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CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZES



On Tuesday, December 13th, the reorganized Sierra Madre City Council was sworn in and new leadership was elected. Pictured from left to right are: newly elected Councilmember Kris Lowe; Mayor Edward Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs and Former Mayor and Councilmember Gene Goss, who will begin his third term on the council. Not pictured is Councilmember Robert Parkhurst who attended the meeting remotely.
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FINAL CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS:

The City of Sierra Madre held a General Municipal Election on November 8, 2022 for three council seats, each with a four year term.

Sierra Madre voters were also asked to consider Ballot Measure HR: *Shall the general plan land use designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside" and the zoning designation change from "Institutional" to "Hillside Management" for the Mater Dolorosa Property?*

The City of Sierra Madre has 8,473 registered voters. Of those voters

In Person Vptes Cast at a Precinct:	1,062
Mail In Ballots	4,692
Total Ballots Cast:	5,754

The final results of the Election (Certified by the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters) are as follows:

City Council Full Term – 4-Year Seat

Candidate Name	#Votes Received
Kris Lowe	2,862
Gene Goss	2,752
Edward Garcia	2,708
Colin Barr	2,280
Christine Moran	1,767

Measure HR

Number of Votes Received	
Yes	2,216
No	3,185

"FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR AUDIENCE..."

SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE SEEKS MORE FUNDS FOR FACELIFT

By Kevin McGuire

"She warned him not to be deceived by appearances, for beauty is found within," -Narrator, Beauty, and the Beast.

Sierra Madre is beautiful indeed, but even beauty needs a helping hand... or two...or three. Factually, there is much work to be done in this great city: roads to be fixed, libraries and museums to be repaired, pipes to be replaced, and many other facelift projects to be considered. But money is tight, red tape is thick, and justification is essential.

On October 25, 2022, the City Council was presented with yet another refurbishment request—The Sierra Madre Playhouse (SMPH). The building, which sits at 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., was built in 1910, though theater performances have dazzled citizens of this town since around 1880. And the show goes on, with A Patsy Cline Holiday Concert expected to delight December theater-goers through the 23rd of the month. But the venue still needs major structural, mechanical, plumbing, and wiring renovations, despite some recent renovations.

Oh, funding, where art thou?

The SMPH Board of Trustees came before the City Council during that October 25th meeting and presented a Capital Campaign Appeal for a \$350,000 grant. The grant would be used for a new HVAC system, electrical replacement, new roofing, re-painting, ADA-compliant restrooms, and

a wheelchair-accessible door. Since then, the Playhouse has used some of its own funds and grant money from the Sierra Madre Community Foundation totaling \$70,000, to replace the roof and add the wheelchair-accessible door in what is being called "Phase 1" of the project. According to CEO and Board President David Gordon, the Playhouse now seeks \$250,000 in reduced from the original grant request of \$350,000 in grant money to complete "Phase 2" renovations.

During the October 25th meeting, City Council requested more information from staff, including a list of Sierra Madre's unfunded projects and an overview of the General Fund budget.

On December 13, 2022, a presentation was given before the Council by Community Services Manager Rebecca Silva-Barrón and Finance Director Hillary Guirrola-Leon. Ms. Leon spoke of the 24 unfunded projects for consideration which total over \$8.5 million. These projects include self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, a playground replacement at Memorial Park and Mt. Wilson Trail Park, and remodel for the new Public Safety site in the old Bank of America building.

Leon also gave a brief breakdown of the General Fund budgeting, showing solid reserves, a positive bounce-back from the pandemic response, and a reduction in expenditures. But can the city
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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

In celebration of Seven Gables' inception to the San Gabriel Valley, Mike and Regional Manager for the San Gabriel Valley area, Randy Abrams, sat down to thoughtfully share ideologies, and their visions for the San Gabriel Valley real estate market.

Randy Abrams is an SGV native with over 25 years of experience in real estate. With 20 of those years spent in leadership roles with great firms, leaders & management that have defined his tactics and strategies throughout the years. It was a natural fit for Randy and a quick & easy transition because he and Mike are like-minded, and relationship focused.

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dip into the General Fund to help the Playhouse achieve its restoration goals?

'Tis the season...but no

It is Christmas time. So, can the city give a financial gift to the SMPH from the General Fund?

Article XVI, section 6 of the California Constitution states, "the Legislature shall have no power to...make any gift or authorize the making of any gift, of any public money or thing of value to any individual, municipal, or other corporation whatever." So, that would be a hard Grinchy "no." It would also be unconstitutional.

In addition, the SMPH is not owned by the city. A private, non-profit organization owns it. The donation of funds would require that the city retain real property interest in the building or maintain programming control. Neither option seems plausible. But there are other options.

What About The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The American Rescue Plan Act was created to help businesses & organizations economically affected by the pandemic. In March 2021, Sierra Madre received expenditures from ARPA of approximately \$2.58 million. Those allocations were distributed as follows:

- Non-profit Assistance Grant- Incurred = \$190,175
- Premium Pay Essential Workers- Incurred \$200,656
- Sierra Vista Playground Project- Budgeted \$800,000
- New Public Safety Building Improvements- Budgeted - \$1,000,000
- Library Grant Matching Requirements \$334,605

This would leave \$56,480 of ARPA allocations remaining.

An ARPA grant can be used as a source of funding to "respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and non-profits, or aid to impacted industries, such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.

Suppose the Playhouse can provide documentation indicating that a new HVAC system is needed to help stop the spread of COVID-19 through poorly ventilated public spaces where people congregate? In that case, an ARPA grant may work for them. SMPH would enter

into an agreement with the city and have to show what the funds were used for.

But this is only a tiny portion of funds being sought for SMPH repairs.

David Gordon, President and CEO of the Playhouse addressed the Council first to make his pitch for the 103-year-old structure. "I feel there is a way in which you can give the Playhouse \$250,000 and also a matching grant of \$350,000 for the library," Gordon said before a packed house. He then proposed receiving \$250,000 from ARPA funds, giving \$150,000 to the library, and obtaining the remaining \$200,000 from General Fund Reserves, adding that it would be "simple, legal, and prudent." Gordon suggests a "grant program" as a legal way around giving an unconstitutional gift.

Acclaim or Criticism?

Though everyone expressed support for the Playhouse, opinions differed regarding funding options. "I am a big proponent of community theater," stated Diane Sands, Member of the Board of Trustees for the Library and President of the Historical Preservation Society. "However, as valued as the Playhouse is as a cultural asset to our town, it is nevertheless not owned by the city...but the public library is. If funds are taken away from the ARPA money... it means that matching funds are taken away. Please don't take ARPA funds away from the library matching," Sands pleaded.

"No one sector can effectively establish or sustain a creative place," said Eileen Walker, SMPH Board Member. "It takes a broad range of private, non-profit, and governmental entities to make them happen. By supporting the Playhouse and stepping up to be the cornerstone of our Capital Campaign, the city of Sierra Madre can participate in a partnership that is the essence of creative placemaking. I urge you to support the Capital Campaign," Walker petitioned.

City Council did discuss the possibility of using ARPA funds as a loan option to the SMPH, which would be forgivable, but such a risk could be too high for both the Playhouse and the city.

Council Members expressed concerns over extra spending when the city has concerns over water, infrastructure, and public safety. For now, a unanimous motion was passed to award the SMPH the remaining funds in the ARPA Allocation totaling \$56,480.

I guess that deserves a small "Bravo" with hopes for an "Encore" to follow.

SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT SPREADS MORE HOLIDAY CHEER



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THIEVES BURGLARIZE BOTTLE SHOP

At approximately 2:30 am Thursday morning, thieves broke into Sierra Madre's iconic Bottle Shop located on Sierra Madre Blvd.

It has operated from the same location since the 1960's without incidence.

According to SMPD Sgt. Kamchamnan, the perpetrators struck quickly stealing more than \$30,000 of high end liquor. They entered through the front door and were "all hoodied and masked up", making facial recognition next to impossible for the security cameras.

Cameras were able to capture photos of the 'get away' vehicle believed to be black BMW with the plates removed.

Jeff Sullivan, a member of the family that owns the store said they were able to open later in the morning and as of press time, things are back to normal.

The investigation is ongoing. The public is asked to be observant and "If you see something, say something". Call Sierra Madre PD at 626-355-1414. *MVNNews*



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Christmas is like candy; it slowly melts in your mouth, sweetening every taste bud, making you wish it could last forever." Richelle E. Goodrich

"Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance – each beautiful, unique, and gone too soon." Deborah Whipp

Everywhere I go these last few days, some smiling person has asked me, "Are you ready for Christmas?" They mean have I spent my very last dime on presents, are they wrapped and under the tree? Is there actually a tree up and decorated? Are my cards in the mail?



Unlike the lady I heard about who bought 85 presents for each and every one of her children and told the world that she spent a mere \$2,300 on Christmas, I won't be doing that. In fact, Amazon.com is my Santa. I'm so grateful for the fine folks at Amazon who pack up every item I select and send it straight to my house, arriving, occasionally, on the very same day I ordered it.

Yes, I'm ready for Christmas. No, my cards aren't in the mail. Actually, I haven't done them yet, but I've written my Christmas letter to let my friends in far-flung places know I'm still alive and not yet too senile. I've printed it out on Christmas paper and assembled everything I need to complete this project. I must confess I'm of the persuasion that my cards could be the very last ones friends receive before the year ends, or the very first ones they receive next year. I won't be burning the midnight oil to get those finished.

Yes, my house has been decorated since just after Thanksgiving and every day of my life I turn everything on the minute I get out of bed as I just love seeing all these treasures that represent memories of past Christmases. My nodding deer are out in front and today I managed to put new batteries in my Christmas wreath hanging on the front door.

Yes, I'm ready for Christmas. I've been making pumpkin cookies for Jessie and Emily to deliver to their teachers this week before they escape the confines of the classroom for Christmas break. That's today's picture. Dozens of cookies in little bags, which will make you wish you had some.

Here's the pumpkin cookie recipe, in case you want to make them and give some to everyone you know.

PUMPKIN COOKIES

3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2-1/3 cups old fashioned oats
1-3/4 tsp. baking soda
1-1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon (generous)
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Combine the above in a large bowl. With your electric mixer, blend the following then add to the flour mixture:

3-1/2 sticks butter, softened
1-3/4 cups white sugar
1-3/4 cups packed brown sugar
1 15-oz can Libby's 100% pure pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
2 large eggs
1-3/4 tsp. vanilla extract

Add as many pecans, walnuts, dried cranberries, raisins as you'd like to have. This makes a LOT of dough. Chill your dough overnight before you bake.

Bake at 350 for 14-16 minutes until firm and lightly browned. Enjoy them and share them. Christmas is for giving.

Speaking of sharing, The Candlelight Walk is tomorrow, Sunday, starting from St. Rita's at 7:45. Hoping for no rain and lots of happy folks to share this lovely time.

Best of all, I've been reading the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke, which blesses me. Hope it blesses you, too.

"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

"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"
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"Star of Wonder" a delightful Christmas Kindle story, where four lonely people find love following a strange new star on Christmas Eve, is there, too.



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Tuesday, December 6th

SIERRA MADRE POLICE INVESTIGATE A POSSIBLE THREAT AT ST. RITA SCHOOL

Sierra Madre Police Officers were dispatched to St. Rita School in the 300 block of North Baldwin Avenue, regarding a possible threat of violence at the school. Once informed, the Police Department took immediate steps to investigate the incident, including interviewing numerous potential witnesses, viewing social media accounts, and conducting searches. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

While Officers conducting the initial investigation determined that there was no immediate threat to the school, there will be increased patrols around all Sierra Madre schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. Officers have also spoken to the family of the student and will continue to investigate the matter.

