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EXTREME HEAT WARNING HEAT ADVISORY EXTENDED -

Public Health Urges Residents to Take Precautions to Stay Safe as High Temperatures Continue

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health urges residents to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness — such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps — as high temperatures are forecast to impact the region. The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued an Extreme Heat Warning and Heat Advisory as high temperatures have been forecasted for the following areas:

Extreme Heat Warning

Issued when dangerously hot weather is happening or about to happen, creating a high risk of heat-related illness for everyone.

- Los Angeles Inland Coast: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- East Santa Monica Mountains: Thursday, August 21 - Sunday, August 24.
- Santa Clarita Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Western Santa Monica Mountains: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Western San Fernando Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Eastern San Fernando Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Western San Gabriel Mountains/Hwy 14 Corridor: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Antelope Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- San Gabriel Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- East San Gabriel Mountains: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Western Antelope Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Eastern Antelope Valley: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.
- Northwest LA County Mountains: Thursday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24.

Public Health recommends the following tips to keep yourself and others safe during excessive heat:

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day
- If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen (SPF 15)
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella
- Cars get very hot inside, even if the windows are 'cracked' or open. Never leave children or pets alone in cars. Call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone
- Check on those at risk for heat-related illness, like those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant women, children, those who live alone, pets, and outdoor workers and athletes

If you don't have air conditioning, follow these tips:

- Stay hydrated and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink water
- Take cool showers or baths
- Use your stove and oven less to avoid making your home hotter
- Visit a library, cooling center, shopping mall, or other air-conditioned space. If you need help finding a cool space, call 211.

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REMEMBERING DAVE LOERA



On Saturday, August 16, 2025, Sierra Madre lost one of its true Treasures. Dave Loera passed away at home on August 16, 2025, after a courageous battle with lung cancer, stemming from exposure to Agent Orange during his Vietnam military service. On Friday, services were held at St. Rita's in honor of his life. Hundreds attended the services. He was laid to rest in the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetary.

David Loera Sr. was born on September 14, 1946, in El Paso, Texas, to Francisco and Reynalda Loera. David moved to California at a young age and attended Our Lady of Soledad. After grammar school, David entered Dominguez Sem-

inary, graduating in 1964. Soon after, he volunteered to serve his country and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army. He completed a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he received the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Dave lived in Sierra Madre for more than 40 years and was the personification of the word service. In addition to being a loving husband, parent and grandparent, he was a faithful member of St. Rita Church.

In 2014 he was chosen as Sierra Madre's Citizen of the Year in recognition of his extensive volunteer activities and lifelong commitment to service.



Congresswoman Judy Chu presents Teri Loera with a commendation in remembrance of Dave's work in the community for Veteran's.

His life was truly a life dedicated to service — to his family, community, church and fellow veterans. He coached Little League, Pony Colt baseball and Soccer, positively impacting many young lives. He was also Past President of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club, St Rita's Men's Club and St Rita's Knights of Columbus. He served for years as Commander of VFW Post 3208, always giving back to those who served alongside him. Most recently, David served as the Commander of California District 11.

Under his leadership, Post 3208 grew their membership, partnered with the Pasadena City College Student Veteran Resource Center and actively contributed to the community. He served on the committee for Congresswoman Judy Chu in collaboration with the Veterans administration to establish a Veteran Health Clinic in the San Gabriel Valley.

Dave married Julie Daste and together they raised three children: twins David (Ariane) and Kellie, and Matthew (Shawna). In 1992, David married Teri McGoldrick and welcomed stepchildren Jasen and Erik(Davita) into his life.

His greatest joy was his grandchildren: Lancelot (Matthew), Morgan, Madeleine (David), Haylee (Jasen) and Jasen, Ai-Lan, and Eóin (Erik).

David will always be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and friend, who lived with integrity, faith, and love. His life truly embodied the veteran motto, 'God, Country, Family'.

MVNews/Photos by Dirk Bolle

Time To Sell and Go?



There is often a predictable lull over Labor Day, yet trends tell us that the real-estate market typically experiences an uptick after the holiday. We are looking ahead with excitement, change of season, kids back to school and a Vibrant Fall Real Estate Market that will provide us the opportunity to work with some of you.

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HEAT- (continued from page 1)

Heat-Related Illness

It's important to know how to recognize and help someone who is experiencing a heat-related illness. Call 911 right away if you see these symptoms: high body temperature (103°F or higher), dizziness, nausea, passing out, headache, fast & strong pulse, confusion, and hot, red, dry, or damp skin.

Watch out for each other. Everyone should take precautions to prevent heat-related illness, but there are groups more vulnerable to heat. Check on those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant people, children, those who live alone, pets, and outdoor workers and athletes.

"Heat causes more deaths in the U.S. annually than floods, storms, and lightning combined. Those most likely to get ill during the heat include older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and individuals with chronic medical conditions," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Health Officer. "Remember, your safety and the safety of others is crucial during extreme heat conditions. If you or someone around you experiences symptoms of heat stroke or heat exhaustion, such as dizziness, nausea, rapid heartbeat, confusion, or passing out, seek medical help immediately."

Local Impact

To check the risk of heat-related impacts for your specific city, go to the NWS HeatRisk website and click on Location Search and enter your city or use the zoom (+) button in the top left corner to see nearby cities more clearly. For actions to take based on your city's HeatRisk category, read the NWS' Understand HeatRisk guide.

The NWS HeatRisk takes into consideration:

- How unusual the heat is for the time of the year
- The duration of the heat including both daytime and nighttime temperatures
- If those temperatures pose an elevated risk of heat

* HeatRisk is a comprehensive calculation used by NWS that combines current weather forecast data, historical climate data that is specific to each geographic area, and social vulnerability data (i.e., CDC Social Vulnerability Index) to inform level of heat risk specific in each geographic area in a much more detailed and accurate way than a single temperature reading.

County and City partners have planned ways to safely operate cooling centers during times of high heat. Residents who do not have access to air conditioning are encouraged to take advantage of these free cooling centers, splash pads, and community pools. To find a location near you, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/> or call 211.

Los Angeles County residents and business owners, including people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs can call 211 for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 211 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting 211la.org.

You can find the most up-to-date information by visiting our extreme heat website, signing up for our heat advisories, and following us on all social media platforms where we share tips and advisories on heat. Our social media handle is @lapublichealth on all platforms.

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council is on Summer Recess Until:

August 26, 2025 5:30 pm
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- 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.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Just think how many centuries pumpkins waited patiently in the patch to be discovered by Starbucks. Never let go of your dreams." Beth Moore

"Only the knife knows what goes on in the heart of a pumpkin." Simone Schwarz-Bart

Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte returns for the 21st year on August 26th! Yes, friends and neighbors, it is officially pumpkin season and no one could be happier than I am. Pumpkins are about to abound throughout my house. Pumpkin granola muffins have been made and devoured, Pumpkin Bread is contemplated and we really want pumpkin pancakes and pumpkin ice cream. We have even been known to indulge in Pumpkin Martinis! The picture today is of a splendidly diabolical pumpkin. The perfect match for Part 2 of...

A Halloween Horror Story

As you may recall, the owner of the Pumpkin Patch planted some broken, cracked and just generally not really prize-winning pumpkin seeds in the far corner of the Pumpkin Patch. As the season progressed, he discovered that those seeds had produced thicker, stronger and somehow menacing pumpkin vines. The owner was just a little uneasy around those vines and the pumpkins they were producing. "Ridiculous!" he thought. "They're pumpkins. That's all, just plain old pumpkins." But were they?

July came and went. The pumpkins in the middle of the field grew fat, bursting with orange life. August arrived. The pumpkins grew to such gigantic size that the owner visualized pictures of himself in the newspaper standing next to a pumpkin – his pumpkin – that weighed more than the heaviest pumpkin in North America, grown by Travis Gienger in Minnesota and weighing in at a staggering 2,749 pounds.

September sauntered in and several of the pumpkins would need industrial strength forklifts to move them. The owner was delighted. Meanwhile, over in the damaged seed corner, the pumpkins were strangely dark, oddly shaped, and not nearly as large as the sumptuous orange ones. A prize-winning pumpkin should look exactly like Cinderella's fairy-tale carriage; perfectly round, bright shiny orange. The damaged seed pumpkins were more Amber, Spice, Clay, Rust and Bronze than orange and tended to be anything but round.

