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MOUNTAIN VIEWS NEWS wants to know. We are reviving our Best Holiday Decorations contest this year in Sierra Madre! So, now is the time to go all out with your holiday decorations. Our Photo Santa will be driving around town looking for the the best of the best! PLUS.....we will give you the chance to vote for the People's Choice! Winners will be featured in our special Christmas Edition on December 25, 2021. Decorations must be completed by Saturday, December 18, 2021. Voting will begin on December 18th through December 20th.

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A FEW WORDS FROM SIERRA MADRE MAYOR RACHELLE ARIZMENDI



As I approach the last few days in my 2nd term as the Mayor of Sierra Madre, I am reminded about my first campaign for City Council in 2014. At the time, my husband Fili and I had been living in Sierra Madre a little more than seven years. In my mind, that made for an "established" resident. Little did I know- that people don't just live here for decades...they live here for generations. I knocked on thousands of doors to ask for people's vote and was peppered with questions such as "Why is my water discolored and why do I pay so much?" - Exactly how old are you? - Wouldn't it be better if we contracted with the Sheriff's Department? - What are your thoughts on Prop 13? - What makes you qualified? Where do my taxes go? - What was your position on Measure V? - Why did you move here?..

We have come a long way since 2014 and I'm extremely proud of the progress we have made. Last year we reported a \$2.5MM budget surplus in our City Budget. In 2021, we invested \$2MM to replace 23,000 linear feet of aging water infrastructure that resulted in a reduction of water loss leakage (30% to 13%). The police department showed an 11% decrease in crime. We now operate a fully-paid career Fire Department that secured automatic-aid status with peer agencies.

That's not all. Other accomplishments over the past year include the following:

- No layoffs of staff during the pandemic
- A funding of 85% of our total accrued pension liabilities (compared to a high-risk 69% in 2016)
- Approval of 30 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- A completed Kersting Court refresh project
- Funding of a joint-well for a secondary water source with Arcadia in the San Gabriel Basin.
- (San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) approved \$1.8MM in financial support).
- Approved budget for Library Building upgrades
- Free public WiFi at Memorial Park and Kersting Court
- Installation of a solar project that will eliminate up to 715 tons of carbon emissions annually.

Our work is far from over. There will be many issues that will challenge us a united community. The proposed Bailey Meadows project at the monastery is still in process and continues to be a contentious issue with some residents. The State's mandates in the areas of affordable housing, zoning, and compost rubbish separation leave little to no room for local government control. The state of drought emergency is always looming over us. Our aging city infrastructure and the years of deferred maintenance will be an ongoing expense. Rising costs will force us to question if we should maintain our own Fire and Police departments. And why do people blatantly disregard the "No U-Turn" signs downtown?

I remain hopeful and optimistic.

Our historic Wistaria vine will survive. Maintaining a strong and healthy financial state is at the top of our priorities. We have a phenomenal City Staff- with a dedicated City Manager at the helm. Our City Council is comprised of committed individuals that have the best interest of Sierra Madre at the core of their work. We have passionate residents at the heart and drive of our community.

There is one thing I know for certain - the answer given by me on the campaign trail remains the same. The reasons I love Sierra Madre and why we moved here are 1) I know I can walk my dog at 10:30 at night and feel safe; 2) People still wave "hello" to each other on the streets- just like the neighborhood I grew up in; and 3) No doubt- the quality of life in our Village of the Foothills is unlike anything you'll find in the other 87 cities in Los Angeles County.

It truly has been an honor to serve as your Mayor and I have been humbled by your support.

On December 14, I will pass the ceremonial gavel to our next Mayor and will reflect as to who we are as a community...proud Sierra Madreans. #StrongerTogether

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SIERRA MADRE CANDLELIGHT WALK RETURNS

Sunday, December 19th at 7:00 PM



More than forty years ago two wise visionaries, Pastor Bob VanderZaag and Pastor Richard Anderson "Dick," felt their community deserved a momentous celebration. Maybe they both saw the beauty in the small towns that had gathered their people together in those many snow filled landscapes, huddling meekly in simple rooms, where a lone fireplace lent its heat. It was not lost on these two Pastors that it was not the splendor of the place that mattered but the people gathering together that created the collective depth to inspire the Spirit of Christmas.

In the Big City, the granting of ones personal space and privacy is considered a social politeness. That is predictable and understandable. It has remained our great fortune that two Pastors understood the Social Contract but also understood the human heart with a perceptive intuition, and so they did not accept the predictable and understandable.

In an age of power grids and lavish displays of electricity, we have not stolen away the charm of candlelight. It remains eternal in its ability to inspire reverence, ever vigil in touching our heart in its simple and artistic beauty. So it is fitting that the light of a star that once guided Three Magi to a baby. Has been commemorated in a candlelight that guides a community to Christmas.

The Sierra Madre event has commenced in the same manner for forty plus years, at the steps of Saint Rita Catholic Church. The Pandemic sidelined this event last year, however, this year the walk is back! The processional will begin at Saint Rita's Church, where participants light their candles and begin the walk to Kersting Court at 7:00 pm. Participants can come a little early and listen to brass carols starting at 6:15. For those that wait below at the bottom of the street, the sea of lights begins its slow, picturesque descent down Baldwin Avenue. As scripture passages are read and the notes of Christmas hymns swirl around the nativity scene and the Baby Jesus will be placed in the manger in the Nativity Scene in Kersting Court.

It is exactly as Linus, instructed Charlie Brown on the true meaning of Christmas. For each year two local children become Joseph and Mary and carry the statue of the baby Jesus and place the statue of Jesus in the crèche.

If you desire to touch the true spirit of Christmas, there is no finer place to discover its heartwarming tones of the season than The Sierra Madre Candlelight Walk. *Original story submitted by Craig Hakola; Photo Mountain Views News Archives*



OPEN HOUSE | Saturday 12/11 & Sunday 12/12 From 1-4pm

1924 Storybook Cottage Listed at **\$895,000**

790 Hamilton Avenue 3 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,250 sf | 3,361 sf lot
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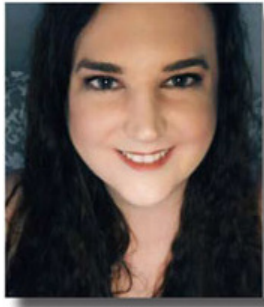
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SPOTLIGHT SIERRA MADRE

By Meghan Malooley



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

Giving back to your community is an amazing act. Made even more amazing when those giving back are children. I would like you all to meet three very special kids Frances, Hudson and Oliver Farnam. Frances is 13 and is probably one of the most mature and giving hearted 13 year old's I've ever met. Not only does she do normal things that a girl her age likes to do but one of her huge hobbies is converting a 1976 914 Porsche from gas to electric! If that's not impressive I don't know what is! At 13 I was hanging out in the park thinking I was a rebel because my friends rode skateboards (yea, I was that girl lol). When I found out Frances was doing the Porsche project I approached her with one of my own. We received a kids table as a donation to be a Christmas present for one of the Sierra Madre Gives Back families. It's very sturdy but needed a new paint job and Frances took it in stride! Not only is she sanding, painting and decorating the table in a batman theme, the recipients favorite, but she chose to forgo getting paid for the job and just receive service hours. I don't know many adults, let alone kids who would take service hours over cash in hand. She's a keeper!

Frances's brothers, Oliver and Hudson, have as much of a giving spirit as she does! The 3 of them approached me because even at such a young age they understand that there are people in the world less fortunate than they are. These 3 amazing kids pooled all of their savings together in order to "adopt" a family with 3 young girls for Christmas. I am in complete awe of this incredible family. They decided they wanted to purchase an extremely popular and expensive gift for these girls (I'm not mentioning the name in case the family they adopted is reading this, gotta keep the Christmas spirit of surprises alive!). When they realized they didn't have the resources on their own to do this, they enlisted the help of community members and those that follow Frances's Porsche project. They received multiple donations to help them on their charitable journey. I think we should all definitely take a page from their book. These kids are driven and generous and that's an unstoppable combination. A lot of people, during the holidays, are preoccupied with what gifts they want and what they'll receive. But not these kids, I mean don't get me wrong they want presents, who doesn't? But it doesn't define them, their generous hearts and beautiful souls define them. Let's please take a second and applaud Jeanie and Dan Farnam (the parents). They are obviously doing something right! Take a bow Farnam family! You deserve it and we salute you! Thank you!




Santa is coming to Sierra Madre

Parade and Meet & Greet

CATCH A GLIMPSE OF SANTA AS HE HITCHES A RIDE THROUGH TOWN TO THE SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
5:30PM TO 6:30PM
 SANTA PARADE
6:30PM TO 8:30PM
 SANTA MEET AND GREET AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT (626) 355- 3611

ABC 7 SPORTS ANCHOR ROB FUKUZAKI
AND HIS HEADS UP YOUTH FOUNDATION PRESENT

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

AT THE SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
 242 W SIERRA MADRE BLVD
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Donate a new, unwrapped toy with a minimum value of \$10 for a chance to win lower-level LA Kings tickets!

Each donation will be matched by the Heads Up Youth Foundation and donated to local children in need.

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& MORE HOLIDAY FUN!**

For more information contact the Fire Department at (626) 355-3611.




TOY DRIVE

Please make a child's holiday brighter by donating a new unwrapped toy to the **ROTARY CLUB OF SIERRA MADRE'S TOY DRIVE** benefitting the Salvation Army's "Toys for Tots" program for 0-12 year old children. Time is running out!

Deadline is 10am Sunday, December 12th

Thank You!

Donation boxes are located at

Best Buy Pharmacy	Arnold's ACE Hardware
The Bottle Shop	Syndicate Coffee & Bakery
Taylor's Ol' Fashioned Mkt.	Corfu Restaurant
Mailbox & Postal	

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All Things

By Jeff Brown

You're off to great places, today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way." Dr. Seuss Author/Poet

"Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do and damned if you don't." Eleanor Roosevelt

"When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened." Winston Churchill

"An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day." Henry David Thoreau

"Don't wait. The time will never be just right." Napoleon Hill

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection." Buddha

KIDS ORNAMENT DECORATING RAFFLE



Bring a decorated ornament to the Christmas Toy Drive for a chance to win a brand new bicycle!

The Fire Department will joyfully place all ornaments received on our department Christmas tree, which will be displayed in front of Station 41 throughout the holiday season.

Pick up an ornament decorating kit from the Fire Department or Sierra Madre Public Library between 12/01 and 12/15. Available while supplies last. Personal decorating supplies may also be used. Children up to the age of 17 may enter the raffle.



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Be Aware of Your Surroundings!

A word from Corporal Lilian Shaw, SMPD

While you may have your eye on a hot ticket item for Christmas this holiday season, robbery suspects may have their eyes on you! A rash of follow-home robberies has caused police to be on alert and warn people about this growing crime trend.

Whether you're out shopping at a high end store, dining at a five star restaurant, or simply out for a stroll, you may find yourself as a target. Criminals have become brazen, trailing people in affluent neighborhoods and ultimately robbing them at gunpoint, taking jewelry, cash and even the victim's vehicles. On some occasions victims were followed home and

forced to open their door, where suspects then ransacked their valuables before fleeing the scene.

