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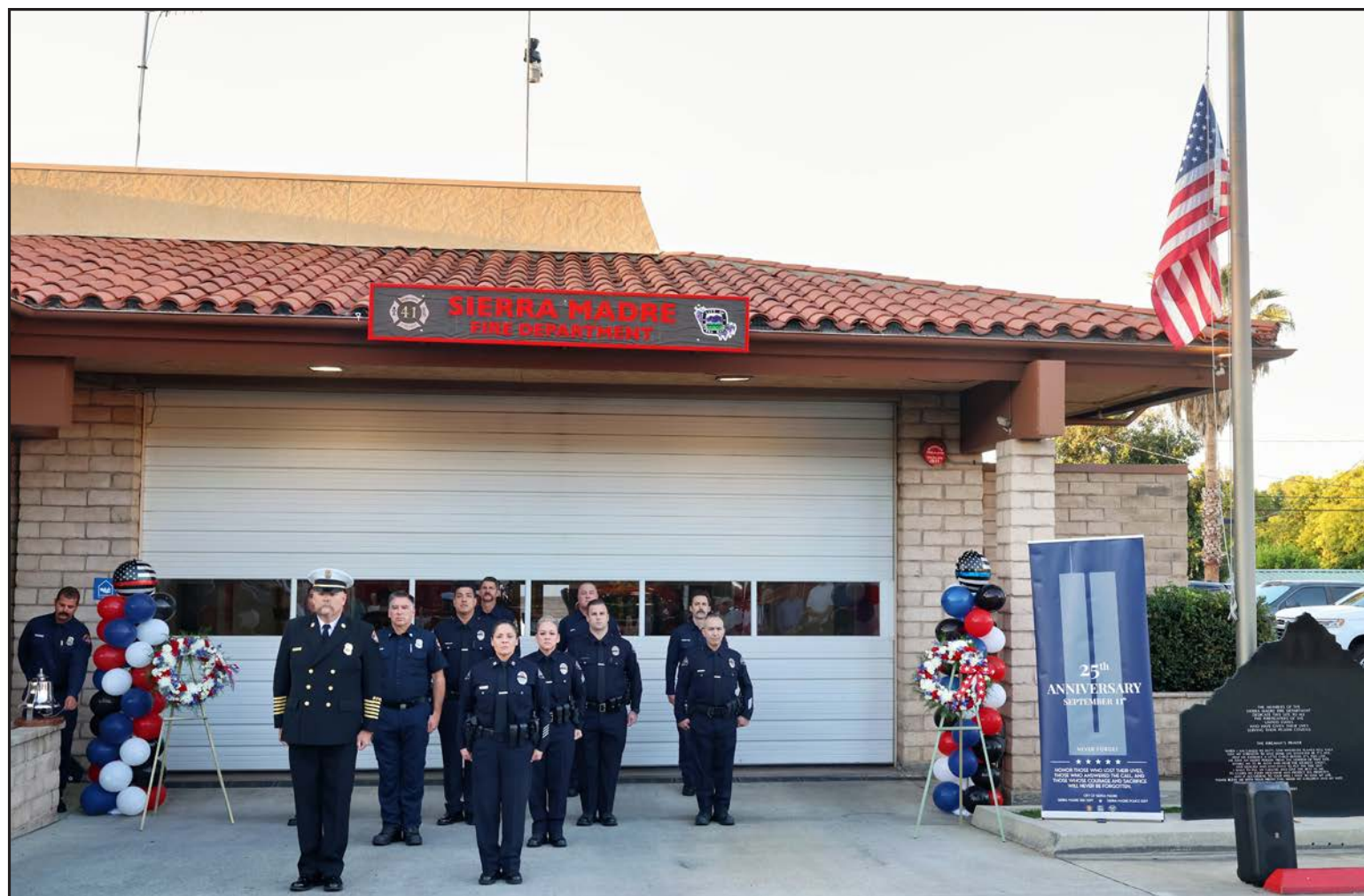
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On Friday, September 11, 2026 the Sierra Madre Police, Fire and Community paid homage to those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. Residents also attended the event along with Mayor Lowe and other elected officials. Photo by Dirk Bolle

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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MEETING**



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WEDNESDAY

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Let's Discuss the Special Events Permit



**Wednesday
October 7
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September Events Around Town!

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One Time Events

September 6

Sunday Afternoon Concerts in the Dome

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September 11

Summer Nights Concerts at the Arboretum

Relax to the sounds of live Caribbean music and enjoy food, drinks, games, and more. 6pm – 8pm

September 13

Take a Walk Through 15 Decades of Pasadena History

Pasadena Heritage presents a tour of Pasadena's bungalow past and the impact of the 210 Freeway had on the neighborhood. 9am – 11am; 10am -12pm; 11am -1pm

September 19

Taste of Arcadia at Santa Anita Park Paddock

Sample the region's best food and drinks, visit the Business Showcase, and enjoy terrific entertainment. 2pm – 6pm

September 24

Caltech Campus History and Architectural Tour

Historic tour of Caltech's original campus, begins with a visit to the Athenaeum. 10:30am -12pm

September 26

Moon Festival in Arcadia

Gather on the City Hall Lawn for this mid-autumn festival featuring live entertainment, activities, vendors, and mooncakes. 5pm – 8:30pm

September 26

Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation Presents John Waite

The "Golden Voice of Sound" comes to the beautiful state-of-the-art Arcadia Performing Arts Center. John Waite will be performing a catalogue of hits from his 40-year career. 8pm

September 26

Fall Rodeo - Boots, Bites, and Western Beats at One Colorado

This rodeo-inspired evening includes live country music, food booths, and yard-games in the courtyard. 4pm – 8pm

Ongoing Events

September 1, 2, 8, 15, 16, 22, 23

America's Got Talent at Pasadena Civic Auditorium

Be part of a prime-time television event with celebrity judges and amazing talent. 2pm & 3pm

September 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 20, 22

Broadway Gamble Ramble at The Gamble House

Lineage Performing Arts Center explores the evolution of Broadway through dance, theatre and narrative at the historic Gamble House.

