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POPPA BEAR IS ALMOST READY TO ROLL!

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Volunteers Put the Finishing Touches on the 2023 Entry



The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is preparing its 2023 entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade, "Poppa's Turn", created by Sierra Madre resident Greg Dohlen. The design depicts a papa bear riding in the park with his three curious cubs up a tree.

The float will undergo judging at the Float Barn on December 31st and January 1st and will make a brief stop in Kersting Court between 7:00 and 7:30 pm on its way to the parade on January 1st.

After the parade, the float will be available for public viewing on Sierra Madre Blvd on Jan 2-3, 2023. It will return to Kersting Court on the evening of the 3rd. SMRFA will be accepting donations and selling flowers on January 4th.

This is the schedule available at press time and is subject to change depending on the weather.

AFTER 36 YEARS WITH SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT, CAPTAIN RICH SNYDER RETIRES

Born and reared in Sierra Madre, Snyder began his career with SMFD as a volunteer firefighter in 1986 while working fulltime Lockheed Skunkworks as a Tool and Die maker. In 1991 Rich was promoted to Engineer and hired permanently with the City as a Fire inspector. From 1993 to 1995, he also served as a Firefighter Cadet with the Monrovia Fire Department on his days off. In 1995 Rich was promoted to Captain and became the City's Fire Marshal. He has served on the Board of the Foothill Fire Prevention Officers for over 25 years, served on many Wildland Code development committees, and is well known by his peers for his expertise in both wildland fire prevention and residential fire sprinklers.



Over the years, Snyder has played an important role in the development of the SMFD from an all volunteer department to where it is today, a fully paid department part of the Mutual Aid response with neighboring cities. According to Fire Chief Brent Bartlett, "Sierra Madre has been fortunate to have Rich Snyder. He has been integral in the development of SMFD to a Full Time Department that it is today. Rich played a major part in that. We wish him all the best."



If you would like to see an overview of his career with SMFD, go to: <https://youtu.be/HjLPymEfVsi>

The choice to retire has not been an easy one for him but he is looking forward to spending his time with his wife Laura, daughter Becca, their extended family, and especially with his first grandson Hayden who was born in November.

Congratulations Rich and thank you for all your service!

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Starting the New Year Off Right:

SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB'S 1914 ESSICK HOUSE RENOVATIONS CAMPAIGN

After 50+ years of ownership, following the two years of repairs and other post-purchase upgrades, the Sierra Madre Woman's Club's has conceded that our 1914 Essick House needs more funds for current renovations than our members' savings program, based on our thrifty ways, has been able to create.

As part of this year's Triple Celebration (115 years since founding in 1907, 65 years since Wistaria Thrift Shop's opening in 1957, and 50 years since we, in 1972, first first occupied our now 109-year-old, 1914 Essick House as our second clubhouse, we have launched our first major capital fundraising campaign.

Our original plan (which we still hope to implement) is to upgrade in individual project phases. As of 2022, we are targeting raising \$500,000 by December 31, 2023 - with construction start beginning as soon as the Wistaria Thrift Shop closes for its annual summer hiatus at the end of May 2024. If all goes well we will be through those three major projects in time for our Shop's September 2024 Grand Re-Opening.

Once those are completed (possibly including installing interior sprinklers), we shall reopen the Wistaria Shop on its normal schedule. Then we can continue to upgrade ADA accessibility, window, door and interior refinishing of walls affected by foundation and other upgrades. Other upgrades, such as installing new HVAC, kitchen remodeling, replacing our unique craftsman roof, and redesigning / installing water-wise landscaping, etc. can (we trust) continue during normal club / Shop operations. One item from our list was completed a year ago when we completely replaced our 50-year cracked and rumbled asphalt parking lot for safety reasons.

As one of Sierra Madre's most active charitable 501(c)3 organizations, we annually donate to 26 plus local area 501(c)3 non-profits and grant between 5-8 academic scholarships to high-school seniors through the support of our normal social fundraisers such as our annual Fashion Show, Games Tea, Jazz in the Garden, and, of course, our Wistaria Thrift Shop.

This year we are launching new, "renovation focused" fundraisers as part of our \$500,000 goal. The first three (3) of which are:

January 21 from 4-7 pm, is our "Speakeasy Murder Mystery", with our 1914 Essick House turning into a Prohibition-era night club - flappers, gangsters, jazz, the Charleston, fancy dinner and (gasp) a murder! Tickets are \$75, or 2 for \$140 through January 6, 2023.

February 11, starting 11:00 am, we offer an exclusive 50-guest-only Dine-In Movie Experience with lounge chairs, a casual and both popcorn and soft drink (other beverages available). Tickets for this luxurious opportunity (on Valentine's Day Weekend, no less!) of watching "Love Again" (It's All coming Back to Me), are only \$65 each, or 2 for \$120 if purchased before January 18, 2023.

Our biggest renovation fundraiser this year (so far), our First Annual St. Patti's Day Golf Tournament at Santa Anita Golf Course, tees off Friday, March 17 at 8 am. With major prizes such as \$10,000 "Hole in One", high-end car raffle, and so much more, the lucky 120 players (only 30 foursomes) have individual per person entry fees of only \$150. We hope to see all you golfers on the course. This is going to be so much fun!!!

Your support and donations for this year-long major fundraiser, including participating in our still-in-the-evening-planning-stages, will help to greatly improve our 65-year old, award-winning Wistaria Thrift Shop's behind the scenes prep area, and will be so appreciated. Just so you know, our Wistaria Shop is (and all our activities are) run solely by our 100% Sierra Madre Woman's Club volunteers. SMWC is one of only seven GFWC clubs, nationwide, with the courage and tenacity to run a thrift shop.

In addition to our ongoing charitable fundraising, including rental of our clubhouse, our 115-year mission keeps us actively engaged in civic, educational and social activities. In the early years, we organized the town's social life, plays, musicals, literary events, civic-improvement fundraising and other social activities. Today you find us supporting the Chamber of Commerce's Wistaria Festival at their west info booth in March, Mt. Wilson Trail Race the last Saturday in May with our fresh Oranges Booth, July 4th Committee with our free Pre-Parade Open House at parade start, and our cherished Interfaith



Prayer Breakfast on the 3rd Wednesday in November.

From September through May we offer monthly 2nd Wednesday daytime luncheons or teas, year-round member-only yoga with Paul Hagan Tuesday mornings, and monthly 3rd Wednesday evening meetings for members (and guests) who work during the day.

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club is a member of the International General Federation of Women's Clubs headquartered in Washington, D.C. GFWC was founded in 1890 to "give women a voice in the halls of power", and is the only nonprofit to have a full seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. As a member of GFWC (GFWC.org), we are also members of the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC.org) and Area B's San Gabriel Valley District (SGVD.org).

As a member of these broader organizations, our members are invited to, and welcomed to participate in these larger-scope activities and opportunities.

Come join us in continuing our mission of supporting our town's (and local area's) charitable, civic, and educational advancement through social activities.

[GFWC Sierra Madre Womens Club.org](https://www.gfwc.org)

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Clubhouse & Rental Phone Messages: 626-355-4379, Wistaria Thrift Shop 626-355-7739.

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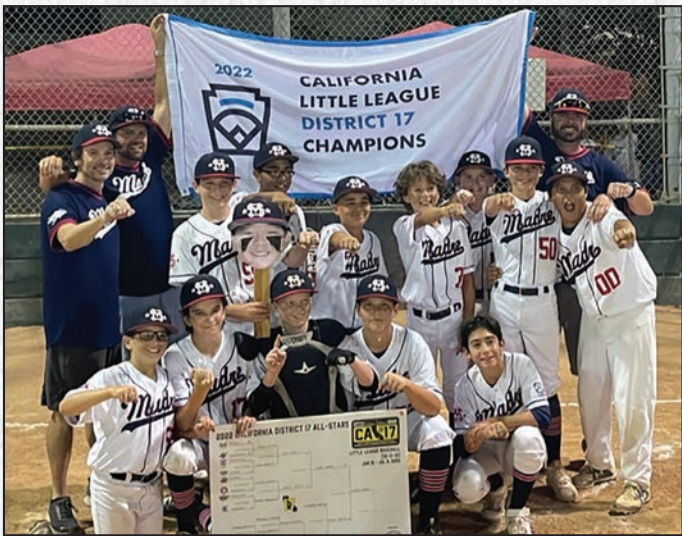


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BROWN, CAROLL BINGHAM



ELL, GALIA



MICHAEL, MARJORIE



MARTIN, BENN D.



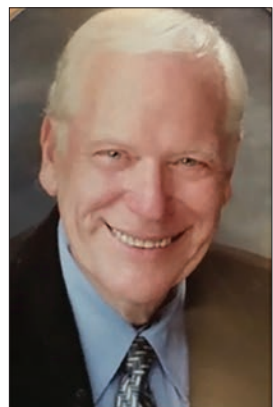
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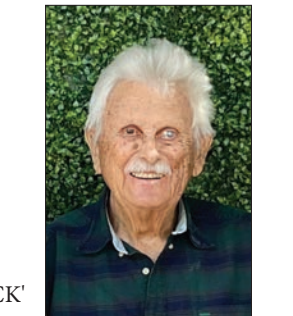


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DROLET, STEVEN JOSEPH

JOHNSON, RICHARD 'DICK'



WHITE, MERTOS 'MERT'



CALAWAY, LOUISE

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity in the finest sense of the word." Goran Persson

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." Helen Keller

The picture this week is totally awesome, courtesy of Tonia Biely Patino and her family, who trekked up into the mountains where there is snow galore, loaded their pickup truck with this cold, white stuff, came back and built the best Sierra Madre snowman ever. He's enormous! He's happy! He's well dressed! And he's an absolute delight to see. Kersting Court has never been so perfectly delightful to visit.



