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Imagine Snow In Sierra Madre For Christmas!



Artist Sonny Salsbury created this painting depicting snow in Sierra Madre at Christmas. His caption, "Wouldn't It Be Nice?" reflects the sentiments of many a child and adult alike. Salsbury is also a Grammy nominated musician who was born in Pasadena. He is the brother of local businesswoman Judith Brandley, owner of Leonora Moss in Sierra Madre.

'The Spirit of The Season

THE CITY OF ANGELS
By Craig Haikola

"A true angel is always looking out for others and sharing the kindness of Heaven with earth."

The sidewalks of Chicago were dirty that day, just as they exist most every day of the summer. My father and I were strolling down a busy section of city, as we both stepped over an old tarnished penny. I suppose no one had given much thought about the penny, and certainly not enough to kneel down to insert a worthless copper piece into their pocket. I do not know why my father spoke. Maybe it was one of those personal thoughts he was asking himself out loud, maybe he wanted me to think about the value of money and that even a penny contained worth as it was earned by another person's work, or maybe it was a combination of many things. "I do not know if I would reach down to pick up a dime," he mysteriously spoke into the air. There was nothing more he added, and I noticed an expression of disappointment in his face. I did not argue with his thinking. The sidewalk was trampled by shoes, and a full sterilization would be required for any object one dared to touch.

The poignant pen of William Shakespeare famously wrote, "The eyes are the window to your soul." We habitually forget our conversations with people, but when we meet a unique pair of eyes, we seem to remember them. One of the most decorated covers of National Geographic is of a young nomadic girl with her deeply curious eyes. Without a single word, her powerful story is compellingly spoken.

I have always been interested in knowing where angels are physically found, for certainly, they are all around us. During the holiday season, it is part of the Christmas story. An angel visits Mary and Joseph, and as the shepherds are tending their flocks by night, down into their camp enter the angels, announcing the birth of Jesus. "The Good Book" is filled with stories of angels, and there are times when angels are described as walking amongst us, observing our deeds. That echoes true to me, for the one aspect foreign to an angel of Heaven would be an imperfect world such as ours. Since we, and the visiting angels to Earth, have an important partnership in the work of Heaven.

It is a fascinating idea to imagine that angels learn something from us, and in certain circumstances, are given the power to assist. There are many times I have been in need of help. I have often thought God stationed a personal angel over me to observe the assistance and protection I required. The day will arrive when we shall all know the physical characteristics of an angel, but until that eternal moment of time, I do believe it

is in the eyes.

I was both blessed and cursed to have a job where I could arrive in the early hours of the morning. Los Angeles is almost empty at 5:00 a.m., and one encounters a different face of the city at that time of the day. The automobile traffic is light, the sidewalks are vacant, and the hustle and bustle of society is still slumbering in bed. I was only a couple of blocks away from work as I exited the freeway. A gentle looking homeless man was off the curb, in the street. I could see an emptiness in his face, as though life and all of its joy and meaning were erased, and what remained were the great burdens carried alone without family or love. As I sat at the red light, I watched as he stared off into an invisible place and time that I could not fully see, where the hardships of life actively haunted him.

The place he was occupying in the street, the tattered clothes that hung from his shoulders, the unshaven face of stubble, compelled me to think of him in a certain way, but even amongst the darkness of that winter morning, with only a dim light above, I was overcome by the bright and inviting light that radiated out from his eyes. They made me to think of Heaven. So I wondered, just maybe, this is an angel. I could not keep my mind off him that day, and I am sure I was supposed to say something to him – even if it was just a kind word to let him know that the world cared. I did none of that, much like the old penny of the street, so tarnished and dirty. I just "stepped past" him and kept driving.

Many years later, upon a mouse-like quiet morning, I motored through Los Angeles in those early hours when the moon was still in sight. My office was in a different location now, so it altered my drive from freeway to the city streets. The windows of the donut shops and coffee houses had their usual suspects clinging to their cups of caffeine.

I was five minutes past Dodgers stadium as I turned in the direction of Santa Monica and the mid-city Los Angeles area where I worked. It was a pleasant and fairly straight ahead drive from here, and soon, I would be settling into my office chair. I had developed an odd habit of timing each of my trips going into work, and on some miraculous mornings, a vast succession of lights would flip to green as I traveled in some engineering feat that turned the city of stop-and-go into a journey down a country road. It was not uncommon, since the street I traveled on had two lanes on each side, to have another car glued to my door for several miles as we galloped through the city as one. So it was on this morning, block after block we went. I was out in front for a few yards, and then several blocks later,

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SIERRA MADRE CANDLELIGHT WALK

Photos by Dirk Bolle

On Sunday, the annual Sierra Madre holiday tradition returned - the candlelight walk from St. Rita Church to the Nativity Scene in Kersting Court.

Led by Monsignor Michael Bamberger, two youthful participants carried the Baby Jesus to the manger.

Hundreds made the trek down Baldwin Ave. The event has always attracted a multi-denominational, multi-cultural audience and displays the very best of Sierra Madre where all differences are set aside to celebrate the holidays.



SIERRA MADRE BEST DECORATED HOMES....PG. 2



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**CITY OF ANGELS (continued from page 1)**

the other car took a small lead. Our industrial horse race sped past the houses, lights and buildings of the city. There was one section at the end of this drive that I feared. It is a poorly lit section of homes and the cross traffic would be traveling between 35-60 MPH, depending upon the driver. One morning, I arrived to see the hedges were destroyed, fully knowing what had happened. Massive rocks were placed around that house on that corner a few weeks later and about a year after, as I passed this intersection, a fresh accident, with two cars resting against the boulders. I told myself, if I should die in my car, it would be in this place on some quiet morning.

I was also very intrigued by this place because I felt a great sense of pain or pleasure depending on the color of the light. This particular morning, I arrived at the top of a small hill where the road gracefully bent and straightened before me. I was not far from work now -- it was the home stretch. A quarter mile into the distance, the intersection's light towered over the trees of the sidewalk. If it was already green, with the length of road I had to travel, I could not legally make the light. If the light was changing from red to green, however, I could catch the light with a second to spare.

On the mornings I made the light, I had a feeling of euphoric victory, having beat "my opponent." On this morning, I was in luck, as the light was just changing from red to green -- "perfect," I thought, I would definitely catch it. The other driver, still beside me, knew this as well, as he slightly darted a bumper ahead of me to make sure he would also catch the light. Then, in a flash, a person suddenly appeared in my

lane. I hit the brakes and stopped. There was still 15 seconds left to catch the light, but I would now miss it.

The homeless person bent down in the street in the full brightness of my headlights, and as he rose to his feet, he lifted up his hand to his face, and there, between his index finger and thumb, as one might hold a precious diamond, I could clearly see a shiny new dime. He looked into my window with those eyes of an angel, and then he stepped out of my way and onto the sidewalk. The next thing I heard in the distance was a tremendous crash, and as I looked down the street, I could see two cars beside the boulders. With the signaling light still showing green in our direction, it should have been three cars, had it not been for a precious dime.

If we allow our eyes to see and our hearts to feel, we shall discover a great many things of Heaven and earth. Even in the darkest places of this city where others fear to travel, there are heroic people who are committed to kindness, and carry the healing words of hope to those who have none. The old tarnished pennies of Los Angeles are being picked up and polished, and with great effort, they are being restored. The saviors of the Los Angeles are performing their miracles every day of the year, since the homeless have never take a holiday off. The people of the streets are being brought back to life, and the joyous reunion is shared with family and friends.

This city loves to celebrate its victories. We immortalize our heroes with statues or the retirement of their numbers, but we all know that some victories are harder to achieve than others, and those victories reign as the most eloquent and meaningful of all. To honor some of the noblest of this city,

we might humble ourselves and take a knee to offer thanks. Maybe the use of our time is that which is required to make the world a better place. Maybe this is the day we will support the heroes of this city with our money.

As we consider the real meaning of Christmas and the story of the world's greatest gift, let us count our blessings. Let us open our eyes and our hearts to the knowledge that it is an expensive endeavor to feed and shelter thousands of hungry people every day. It takes many dimes and dollars to care for the less fortunate of our city.

The power to change this world and to leave it a better place is in our hands and in our hearts. There are many fantastic organizations in the Los Angeles area that are worthy of your time, talent and money. One of the special ones, the Union Rescue Mission -- www.urm.org -- is an organization that has been making miracles happen in Los Angeles for more than 100 years. Some of the people on the streets tonight were once in the military, fire or police department, sworn with a solemn oath to protect its citizens. It has now become our duty to protect them. We love to identify this glorious place where we live as the City of Angels.

A true angel is always looking out for others and sharing the kindness of Heaven with earth.

May your Christmas and Holidays be filled with joy!

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RICHARD (DICK) JOHNSON October 25, 1931 – November 13, 2022

Richard Leroy Johnson, affectionately known as Dick Johnson, passed away November 13th, 2022 of Natural Causes. He was 91. He was preceded in death by his lovely wife Elva Johnson who passed in March of 2021. Dick had been a resident of Sierra Madre CA since moving his family there in 1964. He was currently a resident of the British Home in Sierra Madre.

Dick was born in Los Angeles CA on October 25th, 1931 to Mernie and Edna Johnson. He grew up in San Gabriel CA with his older sister Shirley and attended Alhambra High School. Dick had many memories of growing up in the San Gabriel Valley. One of them was during World War II, General Patton spoke at his Middle School to encourage children to buy war bonds. He grew up during the Depression, and he loved making his own toys. When he was old enough to drive, he saved his own money and bought a car. He loved working on cars and was known for making them lower and faster. At one time he was a regular at the Santa Ana Drag Strip now known as John Wayne Airport.

After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, Dick went to school at San Diego State University to become an aerospace engineer. He worked full time while attending school in San Diego.

He married Elva Pickett of Sierra Madre August 7th, 1955. She was the love of his life and they were married 66 years at the time of her death. He worked at Convair in San Diego and he and Elva started their family there. In 1964, he got a job offer from Garret Air Research in Torrance CA so they moved to Sierra Madre CA on Montecito Ave where they lived until they moved to the British Home in 2014.

While working at Garret, he worked on many of the Apollo Rockets and also the Space Lab Station. In addition, he worked on many military projects to make aviation safer for military personnel.

Dick was very involved in the community of Sierra Madre. He was Chairman of the Art Fair, President of the Historical Preservation Society, and a Library Board Trustee. In addition, he volunteered for the AYSO Region 2, coached Little League and Pony League teams and served on the Board of Trustees for the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church. Dick was named Sierra Madre's Older Person of the Year in 2014. He loved Sierra Madre! He donated to many different charities but his favorite was to help Veterans.

