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SIERRA MADRE SEARCH AND RESCUE HONORED

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department recently recognized the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team for their actions during the Eaton and Palisades Fires last year. SAR members were recognized for their work in evacuations and searches for missing individuals.

SMSR President Jon Pedder accepted the commendation from LA County Sheriff Robert Luna at the recent 2026 Reserves Recognition Dinner.

The Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team is a volunteer organization that exists to help people who may be lost or injured or otherwise in trouble in the wilderness. It is one of seven SAR that operate in the County.

SMSR team members believe, "...that we can do this work as it should be done, and meet this



responsibility as it should be met, only if:

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- We go on every search and rescue mission determined not to pass judgement, but rather to help someone who is in pain or trouble.
- We go on every search and rescue mission not because we are told to but because we want to.



- We maintain our autonomy and traditions."

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FAMILIES SQUEEZED AS GAS PRICES SURGE, SAYS ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN HARABEDIAN

(Pasadena, CA) – Assemblymember Harabedian (D-Pasadena) released the following statement regarding Trump's gas spike & California Impacts. "Working families in my district are being squeezed from every direction, and they should not have to pay the price for reckless decisions made in Washington."

In recent weeks, gas prices have surged nationwide following Trump's decision to launch military action against Iran. In California, prices have climbed even higher, wiping out the brief relief families had just begun to feel earlier this year.

"In Assembly District 41, this is hitting working families hard. Every extra dollar at the pump is forcing difficult choices between gas, groceries, rent, and childcare. For many, there is no flexibility left in the budget."

In just a matter of weeks, Americans have spent billions more on gasoline, and that cost is falling squarely on those who can least afford it.

"Even Trump's own economic advisor has acknowledged that this conflict is driving up costs for American consumers, yet dismissed it as the least of our concerns. For the people I represent, there is nothing abstract about this. It is showing up in smaller paychecks, harder tradeoffs, and growing financial stress. We cannot afford more instability."

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Assemblymember John Harabedian represents the 41st District composed of the cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Bradbury, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Oak Hills, Piñon Hills and Phelan.

SMSR never charges for rescues and receives no tax dollars or government funding—operations are supported solely by donations. Donations help fund essential rescue gear, ropes, medical supplies, and fuel for our missions.

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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

WALKING SIERRA MADRE: The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

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

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

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

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

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

The stores are filled with Easter lilies, Peeps abound, enormous chocolate bunnies fill the shelves of the candy aisle at our supermarket; I've been given several chocolate caramel eggs – my Easter guilty pleasure. There are Easter egg hunts all over the San Gabriel Valley and, as always, the Sierra Madre Professional Firefighter's Association is hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt today in Memorial Park. Be prepared to hunt for golden eggs and egg-stra special prizes The Easter Bunny will be there, too, so bring your camera.

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



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

The women walked, Mary Magdalene and another.
They walked and wondered, who would roll away the stone.
They stopped to rest, await the day, sad eyes filled with tears.
Sorrow for the One Who died, crucified that Friday.

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

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

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

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

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

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SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11, 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 foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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City of Sierra Madre NOTICE OF MULTIPLE PUBLIC HEARINGS

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT (MCTA 26-02) ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17.50 (OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS) TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE

Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

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

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission and City Council will conduct separate public hearings at the dates and times listed below to consider a Municipal Code Text Amendment (MCTA 26-02) adding Chapter 17.50 (Objective Design Standards) to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code and amending various sections therein applicable to multifamily residential and mixed-use developments. The Planning Commission will be conducting a hearing to provide a recommendation to the City Council.

The purpose of the amendment is to adopt the City of Sierra Madre Objective Design Standards. Several state housing laws, including SB 167, SB 423, SB 330, SB 4, and AB 2011, strongly incentivize cities to develop objective design standards for multifamily residential uses and mixed (residential and commercial) uses. By adopting Objective Design Standards, the City of Sierra Madre maintains the ability to impose design standards on multifamily residential and mixed-use developments. These Objective Design Standards are intended to streamline the approval process for housing units while maintaining good design.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING	
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
Thursday, May 7, 2026 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING	
DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (Hearing begins at 4:30 p.m.)	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@SierraMadreCA.gov by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Receipt of emails will be acknowledged at the public hearing, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review. The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.SierraMadreCA.gov, on Foothills Media website at <https://www.foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility that the proposed project could have a significant impact on the environment. The project itself does not allow construction of any building or structure but sets forth design regulations that shall be followed. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and thus is not subject to CEQA review.

APPEAL: The decision of the Planning Commission is subject to a 10-day appeal period to the City Council. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.



Pasadena Gang Targeted During Early Morning Raids

Pasadena police and law enforcement from other agencies arrested eight alleged street gang members early Thursday morning during the execution of search warrants that resulted in the seizure of firearms.

The Pasadena Police Department's Street Crimes Unit, conducted raids around 3 a.m., with the assistance of tactical teams from the Arcadia Police Department, Azusa Police Department, Baldwin Park Police Department, Burbank Police Department, El Monte Police Department, Irwindale Police Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Upland Police Department, and the United States Marshals Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, according to Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian.

According to Derderian, police described the raids as a "coordinated, multi-jurisdictional warrant operation targeting individuals associated with a particular street gang."

"The operation was part of an ongoing investigation into gun trafficking activity associated with the gang," police said. "The operation involved the simultaneous service of search warrants at 10 locations across multiple jurisdictions. As a result of the operation, officers seized seven handguns and one AK-style rifle."

Eight individuals were arrested in connection with the investigation.

Pasadena Chief of Police Gene Harris said the complex operation represents the department's "continued commitment to disrupting gun trafficking networks and the violent criminal activity they support."

Anyone with information was urged to call the Pasadena Police Department at 626-744-4241. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or: lacrimestoppers.org.

Mausoleum Needs Funds for Fire Damage

The Mountain View Mausoleum in Altadena is currently raising funds to repair and restore the historic stained glass within its mausoleum.

These windows are an important part of the site's character and craftsmanship, and they recently sustained additional damage during the Eaton Fire. This effort will support the full restoration and stabilization of the stained glass, ensuring both their preservation and long-term integrity.

Their goal of \$150,000 will: Repair and reinforce weakened panels; Restore broken or missing glass to match the original; Stabilize lead and putty for lasting protection; Preserve the artistry of the Great Gallery and laylights.

If you'd like to support the restoration, you can learn more and contribute at: givebutter.com/mvmGlasswork.



SGV Habitat Completes First Altadena Home

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity welcomed Ken and Carol Wood into their rebuilt Altadena home, last week, after it was destroyed over a year ago in the Eaton Fire. This is the first completed project in Altadena built by Habitat for Humanity and designed by The Foothill Catalog Foundation.

The wood family had lived in their three-bedroom, two-bathroom home on Pine Street for over 40 years.

Alex Athenson and Cynthia Sigler, founders of The Foothill Catalog Foundation said they got the idea for the Foundation after researching Sears catalogs that, over 100 year ago, had customers pick a home designed, sold and shipped as a kit. "Having a list of pre-approved homes in a catalog is the fastest way to rebuild the community," Sigler said.

They came up with the idea just days after their own home as impacted by the fire.

Sigler said the Foundation is already set to rebuild dozens of homes in the next six months. Athenson and Sigler are both Pasadena-based architects.

Habitat for Humanity officials said "they have been leading rebuilding efforts, offering hope to those who are under- and uninsured seeking solutions for affordable ways to build back their properties." Currently they have 10 homes under construction with plans to help at least 100 families.

SGV Habitat is accepting applicants who are seeking assistance. They are offering a one-stop program assisting homeowners from permits to completion with a simplified process, pre-approved plans ranging from 484 to 2417 sq feet,

and affordable 0 percent interest financing. Those interested in learning more can visit: sgvhabitat.org/rebuildaltadena/rebuilds-repairs.

Pictured (middle) Ken and Carol Wood, (right) Cynthia Sigler. Photo by D.Lee/MVNews

Next Masters Series at the Senior Center

How do films and media tell stories about our cultural beliefs and societal attitudes? In "Return to Reel Justice: Courtrooms in the Movies," UCLA Professor Emeritus Paul Bergman will explore this topic as part of the Pasadena Senior Center's Spring Master's Series beginning Tuesday, April 7 and concluding on Tuesday, April 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on-site at the Pasadena Senior Center.

For each individual lecture, all in person, tuition is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. You can also buy ahead and save by purchasing tickets for both sessions: \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

In this two-part series, Professor Bergman will explore — via entertaining movie clips — how real trials and courtroom movies are made for each other: lawyers are storytellers, courtrooms are theaters and trials can provide, drama, surprise, suspense, laughs — and sometimes the truth. Just as anthropologists have used cultural residue like pottery and cave drawing to tell stories about how past societies functioned and what people believed, films tell stories about our cultural beliefs and attitudes toward law, lawyers and justice.

April 7: Lawyers vs. Clients (ethical dilemmas and strategic struggles in attorney-client relationships) and Exper-tease (Expert Witnesses – Rules and Roles) April 14: Your Honor? (judges in courtroom movies) and Out of the Question (hearsay and other evidence rules)

Paul Bergman is a Professor of Law Emeritus at the UCLA Law School. He received his J.D. from UC Berkeley and clerked for a federal court of appeals judge and worked at a law firm before joining the UCLA law faculty and pioneering one of the earliest and finest clinical law programs in the country.

He has authored or co-authored 16 books, including Real to Reel - Truth and Trickery in Courtroom Movies and its predecessor, Reel Justice - The Courtroom Goes to the Movies.

