

## St. Rita School

**NORTH ON BALDWIN**



## Sierra Madre's Catholic School



- Catholic Fidelity
- 103 Years of Tradition
- Grades TK-8<sup>th</sup>
- CYO Team Sports
- Advanced Technology
- After-School Programs
- Low Classroom Ratio
- Average Teacher Experience: 14 years



## SPRINGTIME IN PARIS!

Springtime in Paris was the theme for this year's Sierra Madre Civic Clubs annual luncheon and auction. The auction was held on April 11, 2026, at St. Rita's O'Malley Hall; it was quite the event; hosting over two hundred guests with the hope of raising over 20,000 dollars! Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Sierra Madre Civic Club (SMCC) has been a part of Sierra Madre's community since 1944. Through the years the Club has made it a priority to fund raise for worthy causes within the community. This year was no exception.

The SMCC gives its proceeds to both community not-for-profit organizations as well as giving money to high school seniors that live and/or work in Sierra Madre to help them with college tuition and books.

The SMCC could not give any of the gifts without the generous donations of our merchant partners. This year was exceptional; receiving very generous donations from Sierra Madre merchants, our own club members; as well as outside community merchants that really stepped up to help!

SMCC wants to give a big thank you to all the merchants and SMCC members that went above and beyond the call of duty with their donations!

A list is provided below of all the merchants who gave; again, we cannot thank you enough! Know from our volunteer hearts that you, the merchants and members have done great service for our community.

- Alitalia Restaurant
- Arnold's Hardware
- Boston Court
- Brookside Golf Club
- Burrito Express
- Casa Del Rey
- Catherine Adde/ The Travel Store
- Chantry 1975
- Cheesecake Factory
- City of Sierra Madre
- Creative Arts Group
- DMS Facility Services
- E. Waldo Ward
- Foothill HomeCare Partners
- Frausto Family
- Hair by Jamie Lynn
- Hair Time- Mary Dumas
- Huntington Library
- Little Flower Cafe
- Lord Empanada
- LA County Arboretum
- Massage by Marcee
- Merry Maids
- Monrovia Tech
- Newport Cruises
- Only Place in Town
- 38 West Barbers
- Pie N'Burger
- Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum
- Santa Anita Race Track
- Sierra Madre Massage Company
- Sierra Madre Playhouse
- Stinkin' Crab Restaurant
- Taylor's
- The Bottle Shop
- The Buccaneer
- Twoheys
- Unbound Dance Studio
- Wild Parrot Brewing Co.
- YMCA of Sierra Madre and Pasadena

## INSIDE THIS WEEK

SIERRA MADRE NEWS.....Page 3  
 PASADENA NEWS.....Page 4  
 AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY...Page 5  
 EDUCATION & YOUTH .....Page 6  
 FOOD & DRINK.....Page 7  
 THE GOOD LIFE.....Page 8  
 BEST FRIENDS.....Page 9  
 MIND & BODY.....Page10  
 OPINION.....Page11  
 Stuart Tolchin  
 Rich Johnson  
 Howard Hayes  
 LEGAL NOTICES..... Page13

## BREAKING NEWS:

### EARLY MORNING POLICE ACTIVITY IN SIERRA MADRE

On April 17, 2026, at approximately 5 :00 a.m., the Sierra Madre Police Department, with the assistance of the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET), served a search warrant in the 200 block of Grove Street in the City of Sierra Madre as part of an ongoing narcotics investigation. During the operation, three subjects were detained without incident and subsequently booked at the Pasadena Jail.

One subject was arrested for possession of narcotics for sale. The second subject was arrested for a felony No bail warrant. A third subjects was arrested on outstanding felony warrants, bail set at \$100,000. This investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Sierra Madre Police Department. SMPD/MVNews

### COUNCIL CONSIDERS CHANGES IN FEE SCHEDULE FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

By Mandy Tzoc Rodriguez/MVNews

On Tuesday, the Sierra Madre City Council discussed the town's finances which included the possibility of imposing fees for community events.

Currently, the city requires and organizations pay for permits to hold events, however the suggested changes would increase those fees substantially.

The proposed Sierra Madre Special Events Policy focuses on providing a framework on, "managing special events on City property and within public rights-of-way." It categorizes three event types, City-Produced, City-Sponsored, Applicant-Drive, with cost recovery expectations and the involvement of the City. As well, the policy would establish a two-level sponsorship approval system that allows for, "administrative flexibility for the City Manager while ensuring City Council oversight for larger financial and operational commitments."

Historically, parks, city facilities and special event permit fees were generally waived. However, city staff are requesting operational guidance in order to resolve challenges with an undefined framework and managing the workload and recovering costs for the City. Yet, various Sierra Madre nonprofit organizations are concerned that the new fees will dissolve the community events as many are unable to pay for those costs and are volunteer driven making little profit.

Resident Leslie Ziff spoke on behalf of the Sierra Madre Historical Society, The Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce on how those representing the local nonprofits have concerns with the new policy creating fees that are unattainable for them.

"If it wasn't for our local volunteers, the non-profit groups, many of the events that occur within our city would not happen."

With concerns from the community, the City Council has provided guidance to the City Manager to return back to the proposed policy and determine what are city events or not, what is city sponsored, and what their intent is (whether a fundraiser for them or an event on its own) while seeking input from the community.

Events such as the annual ArtWalk, Winter Village and Wistaria Festival are events designed to assist local businesses and showcase our community to visitors. Currently, these events barely break even. Under the newly proposed policies, these events would likely cease to exist or be modified to the point of being unrecognizable, resulting in a loss of sales tax revenue and marketing opportunities for the city.

The SM Chamber of Commerce asked city staff and the Council

(continued on page 3)

★ SIERRA MADRE ★

★ **EVENTS COMMITTEE** ★

★ CALIFORNIA ★

**4TH OF JULY PARADE**

**GRAND MARSHAL**

**NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Do you know someone who has made a positive impact on Sierra Madre? The Sierra Madre Events Committee is seeking nominations from the community to nominate a local awesome person who lives, works or volunteers in Sierra Madre and has shown their way into making our community a better place for all!

**NOMINATION OPEN**

**APRIL 1- 30TH**

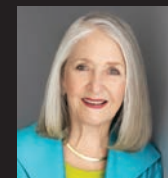
NOMINATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO [SPONSOR@SIERRAMADREEVENTS.ORG](mailto:SPONSOR@SIERRAMADREEVENTS.ORG) AND TELLS US WHO AND WHY

FIND MORE INFO AT

[www.sierramadreevents.org](http://www.sierramadreevents.org)

## Get Ahead of the Spring Market

Whether you're buying, selling, or just exploring your options, I'm here to help. Give me a call, and let's get you ahead of the spring market.



Judy Webb-Martin  
626.688.2273  
DRE #00541631

## COMPASS

Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. Lic. #01991628. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate. If your property is currently listed for sale this is not a solicitation.



## Merry Plumbing

**\$50.00 off Total Bill For New Customers!**

626-796-7383  
Commercial / Residential



ADVERTISEMENT



# No thanks, Edison. We'll see you in court.



**Schedule an Appointment**

**Manuel Alatorre**  
Eaton Fire Survivor & Client  
Sierra Madre

**Yuana Rambach**  
Eaton Fire Survivor & Client  
Sierra Madre

Advertisement: Douglas Boxer, Law Office of Douglas Boxer, 221 E. Walnut St., Suite 100, Pasadena, CA 91101 is the attorney responsible for the content of this advertisement.



Arcadia | Pasadena North | Alhambra

**FROM FIRE  
DAMAGE TO  
FULLY RESTORED**  
WE GUIDE YOU THROUGH IT

When the smoke clears, the recovery can be overwhelming. Whether it's soot or water damage, we manage the headache so you don't have to. We work directly with your insurance company, handling the documentation and details so you can focus on getting back to normal. From initial damage to rebuilding, we provide expert guidance every step of the way.



### SPECIALIZED FIRE RECOVERY SERVICES

- ✓ Interior & Exterior Deep Cleaning
- ✓ Attic Cleanup & Insulation Replacement
- ✓ Contents Cleaning & Professional Pack-Out
- ✓ Detailed Inventory of Total Loss Items
- ✓ Full Guidance Through the Restoration Process

**BEYOND FIRE: WE ARE YOUR FULL-SERVICE RESTORATION PARTNERS**

24/7 Emergency Response | Water Damage | Mold Remediation | Full Reconstruction

**CALL US AT (626) 415-0448**

WWW.SERVPROARCADIA.COM

SERVPRO® OF ARCADIA | PASADENA NORTH | ALHAMBRA



## Weather Wise



6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows	50s
Mon	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues	Rain	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Wed	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Thur	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



### SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 28, 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](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

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

## THE SIERRA MADRE ART WALK RETURNS



### A Conversation with Xrstine Franco, Director of LMF Gallery + Darkroom

By Elizabeth Converse

The Sierra Madre Art Walk returns on June 19 from 4 to 8 p.m., bringing together local artists, businesses, and community members for an evening that celebrates what makes this small town singular. This series of articles explores that relationship — between the event, the businesses that host it, and the community that sustains both.

#### A CONVERSATION WITH XRSTINE FRANCO

*What is your favorite thing about Sierra Madre, and why did you choose this location for your business?*

The mix of people and the mix of businesses. I've always loved the feeling of being here — shopping here, eating here. The people are just really nice. It's a good mix. I chose this location because it had space for a nice gallery, and it had a "kitchen" with wet walls that we converted into a working darkroom.

*What does your business specialize in?*

Showing and selling fine art for collection, and darkroom services.

*Do you feel supported by the town?*

Yes, all the feedback is warm and positive. People express how much they appreciate the mix of artists we show, and they value the ability to process film, print, and be guided by our Darkroom director. People love that Sierra Madre now has an additional art establishment in town.

*What would you like people to know about your shop that they may not know?*

LMF stands for The Language Mobilization Factory. All art is a

language, and to mobilize it is to show it and offer it for collection. The Factory is the Darkroom — where one can print their negatives, scan negatives, or develop their film.

*What are your recommendations?*

I recommend joining the gallery. A "member" receives a discount on all qualifying artwork, a gallery T-shirt, and special Member viewing nights.

*What are your personal favorites?*

I personally love printing in the darkroom, and talking with visitors and collectors about the artwork. I enjoy making sure visitors connect with the work in the manner the artist intends.

*Is there a special product or experience you'd like to recommend?*

I recommend developing and scanning your film here. I would also like to recommend our Opening Nights — every new artist opens their show on the Second Saturday of each month. These are fun evenings, and they're meant to support both the artists and the gallery. I also recommend buying time in the Darkroom. There is nothing like learning to print from your black and white or color negatives, or developing those old film rolls. We can also scan your negatives so you have digital files.

*What is your dream for LMF?*

My dream is to have an assistant! And to not just get by, but to thrive. We would like to be solvent enough to add darkroom equipment and provide more great programming. We endeavor to engage, inform, and inspire all of our visitors and collectors.

*Where do you see yourself in five years?*

I see the gallery still here, of course — but with programming that includes more poetry, in-gallery music nights, fine art pop-ups, art talks, eclectic speakers, and more photographic and language arts workshops. I still need that assistant. Ha ha.

*How do you think you will benefit from participating in the Sierra Madre Art Walk in June 2026?*

The LMF will benefit through increasing community awareness and engagement. I believe the best way to do business is through friendship, genuine connections, and cooperating with others in the community.

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE:

### The Social Side by Deanne Davis

April is celebrated as National Humor Month, a month-long event dedicated to highlighting the therapeutic value of laughter and joy, particularly in a month associated with unpredictable weather and the stress (pain and agony) of tax season.

"I believe we should all pay our taxes with a smile. I tried that, but they wanted cash." "Income tax has made liars out of more of the American people than golf." Will Rogers "The best things in life are free, but sooner or later the government will find a way to tax them." "Today it takes more brains and effort to fill out the income tax forms than it does to make the income." Alfred E. Newman

Last Wednesday was April 15<sup>th</sup>. Yes, friends and neighbors, it was time to file our income taxes again. My tax guy is fonder of filing for extensions than he is of actually filing the taxes. So, while I'd like more than anything to file in April, it seems that I'm filing in October, again. I'm set up on the quarterly system so I keep paying all year anyway so I guess it doesn't matter all that much.

Remember people lining up at the Post Office to be sure to get that April 15th postmark on their envelope? Now most of us are filing electronically, which is certainly easier. To try to lighten your mood, in the spirit of April being National Humor Month, I'm sending along this lament which will either make you smile or want to break something...



#### THE IRS BLUES (An original lament by Deanne Davis)

"I've got those sad old, bad old, gotta pay my taxes blues. The IRS has called me out, "Girl, don't even bother to cry or pout. We're gonna get your very last dime. And if you think you can fool us, well, you're gonna do some time."

I listed my deductions, and all my charities. IRS just looked and laughed. They said, "Girl, seriously? Please! We see you feed the homeless and keep some foreign kids afloat. You're faithful to your church and send that tithe check in each month. Folks like you, faithful and true, honest to the core, Are the backbone of the Nation. But to us, you're just another tiresome, whiny bore.

We're checking out your tax return with a microscope and fine-toothed comb. We're hoping that we'll find a flaw so we can charge you even more. Penalties, our penalties, we love those little things. You thought that you had done it right, thought maybe you'd even sleep tonight. IRS just looks and laughs, "Girl, seriously? Please! If you think you're gonna keep a dime, we'll take you down in record time." Yes, my friends, I've got those sad old, bad old, gotta pay my taxes blues.

Ohhhh yeah... And I suspect that you do, too.

