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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN HARABEDIAN SECURES \$2.5M STATE GRANT FOR THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE

Sierra Madre native and Assemblyman John Harabedian (D-Pasadena) (center) presented Sierra Madre Playhouse Executive and Artistic Director Matt Cook (left) and SMPH President David Gordon (right) with a BIG check for \$2.5 million on October 4th. The funds represent the largest single investment in Sierra Madre Playhouse in its history.

According to Broadway World, the money was allocated in the latest California budget bill, Assembly Bill 113, after Harabedian championed the request for funding. The amount far exceeds the Playhouse's previous funding record - a 2024 multi-year General Operating Support Grant of \$450,000 from the Perenchio Foundation to bolster operational resilience, which was a major milestone for the venue.

The funds will enable Sierra Madre Playhouse to make ADA-compliant accessibility improvements, modernize building systems including HVAC and plumbing, and renovate lobbies and public areas to support recent expansions in the Playhouse's programming. The building will be a 21st-century space wrapped in its historic shell.

Executive Director Matt Cook and SMPH President David Gordon are also to be congratulated for their leadership of the Playhouse in recent years.



Assemblymember John Harabedian (center) shown with Executive Director Matt Cook and President David Gordon, secured the largest investment in Sierra Madre Playhouse history to preserve and modernize the town's most prized venue.
Photo by Stephi Wild, Broadway World LA

CAPTURED IN SIERRA MADRE:

Two suspects arrested after leading officers on a dangerous, high-speed chase across Los Angeles County Wednesday night.

The driver and passenger were wanted on suspicion of armed robbery, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The chase began in downtown Los Angeles as the suspect drove dangerously on surface streets, blowing through red lights and traveling on the wrong side of the road.

The driver continued onto the 10 Freeway, at times hitting speeds of more than 120 mph while weaving across lanes and narrowly missing other cars. An object, possibly a firearm, was thrown out the window at one point.

The driver exited at Rosemead Boulevard in El Monte and drove erratically on the wrong side of the road before crashing into a center divider. The driver eventually got back onto the 10 Freeway and later transitioned to the 605 Freeway in Irwindale.

They exited in Azusa and drove on surface streets for a short time before entering the 210 Freeway, where California Highway Patrol officers took over the pursuit from LAPD.

The driver exited on Foothill Boulevard in Arcadia, hitting speeds of 90 mph on surface streets as CHP officers followed closely behind and LAPD helicopters continued tracking the SUV from the air. After re-entering the 210 Freeway, the driver exited in East Pasadena and continued to Sierra Madre, eventually pulling over in a residential neighborhood at East Laurel Avenue and North Mountain Trail. The driver stepped out of the car and fled on foot while the passenger surrendered to armed officers.

Authorities chased after the male driver, who was seen sprinting across backyards before eventually getting down onto the ground

THE SPIRIT OF SIERRA MADRE UNDER REVIEW

City To Host Community Meeting To Hear From Residents

Sierra Madre is widely known as the epitome of small town America, the embodiment of all the things that communities hold dear. It has often been called 'Mayberry' because of the common desire of residents to maintain the town as the perfect place to live, whether you are raising children or at the other end of the spectrum, advancing gracefully into your senior years. It is known as 'family oriented', a 'safe place' and a 'vibrant community', maintaining those characteristics for the entirety of its existence - despite what is going on in the world around it.

As it is described by many residents, the town's ambience, or the 'Spirit of Sierra Madre' may be succumbing to changes in society. The ability to provide residents with the basic municipal support for community activities may no longer be feasible. The question being asked by city officials, non profit organizations and residents alike is, 'how do we sustain the city that we all know and love'?

To that end, the Sierra Madre City Council and Administration will be hosting a meeting at 6 p.m., next Wednesday, Oct. 14 will hold discussions on changes that could have a long lasting impact on the city and its residents. Whether or not to sustain popular community events and or programs will be the topic.

Under discussion will be how to sustain activities such as the Wistaria Festival, July 4th Activities, etc. While many of these events are only partially supported by the city, the organizations that host them will be greatly impacted should the city withdraw its support.

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18 and over

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
232 W SIERRA MADRE BLVD.

Open Special Events
COMMUNITY MEETING

YOUR VOICE MATTERS. YOUR PRESENCE COUNTS.

We'll discuss the Special Events Permit and the future of City events.
This event will be broadcasted and recorded.

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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October Events Around Town!

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One Time Events

October 3

Bob Baker Marionettes Halloween Spooktacular Show at One Colorado This family-friendly revue features performances from Dracula, witches, the Purple People Eater, and more. 10am and 1:30pm

October 3

Montrose Oktoberfest 2026 Enjoy authentic German fare, beer, live music, dancing, carnival rides and games. Honolulu Avenue 12pm – 10pm

October 3

Pumpkin Fairy Gardens at the Arboretum Children can explore pumpkins and succulents as they create a living fairy garden inside a real pumpkin. 1pm – 2:30pm & 3pm – 4:30pm

October 9

ArtNight Pasadena Pasadena's museums and cultural institutions open their doors for free and offer special programming. 6pm – 10pm

October 10

Flower Arranging: Oaks and Fifth Season Florals at the Huntington Make vibrant floral designs inspired by oak landscapes 10am – 12pm & 1pm - 3pm

October 10

Barks and Boos at the Arboretum Stroll with your dog and enjoy craft brews, adoptable pets, costume contest, delicious bites and beers. 11am – 4pm

October 24

Kabuki in Motion: The Lion Returns at The Huntington Celebrate one of Japan's great performing art traditions as you enjoy live music and dance-drama. 4:30pm – 6:30pm

October 25

Arroyo's Edge: An Exploration of Architecture with Nature as Inspiration Explore the remarkable architecture, history, and ecology of the arroyo led by a Gamble House docent and One Arroyo Foundation guide. 9am -10:30am

October 31

Hometown Halloween Festival in Sierra Madre Dress up for a pumpkin patch, trunk-or-treat, spook zone, entertainment & food vendors. 10am – 2pm

Ongoing Events

September 18 – October 31

Halloween at Kidspace Pumpkin bowling, a parade, monster-making & more.

October 2 – November 1

Carved at Descanso Garden Festive fall celebration filled with glowing jack-o'-lanterns, giant carved pumpkins, and seasonal surprises.

