com



UNLOCK YOUR LIFE



Lori A. Harris

THE JOY OF NOTICING HOW FAR YOU'VE COME

Spring has a way of making us want to clear things out. I gave in to that impulse recently, tidying, decluttering, feeling good about myself, until my phone interrupted to let me know it needed the same treatment.

So I sat down and started scrolling. Photos. Documents. Experiments I'd forgotten I'd tried. Efforts I'd poured myself into. And I was genuinely moved. Wow, look at everything I've done. Look at how much ground I've covered. Good job!

This is something I tell my coaching clients constantly: your incremental progress deserves to be celebrated. Not just the big wins, but the mini wins, too. The small, steady, unglamorous steps forward.

And the science agrees. Harvard researchers Teresa Amabile and Steven Kramer spent years studying thousands of daily work diaries and found that the single biggest driver of people's best days wasn't a major breakthrough; it was simply the feeling of moving forward on something meaningful. Even in small ways. They called it the "progress principle," and it shows up as better mood, higher motivation, and more creative thinking. Noticing and honoring our small steps isn't sentimentality. It's fuel.

That's why I keep what I call an altar to my success: photos of people who've been in my corner, evidence that I am moving, proof that I'm building something real. I also keep a joy box in my office. Because here's the truth: the plaques on your wall and the degrees in the frame start to blend into the background. You stop seeing them. So my joy box is a small, curated collection of mementos and photos I can reach for whenever I need a reminder of who I am and what I've already done. Gallup research consistently finds that people who receive meaningful recognition are more engaged, more productive, and far less likely to burn out. Your joy box is the recognition you give yourself. Don't skip it.

So here's your assignment this week, and yes, I mean assignment.

Find a box. Any box. Put three things in it: something that reminds you of a moment you're proud of, something from someone who believed in you, and something that makes you smile when you hold it. That's your joy box. Put it somewhere you can reach it without thinking.

Then, before the week is out, write down five things you've accomplished in the last six months that you haven't fully celebrated. Not your to-do list. Your done list. Let's celebrate, you did it!

That's where your momentum lives. That's where your next level starts.

Lori A. Harris is an award-winning coach and podcaster. You can meet her at the Sierra Madre Wistaria Festival this year. Stop by the Mountain Views News display and say hello.

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Comment Period Open for Electric Rate Adjustments



Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) presented to the Pasadena City Council Monday, proposed electric rate adjustments – followed by a public comment period for the adjustments that is now open.

“To keep up with rising equipment and infrastructure costs and to continue upgrading the aging power grid, a rate adjustment is necessary to keep the PWP electric system reliable for years to come,” said PWP General Manager David Reyes.

The City Council is scheduled to close the public hearing and consider the item at their March 23 meeting.

According to Reyes because the proposed adjustments will restructure rates, not simply increased across the board, PWP electric customers will experience different impacts depending on their usage. The majority of customers will see little to no change or even a decrease. Specifically, PWP is proposing a 7 percent system average rate increase, where approximately 63,000 customers will see either a bill decrease or an increase of less than \$10.

Compared to neighboring utilities such as Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Edison, Glendale Water and Power and Burbank Water and Power, PWP would have the lowest residential electric rates when estimated as of February for a residential household using 500 kWh per month.

If the Pasadena City Council approves the proposed electric rate adjustment, the increase could go into effect in April followed by two additional 7 percent system average increase in and March 2027.

PWP offers a bill estimator to see a personalized projection of what proposed rates would mean for your bill at PWPweb.com/RateAdjustment Reyes said. Electric customers are encouraged to take advantage of the PWP’s income-qualified assistance programs, which offer monthly bill credits and support for qualifying residents.

To leave a public comment, visit CityOfPasadena.net/City-Clerk/Public-Comment, call the City Clerk’s Office at (626) 744-4124, or send correspondence to the Office of the City Clerk at 100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S22.



Bands Named for 2027 Rose Parade

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses? Association is thrilled to announce the 21 exceptional bands that will showcase their talents in the upcoming 138th Rose Parade? presented by Honda on January 1, 2027.

According to officials, bands from across the nation and around the world—including Costa Rica, Japan and Mexico—will travel to Pasadena to take part in the iconic Rose Parade, creating lifelong memories as they march down Orange Grove and Colorado boulevards. The 2027 Rose Parade will feature a mix of beloved returning bands and exciting new groups ready to make their mark in Parade history.

As part of a longstanding tradition, the Tournament of Roses President visits each Rose Parade marching band in the months leading up to New Year’s Day. The band visits offer students, band directors and communities a moment of celebration as preparations and fundraising get underway. During each visit, the President officially welcomes the band into the Tournament of Roses family and recognizes the excellence required to earn a place in the world-famous Rose Parade. With band visits by Tournament of Roses President Terry Madigan already underway, bands have begun their fundraising efforts to help cover travel costs and uniforms.