September 11, 12

The Improvised Shakespeare Company at Descanso Gardens

Watch as a new-fully-improvised Shakespearean masterpiece is created right before your eyes. 7pm – 8:15pm

September 12, 13

As You Like It at the Arboretum

The Bardfly Theatre Company brings Shakespeare to the garden with "As You Like It." Gates open at 5pm Light bites and beverages available. Performance 6pm

September 18, 19, 20

Pasadena Greek Festival

Join in a celebration of Greek culture featuring traditional food, music and dance. Free parking will be available at Santa Anita Racetrack.

September 18 – October 31

Halloween at Kidspace

Costume parades, a trike ride through a spooky house, and adopt a monster.

September 19, 20

Pasadena ArtWalk in Playhouse Village

Jackalope Arts comes to Playhouse Village. Stroll down Green Street perusing handmade art made by over 180 artisans.

September 21, 28

Music in the Garden at The Huntington

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the garden and in enchanting music performed by Pasadena Conservatory musicians. 1pm – 3pm

September 25 – 27

Mid-Autumn Moon Celebration at the Huntington

Celebrate the season with a magical stroll through the moonlit Chinese Garden. 6:30pm – 9pm



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SIERRA MADRE HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING IS BACK!

Sierra Madre Civic Club is calling all creative kids ages 9–17 who live in Sierra Madre to participate in our annual Downtown Halloween Window Painting!

It's FREE to participate, thanks to the Sierra Madre Civic Club!

Rules & applications are attached and also available at www.sierramadrecivicclub.org

Let's fill downtown Sierra Madre with spooky, creative fun! Painting takes place during the afternoon on Friday, October 23rd and the morning of Saturday, October 24th. The awards ceremony takes place on Saturday, October 24 at 12pm in Kersting Court.

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

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. As an alternative, public comment may be submitted by e-mail to publiccomment@sierramadrecalifornia.gov by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the City Council meeting and filed into public record.

A copy of the posted agenda and a live video stream of the meeting can be found on the City's website at sierramadrecalifornia.gov on Foothills Media website at foothillsmidiasite.org sierramadrecalifornia, 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@cityofsierramadrecalifornia.com.

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September 14— September 19

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time— Library at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime— Library at 10:00am

Wednesday

Tails & Tales— Library from 3:30pm—4:30pm

Pajama Storytime— Online at 7:00pm. Call to register

Thursday

Third Thursday Book Club— Library at 11:00am

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE: The Social Side by Deanne Davis

It's hard to believe it's been 25 years since 9/11, that day of infamy when terrorists crashed airplanes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It occurred to me that there is an entire generation of people who weren't in shock for days after this horrific event and who have heard of it but not experienced that day and all that has happened since. I so enjoyed Catherine Adde's article about her life at that time. Thank you, Catherine. Like so many others, including Ms. Adde, I can tell you exactly where I was when I heard the news. No, we will never forget.

This past Labor Day weekend was so nice! It rained! We were all so happy to see drops falling from the sky on our parched and thirsty land. Every bit of greenery is shouting thank you! And, just another bonus, the kids are all back in school. Yes, there have been cases reported of dancing in the streets. In case you didn't know, Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 and is celebrated by parties, cookouts, parades, athletic events and an all-around feeling of relaxation and happiness. Speaking of happiness, Starbucks has Pumpkin Spice Lattes, Trader Joe's has sourdough pumpkin bread and I am longing for a piece of pumpkin cheesecake at the Cheesecake Factory. The picture today is of a really splendidly diabolical pumpkin. The perfect match for Part 2 of...

A Halloween Horror Story

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

July came and went. The pumpkins in the middle of the field grew fat, bursting with orange life. August arrived. The pumpkins grew to such gigantic size that the owner visualized pictures of himself in the newspaper standing next to a pumpkin – his pumpkin – that weighed more than the heaviest pumpkin in North America: "Tiger King" grown by Travis Gienger and weighing in at a staggering 2,350 pounds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING

Gather your friends and paint local merchants' windows in Halloween themes.

Contest open to youths ages 9-17. At least one member of the team must be a Sierra Madre resident.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category.

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For Applications and More Info:
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The Library
City Hall
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QUESTIONS? INFO@SIERRAMADRECIVICCLUB.ORG

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

September is SoCal Transit Month

September is SoCal Transit Month, a regional celebration of sustainable and alternative transportation options hosted by MoveLA. Throughout the month, Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride will be promoting special events and offers to encourage residents to ride more and drive less. A full list of events happening throughout the region during SoCal Transit Month can be found at SoCalTransitMonth.org.

To wrap up SoCal Transit Month, Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride are offering free rides on Wednesday, October 7, in honor of California Clean Air Day! California Clean Air Day, celebrated annually on the first Wednesday of October, is a call to action for individuals and communities to take meaningful steps toward improving air quality. According to Clean Air Day, the initiative is "built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action to improve our community health." As part of a regionwide effort, Metro and Foothill Transit will also offer free rides on Clean Air Day.