October 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Autumn Festival at The Huntington Celebrate the arrival of autumn at the Japanese Heritage Shoya House with an exhibition of court dolls and Ikebana floral arrangements. 12pm – 4pm

October 10, 11

Explore JPL 2026 NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory celebrates its 90th anniversary with a free open house. 9:30am – 4pm

Weekends October 10 – 31

Pumpkinfest at Cal Poly Pomona Explore Pumpkin Hill, The Marketplace, Jr. Farmers Discovery Zone, a petting farm, a train, and more! 10am – 7pm

October 10, 11

Cat-Con at Pasadena Convention Center Celebrate cats and pop culture with cat experiences, over 150 exhibitors and more. 10am – 5pm

October 11-18

Craftsman Week 2026 – Pasadena Heritage Explore local homes and landmarks as you join in a celebration of Pasadena's architectural legacy and the artists and craftspeople who continue these traditions today.

October 24, 25, 31

Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fun Fest at Santa Anita Park Celebrate the spooky season and explore a straw maze, enjoy a train ride, pony ride, pumpkin painting and more. 2:30 pm – 6pm

October 30, 31

Strange Science at The Huntington Celebrate the tenth thrilling year of The Huntington's annual Halloween bash, a bewitching night of tales, live performances, dancing, drinks and bites. 6pm - 10pm



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CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

HOMETOWN HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

PUMPKIN PATCH
TRUNK OR-TREAT
KIDS' SPOOK ZONE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD VENDORS
SIERRA MADRE DANCE CENTER PERFORMANCE - 10:30 AM

Be sure to dress up and join in on the fun!

Memorial Park
 222 W Sierra Madre Blvd
 Sierra Madre, Ca 91024

FREE FAMILY EVENT
 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 626-355-5278

DOWNTOWN SIERRA MADRE HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING

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

Sponsored by the Sierra Madre Civic Club

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.

For Applications and More Info:
SierraMadreCivicClub.org
 Facebook
sierramadrecalifornia.gov
 The Library
 City Hall
 Your Local School

FREE EVENT!

PAINTING DATES AND TIMES
 FRI, OCT 23, 2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
 SAT, OCT 24, 7:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION TO CITY HALL IS OCTOBER 15, BY 4:00 P.M.

QUESTIONS? INFO@SIERRAMADRECIVICCLUB.ORG

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Mon	Showers	Hi	70s	Lows 60s
Tues	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 60s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 60s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 60s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 60s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service



SIERRA MADRE CITY COMMUNITY MEETING

October 14, 2026 6:00

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.



Sierra Madre Woman's Club

550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, 91024

Why have you not yet joined Sierra Madre Woman's Club?

We're NOT "Little Old Ladies" playing Bridge at Tea!

We offer: Tuesday Morning Chair Yoga (10-11) w/ Paul Hagen (members only).

We enjoy 2nd Wednesday Luncheons or Teas w/ with interesting programs!

We host Nov. 18th's Annual Community Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and our July 4th Pre-Parade Lawn Social (w/ Continental Breakfast)

Visit Our Booth during: Winter Village, Wistaria Festival, Trail Races

Wistaria Thrift Shop is our biggest fundraiser!

Shop is open: 1st Thursday in September through Last Saturday in May
M, Th, F - 10 am - 3 pm; Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm
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SierraMadreWomansClub.org 626-355-4379

COMMUNITY EFFORT TO HELP LONGTIME RESIDENT AND VOLUNTEER ALAN TIERNEY FIGHT THE BATTLE OF HIS LIFE

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PLEASE HELP ALAN AND HIS FAMILY THROUGH HIS CANCER FIGHT.

WALKING SIERRA MADRE: The Social Side by Deanne Davis

"Halloween is right around the corner. You can tell because all the stores are decked out for Christmas." STEPHEN COLBERT

"Halloween is confusing. All my life my parents said, 'Never take candy from strangers!' Then they dressed me up and said, 'Go beg for it!' I didn't know what to do. I'd go knock on people's doors and go, 'Trick or treat...no thank you!'" RITA RUDNER

Even though it's still scathingly hot, October means pumpkin spice, jack-o-lanterns, giant bags of candy, pumpkin pancakes, and spooky decorations on every house. So glad we live in a world where there are Octobers. Speaking of giant bags of candy, I saw an article yesterday that stated that Halloween spending will hit \$13.5 billion this year. On average, shoppers plan to spend \$37 on costumes, \$37 on decorations, and \$35 on candy. Normally, I'm not a big candy freak, but there's something about those little boxes of Dots that come with the Halloween candy that fill me with an unhealthy desire for them. Much to my joy, my grandchildren save them for me from their huge collections of candy and I have a little box of Dots every now and then for months to come. Personally, I think \$35 for candy is way too low. We all know we'll spend more than that. Especially if we eat it all and have to go buy it again!

When our children were small, I'm ashamed to admit that after they went to bed Halloween night, John and I would go through their bags, select a Milky Way or two for ourselves and then put all of it in the freezer, promising the children they could have a piece or two every day after school. They promptly forgot it existed and eventually we'd bury it in the trash bin and thus, heroically, saved our children from cavities. If they asked where their candy was, we would tell them the dog got into it. The things parents do! Shameless!

I haven't added anything to my store of Fall-Halloween décor. I've already got so much of it I'm sort of embarrassed to buy more. The stores have been Halloween-ized since August or early September and this shows that everyone is sick of summer and beyond ready for a change in the weather and a change in their personal scenery.

Scarecrows will be appearing soon all around town and, as usual, creativity abounds. You may not have seen these particular ladies gathered 'round their cauldron. On a midnight cold and dreary, as I wandered weak and weary through dark and narrow alleyways, these...dare I say...witches... caught my eye. Intent on what they were doing, they dismissed my presence as "harmless." I took their picture, unobserved, and recorded what they were saying in voices cracked with age and haunting laughter...

"Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and caldron bubble.
Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the caldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and howlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,

Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.
Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and caldron bubble.
Cool it with a baboon's blood,
Then the charm is firm and good."

I'm sure all of you recognized this delightful curse from Shakespeare's "Macbeth," and if you want to check out all of Shakespeare's works, our fabulous new library is available for your search.

A personal note: While attending Ramona Convent in tenth grade, I slept through the class on "Julius Caesar." Upon waking, with drool running down my chin, my English teacher, Sr. Paula Marie, enquired sarcastically, "Nice nap, Deanne?" I was humiliated.

"When the witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers... 'tis near Halloween."