Bands are selected by a committee of the Association’s volunteer members based on various criteria, including musicianship, marching ability and entertainment or special interest value.

Two bands will be added to the lineup when the universities participating in the 113th Rose Bowl Game? presented by Prudential are determined in

December.

The 2027 Rose Parade bands are:

- Aguiluchos Marching Band, Puebla, Mexico
- Asahi University and Gifushogyo High School, Kyoto, Japan
- Banda CEDES Don Bosco, Alajuelita, San Jose, Costa Rica
- Blue Springs High School Marching Band, Blue Springs, Missouri
- Carmel High School Marching Band, Carmel, Indiana
- Falcon Marching Band, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
- LAUSD All District High School Honor Band, Los Angeles
- Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets, Pasadena
- Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band (pictured above), Pasadena
- Pasadena Unified School District All Star Band, Pasadena
- Pride Bands Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Rosemount High School Marching Band, Rosemount, Minnesota
- Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps, Santa Clara
- The Clovis High School Golden Cougar Marching Band and Color Guard, Clovis, California
- The Majestic Marching Cardinals of Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro, Georgia
- The Marching Southerners, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama
- The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band, Carson
- Timber Creek High School Falcon Band, Fort Worth, Texas
- United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band, San Diego

Officials also announced that bands that would like to participate in the 2028 Rose Parade can apply through an online application, available now on the Tournament of Roses

website: tournamentofroses.com/about/apply.

For details about the bands visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Pasadena Senior Center to Hold Senior Games

Register at Pasadena Senior Center on Friday, March 13

Adults over 50 can learn how they can participate in local Olympic-style sports competitions at the Pasadena Senior Center’s ‘Senior Games: Winning Never Grows Old’ presentation on Friday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Participating in competitive sports doesn’t have an age limit—and the Pasadena Senior Games, which draws athletes from across California—encourages adults to stay fit, make friends and sometimes even set world records! Registration to participate in the Pasadena Senior Games opens on March 23 at: pasadenaseniorgames.org. Join hosts Olympian Anne Warner Cribbs (1960, breaststroke) and a panel of athletes as they share tips and challenges for staying competitive in mind and body through sports. To receive the Zoom link, register by visiting pasadenaseniorgames.org, then click on Activities & Events, then Special Events.

The Pasadena Senior Games is an Olympic-style multi-sport event for adults 50+ that will take place April 26-June 28, primarily in the Pasadena area. Events include more than 15 different sports, including swimming, cycling, pickleball, track and field, running, and powerlifting. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in 5-year age categories for each event. There is a \$45 athlete registration fee to participate.

Senior Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. To learn more visit: pasadenaseniorgames.org or call 626-795-4331.

\$1.5 Million Grant Given to Altadena Mapping Project



The Los Angeles Conservancy announced Thursday that it has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the Mellon Foundation’s Humanities in Place program—the largest single grant in the Conservancy’s five-decade history. This transformative investment will significantly expand the Conservancy’s Altadena Cultural Asset Mapping (CAM), a community-driven project focused on documenting, preserving, and uplifting the community heritage of Altadena following the devastating Eaton Fire.

“Altadena’s recovery is about more than rebuilding structures—it’s about honoring the lives, memories, people, and cultural heritage that make this community what it is,” said Adrian Scott Fine, President and CEO of the Los Angeles Conservancy. “Thanks to the Mellon Foundation, this cultural asset mapping project will ensure that Altadena’s cultural heritage is not only fully acknowledged and understood but interwoven into the community’s path forward as part of rebuilding efforts.”

According to a statement, over a three-year period extending through December 2028, Mellon Foundation support will fund three core components:

Cultural Asset Mapping – Expansion of the Altadena Cultural Asset Mapping (CAM) project to identify, document and map cultural assets across the community. The project will engage residents and stakeholders in identifying places, stories, traditions, public art, and cultural practices that define Altadena’s collective identity, ensuring the community’s heritage becomes a cornerstone of long-term recovery and planning efforts. As part of CAM, this grant support also provides funding for implementation of a community-based project.

Project Management and Capacity Building – Funding for a full-time CAM Project Manager to coordinate partnerships, community engagement, data collection, and evaluation, strengthening the Conservancy’s capacity to sustain this multi-year initiative.