Although news reports show that some arrests have been made in connection to these robberies, this trend continues to plague southern California and surrounding areas, often resulting in violent and even fatal attacks. Police warn the public to be aware of their surroundings, keep your cell phone handy and always know your location in case you need to call police. If you are driving and believe you are being followed, don't go home or to your place of business, drive to your nearest police station instead.

Here are some safety tips for pedestrians:

- Avoid walking alone at night in areas that aren't well lit
- Walk against traffic so that cars cannot surprise you from behind
- Carry a wallet instead of a purse
- Don't be complacent, look for anyone walking too close to you or possibly hiding in wait
- Criminal see someone who is unable to care for themselves as an easy target, stay sober!
- Keep your keys in hand so that you can open your door quickly
- Wear comfortable shoes in case you have to run to get help
- Stay alert and be prepared to give police a description of the suspects if needed

If you are confronted by suspects don't put your life in added danger by fighting for your property, let them have it!

If you have any information that can help in identify any suspects from previous cases please contact your local law enforcement agency as soon as possible.

Stay safe!



YOUR TURN TO SPEAK UP

The final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for "The Meadows at Bailey Canyon" housing project proposed to be built on the Monastery property has not yet been released. One of the latest timelines states the plan will be presented in early 2022. But timelines have been changed regularly.

We are concerned that once that report is out, there will be scant time for citizens to read,

review and respond to the final report. The State has mandated that there be only five meetings concerning a development. The City plans for two Planning Commission and two City Council Meetings. That leaves one for a Citizens Town Hall.

There needs to be a Town Hall scheduled after the EIR has been released before the Planning Commission meetings. We believe you can make that happen. Let our city planners know how important it is. We also believe that you should start voicing your concerns now about the many problems of the development by writing to the Planning Commission and the City Council members.

The major issues the Steering Committee of Preserve Sierra Madre addressed in the Draft EIR were:

Safety: Our General Plan states that the City "avoid construction of new development on land currently unimproved in a very high fire area." The development is not only in a very high area, this area has been evacuated many times due to wildfires threatening the area, including the Bobcat Fire in 2020. The ingress and egress portion of this project from Carter Avenue presents a clear danger if evacuation should be necessary as Carter Avenue is only 20 feet wide at this point; city streets are required to be 37 feet wide.

There is no provision for pedestrian or bicycle traffic on that very thin stretch of road on the entrance to the development on Carter Avenue. Nor is there a provision to add sidewalks or bike paths on Sunnyside, Grove, or Fairview Avenues. This goes against our General Plan and causes very dangerous situations for walkers and bikers alike.

Water: The issue of Net-Zero water is extremely significant since we all know that the extreme drought will prevent the City's ability to purchase water from any source to save for the future, nor do we know when in the future water will be available. Governor Newsom has asked us all to cut back our water usage, even though we have already done so during our five-year drought. The Colorado River is at an all-time low, as is every lake in California. Most are at 35% of their normal level. Minimal snowfall, our major source of water, is already being predicted for this winter.

Trees: The plan proposes to cut down 100 mature trees. Ten of those trees are well-established protected oaks. Even though the developers have proposed to replace most of the 100 trees, it is inconceivable that sapling trees could survive given the climate concerns of today and the need for increased watering during a drought. The trees they propose to remove also provide shade, shelter, and food to the wildlife that inhabits the area. This includes bats, birds, bears, and deer.

Please email, write, or call your Councilmembers and Planning Commission members with your concerns about this project. Ask them to plan for a timely Town Hall so you can address these problems when the project comes before the Planning Commission and the City Council. Be heard and be specific with your concerns; not just that you don't like the development, or that it shouldn't happen.

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VOLUNTEER FOR SMRFA DECO WEEK

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association has opened the online sign up program for decorating the Sierra Madre Rose Float during Deco Week (December 26th to December 31st).

Please sign up for this year's float entitled "Nature's Classroom" and join us preparing our beautiful Amazon rainforest.

Sign up through our website at <https://sierramadroserofoat.org/get-involved/volunteer/decorate/> to get involved, then volunteer, then decorate!

Our Volunteer Guidelines have changed this year, and we have some new restrictions and Covid-19 protocols, so it is important to read our guidelines BEFORE you sign up through iVolunteer. If you have difficulty signing up or have questions, please email us at info2021@sierramadroserofoat.org.

If you have a group of 8 or more, you need to schedule a time that would be convenient for your group to work. Please complete the Application for Group of Volunteers form and return it to volunteer@sierramadroserofoat.org.

We may be able to open up more spots when it gets closer to Deco Week, so if you don't find your preferred shift or the shifts are full, please check back in December.

Thank you for participating and we'll see you at the barn!



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad when you've got a Christmas tree in the living room." Nora Roberts

"Christmas is not a time, nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." Calvin Coolidge

"Christmas gifts suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To every child, a good example. To all, charity. To yourself, respect."

The picture today is an old one but I know you'll enjoy seeing this big snowman next to Kersting Court. He's enormous, jaunty and captures the joy of Christmas.

As I'm writing Walking Sierra Madre today, it has just dawned on me that Christmas is only a couple of weeks away. I'm mostly ready. I'm decorated. All the Christmas ornaments the children made in Sunday School through the years are right at the front of the tree. The little hands pressed into plaster of paris, are there, too, along with the pictures mounted in bread dough frames, the bead ornaments Leah made one year, the red globes that date from the beginning of our marriage, some fifty+ years ago...I guess they are now valuable antiques. They are also somewhat cracked and crazed (which, occasionally, our marriage was, too) but they are precious in my sight.

Playing Christmas music and rediscovering each cute little Christmas item is such fun. I'm especially partial to all my little lighted houses. My mother started collecting them many years ago and gave her collection to me. I have added to it over the years and now think I have about twenty of them. They look fantastic on top of the bookcases, and the tall cabinet. The most interesting part of putting these things up is, of course, not falling off the step ladder. The second most interesting part is figuring out how to get them all plugged in somewhere. The ones on top of the bookcase in my office even turn on and off with the wall switch, which is fabulous.

Every Christmas I am reminded (and I remind all of you, too) of Santa's Band, which was John's favorite Christmas decoration. Many years ago, he went to Costco and came home with his eyes alight and excitement spilling out of his every word as he described this wonderful band of little musicians attached to bells and electrically driven so every time you turned it on, it played a Christmas carol. They had quite a repertoire and the band leader, of course, was Santa. John went to Costco several times and came home each time with more stories of the glories of Santa's Band. I finally took his hand, looked deep into his eyes and said, "You know, honey, you can buy Santa's Band yourself, with your own money!" He had never thought of that. Back he went and Santa's Band decorated the top of one of our bookcases every year from then on. Yes, it got up there after I spent an hour untangling all the wires, bells and little people, but he loved it. Apparently, all our children loved it, too, and there was lively discussion over who should have Santa's Band after John started celebrating Christmas in heaven. Our daughter, Patti, ended up with it and I was happy to hand it over and let her untangle all those wires and bells.

I've got Christmas cards sitting on the counter. That doesn't mean I've done anything with them, but I will...I hope! Thanks to World Vision, my gift to all of our grandchildren again this year is a couple of chickens and a goat to people in places like Zambia, India, Haiti. A couple of chickens can supply hungry people with eggs and, as they reproduce quickly, more eggs to provide a little income. My gift to daughter, Patti, and her family, including the newlyweds, Nicole and Chris, also through World Vision, is keeping John's dream for clean water for everyone in the world alive. When I read about people, mostly children, trekking miles to get water which is frequently polluted, I have to help World Vision as they put in wells and pumps to make clean water available.

We've talked about what to serve for Christmas Day and I'm pushing for Honey-baked ham, whatever sides Honey-baked has, like mashed potatoes, mac and cheese and maybe some smoked turkey. We'll get some really good bread and plan on never getting dressed, opening presents and having sandwiches. I will make Helen's Lime Jell-O Salad. But that's all. Nobody's cooking anything or cleaning it up, either. In case you're looking for a Jell-O salad, I put the recipe for Helen's Lime Jell-O in my column before Thanksgiving.

Am I ready for Christmas?

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord...Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-13

Yes, I'm ready for Christmas and I'm sure you are, too.

*"On a night like this, centuries ago,
A brilliant star rose in the East,
To show the Wise Men where to go.
They set out on a journey,
To find an unknown King.
Their hearts were filled with happiness
And praises they would sing!"*

(A Night Like This" from "Star of Wonder – A Christmas Musical"
Book & Lyrics by Deanne Davis, Music by David Wheatley)
"Christmas, it's almost here! My favorite, favorite time of year!"

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
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"Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"

Would be really nice gifts for everyone you know.
You can find them on Amazon.com

"Star of Wonder" a delightful Christmas Kindle story is there, too.
If you'd like a little preview, take a look at: <https://youtu.be/Ka1KYrONrd0>

SIERRA MADRE HONORS NOMINATIONS

This year marks the 5th Annual City of Sierra Madre and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce joint event honoring those organizations and individuals that work tirelessly to make Sierra Madre a wonderful place to live, work and play!

In 2020, the event was held virtually due to the pandemic. This year, the event will once again be held in person, with all the pomp and circumstance due to the honorees.

The Awards ceremony will be held on January 19, 2022. Nominations will be accepted for the following recognitions:

SIERRA MADRE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR for residents who have benefited the city during 2019 as a volunteer.

SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR for an outstanding business existing in Sierra Madre for more than 5 years that has been an active supporter of the community.

GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for a person/entity whose lifetime of service embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

THE WISTARIA AWARD recognizing a City/Community Partnership that assists with providing community wide programs and services

THE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD for an employee/individual for protecting and maintaining safety in Sierra Madre.

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE AWARD presented to youth under 18 for outstanding service and dedication to the community.

To nominate, simply email your candidates with the reasons why you feel this person or organization is deserving to by 5:00 pm December 15th, 2021 to either smadrece@gmail.com or HonorsDinner@cityofsierramadre.com.

You can also mail your nomination to:

Honors Dinner Nomination
c/o Sierra Madre City Hall
232 W Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15, 2021.

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Mon:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	30s
Tues:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	30s
Wed:	Ptly Cldy	Hi	50s	Lows	30s
Thur:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	30s
Fri:	Rain	Hi	50s	Lows	30s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2021

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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

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

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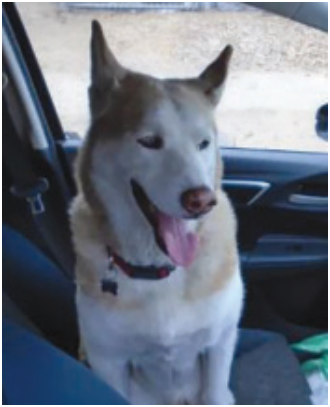
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News From Your Community For Your Community

GPS Dog Collar Used to Catch Car Thief



Quick thinking Pasadena police officers used a dog's GPS collar, last week, to track down a suspected thief who drove off, stealing a victim's car with their pet named Kazoo inside. Police were able to then find and stop the suspect near LAX at the 105 Freeway and Imperial Highway.

"What our suspect didn't know was that the victim's canine companion had a special collar that was able to provide us with the GPS location of, not only the dog, but also the suspect and the stolen vehicle," officers posted on Facebook.

Kazoo, (pictured above) was later reunited with her owner unharmed.

According to Pasadena police, after arriving at the scene, in the area of 1000 East Union Street, where the dark colored Honda and Kazoo had been reported stolen, they found another stolen vehicle left behind by the suspect.