October at last! The owner put ads in the newspaper and banners at the entrance to the Pumpkin Patch. "The Pumpkin Patch will open on Saturday, October 3rd! Come one, Come All!" Friday night, October 2nd, the owner walked through his beautiful Patch one last time to be sure all was in readiness for the hordes of pumpkin seekers he was sure would arrive in the morning. He went to bed and dreamt satisfying dreams of large bank deposits and happy families streaming out of his Patch cradling his pumpkins in their arms.

Saturday dawned. The owner arose early, enjoyed a cup of Pumpkin Spice coffee with a pumpkin granola muffin and strolled out to survey his pumpkin kingdom.

He was aghast! All his beautiful, enormous, prize-winning orange pumpkins were smashed, squashed, squished, their seeds and innards spilled out on the ground. Strangely, the damaged seed pumpkins had migrated to the center of the field, squatting triumphantly amidst the carnage, many of them stained with traces of pumpkin insides and seeds. These pumpkins were sated, stuffed with the flesh of all the highly favored, pampered and petted orange pumpkins. They had grown huge, their dark green leaves and vines coiled 'round their carnivorous, cannibalistic nutmeg and cinnamon colored – dare I say it? Bodies?

All potential pumpkin buyers reeled back in horror when they approached the gates of the Pumpkin Patch, fled to their cars and sped away. The owner of the Pumpkin Patch developed a horrific migraine, took to his bed and wept quietly. Walking outside the next morning, the owner was shocked to see all the carnivorous, cannibalistic pumpkins were gone. The field was deserted. With tears in his eyes, he plowed under the wreckage of his dreams. He never bought another package of pumpkin seeds.

Again this year, Linus will wait out in his pumpkin patch for The Great Pumpkin to arrive and shower him and his friends with gifts. He is sure that this year, his will be the most sincere pumpkin patch in the world. Alas, he and Charlie Brown will again wait in vain. Thanks, Charles Schulz, for the memories.

"Pumpkins may seem benign, with their smiling jack-o-lantern faces, but what horror may lie inside their hollow shells."

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

There are treasures there! Trust me!

Including "Just Desserts" A Fall Fantasy of Pumpkins Gone Wrong!



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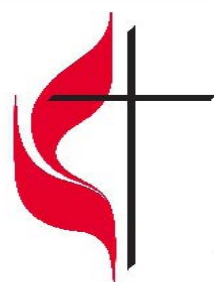


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Public Voting for Outdoor Music Series

Public voting period, Friday, September 5 through Monday, September 15

The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS), in collaboration Pasadena Recreation and Parks Foundation (PRPF) announced that they are competing, with a community vote, to bring a vibrant, free outdoor music series to Pasadena beginning in 2026.

Residents are encouraged to cast their vote for PRPF's proposal during the public voting period, Friday, September 5 through Monday, September 15, either online at Levitt.org/Vote or via text-to-vote at (877) 409-5525 with keyword PASADENA.

"Both PRPF and the City of Pasadena share a commitment to fostering inclusive, accessible, and high-quality public programming that enhances community engagement and celebrates musical diversity. As a past recipient of the Levitt Foundation grant funding, we hope to be able to bring the Levitt Music Series back home to Pasadena and provide free outdoor concerts to both Pasadena residents and neighbors alike," said Koko Panossian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

For the 2026-2028 grant cycle, the Levitt Foundation will award U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits up to \$120,000 over three years (up to \$40,000 per year), to produce their own Levitt Music Series. Seven to ten free outdoor concerts annually featuring a diverse lineup of music genres with professional musicians, activating an underused public space, creating a vibrant, inclusive community destination for people of all ages and backgrounds.

PRPF submitted the proposal for the City of Pasadena to present the free music series in Memorial Park. The City of Pasadena's proposal is now posted on the Levitt Foundation website, where the public can vote and learn more about the proposals from across the country that have advanced to the voting phase. An individual may submit one vote for up to five proposals of their choosing.

The number of online and text votes received for the City of Pasadena will be one of the key factors used when the Levitt Foundation determines the grant recipients this November. 50 finalists will be selected through the online and text-to-vote public voting phase. The Levitt Music Series Grants recipients will be announced on November 18.



San Marino Motor Classic Returns Sunday

The city of San Marino is getting ready for the annual San Marino Motor Classic where 7,500 attendees are expected Sunday at Lacy Park to see everything from a 1929 Cord L29 Cabriolet to a 2006 Ford GT 40, and hundreds of other classics.

The San Marino Motor Classic is a prestigious Concours d'Elegance where many of the world's finest classic cars are on display and are judged. Cars are entered into forty-one car classes. This year there are classes for super cars and European motorcycles. Spectators can vote for their favorite to win a special award. Food trucks, vendors and the Automotive Fine Arts Society exhibit will enhance the event.

According to event organizers, over the past twelve years the San Marino Motor Classic has generated over \$4 million for its charitable beneficiaries.

"Every dollar from Sponsors and donations goes to charity," officials said. "The San Marino Motor Classic has no paid employees, no rented office space and the costs of producing the event are paid from Entry Fees, Ticket Sales, Program Advertisements and Vendor Tents."

Proceeds from the Motor Classic will benefit Pasadena Humane, the Rotary Club of San Marino, and other local non-profits. The Motor Classic is a dog-friendly event.

"We are so thankful for our partnership with the San Marino Motor Classic over the past 14 years," Pasadena Humane staff said. "The event has raised over \$1.2 million to help save the lives of more than 100,000 animals in our community."

Pasadena Humane's Wiggle Waggle Wagon will also be at the Motor Classic with adoptable animals, along with a number of food trucks, vendors and activities for both kids and adults.

There will be sixteen awards given at the San Marino Motor Classic, plus a first, second and third place award given per class. Some of the prestigious awards this year include:

- Best In Show Pre War
- Best In Show Post War
- Most Exotic Sports Car Award
- Muscle Car Review Editors Choice Award
- Mayor's Award
- Meguiar's Award for Best Paint & Finish
- Pasadena Humane Society Award
- Most Elegant Closed Pre War Car Award
- Most Elegant Open Pre War Car Award
- Most Elegant Closed Post War Car Award
- Most Elegant Open Post War Car Award
- San Marino Rotary Award
- Chairman's Award
- Garage Style Magazine Award
- Excellence in Innovation & Design
- Most Elegant American Pre War Classic Car
- Best Super Car Award

For more information and tickets visit: sanmarinomotorclassic.com.

South Pas Awarded Grants for Construction of Pocket Parks



The City of South Pasadena announced Thursday the award of two competitive grants in support of local park development. City officials said they have secured \$550,000 through Measure A from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), and an additional \$193,992 from Proposition 68 State of California Parks and Water Bond of 2018.

RPOSD is a special district of Los Angeles County that collects property tax revenue and grants it out to cities, non-profits, and other agencies for new and improved open space, parks, and programs. Passed in 2018, Proposition 68, or the Parks, Environment and Water Bond, is a statewide ballot measure that authorizes general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental and restoration projects, and water infrastructure and flood protection projects.

These grant funds will be utilized for the construction of two new pocket parks: Grevelia Pocket Park and the Dr. Beatriz Solis Memorial Park located at Berkshire Pocket Park.

"This investment reflects the city's ongoing commitment to expanding public open space and enhancing recreational amenities for the South Pasadena community," they said.

Construction of both parks is currently in progress, with completion anticipated by the end of September 2025. Upon completion, these projects will provide accessible green space for residents and contribute to the city's long-term goals for environmental sustainability and community well-being.

"The City of South Pasadena expresses its appreciation to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the State of California for their continued support of local park and open space initiatives," officials said.

Former Pasadena Mayor Bill Thomson Passes Away



Former Pasadena Mayor and lifelong civic leader, William "Bill" Thomson Jr., passed away on Sunday - he was 89.

Thomson Served on the Pasadena City Council from 1981 to 1997—and as mayor from 1988 to 1990.

According to reports, Thomson helped bring some of the most iconic events to the Rose including the 1984 Olympic Games, UCLA football, four Super Bowls, and the 1994 FIFA World Cup.

"Pasadena has lost a dedicated public servant who loved this city deeply," said Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo. "I will miss his wisdom, his counsel, and his friendship. Bill instilled in us the importance of delivering quality city services while maintaining fiscal responsibility—a tradition that still guides us today."

Born in Pennsylvania, Thomson moved west when his work brought his family to Pasadena. From the start, he and his wife Carol embraced the city as their own. "Pasadena quickly became very important to both my father and my mother," his son Bill Thomson III said.

Thomson is survived by his wife Carol, three children, and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 24, at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Blvd.

Tickets on Sale for the 2026 Rose Bowl Game



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced that tickets for the College Football Playoff Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential went on sale Friday.