"Halloween wraps fear in innocence, as though it were a slightly sour sweet. Let terror then be turned into a treat." Nicholas Gordon



My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
There are treasures there! Trust me!
Including "Just Desserts" A Fall Fantasy of Pumpkins Gone Wrong!
And all the Emma Gainsworth Adventures.
Pumpkins are so much more than mere squash.

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City to Participate in the ‘Great Shakeout’



Following “National Preparedness Month,” individuals and communities throughout Pasadena are encouraged to participate in the “Great ShakeOut” earthquake drill.

"Taking a few minutes to practice what to do can help protect you when it matters most," officials said. "On Oct. 15 at 10:15 a.m., the City of Pasadena will join the world in the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill and encourage people citywide to practice the lifesaving action 'Drop, Cover and Hold On'." The recommended response to an earthquake is to:

- If possible, DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down by shaking and reduces your chance of being hit by falling or flying objects.
 - COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand. If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath for shelter. If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall. Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs.
 - HOLD ON until the shaking stops. Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts. No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.
 - Or Adapt to Your Situation: If you have difficulty getting onto the ground, or cannot get back up again without help, then follow these recommendations:
 - If you are in a recliner or bed: Cover your head and neck with your arms or a pillow until the shaking stops.
 - If you use a cane: Drop, Cover, and Hold On or sit on a chair, bed, etc. and cover your head and neck with both hands. Keep your cane near you so it can be used when the shaking stops.
 - If you use a walker or wheelchair: LOCK your wheels (if applicable). If using a walker carefully get as low as possible. Bend over and COVER your head/neck with your arms, a book, or a pillow. Then HOLD ON until the shaking stops.
- One of the best first steps anyone can take is building and practicing a plan that works for YOU. For tips on how to get started, visit ready.gov

The ShakeOut is free and open-to-the-public, schools, businesses, and many other groups. To take part in the ShakeOut, individuals and organizations are asked to join the drill by registering to participate www.ShakeOut.org. Registration is not required to participate.

ShakeOut is coordinated globally by the Statewide California Earthquake Center at the University of Southern California. To be notified of upcoming preparedness trainings for the rest 2026 and 2027, please subscribe to the Pasadena Fire Department Events Calendar or follow us on Instagram @PasadenaFireDepartment.

For more information about earthquake preparedness, visit: Shakeout.org/California



Equestrians Selected for 2027 Rose Parade

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced the 17 equestrian units selected to ride in the 138th Rose Parade themed “Welcome”

From powerful cavalry formations and mounted law enforcement to dazzling charro teams, high-energy rodeo performers and precision drill teams, the 2027 equestrian lineup brings an unforgettable mix of skill, spectacle and personality to New Year's Day. Each group will showcase its distinctive style, from how they ride to the traditions they carry with them.

For more than a century, horses and riders have helped make the Rose Parade unlike any other celebration. In 2027, these remarkable equestrian units will once again take center stage, filling Colorado Boulevard with pageantry, pride and plenty of horsepower as they welcome millions of spectators in Pasadena and viewers around the world.

2027 Rose Parade Equestrian Units (listed alphabetically):

- 1st Cavalry Division, Horse Calvary Detachment – Fort Hood, TX
- Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team – Lake View Terrace, CA
- Budweiser Clydesdales – St. Louis, MO

- Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program 250th Ambassador Team, Freedom and Liberty – Cheyenne, WY
- Disneyland Resort – Norco, CA – Horsetown USA
- Hawaii Pa'u Riders – Waimanalo, HI
- Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team – Altadena, CA
- Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers – Sacramento, CA
- Pasadena Police Department's Mounted Enforcement Unit – Pasadena, CA
- San Francisco Sheriff's Mounted Unit – San Francisco, CA
- Scripps Miramar's Omnibus – San Diego, CA
- Spirit of the West Riders (pictured top) – Tehachapi, CA
- The New Buffalo Soldiers – Shadow Hills, CA
- The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team – Norco, CA
- The Valley Hunt Club – Pasadena, CA
- United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard – Barstow, CA
- Versatile Arabians – Sierra Madre, CA

These equestrian units will delight audiences along the 5.5 mile Parade route on New Year's Day, as they ride alongside floral floats, marching bands

and entertainment. Reflecting the 2027 theme, “Welcome,” the diverse group of riders and horses will help create an unforgettable celebration for spectators from near and far.

Before they ride down Colorado Boulevard, see the Rose Parade's equestrian stars in action at Equestfest! This fan-favorite event brings horses and riders together for an action-packed showcase of precision drills, dancing horses, trick riding, roping and more. Guests can watch the equestrian units warm up, meet riders and horses, explore exhibits and enjoy music, food and vendors throughout the day. It's a rare chance to see the incredible skill, personality and traditions behind the Rose Parade's equestrian units up close.

Equestfest is set for December 29 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank.

South Pasadena Fall Arts Crawl

Themed ‘Oktober-Fiesta’

The City of South Pasadena and the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce Fall Arts Crawl: Oktober-Fiesta, taking place on Saturday, October 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in South Pasadena's business district.

Stroll through Mission Street and the surrounding blocks to enjoy special programming at local businesses, live music, art exhibits and workshops, artisan pop-ups, a beverage garden, and special deals from local retailers. Family friendly programs will be provided by local merchants as well as the South Pas Chamber, Dads Uniting Dads in Education and Services (D.U.D.E.S.) and Vecinos de South Pasadena.

Get ready for a night of arts, food, and shopping as we celebrate the fall season together!

More information about the Fall Arts Crawl is available online at: southpasadena.net. For questions or to request assistance, contact the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce at (626) 441-2339 or info@southpasadena.net.

The event kicks off after the City of South Pasadena's Emergency Preparedness and Community Fair, which will take place from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the South Pasadena Fire Department, located at 817 Mound Avenue.

South Pasadena Invites Community to Boo Bash



The City of South Pasadena Community Services Department invites residents and visitors of all ages to celebrate Halloween at the City's annual Boo Bash on Friday, October 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Orange Grove Park, located at 815 Mission Street, South Pasadena.

This family-friendly community celebration will offer an evening of festive entertainment, games, costumes, and Halloween fun for all ages. Attendees can enjoy:

- Food and refreshments from local food trucks
- Classical carnival games and exciting inflatables
- A live DJ featuring festive and spooky tunes
- Costume contest with prizes for all ages

Guests are encouraged to come dressed in their most creative, creepy, or

cute costumes. Costume judging will take place at the main stage according to the following schedule:

- 6:00 p.m. - Ages 2 years and under
- 6:15 p.m. - Ages 3-5 years
- 6:30 p.m. - Ages 6-8 years
- 6:45 p.m. - Ages 9-12 years
- 7:00 p.m. – Ages 13-17 years
- 7:15 p.m. – Family and Group Costumes
- 7:30 p.m. - Pets

Winners will be announced shortly after each age category is judged. Costumes will be evaluated based on creativity, effort, and overall Halloween spirit.

