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Avg. Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$726	\$795

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## IN SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMES FIRST



### Sierra Madre Police & Fire Departments Hold Public Safety Town Hall

On Wednesday evening Sierra Madre residents had the opportunity to hear first hand how Police and Fire work hard to keep them safe. The event, moderated by Mayor Edward Garcia, included presentations from SMFD Chief Brent Bartlett, SMPD Acting Chief Henry Amos, and 'Chief in Waiting' Gus Barrientos. Bartlett's presentation showcased the fire department's achievements since becoming a fully paid department in 2019. The department still has 4 volunteers, 3 of whom live in Sierra Madre. In 2022, they responded to 1,382 incidents of which 79% were EMS calls. Their budget for 2022-23 is \$2.9 million and they were able to recover over \$600,000 of that expense by participating in programs such as deployments to wildfire events (Oak Fire & Kinney Fire), etc.

Amos introduced the department's next Chief, Barrientos and reviewed the current crime trends from 2017 - 2021. Crimes in Sierra Madre have been trending downward with 2021 showing the largest decline of over 200 incidents. Included in those figures are the departments work with the Justice Department's ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children). There are currently 20 sworn officers, 4 dispatchers, 1 Administrative Director and several reserve and p/t officers who make protecting Sierra Madre a priority. SMPD also noted that as a result of a recent spate of early morning commercial break-ins, additional measure are being taken in an effort to curtail such activity. The audience was also reminded that, "If You See Something, Say Something", reviewing several types of suspicious activities to notify them of. As for the PD budget, Amos reminded the audience that unfortunately the only way in which the department can recoup its' costs was through the issuance of tickets, to which the audience' audible response was comical.

After the presentations, break out sessions afforded attendees the opportunity to speak with members of the departments one on one, share their experiences and express their concerns and what they felt the departments priorities should be. Both departments received very positive feedback. Both departments noted that Recruitment and Retention are they biggest challenges. S. Henderson/MVNews

#### SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT END OF YEAR RECAP

690 Citations	658 Incident Reports
41 Arrests	73 Accidents
Total 911 Calls	2,239
Total Business Line Calls	19,168
Total Dispatched Calls	8,798



### MT. WILSON TRAIL & BAILEY CANYON TRAIL SEVERELY DAMAGED BY RAINSTORMS

The rainstorms over the last several weeks have severely damaged Sierra Madre's Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Trail. As a result, the City of Sierra Madre has closed both trails because they are unsafe for public use. The trail damage is extensive, including trail washouts, trail failures, precarious rockslides, and downed trees. There is a section of the Mt. Wilson Trail that will require the installation of a 30-foot wooden bridge to make the trail passable. This is the worst cumulative trail damage in over 30 years and it will take time to fix.

All labor on Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Trails is done by community volunteers, who work tirelessly and continuously to repair and maintain the trails to keep them open and safe for public use. The necessary supplies and tools used by the volunteers are paid for with tax-deductible community donations to the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund, as neither the City of Sierra Madre nor the US Forest Service provides any funds for the supplies or labor. Without the work of the volunteer trail maintenance crew, the trails would become impassable, as the recent rainstorms demonstrate.

Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon Trail are important and valuable community resources that are used by hundreds of hikers, runners, families, and nature enthusiasts of all ages. Users of both trails come from Sierra Madre, the entire San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles Basin, and beyond. The goal of the Sierra Madre Trails Maintenance Crew is to ensure these trails remain open and safe for public use for years to come.

This year's annual Mt. Wilson Trail Race (MWTR) will be held on May 27, 2023. First run in 1908, the MWTR is the one of the oldest races in California. The MWTR course is 8.2 miles from Kersting Court to Orchard Camp and back. The trails need to be ready for this important community event.

If you would like to help repair Sierra Madre's trails, you can send a tax-deductible donation payable to the "Sierra Madre Community Foundation" and write "Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund" on the memo line. The mailing address is P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. All donors to the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund will receive a written tax-deductible acknowledgement letter. You can also go to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation website: <https://www.sierramadrefoundation.com> to make your donation by PayPal or scan the QR Code:



### REPRESENTATIVES FROM GAS COMPANY TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON RECENT CHANGES AT COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday January 24, 2023 at City Hall at 5:30 pm

With increased gas prices and recent cold snaps across the nation, SoCalGas customers can expect higher gas bills in the upcoming weeks. For example, customers whose winter peak bills were around \$65 last year can expect to see bills closer to \$160 this year. Similarly, if bills were around \$130 last winter, customers will see a bill closer to \$315 this year.