The Police Department is committed to fully investigate each threat. When probable cause exists, appropriate enforcement action will be taken. We focus on ensuring the safety of students, school staff, and community members as we respond to these incidents.

We continue to encourage students, parents, and school staff to immediately report any information that poses a threat to the safety of others. We continue to communicate with St. Rita School, as well as local, regional and federal law enforcement partners, to share information and ensure the safety of our schools and our community. We ask that the public remember to follow the philosophy of "See Something, Say Something" when witnessing or hearing suspicious activity

We ask that the public remember to follow the philosophy of "See Something, Say Something" when witnessing or hearing suspicious activity. Anyone with information regarding this or any threat to a school is asked to call the Police Department immediately by dialing 9-1-1, or (626) 355-1414 for a non-emergency.

This information is preliminary and is intended for informational use rather than being a formal investigative report.

Wednesday, December 7th

Theft from Motor Vehicle

At approximately 7 AM, officers responded to the 400 block of Mariposa Ave. for reports of a theft from motor vehicle. Upon arrival, the reporting party stated that the catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.



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Thur:	Cloudy	Hi	70s	Lows 50s
Fri:	Cloudy	Hi	70s	Lows 50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2023 5:30pm

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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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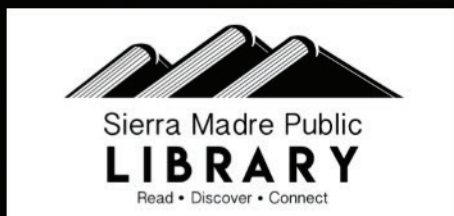
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Community Services Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

Natural Resources Commission has one current vacancy and one anticipated vacancy for a total of two (2) vacancies.

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News From Your Community For Your Community

City asks Residents to Mask, get Boosted

Health Department urges everyone to take precautions to reduce the transmission of COVID-19

Pasadena Public Health Department announced Friday that health officer orders have been revised to strongly recommend masking for everyone ages 2 years and older, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor workplaces, indoor public spaces, and public transit. In addition to strongly recommending masking in indoor workplaces, indoor public settings, and public transit, the health officer orders establish threshold criteria that would lead to mandatory masking, including COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and staffed inpatient hospital beds. Indoor masking continues to be required in all healthcare settings.

Recent variants of COVID-19 have infected a significant proportion of residents in Pasadena and Los Angeles County. Pasadena Public Health Department is asking all residents to layer in sensible COVID-19 protections this holiday season, including indoor masking and getting vaccinated and boosted.

"With increased travel and large gatherings, masking and staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations are the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones," said Pasadena interim Public Health Director Manuel Carmona. "These basic precautions can help prevent increases in COVID-19 cases and avoid the need for mandatory masking in indoor workplaces, public settings, and public transit."

The updated health orders establish threshold metrics, including COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and staffed inpatient hospital beds, to determine when mandatory masking indoors will be required. Local hospitals and healthcare facilities are significantly strained. Managing high levels of COVID-19 cases is an ongoing challenge for the healthcare system and limits resources available for helping those in need of treatment.

"We are seeing increases in COVID-19 cases and local hospitalizations and unseasonably elevated levels of influenza infections that put our local residents at increased risk for severe illness and death," said Pasadena Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler.

To reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases precautions include: Wearing a well-fitting respirator or mask (e.g., N95, KN95, KF94)

Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, including all primary series doses and boosters, and getting a flu vaccine

Staying home when sick and following recommended practices if exposed to COVID-19, including seeking treatment

Testing if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

Washing hands regularly

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Lawsuit Filed over Rent Control Measure H

The California Apartment Association (CAA) announced Friday that they have filed a lawsuit and a preliminary injunction alleging that the Pasadena rent control initiative adopted by voters in November is invalid.

According to a statement, the lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, came just days after the Pasadena City Council certified the election results, situating Measure H to take effect as soon as Dec. 22. CAA officials also said they intend to seek a preliminary injunction to prevent the measure from being fully implemented while the lawsuit is considered by the court.

"Though rent control itself has generally been upheld as a valid exercise of local government powers, CAA's lawsuit targets the process used to adopt the ordinance and discrete elements of the law," they said.

The CAA statement continued, the lawsuit alleges that the measure, which was placed on the ballot as an amendment to the city's charter, nearly doubles the length of the charter and effectively restructures the city government with the creation of an independent rent board. In so doing, the measure fundamentally changes the city charter and effects a so-called "charter revision," the lawsuit claims. Though the difference in terminology may sound insignificant, the distinction between a charter amendment and charter revision carries serious legal consequences. Charter amendments may be proposed by citizens' initiative – as Measure H was – but under the state constitution, charter revisions can only be put forward by the city council or a charter review commission.

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In addition to attacking the measure as an unlawful revision to the city's charter, CAA's lawsuit claims that several provisions of the new law itself are illegal. For example, CAA's suit challenges a relocation assistance requirement that would apply to units exempt from local rent control.

Under the measure, owners of rent control-exempt units would need to pay relocation assistance to tenants who choose to vacate after receiving a rent increase that's more than 5% above the limit for rent controlled units. Measure H limits annual increases for qualifying units to a rate lower than inflation, just 75% of CPI. The relocation assistance requirement will almost exclusively affect owners of units protected from local rent control under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act. The lawsuit alleges the relocation assistance requirement penalizes owners who exercise their rights under Costa-Hawkins, creating an

invalid restriction on those rights.

If successful, the lawsuit could result in Measure H being declared wholly invalid, though the court also could strike just portions of the measure found to result in a charter revision or to violate state law.

The filing of the lawsuit does not, in and of itself, stop the new law from taking effect, but if CAA's request for a preliminary injunction is granted that would stall some or all of the law from being implemented while the court considers CAA's challenge.

As of Friday afternoon, Pasadena city officials had made no statement or response to the lawsuit.

Coffee Gallery Backstage Hawaiian-style



Celebrate the holidays tonight Hawaiian-style. Grammy-winner Jim "Kimo" West brings his annual Holiday Slack Key Show to Coffee Gallery Backstage. Join the Coffee Gallery as Kimo plays selections from his two acclaimed holiday slack key guitar albums "Kimo's Hawaiian Slack Key Christmas" and "Ki'hoalu Christmastime".

"Slack key" guitar is a warm, engaging open-tuned guitar style that has its roots in 1800's Hawaii and Kimo brings his own stylistic influences to this great acoustic music tradition.

Hula and special guests set to accompany him.

Kimo West just finished a tour with Weird Al Yankovic. Kimo West has been Yankovic's guitar play beginning in the mid 1980s.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested. Seating is limited. Call 626.798.6236 for Reservations.

The Coffee Gallery Backstage is located 2029 N. Lake Ave. Altadena

West is a 2021 Grammy Award winner for his CD, "More Guitar Stories" and a 2019 Grammy nominee for "Moku Maluhia-Peaceful Island". He is also a winner of the 2008 Hawaii Music Awards, a three-time Na Hoku Hanohano (the Hawaiian "Grammy") nominee and a two-time winner of the LA Treasures Award for his contributions toward the perpetuation of ki ho'alu.

For more information visit: jimkimowest.com.

Pasadena and Altadena Trash Collection Survey



Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger is asking Altadena and East Pasadena residents and business owners to complete a survey over current changes in there waste disposal service.

"I want to hear your input on the transition to ensure haulers are providing the service you pay for and deserve," she said. "My office has been contacted by many Altadena/Kinneloa Mesa/East Pasadena residents and business owners frustrated by the change in their waste disposal service."

According to Barger, her team has worked closely with the community and Los Angeles County's Department of Public Works to fix concerns

and ensure consistent and comparable service.

"I'm continuing to track this issue closely, so please take a moment to complete this survey so I can hear your input on the continuing transition and to ensure haulers are fulfilling contract obligations," Barger said. "I believe residents and business owners should get the service they pay for and deserve."

The survey will also help the County of Los Angeles improve their franchise system for future contracts according to Barger.

For more information visit: kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov or to take the survey click "Keeping up with Kathryn" to find the link.

Voters Approve Measure L to Fund Pasadena Library Programs and Services

Pasadena's City Council officially accepted the November 8th General Municipal Election returns Monday, in which residents voted to approve Measure L, the Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure. Passage of the measure will continue to fund 20 percent, or \$2.8 million, of the Library budget. This funding is used to keep libraries open and well-maintained, purchase up-to-date books and materials, support library programs and services, and retain qualified librarians. It has enabled the Pasadena Public Library to bring many technological improvements to the Library, including an advanced search engine; a computerized magazine and newspaper index; a new online library catalog; and public access to the internet with terminals at all library locations.

In previous elections, residents supported a Special Library Parcel Tax in 1993 with 79.9 percent approval. In 1997, it was approved with 84 percent of the vote, and again in 2007, with 80.4 percent of the vote. This year it passed with 84.6 percent of the vote.

According to Acting Library Director Tim McDonald, "Measure L secures funding of the library's operating budget for the next 15 years, protecting vital library services to the community. I am

deeply grateful for the support we received from the City's residents which demonstrates the Pasadena Public Library is a highly valued institution. I look forward to a future that we build together that enriches the lives of all our community."

Measure L includes accountability requirements such as public disclosure to ensure funds are used effectively and as promised. All revenue raised by Measure L will be used for the Pasadena Public Library.

Pasadena public libraries play an essential role in providing safe, accessible, and one hundred percent free educational resource centers for everyone. Individuals and families, no matter their socioeconomic status, can count on Pasadena libraries to provide them with the resources they need to succeed and the answers to important questions they can't otherwise find. In addition to their original purpose of providing information, Pasadena libraries provide early literacy and school readiness programs, free computer and Wi-Fi access, and digital literacy programs.

The Pasadena Public Library currently operates 10 neighborhood branch libraries.

For more information on Measure L, visit: CityofPasadena.net/MeasureL. For more information on the Pasadena Public Library, visit: CityofPasadena.net/Library.

Caltech, Activision Team Up to Combat Bad Behavior Online

Researchers from Caltech and Activision, a video game publisher, announced Thursday a partnership to bring their combined expertise to address bad behavior, such as trolling, racism, sexism, or just general harassment in video games.

Increasingly, the online world is moving toward automated moderation tools that can identify abusive words and behavior without the need for human intervention. Now, two researchers from Caltech, one an expert in artificial intelligence (AI) and the other a political scientist, are teaming up with Activision on a two-year research project that aims to create an AI that can detect abusive online behavior and help the company's support and moderation teams to combat it.

The sponsored research agreement involves Anima Anandkumar, the Bren Professor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences, who has trained AI to fly drones and study the coronavirus; Michael Alvarez, professor of political and computational social science, who has used machine learning tools to study political trends in social media; and Activision's data engineers, who will provide insight into player engagement and game-driven data.

Alvarez and Anandkumar have already worked together

on training AI to detect trolling in social media. Their project with the team that works on the Call of Duty video games will allow them to develop similar technology for potential use in gaming.

The important questions this research will answer are: "How do we enable AI that is transparent, beneficial to society, and free of biases?" and "How do we ensure a safe gaming environment for everyone?"

She adds that working with Activision gives the researchers not only access to data about how people interact in online games, but also to their specialized knowledge.

"We want to know how players interact. What kind of language do they use? What kinds of biases do they have? What should we be looking for? That requires domain expertise," she says.

Michael Vance, Activision's chief technology officer, says the firm is excited to work with Caltech.

