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- Average Teacher Experience: 14 years



SUPERVISOR BARGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON LAKE HUGHES ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORT

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger issued the following statement regarding today's large-scale animal rescue operation in Lake Hughes, CA.:

"This is a heartbreaking situation. I want to recognize the dedicated personnel from the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, along with our partner agencies, who are working tirelessly today under extreme heat and challenging conditions to carry out a massive rescue operation in Lake Hughes.

Animals in urgent need of medical attention are being transported to veterinary hospitals for immediate care, while others are being safely relocated to Los Angeles County animal care centers and partner facilities, including sites in Kern County. Every step is being taken to ensure these animals receive the compassion and treatment they deserve.

It's also important for the public to understand that the court plays a critical role in this process. A court order is required before these animals can be made available for adoption, and we will continue working closely with the judicial system to move that process forward as swiftly as possible.

To help create space for the incoming animals, Los Angeles County Animal Care Centers will be open this Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to encourage adoptions of animals currently in our care.

This effort will help ensure we have the capacity to properly shelter and treat the animals being rescued, which will be placed across all seven of our County animal care centers.

I also want to acknowledge the critical support from the District Attorney's Office that helped make today's action possible. That urgency stands in stark contrast to prior inaction, when requests for accountability were repeatedly met with delays and charges were declined under former District Attorney George Gascón.

Today's operation shows what's possible when agencies work together with urgency and resolve to protect vulnerable animals.

Our focus now must remain on supporting the care, recovery, and safe placement of these animals—and on ensuring accountability moving forward."

Los Angeles County operates seven animal care centers located in Agoura, Baldwin Park, Carson/Gardena, Castaic, Downey, Lancaster, and Palmdale, all of which are playing a role in supporting this large-scale rescue effort and the ongoing care of animals in the County's system.

SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES 2025 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the Sierra Madre Playhouse as the 2025 Business of the Year.

A true cultural cornerstone of our community, the Playhouse offers programming for all interests and ages. This vibrant and welcoming venue reflects the unique character and diversity of Sierra Madre. Guided by its theme, "Small Stage, Big World," the Playhouse presents an exceptional range of experiences—from children's performances and classic films to classical music, jazz, comedy, and dance.



L to R Former Mayors Garcia, Kriebs, Arizmendi, SMPH President David Gordon, Former Mayors Gene Goss, Playhouse Director and Former Mayor John Capoccia, Assemblyman and Former Mayor John Harabedian and SMPH Vice President Ward Calaway.

As they so beautifully describe their mission, their performances are "curated to connect you with artists and stories from across continents and cultures."

In 2025, the Sierra Madre Playhouse experienced an extraordinary year marked by both artistic growth and deepened community engagement. Building on its long-standing tradition of excellence, the Playhouse has fully realized its vision as a multidisciplinary performing arts center, expanding its programming while strengthening its connection to the community.

This renewed vision has led to impressive results. Revenue has doubled through increased attendance and significant foundation support, and the Playhouse welcomed a record-breaking 16,000 guests this year. Its continued success reinforces its role as a cultural anchor, enriching civic life and contributing to the vitality of Sierra Madre's downtown.

The Playhouse's impact has also been recognized beyond our community, including being named Nonprofit of the Year in the San Gabriel Valley by Congresswoman Judy Chu in 2023, and Best Small Theater by Pasadena Weekly in 2025.

The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce proudly recognizes the Sierra Madre Playhouse for exemplifying the creativity, collaboration, and civic pride that define our local business community. Please join us in congratulating the Sierra Madre Playhouse on this well-deserved honor.

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9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM



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CLASSIC CAR SHOW

11:30 AM -12:30 PM
WILD MOUNTIAN MYSTICS
KERSTING COURT

11:30 AM -12:30 PM
SPECTRA
WINDSOR LANE



LOCAL RESTAURANTS

1:00 PM -2:00 PM
EMMA TEIRSAN
KERSTING COURT

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
DUSTY AND SUNNY
WINDSOR LANE

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
NEW WORLD OLD SCHOOL
KERSTING COURT

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
RICHARD BELLIKOFF
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FOOD TRUCKS

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
NEW WORLD OLD SCHOOL
KERSTING COURT

4:00. PM - 5:00 PM
DUSTY AND SUNNY
WINDSOR LANE



LOCAL BOUTIQUES

11:30AM -5:00 PM
SCHOOL OF ROCK
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Please note: Due to uneven terrain and unpaved surfaces, unfortunately the viewing & shuttle are not ADA accessible

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.



Sun	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s
Mon	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s
Tues	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 24, 2026 5:30 pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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

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

Your event must:

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

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

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...See You June, 2026

WALKING SIERRA MADRE: The Social Side by Deanne Davis

So much exciting news this week! Our 2027 Rose Float, "Barn Dance," design by Richard Burrow and Deb Ryan, is going to be absolutely fabulous. The picture on the front of last week's Mountain Views News with those adorable cowboy boots, square dancers and that laughing pig are going to bring Sierra Madre another prize, for sure! "The 2027 Rose Parade theme, "Welcome," celebrates the joy of belonging, community, and the warmth of family and friends, extending an invitation to all. It focuses on inclusion and being seen and valued." Another wonderful Rose Parade with the Sierra Madre float being seen and valued is in our future!

I hope you read Lori A. Harris's column, "Unlock Your Life," here in the News. She made some points in the February 28th issue that really resonated with me and if you didn't read it or already forgot, let me refresh your memory:

"Lean into your purpose. When your focus shifts to serving, inspiring and uplifting others, your brilliance becomes a gift to share-not something to diminish.

Remember this truth: Your success doesn't diminish anyone else's potential. There's abundant room for all of us to shine. When you show up fully as yourself, you silently give others permission to do the same."

(You can meet Lori at the Wistaria Festival next Saturday.)

And, speaking of the Wistaria Festival, it is indeed next Saturday and I don't think we need to worry about rain or being chilly. The vine should be incredibly beautiful and full with the weather we've been having and it's not too late to get your tickets to see this world-famous vine. If you've never seen it, you really need to go and if you have seen it, you should go again. My picture this week is another wistaria that's up on Grandview, close to Santa Anita. It's not The Wistaria Vine, but it's nice to see.



I don't know about you, but I really dislike going to the dentist. I went today, anyway, for the first of the two annual cleaning events. If I had any Valium on hand, I would have taken one. As I do not, I prayed a lot. This, to me, is torture of the finest kind. It seems to take an absolute eternity but it was actually less than an hour. The good news, all is well and I don't have to undergo this misery till September.

I, apparently, am not alone in this as thoughts along this line abound:

"Going to the dentist is just paying someone to drill for oil in your mouth."

"Why is it that the dentist always asks you a question when their fingers are in your mouth?"

"36% of people experience dental anxiety...12% suffer from extreme phobia... which makes skipping very tempting."

"Nothing says 'relax' like a high-pitched drill and someone lecturing you about flossing."

On a much higher level of thought, the National Day of Prayer is still a couple of months away, May, 7th, but somebody sent me Washington's Prayer for America, delivered June 8, 1783, and I wanted to share it with you before I misplaced it or spilled coffee on it and it was gone forever!

"The theme for the 2026 National Day of Prayer is "Glorify God Among the Nations - Seeking Him in all Generations," drawn from 1 Chronicles 16:24, encouraging people to share God's glory across generations and nations, with special emphasis on historical milestones like America's 250th anniversary."

With Easter just a couple of weeks away, this seemed like a good time to pass this along to you:

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the Characteristics of the Divine author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen."

It's not a bad idea to pray for our Nation now and then. Just add that in when we lift our family and friends to God to bless and protect them.

One last thought about teeth: My precious husband, John, now in heaven and with perfect heavenly teeth, held my hand and looked deep into my eyes when I was about 40, and said, most tenderly... "I really need you to start flossing." And I did...and do.

My book page: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com): Deanne Davis

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REMEMBRANCE

SCOTT MAXWELL

September 25, 1970 — March 6, 2026

Scott Warren Maxwell, born September 25, 1970, in Woodbury, Connecticut, passed away on March 6, 2026.

Scott spent his early years in Woodbury, CT before setting out to explore the world. During a gap year, he traveled throughout Europe performing with Up With People, an experience that reflected his adventurous spirit and love of connecting with others. An avid world traveler, Scott continued exploring throughout his life, always eager to experience new places, cultures, and people. He actually traveled to six of the seven continents.

After college, Scott moved to the North Carolina before eventually making his home in Sierra Madre, California. It was in Southern California where Scott married the love of his life, Hillary Zoe Maxwell. Together they



built a life rooted in community, friendship, and shared purpose. Scott embraced the spirit of Sierra Madre and became actively involved with the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association (SMRFA) and Sierra Madre Events Committee (SMEC), helping support and organize beloved community traditions, including the city's beloved Fourth of July Parade. Scott enjoyed life's simple pleasures as well - sharing a fine bourbon with friends and spending time with his beloved cats, Oliver and Alice.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents, Barry and Suellen Maxwell. He is survived by his devoted wife, Hillary; his parents-in-law, Bill and Evelyn Shaffer; his uncle and aunt, Phillip and Barbara Maxwell of Dover, New Hampshire; and his uncle and aunt, Alan and Paula Curtiss of Pensacola, Florida, along with many extended family members, friends, and community members who will remember his warmth, enthusiasm, and commitment to the places and people he loved.

Scott will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the GoFundMe supporting Hillary Shaffer Maxwell.

Arrangements are under the care of Douglass & Zook Funeral and Cremation Services, Monrovia, CA. Following the service there will be a reception at Douglass & Zook. We will then make our way to The Buccaneer (21+) in Sierra Madre to continue celebrating Scott.

THE SIERRA MADRE ART WALK RETURNS June 19, 4-8pm

A Conversation with Madeline Romo, Owner of Savor the Flavor

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. Through conversations with local shop owners and residents, we'll discover what the Art Walk means to the people who live and work here, and why that meaning runs deeper than a single evening on the calendar.

Central to that story are the artists themselves. The Art Walk gives local painters, sculptors, jewelers, writers, musicians, performers and makers a living room in the community — a chance to show their work not in a gallery removed from daily life, but inside the shops and spaces where Sierra Madre already gathers. For the artists, visibility. For the businesses, vitality. For the town, an evening that reminds everyone why they chose to live here.

Madeline Romo is the owner of Savor the Flavor, located at 34 North Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre.

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

My favorite thing about Sierra Madre is the incredible sense of camaraderie and local support. It's truly a small town where people show up for one another. I chose this location because the community values small businesses and there's a genuine connection between shop owners and residents that you don't find everywhere.

What does your business specialize in?

We specialize in gourmet foods and thoughtfully curated home décor, including candles, diffusers, and unique gifts. The shop is designed to feel warm and inviting, somewhere people can discover beautiful things for their home or find the perfect gift.

Do you feel supported by the town?

Absolutely. Sierra Madre is incredibly supportive of its local businesses. There's a strong culture of shopping small and supporting the community, which has meant so much to me over the years.

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

One thing people may not realize is how many local artists and women-owned companies we carry. Supporting small makers is really important to us, so we try to feature unique products created by independent artisans whenever possible.

What are your recommendations? Do you have favorite categories?

My favorite section of the shop is definitely the gourmet food. I love introducing customers to new flavors and specialty items they may not have tried before. A close second would be our candle collection. We carry a wide variety of beautiful scents that make any space feel special.

What is your dream for the shop? Where do you see yourself in five years?

My dream is to continue growing the shop while deepening our role in the community. I would love to host more events and fundraising opportunities that bring people together and support local causes.

How do you think you will benefit from participating in the Art Walk?

The Art Walk is a wonderful opportunity to support local artists. By hosting artists in the shop, we help showcase their work, and in turn their supporters discover the store. It's a great way to bring more people into the community and create a vibrant experience for everyone.



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**4TH OF JULY PARADE
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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!

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**What went right and what went wrong?
What have we learned in the last year?
What to change?**

The public is welcome to attend!

**Sierra Madre CERT General Meeting
Thursday, March 26th 7:00 PM
Hart Park House - Memorial Park
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.**

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

Pasadena to Host Prestigious Boxing Tournament

Officials from the City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Service Department and California Golden Gloves announced that winners from this month's Southern California Regional Tournament will enter the ring once again, April 11 and April 12, during the California State Boxing Tournament at Victory Park Recreation Center.

Boxers are set to compete for a state championship title, including Adriana Nuñez, who proudly represented the Villa Parke Boxing Program.

The competition will begin at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 12.

