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WILL THE 2023 HOUSING MARKET  
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## Single-Family Homes

	2021	2022
Total # Sold:	138	92
Average Sold Price:	\$1,392,451	\$1,702,234
Average Sq. Ft.	2,026	2,254
Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$726	\$795

## Condo/Townhomes

	2021	2022
Total # Sold:	21	19
Average Sold Price:	\$746,329	\$899,474
Average Sq. Ft.	1,466	1,484
Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$521	\$613

The data indicates now is the time to sell... Reach out to any of us to assist you in that process. If your home is priced right, we have consistently been able to get well over asking for our very happy sellers.



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## BEFORE & AFTER

Auto mishap disrupts downtown outdoor dining area



On Tuesday evening, wet streets may be the cause for an out of control vehicle running into the barricades protecting diners at The Only Place In Town (OPIT). (Pictured above by Dirk Bolle). Fortunately, because of the rain, no one was outside dining. The elderly driver of the vehicle was not injured and according to SMPD was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Within hours, the owners of OPIT had the vehicle removed, the K-rails moved back to their designated location and life returned to normal.

OPIT posted the following statement on Facebook: "We want to thank our Sierra Madre community, valued friends and customers, and supporters near and far for your outpouring of love and support. By the grace of God no one was hurt. The patio was cleaned up within hours (picture above right) and is again operational. We are grateful for your continued support and are humbled to be a part of this community."

## 'BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE': CITY AND MEADOWS PROJECT OPPONENTS WORK TOGETHER TO AN AMICABLE SOLUTION

Sierra Madre is a town full of very passionate people. That is an understatement. And yet, like most families, when serious disagreements arise that could potentially do more harm than good, everyone one remembers what is really important and work together to come up with a solution. Such is the current situation as it relates to the referendum that has halted all progress on The Meadows project and opened the door for an alternative that neither side wants. (p1, v17.01 — Home Page — Mountain Views News, Combined edition (mtnviewsnews.com))

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the council on January 10th, Mayor Edward Garcia said, "We are not allowed to go rogue and freestyle.

We can't decide we don't want to do this," he said. "If they [NUWI] want, they can start this project [SB 330] tomorrow and pull "The Meadows" and we are stuck with it. There is nothing we can do."

Council Member Gene Goss suggested that the petitioners (Protect Sierra Madre) to look toward themselves and consider pulling the referendum. After much discussion, the City Council and City Manager Jose Reynoso, along with members of the Protect Sierra Madre Steering Committee, agreed to begin negotiations in order to find common ground and resolve the untenable position that both sides find themselves currently in.

So, a Special Council Meeting was held two days later. Afterwards, Reynoso stated that he was "optimistic" that negotiations with members of the Protect Sierra Madre Steering Committee were going well. He is hopeful that a withdrawal of the referendum to appeal Ordinance 146 will happen. The council has agreed to allow Protect Sierra Madre more time to consider what they are willing to do, so the negotiations will continue and will be publicly discussed at the next regular meeting on January 24, 2023.

As stated by Protect Sierra Madre member Matthew Bryant, "This is an opportunity for us to reach aa mutually satisfying agreement".

## CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS THREE NEW MEMBERS TO PLANNING COMMISSION

By Kevin McGuire

After weeks of significant rainfall in Southern California, conditions improved just in time for the first City Council Member meetings of 2023.

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 10

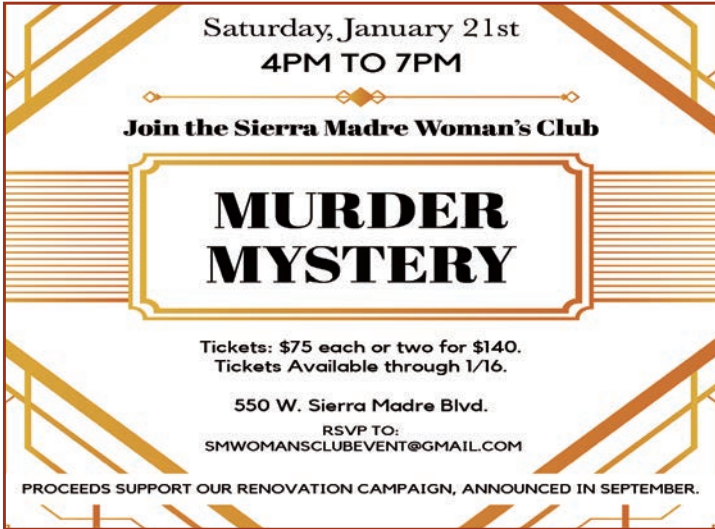
There were some new roles, new faces, and a full agenda for the first day back before a minimum crowd Tuesday evening. Edward Garcia took the center seat as the new Mayor of Sierra Madre, with Kelly Kriebs taking on the new role as Mayor Pro Tem. With a successful campaign, Kristine Lowe fills the seat vacated by long-time Council Member and former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi. Council Member Robert Parkhurst returns to his role, while the longest-standing Council Member, former Mayor Gene Goss, returns to begin his ninth year serving this community.

One of the first orders of business for the new Council was to fill current and anticipated vacancies on The Planning Commission. On June 30, 2022, Commissioner Bob Spears completed his second full term, but due to the absence of any applications to fill the vacancy, Mr. Spears served a partial term which ended on December 31, 2022.

In addition, Commissioner John Hutt will finish his second term on June 30, 2023. Therefore, a new Commissioner is needed to fill Hutt's seat by July 1, 2023.

Four applications have been received to fill these two positions. Those candidates are:

- Joe Catalano  
Mr. Catalano, a 32-year resident, served on the Planning Commission from 2017-2020. He is an adjunct professor of Urban Planning at Cal Poly Pomona and was nominated to the College of Fellows at the American Institute of Architects.
- Christine Moran  
Dr. Moran ran for Sierra Madre City Council during the 2022 campaign. Her background includes engineering, science, and management. She is the engineering manager for the Data Pipeline and Planet Labs. She has lived in Sierra Madre for three years.



Patrick Simcock

Mr. Simcock has spent 49 years in Sierra Madre and has served on the UUT Oversight Committee and the Sierra Madre Community Foundation board. In addition, Mr. Simcock worked as an engineer and a commercial property loss prevention consultant.

• Yong Yoo  
Mr. Yoo has worked as an architect for PBK serving California Schools for over 25 years. He has served on the Design Review Board for the City of Glendale and the Design Review Commissioner in Pasadena. Mr. Yoo went through the process and built his own home in Sierra Madre, where he has resided for five years.

All applications to fill Board vacancies are forwarded to the City Council for review and recommendations. According to the staff Agenda Report, the appointment of an applicant to the vacant position requires a majority vote.

Two of these candidates, Dr. Christine Moran and Patrick Simcock, appeared in person and had a chance to speak before the Council. Dr. Moran spoke first. "I am interested in bringing an unbiased, neutral, scientific lens to thorny community issues as we try to balance our needs for housing, environmentalism, upcoming California regulations, and the priorities of current community members," Moran said.

Patrick Simcock highlighted his work as an engineer and his present job of 15 years. "I currently work as a high-hazard property loss prevention consultant where I regularly need to understand and apply fire and safety codes," Simcock stated. "I feel that working with many codes on a frequent basis will help bring additional expertise and insight to our commission."

All Council Members agreed that Mr. Simcock was the best candidate to fill the immediate opening to replace Bob Spears. But, picking a second candidate to replace John Hutt in July took more work. Council Member Lowe went with Dr. Moran, but Council Member Parkhurst couldn't pick a clear choice between Dr. Moran and Mr. Yoo. Council Member Goss seemed to favor both Moran and Yoo but leaned more toward Dr. Moran, while Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs, who encouraged Dr. Moran to seek a commission spot, felt Yoo was more qualified for the Planning Commission role. Mayor Garcia and Kriebs both voiced that Dr. Moran should continue to seek a commission position.

Mayor Garcia appointed Simcock and Yoo to the two open positions. The Mayor also praised Bob Spears for his service, which triggered a round of applause from the audience. Spears was present. "You are a treasure to this town," Garcia said.

Special Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 12

After filling two vacancies on the Planning Commission during their regular Tuesday night meeting, the City Council was back in session on Wednesday to fill an unexpected vacancy after Peggy Dallas resigned her seat, citing health reasons. Dallas, who started her first term on the Commission in 2021, was the only architect in the group of five members. Yong Yoo, appointed on Tuesday to fill John Hutt's seat in July, is also an architect.

Staff suggested that Yoo's appointment start immediately to fill the seat left by Dallas and to look toward the two remaining candidates, Joseph Catalano and Dr. Christine Moran, to possibly fill John Hutt's seat on July 1, 2023. Mayor Garcia agreed and initiated a vote to immediately appoint Yoo to take Dallas' seat and Dr. Moran to take Hutt's seat. The vote was unanimous.



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#### City of Sierra Madre

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: Public Hearing: Amendment to FY 2022-2023 Fee Schedule

Notice is hereby given that on January 24, 2023, at 5:30 PM, or soon thereafter, the Sierra Madre City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to discuss an amendment to the FY 2022-2023 Fee Schedule.

#### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, January 24, 2023 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)  
All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

#### PLACE OF HEARING

This meeting will be conducted at City Council Chambers and will be recorded for live streaming.

Watch the meeting on Channel 3 (Government Access Channel) or live on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com)  
Email public comments to: [publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:publiccomment@cityofsierramadre.com) by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting.



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## REMEMBRANCE:

### CAROL ALCORN

Carol Rondeau Alcorn was born on January 4th, 1929 in Lynn Massachusetts and passed away peacefully in her bed on December 8th 2022, in Sierra Madre at the young age of 93, shocking all who loved her by not trying to putter to the end. Funeral services will be held 12:00, January 21st at St. Rita's church, where she spent 70 years as a parishioner and countless years as everyone's favorite kindergarten teacher. For those able to attend, Carol had one simple request: please dress colorfully.



in God being the most important one. She was most at peace in this deep spiritual grounding that spanned nine decades.

She was a depression baby who was way ahead of her time with "being green" as evidenced by her collection of old sponges, slightly tattered envelopes, pens that no longer worked, empty "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" containers, and 1 cent stamps.

Carol's wicked sense of humor could stop you in your tracks. From razor sharp quips that came from seemingly out of the blue to the anticipated - and often PG13-rated comebacks.

Her regrets were few but include serving cow tongue once for dinner, that there is no video evidence of her as a high school cheerleader and taking out the street sign on the corner of Foothill and Rosemead.

She left behind an incredible amount of stuff that her daughter Sarah and sons Steve and Adam have no idea what to do with.

In lieu of flowers, please go home and start throwing things out.

Services will be live streamed on the St. Rita's Facebook page and will automatically go live when the mass starts. [facebook.com/SaintRitaSM/videos](https://www.facebook.com/SaintRitaSM/videos)

She died knowing Frank Sinatra was the best singer of all time and that there is always a need to keep a folder of newspaper clippings dating back to the 1960's.

She had a great love of "perfectly good boxes" that she would never throw out, because they were perfectly good, and she kept them in a perfectly good large box that was labeled "small boxes".

Over the years she also helped to maintain See's candy as a viable business and most likely single handedly kept it afloat through her love of two pound boxes of Nuts and Chews.

She held onto many things during her life, her faith

### DENNIS LEE MARQUARDT April 8th, 1943 – December 30th, 2022

Dennis Lee Marquardt passed away with family at his side after a prolonged series of health issues on Friday, December 30th, 2022. He was born in Pasadena, CA on April 8th, 1943. He moved to Covina at the age of 8, where his father, LeRoy, started the Covina Little League.

While growing up, Denny played youth baseball, American Legion baseball and other youth sports, making a name for himself as a stellar athlete even before enrolling at Covina High School. There he starred as a four-year letterman in both baseball and basketball. Excelling in these sports, he was named to numerous All-CIF teams in both sports. After graduating from Covina High School, Denny signed a baseball contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he played outfield for five years. During the off season, he would return home to Covina and take courses at Cal Poly Pomona, keeping his promise to his mother that he would get his degree.

After his years with the Dodgers, Denny finished his studies at Cal Poly Pomona and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He then received his teaching credential from Pepperdine University and later his Masters in Education. Denny started teaching at Temple City High School in 1968, where he taught Health and Safety and Drivers Education to every incoming freshman for 35 years. In 1970 Denny met Clare Collins, an English teacher at TCHS who would later become his wife for the next 45 years. Denny coached a year of basketball at TCHS before being named the head baseball coach in 1971, a position he held for 27 years until 1997. As the Varsity baseball coach, his teams were, year in and year out, among the best in Southern California. In 27 years, his teams made 20 CIF playoff appearances and won ten Rio Hondo League Championships.

Denny amassed 398 wins as the head coach and was recognized with induction into the San Gabriel Valley Coaches Hall of Fame. His jersey, Number 7, is retired at Temple City High School, and just recently the school's baseball facility was named Dennis Marquardt Stadium honoring his 27 years of dedication to the baseball program and the young men he coached along the way.

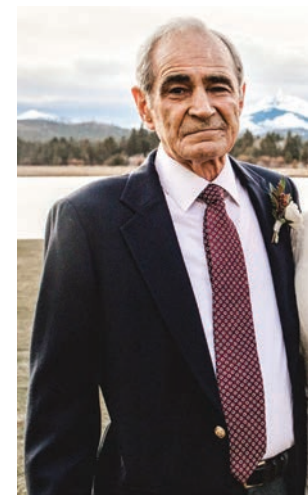
Denny was a very involved dad from the get go, doing

his best to attend his sons' sporting events and his daughters acting/singing performances. He built their family home to be one where they could entertain, as well as, where all their kids' friends were always welcomed. He even went so far as to add a basketball hoop to the neighborhood cul-de-sac so kids had a place to go play or let off some steam. He always supported youth in their endeavors and always told his kids to dream big. Denny never met anyone he didn't like and always wore his heart on his sleeve. He dreamed big and he loved big.

Dennis and Clare resided in Sierra Madre for the past 48 years and to the end of his days still maintained "it was a best place to raise you, kids, and live. I love this town." The Marquardt family was a part of the St. Rita's parish in Sierra Madre, where all four kids attended school.