Community Regranting Program – A total of \$550,000 will be redistributed to Altadena-based organizations to deepen community-led placekeeping and storytelling efforts. Of these funds, \$300,000 will be regranted to the Altadena Rebuild Coalition (ARC), an initiative of the Southern California Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (SoCal NOMA). ARC will use these funds to document oral histories, develop educational resources, and advocate for equitable recovery planning in collaboration with local partners. An additional \$250,000 will support up to five Altadena-serving organizations for complementary projects in oral history, cultural programming, and storytelling.

This Mellon Foundation funding builds upon a \$420,000 Getty Foundation grant awarded to the Los Angeles Conservancy in 2025 to initiate the Altadena historic resources survey, Historic Context Statement, and the Altadena Cultural Asset Mapping (CAM).

The Mellon Foundation’s support also builds on the Los Angeles Conservancy’s participation in the Artists at Work program, a national initiative presented in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture. The Conservancy is set to host resident artist Alma Cielo through November 30 and support her 1000 Voices Altadena Mosaic community art project.

For more information visit: laconservancy.org/altadena-mellon-grant.

Pasadena Chorale to Perform Free ‘Songs of Love’ Concert

The Pasadena Chorale announced they will present Songs of Love, an intimate concert exploring the many facets of love, on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at San Marino Community Church.

Featuring music by Abbie Betinis, Ted Masur, Samuel Barber, Eric Whitacre, Don McLean, Billy Joel, and others, Songs of Love explores romantic devotion, love of life, love inspired by lofty ideals, and the profound emptiness left by love lost. Performed by seventeen singers, the program offers a rich and nuanced musical journey through love’s beauty, intensity, and vulnerability.

“Composers have always been inspired by love,” said Artistic Director Jeffrey Bernstein, “and they devote some of their most

heartfelt music to the subject. The music on this program swoons with beautiful harmony, aches with loss, and joyously depicts euphoria. It is that emotional range that is so inspiring.”

The smaller ensemble format creates a close connection between singers and audience, perfectly suited to the warm acoustics of San Marino Community Church. Also appearing on the program will be the High Notes, the Chorale’s ensemble of young singers. Through luminous harmonies and expressive storytelling, the concert promises an evening that is both heartfelt and memorable.

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.

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THE \$44 MARTINI.....

Seeing It from the Owner's Side

Let me lay my cards on the table. When it comes to gin, my favorite is Monkey 47. It's not your everyday well gin. At the grocery store you're looking at \$60 to \$70 a bottle. It's bold, complex, and it makes a beautiful Gibson — gin, a splash of vermouth, cocktail onion, lemon twist. Clean. Classic.

So there I was at Granville on South Lake — nice room, upstairs bar, good energy. The menu is set up so you choose your spirit. Under gin, Monkey 47 is listed at \$26 for two ounces. I asked the bartender, "How do you make a martini with two ounces?" She said, "For martinis, you'll get three ounces." Fair enough. Now here's where I had my moment.

In most comparable spots around town, you're paying anywhere from \$20 to \$28 for a premium martini, typically poured at four ounces. Three ounces is a shorter pour. Not a crime — just math. The bill arrived: \$44 with tax.

For about five seconds, I lost my mind. That's pushing \$50 with tip. Not even the Langham would hit me like that.

But then I stopped and tried to see it from the owner's side.

Monkey 47 is expensive wholesale. It's a boutique gin with a reputation. Add to that rent on South Lake, labor, insurance, licenses, breakage, credit card fees — and suddenly the math isn't quite as simple as what's in the bottle.

The owner responded to my note and said that Monkey 47 is a very expensive gin and that three ounces is a generous pour. He even offered a gift card to help offset the drink next time. To me that's engagement. That's not hiding.

Still, I know roughly what a bottle costs (My days at Vons). And emotionally, it's hard not to scratch your head.

But Granville isn't just selling gin. They're selling location, atmosphere, experience — and the ability to order one of the most expensive gins on the shelf. Luxury pricing is about positioning as much as cost.

In closing, I'm reminded of another Elmer-ism. My dad used to say, "Never go to a restaurant that acts like they're doing you a favor." We have choices. Plenty of them.

And to be clear, I've never had that sense here at Granville. The staff has always struck me as hardworking professionals just trying to make a living in one of the toughest businesses there is. I've been here three or four times in the past few months, and the service has been consistent.

I'm not always sure who's in charge — but that may just be the writer in me watching the room, studying the rhythm of the bar and the choreography of the floor.

The martini made me pause. The response made me think.

And in the restaurant business, that's sometimes the difference between frustration and respect.