According to officials, this prestigious tournament provides a platform for amateur boxers to showcase their skills, with top-level male and female competitors, ages 18 and older, from across California. The California Golden Gloves has a rich history of launching the careers of legendary fighters, including Joe Louis, Muhammad Ali, Marvin Hagler, Sugar Ray Leonard, Tommy Hearns, Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield, Oscar de la Hoya, and Floyd Mayweather Jr. These past national champions began their journeys in local Golden Gloves tournaments, and many of today's rising stars are expected to follow in their footsteps.

General admission tickets are available for purchase at the door on tournament days only. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 10 and under. Victory Park Recreation Center is located 2575 Paloma St.

Champions will advance to represent the state of California at the National Tournament of Champions in Tulsa, Oklahoma May 11-16, 2026.

Pasadena Heritage Walking Tour

A Pasadena Heritage guided walking tour Saturday, March 28 offers a clear and engaging introduction to the chronology of Pasadena's architectural styles and how they evolved alongside the city itself.

The walk times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Governor Markham Landmark District, one of the oldest neighborhoods in the City of Pasadena, is a remarkable concentration of architect-designed homes representing a wide range of styles. Incorporated as a city in 1886, Pasadena's growth is reflected block by block in this district, where 94 percent of the residences were constructed between 1891 and 1933. It was designated as an official Landmark District in 2006 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. For more information visit: pasadenaheritage.org.



Eaton Fire Collaborative Elects First ED

The Eaton Fire Collaborative members announced recently that Michael Ocon (pictured) had been selected as the organization's first Executive Director, leading the next phase of long-term recovery for communities impacted by the Eaton Fire.

The Eaton Fire Collaborative serves as the region's Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG), bringing together nonprofit organizations, public agencies, funders, and community leaders to coordinate resources and ensure equitable, transparent, and needs-based recovery across Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre. The work ahead focuses on what matters most to the community: listening to survivor voices, connecting families with trusted and vetted resources, and mobilizing organizations and partners to support the rebuilding process.

"On behalf of the Eaton Fire Collaborative LTRG Board of Directors, we are delighted to have Michael as our ED," said LTRG Chair Antonio Manning. "We are equally as thrilled knowing that Michael will bring the same energy, passion, and commitment to his new role that he demonstrated while serving as our board secretary."

According to members, Ocon has been deeply involved with the Eaton Fire Collaborative since its earliest convenings following the fire. Elected by the membership to serve on the governing board, later selected as Secretary of the Long-Term Recovery Group Board, he has helped establish the

Collaborative's early governance structure, coordination systems, and partnerships. He has played a central role in organizing the Collaborative's work, supporting member organizations, and helping ensure the recovery effort moves forward in a coordinated and transparent way.

They said board members often refer to Ocon as "the glue" that has helped keep the Collaborative together, with members regularly turning to him for information, resources, and guidance as the recovery effort has taken shape. His careful attention to detail, ability to mobilize partners, and steady leadership have earned the trust of the organizations and community leaders working within the Collaborative. Because of his proven track record within the Eaton Fire Collaborative and his strong relationships across the recovery network, the board believes he is uniquely positioned to step into the Executive Director role and continue advancing the work without losing momentum.

The Executive Director was selected through a competitive and thorough process led by a board appointed hiring committee. The Collaborative received 37 applications from candidates, including nonprofit executives, civic leaders, and community members. After multiple rounds of interviews and presentations, the finalists were invited to present to the full Eaton Fire Collaborative Board. The entire board, which was elected by the Collaborative membership to represent the community, participated in the final interviews and ultimately

New Microenterprise Recovery Grant Program to Help Local Fire Recovery

The City of Pasadena's Economic Development Division officials announced they have established the Microenterprise Recovery Grant Program to assist local, low- to moderate-income microenterprises —businesses with five or fewer employees —impacted by the 2025 Eaton wildfire and windstorm. Applications are now open and close Thursday, April 16, 2026. Eligible businesses may apply for reimbursement-based grants of up to \$5,000 to support stabilization and recovery efforts.

To qualify, businesses must operate a brick-and-mortar location within Pasadena city limits, hold a current City business license, employ no more than a total of five employees, and have an owner with income below 80 percent of the area median income who has experienced economic hardship due to the fires or windstorms.

Grant funding is provided through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds may only be used for eligible expenses that have not been covered by other sources of assistance, such as insurance, FEMA, or other grants. Selected applicants will be required to sign an affidavit confirming that CDBG funds will not duplicate other reimbursements.

Eligible expenses include overhead and operational costs, rent and utilities, business inventory, supplies, equipment and tools, insurance premiums, legal services, marketing and advertising, and employee wages (excluding owners). Because funding is limited, the program is competitive, and reimbursements will be issued after submission of qualifying documentation, including invoices.

For program guidelines, application details, and more information, visit:

CityOfPasadena.net/EconomicDevelopment/Microenterprise-Recovery-Grant/

selected the Executive Director they said.

The Eaton Fire Collaborative is grateful for Michael's leadership and looks forward to the next phase of its work as the community continues the long and important process of rebuilding together.

For more information visit: eatonfirecollaborative.org/

Pasadena Senior Games Registration

Adults ages 50 to 99 and over are invited to show off their athletic skills during the Pasadena Senior Games, a series of nearly 30 competitive sporting events ranging from archery to volleyball April 26 to June 27. Previous competition experience is not required.

Athletes are encouraged to visit www.pasadenaseniorgames.org/senior-games beginning March 23 to register for competitions spanning 15 sports across Pasadena, Arcadia, Simi Valley, Long Beach, La Cañada, and Eagle Rock.

"Every year the Pasadena Senior Games promotes healthy lifestyles for older adults through education, fitness and the spirited competition of sports," said Akila Gibbs, executive director of the Pasadena Senior Center. "These remarkable athletes are shining examples of the benefits of an active lifestyle that embraces health and vitality."

It is anticipated that at least 1,200 athletes will participate this year. Among the many medalists at the 2025 Pasadena Senior Games were Lisa Jones for the 50-meter dash in the category of women ages 55 to 59 and Cleaveran Law for the 10k time trial in the category of men cycling ages 65 to 69.

"While hoping to take the gold themselves, competitors cheer each other on," said Annie Laskey, director of events at the Pasadena Senior Center and manager of the Pasadena Senior Games. "It is inspiring to see them encourage all of their fellow athletes to reach for their personal bests."

For more information visit www.pasadenaseniorgames.org, email sports@pasadenaseniorgames.org or call (626) 685-6755.

Another way to participate in the Pasadena Senior Games is to volunteer for positions that include registering athletes, timing, scoring, manning water stations and more. Volunteers of all ages may call Renee Uriarte at 626-685-6724 or email renee@pasadenaseniorgames.org.

South Pas Announces New Community Services Director

City of South Pasadena officials announced Wednesday the appointment of Melissa Snyder (pictured) as the new Community Services Director. With more than a decade of experience in parks and recreation, program management, and municipal operations, Melissa brings a strong background in delivering high-quality, community-focused services.

Since joining the city in March 2020, Melissa has served in key leadership roles, most recently as Deputy Director of Community Services. Melissa has demonstrated strong leadership in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Community Services Department, including senior and recreation services, program management, grant administration, and fiscal oversight. Her experience includes budget management and contract administration, ensuring programs are delivered efficiently and in alignment with City priorities. She has also played a key role in citywide initiatives such as strategic planning and public communications, working closely with City leadership, City Commissions and the City Council to support and advance community services.

Among her accomplishments, Melissa led the development and implementation of a comprehensive communications strategy that significantly increased community engagement across the City's social media platforms. She also directed



the procurement and rollout of a new recreation management software system, streamlining registration, strengthening data management, and improving overall departmental efficiency.

"The city looks forward to Melissa's leadership and to the continued growth of programs and services that inspire learning, connection, and community engagement."

The City of South Pasadena is a charming community, situated only six miles from downtown Los Angeles. Called the City of Trees, the area is known for its stunning homes, unique small businesses, and top-quality schools. South Pasadena's diverse population of about 25,000 occupies a mere 3.44 square miles of flatlands and hillsides on the west side of the San Gabriel Valley. This small-town atmosphere makes South Pasadena one of California's most desirable locations.

For more information about the City of South Pasadena, visit www.southpasadenaca.gov.

South Pasadena ADU Plan Program Community Meeting

Residents are invited to attend a community meeting regarding the City of South Pasadena's proposed Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Plan Program on March 26, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Library Community Room.

Pre-Approved ADU Plans provide ready-to-use designs that streamline the permitting process, reducing both design costs and review time. The city will offer three sizes and architectural styles that reflect the character of our South Pasadena neighborhoods and meet the needs of local homeowners. This program will also include a comprehensive ADU Guide that will provide information on the application process and resources.

During the community

meeting, staff from the Community Development Department and the program consultant, Office Of: Office, will offer a focus group session to seek feedback on the proposed program. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about ADUs, discuss general housing needs, and explore elements to include in pre-approved designs for ADUs in South Pasadena.

Residents can also share their experience with ADUs and the current permitting process by completing the online survey. The Library Community Room is located 1115 El Centro Street.

More information about the program and a link to the survey are available at southpasadenaca.gov/planning-news.



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COMMUNITY LEADERS LAUNCH "H2O: HELP FOR OVERCOMING OBSTACLES" EVENT & SYMPOSIUM IN PASADENA FREE COMMUNITY EVENT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HEALTH SERVICES, AND HOMEOWNER SUPPORT

PASADENA, CA — March 29, 2026 — LIFT International Church, in partnership with the California Community Foundation, and Altadena CDC will host H2O: Help for Overcoming Obstacles — Event & Symposium, a free community resource event designed to connect residents with critical services, expert guidance, and opportunities for rebuilding and advancement.

The event will take place Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 12:00PM to 2:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 N. Lake Avenue in Pasadena. A complimentary breakfast will be provided for attendees.

The H2O symposium will bring together community organizations, industry professionals, and service providers to deliver practical resources and support for individuals and families facing economic and life challenges.

Attendees will have access to a range of services including:

- Employment opportunities
- Live interactive symposium for homeowners
- Funding and financial services resources
- Medical and health services and screenings
- Free counseling and consultations
- Affordable architects and developers

Additional community support services

The event aims to empower community members and homeowners with the tools, connections, and information needed to overcome barriers and move forward with confidence.

"This event is about meeting people where they are and connecting them to real solutions," said Dr. Anthony McFarland, Pastor at LIFT International Church. "H2O represents renewal, resilience, and the flow of opportunity for individuals and families working to overcome obstacles."

Community members, homeowners, job seekers, and families are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the wide range of services available.

Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information about the event, visit: Lift Administration Office: liftadministration@gmail.com

LASD, VICTIM'S DAD SEEK TIPS IN UNSOLVED 2023 SHOOTING DEATH OF ALTADENA MAN

ALTADENA (CNS) - Sheriff's officials and the father of a 27-year-old man who was fatally shot in Altadena during an attempted burglary nearly three years ago appealed to the public today for help bringing whoever is responsible for the homicide to justice.

Daniel Ursitti, who had advertised online that he had psychedelic mushrooms for sale, was shot at his home in the 700 block of West Owen Court about 2:35 a.m. March 22, 2023, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Deputies from the Altadena Sheriff's Station found Ursitti wounded after responding to a reported burglary in progress and a man who had been shot.

Ursitti was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The loss of Daniel Ursitti was compounded when the family's home was subsequently destroyed in January's deadly Eaton Fire.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide detectives, who have been investigating the case since the killing but have not been able to make any arrests, held a news conference Thursday morning at their Monterey Park headquarters to renew calls for information that could lead to the four suspects whose images were captured on a nearby home's security video.

Sheriff's Homicide Bureau detective Lt. Mike Gomez said Ursitti and his girlfriend were asleep in his bedroom and awoke to find four men standing over them.

One made demands of Ursitti to "show him the stuff" and threatened to shoot him, Gomez said.

"Before Daniel could react the male suspect shot at him as he lay in bed," the detective recounted.

The four suspects fled in a vehicle described as a white, second-generation 2015-2020 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck. Investigators were unable to discover its license plate number.

Gomez displayed an image of a suspect, wearing a gray or light-colored hoodie similar to the one worn by one of the suspects, from the security video of a nearby home. Also displayed was video showing all four suspects prior to the shooting.

The victim's father, Richard Ursitti, said he and his loved ones think daily about the "tragic, senseless murder (that) has been devastating for our family" while at the same time coping with the loss of their home and efforts to rebuild.

"We ask for your help," he said. "If you know anything at all, we ask that you please come forward and help bring justice to this tragic loss that we've been dealing with."

Gomez said another family member and two friends were present in the home when Ursitti was shot and that a door left open on the lower level may have allowed the suspects to gain access.