Dennis was predeceased by his wife, Clare Collins Marquardt, and son, Michael Marquardt and his parents, LeRoy and Helen Marquardt. He is survived by his sister, Janis Marquardt, children Katherine Marquardt, Martin Marquardt (Mary), Andrew Marquardt (Karen); grandchildren Calvin, Camille and Kennan, his brother-in-law, Charles Collins, sisters-in law, Sharon Collins and Otilia Collins, nine nieces and nephews, and twelve grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena at [www.bgcpasadena.org](http://www.bgcpasadena.org). Interment will be private and held at Pioneer Cemetery in Sierra Madre. Services will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 11am at Alverno Heights Academy in Sierra Madre. Cabot & Sons, Directors.



### PATRICK NEILAN

Patrick Jon Neilan passed away peacefully on December 22nd, 2022 after a short and quickly progressing cancer diagnosis. He was surrounded by his children and in the comfort of his own home, just as he had wished. Please join us in remembering and honoring the life of our beloved father on Saturday, January 28th, 2022 at 10:00am at St. Rita Catholic Parish in

Sierra Madre.

Born on July 3rd, 1947 to Bernard & Blanche Neilan, Patrick was number nine of eleven children. He grew up in the small farm town of Faulkton, South Dakota and as a farmer's son, learned the lessons of hard work at a young age by waking up at dawn to tend to cattle & crops.

At 18 years old, he enlisted in the Vietnam war. He boarded a troop carrier in December of 1966 and spent the next 29 days at sea before arriving in Vietnam in January of 1967. He served under the 523rd Engineer Company operating heavy equipment and was one of five soldiers that would go around fixing blown out bridges. He made 5 ranks in 16 months earning his way up to an E5 Specialist. In January of 1968, one of the deadliest times in Vietnam, Pat extended his time by 30 days before returning home in February of 1968.

Upon returning home from Vietnam, Pat secured a job in Minneapolis as an inspector before moving to Los Angeles in 1969. This transition from war to civilian life back home was a very difficult period for him. Alcohol became his crutch as he readjusted to life after the war. Over the next few years, Pat attended night school at Pasadena City College and received straight A's earning his associate degree. He got sober in 1973 after his participation in AA and from what he described as a power greater than himself. He would remain sober the rest of his life and attributes his 49 years of sobriety to his

faith and trust in God. In the years afterwards, Pat would drive up the coast to Big Sur to find peace and quiet. He would visit New Camaldoli Hermitage that overlooks the vastness of the Pacific Ocean to spend time in a place where all visitors were required to take a vow of silence. He further developed his connection to God and spoke fondly of the calmness and serenity he felt while there.

In 1974, Pat spent time as an ironworker helping build the 210 freeway. A freeway that would be well traveled by him through his many years in Southern California, specifically, Monrovia and Sierra Madre. He received his general contractor license in 1979 and would go on to remodel many projects and later build a home for his young family in Monrovia, CA.

His life changed forever when he became a father in 1985, welcoming his first son, Cody Patrick. Not long after, in 1986 his second son, Thomas Ryan was born. In 1989, his family was complete by the birth of his daughter, Molly Kathleen.

Pat's greatest gifts were his children but his greatest loss was losing his son, Cody, to Leukemia in 2005. Cody's death devastated Pat as it would any parent. He used to go to the cemetery to grieve and be close to Cody up to three times a day shortly after his passing. In the recent months prior to Patrick's passing, he remarked to Thomas and Molly the following: "I've been able to witness the miracle of life through the birth of all of you. And I learned how fragile and vulnerable life is when Cody became sick. And through Cody's death, I learned what a gift life is - what a gift it was to be his father and to continue being yours"

Pat was many things; a builder of homes and highways, a thoughtful and attentive neighbor, a serving patriot, a caring Brother and Uncle, a loving Father, and a wonderful Grandpa. His family loved him dearly, they miss him immensely and will carry on holding his words close. "Life is not to be taken for granted - it's an experience and it's not to be endured. Go for the gusto and really make the most of it."

Patrick is preceded in death by his eldest son, Cody Patrick Neilan and best canine companion Deuce. He is survived by his two children, Thomas Neilan (Sierra Madre, CA) and Molly Foulon (Eugene, OR), Son-in-law, Patrick Foulon, Granddaughter, Remi Foulon, and his four sisters and one brother.

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers."* Kahlil Gibran

*"Never let loyalty and kindness leave you. Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation."* Proverbs 3:2-3

Here's a really great KIND thing...two kitties have found a forever home with my daughter, Leah and her friend, Marty. Yes, friends and neighbors, they are rescue cats. Leah found them at Rescues Rock. These two are brother and sister and about a year and a half old. I had to laugh when Leah said they have very short legs. The good thing about that is they won't so easily be able to jump up on kitchen counters and other assorted places where they really don't need to be. When they first arrived, they had been named Spaghetti and Meatball. They are now Tabitha and Merlin. I am so very proud of Leah and Marty for adopting rescue cats. It's been my observation that rescue animals know they have been saved and are grateful. Also, picking cats who are long past the kitten stage saves a whole lot of trouble as these guys already know how to do everything.



*"Cats can work out mathematically the exact place to sit that will cause the most inconvenience."* Pam Brown

*"In ancient times, cats were worshipped as gods. They have not forgotten this."* Terry Pratchett

*"Dogs have owners. Cats have staff."*

The picture this week is just one more of our award-winning Rose Parade float. This little guy is so incredibly cute that I had to put him in just one more time. Our float builders/designers are able to take seeds and spices and flowers and make the most whimsical creatures. He looks so lifelike!

There has been so much rain in our community and surrounding areas that people's water collection devices have overflowed, which has never happened before, and there are rumors that maybe our never-ending drought has ended, which would be wonderful. We are so grateful for rain, at last, when we've all been praying for years for the heavens to open.

I'm getting great reports about our new restaurant, Something Healthy Café. I had to laugh looking at the signs inside about flying. My adorable John, was a private pilot for many years, enjoying countless hours piloting a Cessna 172. We had some fantastic times together flying over various areas of California. Anyway, when you're in Something Healthy Café, look for the sign: Flying Lessons: \$1.00 to Fly - \$50.00 to Land

I have a little picture on my wall that says: "Flying is the second greatest thrill known to man. Landing is the first!" This is totally true.

Back to Something Healthy Café: They specialize in salads, soups, wraps, sandwiches, smoothies and some great coffees. There are many vegan and non-vegan choices And, any salad can be made into a wrap. They're at 7 Kersting Court. This is their second location, having another Café in Monrovia. I will be reporting more about these nice folks in a later issue. Jessie, who is 15, and my puzzle buddy, and I just completed another 500 piece puzzle. My next -door neighbor, Sarah, is able to do 2,000 piece puzzles in no time at all but it takes Jessie and me weeks to do one. Our latest is a pride of lions and they look so great when they're finished we kind of hate to dismantle them. Daughter, Patti, gave us an undersea puzzle we're just starting. Dolphins and clown fish and sea anemones. Love these things.

Jigsaw puzzles have helped folks hang onto their sanity keeping our hands busy doing something other than lifting our fork or opening another bag of Doritos.

"There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle." Deepak Chopra

"There are times in life our dreams seem to be scattered all over the place like jigsaw puzzles. We just have to take time and continue to assemble them into a unique shape." Eugenia Herlihy

"You are a piece of the puzzle of someone else's life. You may never know where you fit, but others will fill the holes in their lives with pieces of you." Bonnie Arbon

Puzzles are not only sanity savers, but they are calming, too. We don't stress out nearly as much when we're trying to find all the pieces for the border and what to do with all these pieces of blue sky that don't seem to have any relation to each other.

Something more I thought of, writing about Something Healthy Café...I came across this thought from Ardath Rodale. Remember "Prevention" Magazine? Filled with healthy stuff? The Rodales were the creators of "Prevention." This is pretty healthy stuff, too:

"Born as human beings,  
It is our duty to strive our utmost  
For peace in the world and the happiness of others.  
Those who love humanity and help people in need,  
Are always loved and protected by God wherever they may go.  
A person who strives constantly to help others, and better the world,  
Is like a diamond buried in the sand."

Hope this week brings you joy and laughter. Stay safe, warm and dry, my friends and get yourself a puzzle.

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### SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION SEEKING "OLDER 'SIERRA MADRE' AMERICAN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is seeking nominations for Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year. The honor is a long-standing tradition in Sierra Madre and bestowed upon an exceptional Sierra Madrean, age 60 or older, for their outstanding commitment to community service.

Recommendations are now being accepted for new honorees. Please send nominations to Sierra Madre City Hall, c/o Older American Nomination, Community Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 by Thursday, March 16, 2023. Forms may be picked up and returned to the Hart Park House Senior Center: Hart Park House 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

The Senior Community Commission will discuss the selection of the Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year at their regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, in City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m. A reception to honor the 2023 Older 'Sierra Madre' American of the Year will held on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023.

For more information, please contact the Hart Park House Senior Center (626) 355-5278 x704; or the Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278.




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## Weather Wise

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<b>Sun:</b>	Rain 20%	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
<b>Mon:</b>	Rain 60%	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
<b>Tues:</b>	Rain 40%	Hi	50s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows 40s

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### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2023 5:30pm

#### THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS!

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](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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

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### 1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

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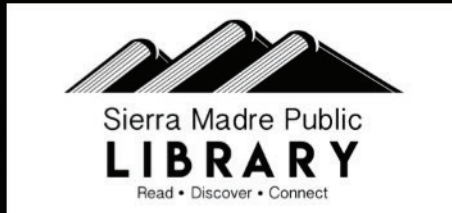
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Library Board of Trustees has two (2) anticipated vacancies.

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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Closures and Reminders



Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and many City services will be closed Monday, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

City Council will not meet on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Council is scheduled to meet the following Monday, Jan. 23. View upcoming meeting agendas.

Pasadena residents and businesses with power emergencies should call Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed, but customers can access their accounts and make payments by phone at (626) 744-4005 or online at PWPweb.com.

The Municipal Services Payment Center, Citizen Service Center, and Parking Office will be closed. The City of Pasadena will NOT collect trash, recycling or yard waste on Monday. Collection will occur one day after customers' regular pickup day.

All parking meters will be free, and parking time limits will not be enforced; however, violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. All regular enforcement resumes Tuesday.

The Permit Center will also be closed; however, some services will be available via Permit Center Online, where subtrade permits can be obtained and plans for commercial tenant improvements (new submittals) and accessory dwelling units can be submitted. In-person operations will resume Tuesday.

Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride buses will operate on regular weekday schedules on Monday.

Pasadena Public Library sites will be closed Sunday and Monday and will reopen Tuesday.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to provide patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and all other emergency services. Residents are advised to always call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies. For all other non-emergencies, call (626) 744-4241. As always, "If You See Something, Say Something." The police department's records section will be closed Monday and will reopen Tuesday.

All parks will be open for picnics, fun and play; however, no site reservations are being accepted. Community and recreation centers will also be closed to the public.

## Mayor Thanks School Staff for Pool Rescue



Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo visited Pacific Oaks Children's School Wednesday and personally thanked two teachers Jason Castellón and Troy Nalbandian — he also thanked facilities staff member Jose Navas — for their heroic efforts after rescuing the occupants of a Tesla that crashed into a nearby residential pool.

According to Pasadena police shortly before 9 a.m. Tuesday the driver crashed in the backyard pool in the

700 block of West California Boulevard.

"A Tesla driver hit the accelerator instead of the brake, drove through a wall and into a pool," Pasadena Fire officials said. "Good samaritans jumped into the pool and rescued the occupants."

Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa Derderian said there were two adults and a four-year-old in the Tesla. She said they were all quickly pulled out of the car as it

stared to submerge. There were no reports of injuries.

According to reports a Tesla automatically opens all windows and doors when they become submerged under water.

## Coffee Gallery to welcome Guitarist Peppino D'agostino

The Coffee Gallery Backstage in Altadena is set Sunday to welcome award winning Italian acoustic guitarist Peppino D'agostino. The show will start at 7 p.m.

A native of Italy, Peppino D'agostino has made his considerable international mark as a musical artist on the guitar since he arrived in America 37 years ago. In 2017 Guitar Player listed him as one of the 50 transcendent superheros of the acoustic guitar. The CD, "Every Step of The Way," was awarded by Acoustic Guitar's People's Choice Awards with a Bronze medal for Best Acoustic Album of All Time. His signature Seagull acoustic guitar has been voted among the ten best signature guitars by Guitar Player magazine.

To date, Peppino has recorded 19 CD's, performed in over thirty-five countries at international festivals and concert halls. He has shared the stage with such greats as Larry Carlton, Eric Johnson, Tommy Emmanuel, Leo Kottke, Martin Taylor, Roland Dyens, David Tanenbaum, and many more. D'Agostino's 2020 release 'Connexion' was released by A-Train Entertainment.

Peppino gives guitar workshops, master classes, and seminars worldwide. Peppino and Donna Wapner are the founders of the Music World Retreats, where they host music workshops across the globe and partner with some of today's best instrumentalists and songwriters.

Call to make a reservation at 626-798-6236. or by e mail: bstane@earthlink.net.

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

## Barger Gives \$40,000 to Fund Homeless Prevention



Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger presented a \$40,000 check Thursday to Door of Hope, a non-profit organization located in Pasadena that helps families overcome homelessness, while meeting with its management team, caseworkers, and board members.

The funds will be used to extend Door of Hope's services to communities surrounding the city of Pasadena, including Altadena and South Pasadena. The organization's goal is to serve 190 families this year.

"Door of Hope is running a successful homelessness prevention program that's continuing to grow and is helping stabilize families," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "I am a proud supporter of their mission to end family homelessness, and commend their successful client-centered approach. I wholeheartedly know these funds will be put to good use and, most importantly, will help struggling families in this part of my district thrive."

"Supervisor Barger has been a great advocate in addressing the homelessness crisis," said Reverend Megan Katerjian, Door of Hope's Executive Director. "She is taking a proactive approach by supporting prevention and understanding the vital role that faith-based organizations can play in this endeavor. Through these funds, she is offering much-needed relief to housing insecure families in her district, and Door of Hope is honored to partner with her to help vulnerable families stay housed."

Door of Hope's homelessness prevention program debuted in 2018 and has steadily grown since then. In 2022, it served 176 families. Their services prevent evictions and help families retain their existing housing.

Approximately 96 percent of their clients retain their housing for at least one year. In 2021, 83 percent of their clients either increased or maintained their income — including savings — in comparison to their financial status when they first joined Door of Hope.

## South Pas Senior Center Lunar New Year Luncheon

The City of South Pasadena Senior Center, in partnership with the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club, will host a luncheon in celebration of the Lunar New Year on Wednesday, January 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Building, located at 435 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena.