With the help of the Los Angeles Police Department, the suspect was arrested without incident, officers said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Police at (626)- 744-4241 or anonymously at "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

33rd Annual Kwanzaa Celebration



Friday, Dec. 28 • 11 a.m. • Zoom

Heri za Kwanzaa! Happy Kwanzaa!

All are welcome to celebrate the joyous and festive occasion of Kwanzaa with the Pasadena Library virtually through Zoom. Learn about Kwanzaa, and enjoy music and stories. A Kwanzaa kinara children's craft will be available for pick-up at the La Pintaresca Branch Library Dec. 27 through Dec. 30. To attend the virtual celebration, sign up at: pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5106.



Outdoor Dining Removed Before the Parade

Pasadena city officials made an announcement Thursday that all permitted outdoor dining restaurants along Colorado Blvd. must remove their outdoor dining amenities within their barrier enclosures by Tuesday to allow for the Rose Parade.

"The city of Pasadena appreciates the cooperation of its business community as the city prepares for the return of the 133rd Tournament of Roses Parade," Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said.

"The city's Department of Public Works will begin removing traffic control barriers along Colorado Boulevard beginning Wednesday in order to return public streets to normal operations for the staging of the parade.

Following the removal of the traffic control barriers, city departments will begin restriping parking stalls, perform maintenance and then proceed with other regularly scheduled parade preparation

work. The traffic control barriers will be reinstalled by January 6. Derderian said.

In addition to the removal of traffic control barriers, sidewalk dining along certain portions of the parade route will be suspended beginning 8:00 a.m. on December 31 through 8:00 a.m. on January 2. The suspension of sidewalk dining applies to businesses that have outdoor dining (within sidewalks or parklets) along the parade route and adjacent cross streets, within one block of the route. The City of Pasadena annually suspends sidewalk dining to accommodate the influx of people in the city and spectators along the route.

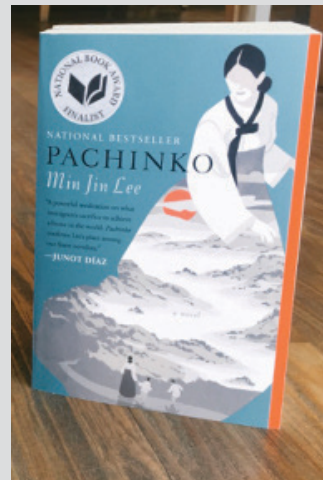
Pasadena's fire and police departments are expecting thousands of overnight campers who will line the route on New Year's Eve and even more spectators parade day.

They also advised that Colorado Boulevard will close beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31,

and will remain closed through the conclusion of the staging and clean-up following the parade. If you plan to host a New Year's Eve event, viewing party, or anticipate vendor deliveries, and your property's access is via Colorado Boulevard, please let your guests and vendors know that they must arrive before 10 p.m. or park in areas without restricted parking and walk in. The parade route will reopen by 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1.

For more information about other important Rose Parade planning and public safety tips, visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Library Now Offering Book Club Kits for Checkout



The South Pasadena Public Library is now offering Book Club Kits for checkout. These handy sets provide all the resources necessary to hold your own successful book club meeting. Included in each kit are: eight copies of a book title; an informational card containing an author biography, plot summary, and discussion questions; a librarian-curated list of additional resources related to the themes and topics of each book title; and a convenient carrying bag.

Book Club Kits are available for checkout with a valid Library card for a period of six weeks. Stop by the Library today to add popular titles like Collapse by Jared Diamond, H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald, Pachinko by Min Jin Lee, and many more to your book club roster!

This resource is made possible by the South Pasadena Public Library with generous support from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

THE OHIO STATE TO PLAY UTAH IN THE 108TH ROSE BOWL GAME



Tournament of Roses officials announced Monday that the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Utah Utes, champions of the Pac-12 Conference, will face each other in the 108th Rose Bowl Game New Year's Day. The game is set to start at 1 p.m. in the Rose Bowl Stadium.

According to a statement, this year's Rose Bowl Game will be Ohio State's 16th appearance in the Rose Bowl Game but will mark the first appearance by the Utes in The Granddaddy of Them All.

"We look forward to hosting a traditional Big Ten and Pac-12 Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day with Ohio State and Utah," said Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller. "The Buckeyes are a program with a strong history in Pasadena and we are thrilled to welcome the Utes for the first time in history at The Granddaddy of Them All."

This year's Rose Bowl Game will be the second meeting of Ohio State and Utah. The last time the two teams met

on the gridiron was in 1986, when the Buckeyes beat the Utes, 64-6.

Ohio State captured a share of the Big Ten East Championship when they defeated Michigan State, 56-7, on November 20. The Buckeyes finished the season with a 10-2 record and were 8-1 in conference play. Ohio State, who has an 8-7 record in the Rose Bowl Game, last played in Pasadena in 2019 when they defeated Washington, 28-23.

Utah won its first Pac-12 Championship with a 38-10 victory over Oregon last week. The Utes finished the 10-3 overall with an 8-1 mark in conference play. The Utes, who are 17-7 in bowl games, will be making their third appearance in a New Year's Six bowl game overall.

Pre-game festivities on January 1, will begin at 1 p.m. PT (4 p.m. ET). The game is set to be televised nationally on ESPN.

Tickets for the Rose Bowl Game sent on sale Tuesday. For more information visit: rosebowlgame.com.

South Pas Housing Element Comment Period Extended

The City of South Pasadena encourages the community to review and comment on the Public Review Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element as the city awaits receipt of comments from the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Accordingly, the comment period has been extended to December 22 according to city staff.

The Housing Element establishes how the city will guide housing unit development, protection, maintenance and other issues related to quality of life and fair housing for South Pasadena residents. In this housing element cycle, the State is requiring policies that support construction of a significant number of new units affordable to households at all income levels. Focusing on facilitating the provision of multi-family and mixed-use housing and accessory dwelling units, the Public Review Draft Housing Element has been formulated to comply with State statutes



and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 2,067 units assigned to South Pasadena.

The Public Review Draft is available to view and download at the South Pasadena Housing Element Update page at: southpasadenaca.gov. Send comments to the Community Development Department at: housingelement@southpasadenaca.gov.

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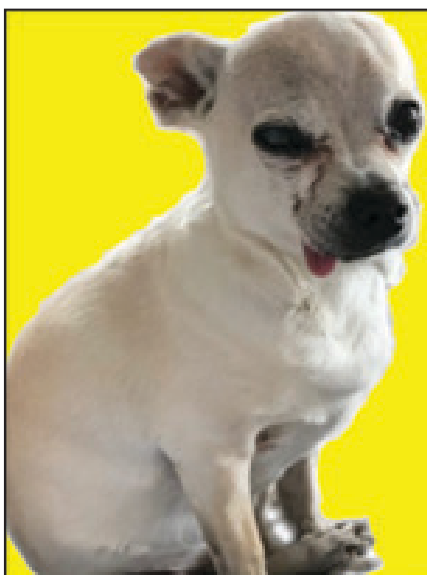
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Fire and Police Issue Rose Parade Safety Tips

As the 133rd Rose Parade approaches on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, Pasadena's fire and police departments are issuing the following safety tips for the thousands of overnight campers who will line the route on New Year's Eve. The parade route will be a safer place if everyone follows the rules and regulations listed below.

What You Can Do:

Protect yourself and others by getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and flu before arrival.

Wear a mask over your nose and mouth if you're unable to maintain at least 6 feet of distance from people you don't live with.

Overnight camping is permitted only on the night of Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

A position on the sidewalk may be maintained along the parade route beginning at noon, Dec. 31. All persons and property, such as blankets, chairs and personal items, must remain on the curb until 11 p.m. At that time, spectators may move out to the blue "Honor Line" but not past it.

Small, professionally-manufactured barbecues elevated at least 1 foot off the ground are allowed on the parade route as long as they are 25 feet from buildings and other combustibles. A fire extinguisher must be readily available.

Minors under the age of 18 may be on the parade route from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. only if they are supervised by an adult.

Dress for cold weather! Children and seniors may need extra layers of clothing to avoid hypothermia. Remember hats and gloves.

Drink healthy fluids and consume nourishing meals to avoid dehydration.

"If You See Something, Say Something." Report suspicious activities and packages to emergency authorities along the parade route.

In case of emergency, call 9-1-1 and know the cross streets from where you are calling. For non-emergencies, call (626) 744-4241.

What You Can't Do:

Appearance in the parade is prohibited for any entries/marchers who have not been approved by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses". Stay off the street and do not pass the blue "Honor Line."

Tents, sofas, and boxes of any type that can be used as stools or seats are prohibited along the route. • Unoccupied chairs are not allowed and will be removed from the parade route. Bonfires are strictly prohibited and considered "illegal burns." ALL fireworks are prohibited except as part of official scheduled events.

No items may be sold along the parade route without a City permit.

Selling space along the parade route, other than grandstand seating, is illegal.

It is illegal to buy, sell or give away horns on the parade route. No public areas—sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streets or ramps—may be blocked or roped off.

No ladders or scaffolding may be used as elevation for viewing



the activities.

Pets are not recommended along the parade; keep them safe at home!

Throwing any object into the parade—or at passing vehicles or pedestrians the night before the parade—is dangerous and prohibited. Violators will be cited and their property will be seized.

Unauthorized vehicles obstructing emergency travel lanes or parked in restricted areas will be towed at owners' expense. No exceptions.

Open containers of alcohol are illegal on public streets, sidewalks and all other public areas. Violators will be cited or arrested.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) will be in place for both the parade and bowl game. Anyone who attempts to fly a drone will be subject to fine, arrest and/or imprisonment. Information about the TFR and all federal drone regulations can be found on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) website: www.faa.gov

Pasadena Fire Department responds to more than twice the number of calls on parade day than any other day. These calls include reports of hypothermia, illegal burning, miscellaneous medical issues, assaults and alcohol-related incidents. Be safe and smart!

For your safety and for the safety of others, please remember the City's no-smoking policies [Pasadena Municipal Code section 8.78.071 (A) 4] prohibit smoking in outdoor public gathering events/special events/parades/fairs. This policy includes the use of cannabis and vaping devices (aka e-cigarettes). The public is advised to NOT use any vaping products.

Enhanced security measures will be in effect on the parade route. Pasadena police officers will resolve problems quickly and remove anyone from the scene who violates the law or disturbs the peace. Police canine teams will also be patrolling Colorado Boulevard. "If You See Something, Say Something" Colorado Boulevard will once again close to motor vehicles earlier than in prior years for the staging of the Rose Parade". Colorado Boulevard will close beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, and will remain closed through the conclusion of the staging and clean-up following the parade. If you plan to host a New Year's Eve event, viewing party, or anticipate vendor deliveries, and your property's access is via Colorado Boulevard, please let your guests and vendors know that they must arrive before 10 p.m. or park in areas without restricted parking and walk in. The parade route will reopen by 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1.

Asteroid Impact Monitoring System for Risk Goes Online

The new system improves the capabilities of NASA JPL's Center for Near Earth Object Studies to assess the impact risk of asteroids that can come close to our planet.