To learn more or register visit: pasadenaseniorcenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Earth Day & Launch of Goat Grazing in the Arroyo Seco

The City of Pasadena and the One Arroyo Foundation announced Friday a community Earth Day celebration April 18, featuring the official release of over 800 goats into the Arroyo Seco. Guests will have the opportunity to witness the goats as they begin their work to reduce wildfire risk and restore the landscape through targeted, environmentally sustainable grazing.

The free, family-friendly event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 360 N Arroyo Blvd and invites the community to come together in celebration of the Earth Day and Pasadena's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

In early 2025, the devastating Eaton Fire showed the urgent need for proactive fire prevention strategies across the region. The Arroyo Seco, a vital natural corridor that connects communities from Hahamongna Watershed Park to South Pasadena, is particularly vulnerable due to overgrowth and fire-prone vegetation. The introduction of managed goat grazing offers a proven, nature-based solution to help reduce fuel loads, improve land health, and increase resilience.

"Pasadena is committed to leading with proactive, community-centered solutions that protect both people and place," said Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo. "As we come together on Earth Day to celebrate the Arroyo Seco, this initiative reflects how we can turn that shared appreciation into action, implementing innovative, nature-based strategies that strengthen our city's resilience."

Over the course of two months, the goats will graze nearly 100 acres of the Arroyo Seco, clearing invasive plants and dry brush while returning

nutrients to the soil. Their ability to navigate steep and sensitive terrain makes them an effective and environmentally responsible alternative to traditional vegetation management methods.

"The One Arroyo Foundation is proud to support and fund this effort in partnership with the City of Pasadena," said One Arroyo Executive Director, Daniel Rossman. "This pilot shows how nature-based solutions can help people and nature thrive together—and that goats might just be the greatest of all time at reducing wildfire risk in hard-to-reach areas."

The Earth Day celebration will feature a variety of activities for all ages, including goat yoga sponsored by the Rose Bowl Stadium, a goat petting zoo, educational opportunities with the goat herder, and interactive booths hosted by City departments and local nonprofit organizations.

Local partners will provide additional programming, including hands-on art activities from Reminders Creative Reuse, outdoor engagement opportunities from Outward Bound Adventures, and community advocacy initiatives from Pasadena 100.

To support access to the event, the City of Pasadena will offer free rides on Route 51 (Pasadena Transit) to Brookside throughout the day.

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of sustainability initiatives, including programs related to transportation, stormwater management, environmental health, and clean energy. Participating City of Pasadena departments include Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Transportation, Health, and Water and Power. To learn more visit: OneArroyo.org/Goats

Federal Investment to Modernize Rose Bowl Ahead of 2028 Olympics



Congresswoman Laura Friedman announced Thursday that she had secured a new, \$1,092,000 federal investment to replace and modernize the water and wastewater systems at the Rose Bowl Stadium ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Friedman was joined by Rose Bowl Stadium officials, City of Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo (pictured) and local elected officials.

"In 2028 we will re-invite the world back to the greatest stadium the Rose Bowl," Gordo said. "As a kid, I have fond memories of hanging out here... then I got to serve as President of the Rose Bowl Stadium and now as mayor, so for me this is a personal place, this is a personal event and a personal gift to the City of Pasadena."

According to a statement by Friedman's office "The stadium's water and wastewater systems are approaching 100 years old, well past the end of their useful life, with aging pipes showing erosion and presenting daily safety concerns, including risks to drinking water quality, wastewater backups, and drainage failures. Last year, the Rose Bowl also served as a critical staging area for residents and first responders during the devastating Eaton Fire.

"Last year's devastating wildfires showed us that the Rose Bowl is more than a stadium — it's a lifeline for our community when we need it most," said Friedman. "In two years, billions of people around the world will be watching as Gold Medal matches for Olympic Soccer are played right here in

Pasadena. We cannot welcome the world to a stadium running on nearly 100-year-old pipes that could fail. This investment ensures America's Stadium is ready for its moment on the world stage while reducing the burden on local taxpayers. I will continue to fight to bring our tax dollars home to invest in the infrastructure our communities depend on."

The \$1,092,000 federal investment will deliver:

- Improved drinking water quality for the more than 1 million annual visitors to the stadium.
- Better flow capacity and drainage to eliminate backups and maintenance failures.
- Upgraded wastewater systems to protect surface and groundwater quality.
- Safer, more reliable infrastructure as the venue prepares to host the 2028 Olympic Games for the third time.

"This investment helps address those challenges," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "At a time when local budgets are stretched thin, every federal dollar secured is a dollar that doesn't need to be diverted from essential community priorities like public safety, roads, and parks. I look forward to continuing to work with Congresswoman Friedman to ensure the Rose Bowl is ready for 2028 and beyond."

This will be the third time the Rose Bowl has hosted the Olympic Games. In 2028, it will host the Gold Medal Semifinals and Finals for both men's and women's Olympic Soccer.

Emergency Assistance Fund Supports Immigrant Families

Pasadena City Council and the City of Pasadena have partnered with the California Community Foundation (CCF) to launch the Pasadena Emergency Assistance Fund, a new resource established to support local families impacted by federal immigration enforcement activity. The creation of the fund follows City Council action appropriating \$100,000 toward establishing an Immigrant Assistance Fund.

The Pasadena Emergency Assistance Fund will provide support for essential needs such as housing, rent, utilities, child or dependent care, and legal services. CCF will

distribute funds to trusted local nonprofit organizations, which will deliver assistance directly to Pasadena residents affected by immigration enforcement actions. CCF will provide periodic reports to the City summarizing the number of individuals served and the categories of assistance provided.

Neither CCF nor Pledge will charge administrative fees, ensuring that 100 percent goes directly to the Pasadena Emergency Assistance Fund. Pasadena's initial fundraising goal is set at \$250,000. For more information or donate visit: pledge.to/pasadenafund.



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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

ARIZONA WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR EATON FIRE RELIEF FRAUD

An Arizona woman was sentenced today in downtown Los Angeles to one year behind bars for having submitted a fraudulent claim for wildfire relief funds, listing a nonexistent Altadena address as her primary residence that she claimed was destroyed in the Eaton Fire.

Katrina Woods, 33, of Maricopa, Arizona, received more than \$23,000 in disaster relief funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency based on her false claims. She also made reservations through FEMA to stay at two hotels -- one in downtown Los Angeles, the other in Hawthorne -- during February and March of 2025, paid for by the government, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Along with the prison term, Woods was ordered by U.S. District Judge Percy Anderson to pay \$23,441 in restitution to FEMA.

Woods pleaded guilty in Los Angeles federal court in October 2025 to one count of fraud in connection with a major disaster or emergency benefits.

"This is not defendant's first and only encounter with law enforcement; she has multiple prior arrests and has sustained convictions for receiving stolen property, making a false representation, violating probation, possession of a forgery device, and taking the identity of another, according to the government's sentencing papers.

Federal prosecutors in Los Angeles charged Woods with FEMA fraud in April 2025 after an investigation revealed she falsely claimed her Altadena home burned down in the Eaton Fire.

Investigators discovered the Altadena address she gave in order to claim wildfire relief funds did not exist and Woods had never lived in Altadena. CNS

MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS FOR EATON, PALISADES FIRE VICTIMS TO REMAIN OPEN

Two mental health drop-in centers serving residents affected by the deadly 2025 Eaton and Palisades fires will be open today and continue operating through June after Los Angeles County officials announced the extension.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the state's CalHOPE program, said the centers will remain open to provide counseling and support for residents displaced or otherwise impacted by the fires.

The fires, which erupted in January 2025, in Pacific Palisades and Altadena, killed at least 31 people, destroyed about 16,000 structures and displaced thousands of residents.

"LACDMH and its partners offer a broad range of services, including individual and family counseling, crisis stabilization, support groups, case management, wellness activities, and linkage to other resources," the department said in a statement.

The walk-in centers operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 540 W. Woodbury Road in Altadena and 15247 La Cruz Drive in Pacific Palisades.

A fire support line is also available at 833-659-0600, allowing residents to speak with a mental health professional, officials said.

The services are funded through a federal emergency response grant. CNS

4-YEAR-OLD FILLY DIES AFTER TRAINING INJURY AT SANTA ANITA

A 4-year-old filly has died after suffering a training injury at Santa Anita Park, officials said earlier this week.

Eiffel, who had six career races and one first-place finish, died Saturday, according to the California Horse Racing Board, which categorized her death as "non-musculoskeletal."

Eiffel's last race was a third-place finish at Santa Anita on March 15, according to the industry website Equibase. She had an official work-

out on Saturday.

"Eiffel had what appears to have been a cardiac issue as she was returning to the barn following routine training Saturday morning," Santa Anita's Senior Vice President and Executive Producer Amy Zimmerman told City News Service.

"The horse was immediately attended to by an expert team of on-site veterinarians but sadly, quickly passed away," she added. "As is protocol, the horse will undergo a

necropsy overseen by the University of California (Davis) School of Veterinary Medicine and the findings reported to the California Horse Racing Board. Unfortunately, incidents such as this are generally classified as 'sudden deaths' and rarely have definitive causal findings."

Eiffel is the seventh horse to die from a racing or training injury at the Arcadia track this year.

ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINT FIRE TRAINING CENTER RECEIVES \$2 MILLION FEDERAL AWARD

As a foothill community, Arcadia has repeatedly faced the threat of fast-moving wildfires, most recently during the Eaton Fire and the Bobcat Fire. With fire season increasingly becoming a year-round concern, the Arcadia Fire Department and the United States Forest Service have partnered to establish a Joint Fire Training Center in Arcadia to strengthen local preparedness and meet growing regional training needs.

"After the devastating Bobcat and Eaton fires, it was clear that wildfire preparedness must continue to evolve. Representative Chu recognized the regional benefit of this project and advocated tirelessly to secure the funding that will make this facility a reality. The new Joint Fire Training Center not only strengthens Arcadia, but all the neighboring communities along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, helping first responders meet future wildfire threats with greater readiness and resilience," said Arcadia Mayor Eileen Wang.