In case you're wondering who has tried to do the government out of its pound of flesh, here are a few of the more notorious tax evaders:

- Al Capone: Murder, extortion and bootlegging were nothing compared to the \$215,000 in taxes he didn't pay.
- Nicholas Cage: The IRS filed documents in 2009 alleging that Nicolas Cage failed to pay more than \$6 million in taxes for 2006. Cage contended his failure to pay taxes was due to his management team, and he ended up suing his money manager for fraud and negligence. After taking any role he was offered, Cage announced in 2022 that he had finally paid off his tax bills and would be more selective with his film roles.
- Martha Stewart: In addition to her high-profile conviction for insider trading, television personality and entrepreneur Martha Stewart was fined \$221,677 for unpaid New York state taxes on her home in the Hamptons.

Hope you're enjoying these beautiful days of April, the rain, flowers budding and blooming on every side, hummingbirds and bees feasting on open blossoms and our bears awakening from their long winter nap. The picture this week is one created for me by granddaughter, Emily, as a birthday present. One of the petals contains one of my favorite Bible verses: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, for good and not for ill, to give you a future and a hope."

One last thought about April 15<sup>th</sup>; that was the day Abraham Lincoln was assassinated... "Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how did you like the play?" just to end on a truly tasteless note!

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society." Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Check out my book page: Deanne Davis: Amazon.com Great stories there about my granddad searching for gold, "The Fever Never Ends"

FEES Continued from page 1)

to recognize the significant contributions made by business district property owners and to uphold the original intent of the LLMD. Charging the SMCC for events designed to benefit local businesses and the community is contrary to the purpose of the district that downtown property owners voted for. In a letter from its President, Chris Cimino, the council was reminded that, "As you are aware, the Downtown Business Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District (LLMD) was established in 2022. This district is funded by a tax paid by all property owners within the downtown boundaries, including churches and city properties. This assessment is intended to cover costs for lighting, electricity, grounds maintenance, and CIP projects. Furthermore, these funds are designated to support administration and security for events that benefit our downtown businesses. Following the establishment of this district, funds from four abandoned districts were transferred to the LLMD account with the express requirement that they be used solely for the benefit of the downtown business district. We have already seen the positive impact of these funds through enhancements to Kersting Ct park and the enlargement of the south side sidewalks." When public input was over, the council directed the Community Service Commission to hold public meetings with the community and its organizations to discuss the the proposed Sierra Madre Special Events policy and its impact with respect to staff, city support, monetary and otherwise.

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).

SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JOIN IN

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Speakers & Presentations by **Alex Vasquez** helping small businesses grow with better Google listings, owning & controlling your online presence

&

Sierra Madre City Manager **Michael Bruckner**

Not a member yet? Come join us and become one!

APRIL 22, 2026  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
THE KENSINGTON - 245 W SIERRA MADRE BLVD  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Let's celebrate local business & thank you to our Meeting Sponsors



www.sierramadrechamber.com Celebrate ~ Connect ~ Grow Local














Explore More!

Sierra Madre Public LIBRARY AVAILABLE NOW Online



# Pasadena Altadena



News From Your Community For Your Community

## Pasadena Celebrates National Library Week

Celebrate National Library Week, Monday through April 25 by finding your joy at the library and commemorate the many ways in which libraries bring people together, support lifelong learning, strengthen mental agility and ignite joy. Joy comes in many forms at the library. Whether through access to reading materials, educational workshops, innovative technologies, or welcoming public spaces, libraries serve as facilitators of joy.

According to Director of Libraries and Information Services, Tim McDonald, National Library Week highlights the essential role libraries play in shaping and enhancing thriving communities through providing space to learn, explore and connect – values that continue to guide the library's work every day.

"The Pasadena Public Library invites the community to explore the library's diverse collection of new and classic books, engage in programs designed to spark curiosity and foster community, partake of free Wi-Fi and computer access, workshops, STEAM programs, and more," library staff said. "Whether preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, Pasadena Public Library is here to support your journey."

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. National Library Week aims to motivate people to read and support libraries by highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening local communities.

Celebrate with a visit to any Pasadena Public Library location during National Library Week to explore offerings, participate in programs, and discover the joy that libraries inspire every day.

For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net/library](http://cityofpasadena.net/library).

## eBooks Made Easy for South Pasadena Seniors

Join the South Pasadena Library at the Senior Center Tuesday for a friendly, hands-on introduction to checking out and downloading eBooks on your smartphone or tablet. Whether you're brand new to eBooks or just need a refresher, we'll guide you step by step so you can start reading with confidence. The event runs from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Staff is asking that seniors bring a valid library card and a fully charged device. This program is hosted by the library in collaboration with the Senior Center.

To make reservations, please contact the Senior Center at 626.403.7360

## Foundation Delivers First ADUs To Altadena Residents Displaced by Eaton Fires

During a well attended event, nonprofit SoLa Impact handed over the keys Thursday, to the first Altadena residents with newly installed permanent Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their properties at no-cost. Both homes had been destroyed in the Eaton fires.

"There's no place like home," said Carolyn Smith one of the homeowners. "I'm looking forward to being back on my property, reuniting with my neighbors, and returning home with my family. I'm so grateful to SoLa and to our community for providing this ADU today, and for all of their help and support over the last few months."

Smith and homeowner Ana Robles, are both long-time Altadena residents have spent the past year in temporary housing. Smith, 77, has lived in Altadena for 32 years. Robles, a Pasadena public school teacher, has called the Altadena community her home for 47 years and raised her family there.

"Immediately after the fire, the first name that I heard was going to be helping me was The SoLa Foundation," Robles said. "It meant that there was hope and that I was not alone. All of these teams have come together to help us and make sure we're not displaced from our homes, and getting this ADU means everything to me. It's not just the fact that I'm going back to my community; it's also going to provide me with the very urgent shelter that I need while I find the ways to rebuild."

## Barger Highlights \$300,000 Milestone Supporting Fire-Impacted Small Businesses

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger is spotlighting a major milestone in the County's ongoing recovery efforts for communities impacted by the Eaton Fire, announcing that more than \$300,000 has been generated for small businesses through the Shop Local LA County Gift Card Program.

The program, led by the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), includes a new \$225,000 investment by the Altadena Chamber of Commerce to provide \$500 gift cards to 450 fire-impacted residents who lost homes, sustained property damage, or were displaced. The funding is designed to immediately circulate dollars back into local businesses that continue to face economic hardship.

The Shop Local LA County Gift Card Program is a key component of the County's broader "Shop Local. Dine Local. Recover Local." campaign, launched in July 2025 through a motion authored by Supervisor Barger. The initiative was created to stabilize brick-and-mortar businesses in Altadena and surrounding fire-impacted communities that have experienced reduced foot traffic, revenue loss, and ongoing economic challenges.

"From day one, I've remained committed to standing with Eaton Fire survivors to help rebuild a better future," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "This new investment supports a program that offers continued,



The homes, built and delivered by MODEL/Z, allow homeowners to live on their properties while their primary residences are rebuilt. Expanding upon SoLa's longstanding investment in community-centered programs, SoLa's new Fire Recovery Housing Initiative represents a coordinated response effort to provide on-site housing for affected homeowners.

"This milestone reflects what is possible when civic organizations and capital partners link arms to prioritize community stability and preservation," said Sherri Francois, Executive Director of the SoLa Foundation. "Natural disasters should not lead to displacement. This initiative proves that when we act with intentionality, we can protect residents' well-being and provide the stability families need to heal – all while preserving the history and future of neighborhoods like Altadena."

SoLa Impact staff said that they have close to 200 applicants hopeful to be approved. They said, size the property, location, permitting approvals and other factors have to be considered as well as financial need.

For more information visit: [thesolafoundation.org](http://thesolafoundation.org).

## Senior Center Cultural Thursdays

**'The Machinery of the Mind' Exploring Cognition and Emotion on Thursday, April 30**

An inside look at the sophisticated biological system that underlie our thoughts and emotions will be explored as part of the Cultural Thursdays event series on site at the Pasadena Senior Center on Thursday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

UCLA's Lindsay De Biase, Ph.D. and Laura DeNardo Ph.D. will lead "The Machinery of the Mind: The Science of Cognition and Emotion Across the Lifespan," a 'peek under the hood' at the cutting-edge science of how our brains manage a lifetime of information. The event is free for Pasadena Senior Center members and \$5 for non-members, and reservations are suggested. To register, or for more information, visit [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorcenter.org), then click on Lectures & Classes, then Cultural Thursdays.

Drs. De Biase and DeNardo will share current research on topics such as:

Mechanisms of childhood amnesia: why do we forget our earliest experiences? Learn how brain cells 'light up' when we have a new experience and help us store and recall memories. How does early life stress increase risk for anxiety? Investigate how neurons and microglia—the immune cells of the brain—jointly determine the course of brain development, and how early life stress can change this trajectory. Can we harness microglia to promote healthy brain aging? Discover how immune cells in different brain regions show very distinct responses to aging.

To learn more visit: [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorcenter.org) or call 626-795-4331.

## City Announces New Pasadena City Manager

The Pasadena City Council announced Thursday that they have appointed Mike Futrell, City Manager for the City of Riverside, as the next City Manager. He is expected start May 13.

According to city officials, Futrell brings more than 30 years of public-sector experience, including 18 years in executive Chief Administrative and City Management roles. He currently serves as City Manager for Riverside, and previously held leadership posts including City Manager of South San Francisco, Chief Administrative Officer for the City/County of Baton Rouge, State Director in the United States Senate, Executive Vice President at Hawaii Gas, and elected roles in both the Louisiana House of Representatives and Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council. He is a retired U.S. Navy Captain having served 26 years of active duty and reserve service.

Throughout his career, Futrell has overseen major capital projects, complex public-private partnerships, innovative economic development strategies, and large municipal operations including utilities, airports, convention centers, and full-service city departments. His experience includes leadership of city-owned electric and water utilities serving up to 200,000 customers, as well as regulatory, customer service, rate-setting, and intergovernmental functions.

In South San Francisco, Futrell led the city's transformation into a biotech economic powerhouse, generating funding for housing, transit, and sustainability initiatives. He also led the restoration of the South San Francisco Bay waterfront, in a \$3 billion public-private partnership. In Riverside, he has steered major economic expansions in green technology, aerospace, and life sciences; delivered landmark capital projects; and strengthened community engagement and transparency. His background



also includes significant work in strategic planning, public safety, emergency management, financial recovery, labor relations, communications, and organizational development.

The appointment follows an extensive national search process.

Mayor Victor Gordo said, "On behalf of the entire City Council, I want to express our deep appreciation to outgoing City Manager Miguel Márquez for his dedicated and effective service to the people of Pasadena. His leadership has helped guide our city through important challenges and opportunities, and we are grateful for his commitment."

I also want to acknowledge the many highly qualified and talented candidates who stepped forward throughout this process. They brought forward thoughtful ideas and diverse perspectives, and the City Council benefited greatly from the depth of experience and vision they shared.

Today, we welcome Mike Futrell and his wife, Susan Freeman, to our great city. Mike is a seasoned, proven city manager whose experience, collaborative approach, and steady leadership will serve Pasadena well. He brings a skill set that will help us confront the complex issues facing our community—both now and in the years ahead—and support the dedicated staff who work every day to make Pasadena a better place for all."

## Talk: The Living Spirit of the Arts & Crafts Movement

Julie Leidel, a Roycroft Master Artisan and founder of The Bungalow Craft, will explore Thursday the Arts & Crafts movement not only as a historical moment, but as a living philosophy still unfolding today. Beginning with the legacy of Roycroft and Elbert Hubbard—tracing its ideals, influence, and enduring spirit—she reflects on her own path as a Roycroft Artisan within this lineage. The event will be held at the Blinn House from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

They will delve into a quieter dimension of the Arts & Crafts Movement: the often-unspoken thread of symbolism and inner resonance found in the historical work. She will present her own body of work within these influences, revealing how these principles continue to evolve and offering a contemporary harmony within the Arts & Crafts tradition—inviting us to experience art not just as something we see, but something we feel and remember.

Leidel is a Master Roycroft Renaissance Artisan specializing in creating revivalist artwork, inspired by the Art Nouveau and Arts & Crafts Movements (1880-1920).

The Blinn House is located 160 N. Oakland Ave. For more information visit: [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).



**SIERRA MADRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.**

**COME JOIN US IN WORSHIP! ALL ARE WELCOMED!**

**695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024 (626) 355-0629**

**smumc.net**





9 Kersting Court, Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
626-355-1180 [www.leonaramoss.com](http://www.leonaramoss.com)

**COME AND SEE WHAT'S BLOOMING!**



(626) 794-3383  
Fax (626) 794-3395

**Nuccio's Nurseries**  
INCORPORATED  
[www.nucciosnurseries.com](http://www.nucciosnurseries.com)

Growers of Rare Camellias and Azaleas Since 1935

3555 CHANEY TRAIL  
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA 91001

HOURS: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
(Closed Early on Rainy Days)

CLOSED WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (ALL YEAR)  
CLOSED SUNDAYS - JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER

*Need to get out of the house? Come and see us. We're Still Open!*



**Sierra Madre Woman's Club**

550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, 91024

**RENT Our 1914 Essick House**

**Contact Anita**  
**Event Rentals Coordinator**  
[essickhouserentalmanager@gmail.com](mailto:essickhouserentalmanager@gmail.com)  
626-708-2223  
[SierraMadreWomansClub.org](http://SierraMadreWomansClub.org)

 [SierraMadreWomansClub](https://www.facebook.com/SierraMadreWomansClub)

**Wistaria Shop Closes 6/1 - Thurs 9/4**

# AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



## CITY OF DUARTE EARNS CLEAN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

The City of Duarte has been officially recognized as a Clean California Community, a designation awarded through Caltrans' statewide Clean California initiative in acknowledgment of the City's continued dedication to cleanliness, beautification, and environmental stewardship.

