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A special "Mount Wilson Trail 5K Trail Recovery Run/Race/Walk" event is being held next Saturday, October 4, 2025, starting in Sierra Madre's Kersting Court. The day's events begin at 6:00 am and include the 5K run/race/walk starting at 8:00 am, a free Kids' Fun Run, special MWT Recovery Run merchandise available for sale, fun and interesting Kersting Court vendor booths, free photo booth, a beer garden to celebrate Octoberfest, and much more.



Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun by participating in the 5K or cheering on your friends, neighbors, and kids and enjoying the Sierra Madre community spirit together. Runners, walkers, & kids are all encouraged to register for the 5K. There is no extra charge for strollers or dogs, both of which are welcome. This is a rare opportunity to participate in an exciting event and earn a Mount Wilson Trail Race t-shirt for those who might not otherwise consider racing on the Mount Wilson Trail itself when it reopens in 2026.

This year, our wonderful Trail Maintenance Crew Volunteers, led by Bob Spears, will be serving as our official 5K race starters. Before the 5K run/race/walk, Maggie Moran of Chantry Flat's Adams Pack Station will sing the National Anthem.

At the Kersting Court Race Day Expo, special MWTR merchandise will be for sale. There will also be a free photo booth available for everyone to enjoy. In addition, Sierra Madre Pizza will be for sale. There will also be a Beer Garden at which adults ages 21 and above can drink the RT Rogers Brewing Company's special MWTR brew. Profits from the pizza and beer sales will benefit both Sierra Madre Search & Rescue and the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund, which pays for the materials, supplies, and tools used by our Trail Maintenance Crew volunteers.

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PARKING ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM STALLED..FOR NOW

By Kevin McGuire

Sierra Madre is known for its lovely, walkable downtown area. Whether you're just grabbing a cup of coffee or a bite to eat or shopping for that unique gift, this town has a lot to offer.

But whether you are a frequent visiting resident or from out of town, many share the same challenge when getting to Sierra Madre's hot spots—parking. Unless you know some of the hidden places to find some parking close to downtown, you may find yourself parking in Arcadia. Okay, that's a bit of an exaggeration. Still, many find that the 20-minute and 2-hour parking spots are often taken, and some have taken advantage of the lack of enforcement, stretching their parking time well over the legal limit.

This is not only bad for residents and visitors, but it's also bad for business. If a potential shopper can't find convenient parking, they may say, "forget it," and move on.

On May 27, 2025, the City Council listened to a proposal by the Municipal Parking Services (MPS) to initiate a Pilot Program to curb parking violations in the downtown area.

Following the initial meeting, the Sierra Madre Police Department conducted community, business, and neighborhood surveys. They promoted outreach through social media, newspapers, and foot patrols to meet with local business

owners. They also distributed flyers to be posted in windows.

While they found that more vigorous enforcement was essential to those surveyed, the thought of automated enforcement was met with mixed reviews. Seventy-one percent of those surveyed felt that parking was a problem; many also voiced concerns, including the fairness of fines, aesthetics, ADA accessibility, and the reputation of vendors.

Pilot Program Overview

Police Chief Gustavo Barrientos and Sergeant Grant Cadzow appeared at the September 23rd City Council meeting. They reintroduced the proposed one-year pilot program, which could include up to approximately 200 Safety Stick poles in 20-minute and 2-hour spaces. Here are some highlights.

1. Technology: Solar-powered, camera-enabled devices that automatically monitor vehicles, detect overstays, and record license plate data for citation review.
2. Vendor Model: MPS provides devices, installation, maintenance, and violation management at no cost to the City under a revenue-sharing agreement.
3. Implementation Timeline: MPS indicated that installation could be completed within 2-3 weeks, with flyers mailed to residents one week before activation. A grace period of warnings only could be included during the first month.

TARIFFS ON HOME FURNITURE COULD IMPACT WILDFIRE RECOVERY IN ALTADENA

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The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that their
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Friday, October 3, 2025 (3:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, October 4, 2025 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Featured this time will be a number of VINTAGE books. Look for Felix the Cat (1953), Rob Roy (1893) and Quo Vadis (1897) as well as a variety of other titles. We also will have some juvenile titles; Judy Bolton mysteries, Rick Brant Electronic Mysteries, Thornton Burgess books and some collectible uncut paper doll books. In addition, we have a big box of parent and teacher classroom resources from former teachers. Get your crafting start for the holidays with a collection of craft and art books too.

Our Bargain Books section will have a full cart for only \$1.00 each, small paperbacks 5/\$1.00, and CDs and DVDs just \$1.00 too. Lots of jigsaw puzzles are available too!

Our \$5.00 BAG SALE will take place on Saturday. This will be our Next-to-the Last Sale before we move back to the library. See you on the parking lot at 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Our members look forward to seeing you at the sale and talking books!

This sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library. All proceeds will be used to support programs, services and acquisitions for the library.

For more information, please visit us at our web site www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org, our Facebook page; our Instagram page or call 626-355-7186.

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Thur:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows 60s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	80s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 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
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September 29 — October 4

Monday

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Preschool Storytime — Library at 10:00am

Wednesday

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Friday

Best Used Book Sale — Library Parking Lot from 3:00pm - 7:00pm.

Saturday

Best Used Book Sale — Library Parking Lot from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Digital Services — Library from 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Pumpkin spice and everything nice."
"In every leaf, there's a whisper of autumn's magic."
"Autumn skies and pumpkin pies."
"Fall is proof that change is beautiful."
"Autumn leaves and pumpkins, please."

"The jack-o'-lantern follows me with tapered, glowing eyes. His yellow teeth grin evilly. His cackle I despise. But I shall have the final laugh when Halloween is through. This pumpkin king I'll split in half to make a pie for two." Richelle E. Goodrich

Fall is officially here. It arrived last Monday. It's hard to get too excited about it, though, as it's still hot and the very thought of putting on a sweater makes me want to lower the air conditioning temperature. My house is totally pumpkin-Halloween and even though it's still September, I'm loving it!

In other parts of the Country, people are planning trips to look at the Fall foliage. There are even Fall foliage maps and guidelines for the best viewing areas all over the internet. For me, Fall starts when the Creative Arts Group starts offering Make Your Own Scarecrow kits. These things are free and you can go on their website to enter the contest. I love this, to see how creative, humorous and inventive Sierra Madreans can be. I'll be putting scarecrow pictures up every week and I hope you enjoy them.

Sometime today, Saturday, get yourself up to 304 No. Sunnyside and get yourself a glass of lemonade from Alex's Lemonade Stand. You've got plenty of time, it's 9 am to 4 pm and you'll be donating to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to support childhood cancer research. In case you don't know anything about this, let me fill you in:

The story of Alex's Lemonade Stand began when Alexandra "Alex" Scott, who had been diagnosed with childhood cancer (neuroblastoma) as a toddler, decided to host her own front-yard lemonade stand at age 4 to raise money for cancer research. After raising over \$2,000 that first year, her fundraising efforts continued, and by the time of her passing at age 8 in 2004, she had inspired a global movement and raised over \$1 million. Her legacy was then carried on by her family, who established Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) to fund and support pediatric cancer research and provide resources to families.

Alex's story and dedication spread, inspiring people worldwide to host their own lemonade stands to benefit her cause. ALSF is now the largest independent childhood cancer charity in the United States. So, take a few minutes, zip up to Sunnyside, and get some lemonade. You'll be glad you did.

All our children are now officially, and thankfully, back in school. One of my dearest friends, a brilliant young woman who is a speech therapist, has a daughter who is now in sixth grade. My friend, Cecilia, has been struggling with her daughter's math homework on a daily basis and is finding that this is one of those times that "try men's (and mother's) souls."

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." – Malcolm S. Forbes
"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." – Robert Frost

"It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts...it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves."
Robert Hutchins

What we hope when we send our precious children off to school is that their teacher will love them, accept them as they are and see the hidden treasure buried inside each one of them. It would be nice if this teacher could awaken a love of reading in them which will carry them through their lives; teach them spelling and grammar are necessities, not just useless frills; help them appreciate math and science; be kind to others, use nice words only and aspire to be on Jeopardy! one day. The best thing we can do for our children is pray. Make their lunch and pray. Give them frosted flakes for breakfast and pray. Take them for ice cream and pray. Put them to bed, thankfully close the door...and pray. Please God, keep them safe. Please God, don't let anyone hurt them. Please God, help me be more patient. Please, God...

And that's what I'm doing each morning for all the children on my list, including Sadie, who is struggling with sixth grade math. After spending last Sunday watching and weeping through the Charlie Kirk memorial, I've added Erika Kirk to my prayer list; that God will give her strength, courage, peace and wisdom.

Look for signs of Fall and scarecrows this week, dear friends and neighbors.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
There are treasures there! Trust me!
Including "Just Desserts" A Fall Fantasy of Pumpkins Gone Wrong!



Library Matching Gift Challenge

September 2-October 15, 2025

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City to Pay Tribute to Veterans

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States Army, Navy, and Marines

City of Pasadena officials announced that they are inviting the community to the annual Veterans Day Celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pasadena City Hall –this heartfelt event honors the courage, sacrifice, and service of our nation's veterans.

According to city staff, this year's celebration carries special significance as the City will pay tribute to the 2D Battalion 23D Marine Corps Regiment, who have recently returned from overseas deployment.

Adopted by Pasadena in 2013, these local heroes will be honored during a moving Yellow Ribbon Ceremony, accompanied by the stirring sounds of the Pasadena Scottish Pipes and Drums. This year also marks the 250th anniversary of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, adding a celebratory note to the day's reflections.

The program will be led by Former Mayor William Paparian, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Paparian is a Captain (CA) Judge Advocate in the California State Guard and a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney.