The rise in cost is in response to the unprecedented events that have taken place over the last few weeks, including widespread, below-normal temperatures, high natural gas consumption, reduced natural gas flows, and pipeline constraints, including maintenance in West Texas.

SoCalGas has several assistance programs that range from past due bill forgiveness, CARE program (bill discount), and free energy efficiency home improvements through the Energy Savings Assistance Program. They also offer their Ways to Save Energy-Saving Tool to provide you with a customized analysis of your energy usage that can help you track your energy efficiency progress and help lower bills.

These programs and more will be part of the presentation on Tuesday. Residents are encouraged to attend.

### CITY ADDING FOUR-WAY STOP TO BUSY INTERSECTION IMPLEMENTATION WARRANTED FOR ORANGE GROVE, MOUNTAIN TRAIL, AND SAN CARLOS

By Kevin McGuire

Sierra Madre has seen many improvements over the years regarding the safety of our pedestrians and drivers. We've seen more crosswalks added, cross-walk flashing lights, and more police presence to curb traffic offenders in the city.

Now the city wants to tackle other traffic trouble spots—the intersections of Orange Grove Avenue, Mountain Trail Avenue, and San Carlos Road and at Orange Grove Avenue and Rancho Road. After several accidents this past year, the city wants to put a four-way stop at these intersections to help prevent any further calamities. Adding these Stop controls would have to be coordinated with the City of Arcadia, which borders Sierra Madre at the site.

A Wildan traffic engineer performed a signal warrant analysis, reviewed the three-year traffic collision history of these two intersections between 2019 and 2021, and recommended a four-way stop at Orange Grove Avenue, Mountain Trail Avenue, and San Carlos Road, which was the scene of six traffic collisions over those three years, according to data from California's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records. A minimum of five crashes to (continued on pg. 3)

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## A PROPERTY FIT FOR A PRESIDENT

### Making the Pickard-Hoover Residence a Historical Landmark

By Kevin McGuire

In November 1932, a Presidential motorcade rode through Los Angeles—the final destination—Sierra Madre.

The President was Herbert Hoover, who was said to have visited Sierra Madre on several occasions during the colder months to visit his son, Herbert Charles Hoover, who resided at a corner property at 500 N. Michillinda Avenue in what is known today as the Pickard-Hoover Residence. Business owner Frank Pickard was the first owner of the Spanish-styled property, which was built in 1928 and sat on 1.4 acres. Once the President's son moved in, legend has it that the property was referred to as "The Winter White House."

Suzanne and Malcolm Edwards, the current owners of the Pickard-Hoover property, have applied to nominate it as a Historical, Cultural, and Architectural Landmark. Upon designation, the Edwards are hoping to reap the benefits of The Mills Act, which grants tax breaks to homeowners of historic homes in exchange for rehabilitation and maintenance of the properties.

During the City Council meeting on January 10, 2023, a public hearing was held to discuss adopting Resolution 23-03, which would approve the historic designation of 500 N. Michillinda Avenue and approve a Mills Act contract for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Pickard-Hoover Residence.

Associate Planner, Joshua Wolf, gave a presentation on the property and highlighted the criteria needed to receive the Historic Landmark designation.

#### Historic Significance

Criterion A - That the site is associated with local, state, or national cultural, social, economic, political, or natural history, events, or persons significant to the history of Sierra Madre, or it reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of park or community planning.

During a slide show, Wolf presented a photo featured in the Los Angeles Times, taken at the entrance of the Pickard-Hoover Residence, depicting Herbert Charles Hoover and his family, including President Hoover posing as a "Welcome Nation's Chief Executive" photo op.



Hoover Jr. and family on steps of Pickard-Hoover residence. Herbert Hoover Jr., on the left, and President Hoover on the right. -Credit: Los Angeles Times

On July 14, 1930, Mr. Hoover was featured on the cover of TIME, highlighting his accomplishments as an engineer, radio communications innovator, and advisor to foreign governments. During his residency in Sierra Madre, Mr. Hoover served the community as the Chairman of the Boy Scouts in 1935.



500 N. Michillinda Today - Courtesy Zillow

#### Architectural

Criterion B - That the architectural style is representative of the work or is one of a few remaining examples of a notable builder, designer, or architect, or it embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction, or, is a valuable example of architectural achievement or innovation such as the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.

The Pickard-Hoover Residence was built in a Spanish Colonial Revival style. Since it was built, there have been multiple additions to the building which altered the exterior appearance, but they were found to be compatible with the style of the original.

Some of this charming home's characteristics include:

- Multiple side-gabled and low-pitched roofs and eaves with shallow or no overhang
- Red brick patio and garden paths
- Arched entryway with heavily carved door
- Interior wood-beamed ceilings, and
- Monumental fireplace mantels with brick or stucco surface and decorative tile.