Duarte is one of 30 cities across California to earn this recognition to date for its ongoing efforts to reduce litter, enhance public spaces, and promote environmental responsibility.

This designation reflects Duarte's ongoing commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for residents, businesses, and visitors. The City qualified for the recognition after demonstrating that its existing programs and community partnerships align with the initiative's goals of litter prevention, beautification, and public engagement.

Over the past year, Duarte has expanded and strengthened its efforts to improve neighborhood appearance and foster community pride. These initiatives include community cleanups, beautification projects, public education efforts, and collaborations that support long-term sustainability and environmental awareness.

As a designated Clean California Community, Duarte will receive official recognition signage, access to educational tools and resources, membership with Keep California Beautiful, and inclusion in statewide outreach efforts promoting clean and vibrant communities.

"This recognition is a testament to Duarte's strong community spirit and our shared commitment to caring for our city," said Mayor Tera Martin Del Campo. "Our residents take great pride in Duarte, and together we will continue working to keep our neighborhoods clean, vibrant, and welcoming for everyone."

The Clean California Community Designation Program is part of a statewide initiative launched in 2021 under Governor Gavin Newsom and led by Caltrans. The program focuses on transforming public spaces, reducing waste, and encouraging civic pride through community-driven efforts. It is supported in partnership with Keep America Beautiful and Keep California Beautiful.

For more information about the Clean California Community Designation Program, please visit [CleanCA.com/Designation](http://CleanCA.com/Designation).



## ARCADIA POLICE CHIEF TO RETIRE AFTER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE

ARCADIA, CA – After 34 years of dedicated service to the Arcadia Police Department, Police Chief Roy Nakamura has announced his retirement. His final day with the department will be July 31, 2026.

Chief Nakamura has served as Arcadia's Police Chief since 2021, marking a unique place in Arcadia's history as the first Asian American and first Japanese American to lead the department.

"I am grateful for the opportunities I've had during my career in law enforcement, and I thank my family and friends who have supported me throughout this journey. It has been an honor and privilege to lead the men and women of the Arcadia Police Department," said Chief Roy Nakamura.

During his tenure, Chief Nakamura prioritized community safety, reducing crime, modernizing the department's technologies, and strengthening recruitment and training of officers to best serve all Arcadians.

Nakamura began his career with the Arcadia Police Department in 1992 as a police officer. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Sergeant in 2002, Lieutenant in 2009, and Captain in 2019 before assuming the role of Chief in 2021.

City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto expressed his appreciation for Nakamura's leadership, service, and long commitment to the community:

"Under Chief Nakamura's leadership, the Police Department expanded its use of technology to enhance crime-solving efforts, strengthened community ties through a robust Neighborhood Watch program, and successfully recruited and retained a highly talented workforce. Chief Nakamura has led the Arcadia Police Department with integrity, professionalism, and a strong commitment to continuous improvement. I am grateful he chose Arcadia more than three decades ago and thank him for his many contributions to our community."

With the announcement of Chief Nakamura's impending departure, Arcadia will begin the process of identifying its next permanent Chief of Police.

## ARCADIA ELKS LODGE – AWARDS and RECOGNITION NIGHT:



The Arcadia Elks Lodge 2025 recognized members of the Arcadia Elks Lodge 2025 that have gone above and beyond supporting the Lodge throughout the 2025-26 Elk year. Over 65 members and guests enjoyed dinner and music by Jason Marshall. Exalted Ruler Kevin Doran was emcee and presented the awards during the exciting evening.

The highlight of the evening was presenting awards to various members of the Lodge and recognizing 45 "Old Timers" for their membership in the Arcadia Elks Lodge for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and Michael Harper for 65 years! Many of the members were present to accept their pins. Certificates and pins from the California-Hawaii Elks Association were awarded to members of the 52 Club (who donated at least \$52), Century Club (who donated at least \$100) and the Millennium Club (\$1,000). Quita Dondlinger was recognized for being a three time member of the Millennium Club.

A very special award from the National Grand Exalted Ruler Brian Klatt was awarded to PER Linda Padilla for her years of service and many contributions to service. More Lodge awards and certificates were presented to Elk of the Year Ed Carpinelli; Officer of the Year to Dorothy McCain, Third Year Trustee; John Slykhuis, Citizen of the Year.

After the awards and certificates were given out, the members and guests enjoyed music and karaoke provided by Jason Marshall, which continued into the night.

The District Past Exalted Rulers are hosting a Golf Tournament at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course. For information on the golf tournament contact Chairperson Robert Hollis-Brau at (909) 717-8118.

For more information on the Arcadia Elks Lodge, please email the Lodge at [ArcadiaElks.org](mailto:ArcadiaElks.org) or call the Lodge at (626) 445-2025.

**Sierra Madre CERT**  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

### AED Refresher!

Learn how to act fast in a cardiac emergency. This AED class teaches hands-on skills, device use, and confidence to help save lives. No certification required---just practical, life-saving knowledge you can use anytime.

Training brought to you by the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

The public is welcome to attend!

**Sierra Madre CERT General Meeting**  
Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM  
Hart Park House - Memorial Park  
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

**BIZBREAKFAST CLUB**  
BIZBREAKFASTCLUB.COM

Come join the greatest business networking referral group in the San Gabriel Valley. We have legacy members of more than 30 years that are still growing their businesses.

If you're looking to GROW your business, come meet this elite group of business owners. With their experience, they will share their networking secrets and help you grow your business organically.

It doesn't happen overnight but the growth is strong and long-lasting.

When: **EVERY THURSDAY**  
7:15AM to 8:30AM

Where: **MIMI'S CAFE, MONROVIA**  
500 W Huntington Dr, Monrovia, CA

Who: **YOU** (A Growing Business Owner)

Join Now! **\$300 QUARTERLY DUES**  
Best price from any business group around!

**BIZBREAKFASTCLUB.COM**

WHERE "BIZNESS" OWNERS AND PROFESSIONALS MEET TO GROW THEIR BUSINESS

Contact one of our officers below for more information.

Loren Ford Ford Printing & Mailing lford@fpmdirect.com (626) 968-3673	Dr. Todd Adamson Adamson Chiropractic Clinic (626) 359-9000 (626) 250-0202 CELL
Vicki Knight Century Sewer Drain & Plumbing (626) 255-6277	John Espinoza Premier Business Equipment (626) 339-3475

**LET'S BINGO SM IS OFFICIALLY HERE!**

STARTING: **APRIL 24th, 2026**

**FREE FOOD with a purchase of a BUY-IN!**

**LOCATION: YMCA Sierra Madre**  
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd

**TIME AND GAME START INFO:**  
Doors open at 4:00 PM  
Game starts at 5:30 PM

Contact: Amy (818) 660-0894 for more info

**Kaleidoscopic:**  
a love letter to everyday life.

OPENS APRIL 24, OPENING RECEPTION: 6-8PM

Featured Artists:  
Mags DeRoma, Jen Eldridge, Maggie Harrington, Julia Panisello, Jacinta Read, Katie Savoy, Kait Walsh

**CREATIVE ARTS GROUP**  
108 N. BALDWIN, SIERRA MADRE 626-355-8350  
CREATIVEARTSGROUP.ORG

Mountain Views News Saturday, April 18, 2026

## SMMS STUDENTS DISPLAY EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Ava Ayyazyan, Kietsai Sora-Lee, Alexander Simonian, and Josiah Dev Anandhan, who qualified to compete at the California State Science and Engineering Fair this past weekend.

A special congratulations goes to Kietsai Sora-Lee for earning First Place in the Environmental Engineering Junior Division—an exceptional accomplishment!

All four students have been nominated to apply for the highly prestigious Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (JIC)—the nation's premier STEM research competition for middle school students. This is a multi-step application process, and only the top 10% of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students competing at Society-affiliated fairs each year are invited to apply, making this an extraordinary achievement for Kietsai Sora-Lee, Ava Ayyazyan, Alexander Simonian, and Josiah Dev Anandhan.

## SMMS MATH FIELD DAY 2026

*Congratulations to our Math Field Day Teams on their success in this year's competition!*

### 6th Grade - Silver & Bronze Overall

Jayden Antes, Key Ardito, Emma Ayyazyan, Audrey Geokjian-Santos, Jacob Lee, Noah Marquez, Krishika Mehra, Victoria Moreno, Summer Noh, Cindy Zhang

### 7th Grade - Silver Overall

Leon Ban, Sadie Cho, Aiden Fieldhouse, Alina Kwo, Joshua Leo, Janice Liu, Zariah Nunes, Kietsai Sora-Lee, Skylar Wong, Mauricio Yong

### 8th Grade - Silver & Bronze Overall

Diego An, Ava Ayyazyan, Anyo Chau, Pradyun Chavan, Adeline Chen, Alicia Dixon, Alex Fink, Rex Hutt, Hanna Lundgren, Autumn Noh

## LA SALLE BOYS' TENNIS OVERCOMES EARLY CHALLENGES TO START LEAGUE PLAY 3-0

The start of the new boys' tennis season at La Salle has been anything but smooth. After graduating four key players from last year's championship roster and losing four additional starters before the season began, the Lancers entered the year facing significant roster changes. Yet despite the obstacles, the team has found its footing early in league play.

La Salle opened the season with three preseason matches, finishing 1-2, before turning its attention to the games that matter most. Since the start of Del Rey League competition, the Lancers have responded with a strong 3-0 start, including an early matchup against one of the league's toughest programs, Bishop Montgomery High School.

For Coach Javier, the transition to a new roster has been about more than wins and losses.

"Not only did we lose a lot of players, but we brought in six new ones as well," he explained. "In a sense, that's helped our transition. Culture is a big deal for me. Winning is nice, but how my team flows and gets along is much more important. My top priority as a coach is making sure these players create lasting memories and relationships with each other."

The early league victory over Bishop Montgomery set an important tone for the season.

"That match told me we're ready for this new season," Coach Javier said. "High school tennis is tough. The highs are high and the lows are low. Maintaining consistency is difficult when players come and go in waves. We didn't get as many preseason matches as I would've liked either—those are the matches where you test things out and experiment with lineups. But since we set our lineup, we've stuck with it. The players are making it work and doing what's best for the team instead of focusing on individual goals."

Leadership has also played a major role in guiding the team through the transition. Senior captain Evan Loh has been a steady presence both on and off the court.

"Evan has been captain the past two seasons for a reason," Coach Javier said. "Every practice and every match he reminds me why I chose him for that role."

As the season continues, the focus for La Salle is simple but powerful.

"Belief," Coach Javier said. "It's hard to maintain a high level once you've won it all. With everything we've gone through this season, I want my team to believe in themselves that they can do it again."

With a reshaped roster, strong leadership, and an undefeated start in league play, the Lancers are proving that even in a season filled with change, the foundation of the program remains strong.

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

**Alverno Heights Academy**  
200 N. Michillinda Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-3463  
Head of School: Joanne Harabedian  
E-mail address:  
jharabedian@alvernoheights.org

**Arcadia Christian School**  
1900 S. Santa Anita Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
Preschool - TK - 8th Grade  
626-574-8229/626-574-0805  
Email: inquiry@acsliions.com  
Principal: Cindy Harmon  
website: www.acsliions.com

**Arcadia High School**  
180 Campus Drive Arcadia, CA 91007  
Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: Brent Forsee  
bforsee@ausd.net

**Arroyo Pacific Academy**  
41 W. Santa Clara St. Arcadia, Ca,  
(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke  
E-mail address: pclarke@arroyopacific.org

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School**  
Ms. Rose Navarro, Principal  
2660 East Orange Grove Blvd.  
Pasadena, Ca 91107  
626-793-2089  
https://school.abvmpasadena.org/

**Barnhart School**  
240 W. Colorado Blvd Arcadia, Ca. 91007  
(626) 446-5588  
Head of School: Tonya Beilstein  
Kindergarten - 8th grade  
website: www.barnhartschool.org

**Bethany Christian School**  
93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-3527  
Preschool-TK-8th Grade  
Principal: Jonathan Hawes  
website: www.bcsliions.org

**Clairbourn School**  
8400 Huntington Drive  
San Gabriel, CA 91775  
Phone: 626-286-3108 ext. 172  
FAX: 626-286-1528  
Marianne Ryan  
administration@clairbourn.org  
E-mail: jhawes@clairbourn.org

**Foothill Oaks Academy**  
822 E. Bradbourne Ave., Duarte, CA 91010  
(626) 301-9809  
Principal: Nancy Lopez  
www.foothilloaksacademy.org  
office@foothilloaksacademy.org

**Frostig School**  
971 N. Altadena Drive Pasadena, CA 91107  
(626) 791-1255  
Head of School: Jenny Janetzke  
Email: jenny@frostig.org

**The Gooden School**  
192 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-2410  
Head of School, Jo-Anne Woolner  
website: www.goodenschool.org

**Holy Angels School**  
PK-8th Grade  
360 Campus Drive  
Arcadia, CA 91007  
626-447-6312  
office@holyanfelsarcadia.org

Principal: Aimee Dyrek  
holyanfelsarcadia.net

**High Point Academy**  
1720 Kinneloa Canyon Road  
Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
Head of School: Gary Stern 626-798-8989  
website: www.highpointacademy.org

**La Salle College Preparatory**  
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 351-8951 website: www.lasallehs.org  
Principal Ernest Siy