To date, nearly 28,000 near-Earth asteroids (NEAs) have been found by survey telescopes that continually scan the night sky, adding new discoveries at a rate of about 3,000 per year. But as larger and more advanced survey telescopes turbocharge the search over the next few years, a rapid uptick in discoveries is expected. In anticipation of this increase, NASA astronomers have developed a next-generation impact monitoring algorithm called Sentry-II to better evaluate NEA impact probabilities.

Popular culture often depicts asteroids as chaotic objects that zoom haphazardly around our solar system, changing course unpredictably and threatening our planet without a moment's notice. This is not the reality. Asteroids are extremely predictable celestial bodies that obey the laws of physics and follow knowable orbital paths around the Sun.

But sometimes, those paths can come very close to Earth's future position and, because of small uncertainties in the asteroids' positions, a future Earth impact cannot be completely ruled out. So, astronomers use sophisticated impact monitoring software to automatically calculate the impact risk.

Managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, the Center for Near Earth Object Studies (CNEOS) calculates every known NEA orbit to improve impact hazard assessments in support of NASA's Planetary Defense Coordination Office (PDCO). CNEOS has monitored the impact risk posed by NEAs with software called Sentry, developed by JPL in 2002.

"The first version of Sentry was a very capable system that was in operation for almost 20 years," said Javier Roa Vicens, who led the development of Sentry-II while working at JPL as a navigation engineer and recently moved to SpaceX. "It was based on some very smart mathematics: In under an hour, you could reliably get the impact probability for a newly discovered asteroid over the next 100 years – an incredible feat."

But with Sentry-II, NASA has a tool that can rapidly calculate impact probabilities for all known NEAs, including some special cases not captured by the original Sentry. Sentry-II reports the objects of most risk in the CNEOS Sentry Table.

By systematically calculating impact probabilities in this new way, the researchers have made the impact monitoring system more robust, enabling NASA to confidently assess all potential impacts with odds as low as a few chances in 10 million.

Special Cases

As an asteroid travels through the solar system, the Sun's gravitational pull dictates the path of its orbit, and the gravity of the planets will also tug at its trajectory in predictable ways. Sentry modeled to a high precision how these gravitational forces shaped an asteroid's orbit, helping to predict where it will be far into the future. But it couldn't account for non-gravitational forces, the most significant being the thermal forces caused by the Sun's heat.

As an asteroid spins, sunlight heats the object's dayside. The heated surface will then rotate to the asteroid's shaded nightside and cool down. Infrared energy is released as it cools, generating a tiny yet continual thrust on the asteroid. This phenomenon is known as the Yarkovsky effect, which has little influence on the asteroid's motion over short periods but can significantly change its path over decades and centuries.

"The fact that Sentry couldn't automatically handle the Yarkovsky effect was a limitation," said Davide Farnocchia, a navigation engineer at JPL who also helped develop Sentry-II. "Every time we came across a special case – like asteroids Apophis, Bennu, or 1950 DA – we had to do complex and time-consuming manual analyses. With Sentry-II, we don't have to do that anymore."

Another issue with the original Sentry algorithm was that it sometimes couldn't accurately predict the impact probability of asteroids that undergo extremely close encounters with Earth. The motion of these NEAs gets significantly deflected by our planet's gravity, and the post-encounter orbital uncertainties can grow dramatically. In those cases, the old Sentry's calculations could fail, requiring manual intervention. Sentry-II doesn't have that limitation.

"In terms of numbers, the special cases we'd find were a very tiny fraction of all the NEAs that we'd calculate impact probabilities for," said Roa Vicens. "But we are going to discover many more of these special cases when NASA's planned NEO Surveyor mission and the Vera C. Rubin Observatory in Chile go online, so we need to be prepared."

A study describing Sentry-II was published in the Astronomical Journal on Dec. 1, 2021.

More information about CNEOS, asteroids, and near-Earth objects can be found at: cneos.jpl.nasa.gov.

For more information about PDCO, visit: nasa.gov/planetarydefense

Mexican Nationals Charged in Kidnap-for-Ransom Conspiracy

Six suspects were responsible for Six Murders. Law enforcement in Mexico rescued a victim from Pasadena, who was being held hostage at a Tijuana hotel.

A federal grand jury today returned an indictment against six members of a Tijuana, Mexico-based hostage-taking organization that allegedly kidnapped nine victims—one of the victims is from Pasadena—and murdered six of them—including three United States citizens – some of them after their families paid ransom for their release.

The five-count indictment charges all six defendants with one count of conspiracy to commit hostage taking resulting in death, one count of conspiracy to commit extortion, and one count of extortion. The charged defendants, all Mexican nationals, are:

German Garcia Yera Hernandez, 37, the indictment's lead defendant and the alleged ringleader of the hostage-for-ransom organization; Gilberto Omar Avila Lopez, 27, a.k.a. "Luis Enrique Avila Moreno" and "Omar;" Aylin Estrada Reyes, 24; Joel Eduardo Mascorro Delgado, 22; Victoria Camila Espinoza Ballardo, 22; and Oscar Bautista Valencia, 30

Yera, Lopez and Ballardo each face an additional count of hostage taking resulting in death and extortion. All six defendants are in custody in Mexico facing charges filed by authorities there.

According to the indictment, from January 2020 to April 2020, Yera led the hostage-taking organization that extorted money from victims by taking hostage and holding for ransom United States nationals and Mexican nationals with relatives in the United States.

The hostage-taking group generally lured their victims into meetings under false pretenses and took them hostage, the indictment states. The group allegedly held the victims at gunpoint, tied them up, and often brutally beat them. Members of the group then called victims' family members in the United States and demanded money and vehicles as ransom in return for the release of their loved ones, according to the indictment. If victims did not have family members who could pay ransom, they were murdered, as happened with what the indictment calls "Victim A," "Victim B" and "Victim I."

In other instances outlined

in the indictment in which ransoms were paid, Yera and other conspirators allegedly killed the victims to protect the conspiracy. Other members of the organization traveled from Mexico into the United States to locations selected by Yera and others to collect the ransom payments made by the victims' family members. For example, on March 28, 2020, a co-conspirator traveled to collect ransom payment on Yera's behalf at a McDonald's in San Ysidro. After the murder of this victim, the indictment alleges that Yera sent Lopez a message depicting a large amount of cash and wrote "this was good job done."

On April 11, 2020, Yera and co-conspirators allegedly orchestrated the hostage taking of a victim identified in court documents as "Victim E," a United States national who resided in Norwalk and who was at the time visiting a family member in Tijuana. Victim E was forced to call his mother, say he was in trouble and instruct her to call an individual to pay \$25,000 for his release. The victim's mother struggled to obtain the ransom money but agreed to pay the hostage takers \$1,000 and Victim E's vehicle in exchange for Victim E's release and met up with a ransom collector in Norwalk on April 13, 2020 – the same day Victim E was murdered. His body was recovered in Mexico the next day.

On April 22, 2020, a Pasadena woman called law enforcement to report a family member, identified in the indictment as "Victim H," had been kidnapped in Mexico with a ransom demand of \$20,000. One of the kidnappers, calling from a Mexican phone number, informed the victim's family that a woman would pick up the ransom money at a Food 4 Less parking lot in Lynwood. That same day, law enforcement in Mexico rescued the victim, who was being held hostage at a Tijuana hotel.

If convicted of all charges, the defendants would face a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment or the death penalty.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The FBI is investigating this matter and believes there may be victims who have not yet been identified. The FBI asks that anyone contacted by the defendants relative to a kidnapping or a ransom payment call the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office at (310) 477-6565.

Holiday Safety Tips for Pets

As the winter holidays approach, your home may be filled with festive food, decor, and more. Keep these tips in mind to make sure your pets stay safe during your holiday celebrations:

1. Avoid giving your pets "people food"

Food is a huge part of the holidays, but so much of it isn't good for our furry friends. Onions and garlic are toxic to pets, so make sure you keep ingredients out of reach when cooking Thanksgiving dinner. Alcohol is also hazardous to cats and dogs, so don't leave your glass or wine or eggnog unattended. Cooked turkey bones can be a serious danger, as they can easily splinter in an animal's digestive tract. If you want your pet to indulge with you for the holidays, only purchase treats and chews made specifically for them.

2. Pet-proof your Christmas trees

Pine needles are mildly toxic to pets and can potentially puncture the intestines, so if you catch your cat or dog trying to eat them, move the tree to a room you can close off or stick to an artificial tree. If you have a live tree, the tree water can contain preservatives that can upset your pet's stomach, so cover your tree stand to prevent pets from having access to the water. If your cat is climbing your tree, make sure it's securely

anchored so it won't tip over.

3. Be vigilant with decorations Keep breakable ornaments up high on the tree where curious pets can't reach. The same is true for Christmas lights, which can pose an electrocution risk if bitten. Always unplug Christmas lights when you're not actively supervising your pet. Tinsel can be tempting for cats to play with but can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed. Opt for artificial holly and mistletoe, since the real thing can cause vomiting. And if you have a menorah, don't leave a lit flame unattended, or opt for flameless candles to be extra safe.

4. Keep an eye on gift wrapping supplies

Wrapping paper, string, and ribbon are tempting for pets to play with, but can be dangerous if swallowed. Use caution when keeping wrapped presents under the tree, or better yet, keep them out of reach until it's time to open them.

5. Create a sanctuary space

New Year's Eve fireworks, Christmas poppers, and even holiday carolers can make noise that may frighten your pet. And if you're entertaining guests, your pet may feel stressed by new people in the home. Always make sure they have a safe, soothing space to go to – like a closed off room – if they need to get away from scary sounds or strangers. For more information visit: pasadenahumane.org.



for services and programs.

Volunteer teams of 3-4 people will disperse to assigned zones on the night of Tuesday, Jan. 25 (8-10 p.m.), and the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 26 (6-8 a.m.), to count and administer a survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Volunteers will also distribute hygiene kits while conducting the survey.

All volunteers are required to participate in both shifts, and the same teams will go out together in the evening and the morning. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and must show proof of COVID vaccination or of a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the Homeless Count.

All local COVID-19 safety guidelines will be followed for the safety of our unhoused neighbors and volunteers. All volunteers will be required to attend an online orientation to prepare for the count on either Jan. 18 or 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

To sign up with your friends and neighbors, the volunteer registration is open through Jan. 7 at: pasadenapartnership.org.

Volunteer for 2022 Pasadena Homeless Count

Volunteers are required to attend an orientation on either Jan. 18 or 19.

City organizers announced Tuesday that they are asking for the public's help in volunteering for next year's Pasadena Homeless Count.

"Volunteers are the backbone of ensuring the Homeless Count is a success and is carried out effectively and comprehensively," they said.

The Pasadena Homeless Count will take place the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 25, and the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022. The Pasadena Homeless Count sets in motion a year full of education, engagement and action for the Pasadena Partnership to End Homelessness.

Each year, volunteers help count and survey people experiencing homelessness who are living on the streets of Pasadena during a single night the last week in January. The Homeless Count provides meaningful data to further the City's understanding of our local homeless population and to inform resource allocation

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, November 28th through Saturday, December 4th, the Police Department responded to 968 calls for service, of which 111 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, November 28:

1. At 12:16 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of West Santa Anita Terrace regarding a burglary report. The officer discovered a suspect forced open the victim's garage door and ransacked the garage. The loss is unknown.