City officials will welcome Associate Justice Eileen Moore as the event's keynote speaker. A decorated combat nurse who served in Vietnam with the Army Nurse Corps, Justice Moore brings a powerful voice to the ceremony. Her military honors include the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. She is a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

In addition to the formal program, attendees will witness a flyover by the Condor Squadron at 11:11 a.m., a highlight of the morning's tribute. Guests, of all ages, can enjoy free hot dogs, interactive exhibits, and activities. Join them in honoring those who have served our nation with valor and dedication. "The City of Pasadena is proud to stand with our veterans and celebrate their enduring legacy," they said.

This event is supported by The Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena Management Association, the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pasadena city hall is located 100 N. Garfield Ave. The celebration is presented by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department in partnership with the Pasadena Veterans Committee. For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.



ArtNight Pasadena Returns October 10

As ArtNight Pasadena returns, Friday, October 10, Director of the Planning & Community Development Department, Jennifer Paige, announced Thursday two new ArtNight Partner organizations: Discover the mysterious "Mushroom Boat's" journey made by artist Sam Shoemaker across the Catalina channel at Fulcrum Arts, while Pasadena Heritage presents a Batchelder tile exhibition.

Chill this Fall with "LUCID: Real or Unreal?" Light Bringer Project's interactive outdoor art installation that features artistic dreams and nightmares; delight in haunted literary tales at Red Hen Press; and creep into the mood with seasonal art activities and Bob Baker's Marionette's spooky puppet show at City Hall.

The theme continues at Art Center College of Design's "Mathew Rolston, Vanitas: The Palermo Portraits," a photo exhibition of images from the Capuchin catacombs (at the Mullin Transportation Design Center). Other exhibitions include "Diana Thater: Peonies," a video work exploring the relationship between the natural and man-made worlds and a pair of "Cruising J-Town" exhibitions focusing on Southern California's love affair with the automobile through the lens of the Japanese American community and featuring cars designed by Japanese American alumni. The HMCT Gallery

presents: "Primarium: A Case for Cursive," which examines writing instruction across 40 countries. And finally, the Williamson Gallery offers a mediation on the ocean by artists Patty Chang and David Kelley along with undergraduate student work.

Explore 1,300 years of cultural exchange on the Silk Road at the USC Pacific Asia Museum's Crossroads Gallery and enjoy live painting with artist Riea Owens along with the work of artist Bernard Stanley Hoyes at Alkebu-lan Cultural Center. Pasadena City College presents a solo exhibition by Joel Otterson whose sculptures examine intersections among domestic, functional and decorative objects over 30 years.

Sing-along and request your favorite show tunes at the Pasadena Playhouse's pop-up Piano Bar in the courtyard. Experience live music at several venues, including classical, multicultural and interactive performances at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music; kinetic music and dance with the Pennington Dance Group at A Room to Create; and at Boston Court Pasadena, which also presents an art exhibition and a special sneak peek of the set for Tennessee William's "The Night of the Iguana."

Participate in art making at Reminders Creative Reuse for all-age crafts and gallery exhibition and visit Artworks

Teen Center's interactive family crafts screen-printing workshops. The Armory Center for the Arts invites you to join in making art and viewing two gallery exhibitions.

The City's Arts and Culture Commission funds Mini grants to allow small arts groups and individual artists to participate. Each venue has a Braille version of the ArtNight brochure and many venues, including City Hall, will have food trucks on site. For more information about all ArtNight programming, visit: ArtnightPasadena.org (also in Spanish) or call (626) 744-7062.

Pasadena Library Fall Patio Book Sale

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library will hold their Fall Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the patio of The Friends Bookstore, 1500 E. Villa St. (between Hill and Allen Avenues) east of the Jefferson Branch Library. The book sale offers a vast array of used books, DVDs, CDs, LPs and lots of children's books. Fill a paper grocery bag with books from the patio book sale for \$5. Then visit the bookstore, where all bookstore purchases are 50% off.

Proceeds from book sales fund programs at all 10 library branches. Programs such as Summer Reading Club, One City, One Story, Women's History Month, Black History Month, Latino Heritage Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, Native American Heritage Month and more.

Founded in 1975, The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library have been active supporters of library programs and services across our community for 50 years supporting the library system's programs, special services and cultural events. Priority is given to projects that instill the excitement of discovery and the love of reading in library patrons of all ages. They continue to fund innovative ways to engage readers, advocate for full funding for our libraries, and support a love of reading and discovery in 21st century Pasadena.

For more information on The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library visit FriendsPPL.org/.

TofR Finalists Selected for the 2026 Rose Court



Tournament of Roses officials announced Monday that the 28 finalists for the 2026 Rose Court took a group photo on the front steps of Tournament House. Seven of the finalists will be named to the 2026 Rose Court on Monday.

"The Tournament of Roses has a long-standing tradition of celebrating educational excellence and continues the legacy by providing each Rose Court member with a \$7,500 academic scholarship," officials said.

The Rose Court also participates in personal development programs designed to enhance their public speaking and presentation skills, foster self-confidence and refine their etiquette. Members of the Rose Court are given numerous opportunities to get involved in the community, make meaningful contributions and network with local leaders. Being part of the Rose Court offers numerous benefits, including joining an organization committed to hands-on volunteer work, finding ways to give back to the community, honing public speaking skills and fostering personal growth and self-assurance.

Volunteer Members of the Tournament of Roses' Queen & Court Committee made their selections based on several criteria including academic achievement, community and school involvement, public speaking ability and youth leadership.

The 2026 Rose Court will ride down Colorado Blvd. in the 137th Rose and attend the College Football Playoff Quarterfinal at the 112th Rose Bowl Game, both on Thursday, January 1, 2026.

The 28 Rose Court Finalists are:

First row, from left to right: 575 Julina Elizabeth Mireles, Gabrielino High School

522 Paloma Skye Murga,

Mayfield Senior School
515 Madeline Chae, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

383 Juliana Emma Rubio, South Pasadena High School

483 Arianna Shamo, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy

350 Jaclyn Junghee Sim, Flintridge Preparatory School

564 Riya Gupta, California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

455 Olivia Lynn Ferrari, La Salle College Preparatory

586 Violet Tran, La Salle College Preparatory

Second row, from left to right:

590 Anya Ashish Patel, Polytechnic School

537 Lola Ye, Temple City High School

536 Cozette June Rinde, La Cañada High School

612 Clare Gonzalez, San Marino High School

386 Serena Hui Guo, Arcadia High School

527 Evelyn Grace Fetterman, Pasadena High School

490 Livia Amy de Paula, Temple City High School

563 Danica Morgan Lee, San Marino High School

Third row, from left to right:

424 Payton Anderson, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy

579 Sophia Bai Ren, Arcadia High School

580 Qianyi Wang, Arcadia High School

346 Keiko Rakin, Alhambra High School

606 Naira Elaine Wadley, John Muir High School

500 Camila Loria, Eagle Rock High School

506 Audrey Montañó, La Salle College Preparatory

Top row, from left to right:

568 Catelyn Abagale Hodson, South Pasadena High School

517 Mia Bugarin, La Cañada High School

585 Audrey Ann Hoffman, San Marino High School

553 Olivia Hargrove, Pasadena City College

For more information visit: tournamentofroses.com.

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EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS IN PLACE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2025 FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS, HOTELS, AND MOTELS

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.

Contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs' Housing and Tenant Protections team at 800-593-8222 if you have questions.

TARIFFS ON HOME FURNITURE COULD IMPACT WILDFIRE RECOVERY IN ALTADENA

President Trump announced Friday a 50% tariff on kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities.

New tariffs on home furniture could make kitchen renovations a lot more costly, including for those rebuilding their homes after the deadly wildfires in LA County.

The looming price surge comes after President Donald Trump announced Friday a 30% tariff on upholstered furniture and 50% on kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities.

Those tariffs come on top of a slow-moving permit process in Altadena and people doing what they can to come back to their beloved neighborhood

Trump says the tariffs will bring manufacturing back to the U.S. after other countries have flooded the market with less expensive products, but one Altadena homeowner says they are like salt on a wound.

"Building materials, appliances, just all of that. It is all affected and the timing just could not be worse," said Gwen Sukeena, who is rebuilding after the Eaton Fire. "And it is really unfortunate that it is affecting so many of us. And it's not just the fires, it's the floods in Texas and all these people that are really trying to do their best to rebuild their lives."

Trinidad Campbell, an architect helping Altadena resident Margot Steuber rebuild her home, says they bought all the furniture ahead of time with tariffs in mind.

"We have all the tiles, all the equipment for the kitchens, the bathrooms, everything was purchased at the beginning for two causes. The first one was because of the tariffs and the second cause it was because it was a nice way to take her (Steuber) shopping and get her out of the tragedy," said Campbell.

For local businesses like Fletcher Home, a furniture appliance store in Hollywood, they expect to increase their prices to reflect the tariffs.

"So everything that we import is going to be taxed," said Nicole Chen. "We're going to have to raise the prices, which is going to be rolled over onto the customer."

Chen says they will absorb what they can but the hefty hike is not sustainable.

"It's happening really, really quickly. So we want to be able to warn our customers, but I think it's going to be a surprise for a lot of people that are just walking in, especially after Oct. 1," said Chen.

Back in Altadena, Steuber says she's talking with neighbors who are willing and able to return and hopes the costs won't keep people from trying.

"I want everybody to come back. You know, it's not just the mountains out of my window it's also the people who live here with me," said Steuber.

Some homeowners are also worried as they look to rebuild what insurance is willing to give them, saying reimbursement is based on how things are now, but what about in a few months?