Tickets will be available online via Ticketmaster, giving fans the first opportunity to secure individual tickets for The Granddaddy of Them All. The Playoff Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential will take place Monday, January 1, 2026, at 1 p.m. PT at the Rose Bowl Stadium.

A maximum of four tickets per person will be available during the Rose Bowl Game ticket public sale. Individual ticket prices start at \$196.95, including fees.

In addition to the Ticketmaster sale, official ticket and hospitality packages are now available through On Location, the Official Hospitality and Corporate Travel Package Provider for the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential. All package offerings through On Location include official Rose Bowl Game tickets and can be catered to include reserved Rose Parade tickets, pre-game hospitality at the Official Rose Bowl Touchdown Village, meet and greets with NCAA Legends, and more. For full details on package options and to secure your experience today, visit onlocationexp.com.

This year's Rose Bowl Game will serve as a CFP Quarterfinal and will feature one of the four highest-seeded teams against the winner of a first-round playoff game. The Playoff bracket will be announced on ESPN on Sunday, December 7.

For more information on additional ticket offerings and experiences for the 2026 CFP Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential, visit: rosebowlgame.com.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses® is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration with the Rose Parade, the Rose Bowl Game and a variety of accompanying events. The Association's 935 Members supply more than 80,000 volunteer hours, which will drive the success of the 137th Rose Parade on Thursday, January 1, 2026, followed by the College Football Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game. Visit: tournamentofroses.com for more information.

Pasadena Heritage Craftsman Week set for October 12 to 19

Pasadena Heritage announced Friday that "Craftsman Weekend" a much-loved celebration of all things "Arts & Crafts era," a heyday for Pasadena, will take place the week of October 12 through October 19.

Officials said week will feature Pasadena area architects, artists, and designers whose work is universally celebrated and copied for its unique style, names like Greene & Greene, Batchelder tile, and many others have become synonymous with the period.

They continued, this year, they have expanded the event to "Craftsman Week" by inviting partners like the iconic Gamble House, designed by Greene & Greene, and Pasadena Museum of History, which keeps a registry of Batchelder tile and is hosting a special exhibition this year on the tile and its modern counterparts designed by artist Cha-Rie Tang.

Craftsman Week Events will include:

- VIP wine lunch tours based around tile, art glass, lighting, and more
- A keynote speech by a true preservation celebrity announced next week
- Blinn House Living Room Concert with Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys
- A Prominent House (can't reveal the house yet!) Tour and Lecture
- North Marengo Walking Tour
- An Open Air Arts & Crafts Fair
- Gamble House tours, family day, special joinery tours, metal work tours, and a concert on the lawn
- Pasadena Museum of History Exhibit of Cha-Rie Tang's take on Batchelder Tile
- A preview night on October 10 with ArtNight Pasadena Open House

Event organizers said they plan to have a dedicated webpage up soon at CraftsmanWeek.org. They expect thousands to participate in the eight days of events.



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AUG. 30 PASADENA HERITAGE OLD PASADENA TWILIGHT WALKING TOUR



This month's Old Pasadena Twilight Walking Tour on Saturday August 30, will include the northern section of Old Pasadena, beginning at Memorial Park and walking south through several historic alleyways as evening sets in. This special twilight tour features the ruins of Pasadena's second library, a historic theatre that has been readapted as condominiums, and perhaps one of the most controversial preservation stories regarding an entire block that was saved. The tour will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Old Pasadena is a shopping and dining destination, but without Pasadena Heritage, this National Register Historic District would have been destroyed. Now it stands as one of the finest examples of downtown revitalization in the country. As dusk brings out the glow of vintage signs and the quiet charm of hidden courtyards, one of our trained docents will lead you through the historic district and reveal its many hidden and unusual architectural details, old alleyways, and stories of transformation.

The tour is approximately 1.5 hours and covers about 1.5 miles.

The Old Pasadena Management District graciously sponsors Old Pasadena tours.

For more information visit: pasadenaheritage.org/events-tours/old-pasadena-twilight-walking-tour.

PASADENA TO HOLD WORKSHOP FOR THE 710 STUB MASTER PLAN

City of Pasadena officials announced that they are inviting residents to the next Community Engagement Workshop for the Reconnecting Pasadena Project on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Friendship Pasadena Church located at 80 W. Dayton St.

According to city staff the project is now in the document and refine phase, the third and final phase of the project for the 710 Master Plan. This workshop will include a presentation of the latest project design options and a moderated panel discussion featuring the project team and subject matter experts. The panel will provide an update on future possibilities for the 710 Stub including updated land use and circulation concepts and continue the discussion of potential restorative justice elements. Attendees will have an opportunity to engage with panelists and the project team during a moderated question and answer session.

The document and refine phase of the master planning effort will build upon community input gathered throughout the project to further evaluate the feasibility of design ideas. During this stage, the project team will explore key technical questions such as traffic solutions, land uses and density, and funding for future public amenities. This work will help shape the final recommendations for the project and ensure that proposed solutions are both achievable and align with community interests.

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CELEBRATES 100TH HOMEBUYER WITH DEDICATION OF EL SERENO HOMES



This past weekend San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity celebrated 7 first-time homebuyers who are the first to purchase properties in El Sereno from the organization.

“Thanks to you we are helping families achieve what today can feel like an impossible dream,” said SGV Habitat CEO Bryan Wong during the event. “The average home selling price in LA County right now is just over \$900,000, while the average mortgage people can afford is about \$350,000. So that’s what we are looking at – a gap of \$550,000 – and that’s the affordability crisis we are facing in this area.”

In May of 2024 SGV Habitat announced they were among a small list of organizations awarded the opportunity to transform former Caltrans properties into new opportunities for affordable housing in El Sereno. The nonprofit has begun renovating existing homes and building new homes on lots that were formerly under the ownership of Caltrans, after the state purchased them with plans for demolition to put in a freeway from Long Beach to Pasadena. SGV Habitat began renovations on the properties a little over a year ago and has completed work on 7. The local nonprofit has plans to build or renovate at least 11 more homes in the area.

SGV Habitat sells affordable homes to low-income, first-time homebuyers to help them achieve their dream of homeownership. Approved homeowners, at time of purchase, qualify for a monthly housing payment equal to no more than 30% of their gross monthly income. Homebuyers also contribute volunteer hours to the organization by helping build their homes and the homes of others alongside teams of volunteers. To date 1,420 volunteers have donated time to the projects in El Sereno.

“I want to say thank you to all the volunteers for San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity,” said Sybonay, one of the El Sereno homebuyers. “For all your dedication and all the hours that you put in for our family and for the families that will be impacted your time and sweat into this home isn’t in vain. We are loving it. Our children are loving it, and we’re just grateful from the bottom of our hearts.”

Senator Maria Elena Durazo, SGV Habitat staff and Board of Directors, family members, supporters, homebuyers, community representatives and others gathered on Saturday, August 16 for the ceremony which took place on the patio at Calvary Church in El Sereno. The event was a culmination of the hard work, dedication and commitment to creating more affordable housing opportunities. It also marked the 100th first-time homebuyer to purchase a home from SGV Habitat.

SGV Habitat transforms lives and communities by bringing people together to build, renovate, and repair affordable homes for families in need across Los Angeles County's San Gabriel Valley. Since their inception in 1990, as an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, they’ve brought people together to build homes, communities, and hope – driven by a shared vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live! Donations made to SGV Habitat over the next 30 days will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 by the De Nova Fund. This generous donation will help fund the work being done in El Sereno by SGV Habitat.

The local nonprofit has nearly 60 projects on the horizon including new builds in Azusa and Baldwin Park and has recently committed to rebuilding 25 homes and repairing 12 homes for low-income underinsured families who were affected by the Eaton Fire in Altadena. For more information visit www.sgvhabitat.org

A MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS EXCLUSIVE*:

“CAMINO DE SANTIAGO-MY JOURNEY MY WAY IN 29 DAYS
April 17-May 15, 2025”

by: Lorie Weiner-Clause

“ABANDONMENT”

Abandonment is an emotion I immediately experienced.

Upon exiting the 2nd train to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, from Paris, my lifeless petite body stood vertically erect as an emotionless statue by the train station.

Standing alone with my 2 heavy backpacks. Sad, brown puffy eyes of fear. The unknown. What was I thinking? Feeling like a failure before walking anywhere.

Movement was still. Sounds of the train leaving. Other pilgrims walked together with their corresponding partners. ‘Little Lorie’ all alone. The real emotion surfaced. Feeling abandoned.