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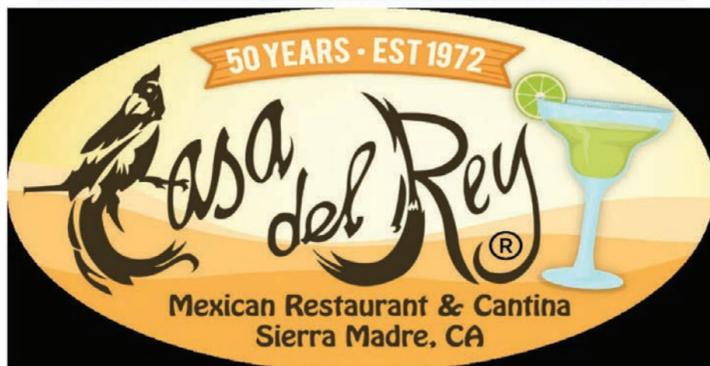
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OUT TO PASTOR A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder JUST HONING MY OLD GOAT SKILLS

I'm rather new to this getting-old stage of life. Up to now, all my life has been young and innocent. Unfortunately, those days have passed.

It's hard to get adjusted to old age because I've never experienced it before. I remember when I was young, all of the fun that I had. But now, I'm at a new stage of life, and I don't know exactly what I should be doing.

Somebody should write a book sometime titled, "How To Get Old in 10 Easy Steps." I'll buy that book in a second.

I've been trying to find the good part of getting old, and I am still looking.

The other day The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said to me, "You are starting to act like some old goat."

When she said that, something clicked upstairs. I don't want to act like some old goat; I want to be one. It got me thinking, as I've never thought before. How can I use this "old goat stage?" The more I get to know it, the more I'll be able to use it for my benefit. Why not use what you have at hand for your own good?

I'm not sure what an old goat is, but I'm going to work on it and make sure I am the best version of an old goat I can be.

Every time The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said that I was acting like an old goat, I stopped and thought about what she was talking about. How can I improve that in my life?

I asked her why she thought I was acting like an old goat. She said, "Well, for one you're always remembering things according to what you want to remember. You gotta remember the truth."

As I understand it, as an old goat, I have "selective memory." I never thought of that before. How can I use "selective memory" to make me a better old goat?

I've been working on this for a while, and every time I tell a story from the past, I make sure I am selecting that memory the way I want. Some story in my past, nobody knows all of the details. So, as a professional old goat, I can choose which memories I want to share with people. How do they know if it's right or wrong?

This has made my storytelling much more enjoyable. I sure have been having fun with all of these "selective memory" moments. One good thing is that I don't have to remember these to tell the same story over and over again as a professional old goat. I can make up things selectively as I go along. Oh, how I love being an old goat.

As we were coming home from a meeting with some of our friends The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "That story you

told about when you were in high school was that the same story you told three weeks ago?"

Oh boy. I didn't even remember the story I told three weeks ago, so I just said to her, "No, that was a different story."

She just looked at me with one of her smiles, and I realized she did not believe me then.

Now, the next step in honing my old goat skills is remembering the stories that I tell. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage cannot forget anything, and she always brings to my attention some of the mistakes that I have made in my stories. I didn't know she listened so attentively to my stories.

So, along with my "selective memory" skill, I need to develop the next stage: "Once told never repeat." I don't know how I'm going to really work on this, but that's the next skill to develop as an old goat.

This will be the hardest skill for me to hone, but it's one I'll have to develop.

The next time I tell a story with our friends around, I'm going to keep my eye on The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. If I see a certain expression on her face, I'm going to take the story in an altogether different direction.

This is the third skill I need to hone as an old goat. That is, "Watch The Gracious Mistress Of The Parsonage Face." After 54 years of marriage, I should be able to read that face, and yet I find it rather difficult. But, being the professional old goat that I am, I'm going to work on it until I have it mastered.

Now that I have come to the stage of being an old goat, I'm beginning to like getting old. As a young person, I could never get away with acting like an old goat. But now that I have the years behind me, I can act like a professional old goat. Believe me, it has its rewards.

I have a long way to go in developing my old goat skills. I'm going to work at it until I get it as perfect as I can.

I was reminded of David's prayer in Psalm 71:18. "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."

Looking at my life, I must say that this has become my prayer every day.

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As 2026 unfolds, one of the most consequential shifts in the United States isn't political—it's demographic. By the end of this decade, all members of the Baby Boomer generation will be over 65, according to projections from the U.S. Census Bureau. The result is a historic surge in the senior population, often dubbed the "silver tsunami," with wide-reaching impacts on health care, housing and the workforce.

Communities from Florida to Arizona are already feeling the strain. Hospitals report longer wait times as demand for geriatric specialists rises. Assisted living facilities face staffing shortages, while home health agencies struggle to recruit aides amid rising labor costs. Meanwhile, Medicare spending continues to climb, placing pressure on federal and state budgets.