Every time you ride the bus or train, you can log your trip on the RideContest website and get a chance to win cool prizes! On RideContest, you can track your rides to earn badges, win prizes, compete against friends, and show your love for transit! Each time you log a transit trip, your ride is added to a leaderboard showcasing how many riders are traveling on each participating agency. Log your Pasadena Transit rides at: ridecontest.com through September 30 and help reach the top of the leaderboard.

Pasadena Employee Demographics Dashboard

Pasadena Director of Human Resources, Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn, announced the launch of the city's new Employee Demographics Dashboard, a public-facing tool designed to enhance transparency and deepen community understanding of our municipal workforce.

This interactive dashboard provides residents, employees, and stakeholders with accessible information about City staff. Users can explore: Demographics – Gender and race/ethnicity information as self-identified at hire. Job Information – Position titles, pay types, and other workforce data points. Labor-Market Context – Comparisons between City staff demographics and Pasadena's available labor pool. Interactive Filters – Tools allowing users to click, hover, refresh, and adjust selections to recalculate charts. The creation of this dashboard reflects Human Resources' continued commitment to transparency, data-informed decision-making, and meaningful community engagement. We encourage community members to explore the dashboard and share feedback as we continue to expand workforce analytics tools.

The Dashboard is Available at: cityofpasadena.net/human-resources/employee-demographics.



Chalk Festival Moves to Brookside Park

The Pasadena Chalk Festival is set to celebrate its 33rd year this September 26th and 27th. For the first time ever, the event will be held at Pasadena's Brookside Park next to Kidspace Museum near the Rose Bowl. Over 500 artists from all over Los Angeles and Southern California will gather to create spectacular murals on over 2 football fields of pavement.

Thousands of art lovers, family members, and visitors will experience the creation of images in every style and artistic genre; these will include animation, renderings of masterpieces, fantasy, humorous and inspirational art, icons of popular culture, and 3-dimensional illusionary art. All of these will be completed over the two-day weekend in brilliant technicolor, earning the nickname "A Museum

without Walls." Also featuring music by DJ Cadillac G and a variety of food trucks for different tastes. Attendees are encouraged to picnic in the park.

A silent auction of affordable art, created by festival participants, will benefit the producers, Light Bringer Project, a Pasadena-based nonprofit serving public school youth with innovative arts programs. Enjoy a weekend of art and while you're at it, take the opportunity to vote for your favorite mural on Sunday, when the murals are completed.

Pasadena Chalk Festival will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30pm on Saturday and 11:00am to 6:30pm Sunday. It is always free to the public.

Free parking alongside Brookside Park in Lot I.

Metro Buses 180, 260,

and 261 service this area. Pasadena Transit bus lines 51 and 52 service this zone. Foothill Transit Commuter Express 549 also services this area.

For more information visit: pasadenachalkfestival.org.

Cynthia Minet Exhibit at 24-Hour Gallery in Pasadena

Event organizers announced that Los Angeles artist Cynthia Minet will bring her installation Prey to the 24-Hour Gallery, an outdoor exhibit venue located in Old Pasadena. The unique exhibit consists of sculptures of animal forms created with recycled and repurposed plastics and LEDs which the artist has been working with since 2010. The show's public opening takes place on Saturday, September 19 at 7 p.m., and the exhibit runs through January 3, 2027. The Gallery, a showcase of five sweeping windows, is located on Holly Street at the corner of 80 N. Raymond Avenue, directly across from the Pasadena Senior Center.

Minet said she sculpted animals because she saw a parallel between our domestication of animals for our use and our own 'domestication' into the use of plastic products. "I am inspired by the product design of detergent bottles, vintage iMac parts and plastic toys, and I am also drawn to the way translucent plastic transmits and manipulates lighting effects." The illumination serves to make the pieces beautiful, and to draw our attention to our dependence not only on plastics, but our electrified modern world." The results of her work, including lighting effects, reveal animal forms which are visually stunning and startlingly realistic.

The installation, itself, features five life-size huskies, the quintessential working dogs. It will also feature a smaller puppy, and three 'trophy heads' that are fragments of other sculptures. One of the heads, a camel, was made specifically for the 24-Hour Gallery many years ago. "While not specifically telling a story, I hope that viewers recognize the contrast between the inanimate animal heads, fixed in place as trophy heads are, and the running or sleeping dogs as actively alive; the double meaning of the show's title Prey."

For more information visit: cynthia-minet.squarespace.com.

Underground Utility District Construction to Start Sept 21



General Manager of Water and Power, David Reyes, announced Thursday that the department ("PWP") continues to advance construction on the Raymond Avenue Underground Utility District ("UUD") project with the installation of new underground infrastructure along Raymond Avenue between Maple Street and the northern city limits.

Starting September 21, construction activities will shift to the intersection of Raymond Avenue and Washington Boulevard. The original start date has shifted as a result of rain and worsening soil conditions. Work is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is expected to last approximately three weeks. The patience of

the public is appreciated as PWP completes these infrastructure improvements.

Expect reduced traffic lanes, temporary lane closures, or periodic rerouting depending on the active construction phase.

Drivers should plan for delays and consider using alternate routes during work hours.

As part of the Raymond UUD project, existing overhead utility lines will be relocated underground. The work is being performed by the City's authorized contractor, Doty Bros. Construction Company. For more information about the project, or to request a call with project management, please contact (626) 744-4005 or visit: PWPweb.com/Underground.