Realizing I needed to walk to the Pilgrim Office. Moving by body up a steep hill on dark cobblestones with the sun reflecting on my fair skinned face. Where were the solo female walkers many people spoke about on social media? All the people I saw had companions and spoke different languages.

I spoke un peu Français et un poco de Espanola but not great. My adult body regressed to a child of abandonment. An emotion I did not expect and needed to work out fast.

This adventure of a lifetime should have brought excitement. Instead, the runner in me wanted to hop back on that train which had already left. The safe exit.

But the non-quitter, tenacious Lorie is a fighter. Tears and all. Not only did the abandonment emotion hit me hard upon arriving in SJPP but also experienced it along ‘The Way’.

Seeing pilgrims walking past me. “Follow that Baguette.” I said many times as it was visible in their backpacks standing vertically tall. Experiencing bad weather all alone in the middle of nowhere. Getting lost several times.

The vulnerability.
I cried and shouted out loud so many times. Trying to process ‘Little Lorie’ being abandoned from a very rough childhood. Not ashamed. Processing. Real raw emotions. Reality hit me hard.

Dark sunglasses covered my not so large brown, swollen, puffy eyes.

This pilgrim needed to find the strength God imbedded in my belief and heart.
Although I was physically alone, Jesus never left my side. Being there for me. Through the physical and emotional pain. He and I were on this journey together.

Did I officially start my Camino? Buen Camino

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EATON FIRE FOLLOW-UP

It has been over eight months since the Eaton Fire. What did we learn about the cause of the fire and how it spread? What have we learned about preventing future fires?

Rich Snyder is back by popular demand. He will talk about the timeline of the fire and share more of his personal experiences and lessons learned.

The public is always welcome to join us!

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To support wildfire survivors and ensure access to emergency housing, Executive Order N-28-25 extends tenancy and occupancy protections to October 1, 2025 for people displaced by the wildfires.

The Order allows wildfire evacuees to continue to be considered short-term occupants rather than tenants when they stay beyond 30 days in short-term rentals, hotels and motels.

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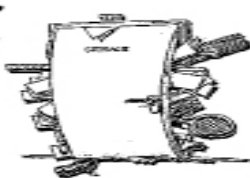


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LA SALLE GIRLS' TENNIS OPENS "FRESH" NEW SEASON WITH GRITTY WIN OVER WHITTIER CHRISTIAN



The La Salle girls' tennis team opened its 2025 fall campaign with a dramatic 10-8 preseason victory over Whittier Christian, setting the tone for what head coach Javier Djeu describes as a "fresh" new era for the program.

Now in his fifth season leading the girls, Coach Djeu emphasized that while the roster has seen significant turnover after four straight league titles and a third-place finish last year, this isn't a rebuilding year. "It feels fresh. Not like we are starting over," he said. "It just seems like a new era is here." That sense of renewal was tested right away. The Lancers have nine players on the roster — the exact number needed to fill out a lineup — but had to compete short two players in their opener. One was injured minutes before first serve, while another is still awaiting eligibility clearance, meaning La Salle began the match al-ready trailing 0-3. Despite the adversity, the Lancers fought hard and delivered



in the clutch. With the match tied 8-8 after 16 sets, La Salle needed victories from both doubles No. 2 and singles No. 2. Doubles closed out their set 6-4, and then all eyes turned to junior Nora Zhang, who faced a daunting deficit. Down 2-5 in her decisive set, Zhang rallied to win 9-7 in a tie-break, sealing the team victory.

"That was the best part of the match," Coach Djeu recalled. "I went out, had a quick chat with her, and she completely turned it around. That resilience is what we're going to build on this season."

Looking ahead, the coach sees both opportunities and challenges. With a smaller roster, finding the right doubles pairings will be key. "There's so much that goes into it, but it really

comes down to what I see — and I can't fully describe it," he said. Fitness and the mental side of the game are also top priorities. To address the latter, the team is currently reading a book focused on mental toughness.

For Coach Djeu, success this year isn't just measured in wins. "My main goal is to improve on last year's season — place better in the league and make it to the quar-terfinals in CIF," he said. "But on an individual level, I'm looking at the long-term plan: making my girls better people than when I first met them."

With a dramatic first win already under their belt, the new-look Lancers have shown they're ready to embrace the challenge of a fresh season.

Javier Djeu, Head Girls' & Boys Tennis Coach La Salle College Preparatory Go Lancers! Go Big Blue!

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Ants can be helpful to us because they control pests. However, sometimes ants sting or bite us, or get into our food supplies. Then we think *they* are the pests!

How much do you know about ants? Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- called this because they live and work together and help each other
- will share food stored in this part of his body with other ants
- these sense flavors, sounds, odors; also used to "talk" to other ants
- these ants "march," keeping on the move, carrying everything
- ants that build and defend the nest, care for the young, gather food and do all of the other work
- a group of ants
- ants help us by getting rid of these
- young queens and males have these to fly
- largest ant, lays all the eggs
- often built in the earth or in wood
- most ants have 2 compound _____, each made up of tinier ones
- used to travel from room to room in nest

Kinds of Ants

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- found in the hot Saharan Desert (Africa)
- main food is seeds, which they gather and store
- build nests in dead wood; often leave a trail of sawdust
- have large jaws; can sting prey; (mostly in Australia)
- march to raid others' nests and take what they can
- raid other ant colonies; steal the pupae (ants in the stage before they become adults) and raise them to work
- will sting, leaving you with a red bump; burning feeling in skin
- use silk to hold their nests together
- don't eat the leaves they cut up, use them as compost to feed fungus which they do eat
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FROM MY BUNKER IN PASADENA: LOOKING BACK AT AUGUST'S FOOD HOLIDAYS

Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

It was so hot this past week that I barely left the comfort of my air conditioning. Stepping outside felt like punishment, so from my bunker deep in Pasadena, I kept an eye on the calendar and smiled as each quirky food holiday came and went. August might be known for scorching sidewalks, but it also served up a buffet of excuses to celebrate. Early Month: Beer, Ice Cream, and Watermelon

August kicked off with International Beer Day on the 1st. If you were lucky enough to grab a frosty pint at Mercado's Happy Hour — \$4 Tecate and an \$8 Mercado Margarita, need I say more — you had the perfect excuse. The very next day, Aug. 2, was National Ice Cream Sandwich Day. I thought about speaking over to Twohey's in South Pasadena for an old-fashioned sundae instead. It wasn't an ice cream sandwich, but in this heat, who's complaining?

Aug. 3 brought National Watermelon Day. Nothing says summer like a cold slice of watermelon, and I can imagine the boys at Brookside Golf Course trying to turn it into a seed-spitting contest after breakfast. By Aug. 4 we were already on to National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, which is really just America's way of reminding us that dessert doesn't need a holiday, but we'll happily take one.

Mid-Month: Cookies, Fajitas, and Pinot

The real action came mid-month. On Aug. 10, National S'mores Day had me daydreaming of campfires — or at least the tableside version I once spotted at a trendy Pasadena spot. Then, Aug. 18 delivered a double feature: National Fajita Day and National Pinot Noir Day. If you celebrated with sizzling onions and peppers at Casa Del Rey Mexican (and maybe Jamie's famous margarita as a warm-up), a nice glass of Pinot after dinner would've made the night complete.

Aug. 19 turned up the heat for National Hot & Spicy Food Day. Perfect excuse to test your spice tolerance on chile verde or a fiery salsa — though I'll admit, my go-to spice fix is still a simple basket of chips and salsa. Aug. 20 followed with National Bacon Lovers Day. While Colombo's Italian Steakhouse in Eagle Rock is my go-to for pasta and steak, this was more of a Cobb salad day — and yes, a true Cobb always has bacon. My father used to say a restaurant's salad tells you as much about its chef as a soup does, and I think he was right.

Late Month: Waffles, Wine, and Trail Mix

Toward the end of the month, Aug. 24 doubled up with National Waffle Day and National Peach Pie Day. A morning at Nano Café in Sierra Madre would've been a fine way to toast waffles.

Aug. 25 was National Banana Split Day, which belongs to Twohey's as much as Dodger Dogs belong to Dodger Stadium. If you didn't make it this year, there's always next. Just before Labor Day, Aug. 28 brought us National Cabernet Sauvignon Day. I can't think of a better way to honor it than with a steak dinner at Taylor's Steakhouse in La Cañada. Bruce Taylor has kept his family's tradition alive, and a big steak with a bold Cab is about as timeless as it gets.

Finally, Aug. 31 wrapped it all up with National Trail Mix Day. I'll confess — like many of you — I dig through for the M&Ms first. Maybe that's the point.