Whether arriving in costume or simply looking to enjoy an evening of seasonal festivities, the City invites everyone to join the celebration and bring their Halloween spirit.

For more information, visit: southpasadenaca.gov/events or email special events@southpasadenaca.gov

The Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles at the Senior Center

Geet ready for a lively, energetic and utterly irresistible performance of live Celtic music and song with the “Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles” onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center on Saturday, October 24 from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. No kilt is necessary to attend.

Since 1981, the Fiddlers have delighted audiences throughout Southern California with their lively and irresistibly uplifting music of Scotland, the Shetland Islands, Cape Breton Island and Ireland. Their playing is characterized by hard-driving reels, hauntingly beautiful strathspeys (a slow Scottish dance) and sweet waltzes. The Scottish Fiddlers are a community orchestra and are led by internationally known Scottish fiddler Jan Tappan.

Reservations are suggested, and the cost for this event is only \$5 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$10 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, visit pasadenaseniorecenter.org, then Activities and Events, then Special Events, or call 626-795-4331.

The Scottish Fiddlers of

Los Angeles was founded by



Colin Gordon, shortly after he won the first Scottish Fiddle Competition in Southern California. The group is the oldest Strathspey and Reel Society in the United States. Strathspey and Reel Societies, common in Scotland, are made up of professional and amateur musicians who play Scottish fiddle music.

As a donor-supported nonprofit, the center operates without any local, state or federal funding and provides more services to older adults than any other organization in the San Gabriel Valley. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. To learn more visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org or call 626-795-4331.

Sierra Madre



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Are You Ready for the Big One!

Join Wes Carson for an informative discussion on earthquake preparation and emergency readiness. Learn practical steps to protect your family, home, and community before, during, and after an earthquake. We will cover emergency supplies, evacuation planning, communication strategies, home preparedness, and simple actions that can reduce risks and improve your ability to respond to the Big One!

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On Wednesday morning students and parents from Mary W. Jackson STEAM Multilingual Magnet Elementary walked, scootered or biked to school in honor of California Clean Air Day and National Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day. They also did it to remind us of the health and environmental benefits of travel propelled solely (pun intended) by the power of their feet.

Families who walked gathered briefly at Bob Lucas Memorial Library for their trek to Jackson. In addition, three “bike buses” from the north, south, and east ends of Altadena also rolled to school today. Bike buses are a parent-led initiative at Jackson Elementary in which children and families bike to school together every Friday to increase physical activity and build community. The school also held an on-campus morning walk, led by Jackson’s Run Club.

Once they reached the school, families were greeted by local leaders Nic Arnzen, Isis Moulden and Dorothy Wong, as well as members of the Jackson PTA, and invited to enjoy a healthy snack and sign the CA Clean Air Day Pledge. Parents expressed the importance of providing these opportunities to leave their vehicles at home and a desire to create a safer environment for their children to walk and bike to school on a daily basis.

Jackson parent and bike bus organizer Susannah Beven said, “People want to be in Altadena. They want to be biking, and back together with their community, and they’re trying so much harder now to make that happen.”

What began as a one family biking to school just over 3 years ago, has



evolved into 3 bike routes with dozens of families participating, some traveling over 4 miles to school on their ride. “There’s a lot of work to be done,” said Beven, commenting on the safety of Altadena streets. “But it’s not surprising that [the bike bus] took off and expanded this year because we just want to be together. We just want to be back in our hometown.” The Walk to School/Clean Air Day event was organized by the Altadena Town Council Traffic Safety & Mobility Committee, along with Altadena Colab, the Altadena Bicycle Club, the Altadena Library, and Jackson Elementary’s PTA. The County Sheriff’s Department supported by providing the students with an escort along the routes.

“Altadena has hosted California Clean Air Day and Walk to School activities for several years,” said Dorothy Wong, Council Member whose census tract includes Loma Alta Park. “The more we walk, the less we drive, and that is better for everyone. And as we rebuild our town, thoroughfares that help support active transportation will help us build stronger connections, our green spaces, businesses and neighbors.”

Anyone who wants to support Clean Air Day can sign the Pledge and find a list of actions they can take at <http://www.cleanairstay.org/>.

For additional information, please visit: Walk to School Day in the

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Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day was established in the United States in 1997 by the Partnership for a Walkable America. Canada and Great Britain already had walk to school programs in place. In 2000, these three countries joined together to create International Walk to School Day.

In May 2006, the National Center for Safe Routes to School was established to assist communities in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bike to school.

The organization serves as the coordinating agency for walk & bike to school activities in the United States.

California Clean Air Day is built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action to improve our community health. By joining together for a unified day of action, we can create new habits to clear the air for all members of California’s diverse communities. California Clean Air Day is a project of the Coalition for Clean Air.

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Supervisor Barger was honored alongside RBAC Board of Directors member Pat Amsbry and Masters Swim Team Head Coach Chad Durieux.

Jason Lezak—a four-time Olympian and eight-time Olympic medalist—delivered a moving keynote address that emphasized aquatics’ connection to teamwork, overcoming adversity, and the pursuit of excellence.

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I REALLY DO LISTEN, I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER

At my age, people, particularly The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, believe that I do not listen when people talk. Of course, some people aren't worth listening to. But I digress.

When I'm around people, I don't have any problem talking with everybody and responding to every conversation. My main goal is to make people laugh, and I'm pretty good at it, especially among my relatives. Seriously, I'm not quite sure if some are laughing with me or at me.

Some things I remember as if they were happening right now. I can remember some things that happened years ago as if they were happening right now. But then, there are quite a few things that, no matter how far back I go, I don't remember.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has noticed this in my life. She thinks that when she's talking to me, I am not listening. Often, she says, "Are you listening to me?" She says this several times, and I stare at her while nodding my head in the affirmative. Of course I'm listening; I just don't know when to respond.

Sometimes I get up and go to my office for my normal workday, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage comes to the door and says, "Are you ready?"

I look at her as though I don't know what she's saying and respond, "Oh, yes, I'm ready to work for the rest of the day. Thanks for asking."

She never accepts that and responds, "Do you remember what I told you the other day?"