Trump's latest set of tariffs is set to begin on Oct. 1, according to the president's social media account. Source: NBC News

MONTHLY MEETING

The Navigator of Rebuilding Lives
A Discussion with the Director of the Altadena Recovery and Rebuild Corporation, a nonprofit established by Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

DATE
October 6, 2025

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Massage – Vision for Enrichment	Sierra Madre Police Department
Merchandise – Heidi Hartman	Sierra Madre Search & Rescue
Photo Booth	Sierra Madre Woman’s Club - oranges
Pizza – Sierra Madre Pizza	Spectrum Timing Services
RT Rogers Brewing Company	USC Arcadia Hospital
Run With Us – New Balance	Village Vine
San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	YMCA – Sierra Madre
Santa Anita Park	

MWT 5K Trail Recovery Race Day Schedule – October 4, 2025 – Kersting Court

6:00 – 11:00 am	Vendor Booths open and ready for guests.
6:00 – 7:45 am	MWT – 5K Trail Recovery Run T-Shirt & Bib Pick-up
	MWTR free Kids’ Fun Run Registration and t-shirt pickup.
8:00 am	5K Trail Recovery Run/Race/Walk Start.
8:15 am	MWTR Kids’ Race Start.
8:30 am	Beer Garden opens - RT Rogers Brewing Company.
9:00 am	Pizza Sales begin - Sierra Madre Pizza Company.
10:00 am	Awards Ceremony.
11:00 am	Booth take down begins – last call for beer.
11:30 am	Booth Take Down completed – Kersting Court street and parking area to be opened by 12:00 pm.

PACKET PICKUP (Bib, T-shirt, and goodie bag) – for those who have already registered for the 5K, packet pickup is available as follows below:

Monday 9/29 through Thursday 10/2	Run With Us – Pasadena – 10:00 am - 7:00 pm 235 N. Lake Ave. – Pasadena - South of 210 Freeway
Friday 10/3	RT Rogers Brewing Company – 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm 38 E. Montecito Ave., Sierra Madre
Race Day 10/4	Kersting Court – 6:00 am – 7:45 am Corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. & Baldwin Ave.

Registration for this year’s once-in-a-lifetime “5K Trail Recovery Run/Race/Walk” is still open for all ages of runners, walkers, strollers, dogs, etc. who want to get in on the fun of this community event. Registration can be done online only by going to the Mount Wilson Trail Race website at <https://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com> and using the MWTR registration link. Registration fees are \$54.25 for adults (ages 18+) and \$44.25 for youth (ages 5 – 17). All registered 5K runners receive a goodie bag and special 5K Trail Recovery Run t-shirt.

Registration for the Kids’ Fun Run (ages 3 – 13) is **FREE** and can also be by going to the Mount Wilson Trail Race website at <https://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com> and using the MWTR registration link. The Kids’ Fun Run distances are 1.0 mile (for ages 8 – 13) and .6 miles (for ages 3 – 7). Parents may accompany their younger children during the Kids’ Fun Run. All Kids’ Fun Run children participating receive a Kids’ Fun Run T-shirt and finisher’s ribbon.

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SANTA ANITA'S OPENING WEEKEND: WHERE LOCALS REALLY EAT

Skip the guesswork—Peter Dills takes you from Sierra Madre mornings to Arcadia nights with his tried-and-true restaurant favorites.

Opening weekend at Santa Anita Park—the Great Race Place—is a tradition like no other in Southern California. The mountains are clear, the horses are shining, and the buzz in the paddock always feels like electricity in the air. If you've been there, you know what I mean. If you haven't, imagine the roar of the crowd, the thunder of hooves, and yes—yours truly standing along the rail, ticket in hand, yelling at the top of my lungs as my “sure thing” fades in the stretch.

Win, lose, or photo finish, one thing I never gamble on is where to eat. I've spent years exploring the dining scene around Arcadia and Sierra Madre, and I've built my own winning trifecta: start the day with breakfast in Sierra Madre or Arcadia, spend the afternoon at the track, and close the night with dinner and a cocktail at one of my favorites nearby. Consider this your insider's guide to pairing racing with good eating.

A Winning Start

If you're heading to the track, don't do it on an empty stomach. My play for a lighter but flavorful start is Little Provence on Baldwin in Arcadia. Big on taste, their pastries, quiches, and strong coffee set you up perfectly for a day of excitement. If you want something heartier, head up the road to Sierra Madre. Nano Café has been one of my go-tos for years—generous portions, friendly staff, and the kind of breakfast plates that can carry you well into the late Pick Four.

Sierra Madre has always held a special charm for me, and if you're the kind who enjoys a slow, relaxed start to your race day, it's worth a stop. The streets are quiet, the parking is easy, and the food feels like it's made for locals. That's the kind of small-town energy I like before stepping into the high-stakes rush of Santa Anita.

Where You'll Find Me at the Track

Here's a little inside tip: once I'm at the races, I can usually be found at the FrontRunner Restaurant. It's perched above the finish line with sweeping views of the San Gabriels, and every table has its own TV monitor—a handy feature when you want to relive a heartbreaking photo finish. But here's the trivia most folks don't know: the FrontRunner has the longest bar west of the Mississippi. Yes, you read that right.

And speaking of firsthand experience, on this very opening weekend I tried two of the newest additions to the menu: a \$42 lobster roll and a golden crab cake. Pricy, yes—but both were excellent. The lobster roll was generously packed with sweet lobster meat (no filler here), and the crab cake had just the right crisp edge without losing its delicate flavor. Consider these a splurge

that's worth the bet.

When I'm not hollering at my horse, you'll find me parked here, sipping something cold, enjoying the view, and—on days like this—digging into seafood that rivals what you'll find at top spots in Los Angeles.

The Turf Terrace is another solid option. Open air, lively atmosphere, and a perfect spot to soak in the energy of the crowd below. Both of these venues give you that “only at Santa Anita” experience, and I've never had a bad day dining there—even when my tickets turned into confetti.

After the Last Race

When the final horse crosses the wire and it's time to shift from wagering to winding down, Arcadia and Sierra Madre have you covered. Let's start with the legend: The Derby in Arcadia. I've reviewed it before, and I'll keep reviewing it as long as they keep serving steaks this good. Once owned by famed jockey George Woolf, The Derby is part restaurant, part museum. The walls drip with racing history, and the food more than lives up to the legacy. I've said it before—the Derby's steaks stack up against any in Los Angeles, and the Caesar salad deserves its own odds board. For a flashier option, Benihana is always a crowd-pleaser. Sure, it's a chain, but watching a chef flip shrimp tails into his hat never gets old. After a day of photo finishes, sometimes you want your dinner to put on a show too.

And don't forget Sierra Madre's own Casa Del Rey. This family-run spot has been a staple for years, and it's where I often end up when I want to decompress. Jamie behind the bar mixes a margarita that I'll put up against anyone's, and the patio is perfect for trading war stories with fellow racegoers. It's a fitting way to toast the end of a day at the Great Race Place.

My Perfect Trifecta

Here's how I like to play it: breakfast at Little Provence or Nano Café, an afternoon at Santa Anita (FrontRunner bar included), and dinner at The Derby or Casa Del Rey. That's my version of a Daily Double—with a side bet on Benihana or Craft if the mood strikes.

So if you see me waving my ticket and muttering about my “can't-miss horse,” don't worry. I've already got my dinner plans set.

IN SUMMARY

- Breakfast & Brunch – Little Provence (Arcadia), Nano Café (Sierra Madre)
- On-Track Dining – FrontRunner (longest bar west of the Mississippi!; new lobster roll & golden crab cake), Turf Terrace
- Dinner & Drinks – The Derby (Arcadia), Casa Del Rey (Sierra Madre), Benihana, Craft by Smoke and Fire

The ponies may be unpredictable, but your dining doesn't have to be. As always, hours and menus change—especially on big race days—so I suggest calling ahead to any of my selections before you go.



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Hi Fi Underground is the production company bringing this powerful story to life, showcasing the theatrical works of Omen Kaine, a boundary-pushing voice in modern theater. His first theatrical production, Masoch and Desade, debuted on Theater Row in Los Angeles (2019) and later played in Brooklyn, New York (2022). Now, he returns with his latest and most ambitious work yet: The Heart Tells Tales.

Local resident Fred Thomas will portray the main character in the show which opens in Los Angeles October 23–25, 2025 at Skiptown Playhouse (665 Heliotrope Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90004), followed by a New York run November 21–23, 2025 at Under St. Marks Theater (94 Saint Marks Place, New York, NY 10009).



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NORMAL AGING AND MEMORY LOSS:

What's Typical and What's Not

As we grow older, many people begin to notice changes in their memory. Forgetting where the car keys are, struggling to recall a name, or occasionally losing a train of thought are common experiences. While these lapses can be frustrating, they are often a normal part of aging rather than signs of a serious problem.

Normal aging affects the brain just as it does the body. Processing information may take longer, and retrieving facts or names may not come as quickly as it once did. Most older adults are still able to learn new things, form memories, and carry out daily responsibilities, even if it takes a bit more effort. For example, misplacing glasses or occasionally forgetting an appointment may be typical.

However, there are important differences between normal forgetfulness and more concerning memory problems. Normal age-related changes do not disrupt a person's ability to function day-to-day. In contrast, memory loss that affects work, social activities, or independence could indicate something more serious, such as mild cognitive impairment or dementia. Warning signs include getting lost in familiar places, repeating the same questions frequently, or being unable to follow directions.

Experts recommend supporting brain health through regular exercise, a balanced diet, adequate sleep, and social engagement. Mental activities—such as reading, puzzles, or learning new skills—can also help keep the mind sharp. Managing health conditions like high blood pressure or diabetes is equally important.

If memory changes seem unusual or begin to interfere with daily life, it is wise to consult a healthcare provider. Most importantly, older adults should remember that occasional forgetfulness is normal, and experiencing these changes does not necessarily signal serious illness. With awareness and healthy habits, many age gracefully with their memory intact.