Adults ages 55 and over can make a reservation to receive a free lunch and live entertainment provided by South Pasadena Chinese-American Club. Advanced reservations are required as space is limited. For more information or to make



a reservation, please call the South Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 403-7360.

## A Call for Artist Submissions

Altadena Library District is seeking artist submissions. The selected design will be used as a showpiece for the Summer Reading 2023 program and printed on a run of 20-inch by 30-inch posters.

Submission deadline is February 28, 2023. Only digital submissions accepted.

Before submitting any artwork, please read the full guidelines at:



altadenalibrary.org.

For more information call (626) 798-0833.

## Library: Read Local, Shop Local

*Calling all Altadena brick-and-mortar business owners! Altadena Library invites you to participate in our Read Local, Shop Local program, updated for 2023!*

In the new year, Read Local, Shop Local is a library rewards program that motivates Altadenans to visit and "check in" with local participating businesses. We provide interested library users, starting Tuesday, with a rewards card that they check in with at participating businesses. The business checks a box for each visit and displays a flyer each month at its location. In return, we feature the business in our monthly in-library display, include it on the Read Local, Shop Local



webpage, and spotlight the business in an issue of our eConnect newsletter. (For full details about the promotional benefits, see our website: altadenalibrary.org/shoplocal/business).

They are encouraging Altadenans to sign up today by filling out the form at: altadenalibrary.org/shoplocal/business. If you have questions or need additional information, contact us at readlocal@altadenalibrary.org.



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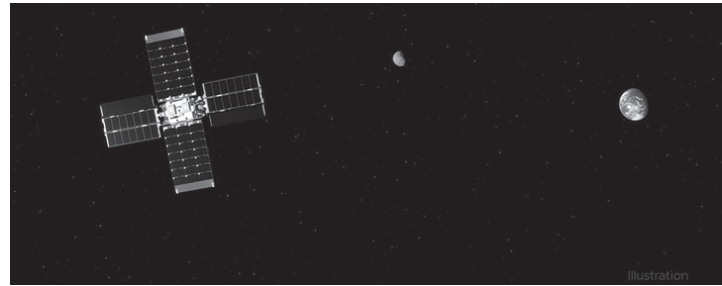
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## NASA/JPL's Lunar Flashlight Team Assessing Spacecraft



*The mission is characterizing its new “green” propulsion system and developing a modified plan for the briefcase-size satellite’s journey to the Moon.*

NASA’s Lunar Flashlight mission successfully launched on Dec. 11, 2022, to begin its four-month journey to the Moon, where the small satellite, or SmallSat, will test several new technologies with a goal of looking for hidden surface ice at the lunar South Pole. While the SmallSat is largely healthy and communicating with NASA’s Deep Space Network, the mission operations team has discovered that three of its four thrusters are underperforming.

The mission team, which first observed the reduced thrust three days after launch, is working to analyze the issue and provide possible solutions. During its cruise, Lunar Flashlight’s propulsion system has operated for short-duration pulses of up to a couple seconds at a time. Based on ground testing, the team thinks that the underperformance might be caused by obstructions in the fuel lines that may be limiting the propellant flow to the thrusters.

The team plans to soon operate the thrusters for much longer durations, hoping to clear out any potential thruster fuel line obstructions while carrying out trajectory correction maneuvers that will keep the SmallSat on course to reach its planned orbit around the Moon. In case the propulsion system can’t be restored to full performance, the mission team is drawing up alternative plans to accomplish those maneuvers using the propulsion system with its current reduced-thrust capability. Lunar Flashlight will need to perform daily trajectory correction maneuvers starting in early February to reach lunar orbit about four months from now.

Swooping low over the Moon’s surface, the briefcase-size SmallSat will use a new laser reflectometer built with four near-infrared lasers to shine a light into the permanently shadowed craters at the lunar South Pole to detect surface ice. To achieve this goal with the limited amount of propellant it’s built to carry, Lunar Flashlight

will employ an energy-efficient near-rectilinear halo orbit, taking it within 9 miles (15 kilometers) of the lunar South Pole and 43,000 miles (70,000 kilometers) away at its farthest point.

Only one other spacecraft has employed this type of orbit: NASA’s Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment (CAPSTONE) mission, which launched in June 2022 to a different near-rectilinear halo orbit, the same one that is planned for Gateway. CAPSTONE also experienced difficulties during its journey to the Moon, and some of the NASA teams who helped the SmallSat reach its planned orbit are lending their expertise to help resolve Lunar Flashlight’s thruster issues.

Managed by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, Lunar Flashlight is the first interplanetary spacecraft to use a new kind of “green” propellant, called Advanced Spacecraft Energetic Non-Toxic (ASCENT), that is safer to transport and store than the commonly used propellants such as hydrazine. One of the mission’s primary goals is to demonstrate this technology for future use. The propellant was successfully tested with a previous NASA technology demonstration mission in Earth orbit.

Other systems on Lunar Flashlight are performing well, including the never-before-flown Sphinx flight computer, developed by JPL as a low-power, radiation-tolerant option for SmallSats. Also performing as designed, Lunar Flashlight’s upgraded Iris radio – which is used to communicate with the Deep Space Network – features a new precision navigation capability that future small spacecraft will use to rendezvous and land on other solar system bodies. Additional new and groundbreaking systems, such as the mission’s laser reflectometer, will be tested in the coming weeks before the mission enters lunar orbit.

Further updates on the status of the mission will be posted to NASA’s Small Satellite Missions blog.

Read more about the Lunar Flashlight mission at: [jpl.nasa.gov/missions/lunar-flashlight](https://jpl.nasa.gov/missions/lunar-flashlight)

## San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

### Winter Reading Club: Reading Reflections Challenge

January 17 – February 12

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in our Winter Reading Club and log their reading, review books, complete activities, and enter to win prizes! The beginning of the year marks a wonderful time to reflect on all that you experienced and learned over the past 12 months.

Sign up online or in-person at the Library beginning January 17.

### Lunar New Year Lanterns

Tuesday, January 17 at 3 PM, Barth Community Room

Get ready for Lunar New Year at the Library! Teen is grades 6-12 will make a string of lanterns to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. All materials will be provided. Registration is not required.

### Smarter Living Series: Springtime Allergies

Wednesday, January 18 at 1 PM, Barth Community Room

In this free workshop, Dr. Karl von Tiehl will help educate participants on how to identify which allergens cause springtime allergies, how to avoid them, which medications are effective, and what other effective treatment options are available. Registration is not required.

### Open House Celebration!

Saturday, January 21 from 12 – 4 PM, Crowell Public Library

Come celebrate 90 years of igniting passion and lifelong learning at the Crowell Public Library! This event commemorates 90 years of the Crowell Public Library and the 65th anniversary of the Friends of the Crowell Public Library. This is an all ages event; activities include an award-winning magician, San Marino trivia, paper crafts, volunteer recognition, Bookmark Contest winners, opportunity drawings, and more! Registration not required. Everyone is welcome!

### Valentine’s Day Grams

Calling all kids in grades K-5! Help us share some neighborly love with a local senior citizen. All it takes is a little creativity! Register for a kit online, pick up your kit at Stoneman Building (1560 Pasqualito Drive) between January 23-27, decorate the gigantic Valentine’s Day Gram, and return your Gram by February 6. We’ll deliver it to a local

senior citizen to brighten their day. In exchange, participants will receive a free and cool activity kit for their random act of kindness. Know a senior citizen in town who’d love to receive a Valentine’s Day Gram? Let us know by calling (626) 403-2200 or email [recreation@cityofsanmarino.org](mailto:recreation@cityofsanmarino.org).

### Public Safety Commission: Traffic Study

On Monday, January 16, the Public Safety Commission will be reviewing and discussing the revised Citywide Traffic Circulation Study developed by Iteris, the City’s consultant for the project. The Study is intended to provide foundational data and analysis that can be used in the design of future capacity enhancements and traffic calming measures. The Study was originally submitted in 2021, and has been revised to incorporate additional information such as improvement prioritization, near-term 2023 analysis, and collision data “hotspot” review.

Interested residents may view the study here. The meeting will be held at 6 PM on Monday, January 16th in Council Chambers at City Hall, and it will also be available on Zoom. **Join San Marino for the 2023 State of the City Address**



Join Mayor Steve Talt (pictured) and the rest of City Council to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the last year, while looking ahead to the opportunities of the coming year. The annual State of the City will be held on Monday, January 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more at : [CityofSanMarino.org](https://CityofSanMarino.org).

### Meetings

### Design Review Committee

Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 PM; Teleconference and Barth Room Croell Public Library

### Public Safety Community Forum

Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 PM; Teleconference and Barth Room Crowell Public Library

## Winter Term of The Masters Series at the Senior Center

“Pasadena Here I Come: How People and Communities Shaped Pasadena” will be the theme of the winter term of The Masters Series, a six-week series that embraces lifelong

learning, presented by the Pasadena Senior Center via Zoom.

Tuesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. local historian Roberta Martinez will discuss the fascinating history and surprising connections in the complex interactions between community and culture in Pasadena and other cities in the San Gabriel Valley – from the native Tongva tribe to modern-day arrivals from throughout the U.S. and the world.

Jan. 17: Before Pasadena was Pasadena: Indigenous peoples and pioneers, homesteaders and squatters in the San Gabriel Valley.

Jan. 24: Pasadena, Crown of the Valley: The visionaries, entrepreneurs, boosters and health-seekers who formed a city.

Jan. 31: The Lure of Pasadena: How myth and opportunity drove exponential growth in the early 20th century.

Feb. 7: Beyond Jackie, Rosa and Martin: Black pioneers with Pasadena connections.

Feb. 14: Hispanos, Californios, Chicanos and Latinx in Pasadena: An almost invisible community history.

Feb. 21: The Creative City: The talent that arts, science and educational institutions brought to the area.

The cost for this six-week course is only \$75 for members of the Pasadena Senior Center and \$90 for nonmembers.

Martínez, an actor, writer and historian, is an expert on the history of Pasadena’s Latino community. This year she curated the e-pub exhibit “Latinx Heritage in Pasadena” for Pasadena City College. Her book “Latinos in Pasadena” was published in 2009 by Arcadia Publishing.

To register for the Zoom series, visit [www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org](https://www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org) and click on Lectures & Classes, then Masters Series Lifelong Learning. Everyone who registers will receive email instructions for joining each week’s Zoom class online.

For more information, call 626-795-4331.

## Portantino comments on the Governor's California Budget

### Senator Portantino Excited by Film & TV Tax Credit Extension

Senator Anthony Portantino released the following statement regarding Governor Newsom’s 2023-24 State Budget proposal:

As we look to the future and see uncertain economic times, I applaud the Governor on his budget proposal, which makes key investments while taking into consideration the economic uncertainty Californians are facing. The 2023-24 State Budget proposed today is just the beginning of the budget process that will include negotiations with the Legislature, but I am pleased with the steps the Governor has taken.

I am excited and encouraged that the Governor has taken the opportunity to support two items in his budget that I have been working on. First, the budget proposes to provide \$15 million for the purchase and installation of commercial dishwashers at schools to address single-use waste. Last year, I authored Senate Bill 1255, a bill that was sponsored by the Glendale Environmental Coalition and would have created a grant program for schools to do just that. This funding will help schools with the upfront costs associated with the purchase and installation of equipment that has acted as a barrier to addressing this issue. I am pleased to have the Governor’s support on this important effort.

“We are sincerely thankful to Governor Newsom for providing funding for K-12 waste reduction in this year’s budget,” stated Monica Campagna of the Glendale Environmental Coalition and Karen Neilsson of the Green Lunchroom. “Having the money to install industrial dishwashers will provide the opportunity for hundreds of schools in our state to move to back to reusable foodware. It’s inspiring and has the potential to be extremely impactful! We are very grateful to Senator Portantino for taking on this bill—for listening to us and believing in us and working hard to get this funding allocated! Starting with an idea at Benjamin Franklin Magnet Elementary school in Glendale, a handful of parents and PTA members created a committee that grew into ‘Green Lunchroom,’ which succeeded in launching a pilot dishwasher program with GUSD. This model was the inspiration for SB 1255. Four years later, we are so happy that this opportunity will be available to school districts throughout our state thanks in large part to our representative listening to ideas stemming from his community! Thank you



Senator!”

Secondly, I am immensely grateful that the Governor included an extension of the Film and Television Tax Credit Program for five years beginning in 2025-26. This has long been an important program for my constituents because of the economic benefits the program provides to the Los Angeles region and California as a whole. Last year, I authored SB 485 to extend the Film and Television Tax Credit Program until 2030 and based on negotiations with the Governor and his team, I held the bill so that details could be included in this year’s budget. I appreciate the Governor’s commitment to this issue, which will continue to bring union jobs back to California from states that do not reflect our values and I thank him for collaborating with me on its extension.

As you know, I am proud to be a champion of California’s education system and take great pride in the schools of the 25th Senate District. Governor Newsom’s proposal takes important steps toward helping students succeed by implementing universal transitional kindergarten and providing access to two free school meals per day for students regardless of income.

Also, as someone who has advocated for student screening for risk of dyslexia early in their academic careers and as a dyslexic myself, I am pleased to see the Governor’s continued investment on the issue. I look forward to evaluating the Governor’s proposal on dyslexia screening and working with organizations like Decoding Dyslexia to ensure universal screening is available to all California students.

Lastly, as we head into these uncertain economic times, the Governor’s Budget does not draw from the state’s \$35.6 billion in total budgetary reserves. By sustaining our current reserve balances, we will allow the state to remain on a solid fiscal footing. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues on building a responsible and sound budget. There is still much work to be done and I am eager to share my perspective during these discussions.”

## Free January Movies at the Pasadena Senior Center

Friday movie matinees will be shown Jan. 20 and 27, at 1 p.m. onsite at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Seating will be limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Each member of the Pasadena Senior Center may reserve one additional seat for a nonmember guest 50 or older.

“The Second Mother” (2015, R) starring Regina Casé and Helena Albergaria – Friday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. When the estranged daughter of a hard-working live-in housekeeper suddenly appears, unspoken class barriers that exist in the home are thrown into

disarray. Spanish with English subtitles.

“My Big Fat Greek Wedding” (2002, PG) starring Nia Vardalos and John Corbett – Friday, Jan. 27, at 1 p.m. A young Greek American woman falls in love with a non-Greek man and struggles to get her family to accept him while she comes to terms with her heritage and cultural identity.