One of his true passions was working on the Montecito home that was designated a Historical Landmark. It was built in 1881 and was a Victorian 3 story home. It was built entirely of wood and required lots of love and care. Dick and Elva took much pride in keeping the home restored the entire time while residing there.

Dick is survived by his 5 children, Cristii Johnson Cox (Dave Cox), Kari Johnson Janzen (Tom Janzen), Heidi Johnson McAteer (Mike McAteer), Rick Johnson (Dianna Johnson), Jason Johnson, and 11 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren with one on the way. Dick and Elva raised their five children in Sierra Madre CA. Dick was very involved in his children's lives. He coached their baseball and soccer teams and always had time to play catch or help work on school projects. He was known in the neighborhood as the guy that fixed cars, motorcycles and bicycles. He loved working in his garage, making sculptures and painting art.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

About Sierra Madre's new Mayor, Ed Garcia

I showed support for Mr. Garcia during his campaign for Mayor by putting a few of his signs in our front yard to help people get out and vote. I was happy to endorse him, even though I am too young to vote.

I have known Mr. Garcia for a few years. He is always present at city events and games (softball, baseball, etc), and is always very welcoming to young people in the City.

I think that Mr. Garcia is a very kind person and is always happy to see people in the community. As Mayor, he is talking to all of us about his priorities, and stands up for our City. He will serve our city well, and make sure that all the decisions he makes are factoring in the voices of our community members, even young citizens like me.

Thank you for your time.

JBCooper
Pasadena Scout Troop 21



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"A Christmas Eve Blessing...May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through."

"Bless us Lord this Christmas with quietness of mind."

Teach us to be patient and always to be kind."
Helen Steiner Rice

Today is Christmas Eve and tomorrow is Christmas. Many folks are still shopping and face a pile of presents to wrap tonight. Some procrastinators have put off putting together bicycles, wagons, or dollhouses and will be up late tonight but it will all be worth it tomorrow when shining faces see the thing they wanted most.

I thought a lot about what the last Christmas picture should be and decided on this one, Jesus, the Reason for the Season.



The world hasn't gotten a lot better this past year with various versions of Covid still hanging over our heads and the stock market dropping like a rock. But I've noticed that people seem to be kinder and friendlier. More doors are held open, more humorous comments are exchanged on the grocery lines and more folks seem to be smiling at each other for no reason at all. Of course, I have a tendency to look at the world through rose-colored glasses so this could just be selective viewing. This piece of wisdom came my way recently and I thought I'd pass it along: "When in doubt, seal your lips and see what happens. Some silences will communicate far beyond words. Some silences will communicate nothing, which might turn out to be precisely what the topic warrants." There are comments, occasionally, that come our way that leave us speechless, which is probably a good thing!

One of John's favorite pieces of Christmas music was Stan Rogers version of "Christmas in The Trenches" by John McDermott. This touching true story of the 1914 Christmas truce made us both cry every year when he played it on his Christmas radio program on KPFK-FM.

CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES

Oh my name is Francis Tolliver, I come from Liverpool
Two years ago the war was waiting for me after school
From Belgium and to Flanders, Germany to here
I fought for King and country I love dear

Twas Christmas in the trenches and the frost so bitter hung
The frozen fields of France where still no Christmas songs were sung
Our families back in England were toasting us that day
Their brave and glorious lads so far away

I was lying with my mess mates on the cold and rocky ground
When across the lines of battle came a most peculiar sound
Says I now listen up me boys, each soldier strained to hear
As one young German voice sang out so clear

He's singing bloody well you know, my partner says to me
Soon one by one each German voice joined in in harmony
The cannons rested silent and the gas cloud rolled no more
As Christmas brought us respite from the war

As soon as they were finished and a reverent pause was spent
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen struck up some lads from Kent
The next thing sang was Stille Nacht tis 'Silent Night' says I
And in two tongues one song filled up that sky

There's someone coming towards us now the front line sentry said
All sights were fixed on one lone figure trudging from their side
His truce flag like a Christmas Star shone on the plane so bright
As he bravely trudged unarmed into the night

Then one by one on either side, walked in to No Mans Land
With neither gun nor bayonet, we met there hand to hand
We shared some secret brandy and we wished each other well
And in a flare lit football game we gave them hell

We traded chocolates, cigarettes and photographs from home
These sons and father far away from families of their own
Ton Sanders played the squeeze box and they had a violin
This curious and unlikely band of men

Soon daylight stole upon us and France was France once more
With sad farewells we each began to settle back to war
But the question haunted every heart that lived that wondrous night
Whose family have I fixed within my sights

Twas Christmas in the trenches and the frost so bitter hung
The frozen fields of France were warmed, the songs of peace were sung
For the walls they'd kept between us to exact the work of war
Had been crumbled and were gone forever more

Oh my name is Francis Tolliver, from Liverpool I dwell
Each Christmas comes since World War I have learned its lesson well
For the one who calls the shots won't be among the dead and lame
And on each end of the rifle we're the same.

God bless you all, dear Walking Sierra Madre readers, and may this Christmas be the best one ever. Rejoice! Unto us a Savior is born!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Christmas is about over but if you've missed someone, my books:
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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.



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WINTER HOLIDAY PERIOD-2022

- Due to the upcoming holiday, the Sierra Madre Police Department will be placing an exemption on the requirement of overnight parking permits. All other parking rules and regulations still apply, and will be enforced.
- Starting Friday, December 23, 2022 until Tuesday, January 3, 2023, vehicles parked on the public roadway in the city of Sierra Madre will be exempt from the requirement of an overnight parking permit
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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2023 5:30pm

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

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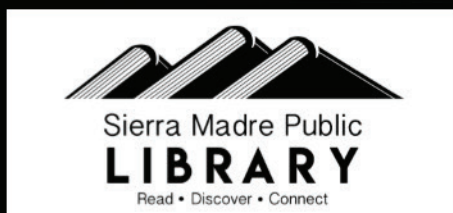
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Christmas & New Year's Closures & Reminders



Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and most City services will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2. Specific closures, exceptions and reminders are noted below.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 should call Pasadena's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will also be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2. You can contact the CSC via the web or mobile app, or by calling (626) 744-7311. Requests submitted over the weekends will be monitored. City trash collection will occur as normal during Christmas week. There will be a one-day delay of trash collection during New Year's week.

Residents can drop off their Christmas trees Monday, Dec. 26, through Tuesday, Jan. 3, for recycling at Eaton Blanche Park (3100 E. Del Mar Blvd.) or Robinson Park (1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please remove all stands, ornaments and lights prior to drop-off. Curbside Christmas tree pickup will take place Jan. 3 through Jan. 13 on residents' regular pickup day.

Pasadena Transit and Pasadena Dial-A-Ride will not operate on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, Jan. 1. On Monday, Jan. 2, Pasadena Transit will go into service around 1 p.m., after Rose Parade impacts have cleared. Please check PasadenaTransit.net for more information.

All Pasadena Public Library branch sites will close today at 5 p.m. and will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 27. Library branches will again close Saturday, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m., and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The City's Permit Center will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

All parks will be open for picnics, fun and play; however, no site reservations are being accepted for the holidays.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. Always call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies. For non-emergencies, call (626) 744-4241. If you "See Something, Say Something," Report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

Follow public health guidance to ensure the safest holiday possible, including wearing a mask in workplaces, public indoor setting, public transit and transportation hubs, staying home when sick, and being up to date with COVID-19 vaccine and boosters.



Huntington Gets Visit from the North Pole

Pasadena Police Air Operations and Huntington Health had a special mission this year teaming up last week to handout toys to the hospital's pediatrics department as part of "Operation Polar Wind."

"We are so grateful for the generosity of all who donated toys to our pediatrics department as part of Operation Polar Wind," Huntington officials said. "And a special thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for delivering holiday joy to our tiniest patients and their families. Their smiles truly brightened our spirits."

On December 14, Santa along with interim Pasadena Police

Chief Jason Clawson landed on the hospital's rooftop in one of the police department's helicopters meeting Mrs. Claus, and an infant patient, wrapped in a blanket, from the pediatrics ward.

Now in its 18th year, officers as part of Operation Polar Wind, also handed out toys to families in the city through Peace Over Violence.

Huntington officials also said that The donation of toys they received was so large, that they will give them to pediatric patients throughout the entire coming year.

The annual visit was funded through contributions from

department employees and officer associations participating in the FAST program throughout the San Gabriel Valley, including: Alhambra, Arcadia, Covina, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Marino, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena, according to Clawson.

Photo courtesy of Huntington Health

South Pas Police Looking for Assault Suspect

South Pasadena police, as of Friday, were still looking for a driver, possibly a member of Elon Musk's security team, involved in an altercation that ended with a 29-year-old male from Connecticut getting hit by the suspect's vehicle.

According to South Pasadena police, on Tuesday, December 13, at 9:51 p.m. officers responded to the 700 block of Mission Street for a report of an assault with a deadly weapon involving a vehicle. An officer arrived on the scene within minutes and located the victim.

The unidentified victim indicated he had just exited the northbound 110 freeway and stopped to use his telephone in a parking lot in the 700 block of Mission Street. While parked, the victim stated another vehicle pulled directly in front of him, blocking his path. The driver of the vehicle exited and approached the victim, accusing him of following him on the freeway. It appears that each party captured video during the dispute.

As the suspect was leaving the parking lot, he struck the victim with his vehicle. When the officer arrived on scene, the suspect had already left the area. At no time during the incident did the victim identify the suspect or indicate the altercation was anything more than coincidental.

On Thursday, December 15, South Pasadena Police learned the suspect involved in this case is believed to be a member of Elon Musk's security team. Detectives do not believe Musk was present during the confrontation.

Detectives are reviewing evidence and video footage of the incident. Efforts to contact Mr. Musk and his security team for statements are underway. Anyone with additional information about this incident is urged to contact Detective Catalina Valdez at 626-403-7284.

Pasadena One City, One Story Selections Announced

Pasadena Public Library announced Wednesday their two book selections for Pasadena's 2023 One City, One Story community reading celebration. Sparks Like Stars by author Nadia Hashimi is the 2023 One City, One Story selection and L.A. Weather by author María Amparo Escandón is the 2023 One City, One Story Summer Edition selection.

Now in its 21st year, One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature and to promote tolerance and understanding of differing points of view by recommending a compelling book that engages the community in conversation. Sparks Like Stars by Nadia Hashimi

An Afghan American woman returns to Kabul to learn the truth about her family and the tragedy that destroyed their lives in this brilliant and compelling novel.