Monday, November 29:

2. At 1:15 a.m., an officer responded to three businesses located at 40, 42, and 44 East Huntington Drive regarding a series of commercial burglaries. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) pried open the rear door to 40 East Huntington Drive where they ransacked the business and used a shared door to access 42 East Huntington Drive. The suspect(s) then ransacked that office and forced open another shared door to 44 East Huntington Drive. The third office was also ransacked, and the suspects fled with an assortment of property. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.

3. At 11:09 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of Christina Street regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, someone smashed one of the vehicle windows and stole the victim's vehicle registration.

4. 11:36 a.m., an officer responded to Neo Learning Center, located at 19 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. An investigation revealed unidentified suspect(s) siphoned gasoline from one of the business's vehicles sometime between November 24th and November 29th.

Tuesday, November 30:

5. At 7:53 a.m., an officer responded to the 1300 block of South Tenth Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime during the previous night, an unidentified suspect entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole a pair of sunglasses. The crime occurred between Monday at 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

6. At 12:56 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Norman Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. The officer determined unknown suspects used the victim's ladder to access the second story balcony. The suspect(s) then shattered a second floor window and ransacked the primary bedroom. The loss is undetermined as of

December 7th.

7. At 3:00 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Self Storage/U-haul Rentals, located at 35 West Huntington Drive, regarding a stolen vehicle report. The reporting party stated the suspect, a 30-year-old female from Covina, rented a vehicle and failed to return it. The vehicle was recovered on December 1st in Arcadia. The female suspect and a 38-year-old male from Covina were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, December 1:

8. At 7:22 a.m., an officer initiated contact with a subject in the area of Foothill Boulevard and First Avenue. The officer observed the suspect in possession of an open container of alcohol and a glass methamphetamine pipe. The 40-year-old local female transient was arrested and issued a citation.

9. At 5:44 a.m., an officer responded to Motel 6, located at 225 Colorado Place, regarding a battery investigation. The officer discovered an altercation between a boyfriend and girlfriend resulted in the male suspect battering the female victim. Arcadia Fire responded to evaluate the victim. The suspect, a 34-year-old male from Thousand Oaks, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, December 2:

10. At 11:00 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Highland Vista Drive, regarding a burglary report. An investigation revealed unidentified suspects smashed a rear bedroom window, ransacked the bedroom, and fled with an unknown amount of property.

11. At 7:28 p.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Public Library, located at 20 West Duarte Road, regarding a disturbance. The officer discovered a local transient refused to leave the location and had littered his belongings throughout the outdoor picnic area of the library. The 42-year-old local male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, December 3:

12. At 1:46 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Holly Avenue and Huntington Drive for speeding. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Due to the signs and symptoms the driver exhibited; the officer arrested the 36-year-old male from Arcadia for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

13. At 7:43 p.m., an officer responded a residence in the 00 block of South Second Avenue regarding a package theft report. Sometime between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on December 3rd, someone stole the victim's package. The suspect is described as male and seen wearing a black sweater, black baseball cap, and the suspect fled on a bicycle.

Saturday, December 4:

14. At 9:28 p.m., an officer responded to Subway, located at 288 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a robbery report. Surveillance footage revealed the suspect entered the business, demanded cash from the register, and when the store employee refused to open the register, the suspect stole cash from the tip jar and fled. He is described as a black male, approximately 20 to 30-years-old, around 150 pounds, 5'7" to 5'9" tall, wearing a black mask, black jacket, and gray pants. The investigation is ongoing.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of November 28, 2021 - December 04, 2021.

November 28, 2021

Burglary (Residential):
800 block of Beckville Street. Between 11/28/21 9:00 pm and 11/29/21 6:00 am Suspect(s) unknown entered the location by forcing open a window screen and entering through the unlocked window. Suspect(s) unknown stole a cat that the victim had rescued. No other items appeared to have been stolen. No surveillance video.

November 29, 2021

Petty Theft (Shoplifting):
2315 Huntington Drive (CVS). The store manager was monitoring store surveillance video on 11/29/21 at 9:10 pm when she observed a male adult wearing a black jacket, black pants and a blue mask enter the location and immediately began clearing a large amount of store merchandise from the shelves and place them into a bag. The employee approached the suspect as he continued to place items into his bag. The suspect proceeded to exit the location without attempting to purchase the items. The suspect fled the location in a dark gray Nissan Sentra with a Florida license plate of QMZE32 registered to Hertz rent a car company. Loss was approximately \$711 in merchandise. Video surveillance available.

November 30, 2021

Grand theft:
2400 block of Maynard Drive. Suspect(s) unknown entered the open/unlocked trunk to the victims white KIA Optima and stole approximately \$4,850 in movie set equipment and hair and makeup supplies. No video Surveillance available.

December 01, 2021

Robbery (strong arm):
2229 Huntington Drive (Redwood Pizza and Wings). The victim on 11/01/21 at 10:11 pm exited the location and was contacted by the wife of an ex-coworker, a female Hispanic adult wearing a white shirt. The ex-coworkers wife immediately grabbed the victims' phone by force, and a struggle ensued. The suspect was able to take the phone away and began to run through the parking lot, where she entered the driver's seat of a white Nissan with the License plate of 7SKY303. The suspect fled the scene and was last seen entering the 210 freeway.

December 03, 2021

Robbery (strong arm):
2000 block of Mountain Avenue. On 12/03/21 at 10:00 pm the victim arrived home with her children, when she was contacted by her ex-husband. The ex-husband began to ask her where she had been and she told her kids "Don't tell him anything". The ex-husband became angry and grabbed the strap of her purse and forcibly pulled the purse away from her. The suspect fled the area with the victims' purse.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 HOLIDAY PARADE WINNERS!

The Annual Holiday Parade in Old Town Monrovia took place on Thursday, December 2, and what a wonderful event it was! There were 80 entries in the parade this year, with many amazing additions for the thousands of participants and spectators watching that evening. Thank you to our Monrovia Old Town Merchants for sponsoring the parade each year!

Parade entries were judged and five were selected for deserving trophy awards those entries include:

Best Band – Monrovia High School
Best Float – North Pole Support Team
Judges Award – Plymouth Elementary School
Best Dance Squad – Dancing for His Glory
Best Holiday Spirit – Monroe Elementary School

Thank you to all the entries for participating and congratulations to the winners, we hope your holiday season is filled with extreme joy and laughter!

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CITY OF DUARTE RECEIVES PLATINUM LEVEL IN 2021 ENERGY CHAMPIONS AWARD

On December 8, 2021 the City of Duarte was recognized for excellence by the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) for achieving the Platinum level of the 2021 Energy Champions Awards.

The intent of this program is to challenge Cities to become more sustainable by becoming more energy efficient and encouraging their populace to join the effort. To reach the highest honors of the program, the City was required to participate in three work group meetings and three trainings, participate in social media outreach and complete a marketing campaign, and complete three gas energy efficiency projects.

Each of these challenges were completed and Duarte was the first in the city partnership to reach the platinum level in 2021. Only two cities attained the platinum level, out of 41 participating cities and districts.

During the award ceremony, Duarte was further recognized as the only participating member to complete three gas efficiency projects within the past year, which included the installation of smart thermostats and heating and cooling equipment at City buildings, the upgrade of regulators to the gas lamps in the Mesa, and the installation of solar technology to heat the pool at the Fitness Center.

The San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) is a partnership between Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), and the San Gabriel Valley cities, school districts, and special districts that are located in SoCalGas service territories. This program is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Local Government Partnerships Program.

The SGVEWP assists agencies in the San Gabriel Valley in reducing their energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions to create a more sustainable future for the entire region. Specifically, the Partnership provides resources and supports the implementation of energy efficiency projects at municipal facilities and helps to engage the community.

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AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

CHRISTMAS ROAD TRIP AKA DAY TRIPPIN'

There is a popular adage "if it was easy, everyone would be doing it", so my visit to Lucky's a white table cloth restaurant in Montecito seemed a simple enough task. Lucky's is clear in their mission: steaks, chops, and seafood. Located on Coast Village Road in Montecito, the space has seen its fair share of businesses since it was built in 1926. Not all were restaurants - this writer wasn't present for the Pink Squirrel in the 50's (and is still not convinced that the owner actually had a pink squirrel, but that is for another day), Irelands in the 60's, and a few others after that. By the late 90's the building had seen better days and area residents thought the location had just plain run out of luck. As luck would have it, however, a few Montecito residents gave the building a makeover, and Lucky's was born as Montecito's clubhouse - a home away from home complete with a patio, bar and dining area. I have often thought that fine dining is a dying breed, but Lucky's has restored my faith.



The menu lists wonderful aged prime steaks featuring a 24-ounce porterhouse steak and 18 oz bone-in rib chop - for me, the meat closest to the bone is my favorite. A closer look at the nightly specials reveals comfort food that you will appreciate as much I do, like Thursday's Market Street Meatloaf, created and introduced to Lucky's by GM and Chef Leonard Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz has been at Lucky's for eight years, with 22 years in the restaurant business prior to that, and has brilliantly brought some of his favorite dishes to Montecito. Besides the meatloaf, consider the chili with just the right amount of beans for texture (I suggest having the cheese and onions on the side).

On my last visit, I sat at the bar, and had the calamari appetizer with a burger. I don't eat burgers that often, but when I do I want something special, and Lucky's offers an eight-ounce burger made with meats from the kitchen, and the fries are all house-made (if you follow my column, you know I'm a stickler for fresh French fries!). Of course, there are many popular salads on the menu including the house favorite "Lucky's Salad", and an iceberg wedge that is almost a meal in itself. The wine list has many California offerings, including wines from Santa Barbara, Paso Robles and Napa - with more than 25 wines by the glass, there's something for every taste. With so many items on the menu, my suggestion is to come with a friend and share. Lucky's 1279 Coast Village Rd. Montecito (805)565-7540

Peter Dills hosts a local radio show every Sunday 5 PM KLA Angels Radio AM 830

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REPORTS ADDITIONAL CASE OF THE OMICRON VARIANT AS A POSSIBLE RESULT OF LOCAL TRANSMISSION

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has received confirmation of a fourth case of COVID-19 with mutations consistent with the new Omicron variant (B.1.1.529). This latest case is a possible result of local transmission.

The individual is fully vaccinated and received a booster. The individual had mild symptoms and had multiple close contacts who have since tested positive and are self-isolating. Several of the close contacts are fully vaccinated, while the vaccination status of some is still being determined.

Public Health is working to determine if these additional cases are of the Omicron variant.

"The identification of a case of Omicron attributed to community spread is a reminder that we all need to take necessary precautions to prevent transmission of COVID-19," Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Celebrating with those we love this holiday season requires layering on the protections that are now available to us: vaccinations, boosters, masking up, and testing. This is how we slow the spread of Delta and Omicron."

Public Health would also like to remind residents that getting vaccinated or boosted remains critical as holiday traveling and gatherings begin.

Additionally, all residents across LA County should continue:

Getting tested to help reduce the spread, especially if you traveled for the holidays, have had a possible exposure or have symptoms

Adhering to masking requirements when indoors or at large outdoor mega events, regardless of vaccination status

Residents are also reminded that they are legally required to be isolated if they have a positive COVID test result and that vaccinated close contacts with symptoms and unvaccinated close contacts need to be quarantined.