The facility will be constructed on approximately 30,000 square feet of land at the Angeles National Forest Headquarters, located adjacent to the 210 Interstate. Plans call for a four-story training tower featuring live-fire training capabilities and classroom space. The Joint Training Center will also include residential simulation areas within the tower, allowing firefighters to practice hose deployment, ladder operations, rappelling, roof operations, and high-angle rescue exercises.

This unique partnership is designed to strengthen interagency emergency response and improve regional wildfire preparedness. The project was made possible through a \$2 million federal grant secured by Congresswoman Judy Chu. While both agencies initially pursued funding in 2024, federal budget delays postponed the final award until February 2026.

"Ensuring our communities are prepared for and protected from natural disasters is one of my top priorities in Congress. From the Bobcat Fire in 2020 to the recent Eaton Fire that destroyed nearly 6,000 homes and took 19 lives, our region has seen firsthand how devastating these disasters can be," said Rep. Chu. "Arcadia sits along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, which puts the entire community at a higher risk from fast-moving wildfires. That's why I was so proud to secure \$2 million in federal funding for a new Joint Fire Training Center in Arcadia. Through this partnership between the Arcadia Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service, firefighters will receive essential regional training, improve coordination between agencies, and become better equipped to protect families across the San Gabriel Valley for years to come."

The \$2 million grant will benefit Arcadia, the U.S. Forest Service, and neighboring communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley, which regularly face dangerous wildfire conditions.

"The Joint Training Center project is an example of the continued partnership and collaboration between the U.S. Forest Service and the City of Arcadia that will serve our firefighters and the people of our local foothills for years to come," said Robert Garcia, USFS Angeles National Forest Fire Chief.

With major funding now secured, the next phase of the project will include a detailed site assessment and design process. Although the project was last estimated at \$2.7 million, rising construction costs and inflation may require additional resources.

Future updates on the project will be posted on the City's website at ArcadiaCA.gov.

Animal	Deaths per Year
Mosquito	More Than 1 Million
Human	475,000
Snake	50,000
Dog	25,000
Hippo	500
Crocodile	1,000
Elephant	100
Lion	100
Wolf	10
Shark	10

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
Source: World Health Organization (WHO), American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA)
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As temperatures begin to warm, mosquito activity increases. Mosquitoes are considered the world's deadliest animal due to the diseases they can carry, making prevention especially important this time of year. Check for standing water around your home and yard, and visit www.sgvmosquito.org for additional tips.

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Mr. Marco Lopez

St. Rita School is fostering a new generation of digital innovators through a comprehensive and dynamic Technology Program that spans from Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 8th Grade. Immersed in a vast array of cutting-edge and essential technologies, students prepare themselves for success in the modern world. The program, designed and led by Mr. Marco Lopez, provides hands-on experiences across multiple digital domains, ensuring every student finds an area that sparks their passion. St. Rita students explore Digital Photography, Newscasting, Podcasting, Coding, Video Game Design, Typing, Excel, and 3-Dimensional Design. Mr. Lopez' students effectively create slideshows and deliver engaging presentations to their peers.

An important aspect of this program is the educator himself, who provides an environment where students feel safe to create, ask questions, and explore! Mr. Lopez has become a legend amongst the students. He is a tech wizard, a problem solver, and a true mentor to our young scholars. Parent Brandi Manning shares, "Mr. Lopez lets the kids create their own podcasts on topics they chose. My daughter was so excited for me to hear hers at Open House, and I was truly impressed by how well-spoken and confident she was as she explained her subject. She even added small creative touches that made it sound surprisingly professional for a fourth-grade student."



For students eager to dive deeper into the visual arts, the teacher currently offers engaging after-school classes such as Cinematography and Photography. Student photographers capture school sports games, school assemblies, and special events on campus, to later be posted on our school social media, website, and yearbook. These experiences allow students to explore advanced techniques in filmmaking, lighting, and editing, providing an intensive, creative outlet. "My child has fallen in love with photography thanks to Mr. Lopez. By offering after-school classes, he has given her the opportunity to explore the subject more deeply, and she has truly flourished in her skills behind the camera."

Internet Safety is also a crucial part of the program. Students are taught about digital citizenship, online etiquette, privacy, and how to navigate the internet responsibly and securely, ensuring they become knowledgeable and ethical users of technology.

By providing such a broad and deep technology education, St. Rita School is not just teaching software capabilities within a particular discipline; they are teaching critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity. From the youngest learners in TK to their graduating 8th graders, every student leaves their program trained to be responsible online citizens and experienced with the digital fluency needed to thrive in high school and beyond.

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What does your school, town or... ...city do to recycle items? How do you help?

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Earth Day Keeping it Green!

My puzzle is about how schools are helping to conserve. Some are built from recycled materials, and have features to save energy, such as motion-activated lights and faucets. Fill in my puzzle!

Forest's Puzzle

- use _____, sandwich boxes, thermoses and reusable water/sports bottles
- sort bottles and cans into bins for _____
- turn off all _____ and electronics when not using
- use both sides of _____ (may make into notepads)
- _____ school uniforms, gym clothes for others to use
- read and do _____ on computers
- create a _____ where students can pin up and share their ideas for recycling
- _____, bike, take a bus or carpool with others
- have a swap at school to _____ things that you are done with for new stuff
- use items for a new or _____ purpose old school clothes cut for art projects, a box made into a game you invent (some call this repurposing)

Peak's Puzzle

computers 5 fresh

8 motion 9

7 toilets 2

recycled 6

3 daylight 10

4 packaging cleaner

garden

1 I pack a waste-free lunch every day.

paper 7

1 walk 9 6

2 donate lights

trade 4

recycling 3 5

10 assignments board

different lunchboxes

1. _____ panel rooftops

2. _____-activated faucets

3. waterless or low-flow _____

4. buy from companies that use less _____

5. use food service company that offers _____ vegetables and fruits

6. more _____ in classrooms gives an energy boost

7. wireless tablet _____ and energy saving monitors

8. buying _____ paper

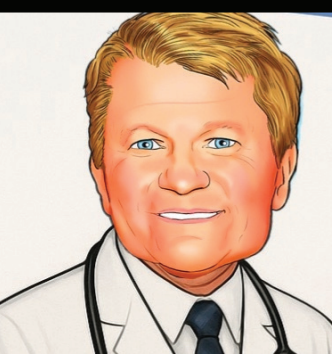
9. better airflow and filters to keep air _____

10. rooftop _____ to keep heat in (or out), and for people to study life cycle of plants

automatic faucet

reusable lunch items

DON'T GET PLAYED AT DINNER



Peter A. Dills
L.A.'s King of Cuisine
<https://podlink/1116885432>

Let me start by saying this—I love restaurants. Always have. Always will. I've built a career around them, spent more nights than I can count sitting at tables, bars, and yes... occasionally waiting for a table that's "almost ready."



But lately, I've noticed something. Even a seasoned diner like me will look at the bill and think, "Wait a second... how did we get here?" Now, before the restaurant owners start calling me—and believe me, I know many of you—this isn't an attack. It's an observation. The business is tough. Costs are up. Labor isn't cheap. Everyone's trying to make it work.

Still... there are a few moves out there that can quietly bump up your bill.

Take this one—I've seen it happen more than once. You arrive for your reservation and hear, "Your table's not ready, have a seat at the bar." Sounds harmless. Then the bartender slides over and asks what you're having. Next thing you know, you've got a cocktail in hand before dinner even starts. That's an extra \$16 you didn't plan on—and you haven't even opened the menu yet.

Or how about this—"Sparkling or still?" Notice they don't ask if you want water. Pro Tip: Say Sierra madre water gets em every time. If you don't specifically say tap, you may find yourself paying for bottled water without even realizing it.

Then there's the birthday dessert. Candle, singing, everyone smiling. A nice touch, right? Sure—until it quietly shows up on your bill.

And let's talk about that mysterious surcharge. Three percent here, four percent there. "Wellness fee," "kitchen appreciation," "cost of doing business." I'm not against supporting the staff—but I do like to know exactly what I'm paying for.

Menus have gotten smarter too. "Small plates," "for the table," "shareable." Before you know it, dinner for two turns into a full spread—and a much bigger tab. And don't forget the friendly upsell. "Add shrimp?" "Upgrade that?" "Make it a double?" It all sounds easy in the moment. It adds up later.

One of my favorites? Market Price. MP. Those two little letters can mean anything. Maybe it's reasonable. Maybe it's not. Either way, it's always fair to ask before ordering.

Here's a newer one I've run into—you order what looks like a cocktail. Same glass, same garnish, same presentation. Only difference? No alcohol. It's a mocktail. And the price? The same as the real thing. Now that one caught me off guard.

And then we get to tipping. You grab something to go, maybe a sandwich or a salad. They spin the screen around—20%, 25%, 30%. And there you are, standing at the counter, wondering if you're a bad guy for hitting "no tip."

Look, I'm sure I've missed a few. Maybe a dozen. Maybe more. And to be fair—not all of these are tricks. Some are just the reality of the restaurant business in 2026. Margins are tight, and operators are getting creative.

But here's where I land. The best restaurants—the ones that last—don't rely on any of this. They rely on service. Consistency. Trust.

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And as my dad used to say, "If a restaurant makes you feel like they're doing you a favor, it's time to find another place to eat."

