

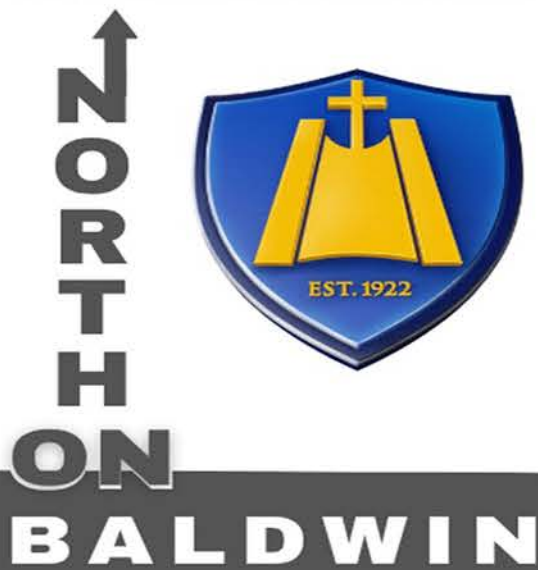
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Sierra Madre Mayor Robert Parkhurst Delivers The 2025 State Of The City Address: "Partnering For The Future"

On a perfect fall evening, Wednesday, November 5th, residents gathered in Memorial Park to hear the annual State Of The City Address by the Mayor. Students from Sierra Madre Elementary School opened the program.

This year Mayor Parkhurst's focus was on "Where we were then, Where we are now and Where we are going in the future" with an emphasis of the community working together.

He praised the residents and city staff for their commitment to Sierra Madre including surviving the Eaton Fire at the beginning of the year. He praised the city's preparedness including the life saving early alerts and evacuations and notices. He praised Public Works for protecting the city's water supply and was reminded those in attendance of the importance of the city's local and regional partnerships with outside agencies such as FEMA, Dept of Forestry, California Conservation Corp, and our local organizations such as CERT, and the Fire Safe Council.

Known as a committed environmentalist, he displayed great pride in the way the city, with limited resources and associations has worked diligently on important issues, policies and practices on everything from Renewable Energy with Edison to a Wildlife Management Plan and working with the Bear Lovers and SM Bear Alliance, leading to the formation of the Wildlife Coalition with Bear Lovers, Canyon Bear Society, the City, CA Fish and Wildlife,SGVBOG and the state assembly.

He noted the increase in Bear Calls and the frustration with the bears increasing property and residential intrusions.

He gave an update on the the Library renovation project, with expected completion Grand Reopening Saturday, June 6, 2026. Noting the Library Foundation's \$1.5 million dollar Campaign for furnishings and equipment.

He went on to update the public on our Public Safety priorities with Police and Fire and gave an overview of the city's Public Works and Infrastructure projects and priorities.

The Mayor also reviewed the city's current financial status and challenges of addressing budget shortfalls.

To view the State of the City Address in its entirety, go to:
https://www.sierramadrecalifornia.gov/cityhall/elected_officials/parkhurst MVNews

MEET THE SIERRA MADRE 2026 ROSE PRINCESSES



l to r: Gianna Kretchmer, Lacy Kong, Aubrey Lee-Ho.

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is pleased to announce the selection of the 2026 Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Royal Court. Please help us welcome Gianna Kretchmer, Homeschooled, Lacy Kong, California School of the Arts – SGV and Aubrey Lee-Ho, Flintridge Preparatory School, who will represent SMRFA and the City of Sierra Madre over the coming year.

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THE CREATIVE ARTS GROUP ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The Creative Arts Group 14th Annual Scarecrow Festival is pleased to announce the winners for Most Popular Business Scarecrow and Most Popular Residential Scarecrow entries.

In the Business Category, first place – Alverno Heights Academy, “Alverno means Ohana”; second place -- The Only Place in Town, “The Great Pumpkin Breakfast”; and third place – Merry Maids, “Scary Maid” (#83) with honorable mention to Sierra Madre Community Nursery School, “Octoplus” (#69).

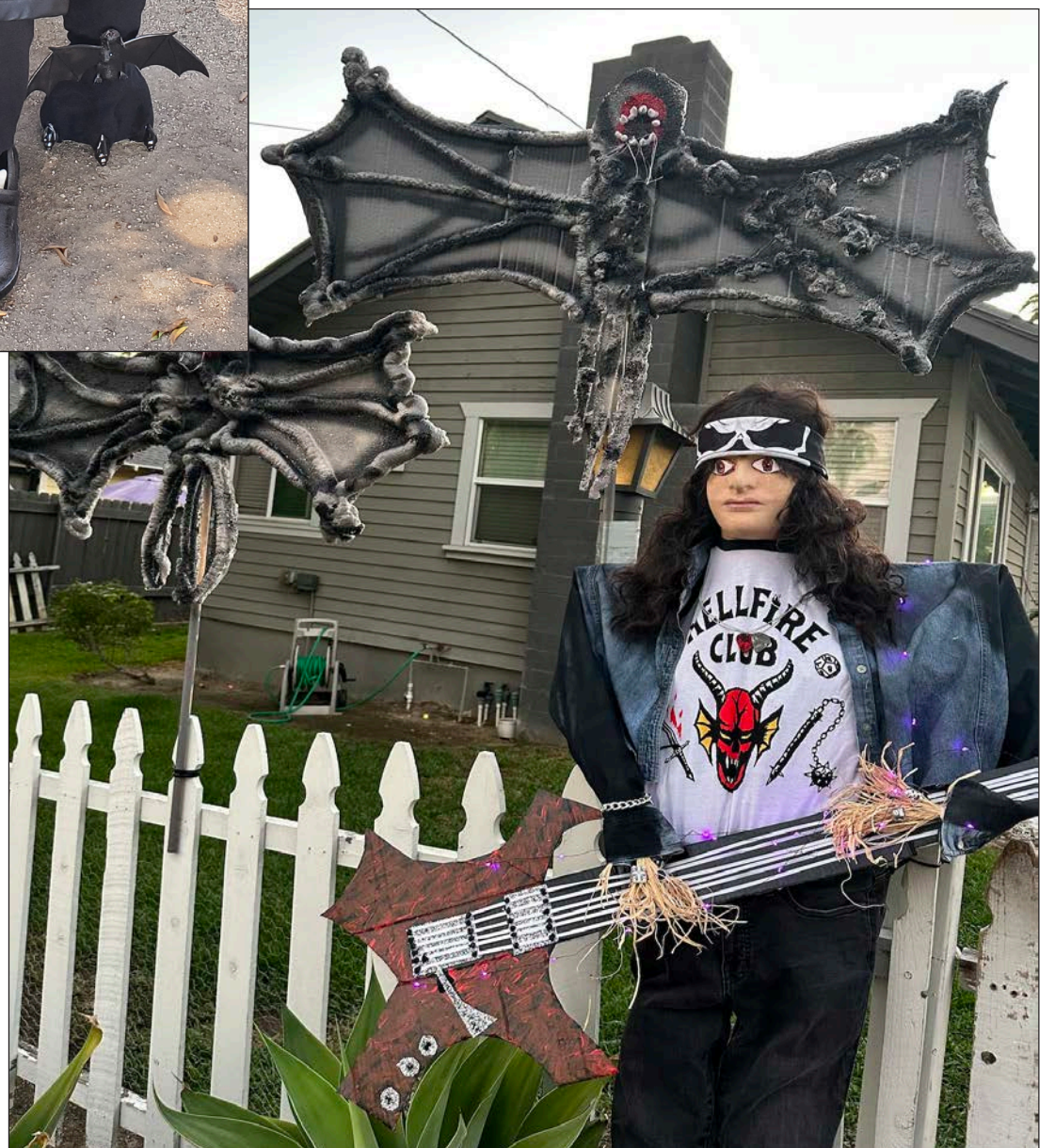
In the Residential Category this year, first place - “Eddie Munson,” (#040); second place - “OZZY,” (#044), third place - “Middle School Groot” (#023).

This year’s Festival, coordinated by Chair Heidi Hartman with committee members Rosemary Burnett, Pamela Gould and Jessica Huston, celebrates the creativity of all participants.

“We had so many new families and businesses join us to make scarecrows this year,” remarked Creative Arts Group Executive Director Gwen Robertson. “After 14 years, we are seeing a new generation get involved. It is such fun to see the amazing creativity all over town. Thank you to all who participated!”

All winners were selected by the community through votes entered on Facebook and submitted by paper ballots to the Creative Arts Group gallery. Each will receive a commemorative award from Creative Arts Group. \

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MEET JOANNA BREITSCHWERDT: Redefining Early Learning

When you are dreaming up the perfect Transitional Kindergarten classroom for your child, what do you envision? Maybe a room filled with bright colors, big windows that allow the sunshine to fill the space, brand new books, small tables and chairs with your child’s name written on a placecard, and a teacher who warms the room with a vibrant smile, making your child feel at home.

This is what you will find in Mrs. Joanna Breitschwerdt’s (Mrs. B) Transitional Kindergarten classroom at St. Rita School. Stepping into Mrs. B’s classroom is entering a world of imagination & discovery, a world that begins daily with an enthusiastic “Good Morning!” Mrs. B says it best when expressing that, “TK is as much about learning how to share, take turns, express feelings, and build friendships as it is about academics. Helping students navigate these first experiences with

kindness and confidence is deeply rewarding.”

Mrs. B’s unique blend of play-based learning, structure, academic curriculum, and creativity sets her apart and makes her class a coveted spot for young learners. Whether students are dressed in their lab coat and safety goggles, performing a science experiment or swishing their hands through shaving cream while tracing numbers and letters, Mrs. B transforms everyday lessons into unforgettable adventures! She is a shining example of how a teacher’s passion, inventiveness, and tireless enthusiasm transforms a classroom into an environment of joy, confidence, and lifelong learning.

Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers recognize that students coming from Mrs. B’s TK program are not only academically prepared, (knowing how to hold a pencil, recognize letters, etc.), but they are also socially and emotionally advanced. They know how to ask for help, collaborate, follow directions - and write words and even full sentences.

One of Mrs. B’s favorite and most meaningful memories from her 24 years as a Transitional Kindergarten teacher “was working with a nonverbal student who entered my class shy, scared, and hesitant to engage. I was told that he might never speak during the school year, but I was determined to connect with him through play, patience, and consistency.

“For several months, we built trust slowly—reading together, playing with blocks, and spending time at the train table, which was his favorite. Then one day, while we were playing trains, he looked up at me and said, “I like trains.” I’ll never forget that moment. I was overwhelmed with emotion and immediately called his parents to share the news. We all cried tears of joy together.