Kabul, 1978: The daughter of a prominent family, Sitarā Zamani lives a privileged life in Afghanistan's thriving cosmopolitan capital. The 1970s are a time of remarkable promise under the leadership of people like Sardar Daoud, Afghanistan's progressive president, and Sitarā's beloved father, his right-hand man. But the 10-year-old Sitarā's world is shattered when communists stage a coup, assassinating the president and Sitarā's entire family. Only she survives.

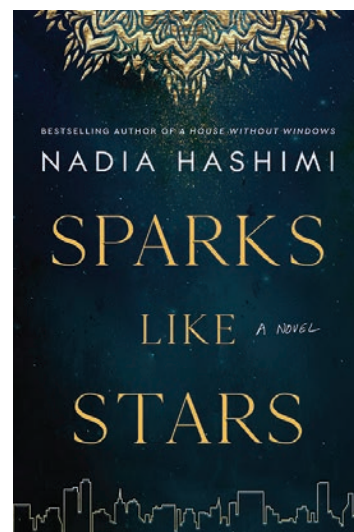
Novelist Nadia Hashimi is a pediatrician turned internationally bestselling author with translations in 17 languages. Her novels for adults and children are inspired by the people, culture and history of Afghanistan but take on the global themes of displacement, conflict, patriarchy and colonialism. She is a member of the US Afghan Women's Council, Afghan American Foundation and Welcome. US, and serves on the boards of non-profit organizations. Originally from New York, she lives with her husband, four spirited children, and one exceptionally hungry dog in Potomac, Maryland.

Her novel is available in print, large type, eBook, eAudio and CD audiobook formats to checkout at Pasadena Public Library and for purchase at local bookstores.

One City, One Story community programs will be held throughout March, with an in-person conversation with the author held Friday, March 24, 2023, at 7 p.m., at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena.

The One City, One Story Summer Edition, L.A. Weather by María Amparo Escandón.

Storm clouds are on the horizon in L.A. Weather, a fun, fast-paced novel of a Mexican-American family.



L.A. is parched, dry as a bone, and all Oscar, the weather-obsessed patriarch of the Alvarado family, desperately wants is a little rain. He is harboring a costly secret that distracts him from everything else. His wife, Keila, desperate for a life with a little more intimacy and a little less Weather Channel, feels she has no choice but to end their marriage. Their three daughters - Claudia, a television chef with a hard-hearted attitude; Olivia, a successful architect who suffers from gentrification guilt; and Patricia, a social media wizard who has an uncanny knack for connecting with audiences but not with her lovers - are blindsided and left questioning everything they know. Each will have to take a critical look at her own relationships and make some tough decisions along the way.

María Amparo Escandón is a Mexican born, U.S. resident, best-selling bilingual novelist, short story writer, screenwriter and film producer. Her award-winning work is known for addressing bicultural themes that deal with the immigration experience of Mexicans crossing over to the United States. Her stories concentrate on family relationships, loss, forgiveness, faith and self-discovery. A linguist with a sharp ear for dialogue, Escandón explores the dynamics of language in border sub-cultures and the evolution of Spanglish. Her innovative style of multiple voice narrations and her cleverly humorous, quirky, and compassionate stories with a feminine angle capture the magical reality of everyday life and place her among the top Latin American female writers. Her work has been translated into over 21 languages and is currently read in more than 85 countries.

Copies of her books are available for checkout from the library in print (both in English and Spanish), large type, eBook, eAudio and CD audiobook formats and for purchase at local bookstores.

For more information on One City, One Story visit: cityofpasadena.libguides.com/onecityonestory.

Reward Increase For Unsolved Ernesto Jimenez' 2020 Murder

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced Tuesday an increased reward of \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the murder of 27-year-old Ernesto Jimenez (pictured) in Pasadena.

Affectionately known as "Big Ernesto" throughout the community, Jimenez was shot while walking to Villa Park on November 13, 2020. He often played music at the park and was known for his caring nature. He was not a gang member and had no gang affiliations.

"It's been more than two years since Ernesto's life violently ended while he was walking to his neighborhood park," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "I'm hopeful that this reward increase will encourage anyone with information to come forward. Every bit of information helps. Ernesto's family and the community at large deserve answers, justice, and closure."

"We are not going to let a



coward violate the safety and security of our city," Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo said. "We owe it to the family to find the person(s) responsible. I thank Supervisor Barger for never forgetting our local families who deserve closure."

Anyone with information about this case can anonymously contact the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1(800) 222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at lacrimestoppers.org. Tips can also be reported to the Pasadena Police Department by dialing (626) 744-4081 and speaking with Detective Jordan Ling.

Pasadena Rotary Accepting Grant Applications for 2023

The Rotary Club of Pasadena Foundation is accepting applications for 2023 grants from nonprofit organizations that serve Pasadena-area residents.

Each grant, which will range from \$2,000 to \$6,000, will be awarded for programs and services that enrich the lives of older adults, such as those that address food insecurity, encourage exercise, offer food planning and preparation, educate about health practices and provide direct services such as flu shots, oral examinations, physical examinations, blood pressure checks and hearing tests.

For a printable 2023 grant application, official guidelines and other information about

the application process, visit: pasadenarotary.com/community-grants.

The application and all attachments must be converted to PDF files and emailed to pasadenarotarygrants23@gmail.com no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Late submissions will not be considered.

With the motto Service Above Self, Rotary Club of Pasadena is an association of business and community leaders. In Pasadena and worldwide, members and volunteers build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations. For more information visit: pasadenarotary.com

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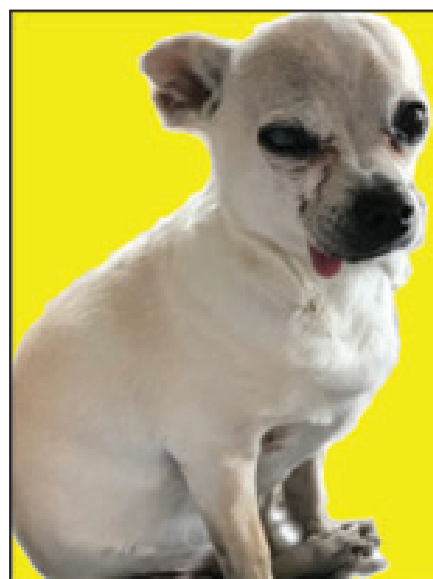
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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

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 the Police Department at (626) 300-0720.

Facility Closures

City Hall is closed December 23-26 and the Crowell Public Library is closed December 24-25.

Stay Alert & Vigilant

The San Marino Police Department is urging you to stay vigilant and protect yourselves from criminal activity. Two individuals have been arrested for burglary in the past month due to unlocked front doors. Lock the doors to your homes and vehicles, hide valuables, and if you see suspicious activity, report it to the Police Department immediately by calling (626) 300-0720.

Holiday Tree Curbside Collection

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.

Pasadena Senior Center Winter Courses for Free

Nobody is too old to learn something new. Enjoyment and fulfillment should extend throughout every person's life to ensure healthy aging. In fact, having new experiences and learning new things can reduce stress, improve brain function and create new opportunities for social interaction.

The Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., offers dozens of winter classes for members ranging from dance, exercise/fitness, hobbies/special interests and technology.

Known as Class Tasting, samplings of 13 of the 32 courses will take place Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Some samplings will be onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center and others will be online via Zoom. Everyone who registers for sample classes via Zoom will receive an email link to the Class Tasting.

As the Jan. 6 registration deadline approaches for the full courses, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center can sample the most popular offerings for free by attending 30-minute mini-class sessions, meeting the instructors and learning more about the courses.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

10 a.m. – Strength Training via Zoom

10 a.m. – Beginner/Intermediate Tap Dancing in the Dance Studio

10:30 a.m. – Intermedia/Advanced French in the Community Room

12 p.m. – The Art and Joy of Sewing in the Cliff Benedict Room

12:30 p.m. – Zumba Gold in the East Pavilion

Wednesday, Jan. 4

9 a.m. – Yoga in the East Pavilion

9:30 a.m. – Beginner French in the Community Room

10:30 a.m. – Intermediate/Advanced French in the Community Room

11 a.m. – Qigong and Tai Chi in the East Pavilion

12 p.m. – BollyX in the East Pavilion

1 p.m. – Ballroom Dancing in the Dance Studio

1:30 p.m. – Ballroom Line Dancing in the Dance Studio

1:30 p.m. – “Let Us Play” Improv in the Cliff Benedict Room

How to Register

To register for Class Tastings, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org and click on Lectures & Classes, then Class Tasting, then Register Online or call 626-795-4331.

The regular winter course schedule will be offered beginning Jan. 9 and will continue through mid-March. Most classes are once a week and some are twice a week. After sampling classes for free Jan. 3 and 4, register for courses at: pasadenaseniorecenter.org (click on Classes and Lectures, then Classes) or pick up a registration form at the center's Welcome Desk. The registration deadline is Jan. 6.

While Class Tastings/Sample Classes are available to members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center, Jan. 9 to mid-March courses are available to members only.

Most courses range from \$45 to \$65. Scholarships for low-income members are available on a limited basis. Ask for scholarship information and applications at the Welcome Desk.

For more information, visit the website or call (626) 795-4331.



NOON YEAR CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

COST: \$2.75

TIME: 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

LOCATION: South Pasadena Senior Center

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Residents & Members Reservations open on Tuesday, December 6, 2022

General Reservations open on Thursday, December 8, 2022

TO MAKE A RESERVATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE SENIOR CENTER AT (626) 403-7360

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Tanya Tucker To Close Out Rose Parade as a Part Of The Grand Finale



The Pasadena Tournament of Roses joins The Mansion Entertainment Group in announcing Wednesday the highly anticipated Grand Finale of the 134th Rose Parade presented by Honda on Monday, January 2, 2023. As the two-hour mark approaches and the final float begins its trip down Colorado Blvd., two-time GRAMMY winner Tanya Tucker will delight audiences with a performance of her current single, “Ready as I’ll Never Be.”

In true Tanya style, she’ll be arriving at The Mansion Entertainment Group float on a Black Friesian horse! She will then be joined by Pasadena’s First AME Praise Team choir for the performance of the song, which was produced by Shooter Jennings. Featured on her forthcoming album and in her new documentary film “The Return of Tanya Tucker – Featuring Brandi Carlile,” the song has garnered Oscar buzz for the 2023 Academy Awards. Following this unforgettable performance, Tucker will ride down the 5.5-mile parade route.

A defining voice of music for more than 50 years and a modern-day legend, Tanya continues to inspire artists today. Tanya had her first country hit, the classic “Delta Dawn,” at the age of 13 in 1972. Since that auspicious beginning, she has become one of the most admired and influential artists in music history, amassing 23 Top 40 albums and a stellar string of 56 Top 40 singles, 10 of which reached the No. 1 spot on the Billboard country charts. In December 2022, Tanya made her acting debut in a lead role in Paramount’s “A Nashville Country Christmas,” starring alongside Academy Award® winner Keith Carradine. In 2023, Tanya will release a new

album with all-new music co-produced by Brandi Carlile and Shooter Jennings.