Pasadena Invites Residents to Participate in Planning for Environmental Justice

The City of Pasadena Planning Department's comprehensive community outreach and engagement effort to support the development of the City's first Environmental Justice (EJ) Element is underway. The EJ Element will identify and address environmental burdens and inequities in Pasadena while elevating community priorities related to health, air quality, safe and accessible neighborhoods, climate resilience, and equitable access to parks, mobility, and public services.

Save the date and join us in upcoming community events and share your experiences, ideas, and priorities for creating healthier, more equitable neighborhoods. **Neighborhood Walk and Roll** Tuesday, September 15 | 9–11 a.m. Villa Parke Community Center 363 E. Villa St. Register: bit.ly/EJwalkshop1

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Roll Saturday, October 3 | 9–11 a.m. Robinson Park Recreation Center 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Register: bit.ly/EJwalkshop2 **Open House / Resource Fair** Thursday, October 15 | 6–8 p.m. Robinson Park Recreation Center 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Register: bit.ly/EJ_OH **Virtual Community Meeting** Wednesday, October 21 | 6–7 p.m. Join us online: bit.ly/EJ_Virtual

For more information and upcoming outreach opportunities, please visit: bit.ly/PasadenaEJelement or contact the EJ Element Administrator at EJElement@cityofpasadena.net.

For accessibility information or to request an accommodation, contact CSC@CityOfPasadena.net or call (626) 744-7311.



The City of South Pasadena is set to host Ways to Help Mom & Dad: Planning for their Future, on Wednesday, September 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the South Pasadena Senior Center—Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Designed for adults who are navigating or preparing for the challenges of caring for aging parents, family members, or other loved ones, this informative community workshop will provide practical guidance, resources, and tools to help families plan ahead and make informed decisions about the future.

Attendees will hear from a panel of professionals who will share their expertise on a range of important topics related to aging, caregiving, and planning, including:

- Advance Directives and Healthcare Planning
- Financing the Care & Protecting the Estate of Our Aging Loved Ones
- Elder Law
- Just a Senior Moment? Understanding and Addressing Worsening

Memory Loss in Older Adult family members - Following the presentations, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with the speakers and connect with community organizations and service providers offering additional information, resources, and support.

This workshop is intended to help families better understand the challenges that can arise as loved ones age and provide information to help them prepare for important decisions before a crisis occurs.

The Senior Center is located at 1102 Oxley St., South Pasadena.

Dial-A-Ride transportation is available with advance reservations. To schedule a ride, please contact Transit Division at (626) 403-7368.

For additional information about the workshop, please contact the South Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 403-7360 or email seniorcenter@southpasadenaca.gov.

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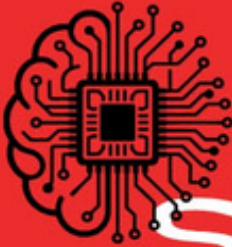
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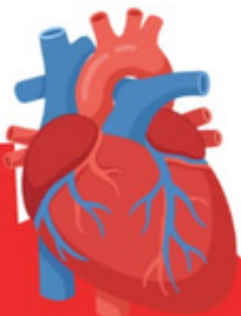
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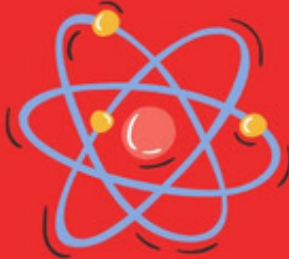


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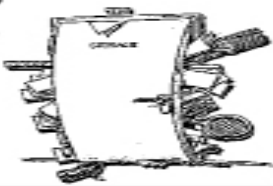
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NATURE CENTER DESIGN

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



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LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



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By Peter Dills

YES, PASTRAMI AND THICKNESS MATTERS

National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day isn't until January 14, but my legion of pastrami lovers couldn't wait that long.

Recently, I asked my social media followers a simple question: who has the better pastrami, The Original Tops On Allen or The Hat? The response was overwhelming. Apparently, Pasadena residents may disagree about politics, parking and whether it is ever going to rain, but nothing gets them talking faster than a pile of hot pastrami on a French roll.

Before choosing a winner, let's answer the first question: what exactly is pastrami?

Pastrami traces its roots to Romania and Eastern Europe, where curing and seasoning meat was a way to preserve it before refrigeration. Jewish immigrants brought that tradition to America during the late 1800s. In New York, beef became the meat of choice. It was brined, rubbed with spices—usually including black pepper, coriander and garlic—then smoked and steamed until tender.

That brings us to another question: why is pastrami usually sliced so thin?

The thin cut makes tougher beef easier to chew and lets the warm fat and seasoning spread throughout the sandwich. Thin slices can also be piled high without turning lunch into a wrestling match. They absorb a little juice, fold over one another and give you pastrami in almost every bite.

Thickness matters. Slice it too thick and pastrami can become chewy. Slice it paper-thin and you may lose some of its personality. The best sandwich lands somewhere in the middle: thin enough to be tender, but thick enough that you still know you are eating beef.

Of course, Los Angeles pastrami is different from traditional New York deli pastrami. In New York, it usually arrives stacked on rye bread with mustard. Around here, we are more likely to get thinly sliced pastrami on a French roll, often dipped in its own juices. It is less deli counter and more roadside sandwich stand—and I mean that as a compliment.

I have heard the rumor circulating that Tops and The Hat receive their pastrami from the same source. I have found nothing that confirms that, so I am not going to serve speculation as fact. Even if two restaurants purchased meat from the same distributor, that would not make their sandwiches identical. The specifications, seasoning, cooking, slicing, holding temperature and bread can all change the final product.