“That small sentence represented so much more than words—it was a breakthrough in communication, confidence, and connection. Today, that young man is in high school, and I still keep in touch with his family. Moments like that remind me why I love teaching TK: every child has their own path and timeline, and with love, patience, and the right environment, incredible growth can happen.” For information about taking a tour, please contact St. Rita School at 626-355-6114 or garcia@st-ritaschool.org.



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SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 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 foothillsmedia.org/sier-ramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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


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

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

Your event must:

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

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



This week at the Sierra Madre Public Library

November 10 — November 15

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time — Library at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime — Library at 10:00am

Tuesday

Library Closed for Holiday— No Services

Wednesday

1, 2, 3 Baby & Me Workshop— Library at 10:00am. Registration requested.

Green Teens— Library at 4:00pm

Thursday

Shelf Stories— Library at 6:30pm. Registration requested.

Saturday

3D Printing Basics— Library at 12:00pm

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE
The Social Side by Deanne Davis

“America without her soldiers would be like God without His angels.” Claudia Pemberton
“Never was so much owed by so many to so few.” Winston Churchill

Next Tuesday is Veteran’s Day, one of America’s most significant holidays, honoring the courage and sacrifice of all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Unlike Memorial Day, which commemorates those who died in service, Veteran’s Day celebrates ALL military veterans, living and deceased.

In case you didn’t know, the holiday originated as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I. On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, an armistice between Allied forces and Germany took effect, silencing the guns of the Great War. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1919, as the first commemoration, calling it a day to reflect on the heroism of those who died in service and to express gratitude for victory and peace.

In 1938, Armistie day became an official federal holiday, initially dedicated to world peace and honoring WW I vets. However, after WW II and the Korean War added millions more veterans to America’s ranks, the holiday’s scope felt too narrow. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veteran’s Day, expanding recognition to honor American veterans of all wars.

The poppy flower has become an enduring symbol associated with Veteran’s Day. It’s a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future and is worn to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans, their families, and the Armed Forces. On Memorial Day and Veterans Day, millions of red crepe paper poppies are distributed across the country in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our communities. The poppy tradition began after World War I when the nations involved in that war didn’t have especially good systems for dealing with disabled veterans or people who had lost loved ones.

The idea was inspired by “In Flanders Field,” by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a Canadian doctor who served in 1915 at the second battle of Ypres in Belgium. The picture today is of Tyne Cot Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium. After a close friend was killed during the fight, McCrae wrote his famous poem while sitting in the back of an ambulance and watching the poppies blooming and blowing between the graves of those killed in the battle. His poem began:

“In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.”

We are also in the middle of Native American Heritage Month. My friend, Perry Moore, who is an elementary school teacher, introduced these wonderful words by Chief Crowfoot to his students. Chief Crowfoot was head chief of the Blackfoot people. He was an advocate of peace and accommodation with the white people, and tried to discourage tribal warfare.

“Hold on to what is good, even if it is a handful of earth.
Hold on to what you believe, even if it’s a tree that stands by itself.
Hold on to what you must do, even if it’s a long way from here.
Hold on to your life, even if it’s easier to let go.
Hold on to my hand, even if someday I’ll be gone away from you.”

Veterans Day is a day that urges us to remember the terrible cost of war. These song lyrics by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller are a good ending to this week’s Walking Sierra Madre

“Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me”

Take a minute next Tuesday to think about those who have given all. Freedom isn’t free, friends and neighbors, it’s protected by ordinary people who make extraordinary commitments, leaving families, careers, and risk everything to serve something larger than themselves.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Christmas is Coming!
“A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter”
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Pasadena Veterans Day Closures and Reminders

Pasadena City Hall and many City services and administrative business offices will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day, a day to honor those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The public is invited to attend a special Veterans Day ceremony at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., on Tuesday beginning at 10 a.m.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and make payments by phone at (626) 744-4005 or online at PWPweb.com.

The City Service Center (CSC) will be closed on Tuesday and will return to normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Wednesday. CSC is available online and by calling (626) 744-7311. Residents with City trash and recycling service will be on their regular pickup schedule for Nov. 11, including any previously scheduled pickups for bulky items.

Both Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride services will operate on their normal schedules. All parking meters will be free, and parking time limits will not be enforced; however, violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement resumes on Wednesday.

The Housing Department's public lobby will be closed on Monday but staff will be available by phone and email. The Housing Department will be closed on Tuesday. Regular operating hours will resume Wednesday.

The Permit Center will be closed on Tuesday; however, many services will be available via Permit Center Online, where you can obtain subtrade permits and submit plans for new construction, tenant improvements, accessory dwelling units, and additions. In-person operations will resume after the holiday on Wednesday.

All Pasadena Public Library sites will be closed on Tuesday. Regular operating hours resume Wednesday.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic, and other emergency services, but not business or administrative offices. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1.



City Manager Miguel Márquez to Retire

Pasadena City Council members announced Monday that City Manager Miguel Márquez has made the decision to retire as the city's Chief Administrative Officer to focus on family during a time of "significant personal need." Márquez is expected to continue to serve as City Manager until a permanent successor is appointed.

"Serving the people of Pasadena has been one of the greatest honors of my career," Márquez said. "I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together, and I'm grateful for the trust and support of the City Council, our dedicated staff, and this remarkable community. In light of my father's recent passing, my family needs me at this time, and I need to be there for them. I leave knowing the City is fiscally stable, in good hands, and is on a solid path forward."

Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo said, "While Miguel's departure is a significant loss for our city, we fully support his decision to prioritize his family. We are deeply grateful for his service and the example he has set of selfless, principled leadership."

According to city officials, during his tenure, Márquez led

with integrity, compassion, and a steady hand. He appointed the majority of the city's current executive leadership team, assembling a diverse and highly capable group of professionals dedicated to collaborative governance and excellence in public service. Under his leadership, the city, among other things:

- Maintained fiscal stability during uncertain times, with a balanced budget each year and financial reserves restored to pre-pandemic levels;
- Invested millions of dollars to upgrade aging police and fire equipment to enhance the City's public safety response efforts;
- Invested millions of dollars to improve the City's streets;
- Procured more than \$1B in long-term contracts for carbon-free energy, keeping the City on pace to exceed the State's carbon-neutral mandate at least 15 years early, and making significant progress (92%) on the City's goal

of 100% carbon-free energy by 2030; and Led a comprehensive response and recovery effort following the devastating windstorm and Eaton Fire earlier this year.

"Márquez has built strong, collaborative relationships with each member of the City Council and is widely respected for his intelligence, fairness, and humility," officials said. "He is not only a trusted leader but also a valued member of the Pasadena family."

Pasadena Adaptive Sports Festival Returns Nov. 15

The City of Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS), in partnership with the Triumph Foundation announced they will host the 7th Annual Pasadena Adaptive Sports Festival November 15. The games will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Brookside Park, located at 360 N. Arroyo Blvd.

This free, inclusive event invites individuals of all abilities to participate in a full day of adaptive sports and fitness activities. Attendees can explore a wide variety of sports including wheelchair rugby, handcycling, pickleball, aquatics, tennis, boccia, adaptive archery, disc golf, boxing, power soccer, fencing, and more. For the first time, flag football will debut at this year's festival, broadening the lineup of activities and highlighting the sport's rising popularity. Participants can also take part in a resource fair and interactive art workshop.

All equipment will be provided, and trained coaches and instructors will be on site to guide participants. Lunch will be served to all registered attendees.

Koko Panossian, PRCS Department Director, said "Events like this give people with disabilities a chance to push the limits of their abilities, play games with friends and family on a level playing field, and enhance their quality of life through the benefits of exercise, sports, and fitness," said Andrew Skinner, Founder of Triumph Foundation.

Triumph Foundation is currently seeking participants, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners to help make this event a success.

To register, participate, or volunteer, visit the Triumph Foundation at Triumph-Foundation.org/ASF or email info@triumph-foundation.org.

Tournament of Roses Hosts Community Open House

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses hosted its seventh annual Community Open House at Tournament House, Sunday afternoon in partnership with the Pasadena Community Coalition and with support from the California Credit Union Foundation. Nearly 500 guests attended the event, which celebrated Pasadena's spirit of connection, recognizing what makes each of us unique, and shared purpose while honoring 2026 Tournament of Roses President Mark Leavens.

"We're delighted to welcome everyone to our sixth annual Community Open House in collaboration with the Pasadena Community Coalition. This celebration is all about bringing the community together, honoring our diversity and sharing in a joyful, festive day," said Leavens. "At the Tournament of Roses, we believe in the extraordinary impact of working together, and this event embodies that philosophy. With the spirit of The Magic in Teamwork at the heart of our 2026 theme, we're proud to offer an occasion where neighbors and friends unite in purpose and celebration."

With the 2026 theme, The Magic in Teamwork, guiding this year's celebrations, the Open House captured the heart of Pasadena, a city where neighbors, volunteers and partners come together to make something extraordinary.

"What makes the Community Open House so special is the way it brings our city together," said Martin Gordon, Chairman and CEO of the Pasadena



Photo: Martin Gordon, Chairman and CEO of the Pasadena Community Coalition and Mark Leavens, 2026 Pasadena Tournament of Roses President

Community Coalition. "We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the Tournament of Roses for this signature annual community event. This year's theme The Magic in Teamwork is apropos! It reminds Us that when working together we can overcome any obstacle and create moments of MAGIC!"

Leavens, a dedicated volunteer member since 1995, leads the Tournament of Roses for the 137th Rose Parade presented by Honda and the College Football Quarterfinal at the 112th Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential, taking place on January 1, 2026.

For more than a century, the Tournament of Roses has contributed to various communities through event-driven economic impact and other forms of giving. The Community Open House is another way to celebrate our local community.

Board of Supervisors Approves Expanded Soil Testing in Burn Areas

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion Tuesday co-authored by Chair Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath to expand soil testing for lead contamination and support remediation efforts in communities affected by the Eaton and Palisades Fires.

The motion also calls on California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara to explore cost-effective ways for insurance companies to support soil testing and remediation, including volume purchasing agreements or low-cost financing for homeowners.