He said investigators discovered Ursitti had a social media website advertising psilocybin mushrooms for sale and the fungi and money were likely what motivated the burglary attempt.

The suspects may also have had some previous association with the victim, Gomez said. "The pain this family is carrying is unimaginable," he said. "Our hearts remain with them as we seek answers and justice."

Anyone with information about the shooting was urged to call the Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be submitted through Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or lacrimestoppers.org.

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STATEMENT FROM PASADENA UNIFIED SUPERINTENDENT ON ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING CESAR CHAVEZ

We are deeply troubled by the recent allegations concerning César Chávez. In light of these developments, and out of respect for our community, we are adapting planned activities to honor the collective work for civil rights rather than the individual.

The information shared by Dolores Huerta and other survivors is a painful reminder of our responsibility as educators to uphold the safety, dignity, and well-being of every student and staff member. Our role extends beyond academics. As an educational community, we must ensure that every student feels safe in our schools and knows that there are trusted adults who will listen, support, and protect them.

We continue to honor the enduring contributions of the United Farm Workers of America and the courageous leadership of Dolores Huerta in elevating voices that had long gone un-heard. At the same time, we recognize that these allegations are especially difficult for many Latinos who have long viewed César Chávez as a symbol of justice and advocacy.

Distinguishing between the impact of a movement and the actions of the individual can be painful, but it is necessary. We remain committed to approaching this moment with care, integrity, and a focus on the values that guide our district.

The following resources are also available to students, staff, and families:

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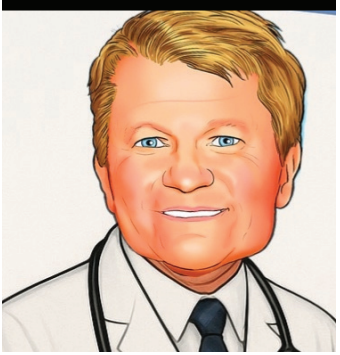
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Why an occasional "This One's on Me" can pay off in the long run

The other day my friend Pete Jones and I were doing what regulars often do — solving the world's problems from a couple of familiar bar stools. Somewhere between the first round and the usual conversation about tipping etiquette, we landed on a subject that struck a chord: why it can be in a bartender's or server's long-term best interest to occasionally buy a loyal customer a drink.



Let's be clear. No one is suggesting that bartenders start giving away the house. Margins in the restaurant business are notoriously thin, and anyone who has spent time around the hospitality industry understands that reality. But what we're really talking about here is relationship-building — the subtle psychology of good service and smart business.

Pete and I both agreed on one thing. We tip pretty well. Like many patrons, we are also creatures of habit. We return to the same establishments, sit in the same seats, and over time develop an easy rapport with the staff. After a while, you begin to notice something. Once a bartender knows you, the drinks tend to come out faster — and sometimes just a bit fuller. Is "fuller" an official industry term? Probably not. But anyone who spends enough time at a neighborhood bar knows exactly what that means.

From a long-range perspective, the occasional complimentary drink is less about the cost of a cocktail and more about the value of loyalty. A customer who feels appreciated doesn't just return — he brings friends, recommends the establishment, and becomes part of the restaurant's informal marketing team. In today's competitive dining scene, that kind of goodwill is priceless.

There's also an art to how it's done. The best bartenders I've known don't make a grand production out of it. They simply slide the drink across the bar and say, "I got this one." It's understated, classy, and memorable. Suddenly, the guest isn't just another tab — he's part of the club.

I even recall one bartender who handled the moment with both sincerity and a bit of showmanship. She actually reached into her own tip jar, pulled out a few bills, and said, "Hey guys — this one's on me." Maybe it was partly for effect. After all, hospitality has always had an element of stagecraft. But the gesture landed perfectly. It was appreciated, it was remembered, and it made us feel like valued regulars rather than anonymous customers. That small act bought more than a drink — it bought loyalty and positive word-of-mouth that no advertising budget can match.

Of course, there are exceptions. Pete and I laughed that there are a handful of bartenders we've known for years who have never bought us a drink. Often they are simply following house policy, and that's understandable. Still, the establishments that allow staff a little latitude to build relationships tend to cultivate stronger regular crowds and a more vibrant atmosphere.

In the end, hospitality is about more than pouring drinks or delivering plates. It's about creating moments that keep people coming back. An occasional "this one's on me" isn't a giveaway — it's an investment in goodwill, familiarity, and the simple pleasure of being recognized.

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The wine is produced by Tasi, a winery that was started in 2012 by three friends. Their focus is on producing great wine with organic farming practices. The 2023 Biddizza was made with certified organic grapes from a vineyard located in Alcamo, a town in the northwest portion of Sicily. The blend is 90% Catarratto and 10% Zibibbo — two local grapes of Sicily.

You get notes of stone fruit, apricot, herbs, citrus peel, and salinity. It has natural acidity and a bright uplifting finish. This wine is served chilled. It pairs well with seafood, grilled vegetables, and salads. I'd drink it with pizza, sausages, and burgers too. Drink it poolside, inside, outside, any damn place where you want a thirst-quenching wine. And... you get 33% more in a liter bottle!

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For many older adults, spring is the perfect time to reestablish routines that may have slowed during colder months.

Simple activities like walking in the neighborhood, garden-ing, or spending time at a local park can help improve mobility, balance, and cardiovascular health. Even light exposure to sunlight boosts vitamin D levels, which plays a key role in bone strength and immune function.

Beyond physical benefits, spring can also have a powerful impact on emotional health. The vibrant colors, fresh air, and natural beauty of the season are known to elevate mood and reduce feelings of isolation or depression. Seniors who engage in outdoor social activities—such as community events, group walks, or family gatherings—often experience a stronger sense of connection and purpose.

However, it's important for seniors to take a few precautions. Staying hydrated, wearing sunscreen, and avoiding peak midday heat can prevent common seasonal risks. Those with allergies should also be mindful of pollen levels and consult with healthcare providers if symptoms arise.

Spring is more than just a change in weather—it's a chance for renewal. For seniors, embracing the season can lead to improved health, increased independence, and a higher quality of life. With a little planning and awareness, the joys of spring can be both safe and deeply rewarding.



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WHAT CAUSES DIZZINESS AND HOW TO FIX IT

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can cause dizziness in older adults? I have dizzy spells from time to time but I'm not sure what causes it or what I should do about it. --Dizzy Donna



Dear Donna,

Whether it's a moment of lightheadedness or the room-whirling sensation of vertigo, dizziness can be very unsettling. As many as 30 percent of people older than 60 experience dizziness at some point, about 50 percent after age 85.

This unpleasant sensation only rarely signifies a serious medical condition. But it can knock you off balance, leading to falls and injuries. That's why anytime you feel dizzy, you should lower yourself to a safe, seated position. Here's a brief rundown of what typically causes dizziness and what you can do to fix it.

What Causes Dizziness

One of the most common causes of dizziness and vertigo in older adults is benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV). This occurs when tiny crystals in the inner ear, which play a role in balance, become dislodged. BPPV is more likely as we get older because wear and tear can cause the crystals to shift out of place.

The resulting dizziness is generally triggered by changes in head position. People with BPPV often complain that the room spins when they roll over in bed, get into or out of bed, tip their head back, bend over, or make other quick head movements. These episodes usually last only a minute or two, but they may happen intermittently over a period of time.

A drop in blood pressure may also cause dizziness, even fainting, especially when changing position from sitting or lying down to standing. This so-called postural hypotension is often the result of problems with blood pressure medication.

If this is something that occurs on a regular basis, you need to be evaluated by your doctor. Certain sedatives, antidepressants, cough and cold medicines, and antibiotics can lead to dizziness, too.

Dehydration may be another culprit in postural hypotension. Staying hydrated is extremely important for balance, blood pressure, and general well-being. Declines in vision and hearing (including ear infections and impacted earwax) may also affect your balance.

When to Call a Doctor

Occasional dizziness that lasts only for a few seconds is probably no cause for worry, but you should still let your doctor know. If it persists for several minutes or more or keeps happening, call your doctor right away.

Sudden dizziness or loss of balance, along with facial drooping, trouble speaking, nausea, and vision or hearing disturbances can signal a stroke. If this happens call 911.

Treatment for Dizziness

If your doctor thinks you have BPPV, they can teach you the Epley maneuver, where you turn your head and body in ways that move ear crystals back into place.

For medication related dizziness, your doctor can change your medication or dosage to reduce the side effects.

For persistent problems, your doctor can check for infections, balance disorders, and more serious issues, such as tumors, congestive heart failure, an irregular heart rhythm, and conditions like Parkinson's disease.

If none are found, your doctor may recommend vestibular rehab, which may help with dizziness, vertigo, and balance problems. Anxiety and depression can also cause dizziness in some people. Treating this may ease your lightheadedness.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

Just One More NAP!



Bouncing back from weeks of being sick is not as easy as it used to be when I was younger. I guess that's the cost of getting old. Over the last six weeks, I've had this bug thingamajig going around. I had it for two weeks, and then it gradually went away.

Then, it came back to me for another two weeks, just as painful as before. A couple of weeks later, it gradually went away.

Then, for the third time, this bug thingamajig hit me again.

What is it about me that is so attractive to them? If I knew what that was, I would get rid of it today.

The only bug I like is The Love Bug, and in August of this year, I will celebrate 55 years of that bug. I sure don't want that to go away.

During this bug time, I spent a lot of time napping. I was so exhausted when I got up in the morning that I had to take a nap right after breakfast. There is just no way to hide this from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage

"What," she asked me one afternoon, "are you taking another nap?"

I could have lied to her at that time, but I was actually taking a nap. Why I was taking a nap is a difficult question for which I have no answer for. I need to take this nap. I can take some medication for the bug thingamajig, but I really need to take a nap. That seems to be my best medication.

Getting over this has been a rather difficult thing for me. I don't know why I want to take a nap every couple of hours.

Right after lunch the other day, I was going to work on a project I had started a couple of days ago. But as I sat in my easy chair drinking some hot coffee, I said to myself, "Just one more nap and I'll be ready to go."

Have you ever had a time when you believed exactly what you said? Good luck on that one.

This week The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I had to go to the doctor's for a checkup on this bug thingamajig.

After meeting with the doctor and getting new prescriptions for my medication, we headed back home. As we got in the door, I said to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, "I got some work I want to do but I think I need to take a nap before I get back to my office."

I need to sit down with my body and have a very serious conversation about all this napping that I've been doing. Is there something else I can do instead of taking a nap?

After a long chat with my body, I got no response. My body was napping at the time. The word nap means, Not Always Present. That's what it seems like to me. Whatever has come of this bug thingamajig, I have reached perfection in napping. Never in my life have I been able to nap quite as perfectly as I have lately.

All I have to do is sit back in my easy chair, close my eyes for a moment, and instantly I am in Lala land. I was convinced that everything in life was as easy as taking a nap. I can't imagine all the stuff I could accomplish if things were that easy. Right after getting awake from my nap, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came and said, "So, how was your nap? Are you now ready to do something?" I looked at her through dazed eyes and said, "Just one more nap."

That has been my motto for the last several months. Why can't I have some bug thingamajig that gives me energy instead of a nap?

I reached the last stage of this bug thingamajig, and I'm hoping to get as far away from it as possible. I'm hoping my day isn't filled with naps. After all, what can you accomplish while taking a nap?

The strange thing is that after napping all day, I can go to bed at night and sleep through the night without waking up. How in the world does that happen?

When I watched television the other day, I saw a commercial on sleep deprivation, and they were trying to sell some medicine to help you sleep at night. The only medicine I had to help me sleep at night was taking naps all through the day. I wish I could patent my napping and sell it on TV. I could make a lot of money on that. I'm looking forward to the time when I slowly get out of this napping stage and get back to my normal life. Of course, I don't know what normal is with me. But I want the chance to find out really what it is.

I thought of some scripture in this area.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

I'm going to focus on God's rest each day and allow Him to get the glory.

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CONSIDERING THE WISTARIA PLANT

Soon, people from around the world will flock to Sierra Madre for the annual Wistaria Festival. OK, maybe not from around the world, but certainly from near and far in Southern California.

Every town whose leaders are far-seeing, seeks to find some pot at the end of the rainbow from which to extract endless revenue for its residents. For Pasadena, it is the Rose Parade and related activities. For Sierra Madre, it is the unlikely wistaria vine, considered one of the oldest anywhere.

The vine is a sprawling plant most of the year, and around March it starts to set its buds and produce its drooping mildly-fragrant purple flowers. It's very attractive. One year, I went on the tour of the "Wistaria House" and was treated to a very special tour. After learning how the roots destroyed at least one former structure on the property, I left with the firm conviction that I would never, ever plant a wistaria vine anywhere near any home or structure that I owned! I know some will bristle at this, but just look at the facts – wistaria is best grown well away from your important structures.