To register for any or all of these movies or for more information, visit: [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](https://pasadenaseniorcenter.org) and click on Activities & Events, then Friday Movie Matinee or call 626-795-4331.

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

SNUGGLE A SENIOR

The South Pasadena Senior Center is accepting donations of new blankets as well as notes or letters to be distributed to senior residents.

Blankets can be dropped off starting December 19, 2022 through January 20, 2023 at the South Pasadena Senior Center, located at 1102 Oxley St., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to confirm a drop off, call the South Pasadena Senior Center at (626) 403-7360.

Know a senior in need? Please contact the South Pasadena Senior Center.

Blankets will be distributed the week of January 23, 2023

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## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 1st through Saturday, January 7th, the Police Department responded to 845 calls for service, of which 100 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 1:

1. At 10:33 a.m., an officer responded to the front counter of the Arcadia Police Department in regard to a stolen vehicle suspect turning himself in. The suspect stated he stole a car minutes prior and decided to drive to the police station to talk to police. The 27-year-old male from Alhambra was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

2. At 11:32 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a welfare check. Upon contacting the residents, the officer discovered an altercation between a boyfriend and girlfriend became mutually combative. Both the 21-year-old female from Arcadia and the 21-year-old male from Arcadia were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Monday, January 2:

3. At 3:13 a.m., an officer responded to Go-Go Liquor, located at 914 West Duarte Road, regarding a burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed two suspects smashed the front window, they stole cigarettes and lottery scratchers, and fled in a white SUV. The suspects are described as thin man wearing a green jacket with black and red pants and a heavy set male seen wearing all black clothing.

4. At 3:16 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of West Longden Avenue regarding a residential burglary investigation. The officer discovered unidentified suspect(s) smashed a rear bedroom glass door, they ransacked the home, and fled with an unknown amount of property.

5. At 2:54 p.m., an officer responded to El Rancho Santa Anita Shopping Center, located at 618 South Michillinda Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. The reporting party discovered four vehicles that had their catalytic converters stolen. The crimes occurred sometime between December 30th and January 2nd.

Tuesday, January 3:

6. At 8:54 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, located at 125 North First Avenue, regarding a robbery. An investigation revealed the suspect, a 39-year-old female transient, entered the gym, stole several canned beverages, and when the victim confronted her, she threw the cans at the victim's head. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

7. At 11:02 a.m., an officer responded to the Arcadia Police Department front counter regarding a robbery investigation. The victim stated he was driving and stopped at an intersection when the suspect, in a nearby vehicle, asked for directions. During the interaction, the suspects, a team comprised of a male and female, worked in concert to forcibly remove the victim's watch from his wrist. The suspects are described as Middle Eastern and in their 40s.

Wednesday, January 4:

8. At 2:45 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of East Huntington Drive regarding a fraud report. An investigation revealed someone accessed the victim's bank account information and transferred money to a different bank account using Zelle. The victim does not know how her account information was obtained or the identity of the suspects.

Thursday, January 5:

9. At 2:18 p.m., an officer responded to the parking lot at The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary report. Sometime between 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., someone smashed the victim's window to her RAV 4 and stole items from the glovebox.

Friday, January 6:

10. At 9:04 a.m., an officer responded to Next Teahouse, located at 556 West Las Tunas Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined unknown suspect(s) smashed a rear window, and once inside the restaurant, the suspect(s) fled with cash from the register. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.

11. At 9:57 a.m., an officer responded to LA Fitness, located at 1325 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary. Sometime between 9:00 a.m. and 9:40 p.m., someone cut the lock to the victim's locker and stole his phone and wallet. A second burglary was also reported with the same circumstances.

12. At 11:36 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of East Las Flores Avenue, regarding a burglary report. Sometime during the previous night, someone entered the victim's home while he was asleep, they ransacked the home, and may have fled with stolen property. The loss was unknown as of the date of the report.

13. At 10:03 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 00 block of West Palm Drive regarding a package theft. The victim discovered her package was stolen from her porch sometime between 1:20 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on January 6th.

Saturday, January 7:

14. At 8:49 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, located at 125 North First Avenue, regarding a person brandishing a hatchet. An investigation revealed a male and female duo broke into a locked electrical room and when approached by a passerby, the male suspect threatened the victim with a hatchet. A records check of the suspects revealed the female had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants. A 42-year-old male transient and a 32-year-old female transient were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

## POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT



ARCADIA, CA - Save the date for the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count. The PIT Count is the annual census that counts our neighbors experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The PIT Count helps communities plan services and programs to appropriately address local needs, measure homelessness, and identify strengths and gaps in a community's current homelessness assistance system.

Arcadia's PIT Count will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 8pm-12am and deploy from the Arcadia Community Center, located at 365 Campus Drive. All volunteers must register to participate in the event. For more information and to register please visit [theycountwillyou.org](http://theycountwillyou.org). We hope you can join us!

## ALL ARCADIA UNIFIED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS EARN HISTORIC ACCLAIM IN CALIFORNIA'S COVETED 2023 DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS PROGRAM

ARCADIA-- For the first time ever, all six of Arcadia Unified's elementary schools, as well as its alternative learning program, have earned concurrent recognition from the California Department of Education (CDE) as 2023 California Distinguished Schools.

Since the CDE's founding of the California Distinguished Schools Program in 1985, all of Arcadia Unified's elementary and middle schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools at least once. This is the first time in the program's history that Arcadia Unified's six comprehensive elementary schools, Baldwin Stocker, Camino Grove, Highland Oaks, Holly Avenue, Hugo Reid, and Longley Way, and its alternative learning program, Rancho Learning Center, have simultaneously held this prestigious title.

"We have no words adequate enough to express our immense pride in having all six of Arcadia Unified's elementary schools and our alternative education program named as California Distinguished Schools in the same year," said Arcadia Unified Superintendent Dr. David Vannasall. Arcadia Unified's elementary schools and Rancho Learning Center join an elite group of public elementary schools that represent less than 6% of schools across the state to earn a spot in this year's California Distinguished Schools program. Additionally, Arcadia Unified is tied for fifth place among school districts in the state and second in Los Angeles County for the highest number of schools identified by the CDE as Distinguished Schools. With 70 schools in the county earning Distinguished School titles, that makes one in every 10 of Los Angeles County's commended schools an Arcadia Unified California Distinguished School.

In addition, Arcadia Unified's Rancho Learning Center is one of only two noted "alternative" education programs in the state to receive this renowned recognition. "This historic moment for our school district is a testimony to the steadfast commitment, skilled work, and thoughtful decisions made on how to continue to meet our students' needs throughout the ever-evolving stages of the pandemic," shared Arcadia Unified Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Brent Forsee. The California Distinguished Schools Program celebrates and showcases public education institutions whose educators, staff, and leaders demonstrate exceptional talent, innovation, and success in supporting student learning and development. California schools earn the prestigious "Distinguished School" designation through exemplary work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap or achieving exceptional student performance. In identifying its 2023 Distinguished Schools, the CDE examined data reported through the 2022 California School Dashboard system. This dashboard system is comprised of CDE-specified state indicators, which include assessment results, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, and socioeconomic data.

"This state distinction signifies how our world-class team of educators, counselors, staff, board members, and administrators continuously work together, no matter the circumstances, and partner with our wonderful students and families to find collaborative, creative, and meaningful strategies to support the successful academic and social-emotional development of our students," said Dr. Forsee. Arcadia Unified's six elementary schools and Rancho Learning Center will hold their California Distinguished School titles for the next two years, as the CDE recognizes elementary schools in alternating years from the state's secondary schools. In the past, all of Arcadia Unified's middle schools, Dana, First Avenue, and Foothills, have also been recognized at least once as California Distinguished Schools, and last year, Arcadia Unified's Foothills Middle School was named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

"California Distinguished Schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful, data-driven school efforts ranging from professional development for educators to mental health and social-emotional wellness strategies to address the needs of students and families," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. "Their innovation and hard work have helped to ensure their students can heal, recover, and thrive—even in the toughest times."

2023 California Distinguished School honorees will receive official recognition in a CDE-hosted awards ceremony on Feb. 16 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. For more information about the California Distinguished Schools program, visit [cde.ca.gov](http://cde.ca.gov), and for additional information in Arcadia Unified's California Distinguished Schools, visit [www.ausd.net](http://www.ausd.net).



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# AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

## Peter Dills Knows

### AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

We all know restaurant locations throughout Sierra Madre and Pasadena that seem to turn over every fall. I have heard the word “cursed” used for several locations many times. For instance, the location on the corner of San Gabriel and Colorado seems to be one that is cursed for sure – it started as the Vault, then it became Rio Rio, then Ta Vu, and then a sushi joint (which I actually loved because the prices were right) then it became a chicken wing restaurant. Well, I love wings so let’s see what happens next. For another “cursed” location, remember Jerry’s Famous Deli in Old Pasadena? Let’s name all the restaurants that went through that location: Union Cattle Company, Pasadena Brewing, Brix, Haven Gastro Pub... and it started as a gym! I just drove by on Rosemead where Robin’s BBQ was, its now pretty much a shell, could there be something new in the works? I even hear that Burger Continental has been leased, so what’s next there?



When talking to owners, they often point the fingers at the landlords saying the rents are too high. The excitement and the confidence of “I’ll do it better” might be too strong of a lure for restaurateurs to handle. I was bewildered that El Chollo moved from Fair Oaks (Old John Bull) to the Paseo. As the building sat empty for a few years, I thought isn’t some rent better then no rent at all? Celebrity Chef Rocco said on his TV show that the mortality rate for restaurants is 90% the first year. My father said he’d rather have open heart surgery than own a restaurant.

Let’s look at this fact: the survival rate is higher then 10%, and these numbers are not specific to our area. Several years ago, researchers at Cornell University and Michigan State University conducted a study of restaurants in three local markets over a 10-year period. They concluded the following: after the first year, 27% of restaurant startups failed; after three years, 50% of those restaurants were no longer in business; and after five years 60% had gone south. At the end of 10 years, 70% of the restaurants that had opened for business a decade before had failed. Those are far different numbers than the 90% first-year failure rate quoted by our television star chef. Another academic research study concluded that 81.4% of all small business failures result from forces within the control of the owners/managers. The bottom line is that even if the failure rate is a little daunting, failure is not inevitable.

Follow me fellow foodies on Instagram and FaceBook. Eat Local !

## RETIRED TEACHERS TO HEAR EXCITING NEWS ABOUT BREEDERS’ CUP

The California Retired Teachers’ Association Division 71 (CalRTA #71) will be given a rare look behind the scenes at Arcadia’s race track, thanks to speaker Pete Siberell, Director of Community Services and Special Projects at Santa Anita Park. The highlight of Siberell’s presentation will be news of the Breeders’ Cup—an international event that is returning to Santa Anita Park in early November with horses from around the world and special activities.

Siberell will speak at the Retired Teachers’ luncheon meeting on Friday, February 10 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Fellowship Hall, 512 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia 91007. The hall is located behind the church sanctuary, and ample parking is available. At 11:00 am, doors open and guests arrive, with the business meeting at 11:30, lunch to follow at 12:00 pm, and at 12:45 pm, Siberell to top off the meeting with race track news.

A box lunch will be provided by Panera. On the luncheon menu is a choice of sandwiches. Choose one:: Deli Turkey, Tuna, or Mediterranean Veggie. Each sandwich is accompanied by potato chips and a chocolate chip cookie. Coffee and water will be provided. Guests are welcome to come enjoy the luncheon, to hear Pete Siberell’s presentation, and to learn of volunteer opportunities at the Breeders’ Cup.

The cost of the luncheon for members and guests is \$15. Please mail your check payable to CalRTA Division 71 by Friday, February 3, to John Gera, P.O. Box 1133, Temple City, CA 91780. For information regarding reservations, you may call John Gera at (626) 286-0714.

Membership in the California Retired Teachers’ Association is open to all retired educators, as well as to current classroom teachers and to any others interested joining this active group. The motto of CalRTA is “Your Partner in Pension Protection.”

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## ASSESSOR JOINS FORCES ON FRAUD ALERT SYSTEM

### County Combined Effort Launches e-Notification Program

LOS ANGELES, CA – Los Angeles County has come together to launch an innovative program that will keep homeowners advised when activity occurs on an individual’s property by using registrants’ email addresses.

The Property Owner e-Notification Alert (e-Notification) is an extension of the County’s existing Fraud Notification Program, which informs property owners of recorded activity on their property.

The Los Angeles County Assessor’s Office along with the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the County Dept. of Consumer and Business Affairs have joined forces to offer this innovative tool that expedites the notification process to a property owner using their registered email address. Owners can register at the Assessor’s website at <https://assessor.lacounty.gov/>.

“Along with being notified by regular mail within 5 to 30 days on activity on a person’s property, now that property owner will be notified within 48 hours by email as long as they are registered,” said Assessor Jeff Prang. “This is another tool to try and deter fraudulent activity by some unscrupulous individual trying to take advantage of a property owner.”

Currently, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk mails fraud notifications directly to homeowners and renters within 30-days when a Grant Deed, Quit Claim Deed or Deed of Trust has been recorded on their chain of title, or, within 5-days, when a Notice of Default, or Notice of Sale is recorded to advise the property is subject to entering foreclosure. As of Jan. 5, in addition to receiving paper copies via US mail, an email will be sent within 48 hours to the E-Notification registrant of a recordation of an aforementioned document and will include a statement advising about the recording on their property.

“We are excited to be in partnership with the Assessor and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to provide direct digital notice to e-Notification Registrants when a transaction has been recorded on a property,” said Dean C. Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. “Providing notification to e-Notification Registrants when a recording takes place ensures they remain informed and can take immediate action, if needed, to protect against malicious or fraudulent activity.”

To enroll for e-Notification, you will need to create a profile on the Los Angeles County Assessor’s portal at [assessorportal.assessor.lacounty.gov](https://assessorportal.assessor.lacounty.gov) and opt-in for e-Notification. Most important, if a property owner has any questions about the notification received, or believes a recorded notice is suspicious, they should contact the Dept. of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222, or by email at [homehelp@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:homehelp@dcba.lacounty.gov).

“We are excited to partner in the launch of the e-Notification program to ensure that registered property owners are quickly alerted via email whenever a foreclosure, transfer of title or mortgage is recorded on their property,” said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. “Contact us if you have any questions about the program, need foreclosure assistance, or if you suspect fraudulent activity. We are here to help.”

## ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

My mom died a year ago, and her passing brought me a disorienting mixture of grief and relief. She was 98. and had suffered from dementia for more than a decade. In her last two months my mother’s joy in eating (“Yum, Yum”) finally faded, and seeing her laboring to breathe tortured me. When her body finally gave out, it was no Surprise, but the sudden absence death creates is always a shock. In the ensuing weeks, I found myself with what is referred to as “dreadful freedom.” I’d spent afternoons with my mom virtually every Saturday and Sunday for the 13 years since my Father died, took her on my family’s vacations, drove her to doctors, hired and managed caregivers, winced as her care gradually consumed her life’s savings and then some, witnessed time and disease ravage her mind and body.

Now that her life is over, part of mine was, too. My weekends were strangely, terribly, wonderfully free.

When death brings relief from prolonged suffering, those left behind often fell some guilt-tinged relief. I’ve experienced that emotion more than once. When COPD, cirrhosis, and botched hospital care left my father in a coma and on a ventilator, I had to invoke his living will to compel doctors to turn off the machines. As his breathing ceased, I knew he’d be grateful and felt joy that he’d been freed from his broken body. The same occurred when my brother died at age 31 from AIDS, after a fast-forward decline into serial infections and emancipation that was nearly unbearable to witness. A central teaching in Buddhism, whose wisdom I greatly admire, is that the art of life is embracing every moment, and letting go of those moments end. We deepen our suffering by clinging to a status quo that is not in our power to preserve. It’s supremely difficult skill to master, this letting go, but it can bring a measure of peace. Ends, it seems, are often followed by beginnings. Farewell to 2022, and to all the loved ones we survivors had to let go. William Falk - Editor in Chief “The Week”

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## SIERRA MADRE ELEMENTARY NAMED A 2023 DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL



Sierra Madre Elementary has been selected for the prestigious 2023 California Distinguished School Program, which recognizes schools for their excellent work in achieving exceptional student performance and in closing the achievement gap. The California Distinguished Schools Award celebrates exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.

"California Distinguished Schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful, data-driven school efforts ranging from professional development for educators to mental health and social-emotional wellness strategies to address the needs of students and families," stated State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

"Congratulations to Sierra Madre Elementary School teachers, administrators, school staff, and families for all your hard work to ensure that students thrive even during difficult times," said PUSD Superintendent Brian McDonald, Ed.D.

To select California Distinguished Schools, the California Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators specified in the California School Dashboard.

### PASADENA UNIFIED FIRST LOTTERY

Apply: January 9, 2023, 9AM - January 27, 2023, 4PM  
Results Available Online: February 16, 2023 by 11:59PM  
Register: February 17, 2023, 9AM - February 27, 2023, 4PM

• New and continuing TK-12 students residing in PUSD may apply for schools other than the student's neighborhood school or for a dual language immersion program.

• Children of full-time, monthly PUSD employees and full-time, monthly employees of the City of Pasadena (verification required) are eligible to participate.

• Families who missed the sibling/priority application period continue to be eligible for sibling/program priority during the 1st lottery.

• First lottery participants not offered their 1st choice may remain on wait lists for any higher preference schools until one week before school begins.

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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Phone: (626) 821-8370, Principal: Brent Forsee  
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Arroyo Pacific Academy  
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(626) 294-0661 Principal: Phil Clarke  
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Barnhart School  
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Head of School: Tonya Beilstein  
Kindergarten - 8th grade  
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Bethany Christian School  
93 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
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Preschool-TK-8th Grade  
Principal: Jonathon Hawes  
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Foothill Oaks Academy  
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Frostig School  
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Head of School: Jenny Janetzke  
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The Gooden School  
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High Point Academy  
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La Salle College Preparatory  
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Principal Dr. Jamal Adams

Monrovia High School  
325 East Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016  
(626) 471-2800 Principal Darvin Jackson

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Odyssey Charter School  
725 W. Altadena Dr. Altadena, Ca. 91001  
(626) 229-0993 Head of School: Lauren O'Neill  
website: www.odysseycharterschool.org

Pasadena High School  
2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Pasadena, Ca.  
(626) 396-5880 Principal: Mathew Kodama  
website: http://phs.pusd.us

St. Rita Catholic School  
322 N. Baldwin Ave. Sierra Madre, Ca. 91024  
Principal: Adela Solis (626) 355-6114  
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Website: www.st-ritaschool.org

Sierra Madre Elementary School  
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Sierra Madre Middle School  
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Weizmann Day School  
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(626) 797-0204  
Lisa Feldman: Head of School

Wilson Middle School  
300 S. Madre St. Pasadena, Ca. 91107  
(626) 449-7390 Principal: Ruth Esseln  
E-mail address: resselln@pusd.us

Pasadena Unified School District  
351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91109  
(626) 396-3600 Website: www.pusd@pusd.us

Arcadia Unified School District  
234 Campus Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91007  
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Monrovia Unified School District  
325 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, Ca. 91016  
(626) 471-2000  
Website: www.monroviaschools.net

Duarte Unified School District  
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(626) 599-5000  
Website: www.duarte.k12.ca.us

Arcadia Christian School  
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Preschool - and TK - 8th Grade  
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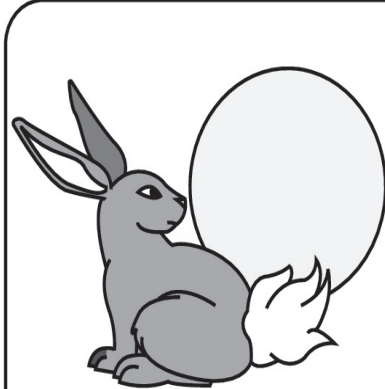
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The Chinese or Lunar New Year begins this year on Sunday, January 22nd. It is the biggest and most important holiday of the year for Chinese families. It is a time for honoring family and visiting friends. It is a time of wishes for good health, good luck, peace, joy and wealth. This celebration is also called "Spring Festival" because it is a time for new beginnings.

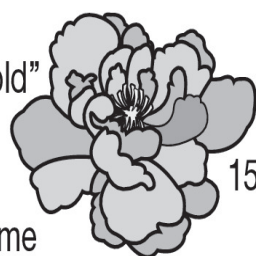
Chinese New Year lasts fifteen days. On the first day it is important for family and friends to be together. People warmly remember and honor ancestors. The seventh day is everyone's birthday. Everyone turns one year older at the same time! The New Year celebration ends on the fifteenth day, the day of the Lantern Festival. Lanterns are carried out into the street. There are parades, at the end of which a "dragon" dances for good luck.

What do you know about the **Chinese New Year**?

Read these clues to fill in the puzzle:

- Chinese New Year, also called \_\_\_\_\_ Festival, is a 15-day celebration
- it comes between the fall \_\_\_\_\_ and the season for spring planting
- it is celebrated in parts of Asia as well as in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ like San Francisco
- families work hard preparing themselves and their \_\_\_\_\_ for the holiday
- they clean the house, \_\_\_\_\_ away "the old"
- during the holiday, some get new haircuts and wear new \_\_\_\_\_
- paying back \_\_\_\_\_ is important at this time

Two favorite flowers:  
1. orchid for elegance  
2. peony for "riches and peace"



## Chinese New Year 2023

Year of the **Rabbit**

Best Wishes and Congratulations

8. vases of beautifully arranged \_\_\_\_\_ and bowls of tangerines and oranges decorate homes

9. families cook special \_\_\_\_\_ like Eight Treasures Rice, which can be made from many things: rice, walnuts, dry fruit, raisins, sweet red bean paste, jujube dates, almonds, cherries

10. children may get red envelopes (Hongbao) filled with \_\_\_\_\_

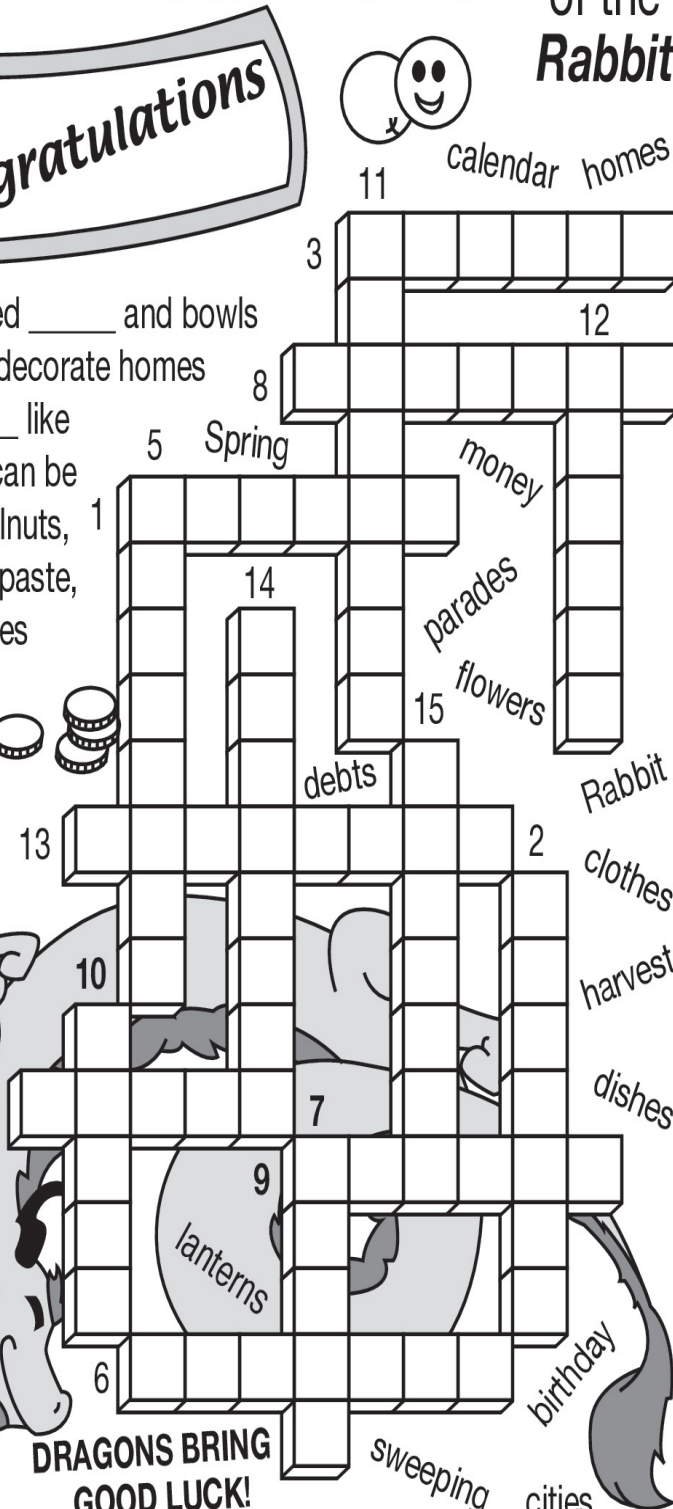
11. the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ has 12 animals; each animal standing for one year

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13. on the 7th day, which is everyone's \_\_\_\_\_, people eat very long noodles to bring long life

14. people make \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lantern Festival and hang them or carry them into the street

15. "dragons" dance in \_\_\_\_\_ for good luck on the final day of the celebration



DRAGONS BRING GOOD LUCK!



CHRISTOPHER Nyergeres



MOVIE REVIEW: "One Night in Miami"

[Nyergeres' column appears most weeks in this paper. He is an educator and author of such books as "How to Survive Anywhere," "Extreme Simplicity," "Foraging California," and others. More information at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com).]

On this weekend when Americans honor the legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., let's consider another civil rights leader of that era: Malcolm Little, aka Malcolm X. Though there are hours of interviews of Malcolm X that you can watch on Youtube, I found the movie "One Night in Miami" very insightful and instructive. "One Night in Miami" begins by introducing us to four men in 1964: Cassius Clay, Malcolm X, Jim Brown, and Sam Cooke, each arguably at the top of their game in, respectively, boxing, civil rights, football, and music.

The movie begins with brief introductions to these key players – we assume that most viewers already know them. We begin by watching the fight that jettisoned Cassius Clay to the heavy-weight title of the world, the February 25, 1964 fight with Sonny Liston. Then, after the win, Jim Brown and Sam Cooke expected to party with Cassius until the cows came home, but they first meet at the motel room which Malcolm X reserved for them.

The bulk of the movie then deals with their conversation, which, of course, no one has any idea if anything like this actually took place. That's the beauty of "One Night in Miami": Writer Kemp Powers took great literary license, set into the historical reality of the day, and tried to present us with what these four Greats might have talked about. The result is riveting, insightful, humorous, and sad, and opens a portal to the thinking of those directly involved with the civil rights struggle of the 1960s.

After the fight, Malcolm X and Cassius Clay had planned a short discussion, and Cassius is trying to decide how and when to announce that he will join the Nation of Islam. Once Cooke and Brown arrive, they want to know when others will join them for the party, but Malcolm tells them that it's just them, and no liquor. They are not happy.

Malcolm X is the spiritual leader and guide of the discussion, admonishing each of the men to do better, to rise up, to not let their lives be dictated by their white agents and bosses. Perhaps the most revealing and compelling discussion is when Malcolm X chides Sam Cooke for not rising to the occasion of civil rights in his music, and for just pandering to the emotional whims of his mostly white audiences. Cooke is incensed, pointing out how he owns his label, owns his copyrights, and how he has worked towards equality through economic means. Cooke angrily points out that everyone in the room has an actual job, that is, all but Malcolm X. That only momentarily silences the actor portraying Malcolm X, who seems to be fairly accurately representing the real Malcolm X as a strict and uncompromising American Muslim.

Another near fight breaks out during a later discussion where Malcolm X tells Clay, reluctantly, that he is actually thinking of leaving the Nation of Islam. Clay goes into a rage, feeling that Malcolm X was just using him to lend credence to Malcolm's own possible breakaway group.

Powers did a masterful job of combing through the historical record to paint a realistic picture of the conversation that could have happened, which weaved together the drama occurring in each of the four men's lives.

Clay was going to "come out" as a Muslim and knew it might hurt his career.

Cooke loved Bob Dylan's song which so accurately described Cooke's feeling – "how many roads must a man walk down, before he is called a man?" – and he was visibly ruffled by Malcolm X's suggestions that he wasn't doing enough, that a white man was beating Cooke to this civil rights message. The movie depicts Cooke's new direction by his performing of "A Change Is Going to Come" on the Johnny Carson show. (In fact, this song was recorded before Clay's heavyweight fight). Brown was at the top of his game, and was about to decide to retire from football and go into acting, a never-certain proposition.