**Monrovia High School**  
325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016  
(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson  
Email: schools@monrovia.k12.ca.us

**Odyssey Charter School**  
725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001  
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill  
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org

**Pasadena High School**  
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 396-5880 Principal: Dr. Eric Barba  
website: http://phs.pusd.us

**St. Rita Catholic School**  
322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
Principal: Jon McMaster (626) 355-6114  
mcmaster@st-ritaschool.org  
Website: www.st-ritaschool.org

**Sierra Madre Elementary School**  
141 W. Highland Ave, Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 355-1428  
Principal: Dr. Jodi Marchesso  
E-mail address: marchesso.jodi@pusd.us

**Sierra Madre Middle School**  
160 N. Canon Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
(626) 836-2947 Principal: Garrett Newsom  
E-mail address: newsom.garrett@pusd.us

**Walden School**  
74 S San Gabriel Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91107 (626) 792-6166  
www.waldenschool.net

**Weizmann Day School**  
1434 N. Altadena Dr. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 797-0204  
Lisa Feldman: Head of School

**Wilson Middle School**  
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln  
E-mail address: resseln@pusd.us

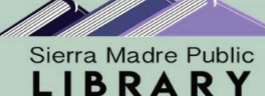
**Pasadena Unified School District**  
351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109  
(626) 396-3600 Website: www.pusd@pusd.us

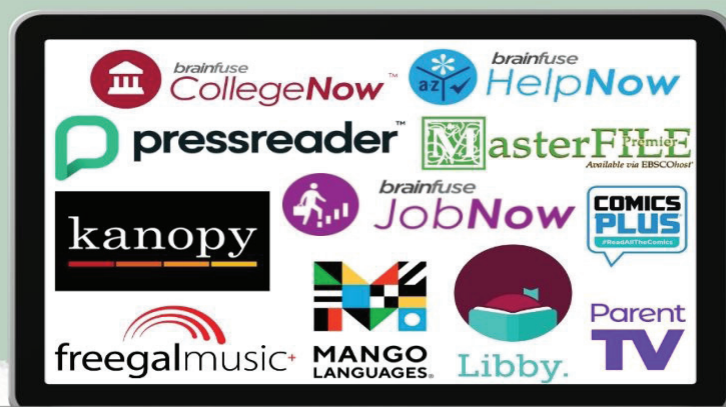
**Arcadia Unified School District**  
234 Campus Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91007  
(626) 821-8300 Website: www.ausd.net

**Monrovia Unified School District**  
325 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, Ca. 91016  
(626) 471-2000  
Website: www.monroviashools.net

**Duarte Unified School District**  
1620 Huntington Dr., Duarte, Ca. 91010  
(626)599-5000  
Website: www.duarte.k12.ca.us

While the Library is CLOSED...

Visit the  Online



sierramadrecap.gov/library

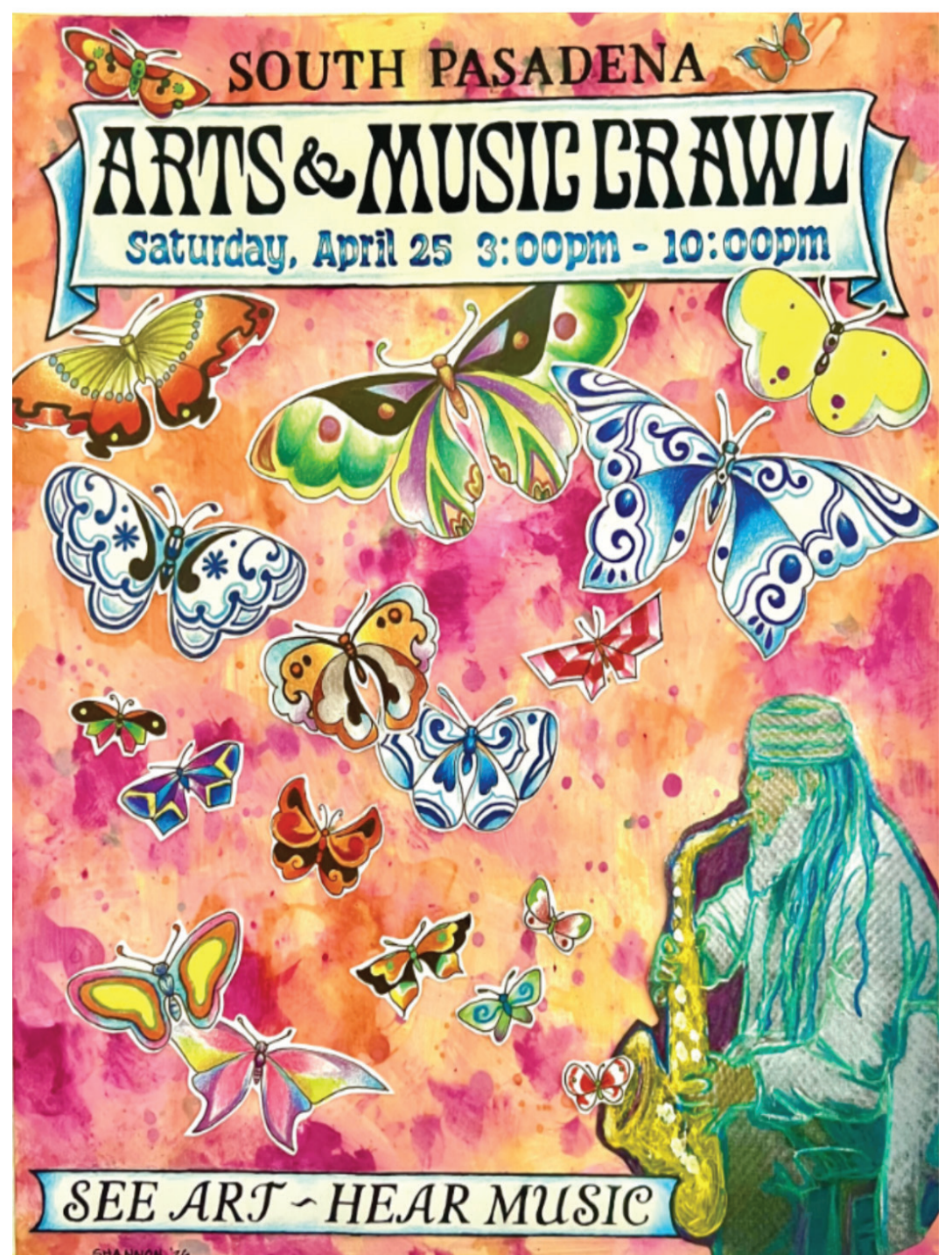
...See You June, 2026

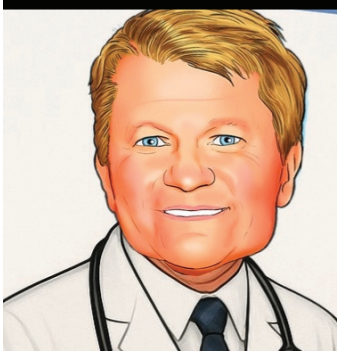
**CASA DEL REY — SIERRA MADRE**



31 N BALDWIN AVE  
SIERRA MADRE, CA 91024  
(626)355-6060  
Open Daily 11am Lunch and Dinner

WWW.CASADELREYRESTAURANT.COM





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

## CELESTINO'S – A PASADENA CLASSIC, PERFECT FOR MOTHER'S DAY



Pasadena has plenty of Italian restaurants—but when you start talking Italian with a true seafood backbone, the list gets short. That's where Celestino's, under the direction of owner and chef Calogero Drago,

continues to stand out.

With Mother's Day around the corner, this is one of those places that checks the boxes: service, setting, and a menu that feels like an occasion without trying too hard. Let me guide you.

First—timing.

Celestino's is open for lunch, then closes for a few hours before reopening around 4:30 PM for dinner. Lunch is quieter, easier, and a nice way to experience the restaurant without the crowd. But for Mother's Day? Dinner is the move.

Service sets the tone.

You walk in and you're taken care of. Not rushed, not forgotten—just smooth, professional service. My dad used to say, "If they're doing it right, you shouldn't notice—but you'll feel it."

Now the food—this is where they separate themselves.

Start with the Insalata Frutti di Mare—a proper mix of mussels, clams, calamari, and shrimp. Not a token seafood dish, the real deal. Follow that with the Calamari Fritti—rings and tentacles, light and crisp. If gnocchii is on the menu, order it. That's one of those dishes that tells you everything about the kitchen.

From there, you've got decisions.

If the Rack of Lamb is on the Mother's Day menu—get it. No hesitation.

If not, you're in very good hands with the Chilean Sea Bass or the Osso Buco, both strong, dependable choices that fit the setting.

Now, let me say this—because this is a guide.

A simple penne pasta here? It's fine... but this is not the place to play it safe. As I like to say, ordering penne in a place like this is a little like kissing your sister—comfortable, sure, but not why you showed up. (And I'm sure his sister is lovely... you get the idea.)

Now let's talk drinks.

I'm a martini guy, and this is a place to start the evening the right way.

The wine list runs deep—over 200 bottles—but don't expect a parade of familiar labels like across the street at Smitty's. This list leans more Italian, more Old World. That said, there's something for everyone, especially if you're willing to explore a bit.

### THE GUIDE DETAILS

- Lunch & Dinner: Lunch service, closes mid-day, reopens around 4:30 PM
- Best time: Early dinner for a relaxed experience
- Parking (Pro Tip): There's parking in the back—don't circle Lake
- Vibe: Perfect for Mother's Day, date nights, and business dinners
- Pro tip #2: Martini first, decisions second

### IN SUMMARY

Celestino's isn't chasing trends—and that's exactly why it works. Chef Calogero Drago delivers where it counts: seafood, service, and consistency.

For Mother's Day, skip the gimmicks.

Go somewhere that feels like an occasion.

Celestino's still gets it right. 141 So Lake [www.celestinopasadena.com](http://www.celestinopasadena.com) (626) 795-4006

Hope you enjoyed my guide to Celestinos, now join my podcast! email me [thechefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:thechefknows@yahoo.com)

## THE TASTING ROOM



### LOVE THE LULI

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



I have four outstanding wines for you to choose from today. I'm talking about Luli wines. The three main people involved in this project are three of my favorites from the wine industry - Sara Floyd, Mark Pisoni, and Jeff Pisoni. They bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this label, and you can taste it in every glass. What I love about Luli wines is that they are incredibly delicious and they are priced extremely well. These wines overdeliver and outperform wines that cost double and triple the price. All four wines are rated 90+ points, and all four wines are priced under \$27.

Luli Sauvignon Blanc, Arroyo Seco 2024 – this is a juicy, clean Sauvignon Blanc that exhibits notes of grass, herbs, and lemon peel. This is not in the style of New Zealand tropical Sauvignon Blancs, but more in style with French Loire versions. It's balanced and has bright acidity and a perfect finish. Regular price \$21.99 Special price \$19.80 (when you buy any two)

Luli Chardonnay, Santa Lucia Highlands 2024 – A fresh style without the overloaded oak that other Chardonnays exhibit. This was aged in neutral French barrels to impart very little oak. Stone fruit and honeysuckle notes lead to a clean and refreshing finish. Regular price \$23.99 Special price \$21.60 (when you buy any two)

Luli Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands 2023 – Easy drinking wine with notes of earth, spice, and berry. Soft and gentle tannins. It has enough acidity to satisfy, and leads to a lengthy, clean finish. Regular price \$26.99 Special price \$24.30 (when you buy any two)

Luli Syrah, Santa Lucia Highlands 2023 – This Syrah is amazing. You have the cranberry/raspberry/pomegranate thing working. Spice, smoked meat, and black pepper notes come through on this savory wine. Tannins are well integrated. The finish is dry and very pleasing. This isn't the high alcohol, jammy Syrah that gives Syrah a bad name. This is damn good. Regular price \$23.99 Special price \$21.60 (when you buy any two)

Get all these wines at The Bottle Shop. Say you saw it in the Mountain Views News and get the special pricing when you purchase any two bottles featured. Special pricing is good through April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Until next time – Salud!

Legendary Bingo Presents  
**Enchanted Garden**  
April 25th | SATURDAY | Doors at 6PM  
**FOOD . DRINK . PRIZES**  
611 E Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
Tickets Online ONLY!  
Costumes encouraged but not required  
[www.SMRFA.org](http://www.SMRFA.org)  
18+

**Moffett's**  
FAMILY RESTAURANT  
"Home of the famous pot pie"  
OPEN: Mon-Sat 8am to 8pm  
Sun 8am to 2pm  
Breakfast from 8am to 2pm  
Lunch & Dinner Served All Day  
Early Bird Special Mon - Fri 8am to 11am  
1409 S. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia Ca 91007  
We Deliver : UBER EATS & DoorDash  
For Pick-up Call: 626-447-4670

**CABRERA'S**  
MEXICAN • CUISINE  
SINCE 1985  
Visit Our 3 Locations!  
625 E. LIVE OAK AVE ARCADIA, CA 91006 626.445.5327  
655 N. LAKE AVE PASADENA, CA 91101 626.795.0230  
1856 E HUNTINGTON DR. DUARTE, CA 91010 626.359.3614  
[www.cabrerass.com](http://www.cabrerass.com)

**The Bottle Shop**  
Wine & Spirits  
sierra madre • california • since 1963  
THE BOTTLE SHOP  
58 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre  
626-355-1262  
Beer Tasting – Wednesday 5pm  
Wine Tasting – Thursday 6:30pm & Friday 6pm & 7:30pm

**COLONIAL KITCHEN**  
— A Hidden Gem in San Marino —  
CLASSIC AMERICAN DINING ★ Since 1947  
STEAK & LOBSTER FRESH SALMON FRESH SALAD  
BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER  
Friendly Service • Great Food • Family Owned  
1110 Huntington Dr San Marino, CA 91108  
★ COME EXPERIENCE TRUE AMERICAN COMFORT FOOD ★

Elder abuse is a growing and often hidden issue affecting millions of older adults across the country—including here in our own communities. As families and professionals who care deeply about seniors, it's important to recognize the signs, understand the risks, and take action when something doesn't feel right.