It's New Year's Eve and I shall celebrate with a little champagne and possibly some pizza. At home, friends and neighbors. The tempting offerings around town to celebrate out there are enticing, but not that enticing. When the children were small, John and I would drive down Colorado Blvd. on New Year's Eve to see what we could see of the floats. That was a lot of fun. Another good memory.

Speaking of floats, I simply can't wait to see our fabulous float, "Papa's Turn," with its charming bears, birds and bees, designed by Sierra Madre's own Greg Dohlen. As New Year's Day is on Sunday this year, we will have to be patient and wait till Monday as it's "Never on Sunday," going back to the beginning of the Rose Parade, 134 parades ago. I really like the theme this year, "Turning the Corner."

Continuing to think of Turning the Corner, this is the time of year when we are usually making resolutions. In years past we decided on things like losing ten pounds, getting more exercise, watching less TV, reading more, cleaning out various places in our home that are stuffed with stuff we don't want, doesn't fit, is broken, or is totally useless.

This year, instead of "resolutions," let's call them "possibilities" or "suggestions." I didn't write the following thoughts, they are anonymous, but I thought they were very helpful:

1. I am not Atlas. The world does not rest on my shoulders.
2. It doesn't hurt me to give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer, not only for the recipient, but for me, too. And if someone gives me a compliment, I have quit protesting that I didn't deserve it, I just say "thank you!"
3. I don't spend time with people who don't value me. We don't need people around us who don't see us for the splendid people we are. That person who says something mean and then covers it up with a hearty laugh and a "I was just kidding!" is not someone we need to be with.
4. I'm learning not to be embarrassed by emotions. I cry in most movies, lots of TV shows, and Kodak commercials are guaranteed to make me tear up. It's OK!
5. I am learning to live each day as though it were the last. It might be the last!
6. I am doing what makes me happy. I am the only one responsible for my happiness and I owe it to myself to do my best. In our family, we have always said that we bring our good time with us in our pocket and it's not somebody else's job to be sure we're happy. In short, this means if we want to put our pajamas on at 4:00, have a glass of wine and watch an old movie on Turner Classic Movies instead of the news, that's OK. Or if we want to keep them on all day, that's OK, too. Brushing teeth and flossing is a necessity, however, no matter how relaxed we plan to be.
7. Going the extra mile to be as nice as possible to all people who are out there working; store clerks, Post Office people, waitpersons in restaurants, is a good idea.
8. Just be kind. That's pretty much it.

You've all heard the idea of picking one word to be your New Year's intention or mission statement for the year. I've already been seeing so many people picking JOY!

For the last few years, my word for the year has been HOPE! This year I'm choosing KIND.

"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." The 14th Dalai Lama

"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." Princess Diana

Happy New Year, dear friends of Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side! 2023 is going to be a wonderful year, full of JOY, HOPE and, yes, KINDNESS.

In a world where you can be anything you want to be...Be KIND!

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Yes, Christmas is behind us but my books:
"Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"

"A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"
Would be really nice gifts for that person you suddenly realized you missed.
"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, and a nice story is never a bad idea.



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

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

Monday, December 19th Vandalism Arrest
At approximately 2 PM, officers responded to reports of a vandalism that had just occurred, near the area of 30 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Upon arrival, officers made contact with an individual, who was defacing private property with a permanent marker. During the contact, the subject became uncooperative. As officers advised the subject to leave the location, he proceeded to draw on a Sierra Madre Police Department vehicle with permanent marker. The subject was placed under arrest for vandalism.

Wednesday, December 21st Theft
At approximately 10 PM, officers responded to the 2000 block of Liliano Dr. for reports of a theft that had occurred. The reporting party stated that their bicycle was stolen from the front porch of their home. There is no suspect information at this time. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Friday, December 23rd Hit and Run Traffic Collision
At approximately 2 PM, officers responded to a hit and run traffic collision that occurred near the 600 block of Woodland Ave. The reporting party stated that they witnessed a older model Toyota Prius reverse into a fire hydrant, causing the hy-

drant to leak water. The driver proceeded to leave the scene of the accident, in violation of California Vehicle Code. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Friday, December 23rd Drug Violation Arrest
At approximately 9 PM, officers conducted an enforcement stop on a bicycle near the intersection of Baldwin Ave and Orange Grove Ave. During the stop, the subject was found to have an outstanding warrant out of a neighboring city. During a search of his person, officers located various drug paraphenilia. The subject was cited and released.

Saturday, Dec. 24th Suspicious Circumstances
At approximately 8 AM, officers responded to the area of Mountain Trail Ave and Grandview Ave for reports of suspicious flyers that had been placed in the area. Officers checked the area and found multiple flyers promoting an anti-semetic webpage. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Saturday, December 24th Residential Burglary
At approximately 8 PM, officers responded to a residential burglary alarm. Officers conducted a check of the residence, and discovered that a rear door had signs of forced entry. Upon further investigation, surveillance footage showed 2 masked individuals inside of the home, and exit shortly after. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Sierra Madre Police Department Detective Bureau at 626-355-1414. If you wish to remain anonymous, please visit lacrimestoppers.org and submit a tip

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Tues:	Cloudy	Hi	50s	Lows	40s
Wed:	Rain 50%	Hi	50s	Lows	40s
Thur:	Rain 50%	Hi	50s	Lows	40s
Fri:	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

**SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS
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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.

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

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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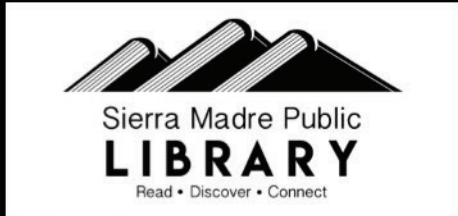
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Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

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One-Day-Per-Week Outdoor Watering Continues

Preparing for a fourth consecutive dry year, Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) board of directors declared a regional drought emergency for all of Southern California and called upon water agencies to immediately reduce their use of imported supplies. MWD imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, including Pasadena.

"As a leader in water conservation, Pasadena continues to be proactive in conserving our precious resources while meeting the needs of the region as conditions evolve," said Assistant General Manager of Water Stacie Takeguchi.

In effort to respond to the state's unprecedented drought conditions, dwindling water supplies, and critically low storage, Pasadena City Council preemptively enacted a Level 2 shortage response in August 2021 and adopted a 15 percent water-use reduction goal. The council took further action in August 2022 by implementing a one-day-per-week outdoor watering schedule, which took effect in September.

"The earlier and longer we conserve, the more we save for the future," Takeguchi said. "We want to thank the Pasadena community for continuing to help conserve water and stretch the region's limited supplies."

Visit PWPweb.com/SaveWater for additional information on the drought, Pasadena's one-day-per-week outdoor watering schedule, water savings programs and rebates, and more.

Volunteers Needed for Homeless Count 2023

Each year, volunteers help count people experiencing homelessness living on the streets of Pasadena during one night in the last ten days of January. Volunteers will be sent in teams of 3-4 to an assigned zone on the night of January 24 (8:00-10:00 p.m.) and the morning of January 25 (6:00-8:00 a.m.) to help count and administer a survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The same teams go out together in the evening and the morning. Volunteers should be 18+ and are asked to attend an online orientation to prepare for the Count on January 17. The volunteer registration deadline is January 6.

All volunteers can sign up at: pasadenapartnership.org or get more information. Volunteers are the backbone of ensuring the Count is a success and is carried out effectively and comprehensively.

Getting Ready for Monday's Rose Parade



By Dean Lee

With an extra day to put the final touches on the Rose Parade floats that will trek the 5.5 miles down Colorado Boulevard Monday, many of the builders did not see it that way saying time was dependent on the freshness of the flowers. Others said it was a curse referring to a slight change of rain on parade day.

At the South Pasadena float barn they were ready for rain today, with many of the volunteers now working inside. This year's float themed "Spark of Imagination," was a design submitted to the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee in 2009.

South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Floral Director Chris Metcalf said the science themed float was inspired by a Rube Goldberg machine.

"We really didn't have the technology or manpower to due the float as seen [in 2009]," he said. "So we reimagined into this, reincorporating a science fair."

Metcalf said that the music playing on the float will be Oingo Boingo Weird Science. After tracking down Danny Elfman, they were given the rights just a few weeks ago and one day before the deadline

for the Tournament he said. Elfman has been on tour the last year.

Many of the other 41 floats had steady groups of volunteers getting them ready, including the 2023 banner float that will lead this year's parade, themed "Turning the Corner."

Photos: (Top) 2023 banner float decorated by Phoenix Decorating Co., (all others) South Pasadena Tournament of Roses volunteers getting their float "Spark of Imagination" ready including many of the large gears that will move. D. Lee/MVNews

Remarkable Creature: the Unsung Heroine of Lyme Regis

Mary Anning (1799-1847) may be the most famous person most people have never heard of.

A special Cultural Thursdays program titled "Remarkable Creature: the Unsung Heroine of Lyme Regis" Thursday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. via Zoom, presented by the Pasadena Senior Center, will shine some light on Anning, a paleontologist and naturalist.

Born in Lyme Regis, a small village on England's Dorset coast, Anning lived there most of her life and is recognized as a leader among women in science for her groundbreaking fossil discoveries as well as struggles with rigid social and class restrictions of her time. That area of southwest England is known for its paleontology finds and now is popularly referred to as the Jurassic Coast.