TOP PET PRODUCTS FOR SENIORS WITH MOBILITY ISSUES



Dear Savvy Senior,
My pet-loving mother has two cats and a dog, but her knee and back problems make caring for them increasingly difficult. Are there pet care products you can recommend that help elderly pet older owners with mobility problems? Searching Susan

Dear Susan,
Great question! For older pet owners with limited mobility, daily tasks like feeding, walking or cleaning up after their pets can become physically challenging. Fortunately, there are a variety of products that are specifically designed to make pet care more manageable.

With the help of Next Avenue, a nonprofit, digital publication for older adults, here is a rundown on some top products that can help your mom care for her pets no matter her mobility.

Automatic Pet Feeder

Just like you, your pet needs to eat a few times a day. But lifting heavy food bags or bending to fill bowls can strain a bad back. An automatic pet feeder can help keep your mom's pets well-fed without having to stoop or bend much.

The Petlibro Air Automatic Feeder (Chewy.com, \$50) has a locking food tank to prevent between-meal snacking and can hold up to 16 portions. It runs on batteries that last 180 days, so you can put it anywhere you want. You'll have to refill it now and then, but this product means a lot less bending and lifting.

Age-Friendly Litter Boxes

Bending or stooping over to fill or clean out the kitty litter box can be challenging for many mobility-challenged cat owners. To alleviate this, LoflyLoo (LoflyLoo.com) sells an elevated litter box for \$289. Compatible with stairs and ramps for older cats, LoflyLoo's raised litter box furniture has options for anyone living with chronic pain or recovering from surgery. It's also fully wheelchair accessible.

Another option that can make kitty litter clean up easier is the Litter-Robot 4 by Whisker (Litter-Robot.com, \$699). This automatic, self-cleaning litter box eliminates scooping and reduces the odor and waste removal, which is helpful for older cat owners.

Long-Handled Pooper Scooper

Stooping over to clean up after your dog can be challenging if you have back, hip or knee problems. Long-handled waste scoopers can make this cleanup task much more manageable.

The ShinyDew Pooper Scooper (Amazon.com, \$24) is a foldable, 32-inch-long dog poop picker upper, so you don't have to bend to pick up your pet's waste. You can use it with one hand and also attach waste bags to the scooper for even easier disposal.

Hands-Free Leash

Most dogs love their daily walk and need the exercise for their own optimal health. But for seniors that use a cane, walker, wheelchair or have pain in your upper body, using a traditional leash can be challenging. If walking a pet is difficult, hands-free leashes or harnesses can make the experience more manageable.

One option is the Hands-Free Dog Leash with Zipper Pouch (iYoShop.com, \$22), which clips around your waist, has a reflective safety strip for visibility and includes two shock absorbers to prevent tugging. But note that this product should only be used if your pet cannot physically pull you down.

Pet Treadmill

If your mom can't walk her dog any longer, she can still give them plenty of exercise by getting a pet treadmill. The PETSITE Dog Treadmill (Amazon.com, \$286) has 12 preset programs and three incline options.

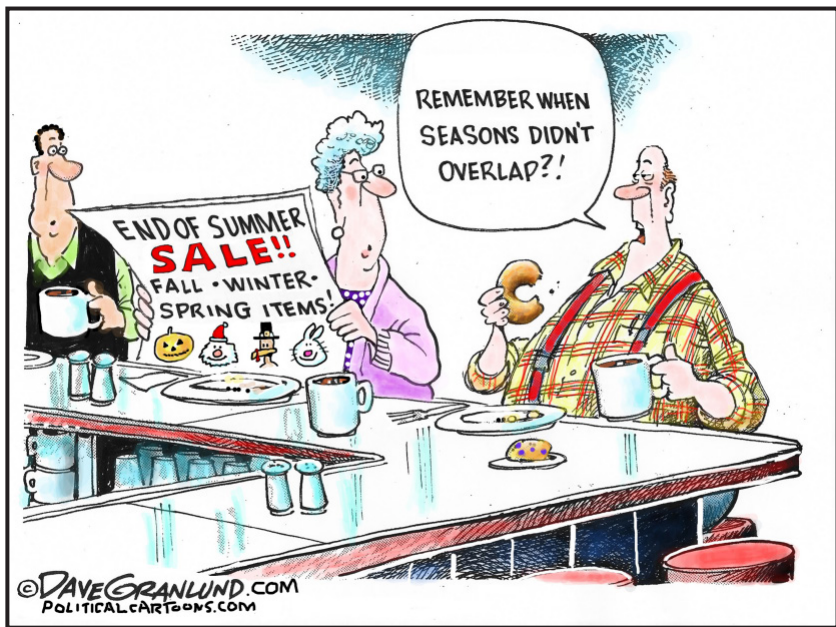
The large running belt measures 39 inches long by 14.5 inches wide with a slip resistant running surface and safety fences along the sides. It also comes with a remote to adjust speed and automatically turns off after 30 minutes.

Automatic Ball Launcher

Another way your mom can exercise her dog, if walking isn't an option, is with an automated ball launcher.

The Joyhound Electronic Ball Launcher (PetSmart.com, \$120) comes with three tennis balls and can lob them 10 to 40 feet. Your mom can rest on her patio while her dog gets a challenging and entertaining workout.

Send your questions or comments to questions@savvyse-nior.org, or to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.



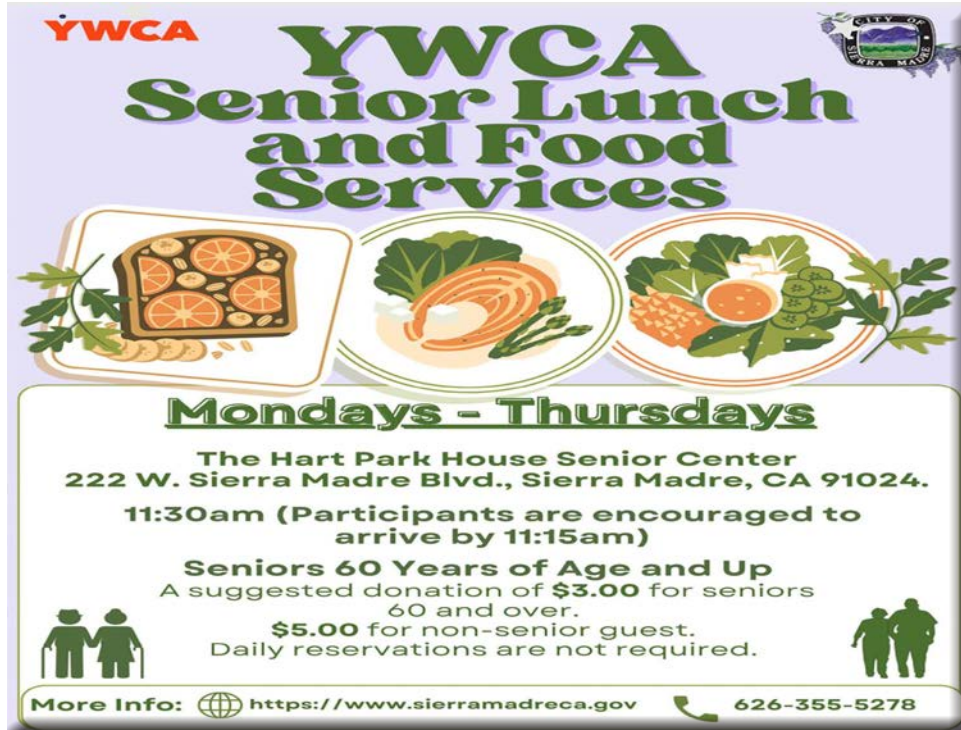
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A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

BOY, OH BOY...WHAT A DAY IT WAS!



Throughout my years, I have had many crazy days. I guess it's crazy days that develop character. If so, I have a lot of character. I never had a day quite like last week. Everything seemed to go wrong for me.

When we got up, our electricity was off. It had been off for many hours, and we had a few hours left before it would come back on. The worst thing was that there was no coffee. How can you start a day without coffee? In a few hours, the electricity was restored. We both took a deep sigh, thinking that was the worst of the day. I looked at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and said, "Well, my dear, at least the day can't get any worse." Oh, how I wish I had not said that. Because the day was beginning.

I got into my office, started working and was ready to print, and wouldn't you know it, my printer wasn't working. I thought I ran out of ink, but when I replaced it with new ink, nothing changed. My printer had died on me. I never realized how much I needed a printer until I didn't have one. I had to order a new printer, which would take a couple of days to come.

I sat down in my easy chair to drink some coffee, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage needed to run to the grocery store to pick up some items. That left me alone in the house for over an hour.

She no sooner got out the door when the telephone rang. I'm not too quick at answering telephone calls because most of them are scams. However, this call came in four times, so I thought it might be someone I knew, and I answered it.

The person on the phone asked me my name, and I told him my name, and then he said that my daughter was in an automobile accident, had broken her nose, and was in the hospital. He told me I need to talk to her attorney to work out the details of her bail money.

He gave me the name and number of the attorney, so I called him.

Before I called him, I thought I should call my daughter to see if these things are true. I'm a skeptic, and I like to verify what I'm hearing to ensure it's the truth. She didn't answer her phone. That caused me to worry because she never does that.

I called her attorney, and he explained the situation to me. It seems, and they have video proof, that my daughter ran a stoplight and hit an oncoming car. There was a lady in the car who was pregnant and had broken her collarbone. My daughter broke her nose.

I was pretty alarmed.

Then he explained to me that my daughter needed \$6000 bail money to get her out of jail today. It had to be taken care of within an hour, or they couldn't do it until the next day.

I told him I didn't have enough money for that, I only had at best \$2500. He said, "Well, I will check with the court to see if they'll go with that. Give me a call back as soon as you can."