Elder abuse can take many forms. It may be physical, emotional, financial, or even neglect. While physical abuse may leave visible marks, emotional and financial abuse are often much harder to detect. Sudden changes in mood, withdrawal from social activities, unexplained financial transactions, or a decline in personal hygiene can all be warning signs that something is wrong.

Unfortunately, many cases go unreported. Seniors may feel embarrassed, fearful of retaliation, or dependent on the very person causing harm. In other cases, cognitive conditions such as dementia make it difficult for them to communicate what they are experiencing. This is why awareness and vigilance from family members, neighbors, and professionals are so critical.

Caregivers—whether family or hired help—often face stress, burnout, and lack of support, which can sometimes contribute to neglectful situations. While this does not excuse abuse, it highlights the need for better resources, education, and respite care options to support those providing care.

If you suspect elder abuse, do not ignore it. Speak up. Contact local Adult Protective Services or law enforcement if necessary. A simple check-in or conversation can make a significant difference in someone's life.

Our seniors deserve dignity, respect, and safety. By staying informed and involved, we can help ensure that every older adult in our community is protected and valued.



**Safe Path for Seniors**  
Assisting Families with Their Senior Care Journey

Free assistance placing seniors in assisted living or memory care communities

- Personalized recommendations based on your loved one's needs and budget
- Local network of communities vetted for quality and compassion
- Guidance through every step of the process, including tours of communities

Serving seniors and families in Southern California

(626) 999-6913  
Steve@SafePathForSeniors.com  
SafePathForSeniors.com

## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...APRIL BIRTHDAYS\*



Howard Rubin, Anita Hardy, Hattie Harris, Marilyn Diaz, Virginia Elliott, Elma Flores, Betty Jo Gregg, Barbara Lampman, Betty Mackie, Elizabeth Rasmussen, Maria Reyes, Marian DeMars, Anne Schryver, Christine Bachwansky, Colleen McKernan, Sandy Swanson, Hank Landsberg, Shannon Vandavelde, Barbara Rounkle, Wendy Senour

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



**SENIOR CINEMA**

4/1/26 4/8/26 4/15/26 4/15/26 4/29/26

Enjoy classic and family-friendly films at our Senior Cinema series, held at the Hart Park House. Join us for a relaxed and social movie experience with a variety of titles throughout April.

Upcoming Showings:

- April 1 - McFarland, USA
- April 8 - Ray
- April 15 - Evan Almighty
- April 15 - The Story of Us
- April 29 - You've Got Mail

For more information, please visit [sierramadrea.gov](http://sierramadrea.gov) or call 626-355-5278.

## UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY BREAKEVEN AGE

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I'm trying to figure out the best time for my wife and I to start taking our Social Security retirement benefits and would like to understand the breakeven age. What can you tell me?

--Strategizing Sam



Dear Sam,  
As you approach retirement, one of the most important financial decisions you'll face is when to begin collecting Social Security retirement benefits. A useful concept to guide your thinking is the "breakeven age," which helps you evaluate the trade-off between taking a reduced benefit early versus a higher one later. Here's what you should know.

SSA Waiting Game

The Social Security Administration allows you to start collecting your retirement benefits as early as age 62. However, your monthly benefit will be permanently reduced – about .5 percent each month – if you claim before your full retirement age (FRA), which is 67 for those born in 1960 or later. Conversely, for every year you delay claiming beyond your FRA – up to age 70 – your benefit amount increases 8 percent each year. Your benefit maxes out at age 70, so there's no financial incentive to wait longer.

Breakeven Age

The breakeven age is the point when the total benefits from waiting to claim equal the total you would have received by starting earlier. Live longer than that age and delaying pays off. Live shorter and claiming early pays more. It's a simple benchmark for retirement planning.

The exact breakeven age varies based on individual circumstances, but a common comparison is between claiming at age 62 versus waiting until FRA. For most people, the breakeven age for this scenario is around 78. Another common comparison is claiming at FRA versus waiting to age 70. The average breakeven age here is around 82.

Other Considerations

Keep in mind that while the breakeven age is a powerful tool, it is just one piece of the puzzle. It doesn't account for other crucial factors like your health and family longevity. If you have chronic health problems or a family history of shorter lifespans, taking a reduced benefit early might be the most prudent choice to ensure you receive a significant number of payments.

On the other hand, if you're in good health and expect to live a long life, delaying your benefits to age 70 can provide a much higher income stream that acts as a form of longevity insurance. To estimate your life expectancy, try the online tool [livingto100.com](http://livingto100.com).

Furthermore, a married couple's claiming strategy can be complex. The higher-earning spouse's decision can significantly impact the survivor benefits for the lower-earning spouse. Waiting for the higher earner to claim at age 70 can provide a larger benefit for the surviving spouse for the rest of their life.

In the end, there is no one-size-fits-all answer. The breakeven age provides a useful framework for comparison, but the decision of when to claim your benefits should also consider your health, financial situation and family.

Online Calculators

There are several online calculators that can help you and your wife figure out the best time to claim your benefits. One that's completely free to use is [opensocialsecurity.com](http://opensocialsecurity.com). Or for a more thorough analysis use [maximizemysocialsecurity.com](http://maximizemysocialsecurity.com). This tool, which costs \$49 for a year, will run what-if scenarios based on your circumstances to find your best strategy for getting the highest possible lifetime payout.

Send your questions or comments to [questions@savvysenior.org](mailto:questions@savvysenior.org), or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### BACK IN THE SADDLE - FINALLY!

After about three months of wrestling with a variety of bug thing-amajigs, I ended up with a case of acute bronchitis. Believe me; it was not really cute at all.



The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I, during that time, competed in a coughing and sneezing contest. Unfortunately, she won the contest. Now, as a result of her winning, whenever she says anything to me next year, I have to respond, "Yes, dear."

Oh well, now that it is over, it will be well worth it. I have learned, over 50 years of marital bliss, that saying "Yes, dear" makes my life that much more blissful.

With all that in the past, I now start a new chapter in my life. I am now back in the saddle again and picking up where I left off a couple of months ago.

I have suffered many physical problems throughout the years, but I have noticed now that I am older, it takes me longer to get back in the saddle. I could choose to moan and groan in bed, but what in the world would that accomplish?

The importance of getting "back in the saddle" reminds us that having the right support—like a good horse—is key to moving forward, especially for those facing setbacks.

When I was young, I would visit my grandfather at his farm in the mountains of central Pennsylvania and sometimes spend the summer up there. He had a large horse he used on his farm to plow the fields and other work.

My cousin and I would ride that horse, but grandpa did not have any saddles for us to use. We had to climb up on the bareback of that horse, and believe me, it was a huge horse. But we enjoyed riding it as much as we could. Of course, our grandmother was the one who led the horse as we rode it. Why she did that, I will never know.

But it was the horse that led the way. I can get any saddle I want, but if I do not put it on a horse, what good is it really?

Now that I'm back in the saddle, I need to understand the power of that saddle, which is the horse. Which is going to empower me to get back to my normal life? Of course, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always questions me about that. "What is normal for you?" She would always ask me. I never had a really good answer for that.

What is normal to one person is a fit of craziness to someone else. It does not matter to me about my normal; if it is crazy, I am going to accept that and incorporate it into my life. What is wrong with being crazy? After all, I have been crazy all my life, so why should I change now? Now that I'm back in the saddle, I can get into my office and begin working on projects I haven't been able to work on for the last several months. It is a good feeling to be back in my office again.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage thinks my office is a mess. She has been tempting me to get into my office, straighten everything out and organize it to her satisfaction. The last time she suggested that I replied by saying, "Okay, you organize my office and I will organize your craft room. How does that sound?" I haven't heard from her since about that.

As I look around my office, I cannot see any mess at all. My office is so organized that I know exactly where to find whatever I need at any given time. I have learned through life that if I can't find something, it means that I really don't need it. That has been the saddle on my horse for many years.

Getting back on the saddle is a very challenging proposition. First, I have to know where to start. After about three months of not doing much of what I need to do, I need to find out where to start. To find out where to start, I have to sit in my office with a nice hot cup of coffee, look around, and take in all the books I have, the computers, the printer and my desk. To The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, this looks like a mess. But, to her adoring husband, all of this inspires me to get back on the saddle and go charging forward. It is going to take me a week or so to readjust my priorities. What is really the top priority as I get started?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage always has her priorities in focus. She is the kind of person who can multitask. I have never been able to multitask in my life. That is why it takes me a little bit longer to get my priorities lined up. Now that I'm back in the saddle, I can go forward and get everything in line to become productive again.

I could not help but think of a Bible verse on this subject. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

As a Christian, my focus is not on my past, but forward on Christ.

Dr. James L. Snyder lives in Ocala, FL with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Telephone 1-352-216-3025, e-mail [jamesnyder51@gmail.com](mailto:jamesnyder51@gmail.com), website [www.jamesnyderministries.com](http://www.jamesnyderministries.com).



**1HEART**  
CAREGIVER SERVICES

**PROVEN & TRUSTED SENIOR CARE FOR OVER 20 YEARS**

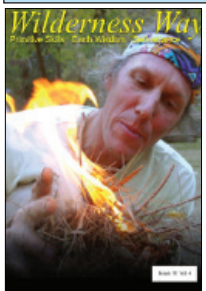
- Companionship
- Alzheimer's/Dementia Care
- Round-the-Clock Care
- Care Express (short hours)
- Transition Care (from hospitalization or facility)

**GET \$100 OFF FROM YOUR 1ST WEEK OF CARE. \*MINIMUM OF 40 HOURS.**

**FREE Assessments**

**(626)563-7505**  
[pasadena.1heartcares.com](http://pasadena.1heartcares.com)

HCO# 194700934



## CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

[Nyerges is an educator, author, and ethnobotanist who has authored "Nuts and Berries of California," and nearly 20 other books. You can find more information at [www.schoolofself-reliance.com](http://www.schoolofself-reliance.com).]

### HARDENING A HOUSE TO FIRE

#### Considerations of the Eaton Fire



**Daniel MacPherson in front of the wreckage of his home after the Eaton Fire. Only one house on his street survived, possibly due to covered eave**

Why do some houses survive when the whole neighborhood burned to the ground? Sometimes, there seems to be no rhyme or reason that a particular house survived. Maybe the wind changed directions, or maybe something about the house protected it. Here are some of the obvious things that can be built into a house and property that would help it be a bit more fire-resistant.

Metal roofs! Definitely don't have a wood shingle roof. Metal roofs are more expensive, and it can make it very loud indoors during a rainstorm. However, there are some manufacturers who produce roofing panels from metal with a layer of insulation. The insulation is a good thing, and it muffles the noise from rainstorms just a bit.

Tile roofs don't burn, and the Eaton Canyon Nature Center had been rebuilt (after the 1993 fire) with un-burnable roof tiles. However, when that roof was leaking in around 2011, the County decided to replace it with a conventional roof, which possibly contributed to its destruction in the Eaton Fire.

Adobe or stucco walls. Some walls are nearly impossible to burn, and so they would be worth considering for fire protection.

In the case of Altadena resident Chip Johnson, why did his home and handful of his neighbors' homes survive, when the overwhelming majority of the surrounding houses burned to the ground? Johnson really doesn't know, but speculated that the coating of Tex-Cote on his house might have been part of the reason. (Tex-Cote is a product that is sprayed on the exterior walls, like stucco, and it is designed to reflect the sun's heat and reduce the exterior wall surface temperatures by as much as 40° F.) "When the workers sprayed it on, they were a little sloppy around some of the attic vents and somewhat covered the openings. But that might have actually helped to keep embers out of the attic." He also had recently installed a new roof. Additionally, his home sits in a small valley with a small ridge line to the north and east. It's possible that the lay of the land in that little cul de sac kept the fire away from his house. "Still," he exclaims, "my neighbor's homes to my south, and north, and west, all burned to the ground!"

On Las Flores Avenue in Altadena, I visited my friend Daniel MacPherson at the burned-out wreckage of what had been his home. As far as you could see in all directions, there was no neighborhood left—it all burned down. However, Daniel took me to see the one surviving house about a half-block east of his former home. We looked at the stucco house, and wondered why it survived. There were a lot of succulents growing around the place, but otherwise we could not define anything that set it apart, except the eaves under the roof overhangs. Daniel pointed out to me that they had covered the openings that you often see in the eaves—a place where embers can blow into the attic. We did not disturb the tenants, and only looked from a distance, but it appeared the eaves were covered in something that could have been flat pieces of metal or even something like drywall.

Outdoor sprinklers are useful in protecting yourself from a wildfire—though not from a kitchen fire. Indoor sprinklers might be good for a kitchen fire, but have proven ineffective for something like the Eaton fire, where the threat is outside, not inside.