In Summary

August may have been unbearably hot, but the calendar gave us plenty of reasons to stay cool — and to eat and drink well. From beers at Mercado to waffles in Sierra Madre, sundaes at Twohey's, and Cabernet at Taylor's, the month reminded us that food is about tradition, memory, and fun. My dad used to joke, "Why waste KABC's money on a bad restaurant?" and August felt like the same rule applied — why waste a day when you can celebrate with good food and drink?

If you marked any of these holidays, consider yourself part of the club. And if you missed them, don't worry. September is waiting, with its own lineup of food holidays, and I'll be here in Pasadena, hunkered down with the A/C humming, ready to report back. Have you checked out the latest podcast? Peter Dills

An advertisement for Twohey's. It features a cartoon illustration of Peter Dills, a man with blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt and a microphone. The text "Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner!" is at the top left. Below it is the Twohey's logo with the tagline "MAKING MEMORIES SINCE 1943". To the right, it says "DINING with DILLS" and "Dinner Club Podcast". The name "Peter Dills" is written in cursive at the bottom right.

An advertisement for Pure Media Marketing's podcast studio. It features a large image of a professional recording studio with multiple microphones and computers. The text "HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?" is at the top. Below it, "PURE" PODCAST STUDIO is written in green. To the left, it says "We have a studio for you!". To the right, it lists features: "Fully Equipped Studio", "Starting at \$70 per Hour", "Video Recording and Production Available", and "Distribution Available". At the bottom, it says "Book your studio time NOW! (626) 461-5015" and "puremediamarketing.com/podcast-studio-rental/".

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An advertisement for a chili cook-off and dance. It features a photo of a man in a cowboy hat stirring a pot of chili. The text "THE JOE PERGOLA BOOT SKOOTIN' CHILI COOK-OFF & DANCE" is in yellow. Below it, it says "Become a Member For A Day! Bring your best boots and get ready to throw down!". The name "HENRY DUENAS, Master Line Dancer & D.J. Celebrity Food Critic PETER DILLS" is listed. The event details are "Saturday, September 27, 2025", "Fun Starts at 6:00 pm", "Sierra Madre YMCA 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, Ca.". The ticket price is "Tickets \$40". A Kiwanis International logo is at the bottom right. The text "Serving our community since 1927" is at the bottom.

An advertisement for The Bottle Shop. It features a photo of a wine bottle and a glass. The text "The Bottle Shop Wine & Spirits" is in a stylized font. Below it, it says "Sierra Madre - California - Since 1983". The address "58 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre" and phone number "626-355-1262" are listed. The text "WINE TASTING - Wednesday-Friday 5pm to 10pm" is at the bottom.

An advertisement for Catering by Corfu. It features a photo of a set table with white linens, glassware, and a centerpiece. The text "TRANSFORMING EVENTS INTO UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES" is in large, white, serif font. Below it, the logo "CATERING BY CORFU" is shown. The text "Elevate your celebrations with unforgettable moments and exquisite flavors! Whether it's an intimate gathering or grand event, we bring your vision to life." is in blue. At the bottom, it says "For more information contact Vic (626) 372-2681 Don't forget to follow us on IG @corfucateringla or FB @corfucatering".

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**THE GROWING NEED FOR SENIOR CARE:**
What to Know About Hiring a Caregiver

The Growing Need for Senior Care: As the population ages, more families are facing the challenge of caring for elderly loved ones. With many seniors wishing to age in place, hiring a professional caregiver is becoming an increasingly common—and necessary—solution.

Senior care needs vary widely, from help with daily activities like bathing, dressing, and cooking, to more specialized medical support. Hiring a caregiver allows seniors to maintain their independence while receiving the care they need in the comfort of their own homes.

“The key is to match the right caregiver with the right senior,” says Linda Morris, director of a local home care agency. “It’s not just about qualifications. Compatibility, personality, and trust are just as important.” When hiring a caregiver, families can go through an agency or hire privately. Agencies typically handle background checks, training, and insurance, offering peace of mind. Private hires can be more affordable but require more responsibility from the family, including vetting and payroll management. Experts recommend conducting thorough interviews, checking references, and discussing expectations clearly before hiring. It’s also important to observe how the caregiver interacts with the senior. A trial period can help ensure a good fit. “Don’t wait until a crisis happens,” advises Morris. “Start planning early and include your loved one in the decision-making process. It helps maintain their dignity and comfort.” As demand for in-home care grows, so does the importance of choosing qualified, compassionate caregivers. With the right support, seniors can continue to lead safe, fulfilling lives at home—surrounded by familiarity and care. For families navigating this journey, resources such as local aging agencies, senior centers, and online caregiver directories can provide guidance and support.

IS SOCIAL SECURITY STILL TAXABLE?

Dear Savvy Senior:

Do I have to pay taxes on my Social Security retirement benefits? I heard that President Trump’s big, beautiful bill eliminated that. What can you tell me?
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Dear About:

No, the new law, better known as the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ did not eliminate Social Security taxes. It did, however, provide a temporary “senior bonus” deduction (starting in 2025 through 2028) of up to \$6,000 that will apply to taxpayers, age 65 and older, who earn up to \$75,000 for singles or \$150,000 for joint filers. If you earn over that amount, the deduction starts phasing out.

Also note that the senior bonus is a deduction, not a refundable credit, so it will not help lower-earning seniors who owe no income taxes.

Who Owes SSA Taxes?

Whether or not you’ll be required to pay federal income tax on your Social Security benefits will depend on your income and filing status. About 40 percent of Social Security recipients have total incomes high enough to trigger federal income tax on their benefits.

To figure out if your benefits will be taxable, you’ll need to add up all of your “provisional income,” which includes wages, taxable and non-taxable interest, dividends, pensions and taxable retirement-plan distributions, self-employment, and other taxable income, plus half your annual Social Security benefits, minus certain deductions used in figuring your adjusted gross income.

To help you with the calculations, get a copy of IRS Publication 915 “Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits,” which provides detailed instructions and worksheets. You can download it at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf) or call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

After you do the calculations, the IRS says that if you’re single and your total income from all of the listed sources is:

- Less than \$25,000, your Social Security will not be subject to federal income tax.
- Between \$25,000 and \$34,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed at your regular income-tax rate.
- More than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you’re married and filing jointly and the total from all sources is:

- Less than \$32,000, your Social Security won’t be taxed.
- Between \$32,000 and \$44,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed.
- More than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you’re married and file a separate return, you probably will pay taxes on your benefits.

You can also find out if any of your benefits are taxable through the IRS online tax tool that asks a series of questions that will help you determine your status. To access this tool, go to [IRS.gov/Help/ITA](https://www.irs.gov/Help/ITA) – click on “Social Security or railroad retirement tier I benefits - Are mine taxable?”

To limit potential taxes on your benefits, you’ll need to be cautious when taking distributions from retirement accounts or other sources. In addition to triggering ordinary income tax, a distribution that raises your gross income can bump up the proportion of your Social Security benefits that are subject to taxes.

How to File

If you find that part of your Social Security benefits will be taxable, you’ll need to file using Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR. You also need to know that if you do owe taxes, you’ll need to make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS, or you can choose to have it automatically withheld from your benefits.

To have it withheld, you’ll need to complete IRS Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request ([IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf)), and file it with your local Social Security office.

State Taxation

In addition to the federal government, nine states – Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia – tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, check with your state tax agency for details.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

IS THAT MY GRANDFATHER'S HAND?



This past week, I thought of my maternal grandfather. I haven't thought of him for a long time because he died over 50 years ago. I'm not sure what inspired me to think about my old grandpa.

As a youngster, I used to spend summers with him on his farm. He owned a farm up in the mountains of Pennsylvania and had dairy cattle and hogs. So for many summers I spent with him on that amazing farm.

One thing I remember about my grandfather was his sense of humor. He was always telling jokes, and we all laughed, even though I had no idea what that joke was about.

For instance, "Why did the monkey not eat the banana? Because it was not appealing to him."

I knew there was a joke in there somewhere, but I could never figure it out, even though he told that joke probably 100 times. That was his favorite joke of all time.

I tried to think of all those jokes, and I still don't get the funny part of them. But, he was my grandpa, and therefore when he told a joke, I laughed. That's what a good grandson is supposed to do.

There was a time in the 60s when he had some health problems, and we needed to bring him down to Hershey, where his doctor was. I still remember that very clearly. We took him to the fast-food restaurant for lunch. This was the first time he had ever been at such a place. Up in the mountains where he lived, they did not have fast-food restaurants.