The Grand Finale is presented by The Mansion Entertainment Group, which encompasses a well-defined brand of global entertainment production entities including the internationally award-winning Mansion Animation, Mansion Sound, Mansion Film & Television and Mansion Studios. As the presenting sponsor of the Grand Finale, their historic family entertainment venue, The Mansion Theatre For The Performing Arts in Branson, Missouri, will be showcased on an unforgettable floral float. From the soaring circular ceiling and magnificent regal staircase in the grand lobby to the three iconic horses welcoming you to the venue. The theatre is celebrating its 30th iconic anniversary in 2023.

With its theme, “Turning the Corner,” the 2023 Rose Parade celebrates turning a corner. Whether that corner is actual—like the one at the famous turn, signaling the parade’s start, or figurative like the unlimited potential that each new year brings—we all enjoy the opportunity of a fresh start. Turning a corner means rising above – alone, or with family, friends and community, – it means realizing dreams and pursuing possibility. This year, as we turn the corner together, we share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring.

For millions of viewers around the world, the Rose Parade is an iconic tradition at the beginning of the new year. Join us on Monday, January 2, 2023, to experience the floats, bands and equestrians as they parade down Colorado Blvd.

For more information, visit: tournamentofroses.com.

Library Recruits Volunteers for Teen Advisory Board

The South Pasadena Public Library is currently recruiting for the Spring

2023 Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB is a small group of teens, grades 8-12, dedicated to helping and improving the Library. TAB members will be required to attend our three regular meetings throughout the semester as well as volunteer at least one afternoon a month at the Library. The ways TAB members contribute include assisting with projects such as craft activity preparation at the library, helping staff at Library events, re-stocking the Little Free Library, and writing book reviews. The Spring 2023 TAB will have their first in-person meeting at the Library on January 18 at 4:30 p.m. and then meet again as a board on March 1 and April 19. TAB members will earn community service hours for each meeting they attend and for time spent assisting with programs or helping out the Library.

Teens must complete a Library Teen Volunteer web form to apply. New volunteers to the library must also complete a City Volunteer Application, which must be signed by a parent or guardian. The City Volunteer Application may be dropped off or emailed to TAB Librarian Anne Armacost at aarmacost@southpasadenaca.gov. For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov/TAB. The Spring Teen Advisory Board will consist of 20 members and positions are filled on a first come basis. Questions? Contact Anne Armacost at aarmacost@southpasadenaca.gov or call (626) 403-7358.

Holiday 'Shop With A Cop'

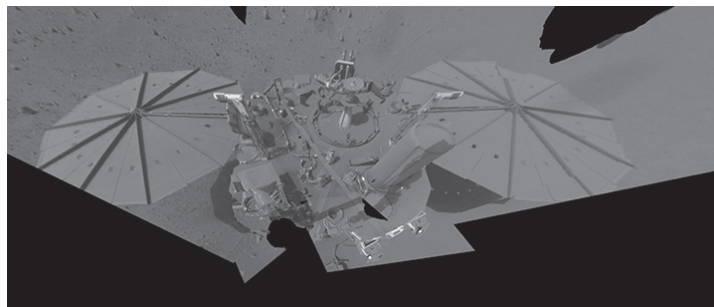


The Police Department’s Community Relations Section held a Holiday “Shop With A Cop” event, in partnership with Target and the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena, on Thursday, December 15 in which 19 children were joined by volunteers from the Police Department who took them shopping for holiday gifts and toys. It was a fun, worthy event. They got to bond with the officers they were with and experience a positive interaction with the police that they can take back and relate to their friends and families.

The Officers who participated were regaled with poignant

personal stories about some of the children’s backgrounds, family and life circumstances. Special thanks to all who took part: Deputy Chief Art Chute, Commander Bill Grisafe, Lieutenants Sean Dawkins, Monica Cuellar, Rudy Lemos, and Tim Bundy, Sergeant Rich Padilla, Corporals David Llanes and Cristian Allen, Officers Brian Petrella, Jarvis Shelby, Erick Urqueta, Charles Tucker, Jared Bledsoe, Taisyn Crutchfield, Kyle Hazen, Michael Patarino, and Hailey Saurenman, and Pasadena Police Department Volunteer Jason Helscher, for bringing out the Mobile Command Post.

NASA Retires InSight Lander Mission after Years of Science



The mission has concluded that the solar-powered lander has run out of energy after more than four years on the Red Planet.

NASA’s InSight mission has ended after more than four years of collecting unique science on Mars.

Mission controllers at the agency’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California were unable to contact the lander after two consecutive attempts, leading them to conclude the spacecraft’s solar-powered batteries have run out of energy – a state engineers refer to as “dead bus.”

NASA had previously decided to declare the mission over if the lander missed two communication attempts. The agency will continue to listen for a signal from the lander, just in case, but hearing from it at this point is considered unlikely. The last time InSight communicated with Earth was Dec. 15.

“I watched the launch and landing of this mission, and while saying goodbye to a spacecraft is always sad, the fascinating science InSight conducted is cause for celebration,” said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate in Washington. “The seismic data alone from this Discovery Program mission offers tremendous insights not just into Mars but other rocky bodies, including Earth.”

Short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport, InSight set out to study the deep interior of Mars. The lander data has yielded details about Mars’ interior layers, the surprisingly strong remnants beneath the surface of its extinct magnetic dynamo, weather on this part of Mars, and lots of quake activity.

Its highly sensitive seismometer, along with daily monitoring performed by the French space agency Centre National d’Études Spatiales (CNES) and the Marsquake Service managed by ETH Zurich, detected 1,319 marsquakes, including quakes caused by meteoroid impacts, the largest of which unearthed boulder-size chunks of ice late last year.

Such impacts help scientists determine the age of the planet’s surface, and data from the seismometer provides scientists a way to study the planet’s crust, mantle, and core.

“With InSight, seismology was the focus of a mission beyond Earth for the first time since the Apollo missions, when astronauts brought seismometers to the Moon,” said Philippe Lognonné of

Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, principal investigator of InSight’s seismometer. “We broke new ground, and our science team can be proud of all that we’ve learned along the way.”

The seismometer was the last science instrument that remained powered on as dust accumulating on the lander’s solar panels gradually reduced its energy, a process that began before NASA extended the mission earlier this year.

“InSight has more than lived up to its name. As a scientist who’s spent a career studying Mars, it’s been a thrill to see what the lander has achieved, thanks to an entire team of people across the globe who helped make this mission a success,” said Laurie Leshin, director of JPL, which manages the mission. “Yes, it’s sad to say goodbye, but InSight’s legacy will live on, informing and inspiring.”

All Mars missions face challenges, and InSight was no different. The lander featured a self-hammering spike – nicknamed “the mole” – that was intended to dig 16 feet (5 meters) down, trailing a sensor-laden tether that would measure heat within the planet, enabling scientists to calculate how much energy was left over from Mars’ formation.

Designed for the loose, sandy soil seen on other missions, the mole could not gain traction in the unexpectedly clumpy soil around InSight. The instrument, which was provided by the German Aerospace Center (DLR), eventually buried its 16-inch (40-centimeter) probe just slightly below the surface, collecting valuable data on the physical and thermal properties of the Martian soil along the way. This is useful for any future human or robotic missions that attempt to dig underground.

The mission buried the mole to the extent possible thanks to engineers at JPL and DLR using the lander’s robotic arm in inventive ways. Primarily intended to set science instruments on the Martian surface, the arm and its small scoop also helped remove dust from InSight’s solar panels as power began to diminish. Counterintuitively, the mission determined they could sprinkle dirt from the scoop onto the panels during windy days, allowing the falling granules to gently sweep dust off the panels.

“We’ve thought of InSight as our friend and colleague on Mars for the past four years, so it’s hard to say goodbye,” said Bruce Banerdt of JPL, the mission’s principal investigator. “But it has earned its richly deserved retirement.”

For more information about the mission, please go to: nasa.gov/insight.

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| 4. 923 El Dorado St. | 21. 308 Oakcliff Road |
| 5. 203 S. Sunset Pl. | 22. 325 Meadow Lane |
| HOLIDAY SPIRIT AWARD | 23. 752 Valley View Ave. |
| 6. 209 S. Sunset Pl. | BEST OUTDOOR DISPLAY |
| 7. 612 W. Palm Ave. | 24. 723 Ocean View Ave. |
| 8. 519 W. Colorado Blvd. | SANTA'S WORKSHOP AWARD |
| BEST STILL DISPLAY | 25. 708 Ocean View Ave. (best viewed during day) |
| 9. 308 W. Lemon Ave. | 26. 824 Ocean View Ave. |
| 10. 126 Melrose Ave. | 27. 826 Ocean View Ave. |
| 11. 300 Block N. Alta Vista Ave. | CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD |
| 12. 317 Heather Heights Ct. | 28. 619 Bradbury Rd. |
| 13. 328 N. Alta Vista Ave. | JUDGE'S AWARD |
| 14. 201 W. Scenic Dr. | 29. 1032 Royal Oaks Drive Unit B |
| 15. 436 N. Primrose Ave. | 30. 825 E. Lime Ave. |
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IT'S TIME FOR DESSERT

Dessert before dinner? Why not? I have said many times in our teachings here that if you like it, buy it. Over the holidays I hosted a wine seminar at the Whole Foods in East Pasadena. Our list of wines included champagne, sangria, chardonnay, and a petite sirah, with price points ranging from \$10 to \$50 (yes, that was the Taittinger Champagne). To my pleasant surprise the hit of the tastings was a Petite Sirah from San Simeon Winery.

If you recall last weeks article on "fruit forward" and "jammy", a petite sirah is often a perfect starter wine for those just learning about wines, or those who might want an alternative to cabernet. Prices can range from \$8 to \$30 for a bottle. At \$18 for the San Simeon Sirah, this Orange County Fair gold medal winner is a great value in my book. It is indeed a bit jammy, but that is perfectly acceptable with grapes that are aged well. Petite sirah grapes were first introduced in France in the 1800's, but really never caught on partly due to the high humidity in Rhone. Here in California we have a drier climate so, much like the chardonnay grape, the petite sirah has thrived. Originally, petite sirah was paired with zinfandel grapes to tone down that "jammy" effect. Winemaker Anthony Riboli explains that they were able to capitalize on the small grapes' high skin-to-juice ratio and make an exceptional wine on it's own merit without needing to be blended. This critic agrees - I think that this San Simeon treasure is especially appreciated during the winter and will go great with a beef stew or a spicy bowl of chili with or without beans.