To me, that is a trick question because she tells me a lot of things every day; how am I going to remember something she told me several days ago?

"No, my dear, I'm sorry, I don't remember what you told me the other day. What was it?"

Looking at me with a grimace all over her face, she said, "I told you the other day that we were going to go across town and have lunch with our friends. You agreed to that appointment at the time. Are you ready now to go?"

I rarely forget a dinner date, especially with friends. But sometimes I get so busy with everyday things that I forget important things. So I smiled back at her and said, "I'm sorry, I'm ready to go now if you are."

One question I get asked a lot from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is, "Do you hear anything I'm saying?"

Of course I hear everything she's saying, but the problem is remembering what she said and when she said it. If I could remember everything she has said to me, my brain would explode.

She often tells me that God gave me two ears and one mouth for a reason. And I agree with her, but she doesn't understand that just because I hear something doesn't mean I remember it the next day.

It's not that I have memory failure. I can get behind the pulpit and sometimes preach without even having notes. Sometimes I don't even refer to my notes as I preach. I don't forget my sermon because it's rather important to me.

Over the years, I have memorized Scripture that I still remember to this day.

So it's not my "listening"; it's my "remembering" that's the issue.

The one thing that I cannot remember has to do with birthdays.

I always remember my wife's birthday because it is two days after my birthday, and I never forget my birthday. But when it comes to our children and relatives, I have no idea whose birthday is on what day.

Sometimes at breakfast, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will clear her throat and then say, "Do you know whose birthday it is today?"

There is absolutely no way that I can know whose birthday it is today or any other day, for that matter.

When she asks me that question, I look at her very seriously and say, "I thought that was your job?" Then I smile at her, but she doesn't return it.

Of course, she doesn't smile back but says, "You should remember our children's birthday as well as our grandchildren's birthday."

I don't even know my siblings' birthdays. There are only two of them, but I cannot remember their birthdays. I was alive when they were born, but for the life of me I can't remember the day they were born.

In The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's craft room, one section is dedicated to birthday cards. She hasn't bought a birthday card in I don't know how long. But she makes birthday cards herself. To make the birthday cards, she has to know whose birthday it is.

When I'm having a conversation with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, I hear everything she says, and I can respond quite intelligently. I hear everything she says. However, give me two days, and I won't remember a word she just spoke.

As I reminisced about all of this, I was reminded of a verse in the Bible that sorta settles some of it.

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him" (Proverbs 18:13).

I have discovered that when I speak before I hear the whole sentence, I get it all wrong. I am still on the learning curve with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage

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HOME CARE VS. HOME HEALTH CARE: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

By Elaine K. Howley

Support for aging in place can take a variety of forms, but there are two basic categories: senior home care and senior home health care.

Senior home care (nonmedical care)

What it is: This category involves help with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as dressing, bathing and eating, says Danielle Pierotti, vice president of health sciences and chief nursing officer at Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota.

These caregivers are not typically licensed to provide health care services, and the specific training they receive varies from company to company.

Who pays: The senior or their family typically pay out of pocket for this form of care.

Services typically include:

Light housekeeping, such as cleaning and laundry services
Meal preparation or delivery and diet monitoring
Help with personal care tasks
Assistance with shopping and other errands
Companionship and social interaction
Transportation

Senior home health care (medical care)

What it is: This category of care, which can include both medical and personal care components, involves a licensed professional, such as a registered nurse or a physical therapist, and follows a physician's orders, Pierotti says.

Who pays: Medicare or a private insurer usually covers these services, but you'll need to double-check your specific policy. And, Rees notes, "before coverage kicks in, you generally need to be seen face-to-face by a doctor to certify that you are in need of home health care services."

Services typically include:

Skilled nursing care, such as wound dressing, IV therapy, health monitoring, pain control and other nursing duties

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DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I DINE

I've spent more than 20 years telling people where to eat, what to order and, occasionally, what to avoid. Apparently, I don't always listen to my own advice. Last Monday, I found myself sitting inside Clearman's North Woods Inn, a restaurant famous for steaks, prime rib and portions large enough to feed a small family. What did I order? Salmon.

Yes, fish at North Woods Inn. And you know what? I thoroughly enjoyed it. Strike one.

A few days later, my friend Hans, who recently moved from Pasadena to Monrovia — go east, young man! — started sending me glowing reports about BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse on Huntington Drive. BJ's? A chain restaurant? Say it isn't so, Mr. Dills.

I've spent years encouraging readers to support independently owned restaurants. Heck, I've even helped launch Eat Local, an organization dedicated to giving neighborhood restaurants a fighting chance. And now I'm headed to BJ's? Strike two.

But Hans was persistent, and with Dodger baseball on the big screens and happy hour prices that sounded like they belonged in another decade, I figured I'd better investigate.

Besides, research is research. My first impression? Not bad. Not bad at all.

The crowd was lively, the televisions were tuned to baseball, and the atmosphere had that comfortable neighborhood sports-bar feeling. You know me. Give me some baseball conversation, a few horse racing enthusiasts and a bartender who knows what they're doing, and I'm usually a happy customer. I'm still getting the lay of the land, but I liked what I saw.

Now let's talk money. A \$6 cocktail? In Southern California? In 2026? Happy Hour prices. My friend Ronson was equally pleased with his \$4 Coors Light. At those prices, we almost felt like we should apologize to the bartender. Almost.

The happy hour food prices were equally inviting. I wasn't expecting a culinary revelation, but I wasn't looking for one, either. Sometimes you want a comfortable seat, a ballgame, a reasonably priced drink and something good to nibble on. Is that asking too much? Apparently, in some restaurants, it is.

Which brings me to something I've been thinking about lately. I still believe in Eat Local. Strongly. Independent restaurants are the backbone of our communities. They're the places where the owner remembers your name, where the bartender knows your favorite drink and where your money helps support the neighborhood. But let's be realistic.

When a restaurant bill includes sales tax, followed by a payment screen suggesting another 20% tip, even a modest meal starts looking like a financial commitment. And that's before you've ordered dessert.

How do we expect people to dine out more often when the final bill keeps climbing? The independent restaurant owner isn't necessarily the villain here. Food costs, labor, insurance, rent and utilities have all taken a bite out of the business. The customer is feeling it, too. And sometimes a chain restaurant with purchasing power and a well-priced happy hour offers an attractive alternative. Does that mean I'm abandoning Eat Local? Absolutely not.