Los Angeles County

WITH UNVACCINATED 12-17 YEAR OLD'S NINE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GET COVID-19 THAN VACCINATED 12-17 YEAR OLD'S, PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO VACCINATE THEIR CHILDREN AHEAD OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As residents prepare to gather for holidays, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) encourages parents to protect their children and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 by getting everyone in their family who is eligible vaccinated or boosted.

COVID-19 is now one of the top 10 causes of death among children nationwide. The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect your child from getting sick, being hospitalized, or developing long-term symptoms. Most importantly, vaccinating your child also helps protect family members, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and those who may be at high risk for getting very sick if infected.

In L.A. County, COVID-19 cases among school-aged children decreased by 30% between late September and late November. Over a two-week interval at the end of November, unvaccinated 12-17-year old's were nine times more likely to be infected than those who had been vaccinated. During this same interval, two children aged 5 to 11 and eight children aged 12 to 17 were hospitalized, all of them unvaccinated. There were 6 confirmed MIS-C cases in L.A. County in October 2021 and 4 confirmed cases in November 2021. Pediatric trends mirror adult trends: over the same interval, unvaccinated L.A. County residents over 18 were infected and hospitalized at rates 3 and 14 times higher than vaccinated adults, respectively.

Public Health continues to see very low numbers of school cases given the 1.55 million students enrolled countywide. During the week ending December 4th, 1,311 cases and 3 outbreaks were identified, and test positivity was 0.28%.

If you'd like to get your child vaccinated, please check www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) or www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish) to find a site near you, you can also check with your child's healthcare provider to find out if they offer COVID vaccines.

"I send my heartfelt condolences to everyone mourning the loss of a loved one to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Although several parts of the country are seeing large waves of pediatric infections and hospitalizations, our experience in L.A. County has been different, with transmission decreasing here over the past two months and relatively low numbers of pediatric hospitalizations. What we are continuing to see is that unvaccinated children are the ones getting severely ill with COVID infections and ending up in the hospital. Meanwhile, county schools remain a very safe place - and in fact, we think it's because of the outstanding preventive work our school partners are doing that we are seeing so little severe illness in children. As we're headed into the winter holidays and children spend more time intermingling without schools' protective layers of consistent mask wearing and other control strategies, their risk of infection is going to increase. The best way to get children ready for the holidays is to get them vaccinated as soon as possible."

PLEASE GET VACCINATED!

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 5 years old and older to help protect against COVID-19. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status. Appointments are not needed at all Public Health vaccination sites and many community sites where first, second, and third doses are available.

To find a vaccination site near you, or to make an appointment, please visit:

www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) or www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish).

If you need assistance you can also call 1-833-540-0473 for help.

COVID 19 ONE YEAR LATER: WHERE WE ARE NOW 12/10/21 VERSUS (THEN-12/11/20) Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Location	Cases 2021 (2020)	Deaths
LA County	1,530,526 (501,635)	27,208 (8,199)

LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 12/10/2021

	Adults 82.2%	Seniors 96.2%	
	Cases	Deaths	Fully Vaccinated
Arcadia	3,589 (985)	149 (40)	84.5%
Altadena	4,254 (1278)	81 (22)	81.2%
Bradbury	42 (30)	0 (0)	66.8%
Duarte	2,866 (957)	102 (37)	78.6%
Monrovia	4,211 (1189)	87 (41)	75.9%
Pasadena	14,009 (4536)	368 (138)	80.1%
Sierra Madre	701 (141)	13 (5)	84.7%
So.Pasadena	1810 (516)	49 (28)	88.8%

ARCADIA UNIFIED HOLDS ITS SPOT IN THE TOP 1% OF BEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN AMERICA

ARCADIA-- Out of more than 10,700 school districts in the United States, Arcadia Unified continues to be a leader in the nation for public education, recently and once again earning a spot in the top 1% of Niche's 2022 Best School Districts in America.

Sharing its rankings for the 2022 Best School Districts just ahead of the new year, Niche, an influential school and neighborhood review website, has put Arcadia Unified on the "nice list," giving Arcadia Unified an overall "A+" grade and an "A" report card for each school in the district.

Arcadia Unified School District's National Niche Distinctions:

- Arcadia Unified ranks in the Top 1% Best School Districts in America
- Arcadia Unified ranks in the Top 1% Districts with the Best Teachers in America
- Arcadia Unified ranks in the Top 1% Best Places to Teach in America



Camino Grove Kindergarten Courtesy AUSD

"Though the world turned upside down nearly two years ago, the unwavering level of instruction, dedication, and care Arcadia Unified's world-class staff has shown to our students and families well before and throughout the most difficult times we all have faced during this pandemic is the number one reason why we earn prominent recognition like this," said Arcadia Unified Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdal, when asked what it means to be named one of the best school districts in the country.

In addition to a national breakdown, Niche segments its rankings into state and local levels. Arcadia Unified is at the top in each. Other notable Niche nods find Arcadia Unified in the top 10 Best Places to Teach in California and the top 2 Best Places to Teach in the Los Angeles area. Correspondingly, of the more than 140 school districts in Los Angeles, Arcadia Unified made the top 10 list for Districts with the Best Teachers.

How does Niche arrive at its rankings? According to its website, Niche undergoes a rigorous analysis of key statistics and data from thousands of schools, which includes information from the U.S. Department of Education and millions of reviews from students and parents.

"We like the school because of the excellent teachers and opportunities for students to grow," wrote a parent in a review for Arcadia Unified. "Teachers like my son's history teacher, Ms. Nakatsuka, are there and always helping the students. Overall, I think the staff and teachers are excellent"

Ms. [Karalee] Nakatsuka, mentioned in the review above, was recently named as one of Time's "Educators Who Saved a Pandemic School Year" and has also been celebrated as a California History Teacher of the Year in 2019. Nakatsuka is just one of several award-winning Arcadia Unified teachers, some of whom include GRAMMY Museum 2019 Jane Ortnier Education Award recipient, Heather Moore and EdTech Magazine's Top 30 K-12 IT Influencers for 2021, Christine Pinto.

In addition to making the Niche grade, Arcadia Unified has kept its commitment to developing the "whole child" by supporting more than academics. It's placed a focus on social and emotional development, as well as helping students establish lifelong leadership skills from an early age. Since the 2018-19 school year, and though not a mandated requirement for local public school districts, Arcadia Unified has had at least one full-time school counselor at each of its schools in its dedication to student mental health and wellness. Likewise, the district also offers character education programs, such as "The Leader in Me" for students in TK-8 grade, and has adopted "restorative practices," which are techniques geared towards building strong, trusting relationships and community in classrooms and schools. In the 2020-21 school year, Arcadia High established a Wellness Center, which has a full-time counselor, a physical space for students to go to, and is solely dedicated to fostering mental health and wellness needs.

To learn more about the Arcadia Unified School District, visit ausd.net, and for additional details about Niche and its ranking system, read more at niche.com.

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 - Wednesday, Dec. 15th 2:30 - 4:00 PM, at Madison Elementary
- In addition, PUSD is partnering with local pharmacies to offer additional clinics for children ages 5 - 17.
- Friday, Dec. 17th 3:00 - 7:00 PM, at Vons Pharmacy, 2355 E. Colorado Blvd.
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When it's hard to find an evergreen tree, people cleverly use other trees, bushes or even ...

Follow the dots to see what it is!

6. Trees travel home on top of cars, sleds and people's ____.

7. Many people used to place their trees on top of ____.

8. Today people place their trees in stands on the ____.

9. Often trees are placed near ____ to share joy with people passing by.

10. Don't forget to ____ your tree to keep it fresh!

Looking for me?

I untangled the lights!

Do presents go on the tree or under the tree?

Both! But mostly under.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- People in the city might buy their trees from a corner ____ or go to a tree farm.
- Tree farmers ____ where trees have been cut.
- Some people like ____ trees (fake), because they travel during the holidays and the trees don't need to be watered.
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UNUSUAL QUESTIONS



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I occasionally meet some very unusual people. Once, after I had given a lecture about the native uses of wild plants, a man stood by and began to chat with me. I'd never met him before. He declared that he knew I was "Illuminati" because he said I never used money.

"Who told you that?" I asked him.

"You eat wild foods so you don't have to buy food. And you bicycle so you don't pay for fuel," he declared, as if he was in on some deep secret.

I began to laugh because what he was saying was ludicrous, and since I'd never met that man before, he couldn't have known anything about me except the occasional tidbits that he'd read in the paper.

"How do you think I got here?" I asked the stranger. "I didn't bicycle. It's too far, plus look at all the supplies I brought with me." I pointed with my hand to the table of books and plants and various sandals and brushes I'd made from yucca leaves.

He looked skeptical. "I know you're part of a group that works outside the system," he told me, knowingly.

"Really?" I responded. "What group is that? I wish I could live without money. Maybe the Illuminati can start providing me with money," I declared, hoping that by making this a joke, the man would just go away. I could tell he was not convinced, and that he believed something about me, or heard something about me, that made him think that I could maneuver through daily life without the necessity of money.

I wanted to pack everything up and depart, but didn't want to just ignore the man. "Do you really believe that there is a group called the Illuminati, living somewhere?" I asked him.

"Yes, of course," he replied.

"Well, whoever they are, don't you think they eat food? Don't you think they have to buy food like everyone else?" I paused to let that sink in.

"And if they manage to operate outside of the system, without the need for money, then they're probably living in some remote forest, or island, where they produce everything they need. How else could they not use money?"

"Oh," the man said, ponderingly.

"Anyway, I'm not Illuminati – whatever that is – but thank you for thinking I was," and I departed as the man smiled and shook my hand.

Another time in a similar situation, a young girl asked me what I thought we should do about all the people who are ruining the world.

"What people are you referring to?" I asked, even while I knew in my heart that I also don't like people ruining the world.

"You know, everyone polluting, polluting the landscape, paving over the wild areas."

"Oh," I said. "I can see how you feel." Then, I paused for just a bit because I wanted to make a point without actually disagreeing with her.

"Do you live in a house?" I asked her.

"Yes, of course," she replied.

"What was there on that land before your house was there? Didn't that land have to get cleared or paved so you could have a place to live?"

"Well, yes," she replied. "But I still like to see wild areas left untouched."

"Yes, so do I," I replied. "And do you wear clothes, and buy appliances, and food, and things that you need?"

"Of course," she said, wondering where I was going with that.

"So, do you track what happens to all the wrappers and boxes and plastic after you've discarded things?"

"Oh, we recycle at home," she proudly declared.

"Yes, that's good," I said. "So do I. But you probably don't and can't recycle everything. In other words, every single time we buy anything, it had to be manufactured, somewhere, and that often meant industrial pollution. And since we don't recycle everything we use, lots goes into the landfill, using up otherwise beautiful land to store trash."

"Oh," she said. By then a few adults were listening, and one spoke up, telling me I was being a bit hard on the young girl. "OK," I said to the adult, "I'll offer some positive ideas. I'm actually very much on her side. I regard myself as an environmentalist too."

I turned to the girl and told her that I try to always buy from yard sales and thrift stores, where possible, because that way I'm not creating new trash from the manufacturing cycle. I use things up, and I fix things when they break. But the biggest thing I try to do is to not get into a habit of acquiring useless trinkets that clutter up my life. I like being a minimalist. It's amazing how well you can live when your life and your living space is not cluttered up with piles of things that you really don't need.