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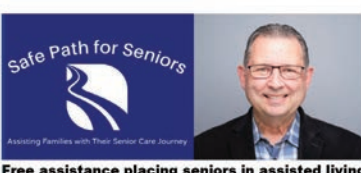
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STRATEGIES FOR PAYING OFF CREDIT CARD DEBT

Dear Savvy Senior,
My husband and I, who are retired, have accumulated about \$7,000 in credit card debt over the past few years and need some help paying it off. What can you tell us?
Living Underwater



Dear Living,
I'm sorry to hear about your financial woes but know that you're not alone. Credit card debt has become a big problem in this country for millions of older Americans. According to a recent AARP report, 52 percent of adults ages 50 to 64 have credit card debt, along with 42 percent of those ages 65 to 74.

Rising costs of basic expenses like food, housing, utilities and health care are the main culprits. But now, new tariffs on products made in China and other foreign countries will make many goods more expensive, which could make this problem worse. Of older adults carrying a balance, nearly half owe \$5,000 or more, and nearly a third owe upwards of \$10,000.

While paying off credit card debt can feel overwhelming, it's doable with a solid plan and a bit of belt-tightening and persistence. Here are some strategies to help you tackle it:

Create a Budget

Start by taking a close look at your income and expenses to see where you can free up money to put toward your credit card debt. Also look for areas to reduce spending, such as dining out, entertainment or subscriptions. And see if you're eligible for any financial assistance programs (see BenefitsCheckUp.org) that can help boost your budget by paying for things like food, utilities, medicine and health care.

Call the Card Company

While the average credit-card interest rate is more than 20 percent, some credit card companies may be willing to lower your interest rate or work out a payment plan, especially if you're struggling. It doesn't hurt to ask.

Pay More Than the Minimum

Credit card companies only require the minimum payment, but it's usually mostly interest. Try to pay more than the minimum every month to make a dent in the principal balance.

Choose a Repayment Strategy

If you have more than one credit card, pick one and get serious about paying it off. Start with the card that carries the highest interest rate, or the one with the smallest balance.

If you focus on paying off the card with the highest interest rate first, you'll pay less interest over time, saving yourself a lot of money. Once the highest-interest card is paid off, move to the next highest, and so on.

Or you may want to start with the card with the smallest balance. Paying off smaller debts quickly can give you a sense of accomplishment and motivate you to keep going.

Consolidate Your Debt

If you have multiple high-interest cards, look into consolidating your debt with a low-interest personal loan from your bank or credit union. Or consider moving your debts to a balance transfer credit card with 0 percent interest for an introductory period, which is usually 15, 18 or 21 months. This will eliminate the amount of interest you're paying temporarily. But be careful! Once the introductory promotion ends, the card company will charge interest on any remaining balance.

Consider a Debt Management Plan

If you need more help, use a nonprofit credit counseling agency (see NFCC.org) to create a debt management plan for you. At no cost, a counselor will go over your income and debts and determine what's workable. The counselor will then negotiate with your lenders, to get a payment plan that will lower your interest and monthly payments and maybe forgive some debt.

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A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

MY ADDICTION TO HAPPINESS



One of the most important elements of life is happiness. When I look around the world, I notice how scarce happiness seems, which makes me reflect on its true value.

I have come to the conclusion that happiness is a choice. I can be happy or sad. The choice is mine.

Whenever things aren't going the way I want, and it seems very chaotic around me, I stop, think a little bit, and actively choose happiness over my worrying, which helps me regain perspective.

Not too long ago, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage looked at me and said, "Why are you so happy?"

I looked at her smiling and said, "As long as you're in my life, I will be happy." She looked at me, smiled, and then walked away. I'm not sure if she understood exactly what I was saying, but I meant it from the bottom of my heart.

I once told her that I had a PhD in happiness. "What does that mean?" She asked. "A PhD is a 'Perpetual Happiness Demeanor'." And I have earned that degree. Throughout the years, I have had this degree challenged on many levels. When things seem at their worst, I need to step back, smile, and be happy.

If you watch the news on TV, there are a million reasons not to be happy. If I believed everything on TV, it would be hard to be happy. The purpose of television news is to depress people, and they are very successful at it.

No matter how bad a situation looks, I can be happy. For every bad thing in the world, I can always find something good to be happy about.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not one of those possibility thinkers who think all I have to do is think it and I can achieve it. I don't believe that at all. But I do believe in happiness in itself.

The other day The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was looking very sad. I approached her and said, "What's wrong? Why are you looking so sad?"

Then she explained to me in detail why she was so sad. Based on what she said, she has every good reason to be sad. She had both thumbs injured, and they were not quite movable, which hindered her from doing some of the work she does. "I just am tired of my thumbs not working yet."

It reminded me of a time in my life when I was hit with shingles on my right side. My right arm was limited in what I could do with it. It really may be quite sad. One day, I went to Wendy's, and a man came out of the store without a right arm. From the top of his shoulders down, his arm was missing.

As I watched him walk to his truck, I got to thinking. That man will never be able to use his arm because it's gone. I, on the other hand, will be able to use my arm again one day because it's just a temporary setback.

So, I told my wife, "Don't get discouraged. That will soon go away and you will have full access to both of your thumbs." I smiled at her, hoping she would catch the happiness bug.

I don't think happiness comes automatically. It's a matter of choice. In the midst of some very negative situations, I can either suffer through them or choose to be happy. I'm not happy about my situation, but happiness is my choice in life.

When my schedule is full, it is an opportunity for something to go wrong. I've lived long enough to realize that something going wrong is always an option. When I think I've got everything in line and I'm ready to take the next step, something blows up in my face. That is enough to make me sad and even angry. I see a lot of angry people in this world. I can choose to be angry or to be happy. The choice is all mine.

It's taken me almost a lifetime to understand that and to choose happiness under every circumstance.

The other day I had a doctor's appointment across town. Just a checkup that the doctors like to do. I went out, got in my truck, and it would not start. I did everything I could possibly think of, but nothing got that truck running.

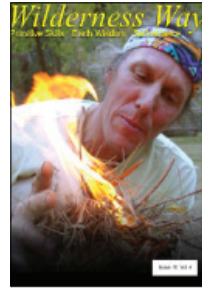
That was a real recipe for some anger in my situation. I finally had to call AAA to have them come and start up my truck. When he came, he discovered that it was the battery. It took him about an hour to fix my truck and get it running. In the meantime, I had to cancel my doctor's appointment and reschedule it.

I was a little bit agitated. When I walked into the house, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage greeted me and said, "Are you happy now?"

She caught me with pie in my face. I looked at her, smiled very gently, and said, "I am now!" I found some scripture that supports my happiness.

Proverbs 3:13, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." My happiness is not found in the world, but in my personal relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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EASTER AND THE MAN BEHIND IT

Easter is said to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus, after his trial and death on a cross. What a remarkable story. Jesus! You say just that name and everyone knows who you mean. What a man he was! What a life he must have lived! He is known and literally worshipped by at least a third of all humanity, and around whom our current world system of reckoning time revolves. Amazing! And perhaps the even more amazing is that there is still so much debate about who he was, what he did, how he lived, and what he believed. Hundreds of differing Christian sects are stark testament to the fact that though Jesus might have had "one message," that message has been widely interpreted and debated over the centuries.

Let's work through some of the most basic facts. As an historical person, he can be placed in a specific time and location. All historians concede that they do not know the birthday of Jesus, but it is widely acknowledged that the birth date is not December 25. Many pre-Christian "saviors" have also been said to be born on December 25, and that is because the day of the winter solstice is when the days get longer, that is, there is more light, a solar resurrection from the dark of winter.

Most scholars suggest that the historical Jesus was born in either April or September, in 4 B.C. or 6 B.C. of our current reckoning. Herod died in 4 B.C., so that was the most recent date he could have been born. Some place his birth as early as 10 B.C. in our current reckoning of time.

"Jesus" was not his name! Really? Then why do we call him that? "Jesus" is the English rendering of Yeshu, or Iesu. Did he have a full name? Yes, of course, and it was not "Jesus Christ," either, which is a title, meaning Jesus the Christ, or Jesus the Anointed. Historians say that the actual name was Yeshua ben Josephus, that is, Jesus son of Joseph. Another version says it is Yeshua ben Pandirah, Jesus son of the Panther. In Indian literature, he is referred to as Yuz Asaf. When mentioned in the Koran, he is Isa (or Issa). Dilletante "historians" have suggested that "Jesus" didn't actually exist because they were unable to find "Jesus Christ" in other contemporary historical records.

And yes, Jesus did have some African ancestry, though his physical appearance was such that he fit right in with the Jews of that era, based on several passages that indicate that Jesus not only looked like every one else in a crowd, but was also a very average and normal looking Middle-Easterner, not sticking out at all. Remember how the Roman guards had to ask for others to identify Jesus. He was of an average appearance for that day and location, and blended into the crowd.

Though respectfully referred to as "rabbi," his ideas about life, family, death, and relationships did not always mesh well with the religious elite, who viewed Jesus as well-intended, but nevertheless a trouble-maker to the establishment.

THE EARLY YEARS

It is worth noting that the Persian Kings (the so-called 3 kings) who sought out the infant Jesus were engaged in very much the same search that the Tibetan priests employed when seeking the embodiment of the next Dali Lama. The Bible speak of the young Jesus talking to the Rabbis in the Temple, sharing his youthful wisdom with the elders to the surprise of his parents. Then there is no Biblical record of what he did as a teenager, and during his 20s. We don't hear from him again in the Bible until his appearance on the scene at about age 30 or so, where he reportedly transformed water into wine at a wedding feast, and was depicted as a healer, prophet, and fisher of men.

His religious observations would have been the regular observations for Jews of the day, and entirely different from the observations of most Christian sects today. (The reasons for this are well-known and found in any encyclopedia on the history of the Church.)

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

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

Garner Ted Armstrong of the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena, wrote a book about the "Real Jesus," and Jesus was described as a hard-working, athletic, health-food eating powerful man, a sort of health advocate Gypsy Boots of the past who also spoke about the Kingdom within.