There is a duality to Wisteria, starting with those who think it's an invasive weed and those who like to eat its sweet, fragrant blossoms.

Where did Wistaria get its name? Some say it is named after Dr. Caspar Wistar (1761-1818) physician, anatomist, vaccination champion and abolitionist. Others say it was named for Charles Jones Wister Sr., whose father, Daniel, paid for the voyage of the Empress of China which brought a Wisteria vine to North America from China. But apparently Wisteria had already been brought to the U.S.

Wisteria's multiple personality continues with edibility. The blossoms of the plant are edible raw or cooked. The rest of the plant is toxic per se. In fact, as little as two raw seeds can kill a child. That is not uncommon for a member of the pea family which ranges from edible to toxic, so we do not recommend that you eat the seeds.

Wisteria is a vigorous, fast grower that doesn't need fertilizer and fixes nitrogen. In fact, abuse improves blossoming as does pruning. It can live at least 156 years (as of 2026) and is considered an invasive species in some areas. It has naturalized from Maine to Florida and as far west as Arkansas. It commonly grows wild in certain S. California backyards.

In Japan, the young leaves of the *W. floribunda* (aka *W. macrobotrys* and *W. multijuga*) are cooked and eaten, and the blossoms are blanched. This holds true for the *Wisteria venusta*, or Silky Wisteria. It has white flower clusters six inches long, vine to 25 feet, 9 to 13 leaflets, counter clockwise twist.

The seeds and leaves of the *Wisteria japonica* were used as a famine food — but are not recommended — and the flowers of the *Wisteria villosa* have been eaten.

There are several species of the Wisteria plant, including *sinsensis*, *frutescens*, *floribunda*, *macrobotrys*, and others.

I recall some years ago that at least a few merchants at a past Wistaria Festival were selling a jam made from the wistaria blossoms. After I researched the viability of doing this, I came up with advice from Greene Deane.

For those who want to try eating the wistaria blossoms, ethnobotanist Greene Deane offers the following method of preparation: "Blossoms raw or cooked, REMOVE THE STEMS! The Japanese blanch their blossoms. Japanese Wisteria leaves boiled when young, seeds roasted, reportedly a chestnut flavor, leaves also used for tea. None recommended regarding the Japanese Wisteria. Also raw seeds are toxic. The toxin is a glycoside which is usually a sugar molecule attached to a nitrogen molecule or the like and is stripped off during digestion."

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Vision is a charming boy who has so much to offer! He's an affectionate, gentle tuxedo boy who lights up when people or other cats walk by. He's clearly ready to love and be loved, and to be someone's beloved, fun companion. He will follow you around, yet he can be both playful chill, or will happily nap by your side.

Vision is a very young age 9, healthy and doing very well. He acclimated quickly when placed in a loving foster home, but that is only short-term. He needs adoption now, and he's ready!

As for his special name, in the Marvel Comics Universe, Vision, a super robot, was loved by and loved the Marvel character named Wanda. However, their life together was denied. Are you the one who will give Vision his end of the rainbow real life happy ending? Apply to meet him at <https://www.lifelineforpets.org/vision.html> or use the qr code.

Pet of the Week

Follow the rainbow and you might just find Rainbow Dust waiting at the end of it! This magical 15-year-old brown Chihuahua may be a tiny senior, but she's packed with spunky charm and a whole lot of personality.



Rainbow Dust is a friendly, loving little companion who adores her people and happily soaks up attention from adults and kids alike. She's house trained, enjoys short walks and little adventures throughout the day, and then happily settles inside at night to rest up for more magic tomorrow. Like many wise little leprechauns, she may be a bit shy when meeting new friends at first, but give her a little time and she warms up nicely. If you're looking for a tiny treasure to brighten your days,

Rainbow Dust is ready to sprinkle a little luck, love, and sparkle into her forever home! If you're interested in adoption, Pasadena Humane is inviting adopters to come on out and draw their lucky, discounted adoption fee during their "Pot of Gold" promotion! This applies to all animals, including Rainbow Dust, from March 16-22.

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN HARABEDIAN RECOGNIZES PLANNED PARENTHOOD CEO SHERI BONNER AS AD41 WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Sheri Bonner has served the San Gabriel Valley community for over 30 years with Planned Parenthood

(SACRAMENTO, CA) – Assemblymember John Harabedian (D-Pasadena) has announced that Sheri Bonner, CEO of Planned Parenthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley (PPPSGV), has been named Assembly District 41’s Woman of the Year and was honored on the Assembly Floor in Sacramento this afternoon.

Sheri Bonner has served with PPPSGV for 32 years in various roles and has led the organization as CEO since 2004. In addition to the local affiliate, Sheri has been involved in national and statewide leadership positions with Planned Parenthood, which includes time as Chair of the Affiliate Chief Executives Council and the California Planned Parenthood Affiliates Education Foundation.

Sheri was the 2015 recipient of the Ruth Green Award, which is presented annually to a CEO selected for their outstanding contributions to the Planned Parenthood mission and is the highest honor in Planned Parenthood’s organiza-

tion. She will be retiring this month and leaves behind a legacy of service and advocacy that will continue to inspire community leaders for generations to come.

“Sheri has been a champion for healthcare access and reproductive rights across the San Gabriel Valley and beyond for decades,” said Assemblymember Harabedian. “Her devotion to the patients of Planned Parenthood knows no bounds, and she is truly deserving of this special recognition in honor of her lifetime of service to our community.”

“I am honored that Assemblymember Harabedian has chosen me as Woman of the Year,” said Sheri Bonner. “As my time with PPPSGV comes to a close, I am thankful for the many community members and leaders who have supported me in this critical work to provide each patient who walks through our doors with the best possible care. I look forward to continuing my work in advocacy and partnering with champions like Assemblymember Harabedian to expand access to safe and legal abortion and other essential health services in California.”

The California State Legislature first recognized March as Women’s History Month in 1987 and has since continued the tradition. Each year, members of the State Legislature recognize exceptional women in their district with a celebration commemorating their efforts.

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

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where people like to walk, run, hike, and ride bikes. Most snakes want nothing to do with people, but someone moving quickly along a trail can surprise one before noticing it.

Then there are animals that are much larger. Mountain lions live in many parts of California, including areas close to cities. Attacks are extremely rare, but they do happen. Lions tend to avoid groups and noise, which is one reason people exercising alone on quiet trails should stay alert to their surroundings. Especially at dusk and dawn.

Coyotes are far more common. While they usually avoid adults, they sometimes approach people, especially in areas where they have become used to humans. A startled coyote crossing a trail can also cause someone running or riding to fall.

Wildlife does not have to attack someone to create danger. In some parts of the country, people exercising outdoors must watch for deer. A deer suddenly jumping across a path can cause a serious accident. Even here in Southern California, people sometimes encounter large animals like deer or the occasional black bear in foothill areas.

I know that firsthand. A few years ago while hiking up a hill in Duarte, I suddenly came face to face with a bear as I walked up the road. Thankfully, the bear quickly turned and went the other direction. But it was a reminder that wildlife really does live in the places where we exercise.

Animals that are much smaller can also cause problems. Bees and wasps build nests along trails and in trees. Someone passing too close to a disturbed nest may suddenly find themselves surrounded by angry insects. Multiple stings can be dangerous, especially for people with allergies.

Dogs can also create unexpected hazards. Many trails pass near neighborhoods, and loose dogs sometimes run toward people. Even a friendly dog chasing someone running or riding can cause a fall.

The point is not to scare people away from outdoor exercise. Walking, running, hiking, and cycling are some of the best forms of fitness. They strengthen the heart, build endurance, and allow people to enjoy parks and open spaces.

But outdoor fitness takes place in the natural world. That means people should take a few simple precautions.

Stay aware of your surroundings. Keep your eyes scanning the trail ahead and watch the sides of the path for movement. Slow down in areas where visibility is poor. Blind turns, heavy brush, and shaded areas can hide animals that you may not see until the last moment. And avoid exercising alone in very remote areas whenever possible. If something does go wrong, help may not be nearby.

It is also smart to tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Carrying a phone, water, and basic supplies can make a big difference if an emergency occurs.

Most of the time, wildlife simply wants to be left alone. If you encounter an animal on a trail, the best response is to slow down, keep your distance, and give it time to move away.

Millions of people safely exercise outdoors every year. Encounters with dangerous wildlife remain rare. Still, the tragic story of this cyclist reminds us that being outside is not the same as working out on a machine inside a gym.

Nature is beautiful, but it can also be unpredictable. When exercising outdoors remember that you are sharing those spaces with animals that live there. Stay alert and be as prepared as you can be.

KNOW THE RISKS

I can't stop thinking about a news story I heard this week. It was about a 25-year-old man from Costa Mesa who set out for what should have been a normal bike ride on a trail in Irvine.

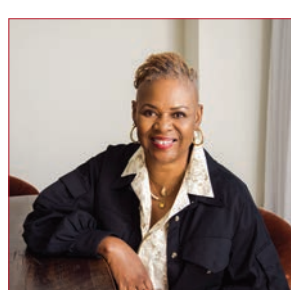
The young man was mountain biking and stopped to adjust his shoe. He lost his balance and fell into nearby brush. That is when a rattlesnake bit him on the leg. He was rushed to the hospital and doctors treated him with antivenom. But the bite caused severe complications. He remained hospitalized for more than a month before he died.

So tragic. And preventable. Fatal rattlesnake bites are rare in the United States. Only a handful of people die from them each year. Still, the tragedy is a reminder that outdoor exercise, while healthy and enjoyable, sometimes comes with dangers people do not expect.

Most people who exercise outdoors worry about things like traffic, uneven ground, or falling. But those who use trails, parks, and open spaces face another set of risks. Wildlife is one of them.

Rattlesnakes are one example. Southern California has several species, and they often live along rocky trails and dry hillsides

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE



Lori A. Harris

STRONG AND TENDER: THE FULL TRUTH OF HARRIET TUBMAN AND OF YOU

Women's History Month is an invitation not just to celebrate heroines, but to learn from the whole of who they were.

When you think of Harriet Tubman, I imagine you think of her bravery. Her steel. Her refusal to quit.

But do you ever picture her as a young bride?

Author and National Book Award winner Jason Reynolds once described Tubman's face as "in-capable of smiling." That's a powerful tribute, likely born of genuine awe, and makes me wonder. Was he reacting to her weighty legacy, or simply a common misconception? It's often forgotten that early photography required long exposure times, making it difficult to capture a smile, which might explain why people in old photographs rarely appear to be smiling.

The full Harriet was something more.

Ann Petry's landmark biography, *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* (1955), offers us a portrait that complicates the monument. The young Araminta Ross — who would become Harriet — dreamed of marrying John Tubman, a free man. She loved his laugh, his lilting whistle. She sewed a patchwork quilt by hand for her wedding trousseau. She wanted freedom and love.

Both. She wanted both.

That "both/and" is not a weakness. Psychological research on what Dr. Susan David of Harvard Medical School calls emotional agility shows that the ability to hold complexity to honor desire alongside duty is a marker of resilience, not fragility. People who suppress their needs in the service of a role (caregiver, leader, helper) don't become stronger. They become depleted. Harriet learned this the hard way.

John Tubman never supported her dream of freedom. "If you try, I will report you," he told her. So she left — carrying the one prize possession she had, that hand-stitched quilt — and gifted it to the first woman who sheltered her on the road north. Love given forward, even in grief. Because she truly loved him, she returned for John. He laughed in her face.

The laugh she had so loved now slapped her.

So she poured herself into work, the work that changed the world.

She defied every odd. She went back again and again. She saved her family from being sold "down the river." She freed her elderly parents. She scouted for the Union Army, led the Comba-see River Raid that liberated more than 700 enslaved people, and spent her final years fighting for women's suffrage. An amazing legacy.

And yet, she never stopped wanting tenderness. That desire never left her. Late in life, she finally found it in a second marriage, in her community in Auburn, New York, in the home for the elderly she founded with the last of her resources.

She did the work that was hers to do. And she tended her heart. Here is what I want you to sit with this Women's History Month:

We celebrate the strength of the women who came before us. We should. But we do them and ourselves a disservice when we extract only the parts that confirm what we already believe: that greatness requires sacrifice of self. That the work matters more than the worker. That need is weakness. It isn't.

The research on sustainable high performance, from organizational psychologist Adam Grant to Dr. Kristin Neff's pioneering work on self-compassion, consistently shows that the most effective helpers, healers, and changemakers are those who extend to themselves the same grace they extend to others. Self-compassion is not self-indulgence. It is the source.