"It's been ten months since the wildfires and far too many survivors are still living with uncertainty about whether their soil is safe," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

The fires displaced destroyed over 16,000 structures and burned more than 40,000 acres. While rebuilding is underway, community concerns about lead contamination remain. To

address this, the motion puts the County's support behind the Community-Oriented Network for Scientific Observation, Recovery and Tracking of Impacts from Urban Megafires (CONSORTIUM)—an interdisciplinary group representing teams from various universities and institutions—and urges the California Community Foundation to award its recently granted \$2 million in State funding to remediate homes with the highest levels of lead in the Eaton fire area.

In addition, the Chief Executive Officer will report back within 60 days on additional funding sources to expand testing and cleanup, while Los Angeles County's Center for Strategic Partnerships and Department of Public Health, in collaboration with community stakeholders, will seek philanthropic, private, and government support to extend remediation to all fire-affected properties.

Library Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

Director of Libraries and Information Services Tim McDonald and all branch libraries are commemorating National Native American Heritage Month in November with a variety of programs, both in-person and virtual, book recommendations and resources. These events and resources offer the community an opportunity to learn more about Indigenous cultures, traditions, histories and the unique challenges they face.

For details on National Native American Heritage Month events at Pasadena Public Library, visit PasadenaPublicLibrary.net. In-person Library programming is sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. Programs include the following: **California Culture: Before and After Colonization**

Join us for a powerful presentation exploring the deep roots of California's Native cultures — and how they have endured through centuries of change with Richard Quiroga, Tribal Leader and Cultural

Director of the Rumsen Ohlone Indigenous Embrace nonprofit corporation. For ages 9+. Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m., Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr. **Danza Mexikah Cultural Presentation**

Join Kalpulli Temachtia Quetzalcoatl for a cultural celebration with an ancestral smoke, drums, dance and information about the importance of Indigenous and First Nation people, past and present. For all ages. Saturday, November 8, 3 p.m., Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd. **The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time with Novelist Amanda Peters**

Join us in an online conversation with acclaimed writer Amanda Peters as we discuss her instant bestselling novel, The Berry Pickers, as well as her tender short fiction collection, Waiting for the Long Night Moon: Stories. Sign up to attend and submit questions for the speakers at: LibraryC.org/PasadenaLibrary/100612. For adults. Thursday, November 13, 4 p.m., Virtual **RESOURCES**

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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

ARCADIA, CA –Arcadia 50+ Services is providing its annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 10, 2025. This event will honor and recognize City of Arcadia Military Veterans. The event will be held at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event includes lunch, entertainment, and comradery with fel-low Veterans and friends. Veterans are invited to attend free of charge with proof of service. For guests and other community members, the cost is \$18 per person. To register please visit www.ArcadiaCA.gov or register in person at the Arcadia Community Center. Additionally, Arca-dia is compiling a list of all Arcadia Veterans. If you would like to be add-ed to the list, please call the Arcadia Community Center 626.574.5130.

MAN EJECTED, KILLED WHEN VEHICLE GOES OVER SIDE OF FOREST ROAD

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST (CNS) - A man was killed today after his vehicle went over the side of a cliff near Arcadia in the Angeles National Forest. The crash was reported about 8 a.m. Thursday on Chantry Flat Road near the Santa Anita Dam, according to a watch commander at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Temple Station. A county worker saw the car leaning over a cliff, then going down the embankment toward the road leading to the dam, the lieutenant said. It was unclear how the vehicle ended up in the predicament. "It looks like the occupant in the vehicle was ejected and was pronounced dead at the scene," he said, adding that the man carried no identification. The county medical examiner was summoned to the location and will assist in identifying the victim. The Sierra Madre Fire Department also responded to the scene. (CNS)

OCEAN WATER USE WARNING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACHES

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health cautions residents who are planning to visit the below Los Angeles County beaches to avoid swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters:

- BEACH AREA WARNINGS:**
- Malibu Lagoon at Surfrider Beach
100 yards up and down the coast from the public restrooms
 - Topanga Canyon Lagoon at Topanga County Beach
100 yards up and down the coast from the lagoon.
 - Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica
100 yards up and down the coast from the pier.
 - Walnut Creek at Paradise Cove
100 yards up and down the coast from the creek.
 - Castlerock Storm Drain at Topanga County Beach
100 yards up and down the coast from the storm drain.
 - Wilshire Bl. storm drain at Santa Monica Beach. Santa Monica North Tower 12
100 yards up and down the coast from the storm drain.
 - Mothers Beach in Marina Del Rey
Entire swim area.

These warnings have been issued due to bacterial levels exceeding health standards when last tested.

BEACH AREAS NOW CLEARED:
Warnings have been lifted for the following beach areas where recent sample results identified water quality levels within State standards:

- Inner Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro
 - Malibu Pier in Malibu
 - Ramirez Creek at Paradise Cove
- Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24- hours a day on the County's beach closure hotline: 1-800- 525-5662. To view map of impacted locations and for more information please visit: PublicHealth.LACounty.gov/beach.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (626) 430-5360.

THIRD POST-ELECTION NIGHT BALLOT COUNT UPDATE FOR THE 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

— Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean C. Logan announced the third post-Election Night ballot count update for the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election.

The update includes 179,542 ballots processed since the second post-Election Night update. This update includes ballots returned to the United States Postal Service (USPS), Ballot Drop Box, and cast at Vote Centers on Election Day. The total election results count is now 2,366,034, which is 40.48% of registered voters. Election results can be viewed on LAVOTE.GOV. The next ballot count update will be on Monday, November 10. The full schedule of ballot counting updates is available on the Canvass Update Schedule. A large number of Vote by Mail ballots were returned on Election Day. The RR/CC continues to prioritize the timely processing of these ballots to establish a clear number of outstanding ballots in this election. The estimate of outstanding ballots to be processed is 248,400. See the categories below:
Vote by Mail ballots: 230,000
Conditional Voter Registration ballots: 17,000
Provisional ballots: 1,400

The estimate includes Vote by Mail ballots returned to the USPS and ballots returned in a Ballot Drop Box or Vote Center on Election Day. The number of outstanding Vote by Mail ballots may increase as the RR/CC continues to accept ballots postmarked by Election Day and received through Tuesday, November 11 (E+7). These ballots are not included in the estimate. Outstanding estimates are Countywide and are not currently available by jurisdiction as ballots are received and processed in batches throughout the county. The RR/CC will continue to process, verify, and count all outstanding ballots in the Official Election Canvass.

The Official Election Canvass is a 30-day period in which the RR/CC processes and verifies all outstanding ballots to ensure that every eligible ballot cast by Election Day is counted.

ARCADIA SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR LA28 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

The City of Arcadia became the latest to sign a Venue City Games Agreement with LA28, the Olympic and Para-lympic Organizing Committee in Los Angeles. Approved by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, November 4, the agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of both the LA28 Or-ganizing Committee and the City of Arcadia.

LA28 identified Arcadia, home to the renowned equestrian center at Santa Anita Park, as an ideal staging area for the Games. Dur-ing the Games, Arcadia will welcome spectators from around the world to see athletes compete in dressage, show jumping and eventing, all which have been part of the Olympic program since 1912. Santa Anita Park was also the site for equestrian events dur-ing the 1984 Olympic Games, but LA28 will mark the first time that para equestrian events are staged in Arcadia.

“We are thrilled to bring the Games back to Arcadia and to wel-come international teams at such a historic venue,” said Arcadia Mayor Sharon Kwan. “Arcadia is proud to be part of the LA28 story, which celebrates our community’s history, diversity and inclusive spirit. With a long-standing tradition of hosting world-class eques-trian events, Arcadia embodies the essence of the Olympic spirit and is honored to be named an LA28 Venue City.”

Arcadia is one of two Venue Cities bringing the Games to the San Gabriel Valley. The City also shares LA28’s commitment to sus-tainability by utilizing existing, world-class facilities across Southern California to create an impactful Games experience. Through this partnership, Arcadia will help showcase the region’s offerings, leaving a lasting legacy for both the City and the broader region.

“This agreement provides a roadmap for coordinating efforts across various partners to make an event of this scale a success. I’m honored to serve on the City Council as we help deliver such a momentous event for Arcadia,” said Council-member Michael Cao.

Registration for LA28 tickets will open in January 2026. The City will share more information with community members and busi-nesses on ways to get involved, including local watch parties, vol-unteering, transportation to the venue and planned celebrations.

To learn more about the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralym-pic Games, visit www.la28.org.



ALZHEIMERS MOTHER DAUGHTER HIKE

This November, in recognition of both National Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month, Andrea Van Wickle, a career-driven AD advocate and author of *Use Your Brain to Fight Alzheimer’s: Early Detection + New Drugs = Hope*, and her daughter, Sarah Peñalora, are raising awareness about the importance of early detection and offering hope to other patients and families navigat-ing AD.

Driven by curiosity and a lifelong passion for learning, Andrea had a di-verse career spanning education, corporate leadership and government technology. Following her early AD diagnosis in 2024, she turned her focus to understanding and managing her brain health. Now, Andrea’s self-published book shares her personal journey with AD, blending re-search, resilience and strategies for maintaining cognitive function.

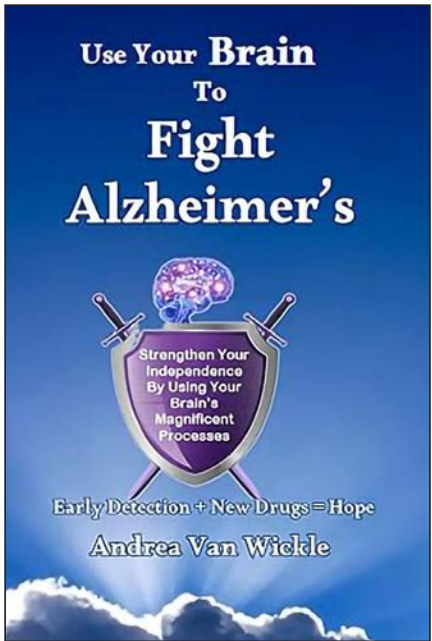
Andrea’s daughter and book editor, Sarah, has been Andrea’s strongest support throughout her journey, balancing the roles of daughter, care-giver and creative partner. Together, Sarah and Andrea launched a pub-lishing company, Gemynd Publishing, to share brain health strategies, research insights and personal reflections on AD diagnosis and treat-ment. Through their collaboration, they hope to encourage others to have open conversations, challenge misperceptions and empower oth-ers to seek answers early.