It means I'm also a customer, just like you. I appreciate good value, friendly service and a place where I can enjoy a Dodger game without checking my bank balance between innings. So there you have it. Fish at North Woods Inn on Monday and happy hour at BJ's later in the week. Two rules broken in seven days. My father, Elmer Dills, probably would have shaken his head. Then again, he might have ordered the \$6 cocktail. I'm not ready to hand BJ's a glowing endorsement after one visit. I'll be back, because consistency matters more than first impressions. But I will say this: Hans may have discovered something worth exploring out east. And as for my restaurant rules? Do as I say, not necessarily as I dine. North Woods INN Corner Huntington and Rosemead BJ's 400 E. Huntington Dr. Arcadia

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A CAUTIONARY TALE ABOUT WILDCRAFTING

“Wildcrafting” refers to the art of collecting your herbs directly from the wild. It’s what I do most of the time for the herbs that I use.

Doing so means that you must know how to identify the plant in the wild, otherwise you might end of sick or dead.

As a practical matter, most herb users just go to the herb shop or health food store and buy the herbs they want. So where does the herb shop get their herbs? They buy them from various wholesalers. There are many such wholesalers in the country, and though some of them might do some of their own growing, most purchase herbs from various individuals who collect in bulk from the wild, and then dry the herbs and send them to the wholesaler. It’s definitely not a get-rich-quick scheme, but it can provide some side income for the person who enjoys their time outdoors, and who knows where enough specific plants grow to make it worth their while.

I did this for a few years, off and on.

Here’s how this began. I got a list of wholesalers who buy herbs in bulk from wild craft collectors. I sent each of them a list of the herbs that I thought I could collect in bulk. I got responses from three of them, and began collecting. I was offered so much money per pound of dried herb. I went out and collected herbs that were abundant. I always carefully collected, and never uprooted plants. I took large bags to my parents’ attic and laid them out on the huge floor. When dry, I boxed them and sent them off to the wholesalers and eventually I received my check. The price seemed fair. After all, I knew what a little box of the herb cost at the local store, and the wholesaler had to make money and the store had to make money.

Over the years, I sent boxes of nettle, passionvine, epazote, yerba santa, eucalyptus, mullein, horehound, and others to the wholesaler. I always prided myself on collecting and sending off 100% clean herb. That means I carefully picked out any stray twigs, leaves, or other debris.

After a while, though I enjoyed this as a side gig, I went on to other activities for earning income. However, one of the wholesalers would occasionally call me, asking if I could supply an herb. Once I declined when it was Datura, since I was uncomfortable with what it might be used for. Then I was called and asked if I could get a box of Ginkgo biloba leaves.

“Sure, I know where the leaves fall,” I told him, “but it will take forever to clean it from all the dirt and debris.” The tree is a common street tree, but it would not be worth my while if I had to take the time to separate debris from the ginkgo leaf.

“Oh, just rake it up into a box and send to me,” he told me.

“You don’t understand,” I responded. “There is a lot of debris where those leaves fall, and it would just take me too long to clean it.”

“No, don’t bother,” he continued. “Just rake it all up and put it in a box and send it to me. Didn’t you know you can always have up to 15% adulterant?”

I was quiet for a moment. “What’s that?” I asked. “Fifteen percent other stuff? Is that what you’re saying?”

“Yes, just rake it all up and send it.”

He went on to tell me – for the first time – that the industry standard – or at least, his industry standard – was that it was OK to have at least 15% foreign debris in the box of herbs sent to him. I declined and never did wildcrafting for money again.

And when I would hear about someone getting sick or dying from some herb in a tea bag that they purchased from an herb store, I always remembered what my buyer told me, that 15% adulterant was ok. In most cases, you would never know the difference, but what if that 15% adulterant was the leaf of poison hemlock, or wild tobacco?

These days, I collect whatever herbs I use and I know they are 100% free of adulterants. I am not casting aspersions on the whole herb business, because I believe most of it is ethical. But if you are making money by the number of pounds of an herb you can collect and send off, and the money is not really that much, then I can see that some individuals might cut corners.

That’s my story as a wildcrafter, and it has led me to being careful about what herbs I collect, and which I buy.

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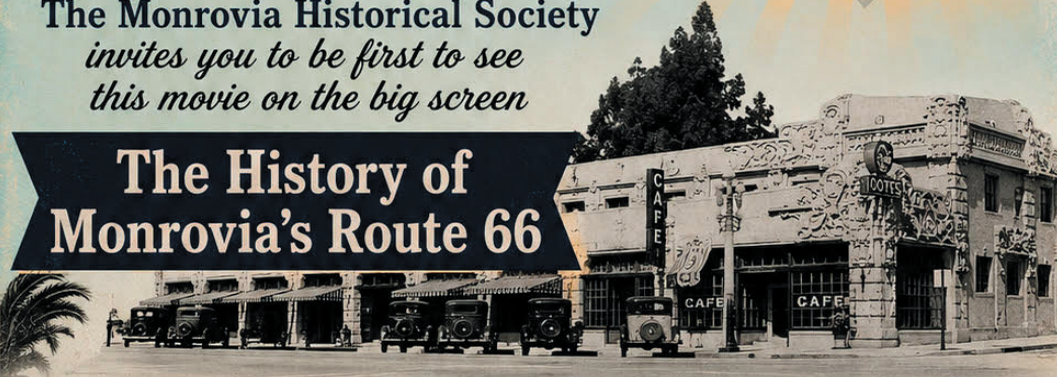
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PUT THE LIGHTS ON ARE WE ON THE ROAD TO TOTAL SOCIAL SELF DESTRUCTION?

Please don't ask me to answer the question; I certainly don't know the answer. Let me first point out that on a typical Wednesday morning I am out on the golf-course struggling along as I wander around looking for my ball. This Wednesday, as you have already undoubtedly noticed, it is extremely hot and golfing is not a good idea.

I am going to use this time to try and create an article that displays my own confusion and concern. I was so confused and desperate that on Sunday I followed a suggestion that a reader forwarded to me suggesting that I attend church-services on Sunday.

Saturday, spent at my son's bedside at the hospital had been a particularly difficult day as my wife and I watched my son obviously suffering in his silence. So, on Sunday I convinced my wife to drive me over to the church at 12:30. I entered, unsure of where I was going but took a seat in the almost empty room. For a while I attempted to attentively listen but fell asleep and wandered out of the room. It was incredibly hot outside, and I tried to call my wife to pick me up, but I could not get my phone to work. I imagined trying to walk all the way home, up the hill and into the canyon but realized I would never survive the walk.