"Our teams continue to make great progress in combating disruptive behavior, and we also want to look much further down the road," Vance says. "This collaboration will allow us to build upon our existing work and explore the frontier of research in this area."



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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Light Up San Marino!

Voting: Ends December 18

The map of the participating homes is available now! Gather your family or friends to drive-by the entries and enjoy the sights. Then go vote for your favorite entries Facebook; the top 3 entries with the most “likes” will win a gift card to a local business. Mayor Talt will award the grand prize for creativity and holiday spirit. Winners will be announced December 19.

Coffee & Crammin’ (Grades 9-12)

Monday - Wednesday, December 19-21 from 3:30 – 8:30 PM, Barth Community Room

Drinks and study snacks will be provided for students in grades 9-12 using the Conference Room to prepare for finals. Registration is not required. Note: the session on Monday, December 19 will be held in the Thornton Conference Room.

Family Storytime

Tuesday, December 20 at 10:30 AM, Children’s Area

Storytime features activities for children ages 5 and under that will promote early literacy and lifelong learning through songs, movement, fingerplays, and books. Storytime is also an opportunity for caregivers to learn ways they can incorporate learning activities into everyday routines. Registration is not required. Please watch our social media for cancellations.

Chinese Club – Chinese Knotting

Thursday, December 22 at 10:30 AM, Barth Community Room

In the spirit of cultural exchange and appreciation of diversity, educational development, and community service, the Chinese Club of San Marino holds monthly lectures and workshops. Join us this month for a fun and informative lesson on Chinese knotting!

Holiday Tree Curbside Collection Begins December 26

Athens Services will be providing their annual Holiday tree curbside collection, beginning on Monday, December 26th, 2022 through Friday, January 6th, 2023. During this time period, residents may set out their Holiday trees on the curb for collection on their regularly scheduled trash collection day, at no additional cost. Residents are reminded to remove all ornaments and decorations from the tree, and to cut any trees over 6 feet tall into segments to assist Athens with collecting. Residents can report any issues to Athens by visiting their website or calling (888) 336-6100.

New Council Members

The City Council Meeting on December 14 honored our two outgoing Council Members and our one re-elected and two newly elected Council Members. The Council also selected Steve Talt as the 2023 Mayor and Steven Huang as the 2023 Vice-Mayor.

Congratulations to all!

Mayor Steve Talt

Vice Mayor Dr. Steven Huang

Council Member Tony Chou

Council Member Calvin Lo

Council Member Gretchen Shepherd Romey

Old Mill Flooding Response

On Sunday, December 11, San Marino Engine 91 and the San Marino Parks and Public Works (PPW) Department responded to flooded conditions at the Old Mill. Water from the weekend storm had flooded the exterior courtyard and threatened the building’s interior. Engine 91 and PPW personnel successfully pumped water out of the courtyard and prevented damage to the historical building.

Holiday Parking Information

Overnight parking passes will not be required for vehicles now through the morning of January 4. For more information on overnight parking, please call Police Department at (626) 300-0720.

Winter Community Services Guide

Check out the latest Community Services Guide to see Winter offerings and get details on upcoming events, classes, and lectures. Registration begins on December 20 for residents and December 27 for non-residents.

Meetings

Public Safety Commission

Monday, December 19 at 6:00 PM; Teleconference and Council Chambers

NASA Sensors to Help Detect Methane Emitted by Landfills

Observations from the Earth Surface Mineral Dust Source Investigation (EMIT) and other NASA science instruments will be part of a global survey of point-source emissions of methane from solid waste sites such as landfills. The multiyear effort is being developed and conducted by the nonprofit Carbon Mapper organization.

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, the source of roughly a quarter to a third of global warming caused by humans. The aim of the new initiative is to establish a baseline assessment of global waste sites that emit methane at high rates. This information can support decision-makers as they work to reduce the concentration of the gas in the atmosphere and limit climate change.

Methane produced by the waste sector contributes an estimated 20% of human-caused methane emissions. Ton for ton, methane is more than 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in trapping heat in the atmosphere. But where carbon dioxide remains in the air for centuries, methane has an atmospheric lifetime of only about a decade or two. That means some immediate slowing of atmospheric warming could be achieved if methane emissions were significantly reduced.

“Currently, there is limited actionable information about methane emissions from the global waste sector. A comprehensive understanding of high-emission point sources from waste sites is a critical step to mitigating them,” said Carbon Mapper CEO Riley Duren. “New technological capabilities that are making these emissions visible – and therefore actionable – have the potential to change the game, elevating our collective understanding of near-term opportunities in this often overlooked sector.”

Carbon Mapper received a grant from the Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment to support its operations related to the waste-site initiative, including potential funding to cover

airborne methane surveys using NASA airborne assets. The project will entail conducting an initial remote-sensing survey in 2023 of more than 1,000 managed landfills across the United States and Canada, and in key locations in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. To collect data from these regions, researchers will use aircraft-based sensors, including the Airborne Visible/Infrared Imaging Spectrometer-Next Generation (AVIRIS-NG), which was developed at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. In addition, they will use Arizona State University’s Global Airborne Observatory from the Center of Global Discovery and Conservation Science, which uses another JPL-built imaging spectrometer.

As part of the Carbon Mapper project, researchers will analyze methane data from EMIT as well. The JPL-managed imaging spectrometer was installed on the International Space Station in July 2022 to measure the mineral content at the surface of Earth’s major dust-producing regions.

In October, scientists demonstrated that EMIT can also identify methane plumes from “super-emitters.” In so doing, the team added another tool to help with NASA’s broader efforts to monitor greenhouse gases.

“NASA JPL has a decadelong track record of using airborne imaging spectrometers to make high-quality observations of methane point-source emissions,” said Robert Green, EMIT’s principal investigator at JPL. “With EMIT we have employed the same technology in a spaceborne instrument, enabling us to collect information on localized methane sources from orbit.”

After the first year of the Carbon Mapper project, researchers will conduct a broader survey of more than 10,000 landfills around the world using two satellites in the Carbon Mapper satellite program. The team is targeting a launch in late 2023. For additional details about EMIT, visit: earth.jpl.nasa.gov/emit.

Supervisor Barger Dedicates \$1M to Deter Holiday Crime

Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced Tuesday that she will provide up to \$1 million in discretionary funding to boost law enforcement services in unincorporated areas, including Altadena, in her district.

“This month’s busiest holiday shopping days are quickly approaching and the threat of increased criminal activity is real,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. “Last year’s smash-and-grab crime wave taught us we need to be ready to prevent theft

before it happens. The funds I’m allocating to Sheriff stations in the Fifth District will help provide more law enforcement patrols and increase their presence in the communities I represent. Everyone deserves to feel safe during the holidays, whether they work in retail, are out shopping for loved ones, or simply enjoying time off at home.”

Sheriff Robert Luna reacted to Supervisor Barger’s announcement, stating “With Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s significant financial support, we will be increasing high visibility patrols in the unincorporated areas in the Fifth District, in an effort to deter crime and provide for a safer shopping experience. As always, we encourage the public to be aware of their surroundings, keep valuables hidden out of sight when parking their vehicle, and report any suspicious activity to their local Sheriff’s station.”

Dr. Sandra Thomas, President of the Altadena Chamber of Commerce, commented on Supervisor Barger’s action. “Retail shop owners need to feel protected and families need to feel safe while strolling and shopping during this holiday season,” Dr. Thomas said. “Neighborhood shops and small businesses in particular will greatly benefit from Supervisor Barger’s commitment of funds for more law enforcement presence in the communities she represents. We are thankful for her support.”

The following L.A. County Sheriff Department patrol stations will receive funding from Supervisor Barger: Altadena, Crescenta Valley, Lancaster, Palmdale, and San Dimas.

Collectively, these five stations serve over 40 communities.

Earlier this year, Supervisor Barger worked with local Sheriff’s stations and chambers of commerce in the East San Gabriel Valley and Antelope Valley on their “No Cash In Store” campaign. Through the initiative, Supervisor Barger’s office created signage to distribute to local businesses to place on their doors to dissuade robbers from break-ins.

For more information visit: kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov.

Tournament gives another Sneak Peek of Parade Floats



As the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, and their community of partners, enter the final stretch leading up to the 2023 Rose Parade, they revealed Thursday another sneak peek of floral float entries that they say should captivate audiences on Monday, January 2, 2023.

According to officials, since the first Rose Parade in 1890, each float entry presents a unique theme and visual story that bring their float to life. The theme of the 134th Rose Parade — “Turning the Corner” – is reflected in the official renderings for float participants including three first time entries.

Building Industry Association of Southern California (Top Left)

The year 2023 commemorates the centennial year for the Building Industry Association of Southern California. The leading advocate for thousands of building industry leaders committed to building for the future, their float shares its vision for the inclusive future of housing for all. Designed by the Junior Builders program of children ages 10 to 15, this vibrant float colorfully illustrates the past, present and future of home building while protecting our environment and natural resources. Fiesta Parade Floats created a young girl, delighting in the hope of one day owning her own home while watching it come to life on the blueprints on which she happily daydreams.

City of Hope (Middle Left)

City of Hope’s 49th Rose Parade float entry, “Expanding Hope,” represents increasing national patient access to world-class cancer care and research. City of Hope is one of the largest cancer research and treatment organizations in the United States and a leading research center for diabetes and other life-threatening illnesses. The 45-foot long and nearly 17-foot-tall City of Hope float, built by Phoenix Decorating Company, will feature animated butterflies, which are symbols of hope and transformation. A tree represents transformation as well as physical and spiritual nourishment. The bridges represent City of Hope bridging the health disparities gap in health care and expanding its geographical footprint, which now includes Cancer Treatment Centers of America. This year, as cancer survivors and their doctors riding the float turn the corner together, they share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring.

Kaiser Permanente (Bottom Left)

Kaiser Permanente’s float, “All of us for all of you,” illustrates how it feels to have a connected, compassionate care team supported by research, technology and innovation. It’s a vision of their commitment to caring for you at every step of your health care journey—and empowering you to live your best, healthiest life. Kaiser Permanente is committed to enabling coordination of in-person, digital and virtual care delivery—surrounding you with personalized support where, when and how you need it. Their model of care and coverage together means they are always connected to you, and their teams of experts to each other. In the series of vignettes, you’ll see ordinary and extraordinary moments made possible by next-generation care: a quiet connection between a member and a nurse; a mother cradling her newborn baby; a cancer survivor getting back on the bike for the first time. **La Cañada Flintridge (Bottom Right)**

La Cañada Flintridge’s self-built float is a labor of love for this city located in

the foothills of California’s Verdugo mountains. This year watch Michael Raccoon and his furry family discover some Secondhand Shenanigans at their human neighbor’s yard sale. Michael delights in memories of his amateur magician youth, complete with a bow tie of rose petals, while his wife, Mary, gleefully works the remote-controlled car she’d always wanted as a little girl. When she turns her head will she see the disappearing rabbit made of bunnytail grass? Daughter Zoe Raccoon lives her engineering dreams building a model car racetrack, while brother Ethan finds a jersey made with yellow and red strawflowers that’s just his style. La Cañada Flintridge’s float reminds us that each chapter of our lives might shed a stage of life, but it turns a corner into something else that’s new and exciting.