Dr. Jan Fahey, an environmental scientist and biologist, will lead the presentation and discuss



Anning's scientific discoveries, connections and profound effect on the world view at the time.

This event is free for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and only \$5 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, visit www.pasadenaseniocenter.org and click on Lectures and Classes, then Informational Lectures or call (626) 795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive an email link to join the Zoom discussion.

Fitz and The Tantrums Kicks Off The 134th Rose Parade



The multi-platinum band performing their new song "Let Yourself Free"

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses announced Tuesday that it will kick off the 134th Rose Parade presented by Honda with a special performance by Fitz and The Tantrums. The Opening Spectacular will be featured aboard Honda's inspirational float, "Forever Determined."

Get ready to get up on your feet and dance as we turn the corner into 2023 and kick off this year's Rose Parade with the Opening Spectacular presented by Honda, featuring multi-platinum band Fitz and The Tantrums.

This Los Angeles group has energized popular music and culture with a series of unshakable and undeniable anthems and albums, all filled with a whole lot of dance floor

ready bounce. Performing their latest high energy, infectious new song "Let Yourself Free," the title track from their new album of the same name, Fitz and the Tantrums will get this party started with an eye-popping performance featuring youth singers and the Rose Parade Youth Dance Group.

Including a collection of some of talented kids ranging in age from 8-13, this youth dance group is certain to blow you away as they help re-define the term "dance floor ready bounce" with their incredible out of this world dance moves.

This marks the 13th time that Honda has led all floats as Presenting Sponsor of the Rose Parade.

For millions of viewers around the world, the Rose Parade is an iconic tradition to kick off the new year. Join the Tournament of Roses on Monday to experience the floats, bands and equestrians as they parade down Colorado Blvd.

Go Metro to the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl game & Floatfest

If you want to skip the traffic and parking hassles of the Rose parade and Rose Bowl game between Utah and Penn State in Pasadena, Metro's L (Gold) Line light rail train can be used to reach both the parade and game.

The L Line rail service begins around 4 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, and the parade starts at 8 a.m. Stations closest to the Rose Parade route are: Del Mar Station (walk .3 miles north to the parade route on Colorado Boulevard) Memorial Park Station (walk .2 miles south to parade route on Colorado Blvd.) Lake Station (walk .4 miles south to parade route on Colorado Blvd.) Allen Station (walk .4 miles south to parade route on Colorado Blvd.)

A regular single-trip fare on Metro is \$1.75 — or \$3.50 round-trip — and includes two hours of free transfers. There is parking available at many Metro Rail stations. Some lots are paid, some are free — be sure to check before arriving at the station.

Getting to the Rose Bowl Game

Take the L Line to Memorial Park Station in Pasadena; then it's just a short walk to Parsons Parking Lot B for the free bus shuttle that drops you off next to the stadium. The shuttle service begins at 10 a.m. on Jan. 2 and runs until two hours after the game.

It's also possible to walk to the stadium from the L Line's Memorial Park Station. It's about 1.5 to 2 miles each way (depending on which gate you enter the stadium) and downhill to the stadium and uphill on the way back.

Getting to Floatfest via Metro

Floatfest take place after the parade — it's a chance to see the floats closeup. Floatfest this year is on the afternoon of Jan. 2 and all day on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Metro is running free shuttles between the L Line's Sierra Madre Villa Station and Floatfest on both Jan. 2 and 3. Shuttles are free with to those with a Floatfest ticket but regular fares apply for L Line and Metro Bus lines serving Sierra Madre Villa Station.

All the details on how to ride can be found at: thesource.metro.net.

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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.

New Years Facility Closures

City facilities are closed December 30 - January 2 and the Crowell Public Library is closed December 31 - January 1.

Sandbags for Rainy Season

Scattered showers are expected today, and near continuous precipitation is expected beginning Monday through the end of the week. The Parks and Public Works Department is providing a sandbag self-fill location in the Stoneman parking lot that is available to residents. Sand and bags are available at the location, and residents are welcome to fill up to six bags to help protect their home from potential flooding. A limited supply of additional bags is also available in the Public Works yard at City Hall, and can be picked up by appointment, if necessary. For any questions, please contact the Parks and Public Works Department at (626) 300-0765 or PublicWorks@CityofSanMarino.org. Visit the National Weather Service website for current area forecasts.

Keep Safe During New Years Celebrations

The SMPD wishes everyone a safe and happy New Years celebration. With safety in mind, please remember that Officers from SMPD will be enforcing laws regarding driving under the influence violations. Have a designated driver or use ride sharing businesses. When you leave your home, please lock doors and windows and activate your security systems. Together we can prevent crime in San Marino!

Holiday Tree Curbside Collection

Athens Services will be providing their annual holiday tree curbside collection, now through Friday, January 6, 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.

Winter Community Services Guide

Check out the latest Community Services Guide to see Winter offerings and get details on upcoming events, classes, and lectures. Registration is open now!

For more information visit: cityofsanmarino.org.

New Year's Closures & Reminders in Pasadena

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

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies on 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, 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 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 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 Pasadena Transit net for more information.

All Pasadena Public Library branch sites will close today at 5 p.m. and will reopen Tuesday Jan. 3.

The City's Permit Center will be closed 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.

Pasadena Mayor to Travel Rose Parade Route with Family and Friends

Mayor Victor Gordo (pictured) will travel down the route of the 134th Rose Parade in a 1907 Autocar bus, joined by his family and close friends including actor Danny Trejo.

Family members include Mayor Gordo's wife, Kelly; son, Michael; and daughter, Emma; father, Juan; and stepmother, Ofelia. Juan Gordo worked in Pasadena's beloved Rancho Mexican Restaurant for nearly 50 years, retiring in 2018, the same year the restaurant closed.

Longtime close friends and dedicated community members Doug and Susan Kranwinkle will also ride along with the Mayor. Doug Kranwinkle served as general counsel for Univision, and he also served on the Rose Bowl Operating Company Board of Directors for several years. Most recently, he helped to ensure the families of the John Muir High School football team were able to get to the CIF championship game in Modesto, CA, to cheer on their student-athletes.

Mayor Gordo also invited his close friend, the highly recognizable actor/restaurantier Danny Trejo. Trejo has appeared in films including *Desperado*, *Heat*, and the *From Dusk Till Dawn* film series. With frequent collaborator and his second cousin Robert Rodriguez, he portrayed the character of Isador "Machete" Cortez, which was originally developed for the *Spy Kids* series and was later expanded into its own franchise of the same name. Trejo's movie career began in 1985, when he accidentally landed in the American indie film *Runaway Train*, where he played the role of a boxer for a daily fee of 320 dollars. He went on to star in a multitude of other films, including *Desperado*, *From Dusk till Dawn*, *Con Air*, *From Dusk Till Dawn 2: Texas Blood Money*, *From Dusk Till Dawn 3: The Hangman's Daughter*, *Reindeer Games*, *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, and *Grindhouse*. [1]



The final well-deserved seat will be held by Vannia De La Cuba who is the deputy to the Mayor and has supported him in his Council/Mayor roles for over 20-years. She grew up in Pasadena, attended Pasadena Unified School District schools and graduated from the University of Southern California. She worked at the Coalition for a Non Violent City and the LA County Children's Planning Council until joining friend and colleague Mayor Gordo as his District 5 Field Representative in 2003. She is the proud mom of three sons: Daniel (29), Gabo (26), and Andrés (19).

Once used to haul passengers up to Pike's Peak Hotel in Colorado, the Autocar bus has a top speed of 18 mph. It has a two-cylinder engine and 600-cubic-inch chain drive, which is very unique. The owners are Alex and Bob Trepenier of Alhambra, CA. The bus was found back east in 1980 and restored over six years by the owner's father. It has been featured in many movies, including "Titanic" and "Around the World in 80 Days."

The theme of this year's parade is "Turning the Corner," celebrating the unlimited potential that each new year brings. The Rose Parade travels 5.5 miles down Colorado Boulevard and features four types of entries: floral-decorated floats entered by a participating corporation, nonprofit organization or municipality; equestrian units; bands; and Tournament entries.

Pasadena Fire/Police Issue Rose Parade Safety Tips



As the 134th Rose Parade® presented by Honda approaches on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, Pasadena's fire and police departments are issuing the following safety tips for the thousands of overnight campers who will line the route on Sunday, Jan. 1. The parade route will be a safer place if everyone follows the rules and regulations listed below.

What You Can Do:

Protect yourself and others by getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and flu (recommended at least two weeks in advance of parade day).

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

Overnight camping is permitted only on the night of Jan. 1, 2023.

A position on the sidewalk may be maintained along the parade route beginning at noon on Jan. 1. All persons and property, such as blankets, chairs and personal items, must remain on the curb until 11 p.m. At that time, spectators may move out to the blue "Honor Line" but not past it.

Small, professionally-manufactured barbecues elevated at least 1 foot off the ground are allowed on the parade route as long as they are 25 feet from buildings and other combustibles. A fire extinguisher must be readily available. Minors under the age of 18 may be on the parade route from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. only if they are supervised by an adult.

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

Drink healthy fluids and consume nourishing meals to avoid dehydration.

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

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

What You Can't Do:

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

Tents, sofas, and boxes of any type that can be used as stools or seats are prohibited along the route.

Unoccupied chairs are not allowed and will be removed from the parade route.

Bonfires are strictly prohibited and considered "illegal burns."

ALL fireworks are prohibited except as part of official scheduled events.

No items may be sold along the parade route without a City permit. Selling space along the parade route, other than grandstand seating, is illegal. It is illegal to buy, sell or give away horns on the parade route.