And Malcolm X, wanting to inspire each of these men to even greater heights in service to the goal of equal rights for the black man, was himself in turmoil. Though Malcolm X had become the eloquent spokesman for the American-born Nation of Islam, he was well aware of the lavish lifestyle of the leader, Elijah Muhammad, and his many women. Most objective observers regarded Malcolm X as nearly a saint by comparison to the leader of the Nation, and after Malcolm X's visit to Mecca, he saw a new side of Islam, that Islam embodied people of all races. He knew that breaking from the Nation would have dramatic consequences, and he even foresaw his eventual assassination.

Though the movie makes a few alterations in the chronology of known historical dates, the movie otherwise flows well and is believable. I was spellbound, and could not stop discussing its various aspects long after it was over.

The movie ends with certain highlights of each of the four men: Cassius Clay declaring the next day that he was a member of the Nation of Islam, and his name was now Muhammad Ali. Jim Brown retiring from football and pursuing an acting career. Sam Cooke revealing a new song which revealed a new direction towards support of the civil rights movement. And lastly, Malcolm X is shown reading the manuscript of his autobiography, as told to Alex Haley. Almost a year after Cassius Clay won the heavyweight title, on February 21, 1965, Malcolm X, no longer with the Nation of Islam, was giving a talk at the Audubon Ballroom when he was gunned down by at least three members of the Nation of Islam that night.

"One Night in Miami" shares a personal, private side of these four men, and does justice to their memories.

Cassius Clay played by Eli George, Malcolm X played by Kingsley Ben-Adir, Jim Brown played by Aldis Hodge, and Sam Cooke played by Leslie Odom Jr. If you haven't the slightest idea of how to commemorate King Day, try watching "One Night in Miami."

BILLIE! BACKSTAGE WITH LADY DAY RETURNS TO SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE STARTING JANUARY 13

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Covid-19 safety protocols are being observed. As of this writing, this means that audience members will be required to wear masks inside the Playhouse auditorium.

Billie! Backstage with Lady Day. A show with music. Written and performed by Synthia L. Hardy. Directed by Bryan Rasmussen. Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse. At Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. January 13- January 22, 2023. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Reservations: (626) 355-4318 or go to [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org)

Katnip News!



Sweet Siblings, Joey & Liza

Just out of babyhood, these siblings are only 4 months old and very sweet. Liza is almost all black, with a white mustache and chin; Joey is black and white with a cute black mark around his nose and a narrow, white blaze. Liza and Joey are playful with people they know well, but may be a little shy with someone new until they get used to them. Even though

they are siblings, they are not very bonded, so if you already have a young kitten a home about their age, they do not have to be adopted to-gether. Submit our application on our website, [www.life-lineforpets.org](http://www.life-lineforpets.org) for a meet & greet. They will come spayed/neutered, chipped, vaccinated, and more. See more pictures of them on our Very Young page.



Pet of the Week

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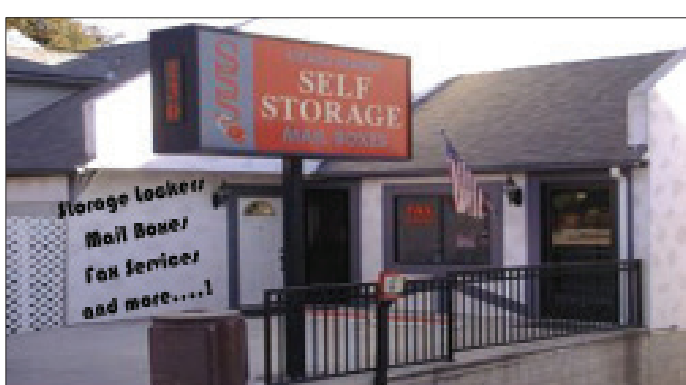
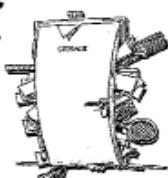
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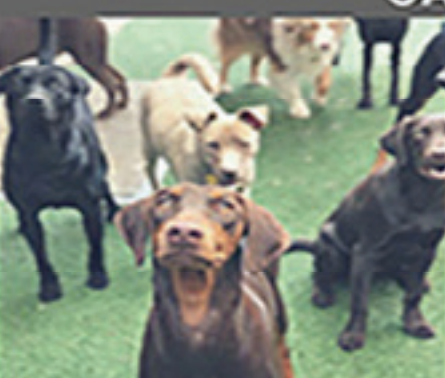


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WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU WORK WHILE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY?

*Dear Savvy Senior:*  
I started drawing my Social Security retirement benefits back in 2021 when I was forced to retire early, but I'm now interested going back to work part-time. Will this affect my benefits, and if so, how much? Back to Work

Dear Back: You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld. Here's how it works.

**SSA Earning Rules**  
Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age and are collecting benefits, then you can earn up to \$21,240 in 2023 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security if you don't reach your full retirement age this year. But if you earn more than the \$21,240 limit, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

Full retirement age is 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but it rises in two-month increments every birth year to age 67 for those born in 1960 and later. You can find your full retirement age at [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/ageincrease.html](http://SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/ageincrease.html).

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2023, you can earn up to \$56,520 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty. But if you earn more than \$56,520 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions, and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and government or military retirement benefits do not. To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at [SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html](http://SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html).

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earn-



ing limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

For more information on how working can affect your Social Security benefits see [SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/whileworking.html](http://SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/whileworking.html).

**Be Mindful of Taxes Too**  
In addition to the Social Security rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](http://IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf).

In addition to the federal government, 12 states – Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia – tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, you'll need to check with your state tax agency for details.

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

SENIOR HAPPENINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...JANUARY BIRTHDAYS\*

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Tuesday, 1/11 & 1/25 9:00 am Hart Park House

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!

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



I SCREAMED FOR ICE CREAM AND GOT IN TROUBLE

Trouble is not my middle name, although it sure could be; just ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I try to keep out of trouble, but my definition differs from my wife's. What she considers to be trouble is just about everything I do. I will not ask her how I can keep from doing what I do. I don't need that trouble.

If I could remember some of the trouble I've been in it probably could help me keep out of some new trouble. But of course, my "new trouble" is something I've done before, many times, according to someone in our house.

My thought is, and I am unanimous in this, without trouble, there is no real life. If you don't get into some trouble, then something is wrong. Sometimes, according to my experience, trouble is worth it. Well, sometimes it's worth it.

One of my routines at night is to have a nice cold bowl of ice cream. I don't care what flavor it is because I've never had any ice cream that I didn't like. The one I like best is the one I'm eating at the time.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is very good at buying my ice cream and is always looking for coupons or BOGO, for which she is rather famous. Not long ago, she came into the house excited and laughing, as I'd never seen her laugh before. It took a while for her to calm down, but when she did, I was able to find out what she was all excited about.

At the one store where she usually gets groceries, she found, much to her surprise, ice cream that was buy one and get two free. Of course, that sure made her day, but it also made my day as well.

I wonder if that was a mistake, but if it was, she took advantage of that ice cream sale. She's very cautious with how much ice cream I should eat. When she came home with this bargain, I tried to explain that this meant I could have twice the amount of ice cream as before.

When I said that, the smile on her face quickly evaporated, and looking at me, she said, "It does not mean anything of the sort. You will eat what ice cream I give you, and that's all." Well, you can't fault me for trying. If you don't try, how do you know something isn't going to work?

I was happy that we had a nice supply of ice cream just in case of any emergency. One emergency that I was thinking of was an overwhelming hunger for ice cream. According to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, this is not an emergency. I am banking on the fact that because we have so many boxes of ice cream, I could sneak a bowl while she wasn't home, and she wouldn't know about it. After all, with all those boxes, how in the world can you keep count? One day while she was away for the day, I broke into the freezer and got a nice cold bowl of ice cream. It was one of the most delicious bowls of ice cream I've had in a long time.

Of course, I washed the dish and put it back into the cupboard to avoid leaving any evidence.

I was in my office doing a little bit of work when she came home, and within 10 minutes, I heard her yelling, "Did you sneak any ice cream from the freezer today?" How she found out, I do not know. After all these years of marriage, I'm beginning to think she has a little ghost in the house keeping track of my movements. I can't prove it, but I'm starting to feel it. Every night around 8 o'clock, she gets ice cream for the both of us. Mine in a bowl and hers in a cone. I wouldn't have it any other way. One night after supper, I sat in the living room watching a little TV. I noticed the clock said 8 o'clock, the time for the ice cream. So I waited a few minutes, and still, no ice cream showed up. She was busy in her craft room with some crafts, and I just thought she had forgotten what time it was. That always happens to me, but it rarely happens to her. She knows what time it is a half-hour before the time. Figure that out. Thinking I could solve the problem, which was a ridiculous ploy on my part, I decided to tell her what time it was. With my strongest outdoor voice, I yelled, "It's ice cream time. Yes, I'll have ice cream." She came to the living room, looked at me, and said, "Did you hear that terrible noise just a few moments ago?" Shaking her head she then turned around and walked back to her craft room, and to my disappointment, there was no ice cream that night. So I was tempted to go to the freezer and get my ice cream, but I wasn't sure what kind of trouble I was in that night. David seemed to understand this when he wrote, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). No matter what my trouble is, because God is my refuge I have nothing to worry about.

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FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

CREDITORS AND YOUR ESTATE PLAN

*What Happens to Your Debt When You Die?*

Maybe you've wondered about your own debt or perhaps your parent's debt—what happens to that debt when you (or they) die? Well, it depends, and that's part of the reason you want to ensure your estate plan is well crafted. How you handle your debt can greatly impact the people you love.

In some cases, you could inadvertently leave a reality in which your surviving heirs—your kids, parents, or others—are responsible for your debt. Alternatively, if you structure your affairs properly, your debt could die right along with you. According to the Federal Trade Commission, an individual's debt does not disappear once that person dies. Rather, the debt must either be paid out of the deceased's estate or by a co-creditor. And that could be bad news for you or the people you love. What exactly happens to this debt can vary. One of the purposes of the court process known as probate is to provide a period of time for creditors to make a claim against the deceased's estate, in which case debts would be paid before beneficiaries receive their inheritance. But if there is nothing in the probate estate and all assets are held outside of the probate estate, then what?

Well, that's where a good estate plan comes in, and why it's so important to get your affairs in order, even if you have a lot more debt than assets. Your "estate" isn't just what you own, it includes what you owe, too. And with good planning, you can align it all in exactly the way you want.

*Debt After Death*

When an individual dies, someone will handle his or her affairs, and this person is known as an executor. The executor can either be someone of the individual's choice, if he or she planned in advance, or someone appointed by the court in the absence of planning. The executor opens the probate process, during which the court recognizes any will that's in place and formally appoints the executor to administer the deceased's estate and distribute any outstanding assets to their loved ones.

During this process, the estate's assets are used to pay any outstanding debt. This usually includes all an individual's assets, although it does not include assets with beneficiary designations, such as 401(k) plans and insurance policies. The estate does not own these assets, and they pass directly to the named beneficiaries. Given these factors, if an individual's assets are subject to probate and the person has outstanding debt, their beneficiaries will receive a smaller share of anything left to them in the estate plan.

*How Unsecured Debts Are Handled After Death*

Typically, unsecured debts, such as credit card debts, are the last form of debt the estate repays. In most cases, the estate first repays any outstanding secured debts, including car and mortgage loans. Following this, the estate repays the legal and administrative fees associated with executing the deceased's will. From there, the estate repays any outstanding unsecured debt, including credit card

balances. Usually, if the estate lacks the assets to repay these debts, creditors have no choice but to accept the loss.

However, in some states, probate laws may dictate how the deceased's creditors can clear these debts in other ways, such as by forcing the sale of the deceased's property. It's worth noting that there is a time limit for creditors to claim against an estate after the deceased dies, and this time frame varies between states. In California this period is generally 120 days. *Avoiding Probate* There are several things you can do to avoid probate. Perhaps the most common involves establishing a revocable living trust. Since a properly funded and maintained trust owns the assets, not the estate, those assets do not have to go through the probate process.

Despite this, creating a living trust does not guarantee an individual's assets will receive protection from creditors if that person has debt. What it does mean is that his or her heirs may have more flexibility compared to probate. In other words, by creating a living trust, your trustee may be able to negotiate with creditors more easily to reduce any outstanding debt. In theory, creditors may still sue to repay the debt in full. However, since this could involve significant costs, creditors may prefer to settle instead.

*When Do Surviving Family Members Pay the Deceased's Debts?*

Most of the time, it's unnecessary for surviving family members to pay the deceased's debt with their own money. Instead, as noted above, payment of debts is either paid out of the deceased's estate, or if there is no estate, the debts are extinguished. However, there are some exceptions to this, including the following:

Co-signing loans or credit cards: If someone cosigns a loan or credit card with the deceased, that individual is responsible for clearing any outstanding debt associated with that account.

Having jointly owned property: If an individual has jointly owned property or bank accounts with the deceased, that person is responsible for clearing any outstanding balances associated with these assets.

Community property: In some states, including California, Arizona, Nevada, Louisiana, Idaho, Texas, Washington, New Mexico, and Wisconsin, the surviving spouse is required to clear any outstanding debt associated with community property. Community property is any property jointly owned by a married couple.

State laws: Some states require surviving family members, or the estate more generally, to clear any debts associated with the deceased's healthcare costs. Additionally, if the estate's executor failed to follow a state's probate laws, it might be necessary for him or her to pay fines.

*What To Do When Someone Dies with Debt*

When someone dies with outstanding debt, it's important to take swift action to handle their affairs and negotiate their debts. Below are some steps to follow when faced with this

scenario:

1 - Understand Your Rights

Since probate laws vary between states, it's a good idea to thoroughly research the probate process in each state the decedent owned property or hire a probate lawyer to handle the estate for or with you. Many states require creditors to make claims within a specific period, while also requiring surviving family members to publicly declare the deceased's death before creditors can collect any outstanding debt. It's also against the law for creditors to use offensive or unfair tactics to collect outstanding credit debt from surviving family members. It's generally a good idea to ask creditors for proof of any outstanding debt before paying.

2 - Collect Documents

Collecting documents can be straightforward, particularly if the deceased left all their vital financial papers in a single location. If the surviving family members cannot locate these documents, they can request the deceased's credit report, which lists any accounts in the deceased's name. Your lawyer can help you with this.