Andrea and Sarah are available for interviews and can share:

- The early signs that led An-drea to seek cognitive testing
- Her experience receiving treatment with LEQEMBI* (lec-anemabirmb), a therapy aimed at slowing the progression of AD

- The inspiration behind her book and message for others confronting AD
- Sarah’s unique perspective as both a caregiver and creative part-ner – and how working together brought them closer

You can purchase this book on Amazon. It's a must read.



ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ARCADIA HONOREE

Assistance League of Arcadia (ALA) was selected as a 2025-26 Honoree by the Garvey Unified School District's Education Foundation on October 29, 2025 at their annual Gala dinner. ALA was presented with a Golden Apple Award for its commitment and service as a community partner and was recog-nized for promoting student wellness in Garvey schools.

Additionally, ALA received Certifi-cates of Recognition from Congress-woman Judy Chu, Assemblyman Mike Fong, State Senator Sasha Perez, and the City of San Gabriel's Mayor, Denise Menchaca. Over the last two years, over 5,000 Garvey students have benefited from Operation School Bell and Links to Learning. OSB “dressed and prepped” students for school success with cloth-ing and a backpack stuffed with sup-plies. The Links to Learning program gave each second grader a book for their home library. In addition, since participating 2 years ago, ALA has con-tributed \$9,000 to Garvey elementary school libraries. ALA has made a tre-mendous impact and a difference with student success and positive outcomes.



About Assistance League of Arcadia

Serving the communities of Arcadia, Alhambra, Duarte, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Temple City, Assistance League of Arcadia transforms lives and strengthens our community, through community-based programs. The Arcadia Chapter of the National Assistance League was founded in 1954. The Operation School Bell program has been clothing underserved children and providing them with uniforms, shoes, backpacks, hygiene kits, books, and school supplies since 1969. The Bargain Box Thrift Shop, located at 64 E. Live Oak Avenue, Arcadia, was purchased in 1982 and provides the funding for all the chapter’s various philanthropies. Assistance League of Arcadia is a 100% volunteer driven 501(c)3 non-profit. The chapter has the support of two auxiliaries, Las Alas for working women, and Assisteens for High School aged teens. Assistance League helps ordinary people discover their power to make a difference locally and always welcomes new members. For more information, please visit www.alarcadia.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

TEACHING KIDS ABOUT AI + GAMES TO GET YOU STARTED

By: Ed Kim, VP of Education & Training, Code Ninjas

Gen Alpha is the first generation to be born into the heavily technology-dependent world that we live in today, and they learned how to use the internet before they learned other soft skills that older generations learned. Gen Alpha was also born during the time when every company adopted and integrated technology into more aspects of their business, so by the time Gen Alpha joins the workforce, technology will have advanced even further and AI will most likely be a daily part of their lives in multiple ways.



Because of this, Gen Alpha needs platforms, learning pathways, and project-based learning that integrates the latest technology to streamline how their learning experience blends with their adult life. Today's kids should be learning a balanced blend of leveraging technology to problem solve and build strong interpersonal skills so that they can both solve problems and present them in effective ways to others.

Adaptability and digital fluency has become very critical for success in the future workforce as the world continues to evolve at an increasingly rapid pace. As many adults are resistant to change, change management is one of the most difficult workplace challenges today. Due to the rapidly evolving world they are growing up in, the next generation is more resilient to change and that will help in their future careers.

Technology used to be exclusive to high-level use cases or very specific jobs but in the last 20 years, it has become a more daily part of our lives and work across all industries. Today's kids use more technology in more parts of their lives at a young age far more than previous generations. Because of this, kids are learning about digital citizenship, social good and leveraging the right technology to be more effective and efficient. These are all critical components of digital fluency that we need to begin teaching at a young age, even in early education.

Parents and educators play a strong role in shaping how children interact with technology, engage with others, and build resilience to change. Children can participate in summer camps and after school activities to build both technical and interpersonal skills, or even learn through online games at home. Here are five safe, kid-friendly, AI-powered games that families can explore together. Each one highlights a different way AI can think, create, or solve problems in fun, engaging ways.

* Parent Reminder: AI tools may produce unpredictable results. As always, adult supervision is recommended to ensure that kids are using these tools responsibly.

- 1. Quick, Draw!
This silly sketch game from Google asks you to draw an object while AI tries to guess what it is. Sometimes it's spot-on, other times hilariously wrong. But that's the fun! Kids get to see how AI "learns" to recognize shapes and patterns.
- 2. Infinite Craft
What happens when you mix "fire" and "water"? Or "music" and "robot"? Infinite Craft uses AI to endlessly combine ideas and generate unexpected creations. It's a great way to show how AI can "imagine" by connecting concepts.
- 3. Google Labs Experiments
Google Labs offers a collection of safe, creative AI experiments where kids and families can explore how AI learns, creates, and plays. From Say What You See, which teaches how AI reads images, to Food Mood, a playful recipe generator, there's something for every curious mind.
- 4. Are You Smarter Than ChatGPT?
In this trivia game, kids test their knowledge against AI. Sometimes the AI nails it, sometimes it misses, but that's where the learning happens. It's a fun reminder that while AI can be smart, humans still have unique strengths.

These games make AI approachable and fun, showing kids that artificial intelligence isn't just about robots or code. It's also about creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving. Teaching our children critical technology skills, like coding and AI, at an early age ensures that they master critical thinking skills to become successful workers by being creative, modifying, and problem-solving. The rise of advanced technologies like AI presents unparalleled opportunities to innovate and expand our technological capabilities. By integrating these technologies into our lives, we free ourselves from the constraints of specialized knowledge, allowing us to focus on creativity and problem-solving. To fully leverage these benefits, we must continue to teach our children invaluable tech skills like coding, to prepare them to thrive in a future where technology and creativity go hand in hand.

About the Author:
Ed Kim, VP of Education & Training, Code Ninjas, the world's largest and fastest-growing kids' coding franchise offering STEM-focused summer camps and after school programs for kids aged 5-14. Its game-based curriculum fuels creativity, and critical thinking skills, and prepares children for success and fun in the tech-driven world.

BOSCO TECH FALL OPEN HOUSE IS NOVEMBER 16

Unique College-Prep Applied Science High School Program Now Available to Young Women

Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) will host Open House for prospective students—male and female—on Sunday, November 16. After 70 years as an all-boys school, Bosco Tech is transitioning to co-education. Starting in Fall 2026, its unique college-preparatory curriculum in pre-engineering and applied science will be available to both young men and women. "We're thrilled to expand our educational mission by offering this respected, proven program to female students as well," said Tech President Memo Gutierrez, a Tech alumnus. "In a timely and appropriate move, our unparalleled, fully equipped laboratories, knowledgeable instruction, and university-level curriculum will now be available to a far wider audience, reflective of current and future tech-driven workplaces." Elementary and middle school students and their families are invited to learn about the school's college-prep academics, advanced technology majors, internship opportunities, and individualized college planning programs. Running from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Open House will feature two brief welcome sessions at 12:15 and 2:00 p.m. providing descriptions of the Tech's unique programs, and on-going campus tours will spotlight the six applied-science technology majors:

- Architecture & Construction Engineering (ACE)
- Biological, Medical & Environmental Technology (BMET)
- Computer Science & Electrical Engineering (CSEE)
- Integrated Design, Engineering and Art (IDEA)
- Media Arts & Technology (MAT)
- Materials Science, Engineering & Technology (MSET)

"Open House is the perfect opportunity for all interested students to experience everything Bosco Tech has to offer," Gutierrez continued. "They'll see first-hand how the school has earned its reputation as a premier college-preparatory high school that places graduates in top universities across the country."



Interested students can register to attend at www.boscotech.edu/openhouse. For more information, contact the Office of Admission at Admissions@boscotech.edu or (626) 940-2008. Details about the school's shadow visits, honors and Advanced Placement classes, college counseling program, extracurricular activities, and financial aid will be available during the event.

As the only Catholic applied science high school of its kind in the U.S., Bosco Tech uniquely combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with STEM-based studies. This innovative approach allows students to exceed university admissions requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of six technology and engineering fields.

The school is located at 1151 San Gabriel Boulevard, Rosemead, 91770. More information is available at www.boscotech.edu.

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I DID IT MY WAY (AN APOLOGY OF SORTS)

By Peter Dills – L.A.'s Dining Doctor

Maybe it's time I say I'm sorry. Not for anything scandalous—no tax evasion, no speeding tickets—just for the simple culinary “crimes” that I keep on committing.

I'm sorry for wanting **French fries** that actually taste like potatoes—hot, crisp, and fresh, the way they used to be when the cook wore an apron, not a headset. For the record, **Islands** and **In-N-Out** still do them right—fresh, golden, and fried with love, not laziness.

I apologize for **crab cakes** that are made with, well, crab—and not a breadcrumb filler with identity issues. If **\$60 is in your budget**, there's a front-runner in **Arcadia** that serves one worth the splurge. And if **Moonshadows** in Malibu is still open, theirs used to be as good as a seaside sunset.

Forgive me for loving **real Champagne**, the kind that comes from France, not from a can. I know “sparkling wine” is the polite term, but a real celebration deserves bubbles with a passport.

I apologize for handing over a **\$100 bill** and not wanting four \$20s back. Call me old-fashioned, but if you break my rhythm, you probably just broke that **\$20 tip**, too.

I'm sorry for believing a **Caesar salad** should be made tableside—with garlic, egg, and anchovy—while someone hums “*Fly Me to the Moon*.” Few still do it right, but the classic **Dal Rae in Pico Rivera** certainly keeps the tradition alive. Arroyo **Chop House** makes a dang good one as well.

Forgive me for demanding a **martini** that's smooth, cold, and confident—like **Sinatra himself**—with no ice chips clinging to the rim like stage fright. When I want it done right, I head to **Plate 38** in Pasadena.

And yes, I'll take my **Mai Tai** with **Myers's Rum**, thank you very much. If I'm going to dream of the islands, I don't want to taste chemistry. For my money, **Canoe House** and **Islands** both know how to mix one worth humming about.

I'll confess to loving a **burger made from fresh beef**, ground that day, juicy enough to leave a memory. For value, **Hook Burger** on Foothill is tough to beat, and of course, the legend of **Pie 'n Burger** speaks for itself.

And while we're clearing the air, I like my **chili without beans**—because some songs, and some recipes, don't need backup singers. **Carney's** and **Smitty's** both get that tune just right.

And when it comes to **steak**, well, nobody swings like **Taylor's Steakhouse**—the true gold standard.

So there you have it—my little apology to the culinary world. If expecting a little care, craft, and class is out of tune with today's tempo—then I'll keep on crooning off-key.