This weeks wine term: Tannins. Think of tannins as how the wine lies on or grips your tongue. Smooth? Rough? Neutral? Bitter? In layman's terms, it's "pucker power". Let's hope it's not the last one, bitter, that wouldn't be good.

San Simeon Petite Sirah - Available at Vons stores throughout the San Gabriel Valley and beyond.

Dills Score: 90
Closure: Corked

EMMA GREEN'S FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED

Sierra Madre resident and physical therapist, Emma Green - the Tennis Elbow Queen, recently returned from a trip to the All England Lawn Tennis Club in Wimbledon, London, where her first book, *Tennis Elbow Relief - Serving Up Solutions For Lateral Epicondylitis* was admitted to the World Tennis Library.

Tennis elbow is the most common cause of persistent elbow pain with some sufferers feeling symptoms for years. But you don't have to be a tennis player to get tennis elbow. In fact, the first patient to benefit from Emma's method was a professional drummer who developed tennis elbow after playing thousands of gigs. Thankfully, Emma's program healed him over the course of a couple of months and he's back playing drums now as though nothing had happened!

Emma realized that she needed to be able to get her information out to more people in need around the world. So, in April 2021, Tennis Elbow Relief - Serving Up Solutions For Lateral Epicondylitis was published and has helped sufferers in 18 countries and counting!

Emma Green, the Tennis Elbow Queen, is a physical therapist with 30 years experience, the last 14 years being specifically working with tennis elbow sufferers. In her book, Emma shares the revolutionary strategies that have healed thousands of elbows. Copies can be purchased worldwide through Amazon.

If you need Emma's specialist help, you can reach her at www.TennisElbowQueen.com



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 11th through Saturday, December 17th, the Police Department responded to 786 calls for service, of which 87 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Monday, December 12:

- At 6:20 a.m., an officer responded to the 1200 block of West Huntington Drive regarding a vehicle burglary report. Surveillance footage captured two suspects tampering with vehicles parked in an underground parking lot. The two male suspects shattered the windows of two vehicles and fled without any property.
- At 10:04 a.m., an officer responded to Victoria's Secret, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The store manager reported a lone male suspect entered the store, selected more than thirty items, and fled resulting in a loss of \$2,612.00. The suspect is described as a White male with a thin build, and wearing a black long sleeve shirt, jeans, a red bandana, and had copper colored hair.
- At 3:23 p.m., an officer responded the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Naomi Avenue regarding a male subject impeding traffic and drinking an alcoholic beverage. Upon contacting the subject, the officer discovered he had stolen the bottle of alcohol from Vons, located at 745 West Naomi Avenue, and was drunk in public and unable to care for himself. A records check also revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. The 48-year-old was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Tuesday, December 13:

- At 10:22 a.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a mail theft incident. Sometime between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12th, someone tampered with a community mail box and stole mail.
- At 2:27 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of East Live Oak Avenue regarding a petty theft report. The officer discovered the victim was contacted by the unidentified suspect who convinced the victim to transfer \$25,000 in bitcoin. The suspect scammed the victim by claiming to be a famous celebrity.
- At 6:22 p.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Chevron Service Center, located at 11 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. An investigation revealed a customer vandalized the inside of the store after being confronted by an employee for concealing merchandise inside his coat. The suspect, a 61-year-old male from Long Beach, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, December 14:

- At 2:14 a.m., an officer responded to the area of 1100 Rancho Road regarding a vehicle that had collided with a light pole. Upon contacted the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The field sobriety tests revealed the driver had a blood alcohol content of .128%.

The 24-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

- At 9:03 a.m., an officer responded to Health Care Partners, located at 450 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) broke a window, smashed a restroom wall, and attempted to pry open the door to the pharmacy. The loss is unknown as of the date of this report.
- At 2:33 p.m., an officer responded to The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a stolen vehicle report. The victim witnessed the suspect drive away with his vehicle. The suspect is described as a heavy set male with a dark, short beard, and was approximately 30 to 40-years-old.

Thursday, December 15:

- At 2:02 a.m., an officer conducted an enforcement stop on a subject in the area of Holly Avenue and Huntington Drive. Prior to contacting the known subject, a records check revealed the 40-year-old male from Glendora had 11 outstanding misdemeanor warrants. While arresting the suspect, the officer located drug paraphernalia in his possession. He was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, December 16:

- At 12:04 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of East Newman Avenue and North Santa Anita Avenue regarding a hit and run traffic collision investigation. Assisting officers located the suspect's vehicle nearby and found the driver asleep at the wheel. The 30-year-old female driver appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol and was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 11:53 a.m., an officer responded to a parking structure in the 700 block of West Naomi Avenue regarding a grand theft incident. Sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on December 16th, someone stole the victim's catalytic converter from his 2017 Nissan van. A second catalytic converter was stolen nearby, in the 600 block of Fairview Avenue at approximately the same time.

Saturday, December 17:

- At 1:08 a.m., an officer responded to the 400 block of West Huntington Drive in regard to a car that had collided into a tree. Upon contacting the driver, the officer determined the 40-year-old male from Temple City was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. He was arrested and issued a citation.
- At 3:14 a.m., officers responded to iKrusher, located at 11818 Clark Street, in regard to a burglary alarm activation. Officers located the suspect's vehicle attempting to flee and a short pursuit ensued. Two suspects were ultimately arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. The 47-year-old male from Los Angeles was charged with burglary, evading, possession of burglary tools, and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. The second suspect, a 29-year-old male from San Gabriel, was charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

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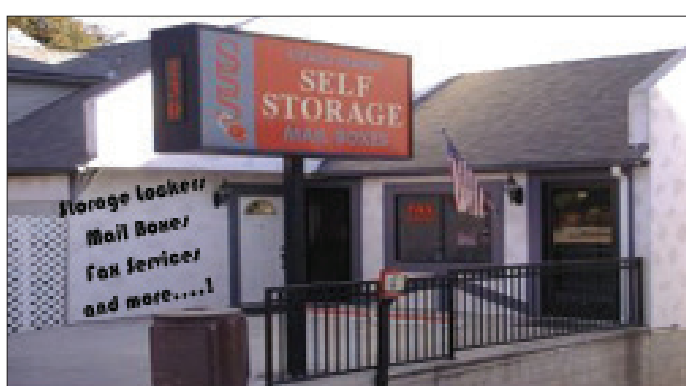
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WHAT: Billie! Backstage with Lady Day. The award-winning show with music.

WHO: Written and performed by Synthia L. Hardy. Directed by Bryan Rasmussen, Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse.

WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024. There is free parking available in lots behind the Playhouse and across the street, as well as street parking. There are several dining establishments just yards from the Playhouse.

WHEN: January 13- January 22, 2023. Fri. & Sat. at 8 pm, Sun. at 2 pm.

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Following its sold-out run in 2022, Billie! Backstage with Lady Day returns to Sierra Madre Playhouse.

Billie Holiday (1915-1959) was a trail-blazing musical artist, known as perhaps the first female vocalist to use her voice in the style of jazz improvisation. Recording first with Benny Goodman, she became the first Black female vocalist to front a white band, that of Artie Shaw. She also performed with Count Basie and Duke Ellington. She had long professional associations with saxophonist Lester Young (who named her Lady Day; she called him Prez) and pianist Teddy Wilson.

Born to poverty in Philadelphia, she was a victim of sexual assault while still a child and sentenced by the court to a Catholic correctional institution. It was only her first experience with the court, however. She was convicted at age 13 (along with her mother) of prostitution. Subsequent arrests involved possession of narcotics and substance abuse.

Despite a turbulent life, abusive relationships, and racism, she prevailed to become one of the greatest jazz and blues artists of her time, before her untimely demise at age 44 from cirrhosis of the liver. In addition to multiple hit recordings, she sold out Carnegie Hall three times.

Actor-singer-playwright Synthia L. Hardy brings the story of Billie Holiday to vibrant life. In Billie! Backstage with Lady Day, Billie is being interviewed by unseen reporters as she unfolds the story of her turbulent life. Billie, accompanied by a live four-piece combo, sings her greatest hits, including God Bless the Child, Strange Fruit, Good Morning Heartache, Lover Man, many

more.

Synthia L. Hardy has appeared in film, on T.V., commercials (radio and T.V.) and on stages nationally and internationally. She was recently featured in the film, Sylvie's Love. She won the NAACP Theatre Award for Billie! Backstage with Lady Day for Best One Person Show. She, also, won two Artistic Director Achievement Awards (A.D.A.) for the same show (Billie!...) for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy and Best One Person Show. Synthia won an Emmy Award for the documentary, Precious Memories: A Stroll Down 47th Street and has received other awards and nominations for her work, including another NAACP Theatre Award, Dramalogue Critics Award (twice), LA Weekly Award (just to name a few). Some of Synthia's work includes: Home; Merry Wives of Windsor; Flyin' West; Rap Master Ronnie; The Little Dreamer: A Night in the Life of Bessie Smith; and A Corner of Gold. She has written and starred in her own cabaret show, Dinner Muscalle with Synthia & Friends. Synthia has toured with various singing groups doing tributes to Oldies and Doo Wop girl groups. Synthia is originally from Chicago.

Bryan Rasmussen directs. An award-winning actor as well as a director, producer, teacher, coach, and Artistic Director of the Whitefire Theatre, he's proud to be celebrating its 33rd anniversary season this year! Beside directing most all of the last year's "Shorts" shows including Hollywood, Summer, Fall, and Spring Shorts, in the 10 years he has owned the Whitefire, Bryan has produced well over 500 shows, as well as over 50 world premiere productions including The Bellblower Session, Love Like Blue, Mark Twain in the 20th Century, Seasons of Change and many others. He recently directed and acted in the world premiere of the critically acclaimed production of FIREHOUSE.. He directed and starred in the 50th Anniversary production of Harold Pinter's The Dumb Waiter as well as produced and directed Old School as part of his Young Actors School. Also, he directed the 35th anniversary production of Sam Shepard's Buried Child.

Ms. Hardy will be accompanied by a live, onstage four-piece combo.

Billie! Backstage with Lady Day is the story of a legendary musical talent, performed by an extraordinary musical star with her ace musical combo. If you appreciate jazz and blues at all, you owe it to yourself to see this show.

Billie! Backstage with Lady Day kicks off the Sierra Madre Playhouse Solo Shows Festival for 2023. For full information about upcoming events, go to <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org>

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I was waiting in line to buy something at Target, and the friendly checker asked the man ahead of me if he was ready for Christmas. It was a cheerful and innocent question. After all, in December in the United States, it does seem like getting ready for Christmas is the number one dominant activity, and it’s the reason that lines in all the stores are long and why you cannot easily find parking.