I hung up the phone and then called my wife, but she didn't answer. I called my other daughter, and she replied, telling me that it was probably a scam.

I called the attorney back and told him I could only come up with the \$2500. He said if I met him within an hour at Winn-Dixie, he could take care of the process there. I wouldn't have to go down to the jail.

I hung up my phone, and who was calling? You're right. It was my daughter who was supposed to be in jail.

We had an interesting conversation. She had not been out of her house all day. In fact, the reason she didn't answer the phone was that it was being charged. Incidentally, she's in the firefighters department, which was a little curious to me that "her attorney" didn't know that.

I decided to call the Sheriff's Department to obtain information about this and find out where my daughter was being held in jail. After an interesting conversation with the Sheriff's Department, they informed me that this was a scam and was happening all the time in our county.

There was nothing I could do about it because no money had exchanged hands, so I was powerless. I decided to call my daughter's attorney. He answered the phone. I said, "I just want to thank you for getting my daughter out of jail. I appreciate that so very much."

He answered and said, "I'm glad I could help." Then, before hanging up, I said, "By the way, my daughter was never in jail." When I said that, he hung up very quickly.

As I hung up the phone I thought of a Bible verse. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). No matter how difficult my day, God's faithfulness is more than enough.

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DESERT SURVIVAL OUTING:
One Way To Practice For Evacuation

Beginning in the early 1970s, I was a student in the WTI Survival Training School, operating out of northeast Los Angeles. It was founded and operated by Navy veteran Richard E. White, who wanted his students to be physically fit and mentally prepared for disasters.

One of the training regimens was the high desert outings where we'd practice survival skills for a few days. These skills included wild food collections, obtaining water, purifying water, making fire, cooking over a fire, navigation with a compass, some shelter building, creating a toilet, learning to stay clean with little water, communications, some weaponry practice, and more.

White always insisted that we “keep it real” on our trips, and so while driving to the desert site, we were to mentally pretend that we were departing from the city due to a nuclear attack, and we were to not talk about mundane matters. “Remember, this is not for fun and this is not a vacation,” Mr. White, the sensei of the school, would remind the participant.

Our site was five acres of open desert surrounded by miles of more open desert. The California Aqueduct was about two miles to the south, and to the north were stands of Joshua trees, and then mountains. There was typical plant life, which was profuse after the rains, and sparse the rest of the year.

Our “Bring List” included those thing that we'd need to survive and start over if we couldn't go back to the city. Though we never had to completely live out of our meagre packs, we did realize that every need which the stuff in our homes fulfilled, we'd now have to let nature fulfil that need.

We dug toilet pits and made them private. We built fires for cooking and warmth and light. We dug for our water and we walked to and from the aqueduct with buckets of water. We learned how to eat some of the few foods that we could find in the desert – like yucca fruits, cactus, buckwheat seeds, wild mustards – and we utilized road kill that was not too old. We taught each other how to align the map of the area with our compasses, and we learned to walk in straight lines with the compass.

Though these field trips were never easy, and never what we'd call fun, we all went home realizing that we could survive, and survive well, by working together and sharing our skills. We learned that we could sleep without a sleeping bag, and without a bed in a bedroom. We realized that though we preferred a flush toilet and a running water, we could handle all our needs by our thoughtful use of the resources in our environment.

These field trips fulfilled two goals, maybe more. We developed wilderness survival skills, some of the basic outdoor skills found in books such as Larry Dean Olsen's classic “Outdoor Survival Skills.” And even though we were never forced to evacuate due to a natural disaster, we developed the knowledge of which things we needed, and which were unnecessary. If we ever had to run away from our homes, and to find refuge somewhere else, we each felt that we'd know which skills were necessary, and what gear would be the most useful.

To reiterate, we developed the necessary skills for surviving in the wilderness, and for evacuating, and for getting started again, not by thinking about it, and not by reading about it, and not by watching videos. We were not the smartest and we were not the richest. With our meagre budget and with our ruling desire to learn these skills, we practiced each of the component part until we were comfortably familiar with them.

Plus, in my case, I grew up with my mother, a staunch Catholic, often talking about “the end of the world,” with whatever variation of that concept that she got from the church and from her conversations with friends who were knowledgeable about the Lady of Lourdes and the many prophecies that arose therefrom. This was the late 1960s and my mother was so concerned that she asked me to store water for the family in case of a pending crisis. I didn't know much about the prophecies of Lourdes, but I was concerned about earthquake preparedness, and I eventually took care of our family's water storage, at minimal cost. I got about 40 5-gallon buckets from local bakeries and delis for free, cleaned them, filled them with water, and stored them in our cellar. So I was primed to think about emergencies and to take some sort of pro-active action.

In high school, one of my best friends, Nathaniel, and I got very interested in hiking, biking, and wild foods. We would read supposed CIA reports that announced that the U.S. would experience a crippling famine by the late 70s. We would discuss the consequences of such a famine, such as civil breakdown, no law and order, and maybe even cannibalism. Of course, we had no way of knowing that most of the dire news was being pushed by those who were selling buckets of “survival food,” nor did we realize that economic incentive and new technologies made the feeding of more people possible. The famine never materialized, and we just continued to learn about wild foods and how to use them.

And we always tried to keep our eyes and ears open, ever aware to the constant challenges to human culture all over the world, all the time: war, civil unrest, earthquakes, mudslides, flooding, fires, tsunamis, hurricanes, etc.

Yes, we have been grateful and thankful that (so far) our lives have not been shortened and our homes destroyed by any of the natural or man-made disasters. The occurrence of disasters seems to be never-ending, so we do our best to never become complacent.



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Because of his history, Waffles would do best in a low-traffic home without young children or other pets. He would thrive with a patient, understanding adopter, and in return, he'll be a steady, loyal presence.

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FEET FIRST

If your feet don't feel good, the rest of your body won't either. It sounds simple, but it's true. Your feet are the foundation of your body. Every step you take, every jump, every run, even standing in line at the grocery store, your feet are working hard. And when your feet hurt, it affects your balance, your posture, and even your mood. Trying to exercise with sore or injured feet is tough, and it can make you feel like giving up before you even get started.

Foot pain can come from many different issues, some common, some not so common. Plantar fasciitis is one of the most well-known foot problems. It's the inflammation of a band of tissue on the bottom of your foot called the plantar fascia. It usually hurts first thing in the morning or after long periods of sitting, and the pain often eases a little as you walk. But if ignored, it can make every step painful.

Another common problem is bunions. These are bony bumps that form at the base of your big toe. Bunions can make shoes uncomfortable and walking difficult. They can also affect the way you walk, which may cause knee, hip, or back pain over time.

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE



Lori A. Harris

**“THE ENVELOPE EXPERIMENT”
An Analog Invitation**

There's a story from the great American writer Kurt Vonnegut that I love. He talks about telling his wife he's heading out to buy an envelope. She asks him, reasonably, why he doesn't just order a box of a hundred online and save time. But Vonnegut doesn't want to save time. He wants to spend it.

He describes the joy of the journey, encountering people, giving a thumbs up to a fire engine, and asking a stranger about her dog. The envelope is just an excuse. What he's really doing is living. As Vonnegut puts it: “We're here on Earth to fart around.”

That phrase has been bouncing around in my head lately as I watch the slow, quiet disappearance of the gift of small talk.

I occasionally find myself in courthouses, places where strangers are shuffled together for jury duty. These used to be unexpectedly social spaces. People would complain about the coffee or compare books. Some even fell in love waiting to serve their civic duty.

Now? Everyone's head is down. Shoulders slumped. Eyes glued to glowing rectangles. Even in loneliness, we are alone together, each sealed inside a digital bubble.

It's not just the teenagers, either. Adults are just as tethered to their phones. Our children watch us stare at our screens while we tell them to go play. They see us scroll while we half-listen. And so, they wait impatiently to join the club.

Meanwhile, research is piling up: face-to-face interaction, even brief and imperfect, builds mental resilience, lowers loneliness, and deepens empathy. Leaving your phone behind for just an hour a day can alter how you perceive and experience the world. Analog living isn't about rejecting technology; it's about reconnecting with the unpredictable, real, physical people and places around us.

So here's my challenge to you:

Join me in an analog experiment. Go outside. Leave your phone behind. Walk to buy an envelope, literally or metaphorically. Smile at someone. Ask about their dog. Compliment their hat. Start a weird little conversation. You might just remember what it feels like to be fully present.

And while you're at it, pick up a copy of this newspaper. Yes, the one you're holding, or could be. Thousands of physical editions of The Mountain Views News are printed and distributed across the San Gabriel Valley each week. If it's not on your doorstep, it's waiting for you at a newsstand. The digital edition plays an important role, but this physical paper represents the work of many people: writers, editors, printers, delivery drivers, and vendors. It's not just content. It's a community.

We are dancing animals on the planet for a very brief time. And the computers? Well, they don't dance.

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ALL THINGS by Jeff Brown

POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF DEEP BREATHING



According to internet info deep breathing is a simple yet powerful practice that offers numerous benefits for both the body and the mind. At its core, deep breathing involves intentionally slowing down your breath, drawing air fully into your lungs, and exhaling completely. This seemingly small act has significant effects on your physical health, emotional well-being, and stress levels. Lots of Youtube breathing videos for more information

One of the main reasons deep breathing is good for you is because it activates the parasympathetic nervous system, often called the “rest and digest” system. Most people spend much of their time in a state of mild stress, with the sympathetic nervous system—responsible for the “fight or flight” response—dominating. This constant stress mode can raise blood pressure, increase heart rate, and strain the body. By practicing deep breathing, you encourage your body to relax. Heart rate slows, muscles loosen, and stress hormones like cortisol begin to decrease. This helps create a sense of calm and balance.