Holger Kersten in his "Jesus Lived in India" book presents a very different Jesus, the very one who is depicted on the Shroud of Turin, and one who was actually recorded as traveling to India, and who studied from the Buddhists.

According to Harold Percival in his "Thinking and Destiny" book, Jesus succeeded in re-uniting his Doer and Thinker and Knower, his internal trinity, which put him in touch with his divinity, which made him, effectively, a God. Though Percival's terminology is unfamiliar to most Christians, he is less concerned about the historical details of Jesus and more concerned about what Jesus did, and became, that made him a focal point of most societies on earth over the last 2000 years.

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

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



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Pet of the Week

Rockie is a sweet, wiggly girl with a heart full of love. This 8-year-old pitie at Pasadena Humane walks nicely on leash, enjoys a leisurely sniff-filled stroll, and loves carrying her favorite toy like a prized possession. But her absolute favorite thing? Being close to her people—on your lap, by your side, or curled up on the couch, she just wants to be with you.

Playful without being over-the-top, Rockie is gentle with treats, enjoys short bursts of activity, and settles easily into cuddle mode afterward. Her foster field trip chaperones often report, "she made so many people smile today," just by being herself.

She is also house-trained, crate-trained, and thrives on affection and companionship. Rockie will do best in a home where her people understand her needs and can give her thoughtful guidance.

Otherwise, she is the perfect snuggle buddy and loyal shadow, ready to share her love with the right family – perhaps yours!

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Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.

CAN YOU HELP?

A severely injured puppy who lost most of his nose and suffered a dislocated jaw is receiving medical care as he begins a lengthy and complex recovery at Pasadena Humane. Peanut arrived at the shelter with traumatic injuries on March 9th after being found in Sierra Madre.

Veterinary staff provided immediate care and are overseeing a complex recovery process expected to take weeks. Pasadena Humane says donations to its Miracle Medical Fund help cover the cost of treating animals with severe injuries.

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FITNESS FOR LIFE

MOTIVATED BY SCENT

Walk into any fitness store and you will see shelves full of products that promise better workouts. Powders, pills, drinks, and sprays all claim they can boost energy, sharpen focus, and improve results. Many people spend a lot of money chasing that edge. But what if some of the simplest performance boosters were already around you—and completely free?

Believe it or not, certain smells can actually help your body and mind perform better. This is not just a fun idea. It is backed by research. Your sense of smell is directly linked to the brain, especially areas that control mood, memory, and alertness. That means the right scent can wake you up, calm you down, or help you push a little harder during exercise.

One of the most well-known performance scents is peppermint. Studies have shown that smelling peppermint can increase alertness and reduce feelings of fatigue. People who inhaled peppermint before or during exercise reported feeling stronger and more energized. Some even improved their running speed and endurance. That is a big benefit from something as simple as a scent.



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Peppermint works because it stimulates the nervous system. It can make breathing feel easier and help you feel more awake. That is why you often find it in gum or mints. Imagine getting a small boost in your workout just by smelling it before you start.

Another helpful scent is citrus, like lemon or orange. Citrus smells are known to improve mood and increase energy. When you feel better mentally, your body often performs better too.

Another benefit of using natural scents is that they are easy to repeat and build into a routine. But there is one thing to keep in mind. Your body can adapt and get used to the same smell over time. When that happens, the scent may not feel as strong or effective as it did at first.

The good news is that this is easy to manage. You can rotate scents, like using peppermint one day and citrus another. You can also save certain smells just for workouts instead of having them around all day. This keeps the brain more responsive. Even taking short breaks from a scent can help it feel fresh again.

Lavender might seem like an odd choice for performance, since it is known for relaxation. But that is exactly why it works. Lavender can reduce anxiety and help you stay calm under pressure. For activities that require control and precision, like yoga, golf, or even a steady-paced run, this can make a big difference.

Being too tense can hurt performance. Muscles tighten, breathing becomes shallow, and movements feel forced. Lavender helps counter that by promoting a relaxed state. When your body is calm, it can move more efficiently and with better control.

There are also earthy scents like pine or fresh grass that can have a positive effect. These smells are often linked to being outdoors. They can make you feel refreshed and motivated. This can improve mood and increase your desire to move, especially for outdoor workouts.

Think about how different you feel when you exercise in a fresh, natural environment compared to a stuffy indoor space. That difference is not just in your head. Your senses, including smell, play a big role in how you experience exercise.

So how can this help you? It does not require anything fancy - no expensive products or complicated routines. Just keep it simple and practical.

Before a workout, try smelling peppermint or a citrus fruit. You can use essential oils, a piece of fruit, or even a mint. During your workout, you might keep a scent nearby, like a small cloth with a drop of oil. For calming activities, consider lavender to help you stay relaxed and focused.

You can also pay attention to your environment. Open a window, step outside, or choose a space that smells clean and fresh. Even small changes can make a difference in how you feel and perform.

The key point? Performance is not only about what you put into your body. It is also about how your body responds to the world around you. Your senses matter. And your sense of smell is more powerful than most people realize.

That doesn't mean you should throw out every product you use. But it is a reminder that simple, natural tools can be just as effective—and much safer. Before spending money on the next big thing, take a moment to consider what is already available to you.

Sometimes the smallest changes lead to the biggest results. It just might be as easy as stopping to smell the roses.

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE

YOUR DREAM IS STILL VALID



Lori A. Harris

On holding a vision when the ground has shifted, and what audacity looks like in the middle of a hard season.

Last weekend at the Wisteria Festival, I hugged one of my readers.

She had survived the fires. We had never met in person before, but she knew my column, and I think she needed someone to see her. Not the version of her who was managing, coping, and putting one foot in front of the other. The version of her that was still raw underneath all of that. We both were a little undone when we finally stepped back. Neither of us said much. We didn't need to.

I've been thinking about that moment.

Our community has been through something. You don't need me to tell you that; you lived it, or you watched your neighbors live it, or you're still in the middle of it. The fires took homes. They took businesses. They took the physical containers of people's dreams, the storefronts, the studios, the spaces that took years to build. And now comes the harder work of figuring out what comes next.

Do you rebuild? Do you reimagine? Do you cling to your memories of historic fixtures, or begin anew? Do you let yourself grieve what was lost and still somehow hold on to what you were building toward?

That hug was still with me when I sat down recently with Ryan Wilson, co-founder and CEO of The Gathering Spot, a private membership community with locations in Atlanta, Washington D.C., and Los Angeles, built over ten years as a home for creators, entrepreneurs, and leaders. The hug had asked a question I didn't quite have words for yet. Ryan's story helped me find some.

Watch for our full conversation soon on the Unlock Your Life podcast. But let me share what stayed with me, because it belongs to this moment, and to you.

"The trap," he told me, "is feeling like a moment is your forever."

Ryan knows something about hard moments. He pitched his vision to 97 people before a single one said yes. 97 rejections, each one felt like someone telling him his dream wasn't worth pursuing. The number itself isn't the point. What matters is what it represents: the universal experience of being told, by people who seem to know better, that the thing you believe in isn't real. Most of us quit long before 97. He didn't.

He built something meaningful. And then a pandemic arrived and made it literally illegal to do the one thing his business existed to do: gather. And then came an acquisition, a reacquisition, and now a season in which the Los Angeles location is closing as he searches for a new home worthy of the community he's spent a decade building.

Every single one of those moments could have been the ending. None of them were.

What moved me most wasn't the resilience, though he has it. It was the honesty about what resilience actually costs. Because hold-

ing a vision through a hard season doesn't just ask something of you. It asks something of the people around you. There are moments when stewarding a dream means making a decision that disappoints the very community that loves what you've built. Closing a location people called home. Changing something people counted on. Saying: I cannot be what I was. I have to become what comes next.

And right now, in this valley, I know some of you are living exactly that tension. You've had to make decisions that let people down. You've had to close something, pause something, pivot something, in the middle of a moment when your neighbors needed you to stay exactly as you were. That weight is real. The grief on both sides of those decisions is real.

Disappointing people while holding your vision is not the same as abandoning them. Sometimes it is the most faithful thing you can do, for yourself, for what you're building, and ultimately for the community that is waiting on the other side of your courage.

A steward doesn't own the vision. A steward is responsible for it, even when being responsible is the harder choice.

Ryan used the word steward more than once. I kept writing it down. A steward understands that the vision is larger than any single location, any single season, any single loss. The Gathering Spot is not a building. It never was. It's determination that people need places to come together, to think together, to build together. That determination survived COVID. It will survive this, as well.

And here is what I know about this community:

Your determination survived the fires.

The dream you were carrying before this year, the business you were growing, the thing you were building toward, the vision you held for yourself and your family and your neighbors, that is still yours. It may be waiting for new ground. It may be asking you to be braver than you planned to be this year. But the desire that was driving you before the hard season arrived? That doesn't disappear because the circumstances changed. If anything, it is asking you to trust it more, not less.

That idea you can't quite put down, the one that came back even in the hardest weeks, even when you were exhausted and not sure what came next, that's not noise. That's your dream telling you it isn't finished with you yet.

I think about the woman I hugged at the Wisteria Festival. I don't know yet what she is going to rebuild or how. But I know she is still here. Still standing. And so are you.

This valley has always been full of people who build things. Those who have always built things. Those who will build again.

Now comes the audacity to do it.

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ALL THINGS by Jeff Brown

OFF TO THE MOON

The Artemis II mission marks an exciting new chapter in human space exploration, bringing astronauts back into deep space for the first time in over fifty years. Not since Apollo 17 in 1972 have humans traveled beyond low Earth orbit. Now, under the leadership of NASA, Artemis II aims to prove that humanity is ready to explore farther than ever before.