Louisiana Travel (Top Right)

Don’t look now, but there’s a riverboat heading down Orange Grove and Colorado Boulevards. With a fully functioning paddlewheel turning through real water below, the Bayou State wants you to come aboard so they can Feed Your Soul on the food, music, and diverse culture of Louisiana. This unique float reflects the unique blend of cultures that make Louisiana a state like no other. From zydeco music to swamp pop, from its Italian heritage to its African, and from gumbo to beignets, the wide-ranging, global influences on Louisiana make its rich culture so compelling. It’s the passion of its people, however, that is so well-captured in the spirit of this float. Riders and walkers represent the more than 400 festivals celebrated in Louisiana every year. The COVID-19 pandemic saw universal cancellations at the height of the festival season, but the state persevered through the unprecedented hardship. Louisiana Tourism has turned a corner with the return of not just Mardi Gras, but so many festivals represented by their float’s riders and walkers. Can you find the celebrations of Tangipahoa Parish’s fresh strawberry crop amongst the thousands of stunning blooms? What about the annual Christmas festival in Natchitoches (made famous by the film Steel Magnolias)? Don’t forget to listen, too, as the float features singer and Louisianan Lainey Wilson.

Rose Bowl Stadium/Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation (Middle Right)

What better way for this National Historic Landmark – one of only four stadiums with that distinction in the country – to celebrate its centennial year than here at the Rose Parade! As the proud home to the Tournament of Roses’ Rose Bowl Game, the float’s floral replica of the stadium is truly a visual rhapsody of floral master craft. Beginning with the iconic Rose Bowl field complete with the historic venue’s game-ready sod and Rose Bowl 100 logo, hundreds of fans made of individually placed flowers can be seen cheering on their teams from the stands. The historic Rose Bowl sign with its traditional Pasadena Rose is presented mid-float. Gigantic roses and palm trees surround the proud home of concerts, the UCLA Bruins football, Premier League soccer matches and the World’s Largest Flea Market. The Rose Bowl Game trophy towers over the stadium. Named for 1920 Tournament of Roses President, William L. Leishman, the prestigious Leishman Trophy celebrates the game that is “The Granddaddy of Them All.”

For more about the Parade visit: tournamentofroses.com.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 4th through Saturday, December 10th, the Police Department responded to 841 calls for service, of which 102 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 4:

1. At 2:50 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Huntington Drive regarding a solo vehicle traffic collision. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from her breath and body. Through a series of tests, the officer discovered the 31-year-old female from Monrovia had been driving with a blood alcohol content of .177%, well above the legal limit. The driver was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
2. At 9:46 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of East Camino Real Avenue regarding a residential burglary investigation. The officer discovered someone had smashed a rear glass door and fled with a laptop. The total loss was not reported at the time of the crime.

Monday, December 5:

3. At 2:59 a.m., an officer responded to a traffic collision near the intersection of Las Tunas Drive and Live Oak Avenue. Upon contacting the driver, the officer determined the suspect was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. After conducting field sobriety tests, the officer discovered the 22-year-old female from Pomona was driving with a blood alcohol content of .227%. A passenger, a 26-year-old male from Irvine, was also under the influence of alcohol and was unable to care for himself. Both suspects were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
4. At 12:25 p.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a vehicle burglary report. Surveillance footage captured the suspect, a Hispanic female smash one of the windows and flee with the victim's purse. The suspect is described as being 30 to 35-years-old, with light colored hair, wearing a black tank top, sweatpants, and having several tattoos.

Tuesday, December 6:

5. At 1:04 a.m., an officer responded to the area of Sunset Boulevard and Michillinda Avenue regarding a subject check request. Upon locating the subject, the officer discovered she was drinking in public. The 51-year-old female from Arcadia was issues a citation in the field.
6. At 2:23 p.m., an officer responded to Sunny Bay Pharmacy, located at 450 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary. An investigation revealed three unidentified suspects smashed the front window of the medical building. Once inside, they used a sledgehammer to break a wall into the pharmacy. They fled with prescription medications.

Wednesday, December 7:

7. At 12:43 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 800 block of East Camino Real Avenue regarding a burglary in progress. The victim was able to scare off the suspect, but surveillance footage captured a description. With the description, additional officers were able to locate the suspect and the 21-year-old male from Los Angeles was charged with burglary, resisting arrest, possession of burglary tools, a probation violation, and two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
8. At 10:03 a.m., officers responded to the intersection of Duarte Road and Fifth Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle in the area. Upon locating and stopping the vehicle, the driver admitted to being in possession of a controlled substance. A records check revealed the suspect also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 48-year-old male from San Gabriel was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, December 8:


9. At 4:19 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 600 block of Walnut Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Sometime between November 30th and December 7th, unknown suspect(s) entered the home by smashing the rear sliding glass door and ransacked the location. The loss is unknown as of the date of this report.
10. At 4:50 p.m., an officer responded to Macy's, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The suspect was witnessed stealing more then \$1,000.00 worth of merchandise. The 18-year-old female from West Hills was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, December 9:

11. At 12:27 p.m., an officer responded to Nordstrom, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft. Loss prevention stated the suspect fled with 40 designer shirts, amounting to a loss of nearly \$3,500.00 before dropping the items outside of the entrance and fleeing in his black sedan. The suspect is described as a Black male between the ages of 20 and 30-years-old.
12. At 5:00 p.m., an officer responded to the area of Del Mar Boulevard and Oak Knoll Avenue regarding the activation of a GPS tracking device. The device had been previously deployed by the Arcadia Police Department to combat package thefts throughout the city. A pursuit ensued and ended in North Hollywood. The suspect attempted to run and hide in a yard but was ultimately located. He was charged with evading, burglary, stealing a vehicle, grand theft, a hit and run collision, driving on the wrong side of the road, and a records check revealed he had four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The 22-year-old male from Oxnard was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, December 10:

13. At 12:50 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of West Camino Real Avenue and South Baldwin Avenue regarding a vehicle blocking the intersection. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered he was asleep at the wheel. An investigation revealed the suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol. The 29-year-old male from Westminster was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
14. At 1:01 p.m., an officer responded to Cosmo Prof, located at 332 East Huntington Drive, regarding a theft report. The officer determined two female suspects stole various cosmetic items amounting to a loss of \$136.00. The suspects are described as two Hispanic females.



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WINTER READING CHALLENGE AND MORE AT ARCADIA LIBRARY!

December 13, 2022 – Everyone can find fun and engaging things to do with Arcadia Public Library this holiday season! From Monday, December 19 to Saturday, January 7, adults, teens, and children can take the Winter Break Reading Challenge. For every five hours the community reads, another piece is added to the friendly reading snowman. It's easy, entertaining, and lets everyone enjoying reading and being part of a community project. To participate, visit <https://arcadiaca.beanstack.com>.

All ages can also join the “Wish Upon a Star Community Project.” The Arcadia Public Library is hosting a community project to collect and display 2,023 folded paper stars, with wishes for the Arcadia community. Everyone can take part in the project by writing a wish for Arcadia on paper, then folding it into a paper star and donating it to the Library's Jerry Broadwell Children's Room for display in glass jars.

Donors may use a paper of their choosing and contribute as many folded stars as they like. Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, January 31, 2023, and will become the property of the Arcadia Public Library.

Need something fun and educational for the kids to do while school is on break? The Arcadia Public Library's Jerry Broadwell Children's Room is offering free Winter Activity Kits for some winter fun at home. Each kits contains a craft, activity sheet, as well as a reading list for some great winter reads. They are designed for kindergarten to 2nd grades, 3rd to 5th grades, and 6th to 8th grades. Kits will be available Monday, December 19 through Friday, December 23, 2022, and Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 30, 2022, while supplies last.

Visit the Arcadia Public Library's website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov/library or call the Adult Services desk at 626.821.5569 for more information. For information about the Winter Activity Kits call the Children's Department at 626.821.5566.

The Arcadia Public Library is located at 20 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can also follow the Library on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

DUARTE FINAL ELECTION RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

At the December 13 Duarte City Council Meeting, City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-39 reciting the facts and declaring the results of the General Municipal Election on November 8, 2022. Elections for City Councilmembers were conducted in Districts 1, 4, 5, and 6 and the following candidates were elected to serve for a four-year term:

- District 1 - Margaret E. Finlay
District 4 - Tera Martin Del Campo
District 5 - Samuel Kang
District 6 - Cesar Andres Garcia

Duarte City Council also appointed Jody Schulz as the new Duarte Mayor and Vinh Tru-ong as Mayor Pro Tem at the December 13 City Council Meeting. Councilmembers appoint the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem amongst themselves and each position serves for a one-year term.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger was in attendance to swear in re-elected Councilmember Margaret Finlay and newly elected Councilmember Tera Martin Del Campo. Re-elected Councilmember Cesar Andres Garcia was sworn in by his mother, Lydia Garcia.

The Duarte City Council is comprised of seven members who are directly elected by Duarte voters. The Council serves as the legislative body for the City and is responsible for establishing City policies, adopting City ordinances and resolutions, holding public hearings, adopting the City's budget, and authorizing City expenditures. City Council also appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, and the members of City commissions and committees. Councilmembers serve a term of four years and the elections of councilmembers are staggered.

Measure J, an ordinance establishing a healthcare workers minimum wage ordinance in the City, was also up for consideration at the November 8 election. A majority of Duarte voters did not vote in favor of Measure J and therefore it will not be adopted.

Elections for City Council representative in Districts 2, 3, and 7 will be held in 2024 at the end of the current representatives' 4-year term. Learn more about your district by visiting the City's redistricting website.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of December 04, 2022 – December 10, 2022.

December 04, 2022

- Robbery:
2249 Huntington Drive (Mobile Gas). On December 4, 2022 at 4:45 PM suspect(s) unknown, three male black adults in their 20's, wearing dark clothing entered the location. The three suspects walked around like customers, when they all suddenly approached the clerk. One of the suspects pinned the victim up against the wall as the other two suspects removed the cash from the register. The victim attempted to break free, when the suspect stated, “Don't make me pull out my gun”. Fearing for her safety she cooperated with the suspects, until they fled the location. As the suspects exited the location, she followed them as they entered a gray four door sedan and drove away towards the freeway on ramp. Video surveillance available. Loss was approximately \$500.

December 05, 2022

- Aggravated Assault (Domestic Violence):
1300 Block of Mountain Avenue. On December 5, 2022 at 2:00 AM the victim and suspect were at the location arguing about relationship issues. During the argument, the suspect took the victims phone away from her. The victim attempted to get the suspect to give her phone back when he began to assault her. The suspect exited the location, and the victim followed him, where he assaulted her again. The suspect left the location and the victim returned to her residence. Approximately 30 minutes went by and the suspect returned. The victim and suspect fell a sleep together and upon waking up the suspect was gone. The Suspect outstanding. No surveillance video available.

- Burglary (Vehicle):

1500 Duarte Road (City of Hope). On December 5, 2022 between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's vehicle a 2022 BMW 228i and stole his backpack

containing a laptop from the trunk. Loss was approximately \$1,500. No surveillance video available.

December 08, 2022

- Grand Theft Auto:
1500 Block of 3rd Street. Between December 7, 2022 12:00 AM and December 8, 2022 8:00 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle a blue 1997 Honda CRV LIC 4NZE308. No surveillance video available. Vehicle recovered by ELA Sheriff Station.

- Grand Theft Auto:
2100 Block of Buena Vista Street. On December 8, 2022 between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle a blue 2000 Dodge Durango LIC 6CFC363. No surveillance video available. Vehicle recovered by Irwindale PD.

December 09, 2022

- Burglary (Commercial):
1312 Duarte Road (La Simpatia). On December 9, 2022 at 1:07 AM suspect(s) unknown cut the security gate bars and shattered the front glass door and entered the location. The suspect(s) ransacked the location and stole unknown items. No surveillance video available.