So this month, as you honor the heroines in your lineage and in your life, I'm inviting you to recalibrate.

Remember and tend to your heart.

Put your shield down, just for a moment. Look for something to be in awe of. Notice what is good and let yourself celebrate it. Feel the full weight of your own desire for love, for rest, for joy, for the life you actually want and don't rush past it.

Reject either-or thinking.

You are allowed to be strong and tender. Dedicated and nurtured. Purposeful and at peace.

Go for the love. Answer your calling. Attend to your needs. Watch what opens up when you do.

Harriet carried a quilt to freedom. What are you carrying?

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 - Contact with the Earth's electrons may improve blood viscosity, which could support heart health.
 - Antioxidant Effect
 - The Earth's negative charge may help neutralize free radicals in the body, acting as a natural antioxidant.
 - Enhanced Mood and Mental Clarity
 - Many people report feeling more balanced, focused, and emotionally grounded after spending time in direct contact with nature.
 - Pain Reduction
 - Some small clinical trials have shown reductions in chronic pain (such as from arthritis or fibromyalgia) after regular grounding practices.
- Scientific Status

While some peer-reviewed studies support these effects, the scientific community remains cautious, and more large-scale, rigorous research is needed. The practice is considered safe, simple, and low-cost, with no known harmful side effects.

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Barks and Brews at the Arboretum - Bring your pups and tour the garden, meet adoptable dogs, enjoy delicious bites & beers. 11-4

March 13
ArtNight Pasadena - Join in the city's dynamic arts and cultural open house showcasing visual arts, literary arts, dance, music, and theater. 6 - 10 pm

March 14
Family Workshop: Accordion Bookmaking at The Huntington - Make an accordion-style artist book with drawings & poetry. 10 - 12 and 1 - 3pm

March 15
California Young Artist Symphony at The Huntington - Young musicians perform Sibelius & Mendelssohn in Rothenberg Hall. 6 pm

March 21
Dvořák New World Symphony at Ambassador Auditorium - The Pasadena Symphony performs works by Dvořák, Bernstein, & Contreras. 2 & 8 pm

March 21
Flower Arranging: Spring Flower Basket at The Huntington - Celebrate spring by creating a bright flower basket. Adults only 10 - 12 pm "Bring A Buddy" - 1 - 3 pm

March 21
Pasadena Folk Music Society Presents Lúnasa - Lúnasa, "the hottest Irish band on the planet" at Westminster Presbyterian Church. 7:30

March 28
Chinese Floral Arts: Expressionist Style Learn the foundations of traditional Chinese floral arts as you create an arrangement. 10 - 12 pm

March 28
Family Night Hike: The Luck O' The Garden at the Arboretum - Enchanting night hike explores plants and animals associated with luck. 5:30 - 7 pm Adult Night Hike: 7:30 - 9 pm

March 28
Wistaria Festival in Sierra Madre - Celebrate the Sierra Madre's record-holding Wistaria Vine w/tours, craft fair, food vendors, and auto show. 9 am - 5 pm

March 29
Art of the Garden - Creative Arts Group Sierra Madre presents a tour of five stunning gardens.

Ongoing Events

February 11 - March 15
Amadeus at Pasadena Playhouse - Divine music, unforgettable drama in this show about the rivalry between composers Salieri and Mozart.

March 12, 13, 14
Miss Saigon at Arcadia Performing Arts Center - A love story set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War performed by Arcadia Stage.

Beginning March 13
Butterfly Season at Kidspace Children's Museum - Highlights include bug safaris, flutter-by-play, create a creature, and caterpillar adoptions.

March 13 - 27
America's Got Talent at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium - Witness a new season of jaw-dropping talent and unforgettable moments.

March 13, 14, 15
Hollywood at the Arboretum Walking Tour See locations and hear stories about filming at the Arboretum. Mar 13 & 14 @ 10 am, Mar 15 @ 1 pm


March 14, 17
Pasadena St. Patrick's Day Bar Crawls 2026 Event includes holiday drink specials, food deals, and more. Mar 14 @ 1 - 8 pm, Mar 17 @ 5 - 9 pm

March 19, 20, 21
Spring Bloom Arrangement at Descanso Gardens - Make a beautiful floral arrangement. Mar 19 & 20 @ 10 - 12 pm, Mar 21 @ 9 - 11 am

March 21, 22
San Gabriel Lantern Festival - San Gabriel Mission District presents this festival featuring lantern displays, performances, foods and more.

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A LITTLE WISTARIA HISTORY The Vine

Sierra Madre's 130-Year Old Wistaria* Vine By Phyllis Chapman

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Phyllis Chapman, (pictured on the right) was Sierra Madre's Historian and foremost authority on all things 'Wistaria', passed away in 2020.

The Vine is housed on private property and the owners have graciously allowed the public to view this historic landmark. The Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, The City and Residents of Sierra Madre greatly appreciate the generosity of the homeowners for allowing this event to take place every year. Now, on to Mrs. Chapman's Vine History:

In 1894, William and Alice Brugman purchased a home on what was then called Piedmont, which is now called W. Carter Ave. The house had been built one year before by builder Amos Trussell for his daughter Winona and son-in-law Edward B. Jones when they married. It was the first wedding celebrated in early Sierra Madre.

The Trussells and the Jones had a change of plans, sold to the Brugmans and moved away. To enhance her new home, Alice Brugman and her neighbor Mrs. W. B. Crisp, drove by horse and buggy to the R. H. Wilson Pioneer Nursery in Monrovia and for \$.75 purchased a gallon can of wistaria. It was the Chinese Wistaria variety (*Wisteria sinensis*). She planted it in a corner of her front porch remarking to her neighbor: "They say Wistaria grows fast." And grow it did.

Mr. Brugman, a mining engineer, was in Mexico when the vine was planted. He died in 1899 and Mrs. Brugman sold the home in 1906. The property changed hands until it was purchased in 1913 by Henry T. and Estelle Fennel. Mr. Fennel, who was a bit of a horticulturist, loved the vine, and gave it devoted care, even building support trellises.

Although the Wistaria is a vigorous grower, the added support of the trellises may have contributed to this vine's phenomenal growth. The arbors prevented the end tendrils from hanging down and causing the tender terminal buds to die from the added weight. Wistaria requires good drainage, certainly provided by this hilly, terraced location. There may also be an underground spring providing water to the tap root.

The vine eventually destroyed the original home, growing into the walls and fireplace and causing the roof to collapse. Mr. Fennel built a new home 200 feet to the north (the present upper home) and trained the vine to grow up to, but not covering the new residence. A portion of the foundation of that original home was saved to continue to provide support for the vine as its branches extended such a distance.

When the vine was in bloom, the Fennels would invite friends to come and enjoy the blossoming plant. Visitors also came from Pasadena's main hotels: The Green, The

Huntington, and The Raymond. In 1918, the Fennels opened the vine to the Sierra Madre Chapter of the American Red Cross, which sponsored a very successful fundraiser to help the war effort. 12,000 people attended the event. This was the beginning of many Wistaria festivals that took place year after year. Sierra Madre became known as the Wistaria City. Many local organizations, including the Board of Trade (now the Chamber of Commerce), the Woman's Club, the Masons and Eastern Star, the Sierra Madre Volunteer Fire Dept., etc. were involved.

Many homemade items, fancy work, ceramics, artwork, gift books, and Wistaria fragrances perfume, hand lotion and bath salts were sold at booths under the vine. Luncheons and teas were served, often with young Japanese women wearing their kimonos.

The hard work and money earned at the vine by the Woman's Club paid off the mortgage of their first clubhouse. One year the Fire Dept. parked 30,000 cars on the parking lot that existed in Floral Canyon. (This is now Sierra Meadow Dr.). Easter sunrise services were among vine activities. People came from all over the world and extra street cars were added to handle the crowds. Among the famous were Fritz Kreisler, Janet Leigh, Mary Pickford, and Norman Rockwell. These two helped select the festival's Wistaria Queen. Packard Automobile Co. used the vine as a

backdrop to advertise its automobile.

On December 5, 1936, Carrie Ida Lawless purchases the vine property (Continued on B2)

from Mrs. Fennel, who was now a widow, for \$17,000.00. December 5th was Mrs. Lawless' birthday, and according to one account, she was making a present to herself of the world's largest bouquet. Also a widow, her husband

William J (Bill) Lawless was mayor of Sierra Madre during 1928-29. She, herself, was a successful businesswoman having founded the Weaver Jackson Beauty Co. in Los Angeles and was active in the community, serving as president of the Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

Mrs. Lawless spent a small fortune (around \$100,000) enhancing the grounds of her new property and caring for the vine. When the festivals were held they often lasted for the weeks the vine was in bloom, not just for one day. Mrs. Lawless, a patron of the arts, also sponsored vine activities all year long.

She hosted art exhibits, musicales, and poetry readings. Nearby residents objected to the constant activity and took their complaints to the City Council. Nothing was done as Mrs. Lawless presented the argument that the vine existed before these neighbors purchased their properties.

In recognition for her contributions to the community, the Garden Club planted another Wistaria in the terraced garden on the west side of what is today the Solt's garden. It blooms a bit later than the original vine and the plaque commemorating the occasion is gone.

When Mrs. Lawless died in 1942, she provided for the vine by leaving a legacy to her nephew and heir, Bruce McGill, to continue care of the property with a committee headed by the Garden Club President. In 1944, the property was purchased by Richard and Marian Thayer. Marian is the daughter of M. Penn Phillips, a well-known developer of desert property. In 1944 the vine was overgrown and in poor condition. Richard Thayer

planned to chop it up and get rid of it. A protest was raised and an

association was formed to protect the vine, with money provided to pay property taxes and provide year-round care for the vine.

In 1961, after Richard Thayer died, the lot was split. Marian married builder Ronald Cook who developed the west side of the property with homes and built the present Solt home for he and Marian in 1962. The upper home was sold to Joseph and Marie Feeney who raised eight children there. In 1972, Ron and Marian sold the lower home to Bob and Nell Solt. In the late 1990s, Joe Feeney died and Maria sold the property. It was purchased in 2003 by the present owners, Dan and Dana Dorrance.

By the 1970's Vine Festival activity had about ended. It started up again in the late 70's when sponsored for one day each year by the Chamber of Commerce. The Sierra Madre Beautification Committee was the yearly sponsor in the 1980's. Approximately 500-600 people attended the festival each year. In the spring of 1989, Huell Howser came to film the vine for his program Videolog, which aired on KCET. The next year, approximately 6,000 people came to view the vine. The festival organizers were unprepared for such a turnout; lines stretched for two blocks. Howser returned in 1992 to film again for his California Gold program. Sierra Madre and the Chamber of Commerce quickly organized and combined the annual Vine viewing with a downtown street fair. A shuttle bus is provided, and people procure tickets to see the vine at a pre-scheduled time.

The Guinness Book of World Records has named the Vine the

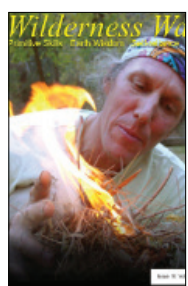


Phyllis Chapman (above) was Sierra Madre's Historian and foremost authority on all things 'Wistaria', passed away in 2020.

World's largest flowering plant. It is estimated that at the height of bloom it has 1.5 million blossoms with 40 blossoms per sq. ft., weighs 250 tons and has branches that extend 500 feet. Wistaria is a member of the pea family though its seeds resemble a flat bean. Seed pods burst open in the summer. The plant is deciduous, losing its leaves in the winter. Wistaria seeds were brought from China by Marco Polo in the 13th century.

Today, the vine covers approximately one acre. Over the years, it has shown distress and seemed to be dying. Experts have been brought in from Cal Tech, Occidental, and Cal Poly Pomona. Correct pruning, treatments with hormones, and vitamin B have helped the vine to recover and to flourish. To help maintain the Vine's health, records of vine growth and care are now kept on a computer log. The Vine seems to produce its greatest flowering after a cold winter followed by a sudden hot spell.

What is the correct spelling for wisteria—wisteria or wistaria? In the Sunset Western Garden Book it is spelled wisteria. Sierra Madre has always spelled it wistaria. According to L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden senior biologist Jim Bauml and Librarian Joan De Fato, the plant was named to honor Caspar Wistar (1761-1818), an American physician and teacher, who taught at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, he wrote the first text-book on anatomy. When the name of the genus Wisteria was put into the books, it was incorrectly spelled, says De Fato. So, one could say that all along, Sierra Madre has correctly spelled Wistaria!



CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

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CONSIDERING THE WISTARIA PLANT

Soon, people from around the world will flock to Sierra Madre for the annual Wistaria Festival. OK, maybe not from around the world, but certainly from near and far in Southern California.

Every town whose leaders are farseeing, seek to find some pot at the end of the rainbow from which to extract endless revenue for its residents. For Pasadena, it is the Rose Parade and related activities. For Sierra Madre, it is the unlikely wistaria vine, considered one of the oldest anywhere.

The vine is a sprawling plant most of the year, and around March it starts to set its buds and produce its drooping mildly-fragrant purple flowers. It's very attractive. One year, I went on the tour of the "Wistaria House" and was treated to a very special tour. After learning how the roots destroyed at least one former structure on the property, I left with the firm conviction that I would never, ever plant a wistaria vine anywhere near any home or structure that I owned! I know some will bristle at this, but just look at the facts – wistaria is best grown well away from your important structures.

There is a duality to Wisteria, starting with those who think it's an invasive weed and those who like to eat its sweet, fragrant blossoms.

Where did Wistaria get its name? Some say it is named after Dr. Caspar Wistar (1761-1818) physician, anatomist, vaccination champion and abolitionist. Others say it was named for Charles Jones Wister Sr., whose father, Daniel, paid for the voyage of the Empress of Chi-na which brought a Wisteria vine to North America from China. But apparently Wisteria had already been brought to the U.S.

Wisteria's multiple personality continues with edibility. The blossoms of the plant are edible raw or cooked. The rest of the plant is toxic per se. In fact, as little as two raw seeds can kill a child. That is not uncommon for a member of the pea family which ranges from edible to toxic, so we do not recommend that you eat the seeds.

Wisteria is a vigorous, fast grower that doesn't need fertilizer and fixes nitrogen. In fact, abuse improves blossoming as does pruning. It can live at least 156 years (as of 2026) and is considered an invasive species in some areas. It has naturalized from Maine to Florida and as far west as Arkansas. It commonly grows wild in certain Southern California backyards.

In Japan, the young leaves of the *W. floribunda* (aka *W. macrobotrys* and *W. multijuga*) are cooked and eaten, and the blossoms are blanched. This holds true for the *Wisteria venusta*, or Silky Wisteria. It has white flower clusters six inches long, vine to 25 feet, 9 to 13 leaflets, counter clockwise twist.

The seeds and leaves of the *Wisteria japonica* were used as a famine food — but are not recommended — and the flowers of the *Wisteria villosa* have been eaten.

There are several species of the Wisteria plant, including *sinensis*, *frutescens*, *floribunda*, *macrostachys*, and others.

I recall some years ago that at least a few merchants at a past Wistaria Festival were selling a jam made from the wistaria blossoms. After I researched the viability of doing this, I came up with advice from Greene Deane.

For those who want to try eating the wistaria blossoms, ethnobotanist Greene Deane offers the following method of preparation: "Blossoms raw or cooked, REMOVE THE STEMS!"

The Japanese blanch their blossoms. Japanese Wisteria leaves boiled when young, seeds roasted, reportedly a chestnut flavor, leaves also used for tea.

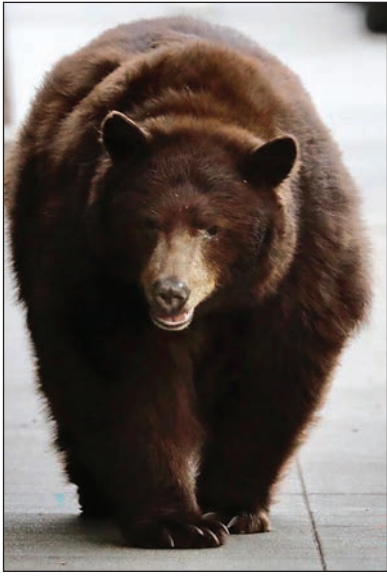
None recommended regarding the Japanese Wisteria. Also raw seeds are toxic. The toxin is a glycoside which is usually a sugar molecule attached to a nitrogen molecule or the like and is stripped off during digestion.



Visitors at the Sierra Madre Wistaria Vine - 2025. Our recommendation - Whatever you do, DON'T EAT THE WISTERIA - RAW OR COOKED!! MVNews

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR "BLONDIE" THE BEAR



Blondie, the Monrovia mother bear euthanized by state wildlife officials after being deemed a public safety threat, was remembered by a few dozen people Saturday during a memorial and peace walk.

The event began at 9 a.m. Saturday at Monrovia Library Park and was organized by the Adrenaline Run Club, which described it as a "peaceful, respectful gathering for community reflection."

Blondie, who swiped at woman's leg last Saturday as the woman walked her dog, was captured Monday along with her two cubs. The woman sustained a minor injury, but state wildlife officials said DNA testing showed the same bear had scratched a man on his porch last year and so Blondie was put down.

Her orphaned cubs will be raised in a wildlife facility until that can care for themselves in the wild, according the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"I'm heartbroken -- I've had people tell me they can see it on my face; I am truly heartbroken," Monrovia resident Ashley Howe-Storms told KTLA5 on Saturday. Blondie's been in our life for about four or five years. We watched her grow up as a cub, this was her first set of cubs. She was a spirit in our community, a spirit in the neighborhood, and we're just devastated."

Blondie was killed despite pleas from the Monrovia City Council and more than 3,800 people who signed a petition seeking to spare the bear's life.

Brian Gordon of Monrovia had organized the petition drive on Change.org. It originally called for officials with the CDFW to "carefully consider all available options other than euthanasia, including relocation, rehabilitation, or other humane management approaches that prioritize both public safety and wildlife conservation."

After the bruin was killed, he shifted the petition's focus. It now asks for a more deliberative process before bears are euthanized in the future.

Gordon had written that the situation had broader implications than one encounter. "It is about how we choose to coexist with wildlife in our communities," he wrote, adding, "Protecting both people and wildlife requires thoughtful, balanced decisions. Please sign and share to help give Blondie and her cubs a second chance."

Monrovia City Manager Dylan Feik said he was informed Tuesday by the CDFW that the mother bear had been euthanized -- despite the city's desire for the animal to be relocated into the Angeles National Forest, and the more than 3,800 signatures Gordon's petition garnered.

"I am sorry to share the unfortunate news," Feik said in a statement. "The Monrovia City Council requested and lobbied for the bear and her cubs to be relocated into the Angeles National Forest but the decision was never the city's to make. By the time we were able to speak with state officials involved in the decision-making, the decision to euthanize was already made."

Authorities said a neighbor helped to scare the bear away during the latest encounter, when the cubs were not present.

In June 2025, a Monrovia man was sitting on his enclosed porch when he was approached by a bear that swiped at him. The resident was injured but recovered, and the bear at that time could not be located.

"The bear DNA from Saturday's incident matches the bear DNA from the June 2025 incident," Feik said. "Local CDFW officials, as well as those working at state offices in Sacramento, determined the two incidents which caused human injury were sufficient justification to euthanize the bear, according to state policy."

Some said Blondie was simply exhibiting instinctively protective maternal behavior.

On Wednesday afternoon, the CDFW issued a statement that defended its decision to put the bear down.

"Anytime there is human-wildlife conflict, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's foremost responsibility is the protection of human life and ensuring public safety," the statement read. "With that priority in mind, the black bear responsible for the March 14 attack on a resident in Monrovia, Los Angeles County, has been determined by CDFW law enforcement officers to be a public safety... (threat).

The decision to terminate the bear followed "thorough assessment of the bear's behavior and the circumstances of the incident," according to state wildlife officials, who said killing an animal "is used only as a last resort when an animal poses a risk to public safety and cannot be safely returned to the wild."

The CDFW says the sad outcome and others like it "underscore the importance of prevention."

"Bears are highly adaptable and will seek out food and shelter when opportunities are present," officials said. "Securing crawl spaces, removing food attractants such as unsecured trash or pet food and eliminating access to sheltered areas around homes are critical steps residents must take to reduce the likelihood of conflict and habituation. These actions help keep both people and wildlife safe and bears wild."

The statement went on to say that mother bears teach their foraging methods to cubs, who can learn to associate people and homes with food, creating potentially dangerous encounters.

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MONROVIA BEAR LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This morning I hazed a young beautiful bear away from my neighborhood (the intersection of Old Ranch Rd and Pleasant Hill). He/she immediately left the area when I blasted the bear horn.

There were no other people or cars on the street at the time.

Our bears are definitely coming out of "soft hibernation". To keep yourself safe, your property protected, and our bears wild you should safely haze (scare) bears away whenever they are on or close to your property. DO NOT let them lounge on your porch, swim in your pool, eat your trash etc.

This causes habituation and could result in the untimely death of a beautiful healthy bear (like the recent bear Blondie in Monrovia

from Michele



Were you prepared?

Our Monthly General Meeting will feature discussion of members and guests who were evacuated during the Eaton Fire. Come and hear the experiences of those who left their homes with their packed go-bags, their important documents, and easy-to-carry-valuables.

**What went right and what went wrong?
What have we learned in the last year?
What to change?**

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**Sierra Madre CERT General Meeting
Thursday, March 26th 7:00 PM
Hart Park House - Memorial Park
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CS ARTS SGV SHARES SUCCESSES

Leon Metoyer, Assistant Principal of Facilities and Supervision provided Duarte Kiwanis Club with a remarkable update at a recent meeting. CS Arts San Gabriel Valley currently has 1300 students from 90 cities and 7 counties! The school provides "an unparalleled arts and academic education in a creative, challenging, and nurturing environment to a diverse student body passionate about the arts, preparing them to reach their highest potential." Core values include:

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The 2025 graduating class was extremely successful. With 236 graduates, 100% of the graduates were accepted into Higher Educational Institutions. The average GPA was 3.94. Scholarships totaling \$5,000,00 were offered. Pictured – left, Duarte Kiwanis President, Mercedes Ruiz right, Leon Metoyer, Assistant Principal Facilities and Supervision.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meet-ing, please contact Tina Carey at tinac51@aol.com

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY TO HOST 36TH ANNUAL ANGEL GALA "WHERE HOPE BLOOMS" AT THE LANGHAM PASADENA

PASADENA, Calif. — Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley (CSC) will host its 36th Annual Angel Gala, themed "Where Hope Blooms," on Saturday, April 18 at The Langham Huntington Pasadena. The annual event brings together community leaders, healthcare partners, and supporters to raise critical funds for free programs serving individuals and families impacted by cancer.



Emceed by Rachel Brown of ABC7 News, the evening will feature a VIP Reception, Awards Dinner and Program, Live and Silent Auctions, Raffle, and Live Music and Dancing.

2026 Angel Gala Honorees

This year's gala will honor community leaders whose generosity and leadership support CSC's mission:

Lifetime Achievement Honorees:	Ellen and Harvey Knell
Individual Honorees:	LeeAnn and Ron Havner of JCS Family Foundation
Corporate Partner Honoree:	Flewelling & Moody
Hospital Partner Honoree:	Huntington Health

"Huntington Hospital has partnered with Cancer Support Community for decades because we believe in caring for the whole person, not just the disease," said Cathi Chadwell of Huntington Hospital. "CSC complements medical care with the emotional and practical support patients and families need."

"Cancer can be overwhelming, and what makes Cancer Support Community so extraordinary is the comfort and sense of belonging it offers outside of a clinical setting," said Ellen and Harvey Knell.

"Nearly everyone has been touched by cancer, and Cancer Support Community ensures no one has to face it alone," said LeeAnn and Ron Havner.

"Flewelling & Moody believes strongly in giving back to the community that supports us," said Scott Gaudineer of Flewelling & Moody. "We're proud to support an organization that helps neighbors navigate one of life's most difficult moments."

Leadership Perspective

"At Cancer Support Community, we believe comprehensive cancer care must address the emotional, social, and practical realities patients and families face every day," said Patricia Ostiller, J.D., CFRE, Chief Executive Officer. "The Angel Gala raises critical funds and celebrates the partners and advocates who help make our work possible."

Sponsors

Presenting Sponsors include Ellen and Harvey Knell, LeeAnn and Ron Havner of JCS Family Foundation, and The Mickey and Lee Segal Family Foundation.

Additional major sponsors include Sue and Steve Silk, Kandice and Grant Lin, Margaret and David Mgrublian, Oak Tree Racing Association, and more than 45 additional sponsors and supporters.

Committee

The event is planned and executed by CSC's volunteer Guild, whose leadership has sustained the gala for more than three decades. Event committee co-chairs are Korie Beth Brown, Ph.D., Matt Frey, and Susan Hubert.