No public areas—sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streets or ramps—may be blocked or roped off.

No ladders or scaffolding may be used as elevation for viewing the activities.

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

The throwing of any objects into the roadway or parade route, including seemingly harmless items such as tortillas, marshmallows or flowers, is prohibited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enhanced security measures will be in effect on the parade route. Pasadena police officers will resolve problems quickly and remove anyone from the scene who violates the law or disturbs the peace. Police canine teams will also be patrolling Colorado Boulevard. "If You See Something, Say Something."

Colorado Boulevard will once again close to motor vehicles earlier than in prior years for the staging of the Rose Parade. Colorado Boulevard will close beginning at 10 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, and will remain closed through the conclusion of the staging and clean-up following the parade. View the Public Access Map. If you plan to host a viewing party or other New Year's Eve event or anticipate vendor deliveries and your property's access is via Colorado Boulevard, please let your guests and vendors know that they must arrive before 10 p.m. or park in areas without restricted parking and walk in. The parade route will reopen by 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2.

New for 2023 is an interactive public access map with information on road closures, parking restrictions and detour routes during New Year's activities. Visit: cityofpasadena.net for a link to the map.

City asks Residents to Mask, get Boosted

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

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

Indoor masking continues to be required in all healthcare settings.

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

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

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

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

To reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases precautions include:

Wearing a well-fitting respirator or mask (e.g., N95, KN95, KF94)

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

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

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

Washing hands regularly
For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, December 18th through Saturday, December 24th, the Police Department responded to 829 calls for service, of which 101 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, December 18:

- At 2:48 p.m., an officer responded to the 1200 block of South Baldwin Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime between December 16th at 9:45 p.m. and December 17th at 2:00 a.m., someone stole the victim's Mercedes E300 from a back parking lot.
- At 3:31 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Sunset Boulevard regarding a domestic dispute. The officer discovered an argument between the married couple resulted in the male half twisting the female victim's arm, causing her pain. The investigation is ongoing.

Monday, December 19:

- At 12:41 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Las Tunas Drive regarding an incident of illegal camping. The officer located the 66-year-old male transient, and he was issued a citation.
- At 11:13 a.m., an officer responded to Sunglass Hut, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. An investigation revealed an unidentified male suspect stole numerous pairs of sunglasses resulting in a loss of nearly \$2,300.00. The Black male, approximately 6' tall suspect fled in a white Range Rover.
- At 11:06 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot at The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim stated someone smashed one of his windows and fled with a purse and cash. The crime happened sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 10:55 p.m. on December 19th.

Tuesday, December 20:

- At 2:33 p.m., an officer responded to a parking lot at The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism incident. The officer discovered someone scratched both the driver and passenger sides of the victim's vehicle. The crime may be related to an incident of road rage that occurred before the victim parked.

Wednesday, December 21:

- At 10:21 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Palo Alto Drive regarding a burglary in progress. The victim reported seeing two male suspects in her rear yard via CCTV footage. A review of the footage and an investigation resulted in the arrest of an 18-year-old male from Los Angeles, a 40-year-old female from Santa Fe Springs, two 17-year-old males from Compton, and a 14-year-old male from Los Angeles. Two additional burglaries were found to have been committed by this crew, one in the 100 block of Kari Way and another one in the 1800 block of Watson Drive.
- At 11:18 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 200 block of South Golden West Avenue regarding a burglary report. The officer determined someone broke the rear laundry room window and ransacked the master bedroom. The loss is unknown.

Thursday, December 22:

- At 9:12 a.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of West Camino Real Avenue regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime during the previous night, someone stole the victim's catalytic converter from her Toyota Prius. Another catalytic converter was stolen nearby in the 00 block of Bonita Street.
- At 4:55 p.m., an officer responded to the 1100 block of Drake Road regarding a grand theft incident. The officer determined someone entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole two wallets. The suspects then used the stolen debit cards to complete fraudulent transactions. The total loss was more than \$6,000.00. The suspect was captured on surveillance footage and is described as a Hispanic male with a medium build, and driving a black, four door Dodge truck.

Friday, December 23:

- At 5:13 a.m., an officer responded to Knockout Warehouse, located at 1550 East Clark Street, regarding a commercial burglary. An investigation revealed unidentified suspect(s) entered the business by breaking a glass door and once inside, they ransacked the business. The loss is unknown as of the date of this report.
- At 4:06 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Temple City Boulevard and West Longden Avenue regarding the notification of a wanted vehicle in the area. Upon contacting the driver, the officer discovered the suspect and passenger were in possession of stolen mail, a stolen license plate, counterfeit keys, and drug paraphernalia. A 38-year-old male from Diamond Bar and a 40-year-old male from Rosemead were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking. A records check revealed the 40-year-old male also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.
- At 9:10 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of El Dorado Street regarding a petty theft report. The officer determined someone stole the victim's house key from a box that had been left on the porch. The crime occurred sometime between December 21st and 23rd.

Saturday, December 24:

- At 5:51 p.m., an officer responded to The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft report. The victim discovered his bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack at the mall. The crime occurred between 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

MONROVIA COMMUNITY GARDEN PILOT PROGRAM IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Monrovia Community Garden (MCG) has worked hard this year. The image above demonstrates their year in review with statistics on the work produced and executed by the MCG team and its volunteers. The Los Angeles County Sustainability Office recently highlighted our City's Community Garden Pilot Program in their Annual Report (p. 46). It is so great to have one of our City initiatives featured in a countywide report. We thank MCG for a great program and all our community volunteers and partners. If you have any questions, please email Kristin Ritzau at krisritzau@explorefooded.org.

MONROVIA WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

Although we have seen an increase in rain over the last couple of months, it still does not mean we are out of the drought! At the December 20, 2022, City Council meeting, staff presented an update on our water conservation efforts. I am excited to share that we have saved 200 million gallons of water since the implementation of our Phase II conservation efforts in March 2022! In comparing our 2022 water consumption to 2020 data, we have been able to reduce water usage by 11%, and I want to thank all who have done their part in helping us reduce water usage!

By implementing our Phase II conservation efforts, the City has collected \$907,478 in Excess Penalty Revenue from customers who consumed more water than their target allocations. The City Council has directed staff to use the revenue to implement water conservation programs that can continue to reduce our water usage and promote long-term conservation efforts. Programs include increasing turf removal refunds from \$3 to \$4 for residential properties, a commercial turf rebate program, implementing a new outdoor water audit program, providing additional rebates to residential and commercial devices, and increasing funding to WaterSmart rebates.

With no specific end date to the drought, Monrovia residents are encouraged to help our community adopt practices to reduce water usage!

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of December 18, 2022 - December 24, 2022.

December 18, 2022
No significant activity.

December 19, 2022

Grand Theft :
1600 Block of Brightside Avenue. Between December 18, 2022 8:00 PM and December 19, 2022 3:00 AM suspect(s) unknown stole the catalytic converter to the victims parked work vehicle a white 2017 Chevy Silverado. Replacement cost is approximately \$2,500. No surveillance video available.

December 20, 2022
No significant activity.

December 21, 2022
No significant activity.

December 22, 2022
No significant activity.

December 23, 2022
No significant activity.

December 24, 2022

Burglary (Residential):
2500 Block of Bloomdale Street. Between December 23, 2022 8:00 AM and December 24, 2022 2:54 AM suspect(s) unknown forcibly removed the window screen to the rear kitchen window and entered the location through the unlocked window. Suspect(s) ransacked the location and stole unknown items. Unknown loss at time of report. No surveillance video available.

NEW DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE

9.18.040 – Graffiti prohibited
No person shall place or caused to be placed graffiti on any public or privately-owned property, building or structure, including natural and manmade objects, within the City.

9.18.070 – Parental and minor liability
Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1714.1(b) and Government Code Section 38772, each parent or legal guardian having custody and control of a minor who places graffiti on any public or privately owned structure, building, or property, including natural and manmade objects within the City, shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor for any and all costs incurred in connection with the removal of any graffiti caused by the minor, including all abatement costs, attorneys' fees, court costs, removal costs, costs of repair and/or replacement, and the law enforcement costs incurred by the City in identifying and apprehending the minor. The liability of each parent or guardian shall not exceed the amount set by the California Judicial Council in accordance with California Civil Code Section 1714.1(c). Such liability shall be a personal obligation of each parent or guardian and shall constitute a lien or special assessment on property owned by each parent or guardian pursuant to chapter 9.32 of this Code. The City is authorized to initiate legal action to enforce this section, or to recover these costs by any other means provided by law. Disposition of a criminal prosecution relating to placement of graffiti does not preclude the City from seeking full cost recovery as provided herein.

See something, say something. If you observe vandalism (Graffiti) occurring, please call "911" and report the incident. If you have information and would like to remain anonymous, make a call to CRIME STOPPERS 1 (800) 222-TIPS(8477) or LACRIMESTOPPERS.ORG or download the mobile APP "P3 TIPS".

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Yawn...I'm so worn out!

I'm full of energy and ready for the new year!

New Year's Day is a wonderful time. This first day of January and of the new year is a time to remember the past, to celebrate, and to hope for a happy, healthy future.

In North America, some people have parties or attend church services at midnight. Others go to places like Times Square in New York City to listen to music, enjoy the crowds and wait for the magical stroke of midnight.

In other countries people exchange gifts or open their homes to neighbors or visitors. Many people honor parents or relatives and try to pay all their debts so they will not owe anything at the start of the new year.

New Year's Day is a time to think back - and ahead!