Thank goodness, or whomever, I was in friendly- civil Sierra Madre and I asked the first couple that passed by if they would call my wife on their phone. They quickly agreed, called my wife who dutifully appeared in a few minutes and took me out of the heat and back into the house. As you may have guessed my son surprisingly improved Monday and yesterday and my wife and I look forward to visiting him today in his Hospital Room where we will all watch TV together and root for the Dodgers.

So much for what seems okay; it is everything else that has baffled me. I open my copy of the Pasadena Star News to read the day before-yesterday news today and read the President's, statement, "Let them take out Los Angeles, let them take out San Diego." Unbelievable as that statement is it only reflects the confusion that seems everywhere around me. Gambling and drugs have interposed themselves everywhere. Athletes, performers, and coaches are falling to the ground in mid-performance blaming drug-overdoses

Going to neighborhood restaurants, one of my favorite things, has become problematic because the restaurants are now under-staffed and it takes forever to receive one's order. Of course, I notice that many local retailers have gone out of business, perhaps resulting from the fact that people are just not going outside much anymore. Schools are closing because of declining student bodies as parents are hesitant to send their children to School in the midst of ICE Raids or something.

All sorts of domestic abuse are reported and the food being marketed is described as unsafe. Meanwhile, amid all of these problems in California the Democratic party faces no-challenges as things seem to be getting worse and worse. Maybe the problem is just me as I am isolated, retired, not allowed to drive and basically a prisoner at home whose only activity is going to the Hospital to sit at my son's bedside and question medical staff. I am hoping for the best as I describe his condition in my weekly articles. Perhaps the people at Kaiser read my articles because my wife says she just received a call suggesting that I contact the psychiatry Department at Kaiser. Perhaps all 82 year olds who describe themselves as isolated and depressed receive such a call.

My point is that I believe that there is good reason for all of us to be fearful and depressed as we read of continuing wars and conflicts and possible take-overs by machines. So, how are you feeling? A friend of mine's daughter just got accepted at Cornell which can't make the family too happy.



HOWARD Hays As I See It

"You need to be a student at the top of your class at MIT to turn on a lawnmower nowadays, you know? But I got rid of all that stuff. Now you can

have a lawnmower. Boom!" President Trump, addressing a campaign rally in Grand Island, Nebraska

David Corn of Mother Jones responded: "Our long national nightmare (of overly complicated lawnmowers) is over. Thank God." Ron Filipkowski reminds that starting a lawnmower has "Never been easier in the history of human civilization." Gaypublicans posts: "says the man who would need MIT to explain the pulloord". Many wondered how long it's been since Trump has been anywhere near a lawnmower. The Nebraska audience responded with cheers and applause.

This recalled an earlier obsession with toilets. "People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once", Trump complained in December 2019 - during impeachment inquiries. He expressed concern over sinks and showerheads, saying the "EPA is looking at that very strongly at my suggestion" - while not explaining what he'd suggested. Whatever efficiency standards were in place for toilets, sinks, appliances - Trump removed them. They were reimposed under President Biden and then revoked again soon into Trump's second term.

As for lawnmowers, Trump had raised the issue before - at a White House "Agriculture Roundtable" last December. "In many cases, you need about 185 IQ to turn on a lawn mower now.", Trump told farmers. This was when those farmers were being jacked around by Trump's on-again-off-again tariffs; trade deals sunk - costs skyrocketing for fertilizer, building materials, farm equipment and fuel for those pesky lawnmowers. Trump brought them to the Oval Office so they could personally thank him for the \$12 billion bailout he'd offered. Those farmers also knew of the \$40 billion bailout Trump was sending Argentina - not so much to benefit Argentinians, but as another opportunity for Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's hedge fund pals to cash in off our generosity.

Two days before the Nebraska rally, Trump told MAGAs in Ohio, addressing the \$5,000 per-voter bribe promised if elections go his way, that "I know more about inflation, I know more about everything than anybody in this room - anybody anywhere in the world." That line got some notice. Mehdi Hasan responded, "25th Amendment".

He outdid himself, though, in Nebraska; referring again to those \$5,000 bribes, he asserted "This is a big promise. But I've met so many, I've met all my promises - all my promises." This led to postings of lists of promises; promises of lowering prices,

balancing the budget, paying down the debt, tariff rebate checks, ending the Russia/Ukraine war (on "Day One"), no new wars, a new healthcare plan (in two weeks), DOGE checks, Mexico paying for that wall, release of all Epstein files, etc.

But the line from the Nebraska rally that overshadowed all others was about our war with Iran. That's the war where we're trying to get Iran to agree to destroy whatever nuclear capabilities and accept international monitors to make sure they do - a situation that's worsened since Trump, in his first term, tore up the treaty where Iran agreed to destroy whatever nuclear capabilities and accept international monitors to make sure they do.

"It's a small price to pay for keeping the world safe, keeping our country safe. They could take out a city. Let them take - let it - let them take out Los Angeles. Let them take out San Diego."

For L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, "The comments were completely irresponsible . . . You don't say something like that in jest." From San Diego, where 115,000 active-duty servicemembers are stationed, Mayor Todd Gloria posted: "San Diego is not collateral damage. We are not expendable. And we are never a 'small price to pay.' Keep our city out of your reckless war talk." For the MAGAs, they claim it was a matter of context. They recirculated the quote hoping to prove their point - while for whatever reason leaving out the words, "Let them". But for the MAGAs at the Nebraska rally, it brought cheers and applause.

Last April, Trump demanded Iran open the Strait of Hormuz, or "you'll be living in Hell - JUST WATCH!" He warned, "A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again." He said, "We're going to bring them back to the stone ages where they belong." Last month, Trump told Fox News, "My question is, if and when do I blow the entire nation up?"

Yes, context is important. The context in which I see these statements, such as those above, was provided in a report from Ken Klippenstein in his Substack. Last month, Under Secretary of Defense for policy Elbridge Colby told the Senate Armed Services Committee they were undergoing a "classified review of U.S. nuclear employment guidance, with the goal of increasing options available to the president." As Klippenstein put it in his report, "In this environment, handing Trump more nuclear options isn't some wonky policy tweak. It's a matter of national survival."

Back in 2019, during impeachment while obsessing over toilets, Trump complained energy-efficient lightbulbs don't "make you look as good. Being a vain person, that's really important to me. It gives you an orange look; I don't want an orange look." Maybe somebody should talk to the president about this. Natalie?