The mission will send four astronauts—Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen—The entire 10-day flight, which includes Earth orbit operations, the loop around the moon, and the return trip, totals roughly 685,000 miles venturing thousands of miles beyond the Moon's far side. They will travel aboard the Orion spacecraft, launched by the powerful Space Launch System, which produces an incredible 8.8 million pounds of thrust at liftoff.

Leaving Earth Orbit: After spending about 24 hours checking systems in a high Earth orbit, the Orion spacecraft's main engine will fire to increase its velocity by roughly 900 mph. This final boost pushes the total speed to the nearly 24,500 mph required for the trip.

The 4-Day Coast: Once the TLI burn is complete, the spacecraft will coast for approximately four days to reach the moon. During this time, it will gradually slow down as Earth's gravity continues to pull on it, until it eventually reaches the moon's sphere of influence.

Free-Return Trajectory: The mission uses a "free-return" path, meaning the spacecraft's speed and direction are precisely calculated so that the moon's gravity will naturally "slingshot" it back toward Earth without needing a major engine burn to return home. Re-entry will be at 25,000 mph making them the fastest humans in history.

Unlike earlier Apollo missions that landed astronauts on the Moon, Artemis II is a test flight. Its main purpose is to ensure that the spacecraft, systems, and crew can safely handle the challenges of deep space travel. From the distance of 250,000 miles Earth will appear small and distant, emphasizing both the beauty and isolation of space.

One of the most inspiring aspects of Artemis II is its diverse crew. Christina Koch will become the first woman to travel beyond low Earth orbit. Victor Glover the first Black astronaut to make the journey, and Jeremy Hansen the first Canadian to venture into deep space. It is a very complicated adventure and we all hope for the best for the four astronauts and our space program.

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LA SALLE BOYS' TENNIS CLINCHES THIRD STRAIGHT LEAGUE TITLE, IMPROVES TO 9-0

The La Salle boys' tennis team has officially cemented its place at the top of the Del Rey League once again. With a perfect 9-0 record, the Lancers secured their third consecutive league championship, overcoming early-season uncertainty to deliver one of the program's most impressive runs to date.

"It means a lot," said Coach Javier. "We started off so bumpy—to the point where I thought we weren't even going to be able to compete. To turn that into an undefeated season so far... it made me feel justified in the decisions I made early on, especially the tougher ones."

The defining moment of the season came in a tightly contested 10-8 victory over Bishop Montgomery High School, a match that ultimately secured La Salle's position as the top team in the league.

Known for his consistency in lineup decisions, Coach Javier made a rare strategic adjustment in that match.

"We took a risk," he said. "Everyone knows I don't like to deviate from the plan, but we knew we had to 'run the numbers' to give ourselves the best chance to win. We stacked our doubles and made a plan to win all nine doubles sets and just one singles set."

The calculated gamble paid off, as La Salle executed the strategy to perfection and came away with the narrow victory.

Just days later, the Lancers returned home for an emotional Senior Day matchup against Bishop Amat High School. With the league title on the line and their seniors taking the court for the final time at home, La Salle delivered once again—clinching the championship in front of family, friends, and teammates.

"All five of my seniors have been with me since their freshman year," Coach Javier said. "It's going to be bittersweet when the season ends. They've been through a lot with me, and I'll forever be grateful for everything they've done for this team."

Beyond the results, this season has been defined by the team's chemistry and connection. "It's been good," Coach Javier said. "This team, although new in some ways, has been flowing well together all season. That was definitely the difference maker in the match against Bishop Montgomery, and it's going to be the key to our success going into playoffs."

This year's title run is a testament not just to talent, but to resilience and belief. After roster turnover and early adversity, the Lancers stayed committed to their identity—prioritizing team chemistry, accountability, and trust in one another.

Now, with one final regular season match remaining after spring break, La Salle turns its attention toward the postseason with a clear mindset.

"Belief," Coach Javier said. "I think that's what held us back last year and what's been pushing us this year. We need to believe in ourselves first... then no one can stop us."

With momentum, unity, and confidence on their side, the Lancers are once again poised to make a deep postseason run—and this time, they fully believe they can finish the job.



SCARE THE BEAR



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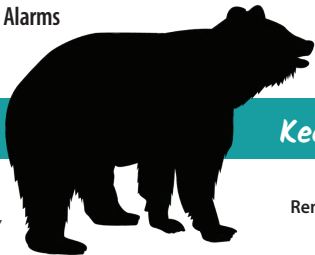
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- ✗ NO If the bear is in a natural area where bears belong.
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SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



STUART TOLCHIN

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

DONALD TRUMP SENT TO DARK SIDE OF THE MOON



As I opened my eyes this morning, I see the fog of the April 1st morning amid my thoughts of the fogs of war circulating world-wide, I thought it my duty to inform whatever readers who happen upon this article to alternative news which might possibly soon also be circulating. Perhaps there are alternative facts that will describe the presence of Mr. Trump locked into the Artemus rocket as it proceeds on its journey to the dark side of the moon. Perhaps you read on Tuesday that Mr. Trump had said to allies who he asserted had failed to support the United States in the U.S. war effort against Iran to "Go get your own oil!" Alternative facts might possibly involve a similar statement he made while aboard the Artemus Rocket as it was being prepared for its flight. As you read these alternative facts be aware that as stated in the Washington Post last week "what appears in print and reality have diverged so completely that it may as well be happening on different planets."

As you may have read Trump as the sitting President attended oral arguments for the birthright citizenship at the U.S. Supreme Court. This attendance is characterized in the New York Times as indicative of Trump's attempt to use his power to bully and intimidate. Similarly, alternative facts may assert that Trump in a similar hands-on way entered the Artemus Rocket at a time very near the time it was intended to blast off. When told that it was time for him to leave the plane Trump may have responded by saying "This is my rocket. If you don't like it, Go get your own rocket. He was not ready to leave but the take-off of the rocket blastoff could not be delayed and off went Trump accompanying the original four members of the Artemus II crew.

Included among this four-member crew is Christina Koch, a female and experienced astronaut. It is possible that upon meeting the female astronaut Trump acted in accord with his statement of May 5, 2023, that he is attracted as if by a magnet to grab the lower female private parts. (I refrain from using the actual term he used it because using the actual term might anger my wife.) Anyway, I imagine that some unwelcome predatory behavior took place much as was described this past week in relation to Civil Rights Icon Cesar Chavez.

As you know as a result of his now revealed behavior, Cesar Chavez has been immediately discredited, and holiday names and street names have been changed and monuments to him were eliminated. Imagine revealed Trump's predatory behavior, perhaps including material found in the Epstein files causes a tremendous rethinking and need to dissociate from Donald J. Trump. A new interpretation of the U.S. Constitution may reveal that Mr. Trump is ineligible to serve as President because he is not of "sound mind". This requirement of being of "sound mind" is of course an understood prerequisite to the operation of any last Will and Testament and should have been understood all along as a requirement for election to political office. Information has circulated that similar to the way insider Democrats hid the noticeable weakness and diminished capacity of President Joseph Biden in a failed attempt to offer him as a strong candidate for reelection, knowledgeable Republicans (if there are such things) may have hidden the psychological and possibly psychotical incapacity of Donald Trump. (Is there such a word) Accordingly, when and if Donald Trump returns from his voyage to the dark side of the moon he will no longer be considered as President. Because of their perfidy in hiding Trump's true condition from the Public the sitting Vice-President and all cabinet members of the Trump Administration are to be similarly removed. Until the next scheduled mid-term-election it has been agreed by all parties that the present Pope Leo XIV, the Pope from Chicago, will function as a representative and caretaker of the United States... e news Who else would be acceptable, if not the Head White Male Christian in chief?

Dear readers, I hope you will understand and forgive me on this April Fool's Day for engaging in some wishful thinking and trying to distract myself. So much of what we have heard and so much of what is going on all over the world is terrifying but only when I think about it. Unfortunately, I cannot stop thinking but I try and disguise the fear. This article is an attempt, successful or not.

HAPPY EASTER EGG HUNTING

HOWARD HAYS As I See It



"You have not changed. Now, I'm not allowed to say this . . . but you may be even better looking, okay?" - President Trump to Fox News' Dana Perino, responding to her question about accessibility of food and drinking water in Iran

MS NOW reports White House staffers say the president has become "bored" with this war. His team puts out teenage-gamer video memes - reconnaissance footage of exploding targets mixed with Marvel superheroes, SpongeBob and rap music; our nation at war as (cringe) social media content. Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA) reminds, "War is not a game. It's not a spectacle. It's not something you pick up and drop when it stops entertaining you." Governor Newsom adds, "American soldiers are dying . . . Republicans are cutting essential services to fund a war no one but Trump and MAGA wanted. And now Trump is bored. Disgusting."

We hear from a president who, according to Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT), is "flat-out lying." Trump says Iranians "want to make a deal so badly", while their foreign minister says, "we do not plan on any negotiations". Trump posts we're dealing with "A NEW, AND MORE REASONABLE, REGIME" (his all-caps, not mine) - while new leader Mojtaba Khamenei is regarded as more hardline than his dad, with Revolutionary Guards still in charge. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) points out that this lying "telegraphed to Iran that Trump is desperate and in a corner, which has the impact of making talks even less likely."

Over this last year, we lost 10% (300,000 out of 3 million) of federal workers. Some were fired or accepted buyouts through DOGE. Many left or were forced out when it became clear competence and expertise came second to fealty to Donald Trump - including at the Pentagon and State Department.

With no one having told Trump what he didn't want to hear, he says Iran's attacks on neighboring states came "unexpectedly", that "nobody was even thinking about it". Greg Sargent of The New Republic explained, "On one front after another, Trump plainly didn't prepare for eventualities that most experts fully did anticipate." Matt Duss of the Center for International Policy added, "We know that Donald Trump does not do the reading. We know that Donald Trump has the attention span of a fly. We know that he just makes stuff up all the time."