List 2 things that you will remember about this year!

1. _____
2. _____

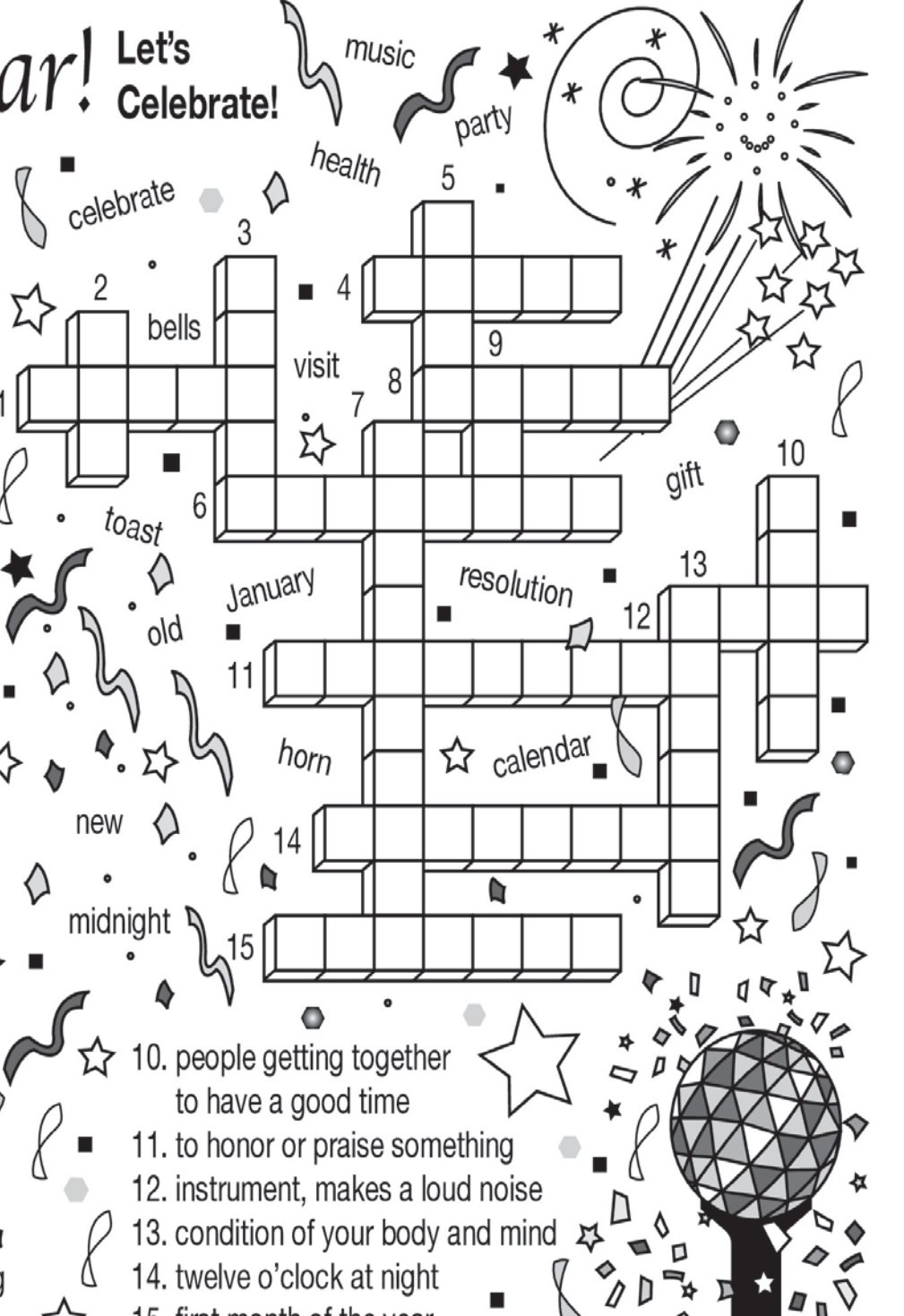
Now list 2 things you think will be important next year.

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2. _____

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. hollow, metal objects that ring when struck
2. beginning, for the first time
3. pleasing sounds made by voices or instruments
4. to call on or stay with someone
5. present, something given
6. chart of the months, weeks and days of the year
7. promise or decision
8. raise glasses to drink in honor of a person or thing
9. aged, time gone by
10. people getting together to have a good time
11. to honor or praise something
12. instrument, makes a loud noise
13. condition of your body and mind
14. twelve o'clock at night
15. first month of the year

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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

ON THE PATH TO OBSERVING KWANZAA



Today is the sixth day of Kwanzaa. But what is Kwanzaa?

I heard about the newly-created down-home secular holiday called Kwanzaa from my older brother when he was attending Long Beach State College. Back then, in the 1960s, there was a professor Ronald Everett who was often described as a militant, pro-black professor. Everett, who soon changed his name to Ron Karenga, felt that the popular religious commemorations such as Hannukah and Christmas were based on mythical stories, and he wanted to create a secular, and ethically-based commemoration focusing on an alternative for black people.

Karenga took a little from here and a little from there to create this holiday, and he used Swahili words because he believed at the time that Swahili was the most common lan-guage in Africa. Since he wanted to create an alternative to Christmas, he made his holi-day start on the day after Christmas, December 26. And as an inspiration from the eight days of Hannukah, he decided that followers of his new holiday would light a candle each night for seven nights, not eight, and on each of the seven nights, a specific principle would be focused upon. There might be gift-giving – why not? After all, everyone is giving gifts at Christmas, and even Jews have begun to exchange gifts during Hannukah. Gift-giving is always a big winner.

Karenga decided that his holiday would be loosely patterned after the many harvest festi-vals of Africa, so he called his holiday “Kwanzaa.” Swahili for “first” is actually “kwanza,” though Karenga added the extra “a” to distinguish this new holiday. “First” is referring to the first fruits of the harvest. Of course, even in Africa, all the harvest festivals would have been over perhaps two months before December 26.

Karenga put a lot of thought into the new secular holiday, even though it had many trappings of Christi-anity and Judaism. For example, each day of Kwanzaa is dedicated to one of the seven principles, which Karenga called the Nguzo Saba (“seven principles” in Swahili). These principles are regarded as the basic set of values for African Americans to “rescue and reconstruct their lives and build a sustaina-ble Afrocentric family, community, and culture.”

Though I am well aware that Ron Karenga and Kwanzaa are not without their controversies, I choose to look at the way the observation of this holiday can be uplifting to each of us. After all, don’t we all have roots in Africa? (If you want to know about the controversies, you can Google them, but that’s not my concern here).

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA Umoja – Unity. “To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.” This, of course, is a noble cause for anyone in any community work. I believe that this can also relate to political awareness, with the emphasis that our “lead-ers” should always see that we are all One, and that “political ac-tions” should always emphasize our unity, and move towards unity, not division.

Kujichagulia –“Self -determination. To define ourselves, name ourselves, and speak for ourselves.” This is another noble Principle for each of us. In life, what we do for education, for work, in relation-ships, etc., should all be considered in the context of “who am I” and “what is my purpose in life?”

Ujima (collective work and responsibility). “To build and maintain our community together and to make our brother’s and sister’s problems our problems, and to solve them together.” Working together in synergy is a positive force in any community. We should always think that we are our brother’s keeper.

Ujamaa (cooperative economics). “To build and to maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.” It is widely known today that it makes good economic sense for ANY community to support their own craftspeople, and to buy locally. This is a very fundamental concept, without which you are always a “slave” to external forces, and “the clock.” The wider community is discovering (perhaps too late) that it is better to support locally-based busi-nesses, rather than a WalMart, and an Amazon.

Nia (purpose). “To make our collec-tive vocation the building and devel-oping our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.”

Karenga was focused on Americans of African Descent re-finding their great Purpose, which in this case, has to do with working together to build up the community to strength.

I like to think that this also includes the idea that all of us should be working to get back to something greater, that is, getting back to our spiritual sense of self.

Kuumba (creativity): “To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our commu-nity more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.”



Christopher's Kwanzaa kinara.

It is a fact that most of us can always do more than we do, and we can do it better, and we can continu-ally take on more and to break mental and physical limits. This includes the idea of “Making every place better for my having been there,” which is more or less what Karenga said. Imani (faith). “To believe with all of our heart in our people, our par-ents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.”

This is a mouthful, and Karenga included a lot of ideas, but it has to do with giving both our mental and physical support to our leaders. It appears to suggest that we should not look afar for our help or salva-tion, but support “our own” people and work together within our own communities to make a better life. Though Karenga was originally fo-cusing on Black Americans, the prin-ciple is still sound to support our nat-ural, local leaders because any good cause needs not only good followers but good leaders.

Those are the 7 Principles that Karenga came up with in the new holiday of Kwanzaa, with the sug-gestion that the followers focus upon one Principle during each night of family gathering, during all 7 days of Kwanzaa. Each day, Kwanzaa practitioners light a new candle on a seven-branched candelabra called a “kinara.”

OFFICIAL KWANZAA WEBSITE Yes, there are a lot of details, as with any such activity, and so you can read all about it in the official web site: <https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.html>

IS THIS AN AFRICAN HARVEST FESTIVAL?

No, Kwanzaa is not known to be observed in Africa, now or in the past. It was created in the United States, and is observed mostly by Americans and Canadians. According to one poll, of all those who observe Kwanzaa, at least 85% also observe Christmas. Karenga adopted the basic principles of the harvest celebrations in Africa to create the observance of Kwanzaa.