December 10, 2022

- Burglary (Commercial):
1450 Mountain Avenue (Harbor Freight). Suspect unknown a male black adult 6' 02", 240 lbs, wearing a gray cloth face mask, a black hat, black shirt, white pants, entered the location and walked directly to the generator isle. The suspect selected three generators and placed them onto a pushcart. The suspect exited through the emergency exit without attempting to purchase the items. The suspect entered a gray 2017 Jeep Compass with a license plate of 8XVY269 registered in Pomona. Loss was approximately \$1,450. Surveillance video available.

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POSITIVE TESTS CLIMB TO A HIGH OF OVER 14% AS LA COUNTY CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE HIGH CASE AND HOSPITALIZATION NUMBERS

Public Health Reports 22 New Deaths and 9,473 New Positive Cases of Con-firmed COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

This week, LA County reported continued high case numbers along with rising hospitalizations. Most alarming is the increase in test positivity which has more than tripled since mid-December, indicating surging transmission across the county.

With high rates of transmission, unfortunately, even those who are vaccinated can become infected and infect others. And while the hope is that Omicron symptoms are milder, the current rise in hospitalizations is a cause for concern. Hospitalizations have increased by 30% since last Tuesday; the alarming rise in hospitalizations follows an alarming increase in cases last week.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) today released the latest data on COVID-19.

- 9,473 new COVID-19 cases (1,632,893 cases to date)
- 22 new deaths due to COVID-19 (27,576 deaths to date)
- 966 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19
- More than 9,960,000 individuals tested; 15% of people tested positive

COVID 19 TWO YEARS LATER:

WHERE WE ARE NOW 12/18/22 VERSUS (THEN-12/17/21)

Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Cases	2022	(2021)	Deaths	2022	(2021)
LA County	3,595,218	(1,556,685)	34,390	(27,208)	

LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 12/17/2022

	Adults	84.8% (82.2%)	Seniors	>95% (96.8%)
	Cases		Deaths	Fully Vaccinated
Arcadia	12,577	(3,617)	186	(149) 90% (85.4%)
Altadena	11,087.	(4345)	108	(81) 81.6% (81.2%)
Bradbury	67	(42)	0	(0) 71.5% (67.4%)
Duarte	7,025	(2884)	130	(102) 82.4% (79.3%)
Monrovia	11,164	(4233)	110	(87) 79.3% (76.7%)
Pasadena	38,104	(14151)	437	(368) 84.2% (80.9%)
Sierra Madre	2,232	(719)	25	(13) 88.1% (85.5%)
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Peter Dills Knows

HOLIDAY BUBBLES PART 3

Fiction is sometimes better told than fact. The wine industry is no exception. I am told German draft-dodger Jacob Schram made camp in Calistoga in 1860 looking for a place to plant his vines. One hundred sixty years later “Schramsberg” is producing some of my all time favorite sparkling wines to this very day. Is it good enough for me? It certainly was for Richard Nixon. In 1972, Barbara Walters hosted then-President Nixon and China’s premier Zhou Enlai with it, and Schramsberg sparkling wine has been served at state functions by every president (and yes, in the Dills household) since the mid-eighties.



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Sparkling wines are all blends and can be vintage, although the Schramsberg Blanc de Noir is a composition of grapes and regional combination. Blanc de Noir (meaning “white from black”) is 85% pinot noir and 15% chardonnay - thus the blend title - and that is just fine with this writer. With any “bubbles” yeast plays an important role in the fermentation role of the wine’s richness and body, making the wine crisp and low in tannins (The Monks found this out by accident). Many readers ask me about sparkling wine or champagne storage. I buy champagne to drink right away, but if you are able to purchase a six-pack to save a few dollars, that’s fine. This Schramsberg, if stored properly, in a nice cool place bottle on it’s side, it will be good for years to come, but why let it sit all alone when it should be enjoyed?

Yes, the holidays are here, and my research tells me that consumption of bubbles goes way up during the holidays. This is not a picnic sparkling wine - this is one of my favorites and I savor every zesty sip. Enjoy with a special friend, dinner, or a nice soft cheese.

Closure: Corked

Dills Score: 91

Retail: \$38, Vons supermarket about \$31.

Each week I will give you my Dills Score. I have added points for value. I’m starting with a base of 50 points; I added 8 points for color, 8 points for aroma or “nose”, 8 points for taste, 9 points for finish, and 8 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating.

CONGRESSMAN SCHIFF ON RISING HATE CRIMES IN L.A. COUNTY



Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) issued the following statement on the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations hate crimes report:

“I am deeply troubled by the unprecedented surge in hate crimes in Los Angeles County. The rising number of acts of violence against Black, Asian, and LGBTQ+ Angelenos are horrifying, and tragically mirror the awful mass shootings and targeted attacks we have seen in Buffalo, Colorado Springs, and other cities across the nation. I am also particularly disturbed that Jewish Angelenos were victims of an overwhelming number of the religiously-motivated hate crimes, especially as antisemitic vitriol has reached a fever pitch in recent weeks. As this report shows, there is no room for silence or ambivalence on these matters – we must all condemn bigotry and lies wherever we see them, because the consequences of inaction are too great to bear.”

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS IN GUATEMALA



[This has been modified from Nyerges' book, "Til Death Do Us Part?", available from Kindle or www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com. Nyerges is an educator and au-thor, whose books can be found online.]

I was sitting in a bus, driving through the Guatemalan countryside when I got the call that my brother Richard had died. I was troubled, and upset, and saddened that I'd not see Richard again. I closed my eyes and began to think over some of our life together. I thought mostly of childhood incidents, and they mostly made me laugh.

But mostly, when I heard of his death, I was sad. He'd not be around anymore, even though we probably only talked once a month or so. The last time I saw Richard was just two months earlier, at the memorial for his own son Jonathan who died in a motorcycle accident. I realized that life is short and precious, and we don't always get all the time we think we need, or deserve.

The following two days in Guatemala were particularly painful, not entirely but partly because of thinking about Richard. One night I spoke with a friend, Doug, and Doug told me many things, including that my pain wasn't because of Richard's pain, but because of my own fears about life. We had a long and insightful conversation. Doug told me that Richard would appear to me that night in my dreams. But Richard did not appear to me that night.

The following day, I was sitting in our shamanism class at the upper room of the hotel at Lake Atitlan, learning about the esoteric meaning of certain Mayan glyphs. The instructor, Miguel Angel Vergara, led us in a meditation while light mu-sic was playing.

When I closed my eyes, I found myself on a large flat mountaintop, not unlike the top of one of the many pyramids we were visiting. Richard was there with me, smiling. He didn't say anything, but we held hands and began to dance in a circle, slowly at first. We smiled and laughed as we held hands and twirled. We laughed, and Jona-than joined the circle, as we talked lightly about how much fun it was. Dolores joined, and my mother and father joined, smiling. My mother said, "Aren't you going to invite us to dance?", and we all laughed and continued to dance in this circle.

It was such pure, child-like enjoyment, and others, seeing our delight, quickly joined. Helen joined the circle, and Tom and David and Gilbert quickly joined. Pam, Michael, and Jeffrey joined. Spouses and children joined and the circle got bigger and louder and we were singing and smiling and it was like a Michael Jackson We are the World songfest, except the music was more like the Jewish folk song Hava Nagilah. [If you don't know this song, you should listen to it right now on YouTube to get a feel for my dream].

We went round and round and friends began to join – I saw the neighborhood friends join with Richard – Lee Keller, George Sotello, Robert Haddon, Jim Billups, and I saw the many family friends join the dance – Paul Martinez and Carlos Frausto and the deFazios. People kept joining, friends of Richard and friends of his friends and the circle got larger and larger, and the music was like this celestial an-gelic music and we moved as one and we smiled and we felt a oneness that you just want to feel on earth but you rarely do.

The circle got larger and larger and as we danced and moved we all began to see that we were all one family, one organism, and we recognized that if I hurt you, I hurt myself, and that if I steal from you, I steal from me, and that if I cause pain to you, I cause pain to myself. We were all moving and there was no fear, no pride, no lies, no prejudice, no Democrats, no Republicans, and Richard in his bright green shirt, was smiling broadly.

As the circle continued and everyone felt their oneness with each other, and with Richard of course, I saw flashes of bright white light all around us – believe me, this would make a great music video! While we danced, Richard was on the far side of the circle and he said, "Don't cry for me." I said, "People are sad. Why not cry?" He said, "Don't cry. Just live better. Live your life, and be good. Live better and respect each other and be good to each other. Do that in my memory."

My meditation ended. I opened my eyes and realized I'd been very far away. In Richard's name, I thank every one of you for being a part of this wonderful circle.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES ABOUT DOGS

Here are some more quotes I found via Google:

"I'm suspicious of people who don't like dogs, but I trust a dog when it doesn't like a person." –Bill Murray

"I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source." – Doris Day

"It's hard not to immediately fall in love with a dog who has a good sense of humor." – Kate Di-Camillo (children's fiction author)

Bill, I couldn't agree with you more. I will never understand people who do not like dogs.

Doris, a lifelong dog lover, knows a lot about our canine family member. I was very sick for a week with the flu last April (not Covid) and lay on the bed like a lump. Thurber comforted me, never leaving my side.

Kate, I'm blessed to have a dog with an incredible sense of humor, and fall in love with him immediately I did!

Thurber is the first pup I've had since we got my childhood family dog, Jingles, when I was 10. I was 58 when I brought Thurber home.

He was a lot of work those first few months, but he made me laugh so hard and feel such love and affection so deeply, I cannot now imagine my life without him.

I'm a new dog dad trying to learn and understand how I can love and care for him in the best way possible.

The training is going OK — he's training me as fast as he can!

He's teaching me to be more patient, silly, cheerful, more curious about the world — and humble.

The great humorist Will Rogers explained better than anyone how our dogs teach us humility:

"If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around!"

Tom Purcell is creator of ThurbersTail.com, which shares helpful pet-care tips and funny stories and videos featuring Tom's beloved Labrador, Thurber. Email Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

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HAPPY HENRY

HENRY is so sweet. He's 7 months old, and follows in his pack family of 3 siblings and 2 doggies. Hops to high places to watch the happen-ings around him. He loves gentle head butting, especially toes, just to say, "Hi, I am here in case you didn't notice." Soooo polite. Loves car-rying his plush toys and softly humming when he does so. Henry is es-pe-cially talented at stealing hearts! We'd like him to be adopted along

Pet of the Week



Simba the Siberian Husky may not be the king of the jungle, but he will surely rule your heart. He's a little over a year old, and this big puppy is as playful as they come. Simba's favorite thing to do is to happily run around in the play yard, chasing toys and rolling in the grass. Simba enjoys walks and hikes and the occasional trip to Starbucks for a puppuccino, but he also needs the opportunity to run. He would love a home with a yard where he can explore and get the zoomies out. Simba can be a little nervous with new people, so it's important for him to be able to meet strangers slowly and on his own terms.

An active and dog-

experienced home would be perfect for this handsome boy. Can you feel the love tonight for Simba? The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines. New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about



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LA County Animal Care grants girl's request for unicorn license -- if she can find one

LOS ANGELES -- A girl named Madeline, with a vivid imagination and re-markable awareness of how bureaucracy can dash dreams, got her wish when she asked Los Angeles County animal control authorities for a license to own a unicorn - if she's able to find one.

The first-of-its-kind permit came with strings attached, however: The mythical creature must be provided ample exposure to sunlight, moonbeams and rainbows and have its horn polished at least once a month with a soft cloth.

Director Marcia Mayeda of the county Department of Animal Care and Control sent the girl a heart-shaped, rose-colored metal tag with "Permanent Unicorn License" emblazoned on it, along with a white fuzzy unicorn doll with pink ears, purple hooves and a silver horn.