Tickets and RSVP

RSVP deadline: April 1.
For tickets and more information:
cancersupport.link/AngelGala2026

About Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley

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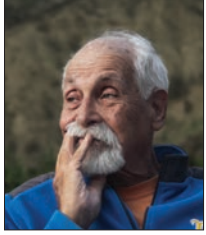
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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON CAN WE ADJUST?



Adjust to what? Well, to begin with, everything is different and unexpected, I have been meeting a friend to play golf on Wednesday Mornings for well over a year. We always meet a little after 8:30. Today, because of the expected heat, we agreed to meet at 8: AM. played but it was ridiculously hot and not much fun, but at least we played. I am trying to hold on and just keep doing the same things, but it's tough. I got home a little after 11 and a friend called and invited me to lunch. I really wasn't hungry but the idea that someone called and offered to come and pick me up was an opportunity I could not refuse.

I have not allowed myself to drive for about the past six months ---well, actually it is my wife and the insurance company which has prohibited me from driving based on my past driving record---so I am trying to adjust. Other than the golf course on Wednesdays and meeting my daughter, son, and granddaughter on Sunday morning at Nano's for breakfast, the only place I ever need to go is to Kaiser to pick up medication and occasionally to Costco to get adjust my hearing aids.

Given all of that I was very pleased to accept the offer of being driven to lunch by my friend. This friend is someone I send my weekly articles to read, and he responds very promptly with his reaction and often provides me with more information. To me, this kind of prompt reply is a great gift and I am very appreciative.

So off we went to lunch at a place of his choosing. We drove down Baldwin Avenue for less than a mile, and I was dumbfounded to realize that the entire neighborhood had changed. Maybe, it had changed long ago, but I simply had not noticed. Along Baldwin Avenue there was a multitude of Asian Markets and Asian Restaurants and Asian Shopping Centers, and the parking lots were filled with Asian consumers. I have been living in the same spot for 45 years and really have not noticed very much change. In fact, the very first morning I lived here I drove down Baldwin Avenue, yes, I could drive then and noticed an International House of Pancakes where I then went for breakfast. I noticed the same IHOP this morning and realized this was about all I recognized. When my wife and I go out for a meal we generally go to the same restaurants where, now as I think of it, I have noticed that these restaurants generally have older white-haired customers who probably have been going there for years without noticing much change. So, what is the point of all this? I am an old man trying to hold on and live as satisfactory a life as I can. I have few responsibilities, live in a beautiful place with a view of the surrounding mountains and rise early in the morning. I do the New York Times Puzzles, feed my dog, and walk him around our canyon circle. My wife, for reasons she alone understands, takes care of just about everything else. I wish I could do more.

This morning I learned from the news that Cesar Chavez, a hero of mine, was a rapist and a sexual predator. I also learned that the Attorney General of the United States was refusing to answer questions from Congress and that much of what we have always taken for granted has completely fallen apart. So; how do we adjust, I am asking you.

Well, I have sent this article to the editor as I have been doing since before Barak was elected. I hope that we do not learn anything bad about him. No matter what we learn, we should try to adjust and note what is still positive. Speaking of hope, I wish that this heat wave would end, and that the comfort we have all taken for granted for so long so long would return. I am glad to have reached the end of this article. Perhaps you feel the same; but thanks for sticking with me, as it is a positive feeling we can now share.



HOWARD HAYS As I See It

"Sorry to be so controversial, but I just think our country should be led by a good person" - melissdaw posting on Threads

I want to share more favorite posts from recent weeks, while they're still relatively timely.

Another from Threads, posted by jeffisrael: "let me get this straight . . . a team will not be playing in the FIFA World Cup because they are currently being bombed by the FIFA Peace Prize winner".

Responding to Rep. Al Green (D-TX) being forcibly removed from President Trump's State of the Union address, Covie posts, "Imagine being more upset at a Black man for holding a sign saying 'Black people aren't apes' than at the President of the United States for posting a video showing the first Black president and first lady as apes."

At that address, President Trump said, "I'm officially announcing the war on fraud to be led by our great vice president, J.D. Vance." Conor posts, "my money's on fraud".

Erika Kirk, at the Arkansas governor's mansion, advised students: "Don't let anyone disenfranchise you because you're a young man - especially a young, white, male man." From Dwayne: "When have white men ever been victims in this country? Y'all are literally blowing the world up as I type. I'm so confused by this fake white male oppression." From another: "As a white guy, people like this grifting racist fraud make me want to crawl out of my own skin." And The Sage: "Not even a dog whistle for White Supremacy . . . This country is toast."

Following Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) at the Munich Security Conference, Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) commented, "The congresswoman is kind of like Vice President Kamala Harris, but with more bartending experience." Ocasio-Cortez then posted: "My having been a waitress makes me 1000x more qualified to govern on behalf of working people than whatever lifelong politician nonsense you've swung from your whole career. Why should working people vote for you if this is what you think of them?"

Nicki Minaj posts a picture of her personally autographed copy of the Trump edition Bible, "One of the most meaningful gifts I've ever received in my entire life." Posted in response, "Wow, same signature that's on those letters to Epstein".

Trump warns: "The lives of American heroes may be lost, and we may have casualties - that often happens in war." Politics Girl says: "No. This man must be told no. The time has come." Keith Edwards reposted a two-year-old tweet from Stephen Miller: "Kamala will send your sons to war".

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) notes, "In the last five decades, Iran has killed nearly 1,000 Americans". Melanie D'Arrigo reminds: "68,000 Americans die each year because they can't access healthcare".

Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC) says, "It's ironic to me the protect Palestine crowd is mad that we're freeing Iranian women right now." Evan loves wof responds: "We are quite literally raining carcinogens into the lungs of Iranian women."

White House spokesperson Karoline Leavitt, asked about Trump's assertion Iran would've attacked us in three days had we not acted first, explained it was based on "a feeling the president had based on facts". From Sam K.: "Imagine starting a war based on feelings? And they said Kamala was too emotional." Oliver imagines "Facts you wouldn't even know because they're so important only presidents can see them . . ." WUTangKids observe: "Trump started the war based on vibes".

From Dr. Rehana Parveen: "World has literally been set on fire, children murdered, civilians murdered, thousands displaced and all on the basis of 'feelings'. I've never heard of anything more moronic".

Asked about efforts to drag other countries into the war, Trump remarks, "you could make the case that maybe we shouldn't be there at all". Camille MacKenzie responds, "This is rich coming from him. Why would these other countries lift a finger to help him clean up the mess he made after he's threatened more than half the world with insults, tariffs, and demand for other countries to give themselves over to the US? You don't spit on others and then think they're going to forgive and forget while putting themselves at risk. He's terrible at negotiations".

To Switzerland calling US-Israel attacks on Iran "a violation of international law", Philip Proudfoot sees it as: "When your crimes are so bad, even Switzerland stops being neutral".

From Tom Cook: "crazy we chose ww3 over arresting rich pedophiles - we are cooked".

FCC Chairman Brendan Carr threatens broadcast licenses of those reporting news - like about the war - that the administration would rather not have reported. From Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT): "A truly extraordinary moment. We aren't on the verge of a totalitarian takeover. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT. Act like it." And Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA): "Take your fascist sh*t and shove it."

I spent time reflecting on this one: responding to a White House post showing an exploding target with the caption, "No pause. No hesitation," Harry Eccles posts - "If you paused, if you hesitated, 160 schoolgirls might still be alive."

This one was pretty special: "I feel like maga women hate trans women because our plastic surgeries end up looking better than theirs."

And finally, probably on a lot of our minds: "Is Trump still taking over Greenland or does he just operate like a cat chasing a laser pointer?"

RICH JOHNSON TO BE or NOT TO BE.....Republican or Democrat



We have to go back to 1860 to see as great a political divide as we are experiencing now. Back then separating the disputing folks was easier. We had an actual line. We called it the Mason-Dixon Line. The Mason-Dixon Line was drawn along the southern borders of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and stopped at Iowa. (Oregon, Texas and California were the only U.S. states to the west of Iowa in 1860. So going further would have been trespassing lol.)

Now, for simplicities sake, if you lived north of the Mason-Dixon Line you were a northerner and opposed to slavery. South of the line you were a southerner in favor of slavery...or at least the option of slavery.

Here in California no troops were officially sent east to fight in the Civil War, but people on their own left to join mostly the Union Army. California did vote in 1850 to abolish slavery. So, the Californians for the most part, chose to sit out the Civil War and instead dig for gold and open 7/11 stores.

Speaking of the Civil War it would be a misnomer to think it was called the "Civil" War because people were fighting politely. It was probably our most bloody war. The takeaways from the Civil War? Well, slavery was banned, citizenship was granted to ALL people born in the U.S. And the women's rights movement gained traction. Perhaps the greatest freedom we have in this country is the freedom to take humorous jabs at the political parties we disagree with.

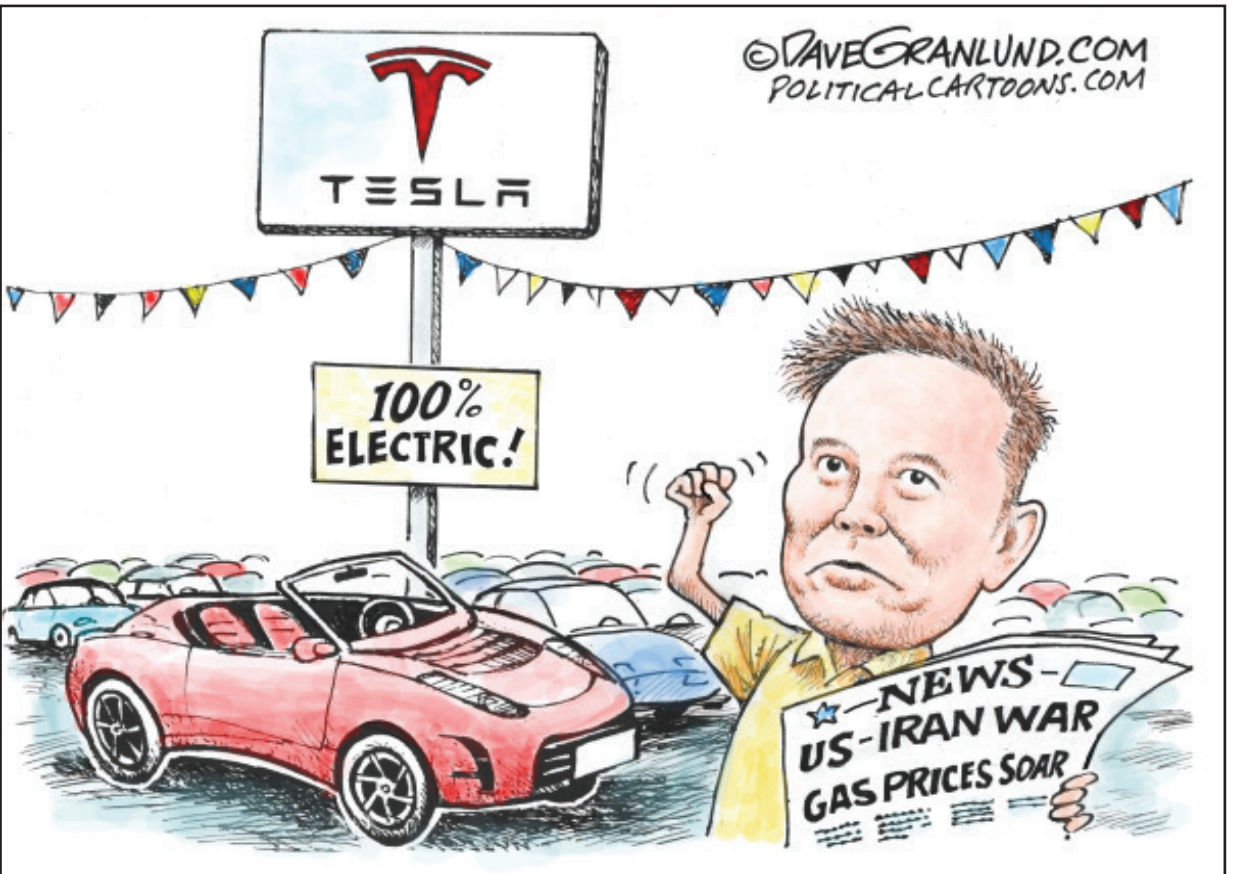
Our political battles should not be viewed as metaphorically shooting at each other. Rather, a much more desired metaphor would be engaging in a tug of war. All the Democrats on the left and the Republicans on the right pulling on societies "rope" arriving at adjustments incrementally based on the movement of the "rope". Constantly in action.

Our state of California's history of electing governors is a good example of the tug of war.