And who's there to tell him? The position of National Security Advisor has been regarded as one of the most crucial in the White House. Now, it's a side gig for Secretary of State Marco Rubio. There's no longer a functioning National Security Council. Our Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, last made news recovering 2020 election ballots in Fulton County, Georgia.

Defense Secretary Hegseth preached at his monthly Pentagon "Christian" service, calling on God for "overwhelming violence of action against those who deserve no mercy", and to "break the teeth of the ungodly." He's been axing those deemed as having suspect devotion to his doctrine - including the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Air Force Vice-Chief of Staff and now, with our country at war, the Army Chief of Staff.

Trump's economic team probably didn't foresee the consequences this would have for the multi-billions Gulf states had promised to invest in the U.S., a promised investment they'd bragged so much about. Now that money will likely stay put to be spent on those countries' own defense and eventual rebuilding.

It's doubtful Trump ever considered the consequences of spending the first year of his return bashing our allies: crazy tariff games, demanding Denmark cede control over Greenland, siding with Putin in his invasion of Ukraine, threatening withdrawal from NATO (as he still is). Now he's throwing fits because they won't bail him out of this war he chose for our country.

Trump tells the U.K. to "go get your own oil", "just TAKE IT" - after they wouldn't allow strikes from British bases. He called France "VERY UNHELPFUL" for not allowing military flights over its airspace - though France says they'd only requested the U.S. get prior diplomatic clearance. Italy refused bombers landing in Sicily, because the U.S. couldn't be bothered checking with its military beforehand. Spain closed off its airspace, Defense Minister Margarita Robles calling U.S. actions "profoundly illegal and profoundly unjust". She added, "We don't accept lectures from anyone in regard to our commitment to peace." Whatever the reasons, Trump now labels them "COWARDS, and we will REMEMBER!"

Meanwhile, 41 nations from around the world, led by France and the U.K., have joined in an international effort to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. is not involved (nor is Trump's "Board of Peace" - remember?). The president got bored and has moved on: firing cabinet members, showing off new renderings of his ballroom, seeking to have his birthday declared a national holiday and arranging for an international summit - not on Iran, but "Antifa."

Libbey Dean of NewsNation asked the president whether he'd need a deal with Iran before ending operations - repeating the question as Trump tried to deflect. He responded, "You're a fresh person . . . We've had a lot of problems with you". If I were Ms. Dean, as a journalist, I'd be much prouder having received that response from the president than being told I "may be even better looking"

RICH JOHNSON

HE IS RISEN.....STILL



Significantly into my seventh decade (on this planet anyway), I am trying to calculate the number of years I have actually celebrated Easter. Easter is one of my two favorite holidays for a variety of reasons. The primary reason is, early on, as a small child, we celebrate the Risen Lord by consuming large quantities of candy.

In my particular case, more candy is consumed on my birthday, primarily because my birthday lands squarely on another "spiritual" event...okay quasi spiritual event... Halloween.

In case you need to know this, the number one candy consumed on Easter (in the good ol' USA) is Reese's Peanut Butter Pieces. One might think it carries over to Halloween but that is not the case. The number one candy on Halloween is Snickers candy bars at least in California and Nevada.

It is ironic the two primary candy days of the year have 180 degree opposite beginnings. One celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus and the other, the 2000 year-old Celtic festival of Samhain honoring the spirits of the dead.

My real spiritual journey began at, not surprisingly, a summer youth camp put on by the church. Still living in Minnesota, age 12, surrounded by many schoolmates in the middle of a forest, I publicly declared my new Christian faith. (2 months later back at school in 9th grade gym class a fellow camper (who was there at camp) asked me if I meant what I said and I buckled under the peer pressure and said a ringing "NO". Fortunately, I learned the Lord is far more faithful to us than we are to Him.

So, at 14, my family moved from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Van Nuys, California. TALK ABOUT CULTURE SHOCK! I hooked up with the local Lutheran Church and could not penetrate the cliquish high school group, so I hooked up with the college career group (I was starting 10th grade). I had started playing guitar by then and befriended a bearded fellow 10 years my senior named Ray. While I was busy failing high school geometry, Ray was earning the first Ph.D. Doctorate with Distinction in Physics at UCLA. He invited me to join his Christian "folk group" (he played banjo lol) and sang like you might imagine a German might sing lol. We ended up with about 4 more girls and two more guys and called ourselves the "Church Folk Singers". And the rest was history.

My friend and youth director for a season was Kenn Gulliksen. Kenn went on to Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa and later started a Jesus People denomination that became the "Vineyard" Churches. Kenn was also the Christian who led Bob Dylan to faith in Jesus.

I may have surprised many of you by sharing my faith. It is very personal and important to me. But it is also very important to me to try to brighten your days and weeks with light, hopefully humorous bits of verbal fluff you can pass along to brighten the day of those around you. Truth be told I knew if I waited long enough, I would hear a little "ding" in my head from the heavenlies to share my beliefs. No big shock God would pick Easter to ding me. The fact is my faith is as real to me as my humor and, just possibly, lol a little bit more important. But not by much. If I have inadvertently, or advertently given you pause to consider your eternal destiny, here's a plan: In bed tonight, look at the ceiling and say the following: "Jesus, if you are real and desire to be in relationship with me, please reveal yourself to me in a meaningful way". If God doesn't get back to you, you can "lawyer up" on judgment day (just kidding kinda).

Regardless, have a wonderful Easter Celebration, eat and drink too much, and love your family and friends with a renewed fervor. And listen for a little ding!

RICHARD NIXON DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD AFTER ALL

By Dick Polman - *It's hard for me to describe how much I once loathed Richard Nixon.*

As a college student during the Watergate scandal, I celebrated when he quit on the cusp of impeachment. I firmly believed, along with millions of others, that Nixon was the lowest human being ever elevated to our highest office and his track record of anti-constitutional crimes would never be surpassed.

Jeez were we naive.

Despite his serial abuses and aberrant behavior - bugging his own office, ordering the Watergate coverup, ranting on tape about "the Jews" will stain him for eternity - when you compare Nixon to the current vile authoritarian, the former looks so good I'm tempted to wallow in nostalgia and give the guy his due.

Think about it: At least Nixon wasn't stupider than a slab of cement. At least he wasn't a useful idiot of the Russians. At least he didn't send people to storm the Capitol after narrowly losing the 1960 presidential race. When the Supreme Court ruled against him in 1974, forcing him to release the Oval Office tapes, he quickly complied. When fellow Republicans told him there were sufficient House votes for impeachment and it was time to go, he went. He actually went.

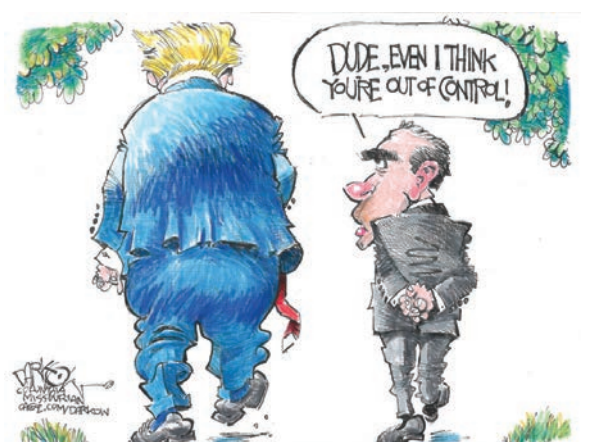
But that's just for starters. Check out these points of comparison:

- Unlike he who shall not be named, Nixon didn't work to destroy the mandate of the Environmental Protection Agency. Quite the contrary. He created the EPA, signed the Clean Water Act, and signed the Endangered Species Act. In 1972 he praised America's "environmental awakening," and said "the federal government must provide leadership."

- Unlike the current saboteur of NATO, Nixon worked to keep it strong. In 1969 he called NATO "one of the great successes of the postwar world." He said "the American commitment to NATO will remain in force and it will remain strong" because it is "more than a military alliance," it "represents a moral force."

- Unlike the current enemy of affordable health care, Nixon repeatedly sought to enact sweeping health reforms - "to ensure," he said in 1971, "that no American family will be prevented from obtaining basic medical care by inability to pay." Indeed, Nixon's provisions - employer-mandated insurance, increased federal subsidies - were actually more generous than today's Obamacare. (They failed because Democrats, led by Senator Ted Kennedy, didn't think they were liberal enough.)

- Unlike the current guy's quest to rig the judiciary for the rich and favored, Nixon created the Legal Services Corporation Act. Today, the LSC - a federal nonprofit entity - still provides legal aid to low-income people. When he signed it into law in 1974, he called it a "constructive way to help (the



poor) help themselves," to "protect and preserve a basic right for all Americans."

- Unlike the current addled warlord, whose ignorant blunderings in Iran will likely accelerate a regional nuclear arms race, Nixon prioritized non-proliferation. He sat down with the Russians to negotiate nuclear arms treaties; for the first time, America and the Soviet Union placed limits on their nuclear weapons arsenals.

- Unlike the current entitled brat, Nixon didn't have a racist rich daddy to grease his ascent. He grew up poor with no connections in a rural California dust town. His father had a lemon farm that failed. Notwithstanding Nixon's abundant character flaws, it's beyond dispute that he worked his rear off to get to Duke Law and beyond, to wind up in places like the Great Wall of China, forging an historic detente with a communist power.

I say all this without minimizing the traits so many of us despised - his lies, his paranoia, his willingness to enlist aides in criminal schemes that landed them in jail. He was ultimately destroyed by his own treachery and taught a generation of Americans to distrust their government. He also ended the draft, championed college loans for the poor, and created the OSHA workplace safety agency. The complexities never cease.