Plants, pro and con. The fire department inspection personnel will tell you to clear all vegetation from around your house. The distance of clearance varies with each jurisdiction, but sometimes residents are told to clear up to 200 feet, which means they want you to cut down everything in small lots. It is not a settled fact that clearing all plant life around your house will automatically protect your house from fire, though certain dead vegetation which ignites easily should be removed (such as pines, eucalyptus, and palms). There were cases where houses burned and the lots were absolutely cleared of vegetation. One theory is that, rather than thinking of the vegetation as a hazard, it could actually block burning embers from getting to your house. In fact, there are several stories out of the Altadena Eaton fire where the tall deodar cedar "Christmas trees" of Christmas tree lane (Santa Rosa Avenue) appeared to have provided some protection against the burning, blowing embers.

I once watched a spreading grass fire in an open acreage in northeast Los Angeles. It was set by two boys playing with matches, and there was little wind that day. The grass fire moved westward and burned an acre in about three minutes. It met a literal wall of prickly pear cactus and, as I was standing not far away with shovel in hand, I could hear the cactus sizzle as the fire died.

The ability to repel fire largely depends on the variety of vegetation you have growing. And other significant factors include such things as the time of year and relative dryness and humidity, direction of the wind, the lay of the land, and more.

Trying to make a science of this is tricky at best. Those whose homes have survived a fire where all other homes were burned may have employed one or more of these factors. Some survivors seem to have employed none at all, and yet, the house survived.

Why? Some say it's just luck. Others say it's "the will of god." While there may be something to both of these ideas, it seems to me that if you do as many of these fire-protecting measures as possible, both "luck" and "God" are more likely to be on your side.



### SUPERDUPER SWEETEST PAIR!

It doesn't get any better than this pair! Gonzo and Enzo are the sweetest kittens we have ever fostered!



Born on the streets, they were found under a car after the rest of their litter mates had died. Getting to know these two has been an absolute delight. From day one they've been the cuddliest duo! They are both lap cats and absolutely love people! So much so they are always looking to spend time with you or be near you or follow you around! They are also



very playful and will run around together chasing after their fuzzy toys. Then they will settle in for some light grooming together and fall asleep preferably as close to you as possible. Gonzo is a little bigger than Enzo and is just a floppy cat! As soon as you carry him he melts into your arms and wants to be held like a baby. Enzo is more compact and such a curious little guy. He is very loving and so funny with a heart-shaped mark on his side, and a tail that curls over his back almost like a pug.

These boys are as close to Purr-fection as can be! They bring so much joy and will be the perfect addition to their people. See their adorable pictures and apply to meet them at <https://www.lifelineforpets.org/enzo-gonzo.html>.

### Pet of the Week

Meet Chili — a sweet girl at Pasadena Humane with just the right amount of spice! This 3-year-old Pointer/Pit Bull mix is equal parts playful and easygoing, happiest when she's lounging by your side or soaking up affection.

Chili loves exploring on walks (with plenty of sniff stops!) and enjoys getting out and about, but she's just as content relaxing, curled up on the couch. She's done great while out on foster field trips — calm in public, quiet at restaurants, and a perfect passenger who naps in the car. Her superpower? Loving people. Chili is gentle, affectionate, and ready to add a little warmth — and spice — to your life.

Adopt Chili today! The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

Walk-in adoptions are available every day from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. View photos of adoptable pets at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

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



### HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

**pure** PODCAST STUDIO

We have a studio for you!

- Fully Equipped Studio
- Starting at \$70 per Hour
- Video Recording and Production Available
- Distribution Available

**Book your studio time NOW!**  
**(626) 461-5015**

[puremediamarketing.com/podcast-studio-rental/](http://puremediamarketing.com/podcast-studio-rental/)

### ARNOLD'S FRONTIER HARDWARE

297 W. Sierra Madre Blvd  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
626-355-3365  
Fax 626-355-8300

[www.frontierhardware.com](http://www.frontierhardware.com)  
[sales@frontierhardware.com](mailto:sales@frontierhardware.com)

**ACE**  
The helpful place.  
Open 7 Days  
a Week

**"Where Old-Fashioned Service is Never Out-dated"**

## CALIFORNIA BUSINESS COMPLEX & SELF STORAGE MONROVIA

WE'RE YOUR PLACE WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF SPACE!

CALL US 626-303-7917

### GROOMING FOR DOGS AND CATS

SPA PACKAGES \* MOBILE WASH

## 626-836-0701

187 West Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Tuesday - Saturday  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

## Pets in need

Some pet parents cannot afford the cost of vet care right now. You can help those pets! Visit us:

[www.FreeAnimalDoctor.org](http://www.FreeAnimalDoctor.org)

## FITNESS FOR LIFE



Michele Silence, M.A. is a 37-year certified fitness professional who offers semi-private/virtual fitness classes. Contact Michele at michele@kid-fit.com. Visit her Facebook page at: michelesfitness. Visit her Facebook page at: michelesfitness.

### HEALTHSPAN VS. LIFESPAN

For years, most people have defined health the same way. If you go to the doctor and your tests come back normal, you're considered healthy. No disease, no problem. But that idea is starting to change. More and more experts are now looking at health in a different way. Instead of asking what's wrong with your body, they're asking what your body can actually do. That may sound simple, but it's a big shift.

Think about it this way. Can you get up off the floor without using your hands? Can you carry groceries from your car to your kitchen without feeling exhausted? Can you walk up a flight of stairs without needing to stop and catch your breath? Can you keep your balance if you trip? These may not sound like "fitness tests," but they are becoming some of the most important measures of health.

In the past, someone could be told they are healthy because they don't have heart disease, diabetes, or any major medical condition. But at the same time, that same person might struggle with basic movements, tire easily, or feel unsteady on their feet. Under the old definition, that person was healthy. Under the newer way of thinking, they may already be at risk.

This is where the idea of functional health comes in. It simply means how well your body works in real life, not in a lab or on paper, but in your everyday activities. It's not about how much you can bench press or how fast you can run a mile. It's about whether your body allows you to live your life safely, independently, and with energy.

Consider two people. The first has no diagnosed health problems. Their blood pressure is normal, and their lab work looks fine. But they have trouble getting up from a chair without using their hands, avoid stairs, and feel tired after short periods of activity. The second person has a manageable condition like high blood pressure but walks regularly, has good balance, moves easily, and stays active throughout the day. Which one is healthier? More and more, the answer is the second person, because health is not just about what you don't have. It's about what you can do.

This idea is especially important as we get older, but it applies at any age. For younger people, this matters more than you would think. It's easy to assume strength and energy will always be there, but that's not how it works. The habits you build now determine how well your body functions later. Long hours of sitting, avoiding effort, and doing less physically can slowly reduce your ability to move well. Building strength, balance, and endurance early creates a foundation that carries you through life.

Your ability to move well affects your independence, your safety, and your quality of life. One of the biggest concerns is falls. Loss of strength, balance, and coordination increases the risk of falling, and falls can lead to serious injuries. These problems don't appear overnight. They build slowly over time when we stop challenging our bodies.

The good news is that functional ability can be improved, and it doesn't require a complicated workout plan or expensive equipment. It starts with paying attention to how you move in your daily life. Practice getting up and down from a chair without using your hands. Take the stairs when you can. Carry your own groceries. Work on your balance by standing on one leg for a few seconds. Move in different ways instead of repeating the exact same routine every day. These small actions help maintain strength, coordination, and confidence.

Exercise also doesn't have to be extreme to be effective. Being able to do everyday activities with ease is often more valuable than pushing through a hard workout once in a while. Consistency matters more than intensity. When you move your body regularly in ways that reflect real life, you build a kind of fitness that supports you where it counts the most.

This shift in thinking also takes some pressure off. You don't have to chase perfection or compare yourself to others. You simply need to maintain and improve your ability to function in your own life. That's a much more realistic and meaningful goal.

So the next time you think about your health, don't just think about doctor visits or test results. Think about how you move, how you feel, and what your body allows you to do each day. Because in the end, true health isn't just about the absence of disease. It's about having the strength, balance, and ability to live your life the way you want.

## UNLOCK YOUR LIFE

### THE GRATITUDE UPGRADE: A Guaranteed Mood Lifter



Lori A. Harris

Feeling sad, mad, or grumpy? Good. There is nothing wrong with a day filled with things you would not choose. In fact, those hard days are doing something important: they are showing you the contrast. It is precisely because we know discomfort that we can recognize and genuinely appreciate the times when life feels good. That is the law of polarity at work.

But here is where many of us make things worse. When times are difficult, we resist. Without meaning to, we become attached to how things were, or how we believe they should be. We are lulled into expecting conditions to remain comfortable, or at least to improve. Always.

My teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh, offered a radical reminder: we almost never appreciate the non-toothache. The absence of pain barely registers. We race past our blessings on the way to our burdens. Learning to love what is, even when it is hard, is both the exercise and the gift.

#### The Tool I Come Back to Every Time

Rather than fighting a difficult season, I rely on a practice that reliably lifts my mood. It involves no numbing, no scrolling, no addictive distraction that leaves you feeling worse. It is guaranteed. And it is free. It is gratitude.

Research bears this out. SoulPancake, as part of The Science of Happiness project, studied what actually moves the needle on human wellbeing and found that expressing gratitude, especially to another person, produced one of the most significant emotional boosts of any activity tested. The effect was immediate. And it grew when the gratitude was spoken aloud.

When you look for something good, something to appreciate, you will feel better. Instantly. Not eventually, instantly. And there is a rocket-fuel version of this practice that takes it to another level entirely.

#### The Gratitude Letter Practice

Try this. Settle in somewhere and let your mind move back through your life. Where have you come from?

Let the images come. People. Teachers. A neighbor. A mentor. Someone who saw you before you saw yourself.

Make a list. Let it grow. At a recent retreat I led, one participant filled an entire page, front and back, and she was not finished.

Then, choose one person. Write them a letter. Tell them specifically what you are grateful for. Describe how their presence or their actions shaped your life. And close with the fullness of your genuine appreciation, not a polished sign-off, but a real one.

Now: pick up the phone and read it to them.

I know, it may feel vulnerable, but do it anyway.

There is nothing more nourishing. Nothing more fulfilling. Your heart will fill, and, fair warning, your eyes may leak.

Want to build a sustainable gratitude practice? Visit [loriaharris.com](http://loriaharris.com) to learn more about my work and pick up the 21-Day Gratitude Train Journal, a guided companion to make this your daily rhythm, not just a one-time lift.

— Lori A. Harris is an Integrative Change Coach and Life Mastery Consultant. Her column, "Unlock Your Life," runs weekly in Mountain Views News.



### You Deserve an Agent Who Will Do More Than Just Sell Your Home

Learn why sellers say that working with me was the difference between success and stress!

**SUE COOK**  
COMPASS

DRE#02015404

If you're thinking of making a move next year give me a call!

626.253.1323  
[suecookrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:suecookrealtor@gmail.com)

## ALL THINGS by Jeff Brown

### HOW FLOWERS MADE OUR WORLD

By David George Haskell

An exquisite exploration of the power of flowers, placing them at the center of the story of how evolution created the world we know today

We live on a floral planet, yet flowers don't get the credit they deserve. We admire them for their aesthetics, not their power. In this exquisite exploration of the role flowers played in creating the world we know today, David George Haskell observes, smells, and studies flowers such as magnolias, orchids, and roses, as well as fascinating but less celebrated flowers such as seagrasses and tea to show us what we've been missing.

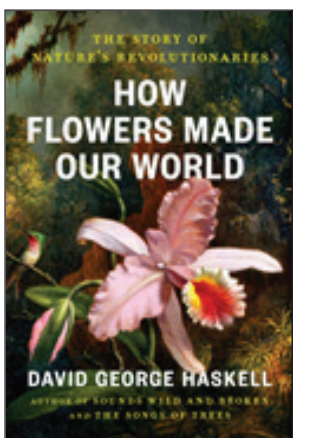
Flowers are beautiful revolutionaries. When they evolved, they remade the natural world: Gorgeous petals and alluring aromas transformed former enemies into cooperative partners. Flowers reinvented plant sexuality and motherhood, bringing male and female together in the same flower and amply provisioning seeds and fruits, innovations that also feed legions of animals, ourselves included. Through radical genetic flexibility, flowers turned past environmental upheavals into opportunities for renewal. This inventiveness allowed them to build and sustain rainforests, savannahs, prairies, and even ocean shores.

Without flowers, human beings would not exist. We are a floral species. Flowers catalyzed our evolution, and we now depend on them for food and a healthy planet. When we perfume ourselves, give a loved one a bouquet, or use blooms in gardens and religious ceremonies, we honor the special bond between people and flowers. The study of flowers also shaped modern science and horticulture in ways both marvelous and, sometimes, unjust.

Looking to the future, flowers offer us lessons on resilience and creativity in the face of rapid environmental change. We need floral creativity, beauty, and joy more than ever. How Flowers Made Our World combines lyrical writing, sensual exploration, and the latest in scientific research to explore some of the most consequential life forms ever to have evolved, showing how our planet came to be and how it thrives today.

David George Haskell is a biologist acclaimed for his lyrical explorations of the living world. His books have twice been finalists for Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction, in 2012 for *The Forest Unseen* and in 2022 for *Sounds Wild and Broken*. His 2017 book, *The Songs of Trees* won the John Burroughs Medal. Other literary honors include an Award in Literature from American Academy of Arts and Letters, and winner of the Acoustical Society of America's Science Communication Award, the National Academies' Best Book Award, Iris Book Award, Reed Environmental Writing Award, and National Outdoor Book Award for Natural History Literature. He is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, a Guggenheim Fellow, and is Adjunct Professor of Environmental Sciences at Emory University.

You can order this book at Sierra Madre's Bookstore Fables & Fancies 50 W Sierra Madre Blvd 626-655-8856



**Sierra Madre Self Storage**  
130 E. Montecito Ave.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
(626) 355-1837

### MICHELE'S FITNESS STUDIO

*Since 1986*

**Smart, Safe Fitness** for adults who want to move better – not get hurt.  
**Strength \* Balance \* Mobility**  
Taught by ACE -Certified professional with 35+ years of experience.