- 1943-1953 Republican Earl Warren (R)
- 1953-1959 Goodwin Knight (R)
- 1959-1967 Pat Brown (D)
- 1967-1975 Ronald Reagan (R)
- 1975-1983 Jerry Brown (D)
- 1983-1991 George Deukmejian (R)
- 1991-1999 Pete Wilson (R)
- 1999-2003 Gray Davis (D)
- 2003-2011 Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)
- 2011-2019 Jerry Brown (D)
- 2019-2026 Gavin Newsom (D)

Since 1943 California has had Republican governors for 48 years and Democrat governors for 36 years. Again, it reminds me of a teeter-totter or what some call a see-saw. That seems to make sense. Most civilizations change political leanings through wars. We should be proud of the fact we manage change political shifts in voting. Despite what many people think and say when their party is out of power, our system works. Each side keeps the other side honest...or at least exposes the flaws in each other's philosophies and actions. In conclusion I go back to the master politician, Winston Churchill, who said, "Political ability is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen. Winston Churchill".

NOW FOR IMPORTANT STUFF! This upcoming Saturday night my band, JJ Jukebox is performing at the Nano Café here in Sierra Madre following the Wisteria Festival which closes at 5:00. Our concert begins at 6:30. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Dress casually, prepare to dance, drink adult beverages and have a delightfully delicious meal. And enjoy and dance to the music of the Doobie Brothers, Creedence, Beatles, assorted one-hit wonders. All fun rock songs with no 20 minute guitar solos lol. (626) 325-3334 after 5:00pm Wednesday through Saturday for more information.



LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

ANDREW HOK MING LEE.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN T L LEE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/10/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-039882 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DRESSES PROMESA DIVINA, 118 E 90TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) INGRID YANIRA PORTILLO GARCIA, 118 E 90TH ST, LOS

ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; INGRID YANIRA PORTILLO GARCIA/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-037747 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FULL SERVICE BOOKKEEPING, 1256 W 141ST ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KIERAN IBE CHIKWENDU, 1256 W 141ST ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; KIERAN IBE CHIKWENDU/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-040285 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: I LOVE PASTA AMORE, 7275 MELROSE AVE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHEF ELI INC, 7275 MELROSE AVE UNIT B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed; ELIAS SAFAR/CEO. ARTICLE # B20260037620 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/20/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-035028 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IAN LEADS & INTAKE SERVICES, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ISMAEL NORIEGA, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. ABIGAIL NORIEGA, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed; ISMAEL NORIEGA/ HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business

Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/ JDC Dates Pub: MAR 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-041903 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KEY DISTRIBUTORS, 2395 BATMAN AVE, DUARTE, CA 91010. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KEY BRANDS INTERNATIONAL LTD., 2395 BATMAN AVE, DUARTE, CA 91010. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed; HARVYE T VECHERY/ SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/1974. 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-034482 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MYW TRANSPORT, 1139 TAROCO DR, COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MINGYUAN WANG, 1139 TAROCO DR, COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; MINGYUAN WANG/ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/1998. 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-043032 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NITROUS RACING, 8122 S ALAMEDA ST UNIT A, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NITROUSHOLDINGS, INC, 8122 S ALAMEDA ST UNIT A, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed; ANDREW CARLOS GOMEZ/ CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/24/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2024. 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-037620 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Q-VO AUTO ACCESSORIES SHOP, 13425 VALLEY BLVD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS RIOS CERON, 13425 VALLEY BLVD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; JOSE LUIS RIOS CERON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2023. 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-036006 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RIVERA DESIGN & PRINT, 4309 CORTLAND ST, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DOMINGO HERNANDEZ AJTUM, 4309 CORTLAND ST, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed;

DOMINGO HERNANDEZ AJTUM/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-037618 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPACE CONSTRUCTION, DIRT WORKS - EXCAVATION & COMPACTION, 2034 W 235TH PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRUCE KENNEDY, 2034 W 235TH PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; BRUCE KENNEDY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/1990. 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026-032578 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XIE REALTY, 8938 VALLEY BLVD., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALAN TA, 8938 VALLEY BLVD., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; ALAN TA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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 07, 14, 21, 28, 2026

FILE NO. 2026043594 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) ELIZABETH ASHLEY RAMOS 7436 LANKERSHIM BLVD #A NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605. has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: LA MIEL DE OSHUN BOLANICA 7436 LANKERSHIM BLVD #A NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91605. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/17/2024, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2024194359. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 02/25/2026. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) ELIZABETH ASHLEY RAMOS/OWNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026042835 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DELTA FOAM 4223 TUJUNGA AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91602. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROBERTO ESPINOZA 4223 TUJUNGA AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91602. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; ROBERTO ESPINOZA/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: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026042675 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAMAND GELES 6323 RESEDA BLVD. 33 TARZANA, CA. 91335. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALI GHAMOUSHI RAMANDI 6323 RESEDA BLVD. 33 TARZANA, CA. 91335. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; ALI GHAMOUSHI RAMANDI/ 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: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026043589 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AM CATERING SERVICES 4427 CAMERO AVE APT 4 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ARTUR MANVELYAN 4427 CAMERO AVE APT 4 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90027. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; ARTUR MANVELYAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/25/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2008. 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: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026043961 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MATY'S CLEANING SERVICES 7636 FULTON AVE APT 207 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA MATILDA GONZALEZ DE CLEMENTE 7636 FULTON AVE APT 207 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; MARIA MATILDA GONZALEZ DE CLEMENTE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/25/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026041683 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: STEADFAST DETAILING 1748 N VERDUGO RD #8 GLENDALE, CA. 91208. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA EUGENIA MARROQUIN PO BOX 4836 GLENDALE, CA. 91222. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; LA CIVIL SURVEY, INC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 28, MAR 07, 14, 21, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026040969 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ART CABINET DESIGN 7010 ESTEPA DR TUJUNGA, CA. 91042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HENRIK GREGORIAN 7010 ESTEPA DR TUJUNGA, CA. 91042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed; HENRIK GREGORIAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026018424

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WAKYE WAKYE 19540 VENTURA BLVD TARZANA, CA. 91356. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) XMC WAKYE INC. 19540 VENTURA BLVD TARZANA, CA. 91356. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: XMC WAKYE INC., LUSINE CHRISTINE TUKHL ADZHYAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/26/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026017014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FUTURE AUTO SALES 14141 ERWIN ST 8 VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDITA GRIGORIAN 14141 ERWIN ST 8 VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDITA GRIGORIAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2021. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026017012

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DANIEL ORLOV 4208 MATILIJAVE SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91423. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VLADLEN ORLOV 4208 MATILIJAVE SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91423. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VLADLEN ORLOV/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026016879

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AB MSN FNP-C 10240 SILVERTON AVE APT 11 TUJUNGA, CA. 91042. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AIDA BAGHDASARYAN 10240 SILVERTON AVE APT 11 TUJUNGA, CA. 91042. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AIDA BAGHDASARYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2025. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026021087

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TAMALES MEXICANO CARMENLITAS 14600 SATICOY ST APT 252 VAN NUYS, CA. 91405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN I MONTERROSA DE LOZANO 14600 SATICOY ST APT 252 VAN NUYS, CA. 91405. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN I MONTERROSA DE LOZANO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/28/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026016682

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MB AUTO CENTER 31525 RIDGE ROUTE RD CASTAIC, CA. 91384. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CLASSIC OIL CHANGE INC. 31525 RIDGE ROUTE RD CASTAIC, CA. 91384. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CLASSIC OIL CHANGE INC., BYRON MIRON, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2018. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026019064

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMAGENATION 10201 RESEDA BLVD, UNIT 108 NORTH RIDGE, CA. 91324. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RED PEACOCK INTERNATIONAL INC. 12070 DELANTE WAY GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: RED PEACOCK INTERNATIONAL, INC. NORENDER K LALWANI, VICE PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/27/2026. 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026014833

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HARRY'S ELECTRICAL SERVICES 17142 GERMAIN ST GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HRIRE GRIGORIAN 17142 GERMAIN ST GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HRIRE GRIGORIAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/21/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2013. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026024024

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NATAN PHARMACY 10921 WEST PICO BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90064. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NATAN PHARMA INC. 10921 WEST PICO BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90064. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: NATAN PHARMA INC., BEHROUZ MESSIAN, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/02/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026024983

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAUL'S AUTO SERVICE 7006 VAN NUYS BLVD CD VAN NUYS, CA. 91405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAUL M VALENCIA 7006 VAN NUYS BLVD CD VAN NUYS, CA. 91405. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAUL M VALENCIA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026025491

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BELOW ZERO 7420 FULTON AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) S CONSULT SERVICES LLC. 7420 FULTON AVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA. 91606. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed: S CONSULT SERVICES LLC., SHON NAIM, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026025415

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TAMALE'S Y BEBIDAS NATURALES JOE & YAMITHA 8730 ORION AVE #25 NORTH HILLS, CA. 91343. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NURI YAMILET HERNANDEZ ANTIPTORTAN 8730 ORION AVE #25 NORTH HILLS, CA. 91343. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NURI YAMILET HERNANDEZ ANTIPTORTAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026025497

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JADE HOUSE CLEANING 5453 NORWALK BLVD APT E WHITTIER, CA. 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDMY MARQUEZ 5453 NORWALK BLVD APT E WHITTIER, CA. 90601. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDMY MARQUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/03/2026. 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: ES Mountain Views News
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-037747

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FULL SERVICE BOOKKEEPING, 1256 W 141ST ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KIERAN IBE CHIKWENDU, 1256 W 141ST ST, GARDENA, CA 90247. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KIERAN IBE

CHIKWENDU/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-035028

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IAN LEADS & INTAKE SERVICES, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ISMAEL NORIEGA, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767, ABIGAIL NORIEGA, 1089 LINCOLN AVE, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. Signed: ISMAEL NORIEGA/HUSBAND. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-034482

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MYW TRANSPORT, 1139 TAROCO DR, COVINA, CA 91722. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MINGYUAN WANG, 1139 TAROCO DR, COVINA, CA 91722. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MINGYUAN WANG/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/13/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/1998. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-037620

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Q-VO AUTO ACCESSORIES SHOP, 13425 VALLEY BLVD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91746. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS RIOS CERON, 13425 VALLEY BLVD, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91746. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE LUIS RIOS CERON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2023. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-036006

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RIVERA DESIGN & PRINT, 4309 CORTLAND ST, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DOMINGO HERNANDEZ AJTUM, 4309 CORTLAND ST, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DOMINGO HERNANDEZ AJTUM/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/17/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2026. 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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-037618

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPACE CONSTRUCTION, 2034 W 235TH PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BRUCE KENNEDY, 2034 W 235TH PLACE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BRUCE KENNEDY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/18/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/1990. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026-032578

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: XIE REALTY, 8938 VALLEY BLVD., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALAN TA, 8938 VALLEY BLVD., ROSEMEAD, CA 91770. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALAN TA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2026. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ANDREW HOK MING LEE
CASE NO. 26STPB02560

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN T L LEE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/10/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Nereyda Velasco

Case No. 26NWCP00080

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

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

DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
Adrian Matteo Vaca

Proposed Name:
Adrian Matteo Velasco

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

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ANDREW HOK MING LEE
CASE NO. 26STPB02560

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ANDREW HOK MING LEE.

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAN FREDERICK BOON

Case No. 26STPB02445

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAN FREDERICK BOON
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dina Rose Boon in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Dina Rose Boon 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 April 9, 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.

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THE SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WISTARIA FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2026

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM



RIDE TO THE VINE
SHUTTLE TICKETS AT INFORMATION BOOTHS



SENIORS & CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$ 7.50
ALL OTHER RIDERS \$15.00
LAST BUS TO THE VINE LEAVES @ 4:00PM
LAST BUS FROM THE VINE LEAVES @ 4:45PM



CRAFT & ARTISANS FAIR



LIVE MUSIC



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

11:30 AM -12:30 PM
WILD MOUNTIAN MYSTICS
KERSTING COURT

11:30 AM -12:30 PM
SPECTRA
WINDSOR LANE

1:00 PM -2:00 PM
EMMA TEIRSAN
KERSTING COURT

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
DUSTY AND SUNNY
WINDSOR LANE

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
NEW WORLD OLD SCHOOL
KERSTING COURT

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
RICHARD BELLIKOFF
WINDSOR LANE

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
NEW WORLD OLD SCHOOL
KERSTING COURT

4:00. PM - 5:00 PM
DUSTY AND SUNNY
WINDSOR LANE

11:30AM -5:00 PM
SCHOOL OF ROCK
MONTECITO



Please note: Due to uneven terrain and unpaved surfaces, unfortunately the viewing & shuttle are not ADA accessible

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