Yet the story is not solely about strain—it is also about reinvention. Developers are investing in age-friendly housing with universal design features. Cities are redesigning public transportation to be more accessible. Technology companies are rolling out wearable health monitors and telehealth

platforms that allow seniors to age in place safely and independently.

The workforce is also changing. More Americans over 70 are choosing to remain employed, whether for financial security or personal fulfillment. Employers are adapting by offering flexible schedules and part-time roles tailored to experienced workers. Policy debates are intensifying in Washington, D.C., where lawmakers grapple with how to shore up Social Security and expand caregiver support. Advocates argue that proactive planning today will determine whether the aging boom becomes a crisis—or an opportunity.

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WHO CAN YOU TRUST?

Are you worried about the future? Forget that; are you worried about the present? I try to avoid such worrying by focusing on the past. What mistakes have I made? What should I have done differently? Would life have been more fun if I had become a motorcycle racer or a sky diver or something a little bit more exciting? Such thinking is ridiculous as I have become what I have become—someone who wants to do something significant but does not know how to begin. I would like to begin now; but what should I do?

Let me tell you about a book that I am in the process of reading. The book is The Undoing Project by Michael Lewis. Undoing or inaction is something that has caught my attention over the past couple of weeks. As I have already written I came up with the idea of avoiding television and thought that I could be part of a movement without moving very much.

That thought alone seemed humorous to me, and I avoided television until the President's State of the Union speech. Of course, it would have been great to avoid that speech, but I didn't, but the idea of Not Doing has stayed with me. On Sunday I attended a book club meeting at the local book club that discussed the book My Year of Rest and Relaxation. The book described a young attractive woman who during the first part of this century decided to go into hibernation. I read the book a few weeks ago and may have forgotten the end or perhaps failed to read the last few pages.

I had been under the impression that the hibernation had been semi-successful and that the narrator had successfully reclaimed a deeper experience of herself or something like that. I had forgotten, or never knew, that the last few pages described the horrific bombing of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The last sentence of the book describes a young woman who

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leapt off the seventy-eighth floor of the building. The leaper is described as "being awake as she dives into the unknown." As I write this now, I am aware that this last sentence may be a metaphor for the best we can expect from life.

Perhaps that is what the other three members of the book club were talking about and explains why I felt so disconnected from the conversation. As I was leaving the bookstore, I noticed books outside which were there to be picked up free of charge. I saw the book The UNDOING PROJECT. The title alone connected to so much that I had been thinking about. I took the book and brought it home. Now I have read 223 pages of the 362-page book which I intend to finish after I finish this article, or it finishes me. My experience so far of the Michael Lewis book seems to verify every thought I have ever had about education and professional advice.

The book describes a world wherein no one really knows anything. Not the Doctors, not the Professors, not even the parents. Everyone is deluded by their past experiences and by how they feel in addition to the belief in their own superiority. Parts describing how doctors' advice differ depending on the time of day that the patient is seen and how much sleep the doctor had the night before frighten me. The point, as I understand it, is that everyone makes mistakes all the time and that there is no one who can really be trusted to make correct predictions. For me the message so far is not to be so hard on ourselves and to do the best we can do and humorously tolerate who we are. As we "dive into the unknown" of our tomorrows we can try to be as aware as possible and enjoy life as much as we can. We all know what the eventual tomorrow will bring.

Whoever you are out there, laugh at future errors and know that they are inevitable. Maybe taking the time to read this article was a mistake or a waste of your time but for me I feel a connection and thank you. Now I am going to go back and finish the book and wonder what more it has to say.

RICH JOHNSON



POTENTIAL 2028 PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS

(Writer's note: I researched and intended to focus part of this column on women who ran for the presidency. I soon realized the women's role through history was very significant and I want to devote a whole column to the topic.)

So...it's never too early to start analyzing who our next president should be. Being president is relatively important, but you might not think so if you take a closer look at the following factoid: We choose between 50 choices to become Miss America. Only 2 choices for president. Maybe we should consider already well-known candidates. For example, Clint Eastwood has a solid two-year record as the Mayor of Carmel, California. Sure, he might be a wee bit past his prime, but I'm certain he can still stare down his adversaries. Maybe we should "make his day!"

Of course, our own terminator, Arnold Schwarzenegger was our governor from 2003 to 2011. I guess there is a little matter of his not being a "natural born" citizen. Lawyers tell us there is currently no universally accepted meaning for the term "natural-born." In fact it's entirely possible any person born from out of the womb of a woman would technically be a "natural born" human. Think about it.