**Live Virtual Classes via Zoom**

**michele@kid-fit.com      626-848-2950**

*Growers of Rare Camellias and Azaleas since 1935*

### Nuccio's Nurseries

3555 Chanoy trail  
Altadena, California 91001  
(626)794-3383

**We are open daily except Wednesdays and Thursdays**  
Business hours are from 8:00 to 4:30.  
Closed Sundays - June 1 through December

*On busy days we normally close early, so please call first.*

SERVING YOU SINCE 1949

## GEM PLUMBING

Locally Owned & Operated

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING  
SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION

# We Do It All!

COPPER RE-PIPES  
FAUCETS | LEAK DETECTION  
KITCHEN AND BATH REMODELS  
DRAIN AND SEWER CLEANING | WATER HEATERS | WE TACKLE OLD FIXTURES

ALL MAJOR BRANDS    Emergency Service Available    **355-3496**

140 E. Montecito | Sierra Madre    VISA    MASTERCARD    DISCOVER

State Contractor Lic. # 111308

## STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON AWARENESS AND RECLAMATION



There are things I have lost, and I know that I have lost forever. There are other things though that I still hope to find again and reclaim. Let's start with some of those things that have been forever lost. You know, my hair, my mobility, my teeth, my senses of smell and taste. Of course, many of my old and treasured friends are gone and in the process of going. I know I am fortunate to have reached the age of eighty-two which I will reach hopefully on the twenty-sixth of this month.

I will happily accept all birthday wishes on that date but remind myself that this one day of the year is also the birthdate of an immigrant to our Country, Mrs. Melania Trump. Despite the losses most of which could be expected and accepted, it is the losses associated with Mrs. Trump and her husband, whose name I do not choose to mention, that I did not expect and still refuse to accept.

I am speaking now of a loss of certainty. For my entire life I have felt certain of being proud to be an American. Yes, there have been some difficult times and some seemingly unacceptable realizations. Entering College at UCLA in 1961 I was at least surprised to note that other than football players and famous athletes there were very few persons of color attending the College. Still, I was amazed that sitting right in front of me in my Physics 10 class were the gold and silver medalist winners of the Decathlon at the 1960 Olympics held in Rome, Italy. Perhaps you remember their names. Rafer Johnson and C.K. Yang, a Taiwanese Olympian who also attended college at UCLA.

There at UCLA, together with these world-famous men sitting in class probably also not understanding much physics. Really, that lack of understanding did not surprise me. I was the first person in my family to even graduate High School. What did I care about physics and math anyway? What difference does any of that stuff make? Yes, I had a lot to learn then and am still learning every day as the Artemis voyage has resulted in the presentation of all kinds of scientific advancements gained from the discoveries connected with the quest for space. I am talking about MRI's and CT scans. Examinations involved in keeping me alive today.

Okay back to 1960 - perhaps I was too unaware to notice what was right in front of me. In 1965, after two years at UC Berkeley, I entered UCLA Law School. Now I was sensitized enough to notice there were no females and no persons of color in any of my classes. I noticed and was aware enough to be appalled, and I sought out a work-study job creating a program related to bringing High School students from minority areas to college. As a lawyer, thirty years later, a female Judge called me up to the Bench and said, "Mr. Tolchin. I am glad to have this opportunity to thank you for changing my brother's life." Those were her exact words. I didn't know what she was talking about and said, "Who's your brother?" "He's the mayor," she said. Who knew, as far as I knew, he was just one of the kids who had a shorter name than the mayor. Today he's one of the potential Democratic candidates for Governor. Life goes on.

Yes, life goes on and today at the Law School, there is a female Dean, and I believe the majority of the Law students are female. My point is that changes have occurred but for many, many years there were disparities and discriminations and overall unfairness that had always been a part of this Country. For people like those who had the foresight to be born of the right gender, of the right color, and at the right time this country has provided a workable easy road to a very satisfying life. Like many Sierra Madreans I could not afford my house today or even pay the rent. Yes, I have always been certain that I was pleased, even proud to be an American and very proud of the work as an Immigration Attorney that my daughter practices every one of her hard-working days. I want to reclaim my hope and certainty in believing the world continues to change. There should be a recognition of all the progress that has taken place and the awareness that progress will continue. Don't despair and don't be overwhelmed by the current negativity. Good things have always been done and now we all must do what we must. Believe we will find a way. Happy Birthday to us all and prepare to see a more humane world on the birthdays to come.



## HOWARD Hays As I See It

*"The simple act of paying attention can take you a long way." - Keanu Reeves*

You might not have been paying attention to the president's recent announcement of a transformative healthcare plan. Beginning next year, health agencies will be consolidated into a single Universal Health Service - providing access to those without employer-provided insurance. In a phased roll-out, emergency care and continuity-of-treatment will be available early in 2027. Radiotherapy, imaging and lab tests will be added later in the year. Coverage for prescriptions and hospitalization will begin in 2028. "The goal is that when we leave the government, any... man or woman can go to any health institution for treatment for any ailment and be received". The announcement came from Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum, describing what will be accomplished before the end of her term in 2030.

With last year's "Big Beautiful Bill", 20 million Americans will see their premiums hiked, with 15 million losing coverage altogether. President Trump says the federal government shouldn't be in the Medicare/Medicaid business anyway, and should instead be spending that money on wars (not to mention \$5 trillion over ten years on tax cuts, primarily for those who don't need them). Former insurance executive Wendell Potter sees President Sheinbaum's decree as "another example of countries around the world lapping the US when it comes to healthcare policy." While Sheinbaum rolls out a healthcare plan, Trump jumps from one self-made mess to another - unable to pay attention to anything for very long.

It's been three months since the capture of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro. Trump outlined a \$100 billion program for the country's oil industry, and private firms are ready to invest. But whatever contracts are drawn up to partner private firms with the state oil company, they'd have to meet guidelines set by the U.S., with cash running through a U.S.-controlled account. Trump made clear he'd be the one to "run the country".

Venezuelans are still under the same dictatorship, with Maduro's number two now in the top spot. The country's opposition leader seemed fine with opening their oil industry to private investment, but not necessarily with turning it over to Trump - which effectively disqualified her. Venezuelans are anxious to see those investments made in their country, but approvals are needed, first - and the one who insisted he'd "run the country" has since shifted his attention elsewhere.

Last October, a "ceasefire" was declared in Gaza - called a "ceasefire", though 700 have since been killed by Israel with the loss of four of their own soldiers. Four months later, Trump hosted a meeting of another entity he insists on being in control of - the Board of Peace. Out of that Board came yet another group - the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG). The Board would like to get going on rebuilding Gaza and the NCAG would love to get in and get to work, but they can't because they don't have the money. And Trump is no longer paying attention.

The cost of rebuilding Gaza, 80% of buildings destroyed over two years of Israeli bombardment, is estimated at \$70 billion. The Board of Peace had committed \$17 billion towards that amount. But so far, it's raised less than a billion. The NCAG says it doesn't have enough to even enter the area. Less than two weeks after hosting that meeting, Trump's attention went elsewhere - choosing to join Israel in attacking Iran. Those countries on the Board that had committed funds now find themselves with the more immediate concern of war in their own backyards - if not reaching across their borders - among more pressing priorities for their money.

At the beginning of the year, Trump's attention was on the protesters in Iran. He encouraged them, vowing that "help is on the way". Whatever "help" he had in mind never arrived, and thousands were killed. In February he turned his attention to negotiations held in Oman - but instead of sending foreign affairs professionals, instead we got real estate developers Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff. And just as it seemed a deal still might be possible, Trump's attention turned towards Israeli PM Netanyahu, urging that attack on Iran.

It was declaring regime change, then it wasn't. It was freeing the Iranian people, then threatening "a whole civilization will die". It was declaring victory, then calling up tens of thousands more troops. It was responding to an imminent threat, then about what might happen years down the road. It was about Iran's blockading the Strait of Hormuz, then the U.S. blockading the Strait of Hormuz. Eight years ago, Trump tore up an agreement that had Iran ending its nuclear weapons program and accepting international monitors to ensure compliance. Now we're at war hoping Iran accepts just such an agreement.

At the very time last-ditch negotiations in Islamabad were ending in failure, Trump was paying attention instead to the UFC fight he was attending in Miami.

For a photo op last week, a 58-year-old grandmother delivered a DoorDash order to Trump at the White House; a publicity stunt for the new "no tax on tips" policy. But most were paying attention instead to the woman's backstory: needing to make DoorDash deliveries to raise money for her husband's cancer treatments. Trump should be paying attention to what President Sheinbaum is accomplishing in Mexico.

## RICH JOHNSON DUMBEST POLITICAL QUOTES OF ALL TIME



*"Facts are stupid things." Ronald Reagan*

What President Reagan meant to say was "Facts are stubborn things." You can't really blame the president, or any public figure for that matter because they often speak publicly in front of millions of people. I might have only 5 readers read this and be really nervous for some reason or another.

George W. Bush, not to be confused with George H. W. Bush (Dad) got his early education in the sticks of Midland Texas. Who can blame him when Junior blurted out, "Is our children learning?" and "childrens do learn".

George W. also created a new word when he said, "They underestimated me." And before we leave his sturdy intellect, he said: "Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we."

V.P. Dan Quayle summed up his jobs responsibility when he uttered, "One word sums up probably the responsibility of any vice president, and that one word is "to be prepared".

V.P. Dan went on to say: "I have made good judgments in the past. I have made good judgments in the future." President Gerald Ford summed it up when he uttered: "Things are more like they are now than they have ever been."

We don't want the Democrats to feel left out in the conversation:

Not that Democrats focus more on sex than Republicans, but Senator Ted Kennedy describing his fiancé said, "She's a wonderful, wonderful person, and we're looking to a happy and wonderful night....err, ah, life."

No surprise that sometime a president may be in the middle of a speech and make a statement that is just factually wrong, sometimes stupid. President Obama once said on the campaign trail, "I've now been in 57 states...I think I have one left to go." Last check there were only 50 states. Oops.

Senator John Kerry said in an interview regarding military sending, "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion, before I voted against it."

Al Gore once said emphatically, "A zebra does not change its spots."

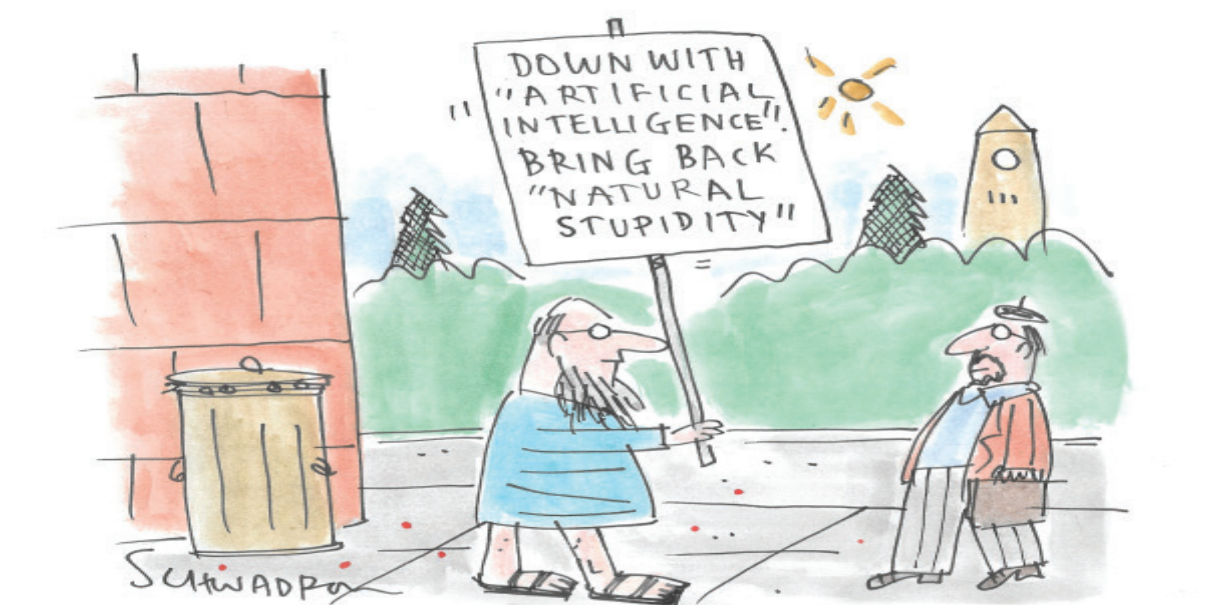
And in closing out the presidents, Richard Nixon made the definitive quote on the Law: "When the President does it, that means it's not illegal." He also said, "I would have made a good Pope."

Let's take a look at some random other political pontificators. You can see in some of her quotes how Hillary Clinton thinks:

"We are going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good." "God bless the America we are trying to create."

We must realize politicians are people too...barely lol. They deserve what they get as they voluntarily do thrust themselves into the public spotlight. Before a word is uttered half the audience already wishes they would go away. The other half...they're still undecided.

Enough on politics. Back to music. Mike, Steve and I (3 of the members of that hot local rock band JJ Jukebox) are performing an acoustic concert at Moffett's Pot Pie Shoppe Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Moffetts is on Baldwin Avenue one block south of Duarte Road in the little shopping center on the southwest corner (Aldi's and CVS are there. Moffetts is tucked away in the corner. Showtime is 6:00pm. Hope to see you there. 1409 South Baldwin. (626) 447-4670. Hope to see you there.