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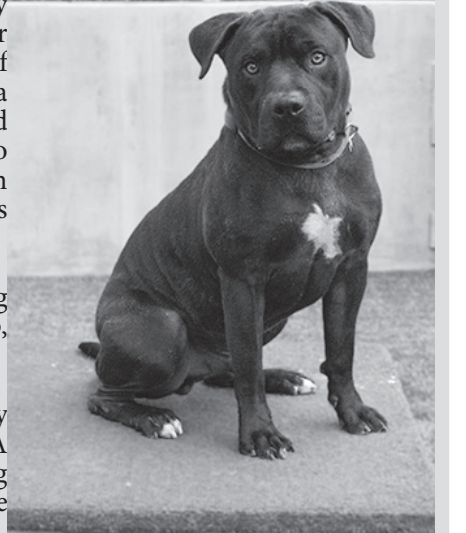
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Thurber's Tail.com by Tom Purcell

It was late December of 2020. COVID cabin fever was hitting me hard.

As a writer and communications consultant, I’ve long worked from an office in my home.

I was used to working alone at home, but COVID isolation was pushing me beyond my limits.

Family issues were also weighing me down. My father, then 87, was facing a series of health challenges.

I was on guard day and night, waiting for a phone call to ask me to help get him off the floor because his legs were no longer able to hold him.

Isolation and stress — and constant worry about getting COVID and passing it on to my parents — were weighing me down.

My oldest sister, Kathy, offered what she thought was the perfect solution to my woes:

“You need to get a dog,” she said matter-of-factly one day.

I’ve always loved dogs and routinely stop to pet any pup who crosses my path. And I still miss my childhood puppy, Jingles, a sweet collie mix.

But I’d never considered bringing a canine companion into my home permanently.

I’m away from the house too often, I told myself. I don’t want to leave a dog isolated in a crate. And I travel for work too often.

But the truth is, I didn’t want the responsibility. I wanted to come and go and do as I pleased.

Luckily, I woke one morning sick and tired of the COVID isolation.

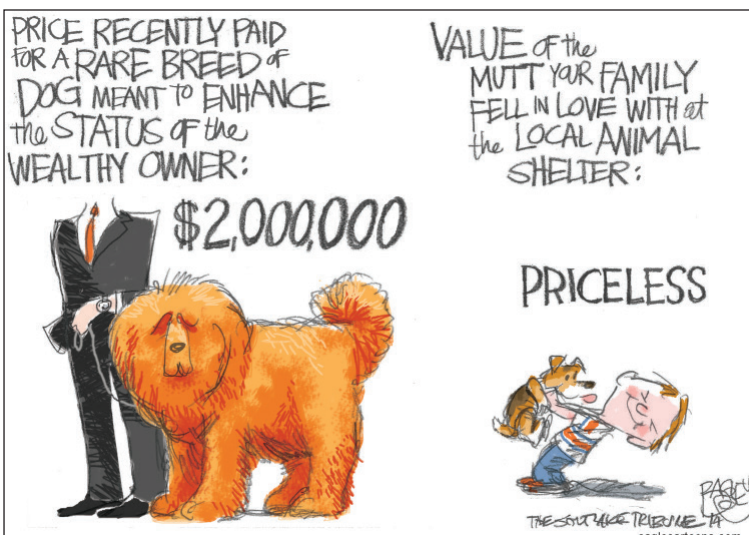
“I’m getting a dog,” I said to myself.

I contacted local rescue shelters, assuming I’d have my pick of dogs that day. But many other people had decided to get rescue dogs during the pandemic, and, after six weeks of trying, no shelter had replied to my applications.

One Saturday, after I’d spent hours calling and emailing various places, I spotted an ad for Labrador puppies that were available in Punxsutawney. I thought it might be a scam, but it was legitimate.

I woke early the next day and made the 90-minute

BEST 2023 RESOLUTION? GET A PET!



journey to pick out my puppy. Only nine days old, five of the pups had already been claimed. I had my pick of four boys.

The first three wanted nothing to do with me and thrashed about uneasily in my arms. But then I picked up the fourth and he settled contentedly as though he’d found his perfect human.

He did. And I’d found my perfect pup.

Thurber turned 2 on Christmas Day, and throughout my 60 years, he’s one of the very best decisions I ever made in my life.

I didn’t realize how often I’d not been laughing until he came into my home. I still laugh out loud at least five times every day. (See some reasons why at ThurbersTail.com!)

I share this story for the simple reason that one of the best things any human being can ever do to benefit their mental and physical well-being is to get a pet.

The companionship, the exercise, the pure joy of having such a creature share life with you is incredibly beneficial. Several studies show this.

According to PsyPost, a recent study finds that dogs especially improve the health and physical activity of elderly dog parents.

Pets make us more empathetic and more civil toward each other.

And they certainly help us escape from the never-ending noise and stress of modern life and bring us a peace and calm that we badly need.

So as we wrap 2022 and head into 2023, here’s one resolution that you should strongly consider: Get a pet!

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ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOME?

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

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

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

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

WHEN CAN I CHANGE MY MEDICARE COVERAGE?

Dear Savvy Senior:

Is it possible to make changes to my Medicare coverage now? I know we've passed the fall open enrollment period, but I've heard that there are other times of the year beneficiaries can make changes. What can you tell me? *Changed My Mind*

Dear Changed:

Yes! The annual Medicare open enrollment period isn't your only opportunity to swap out Medicare coverage. There are other opportunities, but the timing of when you can make those changes depends on your specific circumstances and the kind of Medicare coverage you have. Here's what you should know.

Medicare Advantage Change

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you may be able to use the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, which occurs each year from Jan. 1 through March 31.

During this period, you can switch from your current Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan or to original Medicare with or without a prescription drug plan. You can only make one change during this period, and it will be effective the first of the next month after you make the change.

Special Enrollment

Depending on your circumstances, you may also qualify for a Special Enrollment Period to change your Medicare health and drug coverage.

There are a number of circumstances in which you may have a Special Enrollment Period, such as if you moved outside of your plan's service area, your Medicare Advantage Plan terminated a significant amount of its network providers, or you are enrolled in a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

Those with Extra Help – the federal program that helps pay for drug costs – also have a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a Part D plan, or switch between plans once per quarter in the first three quarters of the year.

If you need to make changes to your coverage but aren't sure whether you qualify for a Special Enroll-



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ment Period, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling. To find a SHIP counselor in your area visit ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675.

Also, be aware that if you're enrolled in a Medicare plan by mistake or because of misleading information, you may be able to disenroll and change plans.

Typically, you have the right to change plans if you joined unintentionally, joined based on incorrect or misleading information, or, through no fault of your own, were kept in a plan you did not want.

To get help, call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and explain to a customer service representative how you joined the plan by mistake and to request retroactive disenrollment or a Special Enrollment Period.

Fall Open Enrollment

As you noted in your question, there's also the Fall Open Enrollment Period that allows all Medicare beneficiaries – those with original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans – to make changes.

The Fall Open Enrollment Period occurs each year from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. During this period, you can join a new Medicare Advantage Plan or stand-alone prescription drug plan (Part D) plan. You can also switch between Original Medicare with or without a Part D plan and Medicare Advantage.

You can make as many changes as you need during this period, and your last coverage choice will take effect Jan. 1.

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.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS*

Maria Decker, Nancy Dorn, Prudence Levine Pat Karamitros, Joan Hufnagel, Mary Alice Cervera, Carol Horejsi, Shirley Anhalt, Helen Reese, Levon Yapoujian, Toni Buckner, Lottie Bugl, Sheila Wohler, Nan Murphy, Eleanor Hensel, Sylvia Curl, Elizabeth Levie, Gayle Licher, Cindy Barran, and Melissa Stute, Prudence Levin, Sheila Woehler. * To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth

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.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE CORRECTIONS

City Hall and the Hart Park House will be closed to the public from

December 26, 2022-January 1, 2023

We will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2023

We wish you all a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!



OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
THE MISCONCEPTION OF A NEW YEAR



Christmas is the best time of the year, especially when it involves family. It's the one time of the year that families get together to celebrate together. Of course, at least from my perspective, it is also the most hectic time of the year. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has an entirely different perspective regarding family get-together time. This year, we had a special new family member, our second great-grandchild, born a week before Christmas.

As you might imagine, that little one was the center of everybody's attention. Therefore, everybody had to hold the little one at least once. I could see the little one had absolutely no idea what was happening. Although these were wonderful memories for us, that little one will never remember this time together. But there will be other times, I assure you. One daughter was taking pictures of just about everyone, which is important. The picture she took, and I probably was the only one who understood, was between The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and that little great-granddaughter. The beauty of that picture was there was the oldest and the youngest person in our family together. Don't let her know that I said this because I may not get any older.

It was a fun time, and when it was all over, everybody went home, even the family's newest member. The mother of the new baby had to spend a lot of time wrestling her from the great-grandmother.

That night my wife and I sat together reflecting on our family get-together. As usual, it was a wonderful time, and I'm glad I've lived long enough to enjoy it. Whether I get to another Christmas or not is anybody's guess. As we sat together drinking hot apple cider, we reflected on the past year, which was a transitional year for us. It's hard for me to pick out the greatest time this past year but if I had to pick one it would be Christmas. Sighing deeply, I said, "It sure has been a great year, hasn't it?"