Radio shock Jock Howard Stern ran for the governorship of New York. His political planks included reinstating the death penalty, removal of highway tolls and limit road work to graveyard hours. He dropped out when the public demanded to see his personal finances.

Our next contender would be the third president to come out of the state of Texas. The only Texans to occupy the White House were Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lyndon Baines Johnson. "Ike" was a Republican and "LBJ" a Democrat. Our Lone Star State contender would be the first Oscar winner to occupy the White House. He almost ran for governor of Texas. He'll consider running once his 3 kids graduate from their teen years. Of course I'm referring to Matthew McConaughey. Maybe he'll throw his 10-gallon hat into the ring.

There is a Muslim candidate we can encourage

to run. He ran for the Senate in Pennsylvania as a Republican and lost to John Fetterman. Our candidate is a graduate of Harvard and you know him as Dr. Oz. First name? Mehmet.

Caitlin Jenner ran as a Republican hoping to replace Gavin Newsom as governor of California. She describes herself as a "compassionate disruptor". She lost the governor race by a slim margin. She had 1% of the vote.

Now, a candidate whom a recent poll found 46% of Americans would support his candidacy for president. And his last name makes him very electable. If elected he would be the third "Johnson" to reside in the White House. Of course I'm referring to Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson. (You didn't think it was me, did you?) Dwayne has been thinking about running since 2017. He certainly would have a different perspective on "wrestling" with important issues.

Easily the largest and biggest president would be our own Shaquille O'Neal. He has toyed with running for Sheriff in his local hometown. Secret ballot and all that stuff. Maybe he and the "Rock" could run on the same ticket.

Finally, had I not moved out to California in 9th grade, I would have been a fellow classmate with this formidable contender. The school? Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The graduating class of 1969 would have included yours truly and our viable presidential candidate. In fact, this noble candidate has already served as the governor of Minnesota. Of course I'm talking about Jesse Ventura. Again, he and Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson could be on the same ticket. Talk about a smackdown of epic proportions.

We've just scratched the surface of viable contenders. My closing remarks:

In conclusion, during any election cycle I'm left, right, and confused. I've learned in politics that the policy often changes but the confusion remains.

If you are on the right you know leftists love sharing - especially opinions. If you are on the left...well you know...reverse.

Finally when it comes to voting I thought I was indecisive, now I'm not so sure. Have a great week!

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY PRICE

Case No. 25STPB02538

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY PRICE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIAM ROPER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIAM ROPER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 6, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an in-inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

For petitioner:
 WILLIAM ROPER
 P O BOX 1201
 BELLFLOWER, CA. 90707
 MARCH 7, 14, 21, 2026

HOWARD HOYS As I See It

"The decision to put American servicemembers in harm's way demands clarity, consistency, and honesty with Congress and the public. So far, we've got none of those things." - Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

I had what I thought was an important story to focus on this week: Paramount Skydance prevailing over Netflix in acquiring Warner Bros Discovery. The price was too high for Netflix and besides, President Trump had already chosen the winner - assuring his gang would now be calling the shots at CNN. Paramount didn't have the money, either - but was backed by CEO David Ellison's dad Larry (net worth \$200 billion) along with reliable Trump funders United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and son-in-law Jared Kushner. Now we're likely to see CNN warming to Trump as we've been seeing with CBS.

I thought this would be the most significant story I could focus on this week but then learned, barely into the second year of Trump's second term in office, that we are at war.

The immediate question was, why? We were told talks had broken down between our country and Iran - they'd refused to agree not to develop nuclear weapons, when in fact they'd agreed not to - repeatedly. As important as these talks were, we didn't send State Department professionals - but instead the aforementioned Jared Kushner and real estate developer Steve Witkoff, whose sons are partners in the Trump crypto firm.

Last January, Trump vowed to "rescue" protestors in Iran; we were "ready to go" should any be executed, assuring "help is on the way". Whatever "help" came too late for the thousands killed. Trump now called for those protestors to reclaim their country - but then clarified his intent was to cede control to someone from the current government, though such candidate would likely already be dead. Whether Iran or Venezuela, it was made clear it wouldn't be the people choosing their leaders - but Donald Trump. He promised Iran regime guards immunity if they surrendered. But after years of suffering and slaughter, you'd think the Iranian people would want to have some say in that themselves.

Last summer, both Trump and Defense Secretary Hegseth insisted Iran's nuclear program had been "obliterated". Our intelligence found no "imminent threat" from Iran, figuring it would take a decade for them to develop any missile capable of reaching us. The administration then adjusted its line accordingly; the threat isn't what Iran could do now, but what they might be capable of in the future.