Because when it comes to food, drink, and life itself—
I did it my way.

IN SUMMARY:

I apologize that when the waiter asks, “*How is everything?*” or “*Do you want salt and pepper?*” I reply, “*I don't know yet—I haven't tasted it.*”
Yes, I want it my way.

— Peter Dills
Host of “Dining with Dills” Dining with Dills Podcast

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EMBRACING THE SEASON: Autumn Reflections for Seniors

As the crisp air of autumn settles in and the trees turn brilliant shades of gold and crimson, the season offers seniors a special opportunity to slow down, reflect, and connect. Fall is more than just a change in weather—it's a time to celebrate the warmth of community, the comfort of routine, and the beauty of life's ongoing cycles.

For many older adults, autumn brings fond memories of family gatherings, harvest celebrations, and preparing for the holidays ahead. It's also a wonderful time to stay active and engaged. Simple activities like walking among the fallen leaves, attending a local craft fair, or baking seasonal favorites such as pumpkin bread can bring joy and purpose.



This season also reminds us of the importance of connection. As daylight grows shorter, it's easy to feel isolated—but reaching out to friends, family, or community groups can make a world of difference. Senior centers, churches, and libraries often host fall-themed events that offer companionship and fun.

Health-wise, autumn is an ideal time for seniors to check in on wellness routines—getting flu shots, reviewing medications, and ensuring homes are safe and cozy before winter arrives. A warm blanket, a good book, and a cup of tea can turn chilly days into peaceful moments of rest.

Above all, autumn encourages gratitude. Just as trees let go of their leaves, this season reminds us to release worries and cherish what truly matters—love, laughter, and the simple joys of each day. For seniors, fall is not an ending, but a beautiful chapter of reflection, connection, and renewal.

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY SPOUSAL BENEFITS

Dear Savvy Senior,
How do Social Security spousal benefits work? My wife, who's approaching age 62, has had a few small-paying jobs over the years, but spent most of her time as a homemaker. What is she entitled to? Primary Breadwinner



Dear Breadwinner,

Spousal benefit questions are among the most frequently asked and confusing parts of Social Security. The rules that govern qualifying and claiming are knotty, and there are many exceptions. But understanding how these benefits work is crucial for maximizing your family's retirement income. Here's what you should know.

What Are Spousal Benefits?

Social Security spousal benefits are designed to provide retirement income to spouses who either didn't work or worked sporadically/part-time and earned significantly less than their spouses over their working lifetime. A stay-at-home parent is a good example of a spousal benefit recipient.

Who's Qualifies?

To qualify for spousal benefits, you and your wife must meet three conditions: Your wife must be at least age 62; you must be married for a year or more; and you must already be collecting your retirement benefits.

Different rules apply for ex-spouses. Ex-spouses (if you were married for at least 10 years and are not remarried) can receive a spousal benefit based on an ex-spouse's record even if your ex has not yet filed for their own benefits, but your ex must be age 62 or older.

How Much Are Spousal Benefits?

The amount your wife would get for spousal benefits will depend on your earning's history and her claiming age.

The maximum spousal benefit is 50 percent of your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA), which is that amount you're entitled to at full retirement age benefit (FRA). But your wife will only get that much if she waits until her full retirement age to file, which is 67 if she was born in 1960 or later.

Unfortunately, spousal benefits cannot be increased by her waiting beyond FRA, but they are reduced by taking them early. So, for example, if your wife were to start collecting her spousal benefits at age 62 (the earliest possible age), she would collect only 32.5 percent of your PIA.

To calculate exactly how much your wife's spousal benefits would be reduced by taking them before her FRA see SSA.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html.

You also need to know that because spousal benefits are based on your PIA, even if you (the primary earner) retire early, before you reach your FRA, your wife's spousal benefit will not be reduced. Just as they will not increase if you delay claiming your benefits beyond your FRA.

You should also note that if your wife worked and is entitled to benefits on her own work record, but it's less than what she's entitled to as a spouse, Social Security will pay her the higher of the two amounts, but not both.

Survivor Benefits

In addition to spousal benefits Social Security also pays survivor benefits to spouses and ex-spouses starting at age 60 (50 if disabled).

So, if your wife outlives you, she'll be able to switch from her spousal benefits to survivor benefits and receive a higher payment. Survivor benefits range between 71.5 and 100 percent of the deceased's benefit, based on your wife's age when she claims.

There is, however, one exception. Surviving spouses and ex-spouses that are caring for a child (or children) of the deceased worker, and they are under age 16 or disabled, are eligible to receive 75 percent of the worker's benefit amount at any age.

Online Calculators

There are several online calculators that can help you and your wife figure out the best time to claim your benefits to ensure you get the highest possible lifetime payout. One that's completely free to use OpenSocialSecurity.com. Or for a more thorough analysis use MaximizeMySocialSecurity.com. This tool, which costs \$49 for a year, will run what-if scenarios based on your circumstances to find your best strategy.

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

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

TRUTH IS AS THE TRUTHER SAYS

One thing I have learned in life is that for many people, truth is a relative thing. The truth is what they say it is, and you can't convince them otherwise.

I wrestle with telling the truth all the time. If you tell the truth, you do not have to remember what happened. But when you lie, you have to have a good memory of what the last lie was. Unfortunately, I do not have that kind of memory. What I do remember is good old Uncle Dan. Now, he was not a biological uncle in that sense. But he was so much a part of our family and our family gatherings that everybody treated him like an uncle.

Everybody in the family really loved Uncle Dan. He had a charm about him that nobody could re-ally refuse. He wasn't married and had no siblings, so, apart from my family, he had no family. We gladly welcomed him into our family circle. What most of us liked about Uncle Dan was his humorous stories. He never ran out of stories to tell, and they were all hilarious. He was so funny I believed he could have been a comedian, but we accepted him and enjoyed his comedy. Uncle Dan has been gone now for at least 20 years, but I still remember quite a few things about him. Of course, my memory is focused on his stories. For every family gathering, he had at least one story to tell.

As soon as Uncle Dan began one of his stories, he had our attention.

We all laughed almost uncontrollably while he told his story. We didn't know at the time, but we laughed because he told different versions of the same story. It was when he went fishing at the lake. I don't know where it all started, because it was always a different lake.

At the time, nobody realized he was telling the same story, just different versions. Every time he told the story, it turned out differently from the story before. My cousin and I were the first ones to realize what good old Uncle Dan was doing. Whether Uncle Dan knew he was doing it or not, I will never know.

After one of his storytelling episodes, my cousin and I were together, I looked at him and said, "Wasn't that similar to the story he told the last time?"

My cousin looked at me, scratched his chin, and then said, "You know, I think you're right. That was similar to the one he told last time, and the one he told before that, and the one he told before that one. They all were similar."

Together, we laughed as only cousins could. We couldn't wait until the next family gathering with Uncle Dan. We wanted to see if anybody else caught on to what Uncle Dan was doing.

My cousin and I agreed that Uncle Dan probably did not know he was changing these stories every time. To him, it was like he was telling the story for the very first time.

Several years after he passed away at our family gathering, I brought up the subject.

"I sure miss Uncle Dan stories. They sure were very entertaining." Then the family group laughed together and smiled. I could not help it, but I had to take it one step further: "Do any of you know what Uncle Dan was doing with his stories?" Nobody understood what I was saying. One person said, "They were very funny stories and I enjoyed every one of them."

I then presented another question, "Can anybody tell me how many stories Uncle Dan told?" A silly chuckle ran through the crowd, and finally someone said, "He told us a new story every time we got together. I don't remember how many stories he told us." I looked at my cousin and said, "Mike could you answer that question?" With a hearty chuckle, he looked at the family group and said, "Uncle Dan only ever told one story throughout the years."

Nobody in that crowd understood what we were saying. But as we pursued in that direction, one family member said, "You know, that thought occurred to me about 10 years ago when he was telling his story. They all sounded similar and I couldn't put it together."

My cousin and I laughed together, and soon everybody said a profound "awe." The rest of that family gathering was very interesting as people began to remember similarities in Uncle Dan's stories. Everybody thought he was telling a different story every time we gathered. I don't believe Uncle Dan was lying to us; he didn't understand the truth as it really was.

Remembering Uncle Dan and his "story" helps me see truth differently. Was he telling the truth? And was that truth from his perspective?

In thinking about Uncle Dan's stories, I was reminded of what Jesus said about the importance of telling the truth.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

Uncle Dan's stories were just entertainment. However, the Word of God is not entertainment but the basis of all truth. When I know God's truth, it will set me free from everything else.

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THE BURMESE HARP - A Movie Review

I recently sat spell-bound for nearly two hours, watching the emotionally-riveting film, The Burmese Harp, produced in 1956 in black and white.

The movie follows a company of Japanese soldiers, stationed in Burma, following the surrender of Japan. The captain of this company, Inouye, had been drafted out of music school, and regularly led the soldiers in song. This group of singing soldiers is depicted as different, healthier, and happier because they sing so frequently. One soldier, Mizushima Yasuhiko, often plays his harp to accompany the singing.

When news of the surrender is received, the soldiers are exuberant, and begin preparations to depart within a few weeks or so.

Mizushima is also the company scout, because he could be mistaken for Burmese. Another group of soldiers is hiding out in a cave, refusing to surrender, and so Mizushima is sent to convince them to surrender. They angrily tell Mizushima that they will never surrender, that they would rather die than surrender. [Historical fact: The last two Japanese soldier holdouts from WWII were captured in 1978!].

Mizushima fails in his task, and the cave is bombed by the British, apparently killing every-one. Mizushima's company assume that Mizushima is dead, and they make plans to move along to an eventual camp where they will be taken back to Japan.

The story then tracks Mizushima, who although wounded, was not killed. He was healed and brought back to health by a Buddhist monk. Though Mizushima could have returned to his company, he was overcome with grief for all the dead soldiers still in Burma. He set about burning and burying the dead, the anguish and terror of war having changed him permanently. At some point, he becomes a monk.

When I watched the unfolding plot of this story, told through two different perspectives, I wondered why so few people have heard of this masterpiece. It was actually the 27th film by 41-year-old Japanese film-maker Ichikawa, and apparently his most famous. It is a hauntingly compelling movie that draws you along in its story and vistas, very much as you'd expect in a classic Kurasawa movie. Filmed in 1956, there were still Japanese at that time who believed that Japan should not have surrendered, and that it had been wrong for their government to surrender. And though the movie has been described as an "anti-war" movie, that description seems to miss the point.