And yes, the bread is very important.

You can have excellent pastrami, but if the roll falls apart halfway through lunch, the sandwich has failed its most basic assignment. The bread must be soft enough to bite through, sturdy enough to hold the meat and able to absorb just enough juice without becoming a sponge. Mustard adds the necessary sharpness, and a pickle on the side helps cut through the richness. The Hat opened its original Alhambra stand in 1951 and built its reputation around the Pastrami Dip. The portions are generous, the service is fast and the sandwich arrives with that unmistakable Southern California aroma.

The Original Tops has its own loyal following. Its pastrami sandwich is served on a toasted French roll with mustard and pickles. Tops fans are every bit as passionate as Hat fans, and neither side appears ready to surrender.

Then there is Lucky Boy. Many Pasadena locals swear by its pastrami. I remember heading there after football games, when nobody was discussing curing methods or the ideal thickness of the meat. We were hungry, it was local and it tasted great. Sometimes a food memory is every bit as important as the recipe.

My friend Curt at So Cal Tickets on Hill doesn't even treat this as a debate. Curt states it as established fact: Langer's makes the best pastrami. No vote, no discussion and apparently no appeals process. I respect his confidence, but Langer's is still a drive from Pasadena—and I'm not sure Curt is paying for my gas.

Yes, you can drive outside Pasadena for Johnnie's, Brent's or Langer's. All three have devoted fans, and Langer's has earned national attention. But you will probably spend more—and the gasoline alone should be added to the price of the sandwich.

That is why I keep coming back to our local favorites. The Hat, Tops and Lucky Boy have kept pastrami within reach. You can get a filling sandwich without turning lunch into a major financial decision.

So who makes Pasadena's best pastrami? Try them, compare the cut, check the bread and notice whether the sandwich holds together until the final bite.

As always, if I missed your favorite, don't call City Hall—just email me.

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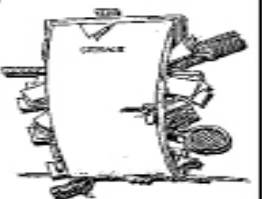
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THE OTHER SIDE OF GLP-1s

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Everywhere you go, it seems like someone you know is suddenly losing weight. And not just five or ten pounds. People are turning to GLP-1s and losing a lot of weight.

You know the names: Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro and Zepbound. These drugs have changed the way we treat obesity, and for some people the results have been remarkable. But before you join the crowd, there is another side of the story you should know. What exactly are you signing up for?

GLP-1 drugs reduce appetite and help people feel full sooner and longer, so they generally eat less and lose weight. But not all overeating is caused by hunger. For someone who eats to cope with stress, loneliness or an emotional void, the drug may curb the eating without addressing what is driving it.

Still, for someone with obesity facing serious health problems because of weight, the benefits can be very important. Some of these drugs can improve blood sugar and reduce serious health risks. But these are powerful medications, not simply an easier way to drop a few unwanted pounds.

The most common side effects involve the digestive system. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation and stomach pain are all common. There are also less common but potentially serious problems.

Because these drugs slow digestion, severe stomach and intestinal problems can occur. Gallbladder problems, including gallstones and inflammation, have also been reported. Pancreatitis, an inflammation of the pancreas, is another warning doctors watch for. Vomiting and diarrhea can sometimes cause enough dehydration to affect the kidneys.

There is even a concern when you have surgery. Because food may remain in the stomach longer, it can still be there even after fasting. In rare cases, stomach contents can enter the lungs while a person is under anesthesia. This is why your medical team needs to know you are taking one of these medications before a procedure.

Then there is something especially important to me as a fitness professional. When you lose weight, you don't necessarily lose only fat. Some of that weight can be lean tissue, including muscle. Researchers are still studying what the loss of muscle and even bone mass during GLP-1 treatment may mean over time.

We need muscle to remain strong, active and independent. A smaller number on the bathroom scale does not automatically mean a healthier or fitter body. Strength training, regular physical activity and good nutrition become especially important when someone is losing a large amount of weight.

There is another fact that doesn't get nearly as much attention as the dramatic before-and-after pictures. What happens when you stop taking the drug? Weight gain.

A large 2026 review of GLP-1 studies found that people regained about 60 percent of the weight they had lost within one year after stopping treatment. For many people, this isn't a medication you take for a few months, lose the weight and then simply walk away from. It may become long-term treatment for years or even indefinitely.

Anyone considering these drugs needs to ask some serious questions. Do I have a medical reason for taking this drug? How much weight do I really need to lose? What are the benefits and risks? What happens if I stop? Am I prepared to take this long term?

There's also a lot we don't know. Some GLP-1 medications have been used for diabetes for many years. But today's widespread use of newer drugs at higher weight-loss doses is much more recent. We do not have decades of information about people using these newer

UNLOCK YOUR LIFE

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Every person needs talismans that ground them through hard moments, and mine come from my people, the ancestors and mentors who believed in me before I believed in myself. My father gave me a pendant over 60 years ago, and I still keep it close. My mustard seed pendant carries my mother's declaration of faith, the belief that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains.

This week, a mental challenge tested me, and I called on every tool my nervous system knows. I held both pendants close, sang Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Impossible" to myself, and called in the voices of those who came before me and saw my potential clearly.