I remember we got him one of the big cheeseburgers, and we sat down to eat them. Grandpa looked at it for a few moments. Finally, he began to separate everything from each other. He laid the bun down and took out the lettuce and the tomato, and all that went with it. He separated them all from each other. Then he began to eat each element one at a time.

I never saw that before, and I'm not sure where he got that.

I then remembered something I did to my grandpa, which was to make fun of him, especially his hands. I looked at his hands and saw so many wrinkles I didn't know where they came from.

"Grandpa," I said, "how did you get all of those wrinkles on your hand?"

Looking at me, he replied, "Well, son, if you must know every wrinkle is the result of one year of hard labor." He looked at me and smiled, and then we both looked at his hand.

"Will I ever get hands like that?" Grandpa laughed and then said, "Only if you live as long as I do and work as hard as I do."

I had forgotten that conversation until just recently.

The other morning, I got up and went to my easy chair for my morning coffee. As I began sipping that delicious coffee, I happened to look at my hand, and I was scared. Is that my grandfather's hand?

I almost had a heart attack as I was looking at my hand and seeing my grandpa's hand. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It was as if my grandfather's hand was right there holding my coffee cup. How in the world could that be? After all, he's been gone for 52 years.

I looked at that old wrinkly hand and soon realized that it was not my grandpa's hand. In fact, it was my grandpa's grandson's hand. It was like he was right there in front of me.

Processing that was difficult because I did not know how in the world grandpa's hand got on my hand. It was as if he were in the room with me at the moment.

Looking at my hand for a few moments, I begin to count the wrinkles on my hand. If what grandpa said was true, that every wrinkle represents one year of hard work, I must be 150 by now.

Sitting there, I remembered how many times I made fun of grandpa's old wrinkly hand. I'm not sure what to do, but I might start wearing gloves when I go outside.

In a few moments, I began to smile. The thought came to me that this challenge to my smile was, How many other aspects of my grandpa do I have?

This is an area I do not want to visit. But is it that my grandchildren are seeing me as I saw my grandpa?

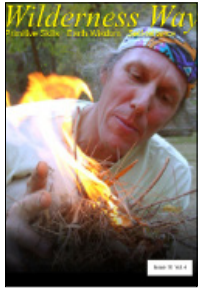
The other night, while watching TV, there was a commercial about getting rid of wrinkles. I watched that very carefully, and for a moment, I was tempted to get that cream to get rid of all my wrinkles.

When the commercial was over, I sat back and thought very deeply. What is wrong with being like my grandpa? After all, he was a good man. What I should do is to live my life in a way that he would be proud. So, my wrinkles are here to stay.

Recently I read in the Bible a verse along this line. "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers" (Proverbs 17:6).

I'm beginning to see that there are many things in my life that lead back to my grandfather. I need to leave something to pass that on to my grandchildren so when I'm gone they'll remember me.

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HOW TO ORGANIZE FOR EMERGENCIES Is having a "survival group" a good idea?

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Not long ago, our class was finishing a day-long field trip of practicing outdoor survival and self-reliance skills, and our small group was now sitting around the fire talking. The subject moved to emergency action plans, and what contingencies any of us had in the aftermath of a major disaster. "So how would we ever get together after a major disaster?" one woman asked me. She was somewhat new to the classes, and was well-aware that our small group comprised a broad spectrum of skills, from people who worked to be ethical, socially-conscious, and doers, not just talkers. I could tell she was wondering about how our "group" might actually come together in such a scenario. She actually believed that this diverse collection of people from all over Southern California actually constituted a "group."

"In a serious emergency, we probably would have no way to get together," I offered. "Of course, there is no predicting the future, but if we couldn't use a car, and couldn't get gas, and there was chaos on the streets, in the first few weeks, we'd almost certainly have to stay put wherever we're living." My response presupposed a serious disaster where all social services would be disrupted. I've long recommended that people get to know their immediate neighbors, because they are your "family" in the aftermath of a major disaster, like it or not. Think global, as the saying goes, but act local.

Enroll in local CERT training, and be active in Neighborhood Watch.

The woman then asked me, sort of a question and comment combined, "Well, don't you have a tight survival group of people who would all come together in an emergency?"

I live in the northern section of Los Angeles County. The mountains are immediately to my north, but otherwise there is urban sprawl and freeways in all directions. In our class that day, the woman asking the questions had driven about a hundred miles, from San Bernardino County from the east. Three people had come over a hundred miles, from the high desert. One other person was local, and the rest lived between 30 and 45 minutes by car from me. We were all spread out. There was no way that this diverse group would ever come together in the sort of disaster (and end of the functioning of normal society) that she was envisioning.

"Here's the reality," I told her. I explained that I have worked with many "groups" over the years, often with the focus of working together to survive a disaster. I explained that I don't have a secret underground bunker and I don't live in a wickiup in the woods.

"Your best bet is to work with your own family to make each person strong, healthy, and self-reliant," I told her, "and to work with your local community to improve things."

How, for example, would a far-flung diverse group of people communicate with each other? If they were ham operators, it might be possible, but there would still be the problem of traveling a long distance under unsettled conditions.

Getting back to the woman's question about the practical aspects of a small tight group getting together after a disaster, what else can go wrong with the "group" that plans to get together?

For one thing, the ability to spring into action after an emergency requires the maintenance of physical fitness, and requires at least some level of economic autonomy, and knowing how to live one's life so that you are, in fact, able to rise to the occasion of a severe emergency. The concept of such a survival group is not a passive concept. In order to be viable, it must be alive, dynamic, and involve regular training of some sort.

We can't predict the future, but learning new self-reliance skills will always serve you well, and those of your friends and associates who are of like-mind. But assuming you survive an event like a comet hitting the earth, or a major tidal wave, there's no way that you can depend on any "group" that you might have developed.

Don't get me wrong—organizing and working with such a group, whether a private family group, or a more public group such as CERT training – is a great idea. But just remember that life is a very dynamic thing, and as long as you're willing to continually learn, and adapt to changing situations, you're likely to do well regardless who you happen to be stuck with.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO PREPARE:

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If you're looking for a cat who isn't clingy but will shower you with love and sweet moments, Gemma is the perfect match for you. She does not enjoy being picked up, but there is no biting or swatting. She deserves to be pampered in a loving forever home, with no children or dogs. Gemma will make the purr-fect, low-maintenance companion for someone with patience--and someone who will thrill to see her thrive under their care, and, who knows, maybe be blessed with the joy of having Gemma actually jump up onto your lap for some biscuit-making! Gemma is fully vetted and healthy.

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Calm and well-mannered, Praise is happiest simply being a part of the family. She's a loyal, affectionate dog who's ready to spend her golden years with someone who will cherish her just as much as she'll adore them. Come meet this special girl and see why she's the perfect companion to adopt today! The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON TRUTH, JUSTICE & THE AMERICAN WAY

There may be Truth and Justice but, as far as I can tell, it's not the American Way. On Monday my wife's old friend who lives in Boston came to spend a little time with her. We picked her up at the Burbank Airport and she spent the night at our home. She is quite a wonderful lady, and I did my best to stay out of the way so that she and my wife could enjoy one another. Sometimes I think my staying out of the way without asking inappropriate questions like "why do you think this or that" is the best way I can contribute to comfortable conversations.

Yesterday afternoon we drove her to Disneyland where she was to meet her daughter and son-in-law. I enjoyed seeing her daughter who has recently shared the news of her pregnancy. The last time I visited Disneyland she was employed as a server at one of the Disneyland restaurants. Now she is an esteemed Attorney who is invited to make presentations in the Child Welfare Area. I feel connected to her present success because I was the person who suggested that she think about becoming an attorney as I recognized her brightness and curiosity. Maybe other people had some influence on her decisions, but I take some joy in thinking I was important in her eventual choice of profession.

Obviously, this last visit to Disneyland was many years ago. This time the visit resulted in me being unable to sleep all night. I was extremely bothered by what I had seen. First of all, the price of tickets was absolutely obscene. Ticket prices ranged from \$104 to \$206 for a single-one day park ticket. Thank goodness my wife and I had no intentions to enter the park but were there only for the purpose of transportation and of sharing a meal. Parking is costly, and we could not find a space that was anywhere near where we wanted to go, but fortunately, the car displayed a handicapped sticker associated with my age and immobility. A person walking the huge distance from where her car was parked to the location of the actual gate to the entrance took the trouble to walk around and directed us to the one vacant handicapped person space. Yes, there is hope for humanity.