War seems inevitable in human life. Yet, when everyone is drawn up into various conflicts, there are endless choices that can be made, for better or worse. Inouye led his soldiers in song, that lifted their spirits. And Mizushima, after his near-death experience, decided he would no longer be a soldier, but remained in Burma as a monk, burying the dead, and per-haps contemplating returning to Japan one day.

The movie was based on a novel by Takeyama, written in 1946, and the movie largely sticks to the book. One early critic of the Burmese Harp movie suggested that the movie white-washed the atrocities of Japan in Burma in WWII. This is probably an unwarranted criticism, since the movie accurately depicts the appalling cost of human life in war, and more importantly, that there is always an alternative to the militaristic spirit. The fact that Mizushima could change from a Japanese soldier to a monk under such dire conditions is where the movie gives us all hope.

The Burmese Harp is strongly recommended, and I give it my highest rating.

Katnip News!



MEET OLLIE--A LITTLE COUGAR CUB!

Handsome Ollie, age 12 months, is a young, sleek boy who looks just like a little cougar! He's playful, curious, and confident, with a soft spot for snuggles—especially with his kitty siblings. Ollie enjoys being around other cats and does best with calm companions who match his easygoing energy.



He's a social boy who loves attention—always happy to be petted, brushed, or admired for his good looks! While Ollie has a confident personality, he also has a sweet and affectionate side that shines through when he's spending time with his humans.



When he's not lounging on the highest perch of the cat tree (his favorite throne), you'll find him chasing toys, watching "Cat TV," or simply soaking up love. With his big-cat looks and loving heart, Ollie is sure to bring beauty, fun, and affection to his forever home.

Don't miss your chance to bring this purr-monster home! See more of him and his siblings and apply to meet Ollie today at <https://www.lifelineforpets.org/mindys-kittens.html> or use the qr code.

Pet of the Week

Campion is a big, gray pittie at Pasadena Humane with an unforgettable smile. This handsome boy came to the shelter after the Eaton Fire unfortunately displaced his family. While his beginning days under our care were a bit stressful, he's shown himself to be a playful, affectionate companion.



Out in the shelter's training yard, Campion lights up — happily chasing squeaky toys and balls, leaning in for pets, and rolling over for belly rubs from everyone he knows. He's a sweet, goofy guy who just wants to be near those he trusts.

That being said, Campion's perfect home is a calm one with no other pets or young kids, where he can relax and feel secure. He may need a little patience with new people, but he is so worth it.

After all he's been through, Campion's ready to share that huge smile with a family of his own. Come meet Campion — and see why he's impossible not to love!

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

Walk-in adoptions are available every day from 10:00 – 5:00. View photos of adoptable pets at pasadenahumane.org.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

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

PASADENA PETS

Pasadena Waiving Adoption Fees for Older Pets

PASADENA (CNS) - The Pasadena Humane Society is waiving all adoption fees for pets aged 5 and older in November in honor of National Adopt a Senior Pet Month, officials said today.

The fee waiver is being offered thanks to the sponsorship of the Mericos Foundation, and aims to highlight the benefits of adopting older pets.

“Senior pets tend to be calmer, often house-trained, and ready to settle in right away -- but what really sets them apart is their capacity for love,” Pasadena Humane President and CEO Chris Ramon said. “They may be older, but they have just as much love to give. In return, you'll gain an affectionate, devoted companion.”

All dogs and cats available for adoption are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and have received age-appropriate vaccinations.

New adopters will also receive a complimentary wellness exam with a partner veterinarian, along with a packet of information on pet care.

Throughout November anyone interested in meeting adoptable senior pets is encouraged to visit pasadenahumane.org or visit the shelter during adoptions hours daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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LA SALLE GIRLS' TENNIS BATTLES PAST COACHELLA VALLEY IN CIF 1ST ROUND



The La Salle girls' tennis team continues its impressive 2025 season with the start of their postseason run, defeating Coachella Valley 13–5 in the first round of the CIF playoffs despite being short a player and traveling more than two hours each way for the match. The victory marks another example of the team's grit, focus, and ability to rise under pressure.

“Practicing the pressure moments was key to our win,” said Coach Javier. “Five of our eight players are new to the team, and this was a brand-new experience for them. Driv-ing two hours didn't help either—but they handled it like pros.”

Despite the strong finish, the day didn't start smoothly. The Lancers split the first six sets, and Coach Javier admitted he was “not happy” with the team's early energy. But in the second round, everything began to click. La Salle found its rhythm and began dominating the pressure points that had been emphasized in practice.

The turning point came from freshman Sima Samari, who was down 3–5 in her second singles match and looked on the verge of defeat before rallying to win in a tie-breaker. “That was huge,” said Coach Javier. “She completely turned it around and gave us the momentum we needed to close out the match.”

Even while continuing to compete with one player short, the Lancers have embraced the challenge. “We've honestly gotten used to it,” said Coach Javier. “It weighs on us, yes, but we're using it to maintain our focus each point.”

Now, the team turns its attention to the next test—a home playoff match against No. 3–seed Norwalk on Friday. “We're playing well,” said Coach Javier. “We're going to get a great practice in and prepare for a strong opponent.”

For Coach Javier, the success of this group goes beyond the scoreboard. “It's reward-ing,” he said. “It's been a tough season, but I'm so proud of how they've handled the pressure. And you'll see—we're not done.”

ALL THINGS by Jeff Brown

BARAK VAN WYK-MARRIAGE COUNSELOR & GUIDE ON LOVE IN RELATIONSHIP



Love is not a mood, It is not a feeling, it is a practice,it is a constant choice.

You know around 60% of my work is with couples helping them reignite the spark, helping them re-connect emotionally helping them work through betrayal, through cheating, all kinds of stuff, but I think one of the most misplaced ideas is that love is how I feel about you.

Feelings come and go you're up and down every single day. Love is a practice in a relationship, do I respect or do I criticize, do I make the effort,or do I slack off.

Every single little decision builds the relationship that you have and that is why the most successful relationships the most happy couples aren't the ones who never fight, they are the ones who keep choosing each other and keep choosing respect even during conflict, who keeps choosing kindness even when they're overwhelmed, the ones who keep choosing repair instead of resentment.

Loving isn't a one time decision it is a thousand little decisions that are stacked on top of each other. So one of the most powerful things you can say to each other is not I love you,it is that I will continue choosing you and if your partner doesn't choose you, doesn't show you respect doesn't put in the time or the effort doesn't listen but is dismissive & is unwilling to change.Is there still love?

Do you still like each other? Sit with that one.

FITNESS FOR LIFE



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BRAIN POWER

Most people think of exercise as something that only helps the body. We work out to get stronger, run faster, or burn calories. But exercising your body also exercises your brain. It's true. The same ways we train our muscles can help our brains grow and work better.

Scientists have found that certain kinds of movement can actually make your brain stronger. Activities that challenge your balance, coordination, or memory can help your brain create new connections. These connections make it easier to think, learn, and remember things. Challenging your body challenges your brain, helping it build new pathways.

One example is learning a new sport or movement. When you practice a tennis serve, a dance step, or a complex yoga pose, your brain has to figure out the best way to move your body. It remembers what worked and what didn't. Over time, this builds “neural pathways,” which are like little roads your brain uses to send messages. The more roads you have, the faster and smarter your brain can work.

Even simple activities can help. Walking, jogging, or riding a bike increases blood flow to the brain. More blood means more oxygen and nutrients for brain cells. Scientists have seen that people who move regularly have more growth in a part of the brain called the hippocampus. This area helps with memory and learning. A bigger hippocampus usually means better memory and thinking skills.

Exercise also releases chemicals in the brain called neurotransmitters. One of them is called “brain-derived neurotrophic factor,” or BDNF for short. BDNF acts like a fertilizer for brain cells. It helps them grow, survive, and connect with other cells. Without it, brain cells can weaken over time. Exercise is one of the best ways to boost BDNF naturally.

Balance and coordination exercises are especially powerful for the brain. Things like standing on one leg, practicing tai chi, or doing agility drills make your brain focus on controlling your body. This kind of focus improves the “executive function” part of the brain. Executive function is responsible for planning, problem-solving, and paying attention. In other words, exercises that challenge your body also challenge your brain in useful ways.

Kids and adults both benefit. Studies show that children who are active do better in school. Their brains are sharper, they remember more, and they pay attention longer. For adults, regular exercise can protect against memory loss and help fight mental decline as we age. Some research even suggests that people who stay active have a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease.

But you don't need a pricey gym to get brain benefits. You can combine physical and mental challenges at home. Try learning a new dance, balancing on a pillow while doing squats, or practicing a sport you've never tried before. Even walking while counting steps or spotting patterns around you can give your brain a workout.

The key is variety. Just like muscles, the brain responds to new challenges. Doing the same old routine over and over can keep your body fit but may not push your brain as much. Change things up. Try something new each week. The more you challenge both your body and brain together, the more benefits you will see.

Here are some simple, practical mental challenges layered on top of exercises that you may already do:

- Balance on One Foot – Stand on one leg for 30 seconds, then switch. For an extra challenge, close your eyes or stand on a pillow.
- Memory Walk – Take a short walk while naming all the objects of a certain shape, or category you see around you. Change the shape/category each day.
- Sit-To-Stand or Squat – Each time you stand, say another item that is of a specific color. Ex. red would be things like apple, stop sign, rose, cherries, etc. Everyday pick a different color.
- Run On – While running think of as many opposite pairs of things you can. Things like hot/cold, up/down, in/out, light/dark, etc.
- Backwards Stretch – While doing your stretching routine, count backwards from 30 to 1 while you hold each stretch.
- Pedal-and-Recall – While cycling, name all the items you would find in your garage. Change the list daily. Ex. items from your kitchen, baby items, spices, types of cars, etc.

Remember, whenever you exercise you're not just shaping your body. You're shaping your brain, too. Every jump, stretch, or spin helps build a stronger, smarter mind. Fitness isn't just about looking good or lifting heavier—it's about growing your brain and keeping it healthy for years to come.

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE FINDING WHAT'S ALREADY THERE: *The Science of Stress Blindness*



Lori A. Harris

I was late. Again. Keys? Gone. I checked the counter three times, rifled through my bag twice, and scattered the mail pile. That familiar panic started tightening, heart racing, vision tunneling on the empty spot where my keys should be. Then I remembered something. I stopped. Took a breath. Let my shoulders drop. Softened my gaze. There they were. Behind the fruit bowl. Exactly where I'd looked three times already.