The department's response came after the girl wrote it a brief letter last month: "Dear LA County, I would like your approval if I can have a unicorn in my backyard if I can find one."

Mayeda commended the girl for her "sense of responsible pet ownership to seek permission in advance" and for thoughtfully considering "the require-ments of providing a loving home to animals."

The agency posted images of the correspondence, the license, the medallion and the stuffed toy on its social media accounts, with the girl's last name ob-scured. Its five conditions for unicorn ownership also require that any sparkles or glitter sprinkled on the animal be nontoxic and biodegradable, and that it be fed watermelon at least once a week.



ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOME?

There are many myths about Assisted Living being like Nursing Homes. This is not true at all. Nursing facilities are for those with chronic health issues who require care around the clock from medical professionals.

In Assisted Living, one will get the support as needed, such as getting help with showering, grooming, and dressing. Again, these services are based on the seniors needs.

There are many reasons in working with us. At Safe Path for Seniors, we will assess the senior and depending on their care needs and budget, make recommendations. For example, we may suggest that the right fit is a Board and Care Home (normally a 6-bedroom house) as opposed to an Assisted Living Community or a Memory Support Facility. You will work with an experienced agent who knows the industry well and will give you recommendations. The good news is that there is no cost for this service.

If you have any questions about placing a loved one, visit www.safepathforseniors.com or call Steve at 626-999-6913



HOW TO REDUCE YOUR MEDICAL BILLS

Dear Savvy Senior:
What tips do you recommend to Medicare beneficiaries dealing with hefty medical bills? My husband recently had open heart surgery and is recovering slowly, but the medical bills are coming in fast and furious and they're putting us in medical debt. Struggling in Springfield



Dear Struggling:
I'm sorry to hear about your billing struggles, but medical debt has unfortunately become a chronic problem in this country. According to U.S. Census data 19 percent of Americans households carry medical debt, including 10 percent of households headed by someone 65 or older. Even seniors on Medicare can easily get snagged in a web of complicated billing and coverage problems.

To help you slash your medical bills, here are some tips recommended by health care experts that you should try.

Double check your bills: Almost half of all medical bills contain at least one error, including duplicate charges or charges for services you never received. If you're facing a high bill and are on the hook for some portion of it, request itemized invoices from the hospital and other providers that detail everything you were charged for and go through them line by line. If you find something you don't understand or find fishy contact the provider for an explanation or a correction.

Wait for your EOB: Doctors' offices and hospitals may mail initial bills to you before they even submit them to your health insurer. So, hold off on any payment until you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your provider – Medicare, supplemental Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or private insurer. This will show what you owe after your insurance has paid its portion.

If your EOB shows that your insurer is refusing to pay for services that you think should be covered, call them to see whether it's a correctable mistake, such as a coding error for a certain test or treatment. If it's truly a denial of coverage, you may need to file an appeal. For details on how to file a Medicare appeal, see Medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal.

Ask for a discount: Call the hospital's accounting office or the billing staff at your doctor's practice and ask if they can reduce your bill. You'd be surprised how often this works. Or if you have the funds to pay the entire bill, ask the hospital or provider for a "prompt pay" discount which may save you 15 percent or more.

If it's best for you to pay your bills over time, ask the billing office to set up a no-interest payment plan for you. It's in the provider's interest to work with you to obtain payment.

You can also call the hospital where your husband had his surgery and ask a billing specialist if the facility offers financial assistance. According to the American Hospital Association, about half of U.S. hospitals are nonprofit. This means they are required to offer free or discounted services in some instances. This is usually reserved for low to moderate income patients who have limited or no health insurance, but requirements vary from hospital to hospital.

Get help: If you've gotten nowhere on your own, contact the Patient Advocate Foundation (patientadvocate.org, 800-532-5274) who can help you understand and negotiate your medical bills, free of charge. Or consider hiring a medical billing professional to negotiate for you but be aware that these services can cost upward of \$100 an hour. You can find potential candidates through the Alliance of Professional Health Advocates (advconnection.com). Be sure to choose someone who is credentialed by the Patient Advocate Certification Board.

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



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

WILL THE COMING WEALTH TRANSFER BE A BLESSING OR A CURSE FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Whether it's called "The Great Wealth Transfer," "The Silver Tsunami," or some other catchy sounding name, it's a fact that a tremendous amount of wealth will pass from Baby Boomers to younger generations in the next few decades. In fact, it's said to be the largest transfer of intergenerational wealth in history. Because no one knows exactly how long aging Boomers will live or how much money they'll spend before they pass on, it's impossible to accurately predict just how much wealth will be transferred. However, studies suggest it's somewhere between \$30 and \$90 trillion. Yes, that's "trillion" with a "t."

A blessing or a curse?
While most are talking about the many benefits the wealth transfer might have for younger generations and the economy, fewer are talking about the potential negative ramifications. Yet there's plenty of evidence suggesting that many people, especially younger generations, are woefully unprepared to handle such an inheritance.

In fact, an Ohio State University study found that one third of people who received an inheritance had a negative savings within two years of getting the money. Another study by The Williams Group found that intergenerational wealth transfers often become a source of tension and conflict among family members, and 70% of such transfers fail by the time they reach the second generation. Regardless of whether you'll be the one passing on wealth or inheriting it, you must have a well-prepared estate plan in place to prevent the potentially disastrous losses and other negative outcomes such transfers can lead to. Without proper planning, the money and other assets passed on can easily become more of a curse than a blessing for you and your loved ones.

Proactive planning is the key
There are several proactive measures you can take to help reduce the risks posed by the coming wealth transfer. Beyond putting in place a comprehensive estate plan that's regularly updated, openly discussing your values and legacy with your loved ones can be a key way to ensure your estate planning strategies work exactly as you intend. Here's what we suggest:

1 - Create your own estate plan
If you haven't created your own estate plan yet—and far too many haven't—it's essential that you put a plan in place as soon as possible. It doesn't matter how young you are, how much wealth you have, or if you have any children yet—all adults over age 18 should have some basic estate planning vehicles in place. From there, be sure to regularly update your plan on a regular basis and immediately after major life events like marriage, births, deaths, inheritances, and divorce.

2 - Talk about wealth with your family early and often
Don't put off talking about wealth with your family until you are in retirement or nearing death. As soon

as possible, clearly communicate with your children, grandchildren, and other heirs what wealth means to you and how you'd like them to use the assets they inherit. Make such discussions a regular event, so you can address different aspects of wealth with your family as the younger generations grow and mature. With everyone gathered under one roof for the holiday season, right now is the ideal time to have this discussion. And when you do have the conversation with your loved ones, focus the discussion on the values you want to instill, rather than what and how much they can expect to inherit. Let them know what values are most important to you and try to mirror those values in your family life as much as possible. Whether it's saving money, charitable giving, or community service, having your loved ones see you live your most important values is often the best way to ensure they carry those values on once you are no longer around.

3 - Discuss your wealth's purpose
Outside of clearly communicating your values, you should also discuss the specific purpose you want your wealth to serve in your loved ones' lives. You worked hard to build your family wealth, so you've more than earned the right to stipulate how it gets used and managed when you're gone. While you can add specific terms and conditions for your wealth's future use in estate planning vehicles like Trusts, don't make your loved ones wait until you're dead to learn how you want their inheritance used. If you want your wealth to be used to fund your children's college education, provide the down payment on their first home, or invest for their retirement, tell them so. By discussing how you would like to see their inheritance used while you are still around, you can make certain your loved ones know why you made the estate planning decisions you did. And having these conversations now can greatly reduce future conflict and confusion among your family about what your true wishes really are when you are no longer able to explain your wishes.

A Trusted, Lifelong Guide for You and Your Family
No matter how much, or how little, wealth you plan to pass on—or stand to inherit—it's critical that you act now to make sure that wealth is secure and offers the maximum benefit to your family. Moreover, don't just talk about money. Be sure to include your personal history, stories, and values in the discussion as well. These intangible assets form the foundation of your family legacy, and they are often what we value most of all when it comes to our inheritance. Unfortunately, these are the assets most often overlooked in traditional estate planning.

To your health, wealth, and family legacy,

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SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

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SIERRA MADRE SENIOR CLUB Every Saturday from 11:30am-3:30 pm in the Hart Park House Senior Center. Join us as we celebrate birthdays, holidays and play BINGO. Must be 50+ to join. For more information call Mark at 626-355-3951.

DOMINOES TRAIN GAME 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11:00 am— 12:30 pm Hart Park House The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from their hand onto one or more trains, emanating from a central hub or "station". Call Lawren with questions that you may have.

TEA AND TALK SENIOR BOOK CLUB

WILL RETURN IN JANUARY 2023
Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk, which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!

CHAIR YOGA Every Monday and Wednesday, 10-10:45 am Please join us for some gentle stretching, yoga, balance exercise and overall relaxation with Paul. Classes are ongoing and held in the Memorial Park Covered Pavilion or the Hart Park House..

HULA AND POLYNESIAN DANCE Every Friday, 10-10:45 am Bring a lei, your flower skirt or just your desire to dance! Hula in the Park is back and waiting for you to join in on all the fun! Memorial Park Pavilion.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - Tuesday, Dec. 13 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Methodist Hospital will be holding a free to seniors clinic once a month in the Hart Park House. Walk in are welcome - no pre-registration required.



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT

Quite frankly, I do not believe in luck in any degree. Once in a while, I will say it, but I don't believe it. Luck has no place in my wallet.

Sometimes things happen that you can't plan for, which turns out to be rather good. Luck has nothing to do with it.

This past week my granddaughter went to the hospital on a Tuesday morning to have her first baby.

The day was busy for me. On the other side of town, I visited somebody in the hospital. I stopped at my bank to do a little bit of business. I also had to pick up some of-fice-supplies.

I stopped, don't let The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage know, and got a cup of coffee and a delicious Apple Fritter. So while munching on this forbidden fruit, I looked at my watch and saw that it was a little after 3 o'clock.

I thought I might have time to stop at the hospital and check on my granddaughter to see how she was doing.

I didn't have to think very long along this line, and as I pulled out of my Apple Fritter palace, I decided to go to the hospital on the other side of town.

The traffic was terrible at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and I almost decided to go home. But, "as luck would have it," I decided to continue to the hospital.

Arriving at the hospital, the parking lot was so full that it took me some time to find a parking space. Finally, I found a place and parked my vehicle and headed for the hospital.

I would never say this out loud, but sometimes these hospitals are almost like psych wards. At the front desk I introduced myself and asked where my granddaughter was. They told me the floor and room number.

I went to the elevator and saw a sign that said, "Do not enter if flashing." I'm not quite sure, but I can't remember the last time I did any flashing. So very cautiously, I got into the elevator. Thankfully, I was alone.

But how many 4th floors can a hospital have? I was to go to the fourth floor, and they gave me the room number. So I went there, and when I walked in, I almost dropped over. In the bed was a man who looked like he was 125 years old and had every physical problem in the book. So I gasped and then went back to the nurse's desk in panic.

I found out this hospital has two 4th floors, and, "as luck would have it," I was on the wrong 4th floor.

I had to go down the hallway, turn to my right, then turn to my left and I will find a door that would lead me to where I wanted to go.

I finally got up to the nurse's desk and asked where my granddaughter would be. Right behind me was a hallway, and her room was the seventh one on the left.

I knocked on the door in full preparation that I had the wrong room. I was invited in, and "as luck would have it," I was at the right place, and there was my granddaugh-ter.

The new father-to-be and his mother were there beside her. I joined them, and we had a very pleasant conversation. I thought I would be there for 10, maybe 15 minutes, and then I would leave and go home. It was around 4 o'clock, so I planned to go home for supper.