Once we entered Downtown Disney, after seemingly walking endlessly, we entered the gate to the restaurant. We are still 2 months away from Halloween but there surrounding us were pumpkins everywhere. I stopped to think and realized that already in my Sierra Madre Canyon there are displayed Halloween decorations. People are, to my mind at least, very eager to ignore present conditions and turmoil and environmental probabilities and just forget and celebrate at good old Disneyland, a place once much more affordable.

At home that night I could not sleep and continued to be bothered by what I had seen. I kept hearing Jack Nicholson telling Tom Cruise he couldn't handle the truth. What I kept thinking about was how Americans and human beings in general kid themselves into not recognizing present conditions and unfairness and believing they live in a society that reflects values of truth, equality, and caring for the general welfare. Certainly, on occasion, like the lady in the parking lot, people will go out of their way to help others; but generally, people only think about their own situation and own comfort and maybe it's always been this way.

I guess most of us much of the time we just ignore the things we don't want to think about. Among the things I am not good at, that's just one-more. If I could I would stop worrying about kids being afraid to go to School and try to get some sleep. Maybe not! Perhaps worrying is my true American Way and I am fortunate to be able to talk to you about it. You don't have to listen if you don't want to, but you might want to worry about that.

Take Care.



HOWARD Hays As I See It

"It was humiliating to watch an American president act like a happy puppy upon encountering the dictator of a much poorer, much less important state, treating him as a superior."

- Anne Applebaum in *The Atlantic*, on the summit in Alaska between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin

A couple of weeks ago I wrote of "nuclear rhetoric" exchanged between Russia and President Trump. He'd ordered the repositioning of nuclear-armed submarines, following Russian reaction to his threat to impose "debilitating secondary tariffs" should Russia not agree to a ceasefire in Ukraine. But our TACO (Trump Always Chickens Out) president once again showed up for the world to see - with nobody surprised anymore and everybody having planned accordingly.

And nobody knows better how to play our president than Vladimir Putin. In most other countries he'd be arrested as an indicted war criminal. But here, days after Trump ordered the repositioning of those submarines and restated his commitment to a ceasefire, our U.S. soldiers were literally on their knees preparing the red carpet for Putin's arrival in Alaska. Our president applauded Putin in welcoming him to our country. There were flyovers of military jets in Putin's honor, then a private ride with Trump in the presidential limousine.

At their meeting, Putin knew just what our president wanted to hear. At their joint appearance afterwards (no questions taken), Putin remarked how much easier it is to deal with Trump than it was with Joe Biden. As Trump recalled later on Fox, Putin marveled at how much had been accomplished in the first few months of the new administration - compared to a year earlier when he'd regarded our country as pretty much "dead". Trump himself added that their relationship would've been even better in his first term had he not had to deal with that "Russia, Russia, Russia hoax".

Putin was reelected last year with 88% of the vote. Five years ago, Russian voters in a "land-slide" allowed Putin (who'd been in power for twenty years already) to hold office at least through 2036. And now Trump was eager to share Putin's view that Trump had, in fact, won the 2020 election decisively over Biden.

Trump was advised by Putin that the reason the 2020 election was so easy to "rig" was the vulnerability of mail-in ballots. So, regardless of our Constitution stipulating that such matters be left to the states, Trump said that as president he'd ban their use moving forward (along with voting machines, while he's at it). No less an authority on election integrity than Vladimir Putin recommends he do so.

According to Trump, it's now up to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to decide whether or not he wants to bring the war to an end. All he'd have to do is cede to Russia areas already under Russian occupation, cede to Russia additional areas still under Ukrainian control and then disarm to such an extent that Ukraine would be unable to defend itself if/when Russia wanted more. Posting after the summit, Trump referred to it as "Biden's stupid war".

For Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), "my stomach turned when I heard the president of the United States characterize Vladimir Putin as his fabulously good friend... Putin is a war criminal. He has directed soldiers to kill women and children and bury them in mass graves. He's kidnapped children as we speak. The reality on the ground is that people are bleeding and dying all around Ukraine because Putin is continuing to bomb them."

Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) adds, "war criminals are not normally invited to the United States of America... [Putin] is intentionally murdering civilians, he's kidnapping children, and now he got to stand next to the president of the United States, legitimized in the view of the world".

Following six Trump-Putin phone calls and five trips by Trump envoy Steve Witcoff to Moscow, the outcome of this summit was clear to Ukrainian MP Kira Rudik: "You can think that there was a plan behind it, but we see that there is no result of this plan. And that is why the only hope we have right now is in our European partners." Once again, it's been made clear that, under Trump, the United States has relinquished whatever claim to "free world" leadership it had established over eighty years of post-war history.

Perhaps Trump longs for that history - when it seemed the fate of the entire world rested on Cold War battles between two dominant adversaries; from Truman / Stalin through Kennedy / Khrushchev, Nixon / Brezhnev and Reagan / Gorbachev. Now we have former KGB officer Vladimir Putin and his "happy puppy".

One more piece of news from the summit: Eight pages of State Department details on meeting times, locations, participants and phone numbers were found by a guest on the public printer at a hotel twenty minutes from the site. UCLA law professor Jon Michaels, who lectures on national security, saw it as "further evidence of the sloppiness and the incompetence of this administration... You don't leave things on printers. It's that simple."

The White House denied it was a security breach.

RICH JOHNSON



NEW WORDS

Years ago I began considering writing for a hobby or a diversion (certainly not to become a millionaire). I was motivated by a rather obnoxious fellow who happened to be a professor of mine in college. I was drawn to him because a byproduct of his being obnoxious was his cleverness. He had a rapier wit, funny, albeit often biting and sarcastic. I could do without the animosity, so, as long as I wasn't the victim of one of his pejorative putdowns I was okay.

Ironically, he was very popular despite being dangerously armed rhetorically to the teeth. I rather enjoyed the humor but could do without the nastiness.

So, as we all should strive to do in this 70+ year walk, adopt the best and leave the rest (I promise my last attempt at iambic pentameter).

Afterall, writing was certain to be easy. Mark Twain confirmed it saying: "Writing is easy. All you have to do is cross out the wrong words."

My namesake, Samuel Johnson, was a British writer living in the 1700's. He said: "The only end of writing is to enable readers better to enjoy life or better to endure it" (I know what you are thinking. He misspelled "endure" leaving the "r" out. Not so fast. You're wrong. Look it up. "Endue" is the correct word.)

What word has 645 meanings? Are you ready for the word? Here it is: "Run"

How about the most used word in America? "the".

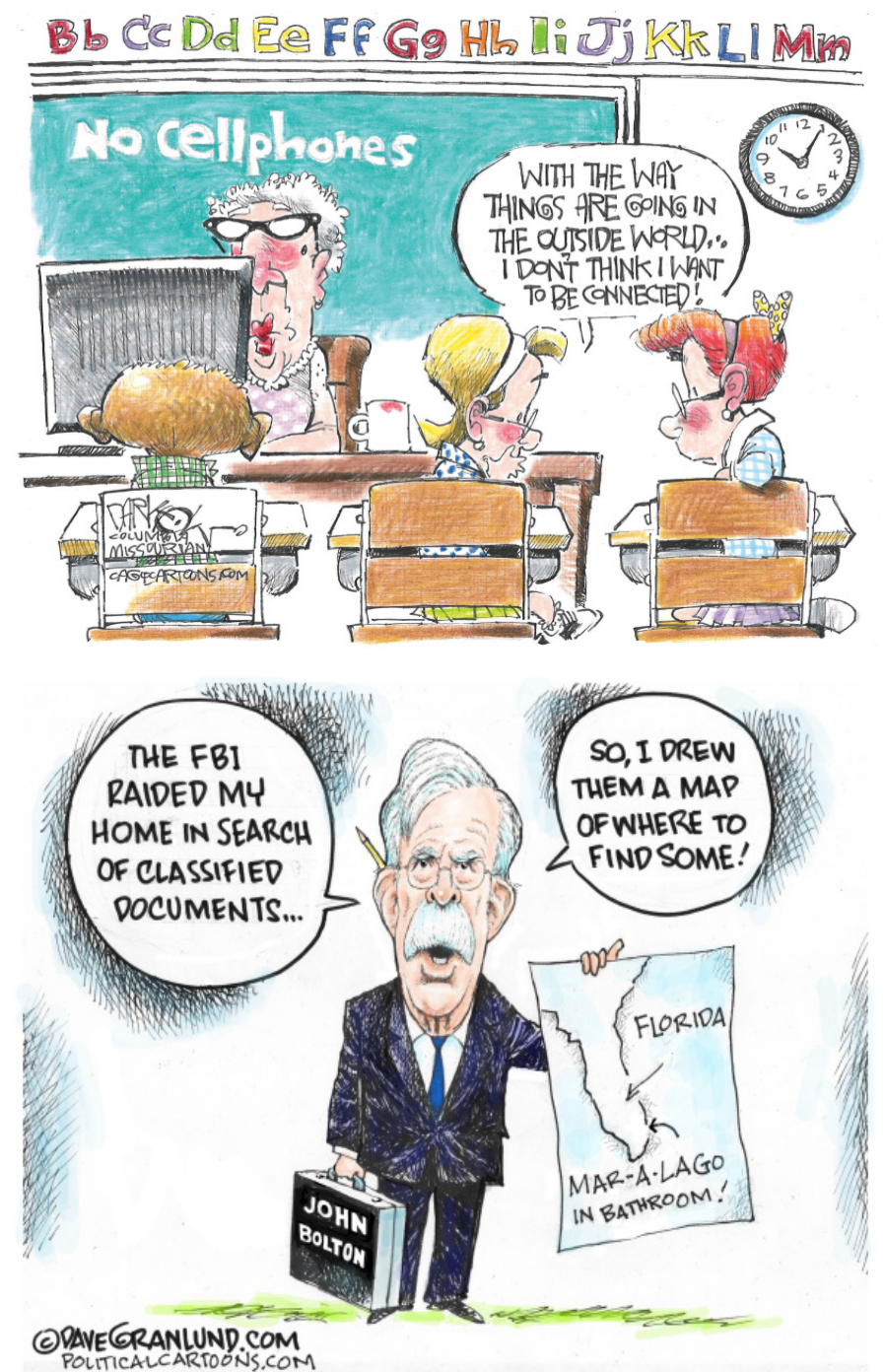
How about phrases and expression unique to American English?