Deep breathing also improves oxygen exchange in the body. Many people breathe shallowly, using only the upper part of their lungs. This limits oxygen intake and can lead to fatigue, poor concentration, and even anxiety. When you take slower, deeper breaths, you bring in more oxygen and release more carbon dioxide. This enhanced exchange supports better energy production in your cells, improves circulation, and can even sharpen mental clarity.

Another benefit is that deep breathing directly reduces stress and anxiety. When you feel anxious, your breath often becomes rapid and shallow, which in turn sends signals to your brain that reinforce the feeling of danger. By slowing your breathing, you send the opposite message: that you are safe. Studies show that just a few minutes of deep breathing can lower perceived stress levels and improve mood.

Physically, deep breathing can also support the immune system. Chronic stress weakens immune function, making you more susceptible to illness. By lowering stress through breathing practices, you indirectly boost your body's natural defenses. Additionally, deep breathing strengthens the diaphragm and improves lung capacity, which can be especially helpful for people with respiratory issues.

Finally, deep breathing fosters mindfulness. Focusing on your breath anchors you to the present moment, reducing rumination about the past or worry about the future. This can improve overall emotional resilience and create a greater sense of well-being.

In short, deep breathing may be good for you because it relaxes the body, calms the mind, improves oxygen flow, reduces stress, and supports both physical and mental health. It's a free, accessible tool that can be practiced anytime, anywhere, with powerful results.

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STUART TOLCHIN



owner of the Disney station originally felt it advantageous to yield to Presidential pressure for reasons connected to other pending transactions involving the Federal Government and Disney. Americans for this one time made it clear that this infringement on something very valuable could not be tolerated. Huge demonstrations confronting Disney immediately occurred and the Company backed down and as of last night Jimmy Kimmel was back on the air visible on my television.

I admit that I had never watched his show before, but this show was different. KimMel's competitor, Stephen Colbert, whose show aired at the same time commented that on this night he understood that his audience was probably limited to his wife and friends. Even Colbert was interested in watching Kimmel on that night.

Yes, on this one night, America won; but what did we win? Nathan Sharansky in his *The Case for Democracy* has written, "Even the smallest spark of freedom could set an entire world ablaze." The volatile potential of free thought and free speech to make the world a better, safer, more humane place is indisputable. All right I agree; but I am puzzled as to what to think about and what to say.

As I constantly write; I am in my 80's and am limited in many ways but I am in little discomfort. Well, that's wrong I am in daily discomfort because I want to and need to do more. What more can I think about; what more can I say or write about?

I need to do something more. As you have undoubtedly noticed the major thing I do is complain. This retirement isn't easy. Perhaps all I want is to be entertained and distracted. Maybe the threat of entertainment and distraction is what caused Americans to rise up and demonstrate. The baseball season is coming to an end and what will I do when there are no Dodger games to watch? Well, there's always Pro Football and College Football and numerous other sports to watch, but

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FREE THOUGHT AND FREE SPEECH

that is not the point. I do not wish to be entertained. I wish to matter.

Believe it or not, I want these weekly articles of mine to matter. I want to reach people and help them to notice how they are living and find what they want out of life. I wish I was more involved with keeping order in my house or cared more about the clothes I am wearing or the cost of things and potential tax consequences. I do worry about Social Security and benefits for my son, but really, I want to care for more than myself and my wife and children. I went to College and Law School and practiced law for almost sixty years and that kept me pretty busy — busy enough in addition to caring for my children that I did little else other than keeping up with the news, voting, and staying concerned, but now I must do more.

Lately, I've been asking my wife to drive me down to our Sierra Madre Library where I can look for books to point me in the direction I want to go. I found the comments of Nathan Sharansky there this morning and learned that he is a man about my own age who was born in the same area of the Ukraine where my father and his family lived. I used the net to research Sharansky and observed that he looks very much like old pictures of my father. His life though has been very different from mine. For nine years he was a prisoner in the Soviet Union, placed in solitary confinement and tortured. Through the efforts of his family, he obtained release and immediately went to Israel.

In later life he became a prominent human rights activist significant for his resistance to Soviet oppression and his efforts to help Soviet Jews relocate to Israel. He is the former Minister of Interior of Israel and has written at least ten books focusing on defending democracy. Yes, but I wonder now what he would be doing if he were me.

Well, I have to go now. It's almost time for the Dodger game to start.

Well, by the way. It was an incredible exciting game. Dodgers won!!

And in an hour or so I can watch Kimmel or Colbert.

What else could be important?

HOWARD HAYS As I See It



"You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that, it's an opportunity to do things that you think you could not before." – Rahm Emanuel, 2008

In the "crisis" brought by the murder of Charlie Kirk, the "opportunity" was to point fingers – this time, for culpability in an assassination. Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC) was right out of the gate with "Democrats own this". Elon Musk posted, "The Left is the party of murder". Rep. Anna Luna (R-FL) accused, "EVERY DAMN ONE OF YOU THAT CALLED US FASCISTS DID THIS".

President Trump explained that "We have radical left lunatics out there and we just have to beat the hell out of them." Kari Lake, Trump's advisor for the US Agency for Global Media, blamed the killer's murderous impulse on his having been sent to "indoctrination camps" – i.e., college.

A 2024 National Institute for Justice report on "ideologically motivated" attacks had been on the Justice Department's website. It found that since 1990, "far-left extremists" had been responsible for 42 such attacks resulting in 78 deaths. For "far-right extremists", it was 227 attacks and 520 deaths. The study noted that far-right violence "continues to outpace all other types of terrorism and domestic violence extremism" in the U.S.

A grad student checked out this study on September 12 and then, the next day, three days after Charlie Kirk was killed, found it had been pulled from the government website. A poster on X commented, "They're editing the history books before our very eyes."

They also tried using the "crisis" of Kirk's assassination as an "opportunity" to step up attacks on the media, which began even before the inauguration. Last December, ABC settled for \$16 million for having referred to a "rape" rather than the "sexual assault" Trump had been found liable for. In July, it was CBS settling for \$16 million for editing Kamala Harris' appearance on 60 Minutes so it would fit into the 60 minutes.

CBS shelled out the money so parent company Paramount could complete a merger for which they needed approval from Trump's FCC; an agency no longer serving the public, but serving Donald Trump. There was an additional concession: two days after Stephen Colbert commented that such a settlement "has a technical name in legal circles: It's a big fat bribe", he learned his show would end this coming May.

ABC was mistaken if it assumed \$16 million would suffice as long-term protection money. Before anyone knew much of anything about the suspect in the killing of Charlie Kirk (other than being 22 years old from a Republican household into guns), Jimmy Kimmel remarked that the MAGA crowd was "desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them and doing everything they can to score political points from it".

FCC Chairman Brendan Carr called those remarks "an intentional effort to mislead the American people". On a podcast discussing dealing with Kimmel, he said, "We can do this the easy way or the hard way". Should networks and affiliates not take care of Kimmel on their own, "there is going to be additional work for the FCC ahead".

Two of the largest owners of ABC affiliates dropped Kimmel from their lineups. One of them was in the process of acquiring another large affiliate owner in a \$6.2 billion deal requiring FCC approval. Disney, ABC's parent, put Jimmy Kimmel on "indefinite" suspension". Trump then suggested NBC deal likewise with Seth Meyers and Jimmy Fallon.

The response was immediate and overwhelming. There were threatened Disney boycotts and cancellations of its subscription streaming services. Hundreds of Hollywood luminaries sent out letters of support for Kimmel, condemning government censorship. And conservatives – from Sens. Rand Paul (R-KY) and Ted Cruz (R-TX) to Tucker Carlson – came out to warn against government infringement on Constitutionally protected free speech.

The White House line during this time was that it was not pressure from the White House, but purely a financial decision by the network and affiliates that led to the suspension. Then, after hearing Kimmel would be returning, Trump spilled the beans on discussions between ABC and the White House, claiming assurances it wouldn't be a suspension, but a cancellation of the show. Trump now warned that with Kimmel's show merely "an arm" of the Democrats, it could be subject to lawsuits as an ongoing illegal campaign contribution. Referring to that \$16 million settlement from last December, Trump posted, "This one sounds a lot more lucrative."

Trump tried using the "crisis" of Charlie Kirk's murder as an "opportunity" to further target the likes of Jimmy Kimmel – along with Colbert, Meyers, Fallon – and those reporters who tend to ask questions held rather not answer. As an upshot of this effort, attention in the news has shifted from Charlie Kirk to Trump's attacks on our First Amendment freedoms – and of Kimmel's comeback having garnered 6.26 million viewers (largest in the show's 22-year history), with an additional 26 million views on media platforms.

In his opening monologue, Kimmel suggested that Trump "might have to release the Epstein files to distract us from this now." In other news, Arizona just held a special election sending a Democrat to Congress who just might provide the deciding vote forcing release of the Epstein files. I wonder if Trump heard that line from Jimmy.

RICH JOHNSON



WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE WEEK?

If I stopped seven people on Sierra Madre Blvd and asked them that question, what would I get? Maybe seven different answers. If I had to guess what my editor, Susan Henderson's favorite day of the week is, she just might say Sunday. That's the day this wonderful newspaper is leashed onto the public. I hope Ms. Henderson knows she performs a miracle every week.

Who's to know really what day is the most important? Maybe, just maybe if we take a look at the history we might come to a consensus on the best day of the week. Let's investigate each day of the week's major accomplishments.

Mondays... are the most popular day to call in sick. And coincidentally, the sickest Monday of the year is always the Monday after the Super Bowl. I can't imagine why. Monday is the only day of the 7 days that is also an anagram. Rearrange the letters and you get the word "dynamo".

You should also know the Titanic sank on a Monday.

Tuesdays... Looking at Tuesdays the D-Day attacks during World War II began on a Tuesday. It's also the day the highest number of job applications are submitted. People are less likely to barbecue on Tuesday.