Sen. Andy Kim (D-NJ) noted, "Whatever imminent threat they're posing was likely in reaction to our unprecedented military buildup in the region. This is an example of the president deciding what he wanted

to do, and then making his administration go and find whatever argument they could make to justify it." As for whatever responsibility Trump bears himself, Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) wonders, "Is he too mentally incapacitated to realize that we had a diplomatic agreement with Iran that was keeping its nuclear program in check, until he ripped it up during his first term?"

Secretary of State Rubio offered another reason for our involvement: once Israel launched its own strikes, Iran would retaliate by attacking U.S. interests in the region. We needed to attack alongside Israel, then, to counter such "imminent threat". Sen. Angus King (I-ME) asked, "Have we now delegated the most solemn decision that can be made in our society, the decision to go to war, to another country? That's the implication, the breathtaking implication of Secretary Rubio's statement." Preparation for the attacks had been ongoing for months. But for the thousands of Americans now stranded in the Mideast with airports and airspace closed, Trump says there was no evacuation plan because this "happened all very quickly".

For the "why", Rachel Maddow suggests looking to see who most benefits. The ones most threatened by Iran, who'd benefit most from these attacks, would be gulf states like the U.A.E., Qatar and Saudi Arabia. When Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) was asked by NBC about new leadership for Iran, he said he'd discussed it with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia - as if he should have any say in the matter. (As to the murder and dismemberment of journalist Jamal Khashoggi ordered by the Crown Prince, Sen. Graham seems content to just let that slide.)

It was Saudia Arabia, along with Israel, pushing Trump to commit U.S. forces to a new war. Qatar gave Trump that \$400 million tricked-out Boeing 747. Saudi Arabia fronted Jared Kushner \$2 billion in seed money for his investment firm. U.A.E. put \$2 billion into the Trump crypto outfit in which Steve Witkoff's sons are partners. Now Kushner and Witkoff represent our country in talks with Iran, ultimately reporting to the president that these talks weren't going anywhere so it's time for war.

All this while United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Saudi Arabia show their appreciation to Trump by funding Paramount Skydance's prevailing offer over Netflix in acquiring Warner Bros Discovery - assuring Trump's gang would now be calling the shots at CNN. This would be the significant story I'd focus on this week had I not learned, barely into the second year of Trump's second term in office, that we are at war.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-039882
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DRESSIES PROMESA DIVYDE, 118 90TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) INGRID YANIRA PORTILLO GARCIA, 118 E 90TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YANIRA PORTILLO GARCIA, 02/20/2026. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-037747
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FULL SERVICE BOOKKEEPING, 12505 W. 14TH ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KIERAN BE CHIKWENDU, 1256 W 141ST ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KIERAN BE CHIKWENDU, 02/18/2026. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/18/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-040204
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HUMBLE & CO, 1305 W 91ST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHEE ELI INC, 7275 MELBORE AVE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHEE ELI INC, 02/20/2026. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-040285
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOVE PASTA AMORE, 275 MELBORE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHEE ELI INC, 7275 MELBORE AVE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHEE ELI INC, 02/20/2026. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-035028
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IAN LEADS & INTAKE SERVICES, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ISMAEL NORIEGA, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: ISMAEL NORIEGA/HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/19/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-041903
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KET DISTRIBUTORS, 2395 BATMAN AVE, DUARTE, CA 91010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KET BRANDS INTERNATIONAL LTD, 2395 BATMAN AVE, DUARTE, CA 91010. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HARVEY T VECHERY/SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/19/2024. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-044482
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MYW TRANSPORT, 1139 TAROCKO DR, COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MINGYUO WANG, 1139 TAROCKO DR, COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MINGYUO WANG/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/19/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-043032
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LAN LEADS & INTAKE SERVICES, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ISMAEL NORIEGA, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ANDREW CARLOS GOMEZ/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/20/24. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/24. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-037620
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: QVO AUTO ACCESSORIES SHOP, 13425 VALLEY BLVD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, 13425 VALLEY BLVD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE LUIS RIOS CERON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/23/23. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-036006
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RIVERA DESIGN & PRINT, 509 CORTLAND ST, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DOMINGO HERNANDEZ AJTUM, 4309

CORTLAND ST, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DOMINGO HERNANDEZ AJTUM/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/26. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-037618
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPACE CONSTRUCTION, DIET WORKS - EXCAVATION & COMPACTION, 2034 W 235TH PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRUCE KENNEDY, 2034 W 235TH PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRUCE KENNEDY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/18/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-032578
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XIE REALTY, 8938 VALLEY BLVD, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALAN TA, 8938 VALLEY BLVD, ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALAN TA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/11/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC. Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026.