RICH JOHNSON



WHYS AND WHYS NOT?-

Whys and Whys Not? May be the key question I will have for God when I pass over from this existence to the next plane of existence is simply why? We are the only species on the planet that asks why. Why? Wouldn't we all be happier if we didn't have the concept of asking why? As far as I know, giraffes never ask God why He made their necks so long. Or why you will never see a sleek hippo. If I was a hippo (watch it) I'd ask why.

For example, why do wombats poop in perfect cubes? Wombats actually stack the poop cubes on rocks and logs marking their territory. (Me thinks often God has a sense of humor.)

Why do flamingos stand on one leg? Well, flamingo experts tell me if they put both legs in the water they would freeze to death. Makes sense.

Here's a good one. Why are Major League Baseball Umpires required to wear black underwear? (Bet you didn't even know that.) There is a perfectly good answer. Baseball professionals didn't want white to be showing in case their pants split during a game. Duh!

Why was ketchup sold in the 1830s? A doctor in Ohio claimed tomatoes could cure a number of ills and he marketed and sold ketchup in pill form.

Reader's Digest maybe the ultimate source of useful trivia. They have been around since 1922. And trivia is a big part of their magazine. And here are some of the claims of truth they have printed over the years.

You are taller in the morning than the night. By about one centimeter. Why? Because at night you are lying down and your spine stretches out and even decompresses. At least that is what Reader's Digest says. It must be true.

If you think Caesar Salads were invented in Italy you are about 6,317 miles off. The salad was invented by Caesar Cardini, an Italian restaurateur and Italian immigrant living in Mexico.

If you have a passion to have a pet that may outlive you, get a goldfish. The oldest goldfish on record was Tish, who lived to ripe old age of 43.

Did you know there is an orchestra that plays concerts making music by using only typewriters. They are the Boston Typewriter Orchestra. Well, if you believe Ripley's Believe It or Not, then you know its true.

Here, this may be important. Pilot's and co-pilots in flight eat different in flight meals. Why? In case one of the meal choices may have food poisoning. Makes sense right? Right? Right!

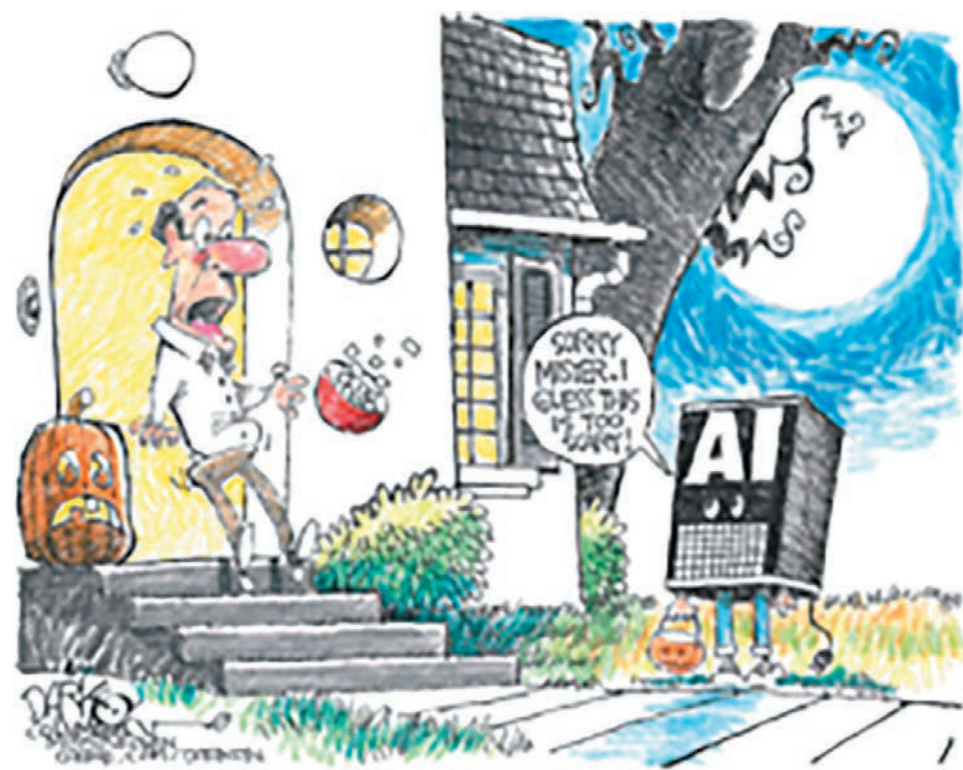
Have any idea what the national animal is in Scotland? I'll give you a hint. It doesn't exist. It has been the national animal of Scotland since the 12th century. Here's a hint: The animal is regarded as the natural enemy of the lion which was England's symbol. So, in Scotland, every April 9th is National Unicorn's Day.

Little Dorothy, in the original Wizard of Oz, was a blonde, not a brunette. So, the director put a long blonde wig on Judy Garland and apparently it looked so bad, it was rejected. They would rather live with the aberrant hair color.

The creation of the tea bag was an accident. In 1904 American tea trader shipped tea samples to Europe in little silk pouches so they would not get mixed up. Well, the recipients mistakenly dipped the bags into boiling water. And the tea bag was born.

I'll end with a shopping opportunity. There is a store in Scottsboro, Alabama called The Unclaimed Baggage Center. The only retailer of lost luggage. The store buys unclaimed bags and their contents after a 90-day intensive search for the owners. The 50,000 square feet store has more than one million visitors a year.

Speaking of important information, my birthday is actually on Halloween. This year that falls on Saturday, October 31st. So, my rock and roll band, JJ Jukebox will be performing at Nano Café for a Halloween night concert. Great food, adult drinks, dancing, and great music if you like tight rock and roll (No 20 minute feedback laden lead guitar licks...we promise). Costumes optional. It just might sell out so make reservations by calling the restaurant Wednesday through Saturday after 4:00 pm. (626) 325-3334. The restaurant is in Sierra Madre at 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Hope to see you there.



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T.S. No.: 26-20698
Loan No.: 3234 APN: 5767-029-025

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/11/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: JEFFREY J MCNEAL AND KRISTIN C MCNEAL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS

Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/19/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2515494 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,

Date of Sale: 11/12/2026 at 9:00 AM

Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk
13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650

Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$650,396.99

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 321 SANTA ANITA CT
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A.P.N.: 5767-029-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this Internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 26-20698. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

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Date: 9/23/2026
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