And as loathsome as he often was, he never inspired eight million Americans to flood the streets against him on a single day in all 50 states. That alone tells the tale.

Some 30 years ago, I covered an event at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California. Walking the grounds with a colleague, I said, "Hey, isn't he buried around here somewhere?" My companion said, "You're standing on him." I leapt as if my feet had been scorched. I looked down and, yes, there he was. Today, acknowledging his upside, I owe him a semi-salute.

MY 1ST WISTERIA FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

By Mandy Tzoc Rodriguez

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mandy Rodriguez is the newest member of the Mountain Views News Family)

As I walk through Sierra Madre Boulevard, I see the vibrant purple leaves and green vines covering various vendor booths and store windows at the 2026 Wisteria Festival. Many community members continuously greet one another, stopping to chat, always saying "Good Morning," or "How are you?" This being my first Sierra Madre event, as someone from a neighboring town, I was unsure of what I would be getting to see and how many people would show up.

I was taken aback by the sheer volume of the Sierra Madre community coming out to support vendors, artists, and their community all while being excited to see the Wisteria vine bloom. There was a mass of families, animals, artists, vendors and community members who were thrilled to get to come together. For me, as a local from a neighboring town, I never heard of the Wisteria Festival nor of the Wisteria Vine. It was a completely new experience for me, but one that gave me insight on the history of Sierra Madre and to get to visually see how the community connects. It made me think of the significance of community events and how such events continue to promote connection between one another while boosting local businesses and artists.

According to the University of Minnesota, "Connections are the 'glue' that hold communities together; without them, a community stagnates and the quality of life declines." Community events, like annual festivals, provide a sense of community pride, allowing for the community to build relationships with one another while supporting the local economy. Furthermore, many artists and musicians are able to share their craft to the masses and allow for community members to listen or see something new they may not have seen before. It isn't just about social connections, but also the culture and history of the community. Many new or returning attendees are able to take away new information about the city.

The "glue" that holds communities together is very visible during these events and continues to strengthen that hold. What enthralled me the most was getting to see a community share in the excitement of the annual Wisteria Festival and how connected the community of Sierra Madre is. I highly suggest neighboring towns to make the trip to visit to learn, connect and enjoy a new experience they may not have done so before.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ANDREW HOK MING LEE CASE NO. 26STPB02560

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ANDREW HOK MING LEE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN T L LEE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN T L LEE 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 in this court as follows: 04/10/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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 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.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Nereyda Velasco

Case No. 26NWCP00080

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner Adrian Matteo Vaca has filed a petition with

The Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles
Norwalk Courthouse Judicial District for a

DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
Adrian Matteo Vaca

Proposed Name:
Adrian Matteo Velasco

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 27, 2026 at 8:30 am in Department R Room 606 at 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, Ca. 90650

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ANDREW HOK MING LEE
CASE NO. 26STPB02560

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

ANDREW HOK MING LEE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN T L LEE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN T L LEE 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 in this court as follows: 04/10/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 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 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RENEE MARIE GRUSS CASE NO. 26STPB03368

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RENEE MARIE GRUSS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by VIVIANA S. VARGAS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VIVIANA S. VARGAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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One Time Events

- April 3**
Spring Fling at the Arboretum - Enjoy music, crafts, games, and photos. 5pm - 8pm
- April 3**
City of Arcadia Teen Egg Hunt - Middle and High School students enjoy a flashlight egg hunt. 7pm
- April 4**
City of Arcadia Eggstravaganza - Crafts and egg hunts at Arcadia County Park. 10am
- April 4**
Derby Day 5K - Course runs through the Arboretum and Santa Anita Racetrack. Post-race expo with music, food, and more. 8am
- April 4**
Egg Bowl at the Rose Bowl - Egg hunt, arts and crafts, inflatables attractions and more. 11am - 2pm
- April 5**
Huntington Spring Brunch - Festive brunch - Rose Hills Garden Court. 11:30am & 1:30pm
- April 11**
Linoleum Carving Workshop - The Huntington - Teens and adults create greeting cards 10am & 1pm
- April 11**
The Historical Tea and Dance - LA Arboretum - Bring a picnic to the Queen Anne Cottage lawn to watch Victorian dance performances. 2pm - 8pm
- April 12**
Pasadena Festival of Tea - Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden - The festival tea. Enjoy tea ceremony, samples, shops 10am - 4pm
- April 18**
Family Workshop: Wood Sculptures at The Huntington - Adults with children 4 - 7 create hanging mixed media sculptures. 10am - 12pm
- April 18**
Flower Arranging at The Huntington - Create an arrangement with fragrant herbs and flowers. Adults: 10am - 12pm; With child over 7: 1pm - 3pm

- April 18**
Cal Tech Annual Jazz Festival - Enjoy the Cal Tech Jazz Band and guest performers. 12pm - 5pm
- April 19**
Wiggle Waggle Race and Run at Brookside Park - Rose Bowl - Pasadena Humane Society fundraising event with a marketplace and activities including a dog costume contest. 8am - 12pm
- April 19**
Masters of Taste at Rose Bowl Stadium - A premier outdoor luxury food and beverage festival benefits Union Station Homeless Services. Enjoy tastings from restaurants & wineries. 3pm - 7pm
- April 25**
Pasadena Symphony Performs Beethoven Eroica - Concert, held at Ambassador Auditorium, will include the west coast premiere of Jennifer Higdon's Cello Concerto. 2pm and 8pm
- April 25**
Rooted Workshop: Succulent Pots at Descanso Gardens - Create a stunning succulent arrangement. 11am - 12:30pm
- April 26**
Bungalow Heaven Home Tour - Tour eight beautifully restored homes in Pasadena's original Historic Landmark District. Self-guided. 10am - 4pm

Ongoing Events

- March 22 - April 19**
Death of a Salesman at A Noise Within - Arthur Miller's powerful play about Willy Loman as he grapples with disillusionment and the gap between his dreams and reality.
- April 4 - 5**
Spring Carnival at Santa Anita Park - Event includes inflatable jumpers, games, & rides.
- April 19 - May 17**
Pasadena Showcase House of Design - Tour the beautiful Baldwin Oaks Estate once owned by Lucky Baldwin's glamorous daughter Clara Baldwin Stocker. Proceeds fund music programs and grants to non-profit organizations.



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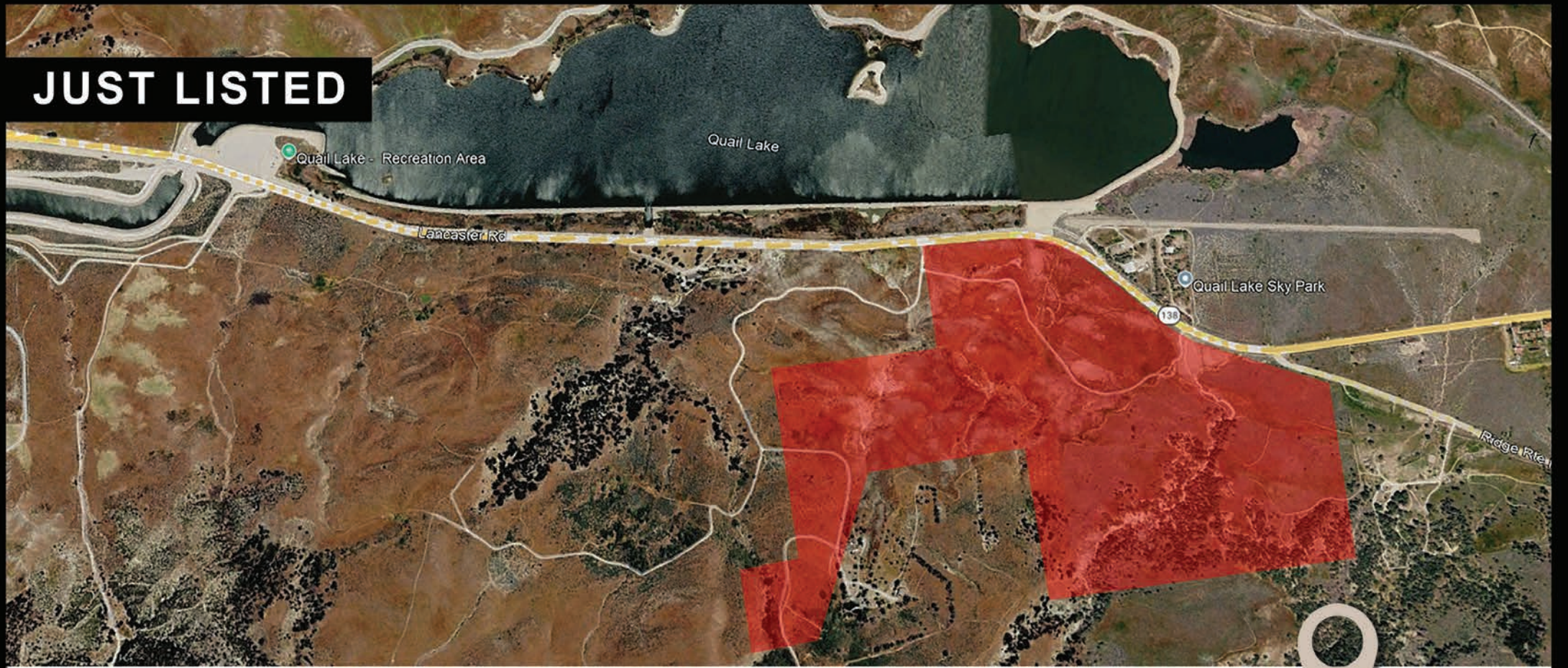
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