That same calling shows up in my work. I am a 30-year trial lawyer and an award-winning coach, recognized for the results my clients achieve. A litigator faces the impossible daily and steps into the arena again and again, regardless of the outcome of the last round. That same willingness built my own path: I am the woman who left her cute, affordable West Los Angeles apartment behind and moved to San Diego to go to law school with no money and no plan. I am also the woman who graduated in three years with no student loan debt, carrying Walt Disney's words with me the whole way: "It's kind of fun to do the impossible."

Our lives call us to be brave. Bravery opens the door to everything we want and everything we deserve. Fear often shows up right alongside growth, and moving forward while still feeling afraid marks the real work of transformation. Do you carry your own version of an "impossible" dream? You can start exactly where you are, with one small brave step taken today.

That's why you're invited to The Visionary Leaders' Salon, where elevated conversation meets real talk. This gathering is designed to bring 100 visionary leaders together around one powerful question: What would make your life a dime piece, 10/10? The salon centers personal growth, bigger questions, and better lives, with lunch and snacks provided for every attendee.

Join me October 10, 2026, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the 18th Street Arts Center in Santa Monica. Registration opens through the QR code on the website below. Bring your own seemingly impossible dream, call in your own ancestors and mentors, and leave with a community ready to support your first brave step forward.

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PASADENA HUMANE REDUCES ADOPTION FEES AMID ADOPTION SLOWDOWN

Pasadena Humane will continue offering \$25 dog adoptions today through Sunday as the shelter seeks to make room for animals arriving amid a seasonal adoption slowdown.

The adoption special applies to all dogs ages 6 months and older. Pasadena Humane said it currently has more than 450 animals in its care, including more than 150 dogs.

"Last Saturday was one of our busiest intake days in recent memory. In a single day, 48 animals -- 33 cats and 15 dogs -- came into the shelter," Pasadena Humane President and CEO Chris Ramon said. "With animals continuing to arrive every day, we need the community's help. Adopting a dog right now not only changes that dog's life, it creates critical space for the next animal who needs us."

Large dogs are among those most in need of adopters, according to the shelter.

Pasadena Humane officials said September typically brings a slowdown in adoptions as summer vacations end, schools return to session and families settle back into work and school routines, while animals continue arriving at the shelter.

People interested in adopting can visit Pasadena Humane during adoption hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Available animals can also be viewed online at pasadenahumane.org.

Dogs adopted during the special will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped before going home, officials said.

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STUART TOLCHIN



of my immediate family. Last year, Shirley's son Michael, the doctor, died, but he kept tango dancing around the world almost until the end.

When I think of Michael I remember visiting his family many years ago in North Carolina. I awoke early and was walking around the house and there was the three- or four-year-old daughter Xena. She decided to entertain me and pulled out a book which displayed her being covered and bloody. She explained this was a picture taken right after she was born. "Yuck", she said. Now, decades later, I look forward to seeing Xena and her brother Summit at the Memorial for Shirley on Friday. These kids were always among Shirley's favorite people.

Of course, yesterday was a difficult day for me. My wife first drove me to Duarte where the ambulance (medical transport vehicle is the proper term) was already in the parking lot ready to take my son to the Kaiser in Pasadena. My daughter had made an extraordinary effort to arrange a medical evaluation by a doctor who might be able to give us some insight into my son's condition and his future. Off we went with me in the back next to my son just trying to be calm and reassuring. He seemed more aware than usual and asked where we were going.

Once we arrived at Kaiser we waited for hours in the primary doctor's waiting room. I was certain that no actual appointment would take place and kept pestering my wife and daughter to ask the person in charge when we would be seen. After waiting for more than an hour past the appointment time my son, still in bed on wheels, was taken in to see a nurse. The nurse asked some perfunctory questions about his birthday and allergies and history which seemed to lead nowhere. Amazingly, after a time my son was wheeled into a room where a very busy female doctor appeared who surprisingly, very carefully reviewed his condition with us. She adjusted his prescribed medication levels, administered a flu shot, and took some blood for testing.

Later in the day, when we returned home, my wife received a text displaying the results of my son's blood test earlier in the day. As far as I could understand some of the numbers were very positive. What also was very positive was the feeling that the extraordinary efforts by my wife and daughter had resulted in something possibly positive for my son. The future is still in question.

You may wonder why I seem to be so out of the loop. After all I am the father to my son. The problem is that my age and hearing loss and memory difficulties have resulted in me being more of a problem than a help. Later, my wife and daughter will tell me what has transpired and, unhappily, this is what I need to accept.

A final positive thing happened at the end of the day. For 2 days my wife had been searching for her second set of keys to open the house door and start the car. The keys could not be found, and we had driven to several places trying to get duplicates made. It should have been easy, but it wasn't and my wife was very upset. At the very end of the day, as she replaced her umbrella in a special spot, the lost keys appeared.

Now it is Wednesday morning, and we are off together, with keys found and a spare set safely stored away, to visit my son at the Medical Facility. How will he be today and the next days and weeks? At least, we survived yesterday and I am pleased to have created this article rather than play golf or be paralyzed by misery. Misery is not required---that is something I must learn and accept. There is so much to learn in life.

Perhaps Memorial Services are instructive and vital to help the ones living to remember and care and still go on. I wish I still didn't feel like I owe it to myself and my son to just spend my time crying. Hooray for key finding and hooray for the sharing of feelings. Life goes on I guess even when it feels like it shouldn't.

My son's Monday question remains. I wish I had an answer.