OAKS, CA. 91423. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MAURICIO G LA FUENTE 4833 FULTON AVENUE APT A SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91423. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MAURICIO G LA FUENTE/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/19/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: APR 04, 11, 18, 25, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026069933 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EARLY STEPS INTERVENTION 12416 WHITLEY ST WHITTIER, CA. 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EUGENE LOUIS HERNANDEZ 12416 WHITLEY ST WHITTIER, CA. 90601. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EUGENE LOUIS HERNANDEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/31/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: APR 04, 11, 18, 25, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026069164 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TURNING POINT MONTESSORI 6610 SHOUP AVE WEST HILLS, CA. 91304. AON C5966666. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) WISHING WELL ACADEMY INC. 1329 E THOUSAND OAKS BLVD SUITE 126 THOUSAND OAKS, CA. 91362. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: WISHING WELL ACADEMY INC., URANUS NOORZAY, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/27/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: APR 04, 11, 18, 25, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026069938 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LADBP SERVICES 5955 LANKERSHIM BLVD NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91601. AON B20260108328. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENTAL BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRIC SERVICES LLC. 5955 LANKERSHIM BLVD NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91601. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE. Signed: LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENTAL

BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRIC SERVICES LLC. SAIRAM ANAND KUMAR, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/19/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: APR 04, 11, 18, 25, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026069941 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LADBP MANAGEMENT 5955 LANKERSHIM BLVD NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91601. AON B20260108321. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENTAL BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRIC MANAGEMENT LLC. 5955 LANKERSHIM BLVD NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91601. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE. Signed: LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENTAL BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRIC MANAGEMENT LLC. SAIRAM ANAND KUMAR, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/21/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: APR 04, 11, 18, 25, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-048805 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL CLEAN SERVICE ACS, 136 E AVE 37, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) APOLONIO SIS, 136 E AVE 37, LOS ANGELES, CA 90031. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: APOLONIO SIS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/04/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-042791 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANNA'S CAFE, 525 N GARFIELD AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ, 525 N GARFIELD AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. ANA ROSA RODRIGUEZ, 525 N GARFIELD AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/24/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-063172 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONSTRUCTION PRO, 4023 141ST ST APT 4, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MICHAEL ANTHONY ARELLANO, 4023 141ST ST APT 4, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MICHAEL ANTHONY ARELLANO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2026. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-069183 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: D&D AUTO MOTORS, 7912 BROOKMILL RD, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RICARDO JIMENEZ HIDALGO, 7912 BROOKMILL RD, DOWNEY, CA 90241. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RICARDO JIMENEZ HIDALGO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/27/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-064358 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FIRESTONE AUTO BODY & FENDER, 1240 FIRESTONE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LUIS ALBERTO ARVIZU CASTILLO, 1240 FIRESTONE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LUIS ALBERTO ARVIZU CASTILLO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-066877 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MABE ESTUDIOS, 4816 S VERMONT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRYAN IVAN FLORES-GODINEZ, 4816 S VERMONT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRYAN IVAN

Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-065913 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HERNANDEZ PAINTING CUSTOM FINISH & REFINISH, 4860 MAINE AVE, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OMAR HERNANDEZ ROSAS, 4860 MAINE AVE, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OMAR HERNANDEZ ROSAS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-067445 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KLEVER LOCKSMITH SERVICES, 4016 WEST 141ST STREET APT. 3, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SANDRA ADESUA WILLIAMS, 4016 WEST 141ST STREET APT. 3, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SANDRA ADESUA WILLIAMS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/26/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-058163 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LET'Z CONNECT NOW, 112 PLAZA DR UNIT 198, WEST COVINA, CA 91790. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAMON JAIME ESQUIVEL, 5013 WILLOW ST, MONTCLAIR, CA 91763. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAMON JAIME ESQUIVEL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-066877 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MABE ESTUDIOS, 4816 S VERMONT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRYAN IVAN FLORES-GODINEZ, 4816 S VERMONT AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRYAN IVAN

FLORES-GODINEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/25/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-068950 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARVANI EXECUTIVE TRANSPORTAION, 414 N NEW AVE APT D, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARVANI EXECUTIVE TRANSPORT LLC, 414 N NEW AVE APT D, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: MARLON GIOVANNI MENDOZA/MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/27/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-058470 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ROMAR BUSINESS, INC., ROMAR AGENCY OF INSURANCE SALES, ROMAR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SERVICES, 4427 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE A, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROMAR BUSINESS, INC., 4427 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE A, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MARTHA ALICIA JAUREGUI/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/16/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/1994. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-069209 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUNSHINE'S CREATIVE CUPS, 2542 E 127TH ST, COMPTON, CA 90222. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESSICA LUZ ARANDA, 2542 E 127TH ST, COMPTON, CA 90222. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JESSICA LUZ ARANDA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/27/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-068953 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE KID HAULING, 253 PARK PASEO LN APT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDER HIRAM VASQUEZ MEJIA, 253 PARK PASEO LN APT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDER HIRAM VASQUEZ MEJIA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/27/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-065825 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE ORIGINAL STRONGBEACH LEMONADE & GRILL, 1836 LOCUST AVE APT #416, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TERRIE LYNN BONNER, 1836 LOCUST AVE APT #416, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TERRIE LYNN BONNER/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/24/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-063396 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOTTS PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES, 2531 S SPAULDING AVE APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VERONICA SERNAS JIMENEZ, 2531 S SPAULDING AVE APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. MAURICIO ALEJANDRO OVALLE LOMBANA, 2531 S SPAULDING AVE APT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: VERONICA SERNAS JIMENEZ/WIFE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/20/26. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: MAR 28, APR 04, 11, 18, 2026

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RENE 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 RENE 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.

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: 04/28/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 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.

Attorney for Petitioner  
KEVIN CHIU - SBN 249479  
HART, MIERAS & MORRIS, NC.  
255 E. SANTA CLARA ST. #300  
ARCADIA CA 91006  
Telephone (626) 607-1411  
4/4, 4/11, 4/18/26  
CNS-4028922#

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GEORGE PAUL KISTNER Case No. 24STPB10600**

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Suzanne Violet Aragon aka Suzanne Violet Kistner in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Suzanne Violet Aragon aka Suzanne Violet Kistner be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 15, 2026 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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.

Petitioner: Suzanne Violet Aragon aka Suzanne Violet Kistner  
SUZANNE VIOLET ARAGON  
AKA SUZANNE VIOLET KISTNER  
670 WOODLAND DR  
SIERRA MADRE CA 91024  
CN126382 KISTNER Apr 18,25, May 2, 2026

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE 150 WEST COMMONWEALTH ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801**

**SUMMONS**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: CULTIVA GROUP, et al YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: 5623 Peck Road, LLC., a limited liability company.**

**CASE NUMBER: 24NNCV01623**

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

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

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

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

**Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al de mandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.**

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

**CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 24NNCV01623**

**The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE 150 W COMMONWEALTH ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801**

**The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):**

**NOAH GREEN, ESQ. THE GREEN FIRM, P.C. 300 SPECTRUM CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 1550 IRVINE, CA. 92618 (949-535-2124)**

**Published: Mountain Views News April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026**



Your home holds your story,  
I help you move into the next chapter

- 🔑 Home Staging & Strategic Marketing
- 🔑 Free Market Analysis
- 🔑 Trusted Estate Sale Resources
- 🔑 Simplified Downsizing Solutions

**626-423-2408**

JANINE MARIE GREGORY  
Realtor® SRES®  
DRE#02254075  
janinemariesellshomes.com  
janinemariesellshomes@gmail.com  
@janinemariesellshomes



SOUTH PASADENA

# ARTS & MUSIC BRAWL

Saturday, April 25 3:00pm - 10:00pm

**SEE ART - HEAR MUSIC**

The Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society  
*Presents*

## The Mount Wilson Trail Race

### 1908-the Present

Wednesday, April 22, 6 p.m.  
Hart Park House at Memorial Park

Our speakers will be  
**Jeff Lapidés, *the Early Races***  
**Pete Siberell, *the Modern Race***  
**and Bob Spears, *Trail Update***

Free admission • Refreshments will be served

# SIERRA MADRE ART WALK

2026

Friday,  
June 19th  
4-8pm

A summer stroll,  
local art & live music.  
Join us!

www.sierramadreartwalk.com

Spring  
Into the  
Housing Market!

SUE  
COOK  
COMPASS

suecookrealtor@gmail.com  
626.253.1323

100% Volunteer Run

## Wistaria Thrift Shop

550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, 91024  
(Enter from parking lot.)

---

Mon, Thurs, Fri, 10 a – 3 p  
Sat, - 10 a - 1 p  
Thru May 30  
626-355-7739

Clean, Usable Donations  
Accepted During Morning Shop Hours  
Proceeds Help Support Our Charities & Scholarships  
Retail Shop Closed 6/1 – 9/2 Reopens 9/3/26

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL  
PLUMBING SPECIALISTS

## 626.222.7954

CENTURYSEWERSERVICES.COM

We Specialize In:

- All Plumbing Repairs
- Sewer & Drain Cleaning
- Video Sewer Inspection
- Water Heater Replacement
- Backflow Testing Services

LIC. C-36 C-42 #626528

OVER 50 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## ELI'S AUTO SERVICE

Your Trusted Auto Care Partner  
**CERTIFIED SMOG TESTS & REPAIRS**

**8:00 am – 05:00 pm**

125 W. SIERRA MADRE BLVD.  
SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024

We love our customers, so feel free to visit during normal business hours.  
We offer free shuttle service locally.

Phone **626-325-3173**

Email **service@ElisAutoService.com**



## April Events Around Town!

Brought to you by Sue Cook

### 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.



**SUE COOK COMPASS**

626.253.1323  
suecookrealtor@gmail.com

DRE 02015404

"Oh, the places you'll go!"  
Creating luxury travel adventures for discerning Clientele



**Catherine Addé, MA, CTC**  
On Lake Avenue by appointment - catherine.a@travelstore.com  
626-639-2614

Contractor and Realtor services helping get you to a place that feels like home



**JUSTIN POOLE**  
CONSTRUCTION

Contractor Lic# 1147359 | 423 Yucca Trl, Sierra Madres, CA 91024

**NEXT LEVEL**  
PROPERTIES

Realtor DRE# 02067522 | Brokerage DRE# 01967740

626-277-3195

## NICOMITE TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, INC.



- General Pest Control
- Structural Repairs
- Local Treatments
- Fumigations

(626) 358-9555  
www.nicomite.com

## GARVEY ROOFING INC.

garveyroofing.com



State Contractors License #692835

A ROOF FOR ALL SEASONS

"We do all of the things that you don't know to ask us to do." - Thomas Garvey

- Free Estimates
- All Work Guaranteed
- Based in Monrovia

Over 30 Years In Business



Exterior House Painting



Solar Installation, Upgrade, & Repair



Pre-Painted Seamless Rain Gutters



New Roof, Re-Roof, & Roof Repair



Attic and Wall Insulation



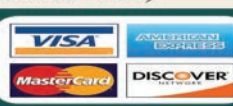
Custom Windows Installed

**\$500 OFF**  
Complete Roof Replacement (totaling \$5,000 or more)

**\$50 OFF**  
Any Roof Repair (totaling \$500 or more)

**100% FINANCING**  
Upon Approved Credit

**24/7 service**  
(626)358-9208



WhalesPressureWashing.com  
Call/Text 626-760-0715

Let Us Do the Dirty Work & Wash Away the Grime



**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!**  
Call Patricia  
626-818-2698



**Walter Cailleteau, DVM**  
927 N. Michillinda Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
(626) 351-8863

**Free Exam!**  
For New Clients  
Bring this coupon to save!  
Sierra Madre ANIMAL HOSPITAL



**FOR SALE**

**LAND IN GORMAN CALIFORNIA**  
221 Achres Across from Quail Lake

**SOLD**

**233 NORTH CRESTA AVE., SAN GABRIEL**  
3 BED | 1 BATH | 1,538 SF

**SOLD**

**281 SAN GABRIEL COURT, SIERRA MADRE**  
4 BED | 2 BATH | 2,365 SF | SOLAR SYSTEM

**SOLD**

**1310 HOLLENCREST DRIVE, WEST COVINA**  
4 BED | 2.5 BATH | 2,332 SF



**LUTHER TSINOGLOU**

626.695.8650  
Luther@Tsinoglou.com  
www.Tsinoglou.com

DRE# 01135433

Is Now the Right Time for You to Sell?

Contact me for a free consultation and let's explore your best options together.



CONTACT

Serving the Community for over 25 Years

Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.

**COMPASS**



**276 S. Sierra Madre Blvd,  
Pasadena**



**494 / 498 S Marengo Ave,  
Pasadena**



**OLIVE TREE**  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

626.921.0021



SCAN FOR AVAILABILITY

**NOW LEASING**

**George & Anna Kefalas,**  
*directors of*  
**HOPE FOR KIDS IN GREECE**  
*A ministry of* **AMG INTERNATIONAL**



*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."*

— JAMES 1:27

PLEASE PRAY FOR  
**George & Anna Kefalas**  
**HOPE FOR KIDS IN GREECE**  
A MINISTRY OF **AMG INTERNATIONAL**  
MEETING THE DEEPEST NEEDS

*...for the children.*

**George & Anna Kefalas**  
Directors of Hope for Kids in Greece  
gakefalas@amginternational.org  
626.437.0423



**AMG International**  
6615 Standifer Gap Rd. | Chattanooga, TN 37421  
800.251.7206 | 423.894.6060  
www.amginternational.org