As the conversation developed, she was ready to have the baby anytime. "As luck would have it," I would be there and see our great-granddaughter before my wife would be there. She planned to be there on Wednesday when the baby was due.

The nurse came in, and we went out to the waiting room to wait for the good news.

I now know why they call it the "waiting room." All you can do in that room is wait, wait, wait. My waiting was weighing heavy upon my patience.

Over two hours later, we received notification that she had the baby and we could go in.

As we walked down the hall to the room, we were stopped, and it was the wrong ba-by. Therefore, we had to go back to the "waiting room" and wait some more.

Finally, we got another call, and it was the right one this time, and we went in and saw the new baby, my great-granddaughter. Of all the babies I've seen, this has to be one of the most beautiful.

We all had the privilege of holding this baby, and I was elated when it was my turn. I now could go home and rub this in The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's face. I got to hold our great-granddaughter before she did. I certainly will remember this for the rest of my life.

Wallowing in my delight about my new Great-granddaughter I could not help but think of what Solomon said in Proverbs 17:6, "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

Whenever I feel sorry for myself because I'm getting old, and getting old does have a negative side, there is the positive side. If I was not as old as I am, I would never have seen my Great-granddaughter.

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STUART TOLCHIN



This week I noticed that I have reached an age a bit beyond the average life expectancy of white American males born in the United States. American women have a life expectancy of about 5.7 years higher but still I'm doing pretty well. I'm slowing down a little but my wife is very considerate and fortunately for me, to meet her expectations I have to rise above only a low bar. Sometimes her low expectations of me cause me some problems. Today I awoke worrying about what present to give her for Christmas. Internally my mind made its usual excuses. Buying presents really amounts to spending money to purchase stuff for someone else that they probably don't need and generally don't want. If my wife wanted something she is perfectly able to buy it for herself in the way she buys presents for others including me. I know that her family loved to celebrate holidays by buying and receiving presents and for them, it is a joy not a burden.

My family, for reasons sort of unclear to me, never followed such a practice. Certainly foods and clothing and other necessities were purchased by my mother but this was all done outside of my presence. The only time I can remember going to a clothing store with my mother, (it was Robert Hall in North Hollywood), was to purchase a sports jacket prior to my Junior High School graduation. I remember getting nauseous in the store and fleeing. A brown Sports jacket came home with us and I wore it at the graduation. At that time I can recall worrying whether it was appropriate as other students compared the labels of their coats differentiating the quality of one coat from the other.

To this day I am generally unconcerned about the way I look and am annoyed when I am reminded how sloppy I appear because there are spots on my clothing or food spots on my face. Why does anyone else care---but they do. This brings me back to the question of presents. My long-suffering tolerant wife with her low expectations of me deserves a Christmas present. She always buys presents for the whole family and asks me to at least sign the cards which I grudgingly do. When we are thanked for the presents at later dates I rarely remember the gifts my wife picked out.

This is all humiliating! Soon I will be eighty or at least seventy-nine and if I am going to change "no time is like the present". That was one of my mother's favorite sentences. She was always doing things and buying

PUT THE LIGHTS ON A VERY FORTUNATE MAN

presents especially for her mother. Now that I think of it, she continued to buy presents, dresses, for her mother even after her mother passed away. I am beginning to understand. My mother took great pleasure in doing things for others and buying and giving presents. Boy, was she selfish. She wanted to keep all that pleasure of shopping and buying and giving for herself. All that she ever asked of me was that I not rip my pants. (I'm kidding, you know)

I fear that I have given you a completely wrong picture of who I am or who I take myself to be. Recently, I was talking with a friend who complained about her grandchild's reluctance to clean her room. She asked if I was any good at cleaning my room and I explained that growing up I never had a room or shared one with anyone else. I slept on the living room floor, never picked out or had much interest in my own clothes and certainly never prepared a meal or turned on the gas range or the oven. There was no microwave in those years. Let's not be too dramatic; I did frequently open the pantry doors looking for ready-made snacks but I was never very good (and still am not) at opening packages. I, furthermore admit, that I was never instructed as to the proper use of knives and forks and still am not very good at it.

Now I have really depressed myself and almost want to go look in the mirror, which I rarely do, to try and assure myself that I am a worthwhile person. Really I know I don't have to do that. I was a good son who had no domestic responsibilities but was expected to be up at 5:30 in the morning to assist my father in our truck with early morning deliveries and then after-school fill the orders with merchandise from the wholesaler that we had picked up earlier. My mother took the orders from customers over the phone during the day and we survived. As my father gradually lost his vision he and I tried to keep it secret from the rest of the family and I did a lot of the driving and transported him to the eye doctor. I loved my family and knew they loved me and we were always a unit that survived and worked together. I always considered myself fortunate especially in comparison to my father and his mother and siblings who had escaped from the Ukraine barely ahead of a murderous pogrom.

Yes I am a fortunate one who will summon up the courage to go shop for a Christmas present for my deserving wife but for the moment I have misplaced my credit card. Maybe the Christmas Holiday will be cancelled---no that would be unfortunate for everyone---even me.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS-----We are all the lucky ones!

RICH & FAMOUS POLITICALLY CORRECT SANTA



'Twas the night before Christmas and

Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically correct.
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves,"
Vertically challenged they were calling themselves.

And labor conditions at the north pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul
Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
We're replaced with 4 pigs and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolph was suing over unauthorized use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in overdue compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion
That making a choice could cause such commotion.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.

Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.
No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.

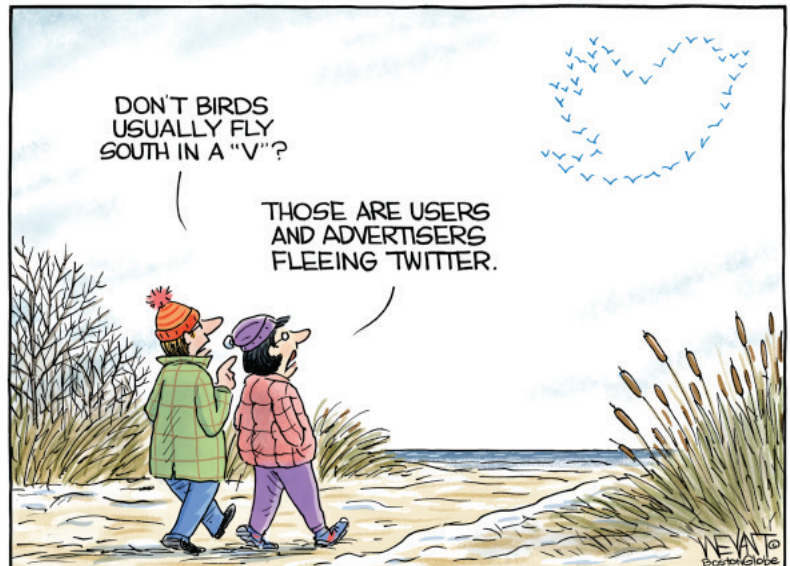
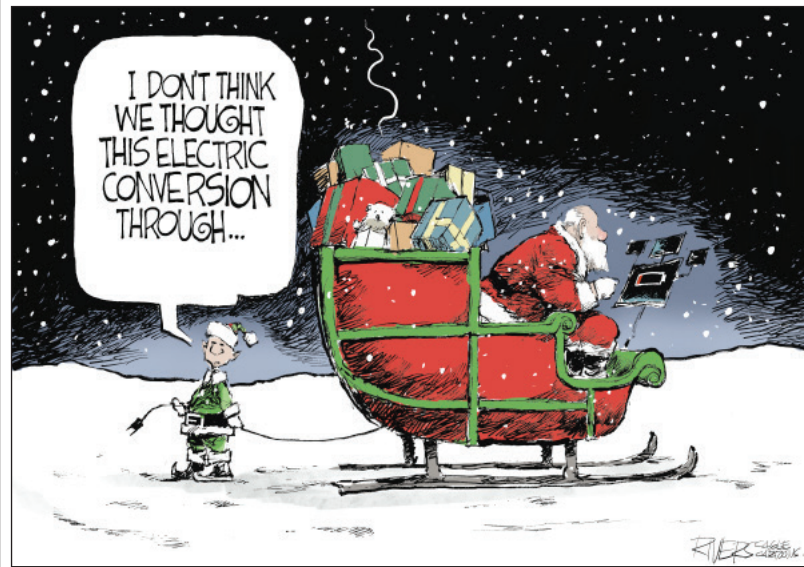
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
We're like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe';
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was there to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue, Everyone, everywhere...even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."
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DINAH CHONG WATKINS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND



THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Five wisterias
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the ninth day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
Nine cyclists racing
Eight Bucs a-drinking
Seven first responders
Six Beantown burgers
Five wisterias
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

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Six Beantown burgers
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And a black bear in a palm tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas my
trash bin lured to me
Eleven hikers hiking
Ten parrots squawking
Nine cyclists racing
Eight Bucs a-drinking
Seven first responders
Six Beantown burgers
Five wisterias
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Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas my
trash bin lured to me
Twelve church bells ringing
Eleven hikers hiking
Ten parrots squawking
Nine cyclists racing
Eight Bucs a-drinking
Seven first responders
Six Beantown burgers
Five wisterias
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

Dinah Chong Watkins column appears every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

A Christmas ode to the good folks of Sierra Madre and the Foothill communities

On the first day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
A black bear in a palm tree

On the second day of Christmas my
trash bin lured to me
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the third day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
Five wisterias
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
Six Beantown burgers
Five wisterias
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my
trash bin lured to me
Seven first responders
Six Beantown burgers
Five wisterias
Four Taylor's steaks
Three porch pirates
Two shabby dogs
And a black bear in a palm tree

On the eighth day of Christmas my trash
bin lured to me
Eight Bucs a-drinking
Seven first responders
Six Beantown burgers

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-249782

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANNIE'S FINISHING INC., 4371 E 49TH ST UNIT D, VERNON, CA 90058. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANNIE'S FINISHING INC., 4371 E 49TH ST UNIT D, VERNON, CA 90058. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: MUAZIZO DANNIA SR/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2017. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-250857

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ARBOL DE VIDA, 10933 MAIN ST UNIT D15, EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALFREDO ALONSO RAMIREZ, 10933 MAIN ST UNIT D15, EL MONTE, CA 91731. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ALFREDO ALONSO RAMIREZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-255289

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRISTOL MOTEL, 5541 N ATLANTIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HARLOM INVESTMENTS LTD, 5541 N ATLANTIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KUSUM PATEL/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2012. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-256093

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CASTLE MORTGAGE CO, 900 S FIGUEROA ST #1711, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANIEL CARRILLO, 900 S FIGUEROA ST #1711, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANIEL CARRILLO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-253664

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DEYANIRA CLEANING CO, 134 TAYLOR AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DEYANIRA JALAPA SANDOVAL, 134 S TAYLOR AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DEYANIRA JALAPA SANDOVAL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-258754

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ERIC MOBLEY REALTY, SUCCESS FINANCIAL SERVICES, SUCCESS FINANCIAL SERVICE, SUCCESS SERVICES, 3482 WESTMOUNT AVE, VIEW PARK, CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERIC WENDELL MOBLEY, 3482 WESTMOUNT AVE, VIEW PARK, CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERIC WENDELL MOBLEY/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2017. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-262496

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GEORGE HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 1682 1/2 CORDOVA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. Mailing address: 1125 SOUTH MARIPOSA AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DAEHAN CHOSUN UNIVERSITY, 1682 1/2 CORDOVA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: SANG WON PARK/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/05/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-247412