"Everyone likes and wants all the toys and technologies that our modern society produces, and just about everyone hates the trash and pollution, forgetting that we're part of the problem. One solution is to just use less, and live lightly." By now, the few adults standing around had gotten into the conversation and were all sharing positive solutions with the girl, which was good. My goal was to get her into a state of mind where she chooses to live a life that is less impactful on the environment, and get out of the habit of blaming others for the woes of our world.

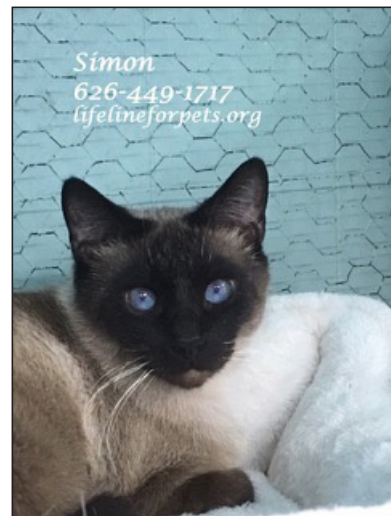
Those are just two examples of interesting people I've met in the last few years.

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PILL SPLITTING: WHEN IT'S SAFE, AND WHEN IT ISN'T

*Dear Savvy Senior:**When is it safe, or not safe, to split pills? I have a cousin who cuts almost all her pills in half in order to save money, but I'm wondering if she's going overboard. What can you tell me about this? Curious Cousin*

Dear Curious:

Pill splitting – literally cutting them in half – has long been a popular way to save on medication costs, but your cousin, if she hasn't already done so, needs to talk to her doctor or pharmacist because not all pills should be split.

The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months' worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.

Ask Your Doctor

If you're interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.

The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split are cholesterol lowering drugs, antidepressants and high blood pressure medicines.

Use a Pill Splitter

Having the right equipment is very important too. Don't use a knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. This can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter that has a cover and a V-shaped pill grip that holds the pill securely in place. You can find them at most pharmacies for \$5 to \$10.

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But it's best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture, or air. It will also help ensure that any deviation in the size of one dose is compensated in the next. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

Don't Split These Drugs

Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combination of drugs probably shouldn't be split, because it's difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn't be split either, along with chemotherapy drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.

Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting and saving, safely.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit Savvy-Senior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

THE BASICS ON NFTS: THE NEWEST CRYPTOVERSE CRAZE

NFTs, or "non-fungible tokens," are the latest sensation in the cryptocurrency universe. In the most basic terms, an NFT is a cryptographic token that exists on a blockchain and is used to establish proof of ownership of digital artwork, videos, GIFs, collectibles, and other digital assets. Clear as mud, right?

NFTs have been generating a major buzz in the tech and art sectors for years now, but after Christie's auction house sold a single NFT collage from the digital artist Beeple for a staggering \$69.3 million this March, NFTs have begun making mainstream headlines.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CRYPTOCURRENCY AND NFTS?

While NFTs and cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum are all part of the Cryptoverse, cryptocurrency is a "fungible" asset, meaning it can be traded or exchanged with another identical unit of the same value. For example, one Bitcoin is equal in value and can be exchanged for another Bitcoin, just like one dollar is always worth the same as another dollar.

However, NFTs are "non-fungible," meaning each NFT is totally unique and not mutually interchangeable. Given this, no two NFTs are ever the same, and they cannot be replicated. Think of it in terms of traditional artwork: anyone can buy a Mona Lisa print, but only one person can own the original artwork.

HOW DO NFTS WORK?

As with cryptocurrency, a record of who owns each NFT is stored on a blockchain ledger. The vast majority of NFTs reside on the Ethereum blockchain, though other blockchains like Bitcoin Cash and FLOW also support them. Whenever a new NFT transaction is verified, it's added to the blockchain, where it cannot be changed, replicated, or forged.

The code embedded in NFTs can include specific information about the asset and its creator. For example, an artist can sign their digital artwork by including their signature in the NFT's metadata. The unique information related to an NFT is stored in what's known as a smart contract, which is one of the most unique and powerful features underpinning NFT technology.

A smart contract is a digital contract in which the terms of the agreement are set in code. A smart contract can be programmed to execute a specific action when a set of predefined conditions are fulfilled. For example, a smart contract can be programmed to make royalty payments to an NFT's creator whenever their digital art is sold to a new owner.

WHY DO NFTS HAVE VALUE?

Traditional pieces of art like paintings are valuable precisely because they are one of a kind, yet digital art can be easily duplicated an infinite number of times. With NFTs, digital art and other assets can be tokenized, which creates a digital certificate of ownership that allows the buyer to own the original item.

The value comes from both the scarcity and collectability of the asset, as well as its potential for future sale. NFTs work like any other speculative asset, in that you buy it and hope that the asset's value increases over time, so you can sell it for a profit.

Essentially, NFTs transform, or "tokenize," digital art, videos, and other collectibles into one-of-a-kind, verifiable assets, which allows them to be easily bought, sold, or traded on the blockchain. NFTs are basically like any other collector's item, such as a painting or a vintage baseball trading card, but instead of buying a physical item, you're instead paying for a digital file and proof that you own the original copy.

ARE NFTS A GOOD INVESTMENT?

While many see NFTs as merely another passing fad and expect the NFT bubble to burst any day now, I don't know what to think. Personally, I won't be investing in NFTs anytime soon – my wealth building plan incorporates more conventional, less speculative endeavors. I am, however, fascinated by these new Cryptoverse technologies and will watch the coming financial asset revolution with interest.

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I LOVE MY IMPERFECTIONS

Unlike most people, I love my imperfections; those imperfections of mine do not cause me much trouble.

I know most people like to focus on their perfections so that they can impress other people. But what about people like me who have no perfections to boast about? If I had one perfection, I would spend all my time talking about that. And, that would become rather boring in no time.

Some people are ashamed of their imperfections and try to hide them. They think for some reason their imperfections bring them down. Therefore, they do all they can to hide their imperfections from everybody, thinking that nobody will know anything about them.

For the longest time, I tried to do that myself. Then there came the day when I realized that most people could see past my façade and see my imperfections.

For every perfection somebody has, there are probably dozens of imperfections. However, as for me, I cannot think of any perfection that I might have, and therefore focusing on my imperfections is the most reasonable thing to do.

Yes, there was a time when I did not believe I had any imperfections. That is the attitude of bachelors. Once I got married, I was introduced to many imperfections I never knew I had. I had no reason to think I had any.

Before I was married, I thought I was the perfect person with marvelous talent and abilities. From my perspective today, I sure was fooled about those nonexistent perfections I thought I had.

This is one of the significant advantages of getting married. When a person only thinks about the perfections they have in their life and does not know anything about any imperfections, they are headed for disaster. Therefore, I guess that is why I got married when I was young.

I have a cousin it was good looking and faithfully works at it but she is focused on her perfections. For example, she is very serious about her appearance, especially her skin. All I have to do is, when I meet her, is say, "Is that a new wrinkle on your face that I see?"

She will laugh, but I know she will soon disappear to try to work on that wrinkle in a few minutes. Her idea is that her face should be wrinkle-free. Well, I think to myself, how's that working?

She does not realize that wrinkles are a verification that you are making something out of your life and you are growing. Instead, she looks at it from a negative standpoint.

As a young person, I believed I knew everything and was perfect in everything. I remember how boring that kind of a life was, not to mention arrogant.

If all I have in my life is perfection, how in the world can I improve myself?

When I am reminded of a certain imperfection that I have, it encourages me to get better. If perfect, I cannot get better, but I can if I am imperfect. So it took me a long time to understand that.

Now that I look back on my life, I can appreciate all those areas of imperfection that I survived. If imperfection is so bad, why have I had so many and have survived?

It was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that helped me understand my imperfections. I am sure she is not done with her task, but so far, she has found out many imperfections, and I have been working on some of them.

It is true what my father used to say, "Son, you can't fix everything." Knowing that gives me a great deal of relief from all of the imperfections that I have in my life.

Although my wife has been very faithful in helping me identify the areas of imperfection in my life, I have learned something very special. As a wife, that seems to be her job to help improve her husband. But, as a husband, that aspect of life is completely and absolutely off-limits.

You don't believe me? Okay, husbands, go tell your wife what is wrong with her and how she can fix it. Don't worry; I'll say something nice at your funeral.

Through the years, I have enjoyed my imperfections because I do not allow them to harass me or even to define me. If I fix everything that is wrong with me, what in the world would I do next? Start fixing my wife's imperfections?

I remember when my imperfections suddenly did not mean much to me. That was when little children began invading our home. Once they began arriving, everything about me in my perfections flew out the window. Now, and I am so thankful for it, everything is about those little children. Nobody is looking at me, but everybody is looking at my children.

I think that is why God gives us children. It deflects the attention from us to those cute, perfect little pre-adults. God is so wise in what he does.

In thinking about perfection, I cannot help but go to a Scripture verse that talks about it. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

My idea of perfection is on the human level but that does not meet God's standards. My perfection has to be according to our "Father which is in heaven."

My imperfections are no challenge to God if I yield my heart completely to him.

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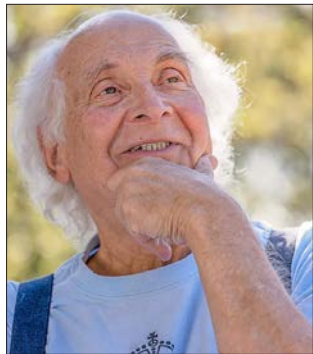


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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON
BELIEFS and ATTITUDES

I remember writing some sort of paper in Junior High School bemoaning the fact that most Americans didn't follow politics very much. Nevertheless, I was pretty sure that it didn't make much difference. Why it didn't make any difference was that I believed that the American system guaranteed that we would all be taken care with both sides only nominating capable responsible people ready to do their best. What happened to that belief—to that security I experienced and to my belief that life was getting better and better. (Sarah Palin isn't the answer but her nomination did not help.)

I believed that all I had to do was try hard in School and do my daily paper routes and life would take care of itself. I admit that I felt a little guilt about the ease of my own life as compared to my father's and grandmother's lives. I knew they came from another country where they had not even been allowed to go to School and lived in fear for their own lives. I knew they had survived the depression and I knew that even my mother was unable to finish High School because her family could not afford the fifteen cents necessary for bus fare. I knew about the Concentration Camps killing Jews in Europe but that happened a long time ago, more than ten years at least. Now, however, was a new time and my whole family had struggled to create a good life for me

So what happened to this awareness? I do not feel fortunate or confident now. The major change, I think, is that I am not confident that things will get better. I do not believe that the politicians or the political parties, or the corporations are interested in very much other than making more money and accumulating more power. Worst of all I don't believe anybody. In the battle of Covid virus versus science and all Man's accumulated knowledge I feel like willful ignorance is winning and still people are complacent and accepting. I am extraordinarily depressed when I hear people in their twenties and thirties say they want no children because "who would want to bring a new child into this world". Worse yet, to me, are the younger generational folk who say they don't want to have children because it would be too disruptive to their careers or vacation plans? To me this is generational confusion connected to habits of abundance and a belief in entitlement.