“No, I don’t celebrate Christmas,” the man responded, and then he went on to explain how much money he saves by not observing “all that silly stuff.” I did overhear enough to hear that he was single, and then he walked on. I wondered if that was the real reason he didn’t observe Christmas. He could have been a Jehovah’s Witness, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, or any of the other dozens of religions and sects which don’t observe the Christian Christmas holidays.

Though I have both fond and depressing memories of the Christmas season growing up, I have worked through all the mish-mash of symbols that have gotten thrown into the Christmas motif, and I regard them as generally uplifting. I have long ago ceased my mindless Christmas card-sending and gift-giving out of some sense of social obligation, but I still immensely enjoy special times with friends and families in what is the darkest time of the year.

Many years ago, I was asked by a local non-profit to share at a Christmas event the “real meaning” of Christmas. Even after I agreed to do this, I wondered to myself: How can I do that? How can I be sure that I’ve really got it? How will I know whether or not I’m right?

My job was to discover what all the symbols and practices of Christmas mean, and how we might best realize and vivify those meanings during this time. Needless to say, it was a tall task.

I found that the best way to share my research was to be honest, explaining my background, how I went about my research, and what I personally concluded.

I explained how I grew up in a Catholic family, and was taught that Jesus was born on December 25, which is obviously why we celebrate his birthday on that date. So I had to begin my presentation with the man who is at the center of Christmas, Jesus. It turns out that all historians agree that Jesus was not born on December 25, but rather in May or September, probably in the year 6 B.C. by our current reckoning. Not only that, many of the modern symbols and practices of Christmas-time actually pre-dated Jesus, and were celebrations of the Winter Solstice by the people that Christians called “pagans.” So then I had to stop and define “pagans.” Originally people outside of the strong influence of Roman power were called the pagani, country folk, a term that had no religious overtones in the beginning. Eventually it became a term of derision, meaning non-Christian, for the people who practiced the old religion of Mithraism.

In the time of Jesus, there were many religions and gods and Gods, and they didn’t all get along. Jesus, as everyone knows, was a practicing Jew, and observed the Jewish holy days. After the crucifixion, his followers carried on the message of

Jesus the Christ, and they still mostly-observed the Jewish traditions, hence, Judaeo-Christianity.

None of this is new, of course, and these details can be found in any encyclopedia, including such tomes as The Golden Bough, and Manly Hall’s Secret Teachings of All Ages.

So why do we celebrate Jesus’ birth on December 25, when we know that the early Judaeo-Christians didn’t celebrate Jesus’ birthday at all?

Most ancient religion is astronomy-based, and draws great symbolism from the cycle of the earth around the sun. The winter solstice is the day of the least light, from which the days have increasingly more light. The birth of the sun has long been anthropomorphized into the birth of the sun. Jesus wasn’t the first to be commemorated with the winter solstice. Mithra, born of a virgin mother in a cave, was said to be born on December 25. Nimrod from Babylon was also said to be born on December 25, as was Osiris, Quetzalcoatl, and others.

The new religion of Christianity was still struggling in the 4th century, and its adherents were still being persecuted for their faith when Constantine became the emperor. Constantine also converted to Christianity. In his attempt to unite his kingdom, he made Christianity the official religion, and he Christianized all the so-called pagan commemorations. As a result, the birth of the Sun that was already commemorated by the Mithra-pagans was now going to commemorate the birth of the Son, Jesus.

Some of the symbols that have been adopted into the Christmas season are universal symbols of eternity, life, and light, symbols such as wreaths, evergreens, the tree, lights and candles, the giving of gifts, the virgin birth, and birth in a stable.

Santa Claus was based on a very real Catholic bishop named Nikolas of Myra (modern day Turkey) who gave gifts during the winter and the newly-established Christmas season. He was born in March 15, 270, and actually participated in the First Council of Nicaea in 325, the famous council where early church doctrine was argued and decided. He died on December 6th, 343. This generous bishop was remembered for the gifts he gave, and his image was severely watered-down over the years by Coca-Cola and others who used him in their advertising.

It’s correct that many people have been turned off when they learn of the roots of modern Christmas. Some even find all this depressing. But I am not like the man in line ahead of me at Target. I’ll still observe the Christmas season, and I enjoy the lessons that are buried within all these symbols.

Can I say that today I know the “real meaning” of Christmas? I have come closer to experiencing the universal “magic” of Christmas in my personal life, year by year, and I feel that this is an on-going process, where there are always more nuances to be learned. I never get tired, for example, of watching Capra’s wonderful Christmas movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” and watching Jimmy Stewart confront the meaning and purpose of his own life, and the value of true friendship. Though he had nothing to give others that fateful year, it turned out his greatest gift was the service he’d done for so many in the town.

And for this reason, I have long felt that “It’s a Wonderful Life” expresses “the real meaning” of Christmas: slow down, breathe, recognize the higher power, and acknowledge your friends and family who are the real gifts in your life.

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PRETTY PERSIMMON

This little calico sweetheart, only 3 months old, has lots of love and kisses to give, and a great purr motor! She’s smart, alert, and playful, too!

Just a total delight! Might you have another young kitten at home for a playpal?

Persimmon is hoping that Santa will find her a home by Christmas, or at least in time to start off the new year!

Find the adoption application on our website where you’ll also find more adorable pix of her on our Very Young Cats page. www.lifelineforpets.org.



Pet of the Week

Who is ready for these colder temperatures? Neela is! This beautiful Siberian Husky may be dressed for the snow, but she will be just as happy with rain, sunny days or pretty much any weather. In fact, she tells us that her favorite season is “all of them!”

Neela is an excellent loose-leash walker and an expert at the several tricks. She’s also a huge fan of playing fetch. She has the energy of a puppy when she’s bouncing around the yard after tennis balls. She likes to lay down in the grass and give them a thorough chewing, then she’s ready to fetch again! This dog proves that age is just a number!

It is hard to believe, but Neela is a (young) ten years old, which qualifies her for our Seniors for Seniors Program. This means if an adopter is a young sixty years old, then the adoption is completely free!

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



SIMPLE HOME SAFETY SOLUTIONS FOR AGING-IN-PLACE

Dear Savvy Senior:
Falls and fires are the two things I worry most about for my elderly father who lives alone. Do you have any suggestions on what we can do to help keep him safe, and keep an eye on him from afar?
Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned:
Of course! There are a number of small adjustments and modifications you can make to your dad's home to help protect him from falls and fires, both of which cause thousands of injuries and deaths each year. Here are some tips to get you started.

Eliminate tripping hazards: Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is to pack away your dad's throw rugs which are common tripping hazards or use carpet tacks or double-sided tape to secure them. You may also need to adjust your dad's furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through and position any electrical or phone cords along walls and out of the way.

For hardwood steps, consider attaching a nonslip tread to each one to provide traction and help him see the edge. And for added protection in the bathroom buy some nonskid rugs for the floors and use adhesive nonslip treads or a mat with rubber suction inside his tub or shower stall.

Improve his lighting: Good lighting is essential for safe aging-in-place, so check the wattage ratings on your dad's lamps and light fixtures, and install the brightest bulbs allowed, and add supplementary lighting if necessary.

You should also purchase some dusk to dawn nightlights for the bathroom and in the hallways that light up when the sun goes down. And mount some motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway that automatically come on when he comes and goes after dark.

Get grab bars: These can significantly reduce his risk of bathroom falls. Install them where he enters the shower or tub and on a wall inside the stall, but don't use grab bars that attach with suction. Instead, have wall-mounted bars put in by someone who can affix them to the wall studs. It's also best to choose bars whose surfaces are slightly textured and easier to grip.



Ensure railings are stable: Wherever he has steps – stairways, entryways or basements – he needs sturdy railings. Ideally, they should be on both sides of the steps.

Prevent cooking fires: There are several affordable products you can purchase to help your dad prevent home cooking fires like BurnerAlert discs that attach to a stove's knob and will continuously blink or beep after the stove has been in use for a preset amount of time, and Ome smart knobs that can control a stove's heating settings from an app. Or you can invest in a more expensive iGuardStove sensor that shuts the stove off when it doesn't detect motion for five minutes.

Install smoke alarms: Install a smart smoke alarm in your dad's house (buy one for each floor) that will alert him when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected. These smart devices will also send alerts to your phone to let you know when a problem is detected. Google Nest and First Alert both smart smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Add fire extinguishers: Get portable multipurpose fire extinguishers for each level of your dad's house and in the garage.

Consider a medical alert: To ensure your dad's safety and provide you some peace of mind, consider getting him a medical alert device that comes with a wearable SOS button that would allow him to call for help if he were to fall or need assistance.

For more tips, get a copy of AARP's "HomeFit Guide" (see AARP.org/HomeFit), which has more than 100 aging-in-place suggestions that can help make your dad's home safer and easier to live in.

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

HOW TO PRESERVE YOUR FAMILY LEGACY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

As you likely already know, but may not have given much thought about, the inheritance you provide is so much more than the money you'll leave behind. It also includes your values, insights, stories, and experiences. And, while those things are such an important part of your legacy, they are often

lost because they aren't intentionally preserved.

What I've discovered in helping my clients preserve their whole legacy, is that we can learn so much more than expected -- about ourselves and our loved ones - when we ask the right questions.

So, this year, we invite you to ask your mother, father, and/or another loved one the 32 important questions below that can teach you valuable lessons about love, life, and what matters most. And don't just ask them, record their answers to preserve your own Family Legacy.

Use these questions as a springboard and an engaging activity during the holidays with your loved ones:

1. What comes to mind when you think about growing up in your hometown?
2. What did you love to do as a kid, before high school?
3. What did you love to do in high school?
4. What do you remember most about your teenage years?
5. What do you remember most about your mom (grandma)?
6. What was most important to her?
7. What do you remember most about your dad (grandpa)?
8. What was most important to him?
9. If Grandma and Grandpa had a message to pass along to the grandchildren, what would it be?
10. How did you meet your spouse? How did you know (s)he was the one?
11. How did you choose your career? What was your favorite part about it?
12. What made you successful?
13. What did you believe about yourself that helped you become successful and deal with hard times?
14. What times in your life truly "tested your mettle," and what did you learn about yourself by dealing (or not dealing) with them?
15. What three events most shaped your life?
16. What do you remember about when I was born?
17. Were you ever scared to be a parent?
18. What three words would you say represented your approach to parenting and why?
19. When you think about [sibling] how would you describe him/her?
20. What message do you have for [sibling] that you want him/her to always keep in mind? [Do the last two questions above for each sibling in your family]
21. When you think about [spouse], how would you describe her/him?
22. What message do you have for [spouse] that you want her/him to always keep in mind?
23. What three words would you say best describe who you tried to be in life? How would you like to be remembered?
24. What do you think your children and grandchildren should focus on professionally?
25. What have you learned about people in life?
26. What do you think the world needs more of right now?
27. What do you believe people want the most in life?
28. What were the three best decisions you ever made?
29. What are you most proud of?
30. What were five of the most memorable moments of your life?
31. What message would you like to share with your family?
32. What are you most thankful for?