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMMACULATE HEART HIGH SCHOOL, IHHS, 423 WEST WINDSOR ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA 91204. Mailing address: P.O. BOX 39755, LOS ANGELES, CA 90039. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EUGENE M HARRINGTON JR, 423 WEST WINDSOR ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA 91204. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: EUGENE M HARRINGTON JR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/14/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/1906. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-264957

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J.A.C. PAINTING, 5331 MONROE ST APT #1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. Mailing address: 2602 E. LORENCE AVE # 687, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEYLA INC, 8712 METTLER AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: LEYLA O PERDOMO RODRIGUEZ/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-258092

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LEYLA'S FURNITURE, 8712 METTLER AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Mailing address: 2602 E. LORENCE AVE # 687, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEYLA INC, 8712 METTLER AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: LEYLA O PERDOMO RODRIGUEZ/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/29/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-247285

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOS ANGELES METAL WORK, 8424 SANTA MONICA BLVD A #786, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHRISTIAN J VALDES, 8424 SANTA MONICA BLVD A #786. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHRISTIAN J VALDES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/14/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-264959

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARIA'S HOUSEKEEPING, 231 W 90TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARIA DE JESUS REYES, 231 W 90TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MARIA DE JESUS REYES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-255320

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEREIRA RECYCLING CENTER, 3026 FRAZIER STREET, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUDIS LEONIDAS HERNANDEZ PEREIRA, 3026 FRAZIER STREET, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUDIS LEONIDAS HERNANDEZ PEREIRA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/23/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-248061

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPECTRA HISTORIC CONSTRUCTION, 2510 SUPPLY ST, POMONA, CA 91767. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SPECTRA COMPANY, 2510 SUPPLY ST, POMONA, CA 91767. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: RAY ADAMMY/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-254683

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOUTHSIDE TRANSPORT SERVICE, 5028 HEINTZ ST, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) EFIGELIO TAPIA LOPEZ, 5028 HEINTZ ST, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: EFIGELIO TAPIA LOPEZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/22/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-254631

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VELASCO'S TRUCKING LLC, 15718 DELOMBRE AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VELASCO'S TRUCKING LLC, 15718 DELOMBRE AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This Business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Signed: ANGEL VELASCO/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/22/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-256431

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YAYA JAN'S LOU THAI KITCHEN, 16302 FAIRGROVE AVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHANTHALA JAN PHOMMASAYS, 16302 FAIRGROVE AVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHANTHALA JAN PHOMMASAYS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-264955

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YENY'S CLEANING, 6044 10TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YENY ZAVALA SOLIS, 6044 10TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YENY ZAVALA SOLIS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/2022. 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)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FILE NO. 2022-251071

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) BLANCA ROSA CAMACHO, 18812 1/2 E LAXFORD RD, COVINA, CA 91722. ALFREDO ALONSO RAMIREZ, 10933 VALLEY MALL UNIT D15, EL MONTE, CA 91731, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: EL ARBOL DE LA VIDA PRODUCTOS NATURALES, 10933 VALLEY MALL UNIT D15, EL MONTE, CA 91731. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on

10/03/2022, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2022215441. The business was conducted by:

A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/17/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) BLANCA ROSA CAMACHO/GENERAL PARTNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022241907

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALI SPEEDY CLEANING COMPANY 10718 MINT CANYON RD, SANTA CLARITA, CA, 91390. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SUSANA GARCIA RAMIREZ PORCAYO 10718 MINT CANYON RD, SANTA CLARITA, CA, 91390. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/14/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2022. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: DEC 10, 17, 24, 31, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022226011

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 9901 PARAMOUNT BLVD, SUITE 105 DOWNEY, CA, 90240; ROSAS CLINIC SKIN 11159 ELM ST LYNNWOOD, CA, 90262. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AURA L. ESCOBAR

ORANTES 11159 ELM ST LYNNWOOD, CA, 90262.

This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: AURA L. ESCOBAR ORANTES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/18/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2022. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: DEC 03, 10, 17, 24, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022216365

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARIA BONITA EXPORT 3321 KEYSTONE AVE STE 08 LOS ANGELES, CA, 90034. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) NATALY GABRIELA BARRANCO CALDERON 3321 KEYSTONE AVE STE 08 LOS ANGELES, CA, 90034. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: NATALY GABRIELA BARRANCO CALDERON/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/04/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2022. 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) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: NOV 26, DEC 03, 10, 17, 2022



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Kids: color stuff in!

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Christmas is coming! Every day there is something to do to get ready for the holidays. I just finished making Christmas cards with photos on them for my family and friends. Right now I am hanging this wreath I made on the barn door.

Symbols of the holidays are all around us – candles show light and warmth, and bells joyously peal.

Holiday Symbols!

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword with symbols of Christmas!

- gift bringer
- heavenly messengers
- large burning chunk of wood
- town where Christ was born
- ring in Christmas with these
- kind of tree decorated at Christmas
- carried the Kings
- people kiss under this
- three of them brought gifts
- tree decorations
- lighted to show warmth and joy
- ring of greens
- marked the place in the sky
- birthday of Jesus Christ
- songs of the season
- written holiday greetings
- plant that brightens holidays

What Plant is This? Use these letters to spell the name. t a n o e

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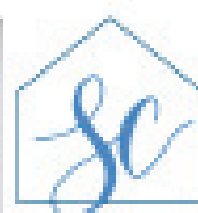
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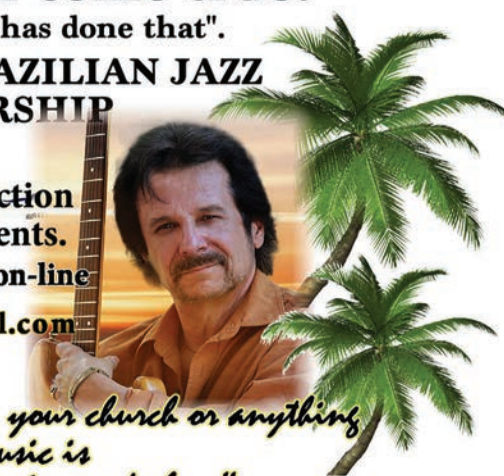
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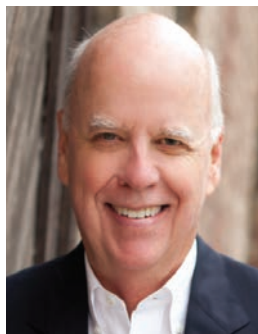


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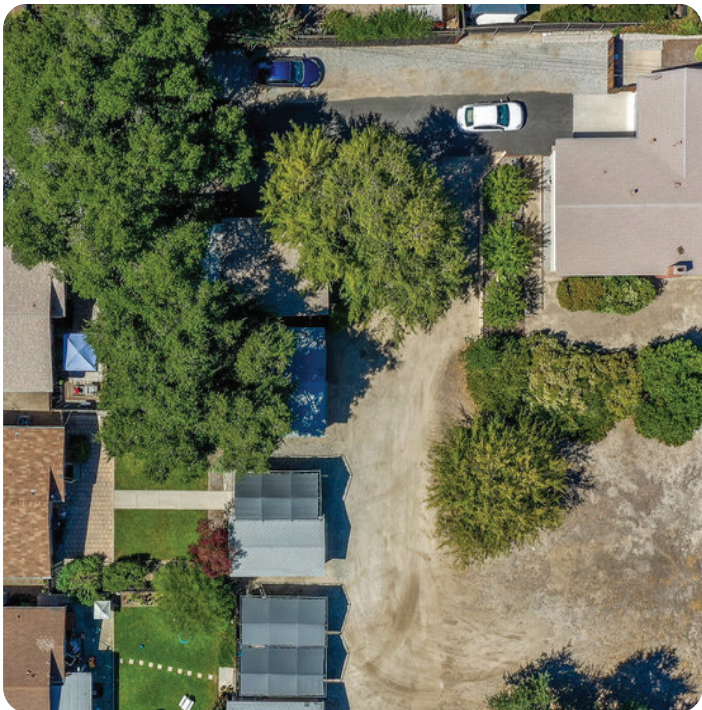


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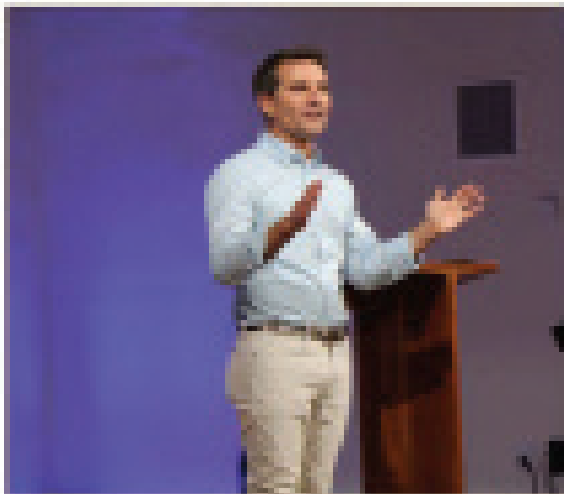
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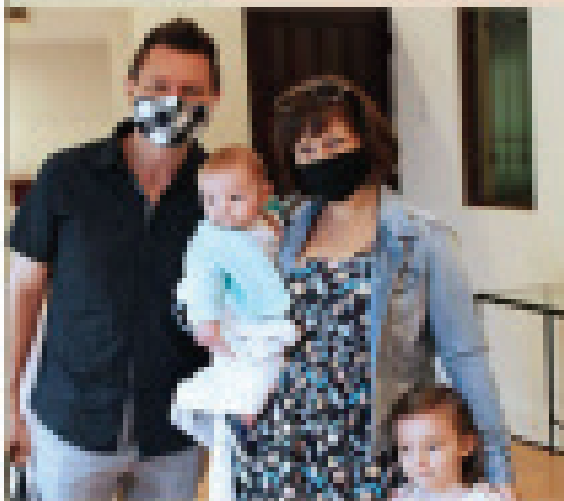
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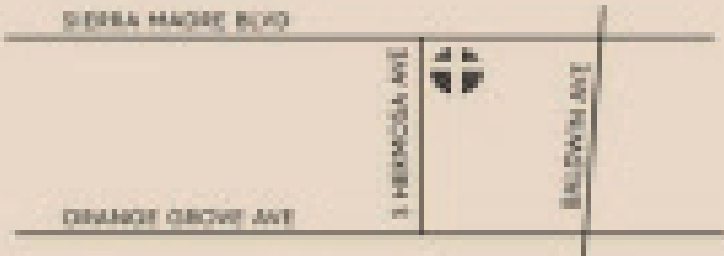
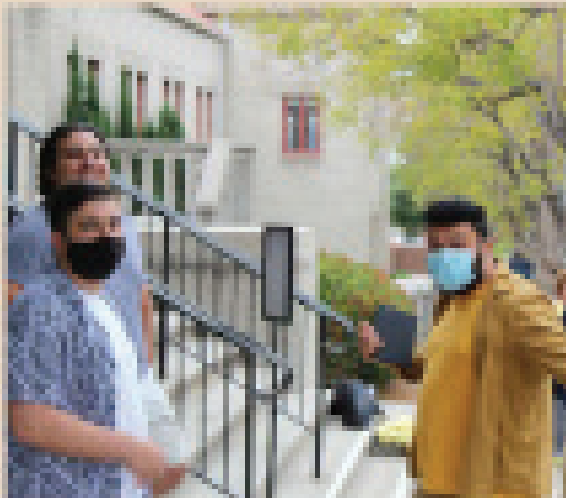


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