FILE NO. 2026043594
 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME.
 The following person(s) ELIZABETH ASHLEY RAMOS 7436 LANKERSHIM BLVD #A NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: LA MIELE DE OSHUN BOA, 7436 LANKERSHIM BLVD #A NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/17/2024, in the county of Los Angeles. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIZABETH ASHLEY RAMOS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/25/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/25/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: ES Mountain Views News. Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026042835
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DELTA FOAM 4223 TUJUNGA AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERTO ESPINOZA 4223 TUJUNGA AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91602. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ROBERTO ESPINOZA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/24/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/24/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: ES Mountain Views News. Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026042673
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAMAND GELES 6323 RESEDA BLVD, 33 JARZANA, CA 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALI GHAMOUSHI RAMAND/OWNER 6323 RESEDA BLVD, 33 JARZANA, CA 91335. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALI GHAMOUSHI RAMAND/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/24/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/24/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: ES Mountain Views News. Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026.

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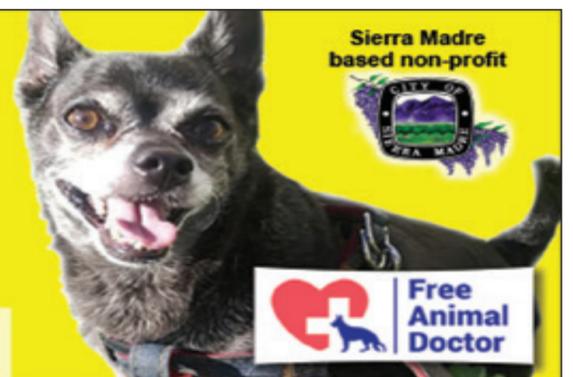
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- March 13**
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- March 14**
Family Workshop: Accordion Bookmaking at The Huntington - Make an accordion-style artist book with drawings & poetry. 10 - 12 and 1 - 3pm
- March 15**
California Young Artist Symphony at The Huntington - Young musicians perform Sibelius & Mendelssohn in Rothenberg Hall. 6 pm
- March 21**
Dvořák New World Symphony at Ambassador Auditorium - The Pasadena Symphony performs works by Dvořák, Bernstein, & Contreras. 2 & 8 pm
- March 21**
Flower Arranging: Spring Flower Basket at The Huntington - Celebrate spring by creating a bright flower basket. Adults only 10 - 12 pm "Bring A Buddy" - 1 - 3 pm
- March 21**
Pasadena Folk Music Society Presents Lúnasa - Lúnasa, "the hottest Irish band on the planet" at Westminster Presbyterian Church. 7:30
- March 28**
Chinese Floral Arts: Expressionist Style Learn the foundations of traditional Chinese floral arts as you create an arrangement. 10 - 12 pm
- March 28**
Family Night Hike: The Luck O' The Garden at the Arboretum - Enchanting night hike explores plants and animals associated with luck. 5:30 - 7 pm Adult Night Hike: 7:30 - 9 pm

- March 28**
Wistaria Festival in Sierra Madre - Celebrate the Sierra Madre's record-holding Wistaria Vine w/tours, craft fair, food vendors, and auto show. 9 am - 5 pm
- March 29**
Art of the Garden - Creative Arts Group Sierra Madre presents a tour of five stunning gardens.
- Ongoing Events**
- February 11 - March 15**
Amadeus at Pasadena Playhouse - Divine music, unforgettable drama in this show about the rivalry between composers Salieri and Mozart.
- March 12, 13, 14**
Miss Saigon at Arcadia Performing Arts Center - A love story set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War performed by Arcadia Stage.
- Beginning March 13**
Butterfly Season at Kidspace Children's Museum - Highlights include bug safaris, flutter-by-play, create a creature, and caterpillar adoptions.
- March 13 - 27**
America's Got Talent at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium - Witness a new season of jaw-dropping talent and unforgettable moments.
- March 13, 14, 15**
Hollywood at the Arboretum Walking Tour See locations and hear stories about filming at the Arboretum. Mar 13 & 14 @ 10 am, Mar 15 @ 1 pm
- March 14, 17**
Pasadena St. Patrick's Day Bar Crawls 2026 Event includes holiday drink specials, food deals, and more. Mar 14 @ 1 - 8 pm, Mar 17 @ 5 - 9 pm
- March 19, 20, 21**
Spring Bloom Arrangement at Descanso Gardens - Make a beautiful floral arrangement. Mar 19 & 20 @ 10 - 12 pm, Mar 21 @ 9 - 11 am
- March 21, 22**
San Gabriel Lantern Festival - San Gabriel Mission District presents this festival featuring lantern displays, performances, foods and more.



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