These questions can reveal a wealth of valuable life lessons - family treasures to discuss and share with generations to come. These non-material assets are so important. But also make sure your family's material assets are protected by a comprehensive estate plan. The material (financial) assets are also important, so don't neglect to secure them. Just keep in mind that you, and the generations which came before you, are about so much more than only your economic position during life. Take the time and make the intention to protect all your assets so you can preserve and pass on your family legacy. That's how real wealth is created and passed on from one generation to the next.

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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
THE LIAR IN THE RED SUIT

Around this time of the year, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I revel in our family memories.

Unlike me, she has some wonderful memories because of her large family. I came from a very small family and therefore don't have that

many memories let alone wonderful memories.

This reminded me of my first encounter with what my parents called Santa Claus. Growing up, we didn't have television, and the teachers at the school I attended were mostly Mennonites. They didn't celebrate Santa Claus, and there was no mention of him in our classes. Christmas was focused on the birth of Christ.

In a small town like ours, there weren't any shopping malls, so there was no place for Santa Claus to set up his little booth and greet all the little children during the Christmas season.

Then one Christmas, Santa Claus and his entourage set up in our downtown square. Everybody was invited to come and see Santa Claus.

I mentioned this to my father and asked him about Santa Claus.

"Well," my father said, "you go see Santa Claus, sit on his lap and tell him what you want for Christmas."

When I heard that my eyes just lit up in great delight. "You mean I can tell Santa Claus what I want for Christmas?"

With a smile on his face, my father shook his head most energetically. I believed him; after all, fathers don't lie.

All I ever wanted for Christmas when I was young was a pony. Now, with Santa Claus in town, I had the opportunity to request a pony for this Christmas. I can't tell you how excited I was.

My parents took me and my siblings downtown at the square to meet Santa Claus. I was excited, and so were my siblings. We chattered and chattered all the way the Santa's place. We told each other what we wanted Santa to bring us for Christmas.

I remember that first experience with Santa Claus. As I walked up and sat in his lap, I was a wee bit nervous. Then the thoughts dancing in my head was that this was my opportunity to get my long-awaited pony for Christmas

"Ho, ho, ho, and what would you like for Christmas this year, little fella?"

I wanted to hear that all my life. I then explained to him that all I wanted for Christmas was a pony. Any color pony would do as long as it was a pony. So I explained to him what I would do with a pony and how it would change my life and everything.

As he listened to me, he was chuckling, "Ho, ho, ho."

When I finished my request, he said, "Young man is that really what you want for Christmas? If so, you'll have to be nice and not naughty because if you're naughty, I can't do it."

With a hearty nod and a smile on my face, I promised I would never be naughty.

As I left dear old Santa's lap, all I could think of was how this little pony he would bring me on Christmas day would change my life. That's all I could talk about on the way home that day.

I did notice that my father and mother were looking at each other but not smiling and I did not catch what was happening.

On Christmas Eve, as we got the Christmas tree all ready, I was excited, and I made a little space under the tree for the pony Santa would bring me that night.

It was hard to sleep because I was listening for the reindeer to land on the roof with my pony for Christmas. Eventually, I fell asleep and dreamed of that wonderful little pony all night.

I couldn't wait to get up that morning, and I ran into the living room where the Christmas tree was. I shouted excitedly, "Where's my pony?"

My father tried to explain that perhaps I had been on Santa's "naughty list," and he couldn't bring me that pony for Christmas this year.

I shed tears all day, and the following days were terrible.

For the next three Christmases, I did the same thing. Every Christmas, Santa promised to bring me a pony for Christmas as long as I was not naughty.

Christmas after Christmas and no pony. I tried to have my father explain to me what Santa's definition of naughty was. He tried to explain, but I couldn't understand what he was talking about at the time.

I could not believe that that wonderful person called Santa Claus could ever lie to someone like me. So what did I ever do to get on his naughty list?

I never went back to sit on Santa's lap ever again. But, later in life, I realized that the guy in the red suit was lying to me, and he wasn't really Santa Claus.

Thinking about this I remembered what the Angels told the shepherds on that glorious day. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:11-12).

The real purpose of Christmas is celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. My life changed when I received him as my Lord and Savior. Yours can too.

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PUT THE LIGHTS ON

ZELENSKY'S SPEECH TO CONGRESS

I really hope you all had a chance to stop being busy and were able to focus on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's speech on Wednesday night. I know you are busy wrapping Christmas packages and sending Christmas cards and some of you have been glued to the TV wanting to hear more about the misdeeds of our former, forever former, ex-President. Perhaps you have saved up enough dollars to purchase one of the unbelievably disgusting Trump superhero cards. Really if you want to see what a Super-hero looks like and what a super-does watch Zelensky. All 5 feet 7 inches 137 pounds of him, married for twenty years, with two children. His wife is not a trophy wife but is the daughter of an academic who became a comedy writer to assist in her husband's previous career as a comedian.

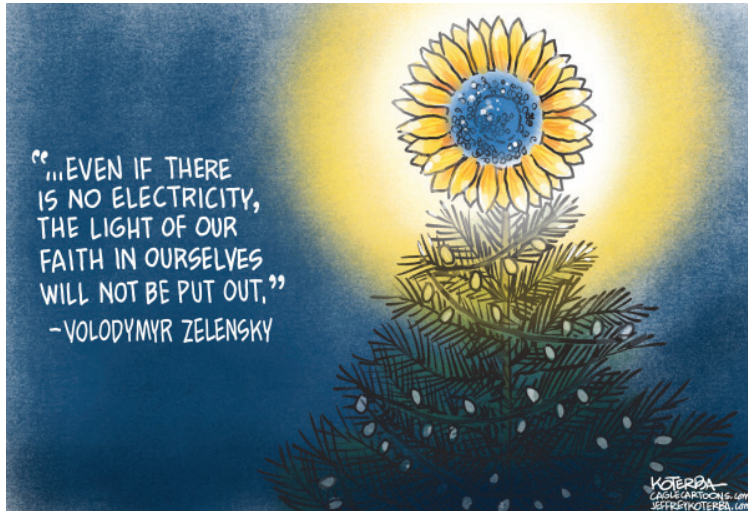
Maybe none of the above facts about Zelensky's personal characteristics and life are relevant to anything but they emphasize for me how exciting it was to see this regular looking Jewish man, like my own family from the Ukraine, bravely risk his life to come to America to speak and try to influence the American People. Yes, I identify with Zelensky in a way that I could never identify with the larger than life, but smaller in mind and values, Donald Trump.

This week, like so many others, the news has been full of Trump and his tax frauds and conspiracies and lies and then, out of the Blue (not red) President Zelensky arrived. Here he came wearing his symbolic green t-shirt reminding us that his nation is at war. He spoke to the Joint Houses of Congress in English although he is not completely fluent. Words like bicameral and such were difficult. Why did he make this effort? To me it seemed clear that he wanted to speak to "the American people", not just the feuding elected officials probably angry about the interference with their Christmas Holidays. For me it worked. He pulled me in as he spoke. He mentioned the Children of the Diaspora (if you don't what that means, look it up). He mentioned the Battle of the Bulge, the German Battle in which my uncle was wounded and carried shrapnel in his leg but never asked for benefits, according to my mother, because he just thought he was just doing his duty.

Zelensky's speech had the effect of causing me to realize that there are things more important than my immediate self-interest. Much as I have come to doubt it, the maintenance of Democracy is important and tyrants all over the world, not just Putin, are threatening our personal freedom and liberty. These are not just words but realities which affect all of our lives. Presently many of my friends talk of moving elsewhere. Yes, they have comfortable existences here but that is not enough. They imagine moving to places not threatened by violence and corruption and inflationary prices and high taxes. One house is not enough; they want a vacation house. I really believe that most of us do not appreciate our freedoms and will not until we begin to lose them.

Will Zelensky's speech make any difference as far as potential legislation; probably not, especially since the Republicans are taking over the House coming next year. Don't the Republicans care about anything besides lower taxes and keeping wages low and protecting gun rights or wrongs? Nevertheless, the Ukrainian President's speech made me more aware of my own values and I find myself caring more about those things which have always been most important to me. What a wonderful Christmas present and it doesn't even have to be wrapped.

Have a happy aware holiday!



TOM PURCELL

HOPE IS ALL WE HAVE



I'm filled with a renewed sense of hope all of the sudden.

Truthfully, I don't know why I feel such hopefulness.

Last Friday I went to the hospital to have a hernia surgically repaired. They stuffed a hose down my mouth and pumped me with air, then sliced and sewed and got my torn parts back in order.

My throat is still throbbing. My torso feels like someone drove a locomotive into it. I slept much of the dark, cold weekend, recovering.

And yet I just woke from a Monday afternoon nap filled with a sense of wellbeing and hope.

Don't misunderstand me. There's plenty of despair in our world.

In our personal worlds we mourn, as we head into the holidays, the loss of our loved ones. My family has had its share of such pain this year.

It doesn't matter who you are, loss and suffering are a part of life, and both are felt at their keenest this time of year.

We also worry about our politics and the anger, division and nastiness among so many people. We are being torn apart and we know that a nation divided cannot long stand.

Our culture is running amuck. So many of our young people are depressed and disoriented and not even sure what they are or want to be.

So many of our kids are being harmed by the decisions they make now — when the true blessing of a young life is to flourish and grow and become what God intends you to be.

I will soon experience my 60th Christmas on Earth and my childhood was immersed in so much more clarity and simplicity.

We didn't have an abundance of material things, but we had a lot of laughter and joy and, thanks to the nuns at St. Germaine Catholic School, tremendous clarity.

The good nuns taught us that there is order in our conflicted universe — that there is good and bad, and that they're at battle everywhere, every day, in every heart.



They taught us we have the free will to choose our direction, good or ill.

We were taught to pray to align ourselves with good and order and to root out dishonesty and nastiness from our beings.

The virtues were pounded into our developing minds and we had better learn to embrace and master them: prudence, temperance, courage and justice.

We were taught that as we strive for good, we must fend off bad behavior: excessive pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed and sloth.

These are known as the seven deadly sins — activities I like to save for the weekend! It is very simple, really. You are either moving toward the light and goodness or away from it. It's the eternal struggle of humankind.