Maybe the problems are more connected to attitudes than to beliefs. Somehow the whole country expected that life would be pretty easy for us absolutely not recognizing how hard previous generations had worked to put us where we are. I don't think life was easy and it never was. I know there is a reason I keep a picture of my father in army uniform and CCC uniform on my bedroom wall. I know a great many of us keep pictures of our deceased parents and grandparents on our walls and that those pictures remind us of how much we were cared for. We have a debt to pay and that debt can only be paid by maintaining a positive attitude toward our own lives and doing the best we can to assist our children in maintaining the attitude necessary to enjoy their own lives. Do you realize what a wonderful opportunity our life was and still is?

Often, I hear my wife repeatedly say to our granddaughter "You can do it" and then seeing my granddaughter's triumph, face her fears, slide down the scary slide and then loudly proclaim, "I strong—I brave". It is bravery that is necessary to face maturity and the realization that the world will not take care of us. We have to take care of ourselves. The way we do it is through our own attitudes as we face the challenges presented to us. Be strong, be brave and accept the gift of life and value it and pass it on.

TOM PURCELL

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT IS TIME



Our time is the best gift we can give to our friends and family this Christmas.

Nobody knows how much time we have on Earth — nobody knows when our time will end.

We all have friends and loved ones who were claimed way too early.

Hopefully, you are blessed, as my family has been, to have loved ones who have lived long and fruitful lives.

Such family members have an abundance of wisdom to share — wisdom cultivated over time.

I particularly enjoy the pearls of humorous wisdom my 88-year-old father has shared:

"Getting old ain't for cowards!"

"At my age, never buy green bananas."

"When life serves you a lemon, make lemonade — but crack open a Pabst Blue Ribbon first."

My mother has long been a source of positive energy, hope and inspiration. She is forever forging ahead, forever looking for a silver lining.

So many times as a child — and later as an adult — she corrected me when I got lost in the moodiness of my self-perceived failures and pushed me to keep on going.

Life is hard for everyone at times. It is not easy to maintain my mother's stubbornly positive mindset, but she powers on, demanding the rest of us to do likewise.

Hopefully, your extended family is also as equally blessed as mine is by young family members who offer their own kind of innocent wisdom.

Children are filled with a natural sense of wonder, joy and hope. They especially love visiting Grandma and Grandpa — my Mom and Dad.

That makes perfect sense to me. Kids and old folks have a natural connection.

It's those of us in the middle of time — from our teens up through middle age — who are caught up in the seriousness of a worldly world.

It's easy to fall into the trap so many of us are stuck in. We seek success, praise, financial security, nicer houses and more and more stuff.

What we don't see is that while the youngest and the oldest members of our families spend their time on wonder, hope and laughter we are wasting too much of our precious time on acquiring worldly things.

Nobody ever said on his deathbed, as the old humorous saying goes, "I wish I'd spent more time at the office!"

According to Lifehack, here are some other common deathbed regrets:

– "I wish I had kept on going." Refer to my mother's guidance, above, on how to avoid having this regret.

– "I wish I told others how much I love them." Add to this, "I wish I'd spent more time with those I love."

– "I wish I had laughed it off." This third regret is particularly helpful now, as so many of us are so angry constantly about politics and other matters that, in the end, are not deserving of the high importance we have granted them.

The Christmas season is upon us and time is the very best gift we can give.

Rather than material goods or money, why not write up a series of IOUTs (I owe you time) to give to others:

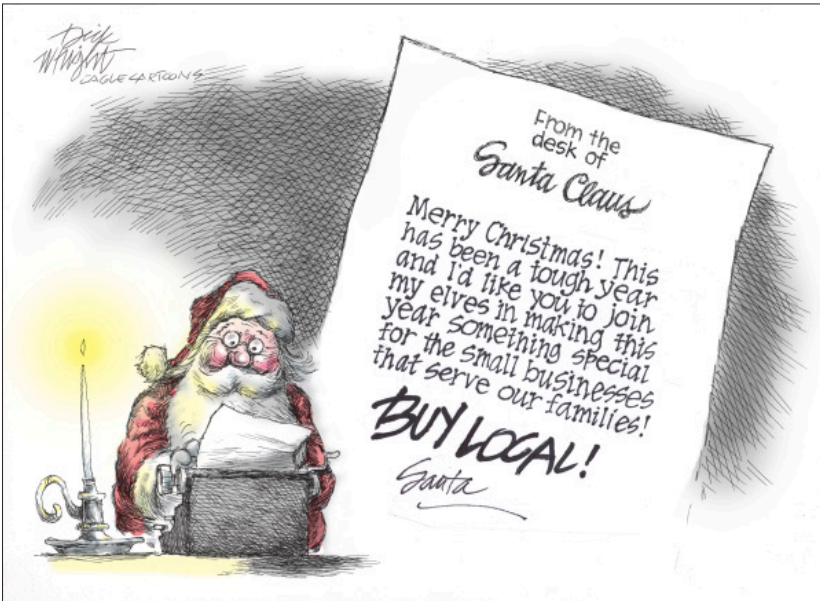
– I'll make you your favorite dinner.

– I'll help you clean your gutters twice a year, then join you for tea.

– I'll go walking with you once every week.

Our time is priceless. This Christmas let's share it like the fleeting treasure that it is.

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RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH



FIRST GRADERS TAKE ON PROVERBS

Several years ago I decided to conduct an experiment with the first grade class where my son and daughter, Alex and Olivia respectively, were going to school.

Here's the plan: Recite the first half of a proverb to the class and invite the first graders fill in the rest. Who knew where it might go? (By the way, a proverb is defined as: "a short pithy saying in general use, stating a general truth or piece of advice.")

FIRST GRADE PROVERBS

I will recite the actual proverbs followed by the student's response. You have to trust me when I say, these were the actual comments by this pedagogic experiment. Please try to apply these timeless truths to your own life.

The actual proverbs:

Better to be safe than.....sorry!

Strike while the.....iron is hot!

It's always darkest before.....the dawn!

Never underestimate the power of...a woman!

Don't bite the hand that.....feeds you!

A miss is as good as a.....mile!

You can't teach an old dog...new tricks!

If you lie down with dogs, you.....get up with fleas!

Love all, but trust.....a few!

An idle mind is....the devil's plaything!

Where there's smoke, there's.....fire!

A penny saved is.....a penny earned!

Two is company, three's.....a crowd!

Children should be seen and not.....heard!

If at first you don't succeed...try, try again!

You get out of something what you.....put into it!

When the blind lead the blind.....both shall fall into a ditch!

The proverbs from the first grader's perspective

Better to be safe than.....punch a 5th grader!

Strike while the.....bug is close!

It's always darkest before.....daylight savings time!

Never underestimate the power of.....termites!

Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty!

A miss is as good as a.....mr.!

You can't teach an old dog.....math!

If you lie down with dogs, you.....will stink in the morning!

Love all, but trust.....me!

An idle mind is.....the best way to relax!

Where there's smoke, there's.....pollution!

A penny saved is.....not much!

Two is company, three's.....the musketeers!

Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded!

If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries!

You get out of something what you.....see pictured on the box!

When the blind lead the blind.....get out of the way!

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you. Cry and.....you have to blow your nose!

Some deep questions worth pondering for even deeper meaning.

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?

How does the snowplow driver get to work on snowy days?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

If nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they make Teflon stick to the pan?

Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad at the drive up ATMs?

Why are there flotation devices under airplane seats and not parachutes?

Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

I hope you are all enjoying the Holiday Season. Support the local businesses all you can. Always a good idea. That includes the retail establishments, restaurants and any other business you can do business with. Bring joy to our city employees including the Police Department and Fire Department.

And thank you for the privilege of writing to you. My goal is to give you reason to chuckle. But also to pass it on to friends and relatives and enjoy the feeling of making other people laugh.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LUX BATH REMODELS, 333 W. GARVEY AVE STE 230, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754 . Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSELYN YAMILETH CORNEJO, 333 W. GARVEY AVE STE 230, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JOSELYN YAMILETH CORNEJO
This statement was

filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/16/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-250616
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MNE METAL POLISHING, 9569 KRUSE RD, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 . Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NATALIE RENDON TORRES, 4758 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660, EMMANUEL TORRES, 4758 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: NATALIE RENDON TORRES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/16/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-247894
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC TRUCKING LLC, 1242 LOS PALOS ST 1242 LOS PALOS STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023 . Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PACIFIC TRUCKING LLC, 1242 LOS PALOS ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. This Business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: GARY MENEDZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/10/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-250358
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE PINOY KITCHEN, 22814 BANYAN PL UNIT 11, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91309 . Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHN PAUL S ALCAZAREN, 22814 BANYAN PL UNIT 11, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390, REY SAING SUSTITUIDO, 22814 BANYAN PL UNIT 11, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390. This Business is conducted by A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JOHN PAUL S ALCAZAREN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-247898
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRIPLE C PRODUCTIONS, 13819 REGENTVIEW AVE, BELLFLOWE, CA 90706 . Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NADEAN BRANDA CARSTROM, 13819 REGENTVIEW AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NADEAN BRENDA CARSTROM
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/10/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business (cont. pg B6)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI
CASE NO. 21AHCP0069

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner
KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI

FILED A PETITION WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT –
ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE
NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR A DECREE CHANGING NAMES AS FOLLOWS:

Present Name:
KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI

Proposed Name:
KAREN ALLAN HENDRICKSON

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 02/18/22 at 8:30 AM in Dept. X located at 150 W. COMMONWEALTH AVE., ALHAMBRA, CA. 91801.

THE COURT ORDERS that all interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated above to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Petitioner Appearing Pro Per
KAREN ALLAN LANKAPALLI
70 RANCH ROAD
SIERRA MADRE, CA. 91024
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Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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XAVIER SHIBATA, 1506 GERMAIN DR., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: XAVIER SHIBATA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/16/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-244376
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOUNDS & AUTO TINT, 7256 MILTON AVE. UNIT E, WHITTIER, CA 90602 . Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EVERARDO GRAJEDA LUNA, 7256 MILTON AVE. UNIT E, WHITTIER, CA 90602. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EVERARDO GRAJEDA LUNA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/05/2021. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021-250354
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VISTA REAL ESTATE SERVICES, 300 S ATLANTIC BLVD #201E, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754 . MAILING ADDRESS: 1506 GERMAIN SR., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)

FILE NO. 2021-250620
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) BERTHA ALICIA TORRES LOPEZ, 8901 CALDEN AVE APT 241, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, RIGOBERTO CERVANTES PENA, 8901 CALDEN AVE APT 241, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CERVANTES FRESH, 8901 CALDEN AVE APT 241, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 09/07/2021, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2021199633. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/16/2021. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) RIGOBERTO VERNATES PENA/ GENERAL PARTNER
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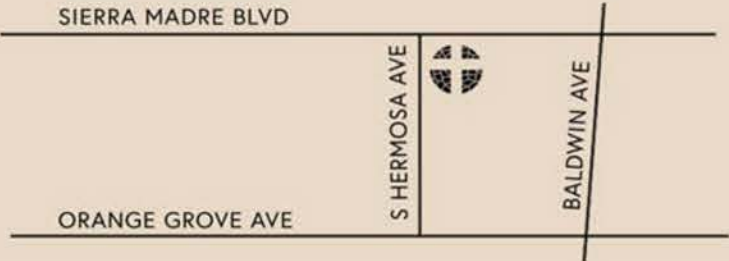
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