Here's what most people don't know: I wasn't being careless or inattentive. My brain was doing exactly what it's designed to do under stress. And that same mechanism that kept me from seeing my keys? It's also keeping you from seeing the opportunities, resources, and solutions that are right in front of you.

When Stress Makes You Blind

In an article published by the National Institute of Public Health, neuroscientists using visual attention tasks found that negative emotional cues literally narrow attentional focus, reducing our ability to notice things in our peripheral vision. Research indicates that when individuals are anxious, their gaze behavior undergoes significant changes, resulting in inefficient and often ineffective search strategies.

Translation: When you're stressed, your visual field actually contracts. You see less. You notice less. Your brain prioritizes survival over observation. It gets worse. Studies demonstrate that stress upregulates the norepinephrine system in the brain, which weakens cognitive flexibility and creativity. Research published in 2024 found that acute stress negatively impacts creative performance through elevated cortisol levels and reduced cognitive flexibility.

This means when you're in panic mode, whether about your keys, your career, or your bank account, you literally cannot access the creative problem-solving part of your brain. The solutions are there. You just can't see them.

The Power of Soft Eyes

But here's the remarkable part: you can reverse this. Immediately. When we soften our eyes and shift from focused vision to peripheral awareness, we trigger the parasympathetic nervous system, the body's natural calming response. This is the physiological opposite of “tunnel vision,” which is a stress response, says Therapist Emma McAdam. Studies show that when the parasympathetic system is activated (measured by a slower heart rate), people demonstrate improved attention and faster cognitive processing. This is what happened when I found my keys. I didn't try harder. I didn't search faster. I changed my nervous system state, and suddenly I could see what was already there.

Vision Requires Calm

Living a vision-driven life isn't about straining to see farther into the future. It's about being calm enough to see what's true in the present moment. How many times have you been desperate for an opportunity, only to realize later it was right in front of you? How often do you scan frantically for what's missing instead of noticing what's actually available? The life you want isn't always somewhere else, requiring more effort to reach. Sometimes it's behind the fruit bowl, waiting for you to be calm enough to see it.

The Practice

This week, when you feel that familiar grip, the panic about what you don't have, can't find, or need to fix, instead, try this: Stop. Take three slow breaths, making your exhale longer than your inhale. Soften your eyes. Let your gaze unfocus slightly. Notice your peripheral vision—what's at the edges of what you can see? Drop your shoulders. Relax your jaw. Then ask: What if what I need is already here?

The keys to the life you want might be closer than you think. You just need to be calm enough to see them.

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STUART TOLCHIN



How do you feel this morning? I am writing on Wednesday Morning, November 5 and after reading about the elections and balloting of yesterday I feel pretty good. How about you? I like feeling that everyone has the same feelings that I do even though I know that is nonsense, but feelings do not exist within the boundaries of what is sensible. Think about it. How did you feel during that final World Series game?

Remember, the bases were loaded with nobody out and we could not score. We were bringing in a pitcher who had thrown 96 pitches the day before and probably would not be very effective in this game. For all sorts of reasons, it looked like we would lose, but we didn't. "We" won!! All right, who is this "we" I keep talking about. I know there are many of you who don't know, or don't care anything about the Dodgers. Well, feelings don't care. I felt it was a victory for "all of us".

In the same nonsensical way, I feel that everyone "we" all feel the same way about Trump. Of course, this ain't the way it is. Millions and millions of Americans were and probably still are Trump fans. Do you remember how you felt in 2008 after the election of Barack Obama? Didn't you feel great to be an American feeling proud that we had elected a Black President. (I know we say African American now; but, to me, this is another kind of nonsense.) What I am talking about is how I felt then as opposed to how I have felt during this second Trump administration. I have not felt proud to be an American or proud to be myself.

I have felt insecure and worried about the future. Whose future or what future have I been worrying about? Is it my future, or the future of my family and friends, or the future of Democracy, or the future of our species or the future of our planet? What sense does any of all that make—I don't know, and now that I think about it, I am still worried. That is what I intend the point of this article to be. I need to live and act sensibly and realistically and not be dominated by momentary feelings. It is my hope that "we" are all able to do that and that will make everything better. At least, that's how I feel

Often, in the morning, I awake dominated by the feelings that surrounded me in a dream. Often, I feel that it is important that I do something, but I can't remember what it is. Generally, to calm myself down

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

FEELINGS AND TIME

and focus on the present time I begin to hunt around for my iPhone. So far, I have always managed to find it and begin to play the New York Times Spelling Bee Game. First, I check the game I played yesterday and always notice the words I couldn't find and momentarily feel pretty stupid. But that was yesterday I tell myself; I will do better today. My hope is to reach Genius without looking at any of the hints. There is a level beyond Genius called Queen Bee, but I have always satisfied myself with the attain-ment of the Genius level recognizing that I do not have the time or the talent to reach Queen Bee without many hints.

I forget yesterday and begin again today happily finding words and feel pretty good until I can think of no more. I fear that I am stupid but generally at that moment a new word pops into my head and that word leads to soon I reach the Genius level. I feel smart see, right in front of me it says Genius. I send that Genius message to my wife whom I know couldn't care less but I feel the need to share my success, or limited success (don't forget Queen Bee). Now it is generally near 7 AM and the Pasadena Star News probably has arrived on our driveway. For quite a while, before getting the paper, I would turn on PBS and watch the program Democracy Now hosted by Amy Goodman. I have stopped doing that because the news presented on that program has been so consistently negative that it de-pressed me and I don't want to feel that bad so early in the morning.

I bring in the newspaper and generally first look at the Sports Section to learn what sporting events will be on TV during the day. This gives me something to look forward to and I feel good and brave enough to look at the rest of the paper. Yes, I already fear for the worst, but I am ready. Today, the news was unexpectedly good, and I am filled with hope about the future. I want to hold on to that feeling no matter what else happens. I thought today of the Kipling Poem "If" the first line of which speaks to "keeping your head about you" no matter what else is happening. There is always the time to recognize what is good about the miracle of our lives and to focus on what positive steps we can take in the next moment. Remember, there have been other bad times and "we" have survived.

It is my hope that you do not consider the time you spent reading this article to be a waste of your time and feel good about my opportunity to submit this article. Hooray, this is a time for all of "us" to feel pretty good!

RICH JOHNSON

RELATIVELY SPEAKING WITH ALBERT EINSTEIN

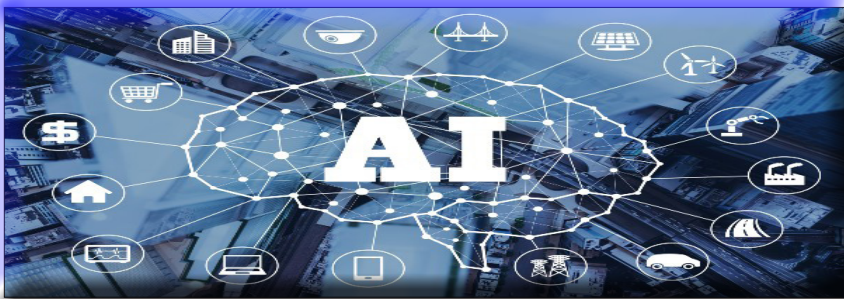


went:

Rich: Are you ready Professor?
Albert: Ya Kumpel!
Rich: Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you Professor Einstein on the meaning of life.
Albert: "Well, relatively speaking Rich, we (meaning you and I) are sound and light waves, a walking bundle of frequencies tuned into the cosmos. We are souls dressed up in sacred biochemical garments and our bodies are the instruments through which our souls play their music."
Rich: "Thank you Professor. Now we will move..."
Albert: "Relatively speaking I have more quotes to enlighten your readers. May I?"
Rich: "Be my guest, oh, excuse me, my Mein Gast! (German for guest)"
Albert: "The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education."
Albert: "Intellectuals solve problems, geniuses prevent them."
Rich: "Ain't that true Professor?"
Albert: "Ya, Kumpel, may I keep going?"
Albert: "If A is a success in life, then A equals X plus Y plus Z. Work is X; Y is play; and Z is keeping your mouth shut."
Albert: "My dog is very smart, he feels sorry for me because I receive so much mail; that's why he tries to bite the mailman. I have more Rich, may I continue?"
Rich: "Jawohl" (Yes, indeed in German)
Albert: "If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?"
Albert: "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."
Albert: "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."
Albert: Do you want to know my favorite quote on relativity?
Rich: "Lernen Sie die Übersetzung für" (I can hardly wait in German)
Albert: "Rich, here is my favorite quote on relativity." "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."
Albert: "Like that one Richie...may I call you Richie?"
Rich: "Ya, and Professor, what is your favorite quote?"
Albert: "The quote that most effectively defines relativity is this one:" "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute."
Rich: "Any regrets Professor?"
Albert: "Rich, please call me by my childhood nickname, 'der depperte'. Our family maid gave me that name."
Rich: "What does the name mean Herr Professor?"
Albert: "It has become an endearing name to me. And, relatively speaking I have enjoyed our conversation so much, I would like to call you 'der depperte' if you don't mind."
Rich: "I'd be honored to go by your childhood name? What does it mean?"
Albert: "I was hoping you wouldn't ask. It means 'Dopey One.'"
Rich: "This is 'Dopey One 2' checking out."

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1 MILLION LIKES by Paul the Cyberian

"The Big Brains of the Operation – Nvidia Datacenter GPUs"

Along with the likes of Amazon, Oracle, OpenAI, Microsoft, Meta, and others, Nvidia is a participating member of what is frequently referred to as the Big Tech Group. The "smallest" of the bunch, Meta (Facebook), has a current market capitalization of \$1.678T. Nvidia hit the \$5 Trillion mark in late October 2025, and eventually settled at a respectable \$4.57T as of market close November 6, 2025.

Out of the group members, Nvidia is the main contributor that produces a physical product that can be delivered to a customer site, albeit a very specialized one. Their main contribution to the massive AI project currently gripping financial markets, and the tech world in general, are their specialized GPUs (Graphics Processing Units) which have become quite good at delivering the central component, Compute power, needed to deliver the AI product.

As a verb, the word compute means the act of performing calculations, particularly complex mathematical operations. This activity is central to doing what computers do in order to deliver useful output for the end-user. As a noun, the word "Compute" denotes the physical hardware and computational resources needed to perform the highly technical calculations that power AI training and inference models. Compute power is measured in FLOPS (floating-point operations per second).