Thinking deeply, which is the beginning of trouble, my wife said, "It was a great year." Then, after more deep thought, she continued, "But the New Year is going to be so much better." Not learning from the past, I replied, "What's so new about the new year?" She looked at me as though she had never seen me before, and with one of her sarcastic tones, she said, "It's a new year, and everything is going to be new." "What do you think is going to be new about this coming New Year?" I responded. "Everything will be new this coming year, and I can't wait to see all the new stuff." Pausing for a moment, she then said, "Last year, we didn't even know at this time that we were going to have a great-granddaughter. She is new in our family." Well, she had me on that one for sure. Maybe she was expecting another new great-grandchild this coming year. So I didn't pursue that. "So," I said rather slowly, "what will be new this coming year?" "Everything is going to be new this coming year." She said with a smile dancing on her face. "Except for a new family member," I said to her, "everything this next year is going to be the same."

She could not let me get away with that and said most vehemently, "Everything is going to be new. Trust me."

I had her just about where I wanted her and was very careful in my next steps. "So, tell me, how many months will there be this coming year?" Looking at me, she smirked and said, "There will be 12 months this coming year. What are you talking about?"

"Well," I stuttered a little, "weren't there 12 months this past year? This next year we will have the same 12 months as we had last year."

Looking at me, she said, "I think you're getting a little goofy here."

"And," I pursued a little more, "how many days of the week will there be in this new year? Will there be any more than last year?"

She stared at me, not knowing what to say.

"Also, there will still be 24 hours in every day. That's not going to change either."

I paused for a moment and then said, "When is your birthday this coming year?"

She told me and said, "It's the same as it was the last year, you silly boy."

"Oh," I said rather thoughtfully, "your birthday this year is the same as last year, so your birthday isn't new this year."

"But," she replied, "I will be a year older."

Looking at her I replied, "Weren't you a year older this year?"

Finally, she began to understand what I was saying, and looking at me very quizzically, she said, "You sure have a stupid way of looking at things, don't you?"

Then she said something rather startling, "I guess you are right in this."

Well, I was rather stunned because that was new.

Pondering this conversation I was reminded of what wise old Solomon said. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

The secret to a happy life is enjoying what I have right now.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

DON'T LET DIMINISHED FINANCIAL CAPACITY PUT YOUR ELDERLY LOVED ONES AT RISK.....PART I

With more and more Baby Boomers reaching retirement age each year, our country is undergoing an unprecedented demographic transformation that's been dubbed "The Greying of America." This population shift stands to affect many aspects of life, especially your relationships with aging parents and other senior family members.

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By 2060, the number of Americans aged 65 and older is projected to nearly double from 52 million in 2018 to 95 million, which will account for 24% of the total population. And as early as 2030, the number of those 65 and older is expected to surpass the number of children (those under age 18) for the first time in history.

Coinciding with the boom in the elderly population, the number of Americans suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia is expected to increase substantially as well. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that the number of Americans with Alzheimer's disease will double by 2060, when it's expected to reach 14 million—more than 3% of the total population.

A decline in financial capacity

Although Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia in older adults, it's not the only one. In fact, the National Institute on Aging estimates that nearly half of all Americans will develop some form of dementia in their lifetime. And while the cognitive decline brought on by dementia affects a broad array of mental functions, many people aren't aware that one of the first abilities to go is one's "financial capacity."

Financial capacity refers to the ability to manage money and make wise financial decisions. Yet cognitive decline brought on by dementia often develops slowly over several years, so a diminished financial capacity frequently goes unnoticed—often until it's too late.

"Financial capacity is one of the first abilities to decline as cognitive impairment encroaches," notes the AARP's Public Policy Institute, "yet older people, their families, and others are frequently unaware that these deficits are developing."

Ironically, studies have also shown that the elderly's confidence in their money management skills can actually increase as they get older, which puts them in a perilous position. As seniors begin to experience difficulty managing their money, they don't realize they're making poor choices, which makes them easy targets for financial exploitation, fraud, and abuse.

Watch for red flags over the holidays
Now that we're in the peak of the holiday season,

you're likely spending more time with your aging parents and other senior relatives. This provides an ideal opportunity to be on the lookout for signs that your loved ones might be experiencing a decline in their financial capacity. The University of Alabama study "The Warning Signs of Diminished Financial Capacity in Older Adults" identified six red flags to watch for:

1. Memory lapses: Examples include missing appointments, failing to make a payment—or making multiples of the same payment—forgetting to bring documents or where documents are located, repeatedly giving the same orders, repeatedly asking the same questions.
2. Disorganization: Mismanaging financial documents, and losing or misplacing bills, statements, or other records.
3. Declining checkbook management skills: Forgetting to record transactions in the register, incorrectly or incompletely filling out register entries, and incorrectly filling out the payee or amount on a check.
4. Mathematical mistakes: A declining ability to do basic oral or written math computations, such as making change.
5. Confusion: Difficulty understanding basic financial concepts like mortgages, loans, or interest payments, which were previously well-understood.
6. Poor financial judgment: A new-found interest in get-rich-quick schemes or radical changes in investment strategy.

Managing diminished financial capacity

If you notice your parents or other senior family members displaying any of these behaviors, you should take steps to protect them from their own poor judgement. It's vital to address their cognitive decline as early as possible, not only to prevent financial mismanagement and exploitation, but also to ensure their overall health and safety.

There are several estate planning tools that can be put in place to help your aging parents and other senior family members protect themselves and their assets from the debilitating effects of dementia and other forms of incapacity. In part two of this series, we'll discuss the specific planning tools available for this purpose, and provide some guidance on how to address this sensitive subject with your elderly loved ones.

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STUART TOLCHIN



the hill seems ever closer.

Let's not get too morbid. Is it possible to reverse my field and go back up the hill or at least stop myself from going further downhill? An accurate but unpleasant description of my present self is to say that I am kind of "feckless". Are you familiar with the word? It is not a pleasant one; but I searched around and it seems pretty accurate, "Feckless" according to the Oxford Language dictionary is similar to useless or worthless. Other attached possibilities include lacking initiative or strength of character. I do not want these descriptions to apply to me but I feel much like my three year old granddaughter who, when confronted with her most recent misdeed, will say "I want to be a better person" but is aware that something else keeps getting in the way.

As is fairly usual in my articles I mention some action by my granddaughter as a reference. Indeed, this is probably part of my problem. I am a fairly healthy retired person but limited in my interactions with others and unable to replace the pleasures involved with the social interactions and obligations of being a criminal defense lawyer. Younger attorneys have offered to find a place for me within their offices but, after discussions with my wife, I agree this is not a very good solution. Just driving around the neighborhood has become challenging and frequently, or at least not infrequently, I feel myself angered by simple interactions that I usually could ignore.

A glaring example of that behavior occurred the other day when I bravely went out into the world to purchase a new pair of pants. In order to make things easier to avoid receiving a pocketful of change resulting from a forty six dollar and four cent purchase I attempted to give the woman at the counter a fifty dollar bill, a one dollar bill, and a nickel. I expected to receive a convenient five dollar bill and a penny as change. Simple right? Instead the woman explained that at the present time she had no access to a computer and I would have to accept three dollars and ninety-six cents in change which she laboriously began to count out. I couldn't take it and walked out of the store very upset.

I returned home and told my wife the story and she was not very sympathetic. Could I not go and make a simple purchase without her? Oh, by the way, earlier the previous day I had misplaced my credit card. We returned to the store the next day and using my wife's credit card purchase the pants. Actually not; we purchased a different pair that were a better fit.

Do you now get the picture? I am unwillingly feckless. I want to be a better more active, productive person but like my much-described granddaughter something keeps getting in the way. This afternoon I tried to take action by going to the used bookstore and buying ex-President Carter's book "THE VIRTUES OF AGING", Large Print Edition in the hope that my problematic eyesight would allow me to focus on the book. Alright, so I have read only a small beginning which starts with a description of ex-President Carter's "acute despair" after he was defeated in 1980 for re-election. He wrote how it was not easy to forget the past, overcome his fear of the future, and actually focus on the present. He fretted that he did not even have an advanced degree to fall back on. What could he actually do now? Well that's about all I read so far but already I feel better. I know that President Carter has generally been acclaimed as America's most effective ex-President. But that's not the point. The point for me is that a necessary beginning is to truthfully face your feelings and that this truth will lead you to the next necessary step. Well I have taken the step to truthfully express myself in this article. I have purchased the book and believe I will read it. I have completed this article when I feared I had nothing to say. So let's see what the New Year will bring.

HOPING FOR A PRODUCTIVE NON-FECKLESS NEW YEAR

CHRISTINE FLOWERS



Christmas is my favorite holiday. Nothing else even comes close.

I don't think I'm exceptional in this. Most people, unless they have hearts the size of the Grinch's before he had his Whoville epiphany, would agree that there is nothing more magical than the holiday that celebrates the birth of the Christ child. You don't even need to be Christian to appreciate it.

Ironically, the most memorable Christmas holidays in my 61 years have been experienced in the shadow of sadness, which made them all the more poignant and taught me lessons in humility and gratitude.

My first holiday encounter with the true meaning — and unexpected reality — of Christmas was the one in 1965, three weeks to the day after I'd celebrated my 4th birthday.

There I was, sitting with my mother and father, ripping into what I can only imagine were delightful presents, when my father announced that "Mommy and Daddy are taking you to Mom Mom and Pop Pop's house."

Not completely understanding the necessity to abandon my own personal party, I am told that there was definite pushback from the mouthy 4-year-old. But Mom had gone into labor with my baby brother, who would be born later that day.

That Christmas, memorable as it was for my mother who apparently had a visit from the angel Gabriel on the same exact date as Mary, was a letdown.

From new life to the shadow of departure: On Dec. 11, 1968, just three years later, one of those two beloved grandparents passed away.