But sadly, our modern world is moving away from light and goodness in so many ways.

We are straying from the most simple, basic truths of human nature — as we embrace and encourage as truth the kind of wrongheadedness that can only lead to failure and human despair.

It's easy to get down in these noisy, confusing times.

But still, I am filled with hope that we can right our course.

It'll take prayer, charity, love — and hope.

That is what I am focusing on as we celebrate the Christmas season. I am praying for those I love, my neighbors, my country, my world.

I don't know what impact I will make, but hope is all I have. And I'll give it everything I've got.

Merry Christmas to you and your families.

RICH & FAMOUS

ONE SOLITARY LIFE



He was born in an obscure village. The child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another obscure village where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never went to college. He never visited a big city.

He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of the things usually associated with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three. His friends ran away.

One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies.

And went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth.

When he was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone.

And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race.

And the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that have ever marched. All the navies that have ever sailed.

All the parliaments that have ever sat. All the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of mankind on earth as powerfully as that one solitary life."

Dr James Allan © 1926.

The impact of Jesus Christ on human history cannot be overstated. For most of the world, history has been separated in half by the existence of Jesus. "B.C." literally means "Before Christ". "A.D." does not mean "After Death". A.D. stands for "anno domini" (Latin for "in the year of the lord"), essentially acknowledging Jesus' birth.

Speaking of His birth, on Christmas Eve 1914, 5 months into World War I, an extraordinary phenomenon took place. Modern day miracles occurred in several locations along the dank, muddy trenches of the Western Front in Belgium. In one location. British infantrymen of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment were crouched in 3-foot deep trenches facing the enemy...the Germans. At about 10pm the British heard the Germans singing Christmas Carols. The British started to sing along. The British then heard confused shouting from the other side. They heard the voice of an enemy soldier, speaking in English saying, "Come over here."

One of the British Sergeants answered "You come half way...I come half way". And what happened next was nothing short of miraculous.

Enemy soldiers, on both sides climbed nervously out of the trenches and met with handshakes and words of kindness. The soldiers traded songs, smokes, and wine. It wasn't just on one battlefield. Cease-fires across the Western Front involved British, French, German, and Belgian troops laying down their guns and meeting the enemy halfway across the battlefield. One German soldier's diary described a British soldier setting up a makeshift barbershop and giving German soldiers haircuts for a few cigarettes. Even reports of makeshift soccer games breaking out on the same battlefield they were fighting on hours earlier.

So, whether you believe Jesus is the Son of God, or just an itinerant preacher, His impact on human history is dramatic, extraordinary, and irrefutable.

Well, one Richard (last name Dawkins), noted evolutionary biologist and well-known atheist wrote: "the 19th century is the last time when it was possible for an educated person to admit to believing in miracles like the virgin birth without embarrassment." Methinks he has been proven wrong!

Well, one other Richard (last name Johnson), noted for not much of anything, is about to write right now: "Happy Birthday Jesus. I believe in you!"



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022217351
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: mdo MDO HANDYMAN SERVICES 4215 FISHER ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90063. (S) (are) OSCAR ARIEL MONTE DE OCA MARTINEZ 4215 FISHER ST. LOS ANGELES, CA. 90063. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSCAR ARIEL MONTE DE OCA MARTINEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/05/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022271817
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PM NAILS 14052 BURBANK BLVD. SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91401. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN TORRES MORALES, 14052 SIERRA HWY SUITE B, PALMDALE, CA. 93550. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN TORRES MORALES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022273040
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CRISOSTOMO PALMOLSTERY 37925 SIERRA HWY SUITE B, PALMDALE, CA. 93550. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN TORRES MORALES, 14052 SIERRA HWY SUITE B, PALMDALE, CA. 93550. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN TORRES MORALES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022273061
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JETPACKS SUPPLY 1108 S LOS ANGELES ST STE 102, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90015. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JPNOP ATTIRE LLC, JOSEPH ALVEY, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022273038
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BLISS PORTRAITS 16040 WYANDOTTE ST VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN ANGEL SANTOS 16040 WYANDOTTE ST VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JUAN ANGEL SANTOS, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022273038
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EMING RECYCLING 18819 FELBRIDGE ST SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91351. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TANJEW EMING 18819 FELBRIDGE ST SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91351. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TANJEW EMING, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022273422
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AK AND SONS 4621 MARELLEN PL LA CRESCENTA, CA. 91214. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) AK AND SONS, INC. 4621 MARELLEN PL LA CRESCENTA, CA. 91214. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: AK AND SONS, INC., ANTHONY M KENDRYNA, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new

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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. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSANA GARCIA RAMIREZ PORCAYO 10718 MINT CANYON RD. SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91390. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SUSANA GARCIA RAMIREZ PORCAYO/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 10/20/2022. 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)
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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: MUARIZO 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 06/20/17. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 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 11/20/2022. 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)
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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 11/20/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-256695
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CASTLE MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES, 3610 E FLORENCE AVE # 687, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. 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 11/20/2022. 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)
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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 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 11/20/2022. 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)
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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 FINANCIAL SERVICE, 14411 E 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

11/20/17. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-262496
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GEORGE HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 1682 ½ 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 ½ 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 11/14/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-247412
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMMACULATE HEART HIGH SCHOOL, IHHS, 432 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, 432 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 01/19/06. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-264957
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J.A.C. PAINTING, 5331 MONROE ST APT #1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JORGE A. CABRERA, 5331 MONROE ST APT #1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JORGE A. CABRERA/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 11/14/2022. 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)
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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 90038. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEYLA L. FLORENCE AVE # 687, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LEYLA L. 8712 METTLER AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: PHOMMASAY S/OWNER. 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 11/14/2022. 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)
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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 11/14/2022. 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)
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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 11/14/2022. 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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-255320
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PERLA RECYCLING, 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 04/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 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 ADAMYK/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 05/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 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. DANIEL LOPEZ, 5026 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)
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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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-254631
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YAYA JAN'S LAO THAI KITCHEN, 16302 FAIRGROVE AVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CHANTHALA JAN PHOMMASAY, 16302 FAIRGROVE AVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CHANTHALA JAN PHOMMASAY/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)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022-264955
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YAYA JAN'S LAO THAI KITCHEN, 16302 FAIRGROVE AVE, LA PUENTE, CA 91744. 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)
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FILE NO. 2022-251071
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-MINISTER ESTATE OF
DESIREE MARIE MEGUERDITCHIAN
Case No. 22STPB06987

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DESIREE MARIE MEGUERDITCHIAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Karen Schuldt Darling in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Karen Schuldt Darling be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests au-thority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 12, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file writ-ten objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative ap-pointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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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
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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. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SUSANA GARCIA RAMIREZ PORCAYO 10718 MINT CANYON RD. SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91390. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SUSANA GARCIA RAMIREZ PORCAYO/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 10/20/2022. 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)
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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 11519 ELM ST. LYNNWOOD, CA. 90262. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is

(are) AURA L. ESCOBAR ORANTES 11519 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 10/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 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 09/20/22. 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

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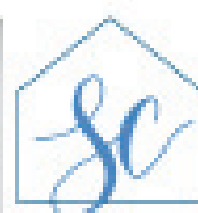
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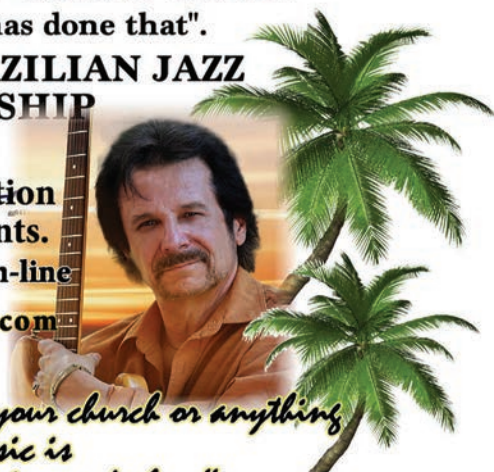
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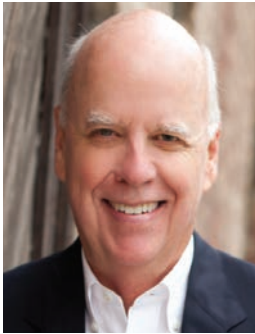


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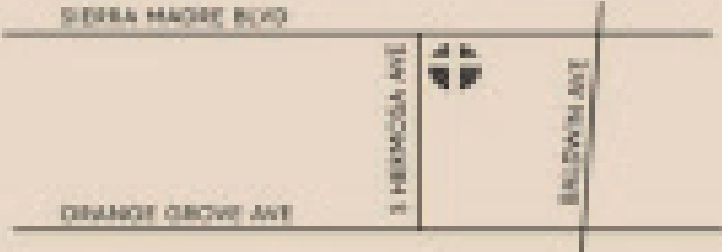
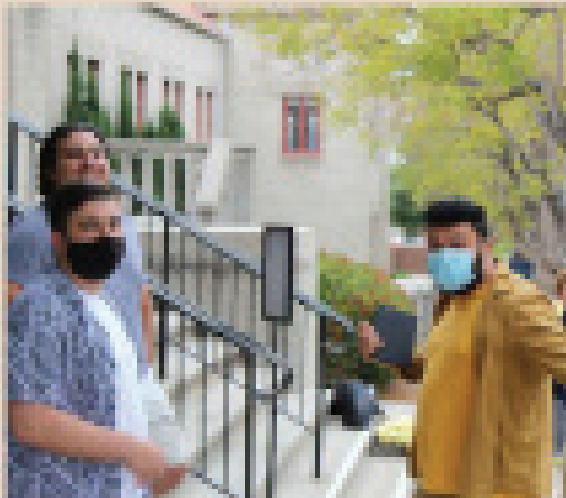
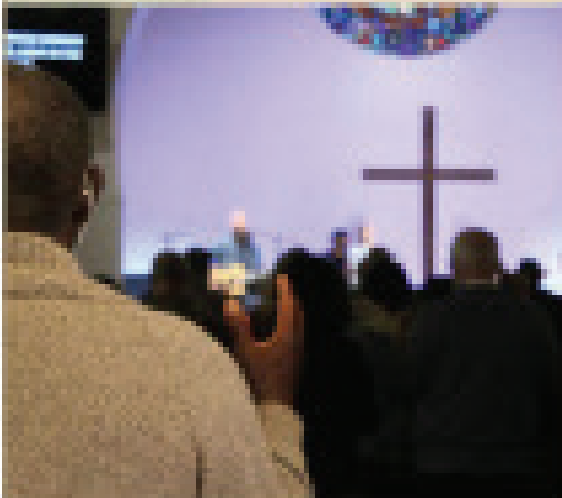


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