For reference, the GPU most widely used in AI Datacenters is the Nvidia H100 Tensor Core GPU which can process up to 3,026 TFLOPS (3,026,000,000,000,000 floating-point operations per seconds). A 2024 iMac with an Apple M4 chip and 16GB of Unified RAM has a peak performance of 4.2 TFLOPS. GPUs in datacenters are configured in clusters, which work as a force-multiplier to get better performance than an individual GPU can deliver on its own. Coupled with specialized management software, these GPUs, and the supporting infrastructure deliver the product that we have come to know as AI.

To date, Nvidia has shipped approximately 4 million of its Hopper-class GPUs (H100/H200), and 3 million of its Blackwell-class GPUs (GB100/GB102/GB200) to datacenters around the globe. While the H100 is the most widely deployed, the Blackwell-class GPUs are the newest and most advanced.

Just in case you were wondering you can get your hands on production-grade H100 for the around \$30,000 or the price of a luxury car. Just in time for Christmas.

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"It shows we can become anything we want as long as we (have) faith and determination" – Ugandan student Chemthai Zamzam, an Ugandan-born Zohran Mamdani becoming Mayor-elect of New York City

I'll be up late getting this column out by the deadline. At this point in the week, I'm usually serving as a volunteer observer at the polls.

Most of the day was spent in Temple City, then late-afternoon and evening here in Sierra Madre. There was a call for volunteers after President Trump's Justice Department announced that federal monitors would be dispatched to New Jersey and five counties in California, including Los Angeles.

The hardest part of being a poll observer is not being allowed to do much of anything – other than, after having introduced oneself to the poll workers, staying in the background observing. I managed to check a few things off my list – like clear demarcations of a 100-foot border inside of which no campaigning or chatting with voters allowed, poll workers explaining to voters that no I.D. is required to vote in California, and nobody turned away who was waiting in line when the polls closed at 8:00 PM.

After 5:00 PM, I also started checking the news as election results started coming in. Once the direction became apparent, Trump offered his own explanation as to why his party was taking such a drubbing: it was because he himself "wasn't on the ballot". But with a closer look, it became clear that throughout the country, this election was indeed all about Donald Trump.

In the Virginia For Governor race, former Democratic congresswoman and CIA officer Abigail Spanberger beat out Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears. Spanberger campaigned on "pragmatism over partisanship"; dealing with the harm caused by Trump's government shutdown and Elon Musk's DOGE layoffs in a state heavily dependent on federal employment. She also vowed to protect abortion rights. Earle-Sears made her positions known as anti-trans, anti-choice, pro-cooperation with ICE and pro – Trump tariffs.

Taking over as Lt. Governor in Virginia will be Democrat Ghazala Hashmi. She's a former state senator who says she was motivated to run for office back then by Trump's ban on travelers from Muslim-majority countries during his first term. She's said a "focus" will be "to stand up to the bigotry and the kind of division that Trump initiated in 2016 and that he continues to promote now in his second term."

The problem for Republicans is that while failure to align themselves with Trump will cost them support from the MAGA "base", aligning themselves with Trump is likely to cost them the election. This happened with former Re-publican state assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli, candidate

for the governorship of New Jersey. When Trump ran in 2016, Ciattarelli described him as "a celebrity in his own political reality TV show", "not fit to be President of the United States."

Earlier in his race for governor against former Navy helicopter pilot, federal prosecutor and congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, the race looked like a toss-up, or at least very close. But then in a debate with Democrat Sherrill, Ciat-tarelli said Trump has "been right about everything that he's doing", and gave him an "A" for his job so far. Sherrill gave him an "F", and went on to win the election by double-digits. She made her position towards Trump clear in her victory speech; "We take an oath to a constitution, not a king."

Trump's cancelling of the New Jersey – New York Gateway Tunnel Project didn't help the prospects of his en-dorsed candidate, Ciattarelli, in New Jersey. Nor did his threats of funding cuts and National Guard troops target-ing Democratic-controlled cities help his endorsed candidate, former Gov. Andrew Cuomo, in the race for mayor of New York City. It was state Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani's campaigning as the antithesis of everything MAGA that brought him victory with the largest turnout for a mayoral election the city had seen since 1969.

In his victory speech, Mamdani reminded, "We can respond to oligarchy and authoritarianism with the strength it fears, not the appeasement it craves."

For Proposition 50 here in California, opponents based their campaign on the message they felt offered their only realistic chance for success; that it had nothing to do with Trump. California voters of course knew that, quite the contrary, it had everything to do with Trump – and passed it handily.

An editorial in the Charlotte Observer could have been about elections throughout the country, as it described local polling in North Carolina having become "fully nationalized, and the partisan label matters more than ever", how they served as "an early referendum on Trump's second term, and suburban disapproval was decisive." It noted how "For years, we've told ourselves that city elections are about potholes and parks and transparency . . . But last night, voters in and around Charlotte used local levers to make a national statement." Americans made that statement resoundingly from coast to coast.

While I was observing at the polls last Tuesday, one of the few exchanges I had with an election worker was when a lady came in accompanied by a tall young man in his high school gym attire. After they'd voted and left, I turned to the worker and asked, "Was that his first time?". She smiled and said, "Yes" – and we both gave each other a thumbs-up.

PUZZLES FOR YOU

THANKSGIVING

- ACROSS
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 - 5. *Male turkey
 - 8. *The National ____ Show
 - 11. Suggestive look
 - 12. Transversus abdominis location
 - 13. Milan's La ____ opera house
 - 15. Curved molding
 - 16. Welcoming sign
 - 17. Crossword entries
 - 18. *Skillet-cooked batter
 - 20. Bristles on grass
 - 21. Talked like a pigeon
 - 22. Scepter's partner
 - 23. A way to steal gas
 - 26. With two maxima, in statistics
 - 30. All Nippon Airways
 - 31. Tip of lion's tail
 - 34. Body, breath and mind workout
 - 35. Garments
 - 37. Singer Benatar
 - 38. Unethical loaner's practice
 - 39. Copycat
 - 40. *Pie nuts
 - 42. Honey maker
 - 43. Like Old Glory
 - 45. Time for an egg hunt
 - 47. "As if!"
 - 48. Battle of the ____, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
 - 50. Moldy appetizer
 - 52. *Green bean ____
 - 56. *Thanksgiving football regulars
 - 57. Cream-filled cookie
 - 58. Chieftain in Arabia
 - 59. Poem at a funeral
 - 60. Of two minds
 - 61. Not ever, poetically
 - 62. Oui in French
 - 63. Ensign, for short
 - 64. Make them meet

- DOWN
- 1. Coalition
 - 2. Emmet Brickowski's brick
 - 3. Zig or zag
 - 4. Make wet
 - 5. Safari hat
 - 6. Mountain nymph
 - 7. "Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"
 - 8. Repair a sock
 - 9. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
 - 10. "Now we're cooking with ____"
 - 12. "La cerveza m s fina"
 - 13. Bunch of #42 Across
 - 14. *Football regulars on Thanksgiving
 - 19. They're made for walking
 - 22. Tin Man's remedy
 - 23. "The Forsyte ____," pl.
 - 24. Not suitable in certain circumstances
 - 25. Fruit-cutting device
 - 26. 2nd letter of Greek alphabet
 - 27. Skeptic's MO
 - 28. Come to terms
 - 29. Extra sweatshirt, e.g.
 - 32. Hightailed it
 - 33. Cul de ____
 - 36. *Prepping a turkey
 - 38. Cell phone bill item
 - 40. Teacher's favorite student
 - 41. Infamous Baby Face
 - 44. Verse
 - 46. Tranquil
 - 48. Noble one
 - 49. Internet patrons
 - 50. Digestive aid
 - 51. Fish eggs, pl.
 - 52. ____ d'Ivoire
 - 53. Bad luck predictor
 - 54. What Pinocchio did
 - 55. Makes mistakes
 - 56. Bovine hangout

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One Time Events
November 1
Bones, Skulls, and Marigolds at the Arboretum - Celebrate the Day of the Dead as you paint skulls & examine bones. 4pm – 5:30pm
November 1
Flower Arranging: Fall Succulents at The Huntington - Make a stunning autumnal floral design. 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm
November 1
Pasadena Walking Film Tour – Learn about the movies and TV shows filmed here. 10am – 12pm
November 8
Pasadena Symphony and Pops: Symphonie Fantastique! At Ambassador Auditorium - Berlioz's symphonic storytelling, Ravel's Piano Concerto, Jim Self's Tour de Force. 2pm and 8pm
November 9
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Performs at Caltech's Beckman Auditorium - A unique "Viola Celebration" includes works by Beethoven, Mozart and more. 3:30pm – 5pm
November 15
Drone Art Show at the Rose Bowl – Enjoy timeless masterpieces as over 500 synchronized drones light up the sky. 7pm
November 22
Nutcracker! A Magical Christmas Ballet at Pasadena Civic Auditorium - This holiday ballet with an international cast. 3pm and 7pm
Ongoing Events
November 1, 2
Día de los Muertos at Kidspace Museum - Join in a celebration of life that includes music, dance, and art.
November 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
hahahahahahaha at the Pasadena Playhouse - This wildly unpredictable solo comedy show delivers side-splitting theater.

November 2
Pasadena City College Flea Market - Over 400 vendors attend the PCC Market. 8am – 3pm
November 3, 10
Music in the Rose Garden at The Huntington - Enjoy live performances by musicians while strolling through the Rose Garden. 1pm – 3pm
November 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20
Broadway Gamble Ramble at the Gamble House – Dance, theatre, and narrative reflecting the evolution of Broadway. 7pm
November 9
Rose Bowl Flea Market - The world's most unusual flea market.
November 13, 14, 15
A Christmas Carol at Arcadia Performing Arts Center – A modern adaptation presented by the award-winning Arcadia Stage Theater Program.
November 16 – January 4
Enchanted Forest of Light at Descanso Gardens – The garden is transformed into whimsical, and dramatic botanical artscape.
November 29 – December 24
Los Angeles Christmas Market at ROWDTLA - This open-air market blends European holiday traditions with a cool LA twist.
November 29, 30, December 6, 7, 13, 14
A Victorian Holiday at the Queen Anne Cottage - Step back in time with Victorian entertainment, themed refreshments, crafts, and a holiday marketplace. 11am – 2pm
November 21 – December 28
Enchant Christmas LA at Santa Anita Park - Experience a light-maze, ice-skating trail, artisan markets, and plenty of food and drink options.
November 30 – December 24
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