My grandfather Mike had been a heavy smoker, and the only vice he had in what was an otherwise sainted life — unfiltered Chesterfields — took him away from us at the unbearably young age of 58.

I remember my mother telling me years later that as he was lying in the hospital bed, he reached out for grandmom Mammie's hand and tried to sing "I'll Be Home For Christmas."

He couldn't keep that promise and passed away two weeks shy of her favorite holiday.

I was only 7 and don't remember the funeral, but I know the toll it took on my mother, six months pregnant with her fourth child, who she would name Michael.

For many years afterward, mom would make sure to bake the pumpkin pie that my grandfather coveted, a special Christmas tradition because it was a visceral connection to the first man she had ever loved.

I've always believed that there is a strange symmetry in life, and life has not disappointed me.

PUT THE LIGHTS ON

YEAR END CHALLENGE NON-HECKLESS IN SIERRA MADRE

I have a friend, a bit younger than me, but still old, who has a standard reply to the common question of "How are you?". How do you like this first sentence which concludes with three punctuation marks and conveys almost no information? Probably it is punctuated incorrectly but I don't know what to do about it and that seems to be an overall statement of my present state of being. Going back now to that first question of "how are you?" his standard answer is "better today than I was yesterday but worse than I probably will be tomorrow". Much as I do not want to, I have to agree. It feels like I am going downhill and the bottom of

RICH & FAMOUS

NEW YEAR'S TALKING POINTS



New Year's was first celebrated 4,000 years ago in ancient Babylon. Does the name Hammurabi ring a bell? Look him up. Interesting read. 2000 years (give or take) later, Julius Caesar established New Year's Day as January 1st, honoring the two-faced god Janus, who looks backwards and forward, old year and new year.

By the way, we can thank the ancient Romans for the midnight kissing tradition. Kissing was part of their Saturnalia festival. So, go ahead and honor Saturn, the god of time, and kiss as many people as you can or care to.

If you are like 80% of humanity, your New Year's resolutions(s) will be abandoned by February. 44% of Americans make at least one New Year's resolution, 31% use last years resolutions.

If you live in Spain, you are encouraged to eat 12 grapes on New Year's Eve...one for each month. It is supposed to bring you luck. Why not 12 pizzas or 12 Big Macs? The French, I'm told, eat a stack of pancakes on New Year's Eve

The Danes in Denmark, stand on chairs just before midnight. As the clock strikes 12 they literally jump into the new year. They also throw unused plates at the front doors of family and friends for good luck.

Brazilians jump over the waves seven times on New Years to get into the Sea Goddess's good graces. Canadians do a polar bear plunge to ring in the New Year. Russians write their wish on a piece of paper, burn the paper, then put the ashes into a glass of champagne and drink it. Really!

If you're in Turkey sprinkle salt on your doorstep precisely as the clock strikes midnight...only if you want peace and prosperity. Families in Chile, spend the night sleeping at the cemetery to be in the company of their deceased loved ones.

New Year's quotes designed to inspire you:

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past
Thomas Jefferson

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often
Winston Churchill

Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself
Unknown

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot
Michael Altschuler

Now matter how hard the past, you can always begin again
Buddha

Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start.
Nido Qubein

You can get excited about the future. The past won't mind.
Hillary DePiano

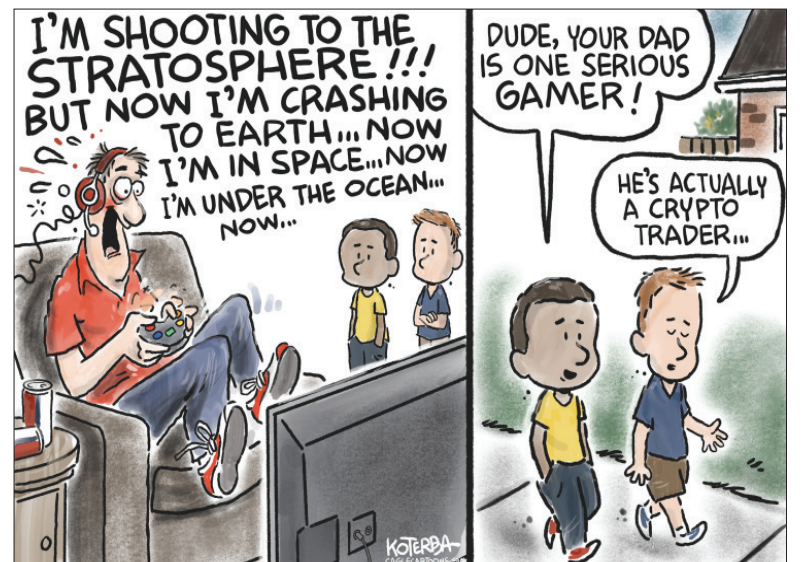
Don't live the same year 75 times and call it a life.
Robin Sharma

Be so busy loving your life that you have no time for hate, regret or fear
Unknown

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing
Sarah Ban Breathnach

You do not find the happy life. You make it. Camilla Eyring Kimball
Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right
Oprah Winfrey
The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Be willing to be a beginner every single morning
Meister Eckhart
Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself
Unknown



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-276614. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BACK-EAST PRESS, 538 N MANSFIELD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90006...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-276428. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BLOSSOM AT ROSIE'S DANCE STUDIO, BLOSSOM DANCE STUDIO, 8722 N. BEACH BLVD, MONTEBELLO, CA 90238...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-279580. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BRMG MOTORS, BRMG MOTORS, 2111 HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-277604. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAPITAL BLINDS AND SHUTTERS, 1110 SANTA GERTRUDES, WHITTIER, CA 90604...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-274742. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIVE HEALTHY, 440 E FLORENCE AVE SUITE B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-273913. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIS ACESSION, 2457 EAST 7TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272662. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RELIABLE HEALTH CARE LITERS, 1451 E ABILE STREET, CARSON, CA 90745...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272909. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANCHEZ 90 DAY & ANNUAL TRUCK INSPECTION, SANCHEZ ROSE SERVICE, 1264 KA SAVOR AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272442. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPRE INVESTMENTS, 2624 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD SUITE 15, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272736. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TC FOUNDATION, 935 W WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 203, SHERMAN HILLS, CA 90212...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-275132. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WISE INVESTMENTS, 2624 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD SUITE 15, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262...

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...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-274245. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PM SERVICE, 91401 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FULL name of registrant(s) is (are) VUONG THI PHAM 14052 BURBANK BLVD...

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-253664. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FONTANILLA CLEANING CO, 134 TAYLOR AVE, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-258754. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ERIC TOLBY, 3482 WESTMOUNT AVE, VIEW PARK, CA 90043...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-262496. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GEORGE HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 1682 1/2 CORDOVA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-317471. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IMMACULATE HEART HIGH SCHOOL, IHHS, IHC, SPECTRA TRANSPORT SERVICE, INC., 2028 HEINTZ ST, BALDWIN PARK, CA 91706...

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER 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 register the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many ac-tions without ob-taining 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.)

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-en objections with the court before the hearing. Your ap-pearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the de-cedent, 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 knowl-edgeable 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 in-ventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or ac-count as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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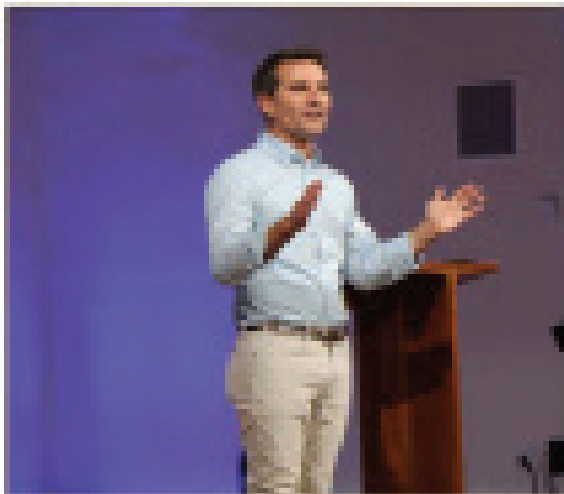
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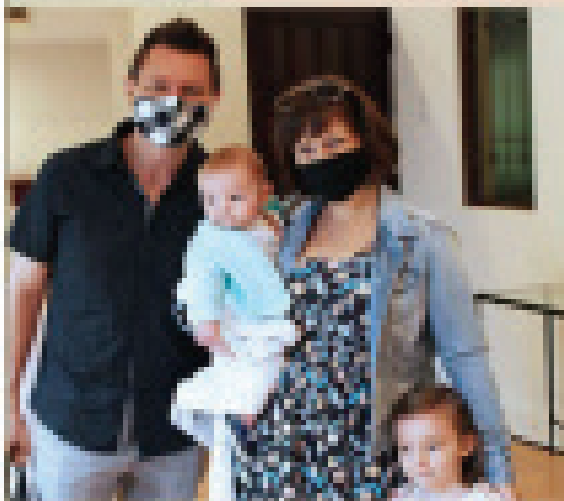
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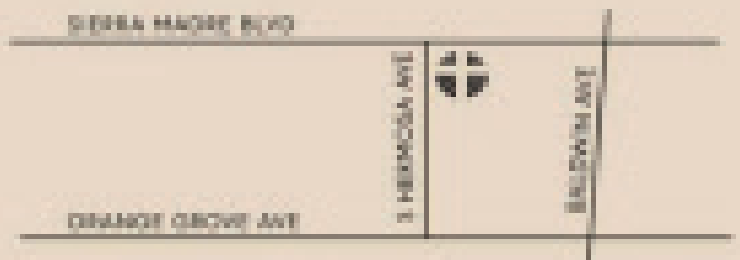


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