"Break a leg", "Shoot the breeze", and "Ride shotgun". "For the birds". "Behind the eight ball". "Plead the fifth" "A piece of cake", "More bang for your buck", "A foot in the door", and my favorite "not rocket science".

Care to guess how many words are added to the English language every year? 800-1000.

Let's look at a few of those new words shall we?

"Skibidi", can be used as cool or bad. "What the skibidi are you doing?"



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Explore the gardens as day turns to dusk. 4:30 pm – 8 pm

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Twilight Garden Estate Tours at The Huntington

See the Huntington gardens in a new light with this 90-minute walking tour. 5 pm – 6:30 pm

August 2

Family Night Hike: Bumpy, Fuzzy, Smelly at The Arboretum

Step into the world of sensory exploration on a family friendly night hike. 5:30 pm – 7pm Adult-Only Hike 7:30 pm – 9 pm

August 2

"A Feast from the East" at The Sierra Madre Playhouse

We Tell Stories presents a lively, interactive performance of Asian folktales for the whole family. 11am

August 5

National Night Out at the Arcadia City Hall Lawn

Celebrate the city's birthday and the 10th Anniversary of the National Night Out - an evening of family fun 6 pm – 9 pm

August 14

Descanso Gardens Summer Music and Dance Series

Travel across the world through a performance by Pacifico Dance Company. 5 pm – 6:30 pm

August 17

Cruising Colorado: Route 66 & Pasadena's Car Scene

Learn about the car culture of the "Mother Road" as you walk a section of Route 66 along Colorado Boulevard. 5:30 pm

August 30

Old Pasadena Twilight Walking Tour

Explore the northern section of Old Pasadena, including hidden courtyards and storied alleyways. 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Ongoing Events

August 1, 15, 29, September 12

Summer Nights Concert Series at the Arboretum

Enjoy the sounds of local artists, food trucks, vendors, crafts, and specialty drinks at the Peacock Cafe. 5 pm – 8 pm

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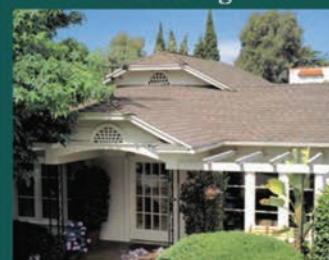
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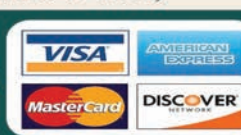
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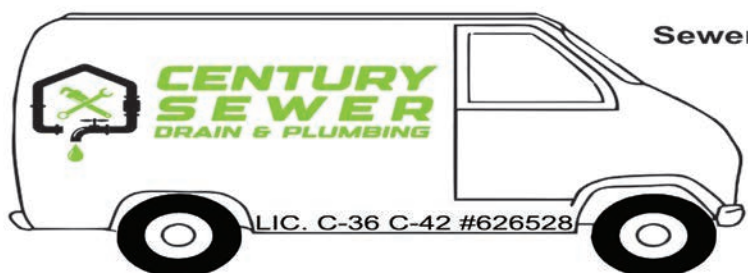
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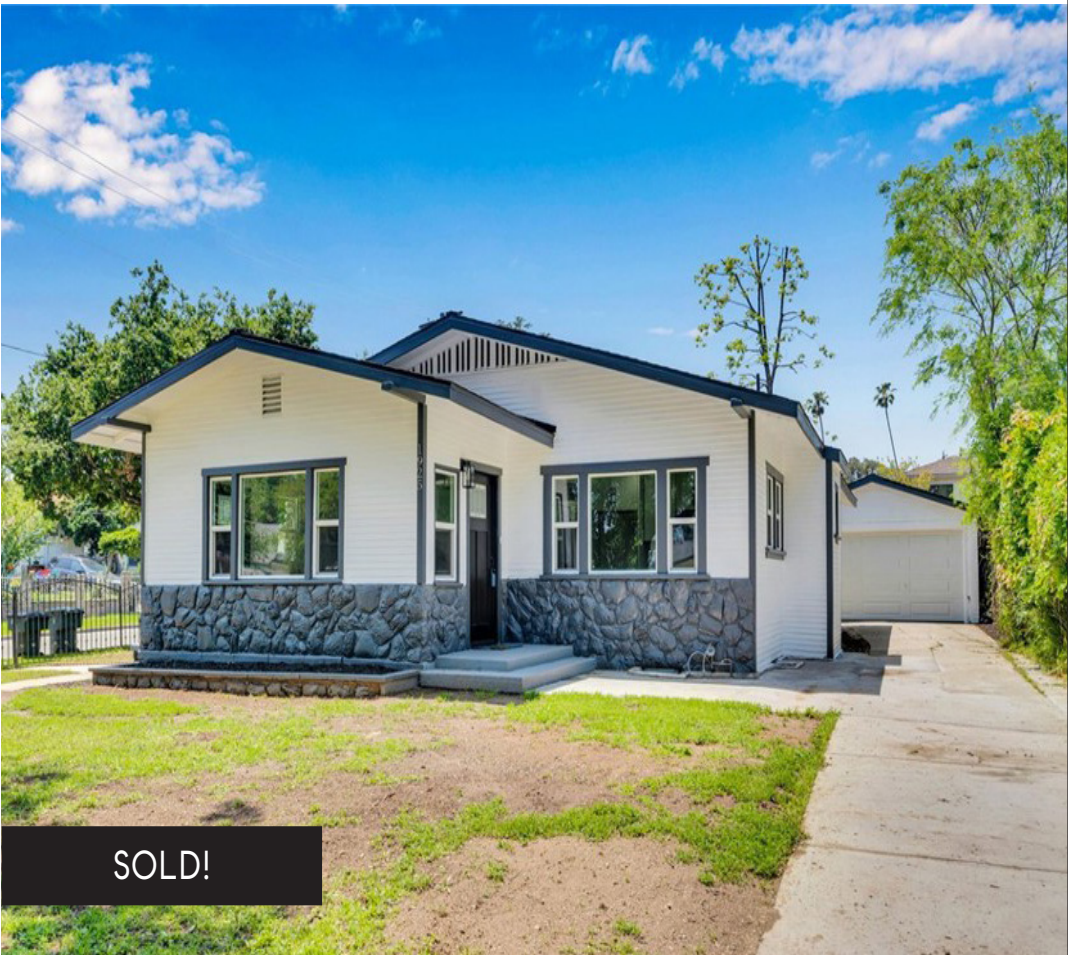
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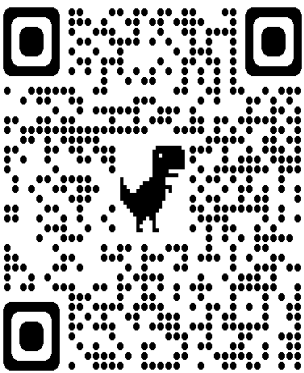
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