3 - Cease Additional Spending

This is essential to prevent any debts in the deceased's name from increasing further, even if there is another person authorized to make payments. Ceasing additional spending includes canceling any recurring subscriptions and helps prevent unnecessary complications when negotiating with creditors.

4 - Inform Creditors

Proactively contact the deceased's creditors to look into options for negotiating the debt and notify credit bureaus of the death. To complete this process, it's useful to have several copies of the death certificate to share with insurance companies and creditors. Afterwards, ask to close all accounts in the deceased's name, and request the credit bureaus freeze the deceased's credit, preventing others from unlawfully getting credit in his or her name.

5 - Close the Estate

Once all debt has been paid off, forgiven, or extinguished, the executor can officially close the estate. The process for doing this varies based on how assets and debts were held, so do not attempt this part alone. Get help from an experienced probate attorney.

Ensure Your Family Doesn't Get Stuck with Your Debt

Effective estate planning involves taking care of your affairs, and this includes ensuring your debts will be handled in such a way that your family isn't left with a big mess or inadvertently forced into court. Consider scheduling an appointment with a trusted estate planner to help protect your assets and prevent creditors from reducing the gifts you want to leave your loved ones after death.

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## STUART TOLCHIN



I would be very happy to never think about the question of race again. What does it mean anyway? According to what I have read "Race" is not a real scientific category. Well, real or not, it is always on my, and probably many of your minds. The media is full of announcements regarding the swearing in of the first Los Angeles Black female Mayor by the first Black female United States Vice-President. All L.A. sports fans read of the exciting UCLA v. USC College football game in which for the first time both Colleges had starting Black-Quarterbacks, one of whom just won the Heisman trophy. Why is race even brought up in these contexts? The reason is obvious but rarely even stated today. There continues to be continuing racial discrimination directed against individuals of African heritage that makes very clear the distinction between seeming American ideals and values and the actual policies reflecting continuing realities and practicalities. A few elected politicians may make us all feel better but that does not mean real change has occurred.

Yes, I know that from 2008 through 2016 we had a "Black" or actually half-Black President, and boy do I wish he was still in office. Yes I know that professional football now has many Black quarterbacks and Black head coaches are present throughout the sports world. Yes and television now displays many Black people in prominent roles and the music world is now filled with successful Black musicians---so what's the problem? The problem is blatantly presented in discussions relating to the reparations task force. It is understood by everyone that Africans were brought against their will to North America to be used as slaves, a population considered sub-human and brutalized and mistreated in every conceivable way. Our Civil War or the War of Northern Aggression, a popular name for the War Between the States still used by Confederate sympathizers and believers in so-called White Supremacy reflected in today's political conflicts between the "Blue" States and the "Red" states. (see color still matters)

Immediately after the assassination of President Lincoln and after the adoption of the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution which formally abolished slavery and established African Americans as equal citizens of the United States many Southern States passed Jim Crow Laws. These laws were passed permitting violence against Black People. These Laws in practice

## PUT THE LIGHTS ON RACE - A QUESTION WITHOUT ANSWERS

mandated racial segregation in public facilities and institutionalized economic, political and social disadvantages and second class citizenship for most African Americans living in the United States.

Jim Crow laws were enforced until 1965, coincidentally the year I entered UCLA Law School at which time there were no African American students enrolled (and only 2 women; but that's another problem which merits a separate discussion). My point today is that all Americans must, or should recognize, the unspeakable injustices that have been inflicted upon Black People for generations. For a huge percentage of White Americans it was just assumed that Black People (it is now fashionable to use the term "people of Color" to refer to all non-White minorities) were inferior. Americans used that rationale to explain the continuing dehumanization of African-Americans that, if the truth be known, continues to this day.

Presently in California the California Reparations Task Force has reviewed the racist harm inflicted on generations of people. The task force is intended to list recommendations to atone for generations of trauma suffered by Black children among ongoing depictions of White families as ideal and Black families as not. During the very short time I worked with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Mississippi in 1966 I became very aware of this damaging and completely incorrect assumption. As young Black students became entitled to attend integrated Schools, they were warned by their parents that all White Children were well-behaved and studied hard and actually were kind of superior. I was happy to be there to remind these young people that this was not who White People were and all that the new students had to do was to do their best as they were damn smart themselves.

It is now 66 years later and Americans have come to realize the unfairness and discriminatory policies that have taken place and, yes, we feel bad about it. White people have had the benefit of better education, better health care, more family stability, and every other kind of benefit. Personally, I do not feel that giving certain individuals a pile of money is the answer. Right now before we try to remedy past wrongs let us do something about the present discrepancies in equality of opportunity. Child care help, free college tuition, free tutoring, no interest residential loans, and available free counselling to try and keep families together are necessary and can be instituted now. Something like Nixon's War on Drugs, which amounted to a War on Black People is not necessary, but the use of drugs and alcohol by teenagers (and adults) is a problem. Before we deal with the past, let's try to make the future better. I think we would all feel better about that.

## TOM PURCELL LAUGHING YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS



What makes us happy and fulfilled?

According to the directors of the Harvard Study of Adult Development, the longest scientific study of happiness ever conducted, the answer is very simple: our relationships.

"The stronger our relationships, the more likely we are to live happy, satisfying and overall healthier lives," according to the book "The Good Life," which recounts lessons from the Harvard study.

"Relationships in all their forms — friendships, romantic partnerships, families, co-workers, tennis partners, book club members, Bible study groups — all contribute to a happier, healthier life."

Most of us know this to be true, yet too often we pursue the shallow and material things that do not make us happy.

On one hand, we want wealth and fame. We want people to recognize us when we walk into a public place.

On the other hand we know wealth and fame are bogus. You never know who your real friends really are. You're surrounded by people looking for a handout.

I enjoy talking with older people, who are a treasure trove of experience and wisdom.

I still remember the conversation I had 20 years ago with my brother-in-law's dad, who told me what it was like to grow up during the Great Depression.

He said his family had no money, but he had no idea they were financially poor because they were otherwise wealthy beyond belief.

His city neighborhood was filled with characters, people watching out for them and lots of friends to play with. He said it took forever to walk to the store and back because of all the people stopping him to say hello.

He said he felt sorry for kids today who have material wealth but will never know the warmth of being surrounded by so many people who cared for you.

But we know all this. We know that the happiest moments in our own lives involve friends and family.

These are the people who affect the deeper part of our nature, our spirits and souls, where true happiness resides.

These are the people who help us when we're down, or engage us in deeply satisfying conversations, or make us laugh so hard our guts hurt.

Perhaps that's why laughter and a sense of humor are key components of happiness, according to The Atlantic.

"Consuming humor brings joy and relieves suffering," the magazine reports.

"In a 2010 study from the Journal of Aging Research, the researchers gave one group of senior citizens "humor therapy" — daily jokes, laughter exercises, funny stories and the like — for eight weeks. A control group did not receive this therapy. At the end of the experiment, the people in the first group reported feeling 42 percent happier than they had at the beginning. They were 35 percent happier than the second group, and experienced decreases in pain and loneliness."

The evidence is clear that engaging and laughing with family and friends are the keys to human happiness and fulfillment.

But sadly, rather than create more connections with other human beings, the U.S. Census reveals that Americans — especially elderly Americans — are increasingly becoming isolated and lonely, reports PBS.

The solution to unhappiness and loneliness is clear to me: Make more friends, engage and visit those who are isolated, and tell more silly jokes like this one:  
"Where is happiness made? At the satisfactory."

## RICH & FAMOUS BAN ON BANS

*This just in...*

...CNN has reported a US Consumer Product Safety Commissioner has "set off a firestorm" (get it) by saying gas stoves pose a "hidden hazard" and should be banned. Commissioner Richard Trumka Jr., said "everything's on the table" (pardon the pun). Berkeley, San Francisco and New York City already have restrictions in place banning gas hookups on future construction.

Is the controversy "heating up"? Your intrepid reporter will keep a finger on the pulse, the heartbeat and report back.

Bans have been with us for as long as legislative bodies and "oversight" groups have been organized. Books, seething with dubious meetings and intentions have been the focus of bans. For example, "Harriet the Spy" (my daughter loves that book...and the movie). "Charlotte's Web" was banned because certain parents in Kansas believed it was unnatural for animals to talk (I consulted Mickey Mouse on this issue. He is getting back to me).

"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was banned, not because the n-word was used 200 times. But because Huck had said "sweat" when he should have said "perspiration".

Bans are not limited to only books. Here are a few more:

McDonalds have been banned in New Zealand, Bermuda, Kazakhstan and Monte Negro.

You are not supposed to die in the Houses of Parliament in the United Kingdom.

It's illegal to buy women's magazines in Iran. In Malaysia do not walk outside wearing clothing the color yellow.

Having a baby in Denmark. You can only choose a name for your baby from a list of government-approved names. There are 24,000 approved names. In case you didn't know "Tiger" is not one of them.

In Oklahoma you can do time for making ugly faces at dogs. Can't walk in public in New York City with ice cream in your pocket... on Sundays. Of course.

Reincarnation is banned in China without preapproval. Time travel is also banned in China. That includes films that have time travel depicted are banned.

Ketchup is banned from elementary schools in France unless French fries are on the lunchroom menu.

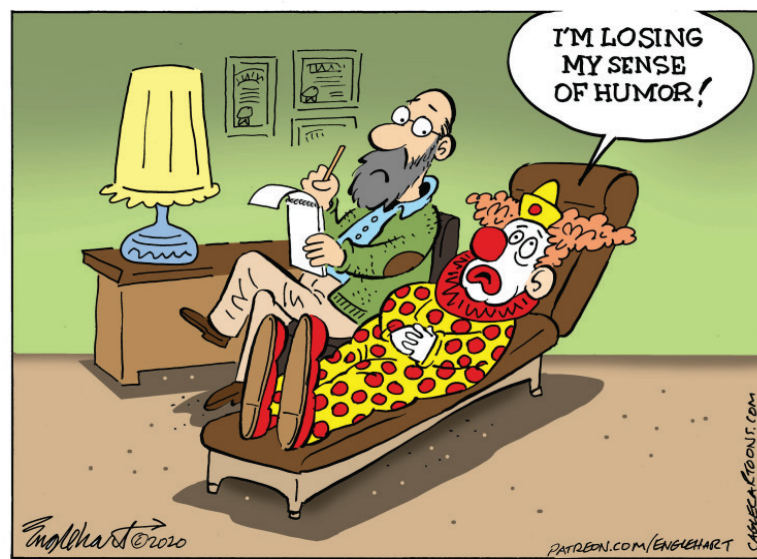
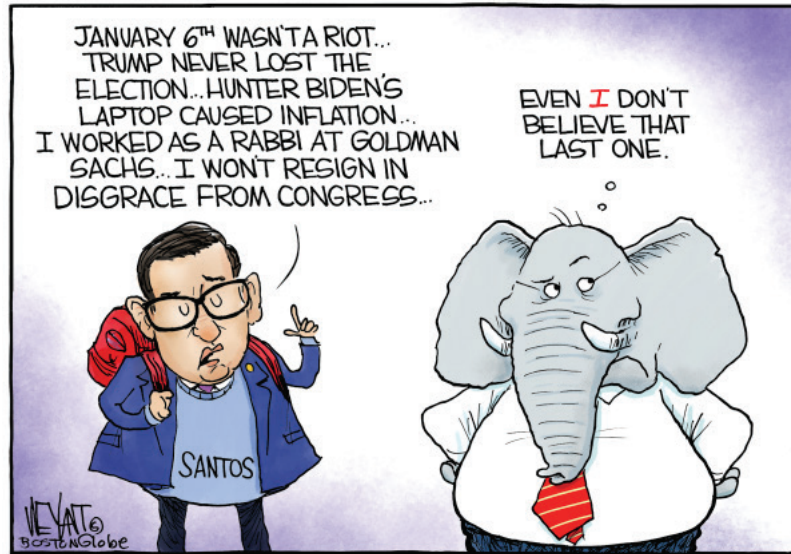
In Victoria, Australia you cannot change a light bulb unless you are an electrician. \$10 fine

Married women in La Paz (Bolivia) are limited to one glass of wine in a bar.

Flip flops are banned in Capri, Italy. And if you own a dog in Torino, Italy, gotta walk that dog at least 3 times a day. Oh, and in Milan, smile all the time. There is a legal ban on frowning.

As far as I know Sierra Madre has not banned me promoting upcoming concerts of my fun-rock band, JJ Jukebox. We are performing 60's-70's fun rock Saturday, January 21st at Corfu Restaurant in Sierra Madre. Come join us 6:00-8:30pm for great food, beverages, and fun rock such as "Your Mama Don't Dance", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love", "Sweet Caroline" and lots more. Call (626) 355-5993 to make reservations. Intimate setting (meaning not a lot of seats) so act quickly and we will see you there (48 West Sierra Madre Blvd., south side of the street).

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# GREAT RACING RETURNS TO SANTA ANITA PARK

By Joan Schmidt

Great thoroughbred racing has returned to Santa Anita Park, and Opening Day was phenomenal. Upon arrival, we received a free calendar and Flightline poster signed by Jockey Flavien Pratt and trainer John Sadler. Walking to get our posters, we met Heather Simpson. (This sweet lady works in the Winners Circle and everyone loves her. Heather grew up in Del Mar; some celebrities had their second homes on her street- Her memories are phenomenal!) It also was great to visit with Edwin Maldonado's great agent Tony Matos.

The six Stakes races winners were: One More Bid (“Santa Anita Mathis Mile” Jockey Ramon Vazquez, trainer Bob Baffert); Dickey Mo Chara (“San Gabriel Stakes” Juan Hernandez, trainer Leonard Powell); Country Grammer(“San Antonio Stakes” Frankie Dettori, Bob Baffert) Fun to Dream (“La Brea Stakes” Juan Hernandez, Bob Baffert); Taiba (“Run Happy Stakes”, Mike Smith, Bob Baffert); and Rhea Moon (“American Oaks Stakes”, Juan Hernadez, Trainer Phil D’Amato).

What an awesome Opening Day for Trainer Baffert, five wins; Jockey Hernandez, four wins; and Dettori three. Mike Smith, who had the great win on Taiba and Juan Hernandez happily posed for photos.