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

MONDAY'S QUESTION

On Monday my son asked if he was going to be okay. I am writing on Wednesday morning, when I usually manage to get out and play golf. Today the weather is so hot and unpleasant that my wife has convinced me playing would be unhealthy and unwise. Still, the fact that I feel healthy enough to play is very positive. Yesterday I learned that my cousin Shirley passed away, but she was 88 and had lived a truly good life. Today I realize that, at 82, I am the last surviving member

RICH JOHNSON



LIGHTEN UP AND SUCCEED

Lighten Up and Be Resilient is the basic requirement for success. Of course, it takes more than that, but success is built on those fundamentals.

Want to be successful? Me too. Success comes through consistent action and a mindset that keeps you going no matter what setbacks you encounter or create. A guy named Dick Rowe rejected the Beatles in 1962. He said guitar groups were on the way out...lol!

What happened to Dick Rowe? When he saw the Beatles explode onto the scene, he readjusted, went out and found a couple guys with guitars. I think their names were Mick Jagger, Brian Jones and Keith Richards. Ring a bell? Pardon the pun but Dick found his "Satisfaction".

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- I'd agree with you, but then we'd both be wrong.
- If you're not supposed to eat at night, then why is there a light bulb in the fridge?
- I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.
- I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.
- I threw a boomerang a few years ago. I now live in constant fear.
- I childproofed my house, but somehow, they still get in.
- I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.
- I started a procrastinators' support group...we haven't met yet.
- I asked my North Korean friend how it was there. He said he couldn't complain.
- I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...so she hugged me.
- My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, I had to take his bike away.
- I'm not lazy, I'm on energy-saving mode.
- My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I was supposed to do.
- Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.
- People say nothing is impossible. But I do nothing every day. Winnie the Pooh.
- My wallet is like an onion. Every time I open it, it makes me cry.
- George Carlin pointed out one day: "Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?"
- I made a huge to-do list today. I just need to figure out who's going to do it.
- I never make the same mistake twice. I make it six or seven times, just to be sure.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away – if you throw it hard enough.
- Life is a bowl of soup, and I'm a fork.
- I finally found a machine at the gym that I like: the vending machine.
- I'm glad I don't have to hunt for my own food. I have no idea where sandwiches live.
- You are one of the few people I find tolerable.
- I do all my ironing in the dryer.
- And if you are breaking up with someone, here is a very clever line:
- "Cancel my subscription...I don't need your issues."
- I have neither the patience nor the coloring crayons to explain this to you

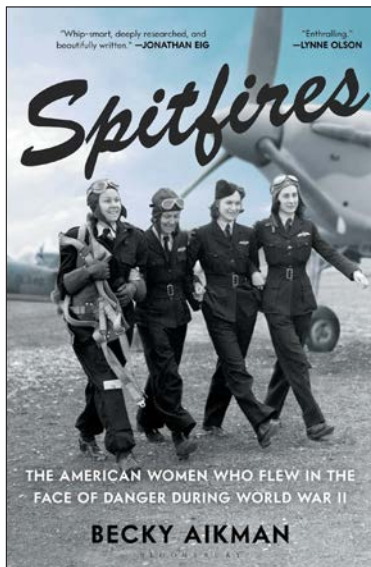
Enough lightening you up. Time to sit in front of the computer, and google, "What do I need to do to achieve success".

It can be done and I believe in you! Yes, even you in the third row.

I'm on your side!

ALL THINGS

by Jeff Brown



SPITFIRES: THE AMERICAN WOMEN WHO FLEW IN THE FACE OF DANGER DURING WORLD WAR

"Lively and entertaining, Those fearlessly determined female pilots are the professional forebears of the women who would slowly break down barriers in the U.S. military in the decades that followed, And what forebears those women were." -The Washington Post

The heart-pounding true story of the daring American women who piloted the most

dangerous aircraft of World War II through the treacherous skies of Britain.

They were crop dusters and debutantes, college girls and performers in flying circuses—all of them trained as pilots. Because they were women, they were denied the opportunity to fly for their country when the United States entered the Second World War. But Great Britain, desperately fighting for survival, would let anyone—even Americans, even women—transport warplanes. Thus, twenty-five daring young aviators bolted for England in 1942, becoming the first American women to command military aircraft.

In a faraway land, these "spitfires" lived like women decades ahead of their time. Risking their lives in one of the deadliest jobs of the war, they ferried new, barely tested fighters and bombers to air bases and returned shot-up wrecks for repair, never knowing what might go wrong until they were high in the sky. Many ferry pilots died in crashes or made spectacular saves. It was exciting, often terrifying work. The pilots broke new ground off duty as well, shocking their hosts with thoroughly modern behavior.

With cinematic sweep, Becky Aikman follows the stories of nine of the women who served, drawing on unpublished diaries, letters, and records, along with her own interviews, to bring these forgotten heroines fully to life. Spitfires is a vivid, richly detailed account of war, ambition, and a group of remarkable women whose lives were as unconventional as their dreams.

Read Spitfires for the forgotten history of the pilots who played a crucial role supporting the allies in World War II by ferrying new war planes from factories in England to airfields aimed at Europe—and then making the return trip in planes shot up by enemy fire. Stay for the riveting personal stories of brave American women who finagled their way into Britain's Air Transport Auxiliary when their own country denied them similar roles (one female pilot sold her fiancé's car to pay her way to Montreal for a flight test). The work was grueling and dangerous, but it opened new vistas at a time when opportunities for women with brains and a taste for adventure were limited. It was also exhilarating, both in the air and on the ground, with war time romances, nights on the town in London, and weekend stays at sumptuous country houses.

This engaging, thoroughly researched book sheds light on a long-overlooked effort. For anyone still uncertain about the ability of women to perform flawlessly under the pressures of war, this book should put all doubts to rest.