Do not know what this means, but Uranus was first discovered on a Tuesday in 1871 (Don't know the exact time, but I'm guessing it was discovered at night.)

Wednesdays, according to a survey, bosses are most receptive to requests from employees. Want a raise... ask on a Wednesday. Wednesday is also the daughter's name on "The Addams Family." Finally, Wednesday is also known as "Hump Day". Snappy designation, huh?

Thursdays have special significance in Christianity. "Maundy Thursday" is the day "The Last Supper" took place. And "Ascension Thursday" is 40 days after Easter when Christ ascended into heaven.

Maybe to just be different, Thursdays in Australia are, traditionally, the days movie premieres are scheduled. Unlike Fridays, here in the good ole US of A.

In case you stay up nights wondering, wonder no more: Leonardo DaVinci was born on Thursday, April 15, 1452 (I wonder if it was also tax day in Italy?)

Fridays are so popular as the last day of the work week, that we created the

acronym TGIF. And, for good measure, a restaurant by the same name.

I hesitate to make the next sentence as there is a slightly rude word. Oh well, it involves Australia and, in case you didn't know, my son and daughter are each half Australian. Which half, I don't know. Might be the lower half as they have no Australian accent. Nevertheless, in the U.K. and Australia, Fridays are sometimes referred to as "POETS Day". It has nothing to do with poetry. POETS, the acronym means "Piss Off Early Tomorrow's Saturday".

In the maritime world, the unwritten rule is never begin a voyage on a Friday.

Saturday is the most common day for sports...duh. Saturday is the official day of rest in Israel where most everything is closed. If you were raised in Sweden you might know Saturday is often the only day of the week when young children are allowed to eat candy.

You may not know this but the best day to hunt vampires is on Saturday as they are restricted to their coffins.

Finally, Sunday, the final day of the week. In Poland, Ukraine, Croatia, Bulgaria, among others, the word for Sunday means "no work". Many countries in Europe and Peru hold national elections on Sundays.

In 321 AD, Roman Emperor Constantine I decreed Sunday was a day of rest for all of us except those engaged in agricultural work. Months that begin on a Sunday always have a Friday the 13th in them. Don't whistle on a Sunday in Salt Lake City. You could be fined \$1,000.

I'd like to thank a fellow named Jack De Graaf a brilliant writer who compiled these wonderful bits of day themed trivia. I found it on "thefactsite.com" Check it out.

Finally, time for another shameless plug. Approximately one month from now, on Saturday night, November 1st, Nano Café is celebrating my favorite day, Halloween (my birthday, with a costume party concert at the restaurant, featuring my favorite band, JJ Jukebox. Costumes are not mandatory, and it will be an exciting evening. 6:30 to 10:00 on Saturday, November 1st. Be sure to make reservations early as this event sells out typically. We never know what magnificent costumes restaurant manager Ray, will be wearing, but they are always worth seeing. (626) 325-3334. Call after 3:00pm Wednesdays through Saturday to make reservations.

DICK POLMAN



BEAR WITH ME AS I FLASH BACK ALBEIT BRIEFLY TO 2009

Ted Kennedy died that summer, an event that triggered a tsunami of online hatred. I wrote about the Kennedy fallout, lamenting how the internet had afforded idiots the opportunity to exhibit their worst selves. But it never occurred to me to demand that such people should be hunted down and fired from their jobs, or, more broadly, that free speech should be less free and that vile opinions should be censored. Nor would it have remotely occurred to the Obama administration to create and unleash Thought Police.

But today Trump and his minions are goose-stepping all over the First Amendment – Jimmy Kimmel was only the latest casualty (thankfully just temporarily) – and what amazes me is that anyone with a brain can be shocked that this is happening.

Fascists aren't shy about their intentions. I blame the voters who were too oblivious, feckless, or stupid to see what was so blatantly obvious. So here we are, stuck with a crew of opportunists who are exploiting Charlie Kirk's murder to suppress speech – in open defiance of our constitutional rights to rudely dissent, or satirize, or misspeak in ways that might piss some people off.

I'm old enough to remember when conservative Republicans feared federal government overreach. But now we have Trump's toadies (with predictable Republican complicity) flexing unprecedented federal muscle to squeeze cowering corporations. Exhibit A is Trump's FCC chairman, Brendan Carr, who pressured Disney-ABC "to take action on Kimmel." Earlier last week, on a right-wing podcast, Carr said, "We can do this the easy way or the hard way" – which is like something you'd normally hear a crime thug say in a Guy Ritchie movie.

That's ironic. Six years ago, FCC member Carr wrote on social media: "Should the government censor speech it doesn't like? Of course not." Three years ago Carr wrote: "Political satire is one of the oldest and most important forms of free speech. It challenges those in power while using humor to draw more people into the discussion." Two years ago he wrote "censorship is the authoritarian's dream." And one year ago he said "free speech is the check on government control."

But now Carr wears the MAGA armband. Now he marches with Trump, who said the network news shows criticize him too much and "they're not allowed to do that."

Actually, according to the First Amendment, they are.

This is straight from the tyranny playbook – as practiced these days in places like Russia, Hungary, and Turkey. It doesn't seem to matter the U.S. Supreme Court, in a landmark case 61 years ago, wrote unanimously that, under our Constitution, "every citizen may speak his mind...and may not be barred from speaking or publishing because those in control of government think that what is said or written is unwise, unfair, false, or malicious."

One shudders to think what today's MAGA-captive court might say about that unanimous ruling – although last year, in a case involving the NRA, it did rule that "Government officials cannot attempt to coerce private parties in order to punish or suppress views that the government disfavors." So perhaps they'd agree with David French, a conservative attorney who has long defended the free speech rights of conservative speakers, who wrote: "The Constitution is most vital when times are most contentious. The First Amendment exists precisely because the founders knew there would be times when free speech would be deeply unpopular. This is one of those times."

Even The Wall Street Journal's conservative editorial page writes that MAGA is flexing too much muscle. It says that "in a free society," a comedian's remarks "shouldn't be cause for the government to push someone off the airwaves." And it warns: "The political cycle of using government to punish opponents is taking the country into dark corners that will result in less freedom, and less free speech, for all sides."

Dare we hope for the tide to turn, for the First Amendment to weather this crisis? Only if the sentiment voiced by The Journal is echoed far and wide. Only if fury triumphs over ennui.

Historian Peter Englund recently wrote a great book, November 1942, which focused, at ground level, on the average people who were caught up in the fascism of the 1940s:

"They were part of that great uninterested and unwilling mass – the silent despairing majority for which history is a remote and incomprehensible enigma which has done, is doing, and will continue to do another of its cruel twists and turns; and as if it were a force of nature, it has suddenly burst into everyday life and, whether directly or step by step, changed it or destroyed it, in spite of people's hopes that it won't really be that bad or that it will blow over or that it will mainly afflict others."

Unless we speak our minds en masse, this metastasizing storm will afflict us all!

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

On September 23, 2025, the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, introduced for second reading recommending adoption of Ordinance No. 1467 amending Chapter 8.40 (Landscaping Equipment) of Title 8 (Health and Safety) and Chapter 9.32 (Noise) of Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The ordinance clarifies definitions and establishes exterior noise standards applicable to all land uses at the property plane, referencing both A-weighted Decibels (dBA) and C-weighted Decibels (dBC). It further sets forth exemptions and exceptions for specific activities, provides noise level measurement criteria for enforcement using sound level meters, and refines procedures for evaluating duration and thresholds. In addition, this ordinance modifies language relating to the use of landscaping machines or equipment under Chapter 8.40 (Landscaping Equipment). The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation for approval of the proposed ordinance to the City Council on July 19, 2025.

This summary is published pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1) and a full and complete certified copy of the text of Ordinance No. 1467 is available at the Sierra Madre City Manager's Office located at City of Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA. Ordinance 1467 becomes effective on October 23, 2025. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This Ordinance is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Title 14, Section 15378 of the California Code of Regulations and will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, this ordinance is exempt from CEQA review, pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Quite a dilemma We would like our city to be able to have extra easy revenue but what the cost and who has to pay?

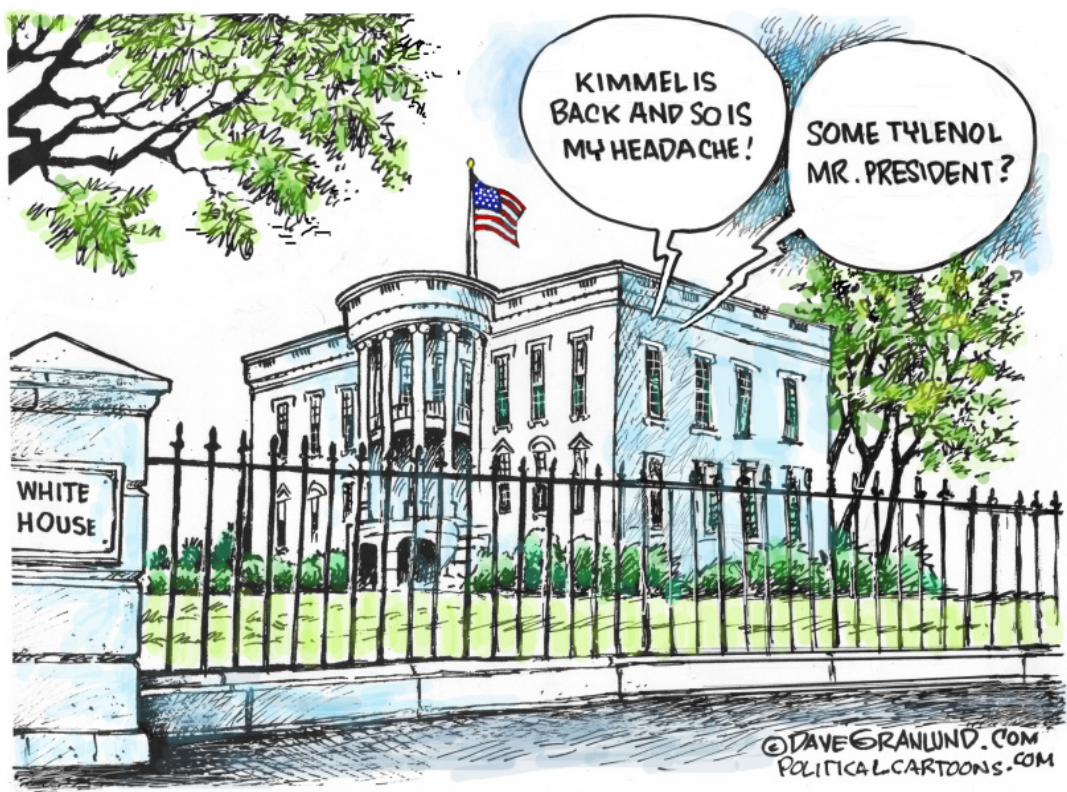
I am not opposed to the time limited parking places but the parking pilot program seems unfriendly. I enjoy shopping and eating in my city. I admit I do sometimes over stay my parking place, by a few minutes only. If I had to worry if I have parked too long and I will be ticketed,