Dettori, 52, announced his retirement for fall, 2023. His outstanding career includes 3 riding titles in Britain, and 14 Breeder Cup Wins. He rode Country Grammer to a \$12 million Dubai World



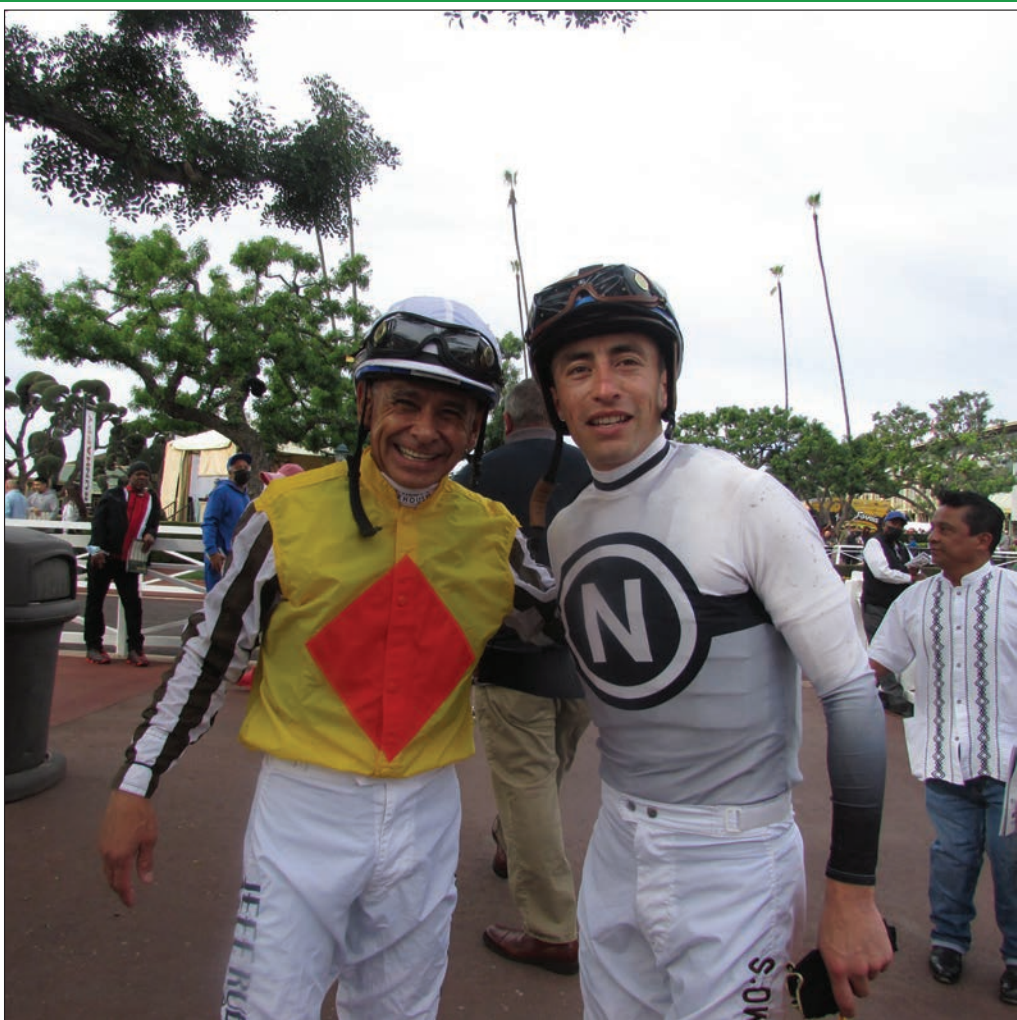
Cup Win in March and on Feb 25, they'll be in the \$20 million Saudi Cup!

This past Friday, Bob and I returned to Santa Anita. Highlights include these Stakes Winners; “Eddie Logan Stakes” with Umberto Rispoli on Classical Cat (Trainer Phil D’Amato) and Edwin Maldonado on Broadway Girls (Trainer Doug O’Neill) Who will be the leading jockey for these Meet? The competition will be fierce. Besides Dettori, Johnny Velazquez and Flavien Pratt, who twice won six races in one day- a SO CAL record; Juan Hernandez and Ramon Vazquez also have won racing titles. Umberto Rispoli is also back at Santa Anita; a few years ago, Pratt beat him with only 1 win for the racing title!

One of the newest additions to the Jockey colony is Kazushi Kimura from Japan. His career began at Woodbine in 2018 and he won the Eclipse Apprentice Award. On December 21, 2021, he was the first jockey of Japanese descent to win the title at Woodbine. It was great to meet him; he is very excited to be here.

Saturday saw Johnny Velazquez win the “Robert J. Frankel Stakes” on Queen Goddess, (Michael Mc Carthy, trainer); Juan Hernandez won the “Joe Hernandez Stakes” on Air Force Red (Trainer, Leonard Powell); and Triple Crown Winner Victor Espinosa, “Las Flores Stakes” on Lady T (Trainer John Shirreff’s)

There are so many special events at the track. Please visit santaanita.com. You never know who you will run into! On Opening Day, it was Dwight Yoakam; past years included Mel Brooks, Dick Van Patten and Julia Roberts! See you there!



Mike Smith, Juan Hernandez

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: EAGLE ROCK READY MIX, 10332 BODGER ST, EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JORGE J AGUILAR HERNANDEZ, 10332 BODGER ST, EL MONTE, CA 91733. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JORGE J AGUILAR HERNANDEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/13/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-278760

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GARC'S HAULING, 8914 NOGAL AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90606. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) FAUSTO GARCIA ANTONIO, 8914 NOGAL AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90606. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: FAUSTO GARCIA ANTONIO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-278616

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IN-A INFINITE NUMBER OF ACRONYMS, 614 E 138TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KEVIN DEWAYNE ALEXANDER JR, 614 E 138TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90059. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KEVIN DEWAYNE ALEXANDER JR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-271053

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INSTALL SERVICE I, 11110 SANTA GERTRUDES, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUTH RIVERA, 440 E FLORENCE AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: LAZARO MIRABAL/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-266516

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JAC TAXSAL AND SERVICES, 10906 SAN LUIS AVE, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS SALVADOR, 10906 SAN LUIS AVE, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE LUIS SALVADOR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/09/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-274243

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LIVE HEALTHY, 440 E FLORENCE AVE SUITE B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RUTH RIVERA, 440 E FLORENCE AVE SUITE B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RUTH RIVERA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/20/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-274245

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MARIA SUPPLIES, 5748 ROCKET ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAYMOND CARMONA, 5748 ROCKET ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAYMOND CARMONA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/20/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-273913

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIS ACCESORIOS, 2457 EAST 7TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HILIANA RENTERIA AGUILAR, 2457 EAST 7TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90023. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: HILIANA RENTERIA AGUILAR/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/20/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272662

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RELIABLE HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS, 1451 E ABILA STREET, CARSON, CA 90745. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOHNPALU OKECHUKWU, 1451 E ABILA STREET, CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOHNPALU OKECHUKWU/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272029

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SANCHEZ 90 DAY & ANNUAL TRUCK INSPECTION, SANCHEZ ROAD SERVICES & MAINTENANCE, 12634 KALNOR AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JESUS SANCHEZ LOPEZ, 12634 KALNOR AVE APT 13, NORWALK, CA 90650. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JESUS SANCHEZ LOPEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272442

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPRE INVESTMENTS, 3621 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD SUITE 15, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD SUITE 15, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARA IRENE PALACIOS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-272736

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TC FOUNDATION, 9350 WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 203, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TC FOUNDATION, 9350 WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 203, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. ARTICLE # 4302059 Signed: TRINA BACON/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-275919

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VDO SERVICE, 8815 DUNBAR ST, BELFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR GERARDO DIAZ QUINTERO, 8815 DUNBAR ST, BELFLOWER, CA 90706. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VICTOR GERARDO DIAZ QUINTERO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/22/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-271532

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WISE WOMEN, 6542 LEWIS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DENISE RODRIGUEZ, 6542 LEWIS AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DENISE RODRIGUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-279938

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YARDSALE STORES, 710 OKDALE AVE, MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALFREDO ALONSO RAMIREZ, 10933 MAIN ST UNIT D15, EL MONTE, CA 91006& MORE INC, 12223 BLACK MT ROAD #215 #215, SAN DIEGO, CA 92129. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ANDREW WEISS/PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/29/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FILE NO. 2022-271048

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LAZARO MIRABAL, 16008 SUMMERSHADE DR, LA MIRADA, CA 91063. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JONP ATTIRE LLC, 1108 S LOS ANGELES ST, STE 102, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN TORRES MORALES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/21/2018, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2018122124. The business was conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12-15-2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) LAZARO MIRABAL/GENERAL PARTNER  
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FILE NO. 2022-272778

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: DUARTE RD UNIT G561, ARCADIA, CA 91007, has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: DA LONG YL DALONGYL 250 W VALLEY BLVD STE L, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/16/2018, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number is 2018261733. The business was conducted by: A CORPORATION. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/19/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) JOE LEI CHEN/PRESIDENT  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-271351

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: mdo MDO HANDYMAN SERVICES, 4215 FISHER ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90063. . LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) OSCAR ARIEL MONTE DE OCA MARTINEZ, 4215 FISHER ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90063. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: OSCAR ARIEL MONTE DE OCA MARTINEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/05/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 202277817

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PM NAILS 14052 BURBANK BLVD. SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91401. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VUONG THI PHAN 14052 BURBANK BLVD. SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91401. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: VUONG THI PHAN/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/16/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022773040

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CRISOSTOMO UPHOLSTERY 37925 SIERRA HWY SUITE B, PALMDALE, CA. 93550. . LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARMEN TORRES MORALES 37925 SIERRA HWY SUITE B, PALMDALE, CA. 93550. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARMEN TORRES MORALES, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022273084

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JETPACKS SUPPLY 1108 S LOS ANGELES ST STE 102, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90015. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JONP ATTIRE LLC 1108 S LOS ANGELES ST STE 102, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90015. This Business is conducted by: AN LLC. Signed: JONP ATTIRE LLC, JOSEPH ALVEY, CEO. . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/20/20. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022273061

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BLISS PORTRAITS 16040 WYANDOTTE ST VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN ANGEL SANTOS 16040 WYANDOTTE ST VAN NUYS, CA. 91406; LAURA VILLALTA SANTOS, 16040 WYANDOTTE ST VAN NUYS, CA. 91406. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. Signed: JUAN ANGEL SANTOS, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/19/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/22. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)  
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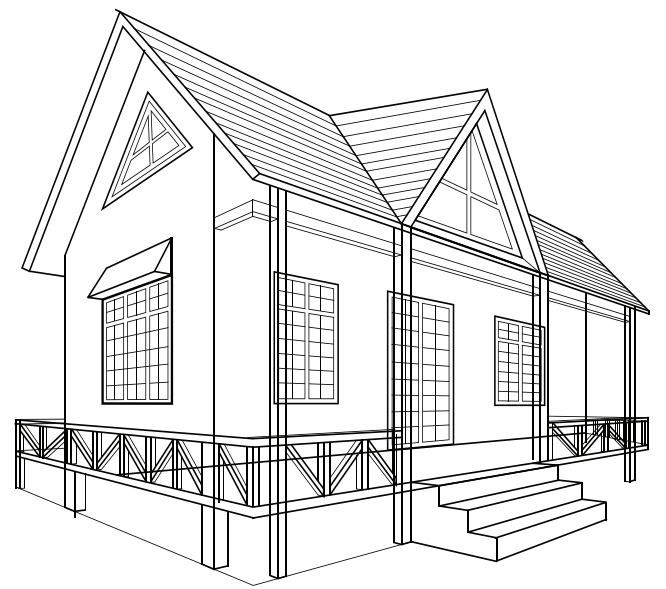
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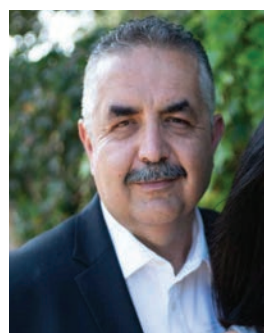
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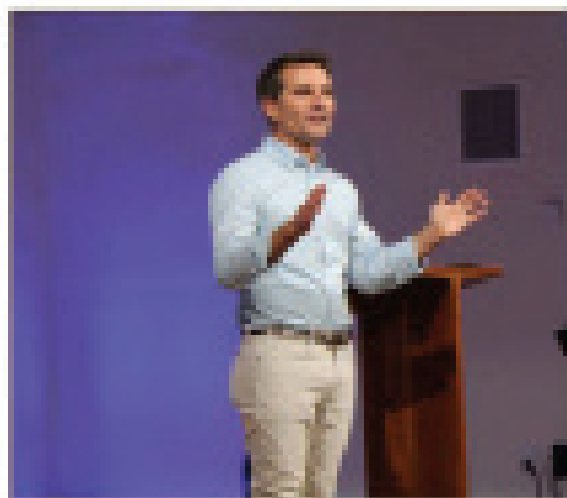
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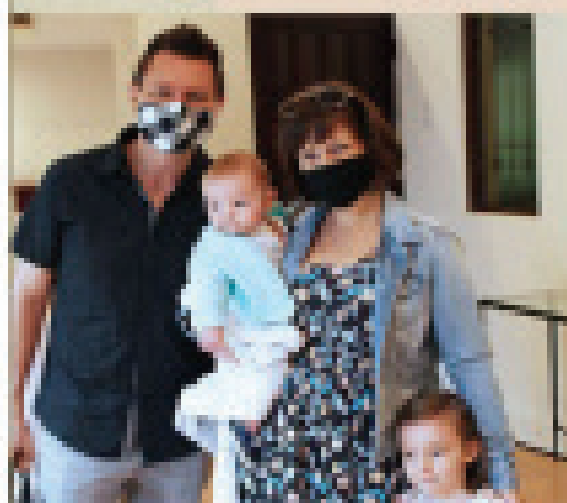
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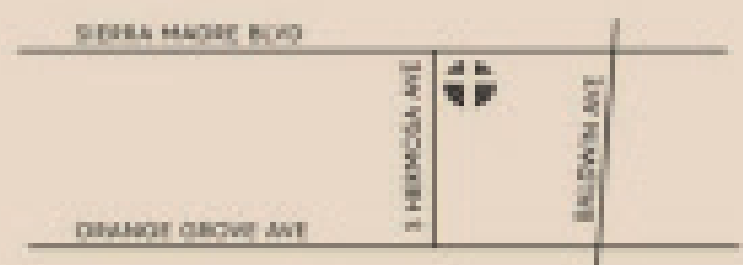
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