Hormuz and raise gas prices???"

It wasn't so much Trump's re-launch of a stupid trade war with Canada, but his re-naming Lake Ontario as "Lake America" that really brought the postings. Jared Shult reacts: "Gas is \$4 a gallon but he's renaming lakes". From David Axelrod: "A mature, reasoned gesture from the Leader of the Free World." And Aaron Parnas: "I'm sure tens of people will now call it that!"

erinpacia78 posts: "In response Canada has announced that they are renaming Lake Huron to Lake Hu'reontheepsteinlist." From stonekettle: "Guy who couldn't even manage a reflecting pool, suddenly in charge of the Great Lakes. And *craigthomas*: "BREAKING: Trump Issues Executive Order to Rename Melania 'Natalie.'"

Interior Secretary Doug Burgum responded to the renaming with enthusiasm: "We're on it, Mr. President!", while Artur Wilczynski points out: "There are ratified treaties that say this is illegal. That's why nothing the US signs is worth the paper it's on." Renee DiResta asks the secretary: "How do you retain any personal sense of dignity after something like this."

The Trump administration negotiated a partnership with a private company to exploit Venezuelan oil. Scott Lincicome of the Cato Institute reacts: "So, after taking 31 US government equity stakes in private companies over the last year, Trump just announced a MAJORITY-STATE-OWNED oil company? This isn't even 'creeping' socialism anymore." Steve Stephens asks: "MAGA are commies now?" For Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD): "This is proof Trump put our service members at risk to get Venezuelan oil for his billionaire buddies."

pz_likesundaymorning asks: "Remember when misspelling Potato would end your presidential campaign? I miss those days." (Show of hands – how many remember Dan Quayle?)

From anxious_opposition: "Doctors' I trust more than RFK Jr.: Dr. Pepper; Dr. Seuss, Dr. Scholl"

drjoelshukin observes: "So, currently Kentucky has a seated senator who is neither alive nor dead while South Carolina has a seated senator who is neither elected nor electable."

I'm with *jmford666* on this one: "Do you ever wonder if any of your calls were actually ever used for training or quality assurance?"

A Texas judge ruled a 2023 state law banning drag shows is unconstitutional – violating First Amendment protections, with performances being "targeted for prohibition based on content and viewpoint." The ruling concluded, "for those who find such activities as described in this case offensive, the solution is relatively simple . . . just don't go."

Ari Onna observed: "Almost every right-wing issue could be solved with 'just mind your own business' yet here we are".

My favorite reaction to the ruling, though, came from *Bratty_Behemoth*: "Dolly Parton's first act as an angel."

HOWARD HAYS As I See It



"You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children."
– Dolly Parton

Compiling favorite posts from August, so many were reactions to the passing of Dolly Parton. *afrosinchick wonders:* "how am i supposed to tumble out of bed and stumble to the kitchen LET ALONE pour myself a cup of ambition in a world without her?"

Many reacted to the AI-slop pic President Trump put out on Truth Social, depicting the two of them together at the White House.

From Zero Dark Twenty-Nine: "Dolly Parton just passed two days ago and Donald Trump is already sticking her into his insane narcissistic memes." From *PatriotTakes*: "Trump felt Dolly Parton was getting too much attention."

"It takes a special kind of (particular receptacle) to post fake pictures with an icon hoping some of the goodwill towards her might come his way."

"That AI picture Trump posted of himself with Dolly Parton just proves that even in death, he forces himself on women who told him no."

There was also the AI pic with Trump beside George Washington. *vexan-s60 asks:* "Can someone explain why President Trump compared himself with our founding father, George Washington?" *victorblackburn* responds, "I think it's because of the wig." *rogerrhouse* adds: "Nothing screams alpha male like a new wig and a ballroom."

Still more AI-slop on Truth Social – this one showing Trump with our flag, an aircraft carrier, fighter jets, Iran's late Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and a sign, "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED 2026". For their posted response, Republicans Against Trump simply quoted NBC NEWS: "Iranian missile and drone attacks caused 'unprecedented damage' to U.S. intelligence and surveillance sites across the Middle East, with repairs expected to cost billions."

From pac2rat: "I honestly want to joke about Trump claiming he's defeated Iran 16 times now, but (darn), I'm just exhausted. I'm physically sick of this idiot." And *WarMonitor*: "We don't have the nuclear material, and the same regime is still in power. The only things we've accomplished are higher prices, American casualties, a world that hates us, exposed vulnerabilities, and a closed Strait that was open before the war." – later adding, "At least Bush took down a dictator, Trump can't even say that."

Parapente John posts: "Trump was defeated by a regime with centuries of warfare and subterfuge experience. Senior military intelligence officials who strongly advised against engagement were fired. The Defense dept is still run by a doofus. Pure stupidity." Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) sees it as: "This is the white flag of surrender by trump. He's not even trying anymore. He's now simply declaring to his MAGA base 'mission accomplished' in Iran." And then *Covie*: "Was the mission to give Iran control of the Strait of

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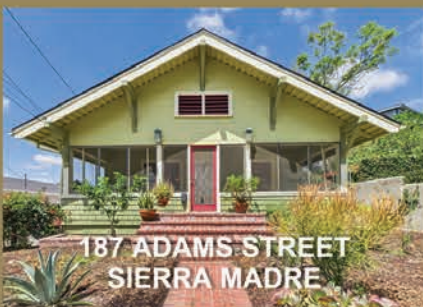
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