it would certainly inhibit my enjoyment and heighten my concern of time. It would be much easier and less worrisome to enjoy a meal or have a shopping spree in a parking space for free without any time limit attached..

So it seems our city restaurants and shops in the end will be the ones who will pay the extra revenue to the city with less business. For people coming from out of the city who would like to shop and have a bite to eat and forget checking the time and being ticketed, it may leave a sour feeling about sweet Sierra Madre. It makes us seem like mean-spirited city. Not conducive or welcoming of return visits.

I have lived in the city for many years, I can't remember when the city has not needed more revenue. Maybe it is time to sit down and rebudget some expenditures rather than make our friendly city into a worrisome place.

Barbara Skousen



LEGAL NOTICES

FILE NO. 2025186229
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) MARIA ISIDORA SUAREZ 14733 CLYMER ST MISSION HILLS, CA. 91345 has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: ISI 14733 CLYMER ST MISSION HILLS, CA. 91345 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 07/01/2024, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2024140391. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 09/08/2025. 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) MARIA ISIDORA SUAREZ/OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025181707
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARC MEDIA SERVICES 16136 SHERMAN WAY VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CEDAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. 220 NEWPORT CENTER DR #11-260 NEWPORT BEACH, CA. 92660. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: CEDAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC., PIERRE CHARBAT, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/25. 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)
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self 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023186075
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARRECIS PEST SOLUTIONS 7244 KESTER AVE 15 VAN NUYS, CA. 91405; ARRECIS HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING 7244 KESTER AVE 15 VAN NUYS, CA. 91405 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHARLIE ARRECIS 7244 KESTER AVE 15 VAN NUYS, CA. 91405. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHARLIE ARRECIS/OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/08/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/25. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023193968
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRANSPORTES MONIA BLANCA 14436 VAN NUYS BLVD VAN NUYS, CA. 91401; ENVIOS MONIA BLANCA 14436 VAN NUYS BLVD

VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MONIA BLANCA, INC. 14436 VICTORY BLVD VAN NUYS, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MONIA BLANCA, INC., JOSE ANGEL FRANCO, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/91. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2025181390
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NOVABEL LASH 3043 CANWOOD STREET SUITE 212 AGOURA HILLS, CA. 91310. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KELLYKREATION LLC 3043 CANWOOD STREET SUITE 212 AGOURA HILLS, CA. 91310; ASHLEY MORTIMER 3043 CANWOOD STREET SUITE 212 AGOURA HILLS, CA. 91310. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNER-SHIP. Signed: NATHALIE KELLY SRIMALA, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/02/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/25. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires

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27401 MENIFEE CENTER DR.
MENIFEE, CA. 92584

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

YOUHONG FU aka "FRANK FU",
and DOES 1 to 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

CASE, IBRAHIM & CLAUSS, LLP by and through its attorney of record D. Michael Clauss, Esq.

CASE NUMBER: CVME2506809

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

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

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

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

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

CASE NUMBER:

(Número del Caso):
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

D. MICHAEL CLAUSS, ESQ.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TUAN NGOC TRUONG aka TUAN N. TRUONG

Case No. 25STPB10584

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TUAN NGOC TRU-ONG aka TUAN N. TRUONG

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Yung N. Truong in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Yung N. Truong be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Admin-istration 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 Oct. 22, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:

JOHN S MORRIS ESQ

SBN 173014

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025194163

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EPM ELECTRONICS 6920 JELLICO AVE VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BAGRAT BALASANYAN 6920 JELLICO AVE VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BAGRAT BALASANYAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/25. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025193971

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHHOAN CONSULTING 6741 VAN NUYS BLVD. STE 223 VAN NUYS, CA. 91405. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SHHOAN CONSULTING, INC., AKOP SHHOAN, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/22. NOTICE- This Ficti-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025183137

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CELIA CLEANING SERVICES 14547 BLYTHE STREET 2 PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CELIA SANTA CRUZ SANTIAGO 14547 BLYTHE STREET 2 PANORAMA CITY, CA. 91402. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CELIA SANTA CRUZ SANTIAGO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/03/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/25. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025184091

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TEQELITE 1425 E. ORANGE GROVE BLVD. APT 12 PASADENA, CA. 91104. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GOLNAR MOBARRAZ HAGHIGHI 1425 E. ORANGE GROVE BLVD. APT 12 PASADENA, CA. 91104. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: GOLNAR MOBARRAZ HAGHIGHI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/04/2025. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/2019. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025185126

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL LOCKSMITH SERVICES INC. 449 N SWEETZER AVE WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90048. AON B20250048662 Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALL LOCKSMITH SERVICES INC. 449 N SWEETZER AVE WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90048. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ALL LOCKSMITH SERVICES INC., BRIELLE BACAL, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/05/2025. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2025187026

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BAJO SERVICES 1141 LINDEN AVE UNIT 2 GLENDALE, CA. 91201. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EDGAR AVAYAZAN 1141 LINDEN AVE UNIT 2 GLENDALE, CA. 91201. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EDGAR AVAYAZAN OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los

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Events Around Town in October!

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One Time Events

October 4
Barks and Boos at The Arboretum - A day of happy dogs, craft beers, and food. 11am – 4pm
A dog costume contest takes place at 2:30pm

October 10
ArtNight Pasadena - This dynamic arts and cultural open house in Pasadena includes visual arts, literary arts, and performing arts. 6 – 10 pm

October 12
Crafting Memories: Family Day at The Gamble House and Pasadena Museum of History - Enjoy a free day of storytime & crafts 11 – 3pm

October 24
Strange Science at The Huntington - Join in a night of Gothic grandeur with mysterious tales, dark trivia, and live performances. 6 pm – 10pm

October 24
Fall Fun Festival at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse Plaza - A haunted zone, costume contest, trunk or treat and more. 5pm - 9pm

October 24
Halloween Haunting in Downtown Arcadia - Festivities take place on First Avenue in Arcadia - trick-or-treat, crafts, and games. 4pm – 6:30pm

October 25
The Ghoulish Garden at the Arboretum - Discover spooky and creepy plants on a hike full of fun activities and Halloween thrills.

October 25
Fractured Fairy Tales at the Sierra Madre Playhouse - This family show gives classic fairy tales playful twists. 11am

October 31
Pasadena Halloween Bar Crawl - Come in costume and enjoy ghostly cocktails and bewitching brews at the city's top bars 5pm

October 31
Halloween Happenings in Sierra Madre - Trick or treat, costume contest, pumpkin patch, kids' fun zone, and more. 3pm – 6:15pm

October 31
Halloween Spooktacular Trick-or-Treating and Family Pics at One Colorado – Store to store Trick-or-Treat, & silent screening of Dracula 4 - 8

Ongoing Events

October 1 - 31
Halloween at Kidspace - Activities include a parade, pumpkin bowling, & monster-making.

October 3 – 30
Carved at Descanso Gardens - Giant, carved jack-o-lanterns, light displays & seasonal treats.

October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31
Haunted Pasadena Walking Tour - Discover eerie alleys & hidden courtyards & haunted secrets of Pasadena's past. 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Saturdays and Sundays, October 4 – 26
Cal Poly Pomona Pumpkin Festival - Explore a pumpkin patch, giant corn maze, petting farm, and hay wagon ride 10am – 7pm

October 4, November 5
Annual Shōya House Rice Harvest at The Huntington - Get a first-hand look at how rice is cultivated from seed to grain. Join in on bundling, tying, threshing, and winnowing. 10am – 2pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10
Music in the Rose Garden at The Huntington - Wander around the stunning rose garden as you listen to live performances 1pm – 3pm

October 11, 12, 18, 19
Oktoberfest at Santa Anita Park - Enjoy Bavarian beer tastings, German eats, live music, and live racing.

October 25, 26
Japan Family Weekend at Santa Anita Park - Experience cultural activities, taiko drums, tasty food and live racing.

October 25, 26
Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fun Fest at Santa Anita Park – Bounce houses, straw maze, ponies

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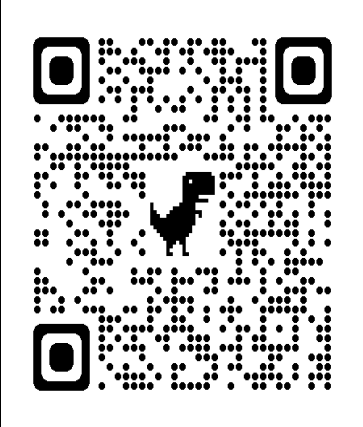
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