The property has four fireplaces, a guesthouse, and a pool house. And it's certainly worth mentioning that there is a children's area playroom in the theme of "Winnie the Pooh" designed by the author, A.A. Milne. He was a family friend of the Hoovers.

#### Mills Act | Rehabilitation | Maintenance

The Mills Act allows the city to enter into 10-year revolving contracts with qualified historic properties. Participants could receive 40- 60% property tax savings each year for newly renovated properties. Those tax savings are meant to give property owners some relief regarding specific restoration tasks and maintenance.

Rehabilitation projects for the Pickard-Hoover Residence include repairing and replacing exterior features and systems. Roof maintenance, termite repair of the pergola, renewal of wood trim, and repair of brick chimneys are some external areas that need attention.

Systems-related work includes repairs to the heating and cooling system, new insulation, plumbing, and foundation repair. The total repair costs are estimated at \$573,183. That's \$7,935 more than tax breaks would cover, a loss of revenue for the city annually.

Despite the cost incurrence, City Council generally felt the Pickard-Hoover Residence was a good investment for the city, approved the Mills Act contract, and adopted Resolution 23-03 unanimously.

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## STOP SIGN (continued from page 1)

warrant a Stop sign.

A second factor reviewed was the volume of traffic in this area. In this scenario, the minimum traffic for the minor street is 300 vehicles per hour (vph) for 8 hours and 200 (vph) on a minor street to warrant a Stop control. This intersection's major and minor roads averaged 368 vph and 216 vph, respectively. Guidelines are based on recommendations in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD).

But the engineer did not recommend a four-way stop at Orange Grove Avenue and Rancho Road, which had one traffic collision during the review period. Factors in this decision included just one traffic collision in 12 months, and the minor streets in this area only reached 74 vph, 126 vph shy of what's needed to warrant a Stop control.

On January 10, 2022, Director of Public Works Chris Cimino gave a presentation before City Council, followed by a unanimous vote to implement a four-way stop at Orange Grove Avenue, Mountain Trail Avenue, and San Carlos Road.



## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
January 8 th – January 14th

Calls for Service  
174

Formal Investigations  
14

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

Wednesday, January 11th

Drug Violation Arrest

At approximately 4 AM, officers contacted a pedestrian in the 500 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd. During the consensual encounter, the pedestrian admitted to having methamphetamine and various drug paraphenilia on his person. The pedestrian was cited and released.

Wednesday, January 11th

Traffic Collision into Structure

At approximately 6 PM, officers responded to a reported traffic collision in front of 110 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a single vehicle had collided with the protective "K-rails" in front of a restaurant at the given address. The driver and passenger of the vehicle were safely removed by SMFD, and no other pedestrians or patrons were injured. The passenger was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. SMPD Traffic Division and Detective Bureau are following up on the incident.

Commercial Burglary

At approximately 2 AM, officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm at 29 N. Baldwin Ave. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the security gate of the business had been cut open, and the interior had been ransacked. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that multiple narcotics and medications had been stolen from the location. The Detectives' Bureau is investigating this incident.

## 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 Madorean, 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.



## ANNOUNCING OUR ONE BOOK ONE CITY SELECTION!

The Sierra Madre Public Library has announced the 2023 selection of One Book One City; Flying Free by Cecilia Aragon.

One Book One City is a community reading program that invites everyone in Sierra Madre to read and discuss the same book during February 2023 and participate in exciting programs and events.

Aragon's memoir, Flying Free, shares her own journey of breaking past her own fears to become a champion aerobatic pilot. Her 2019 book, Writers in the Secret Garden, takes a close look at the fascinating world of fan-fiction to explore how young people express themselves. Her latest book, Human-Centered Data Science, discusses best practices

for addressing the bias and inequality that may result from the automated analysis of large datasets.

Check back with the Sierra Madre Public Library for announcements on upcoming programming and events for our 2023 One Book One City selection, Flying Free: My Victory Over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team by Cecilia Aragon. Connect all month long through engaging themed programs that are free and fun for the whole family. Call the Library at (626) 355-7186 for more information.

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## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Gong Xi Fa Cai! May all your dreams come true."

"I wish you a very happy new year with good luck, health, and prosperity."

"Happy Chinese New Year! May good fortune never leave your doorstep."

"Wishing you joy, gladness, and achievement at the start of the new lunar year. May the light of the moon illuminate your paths and guide you always!"

The Chinese New Year is tomorrow! 2023 is the year of the rabbit, in case you didn't know. It is a water rabbit year which occurs every 60 years, so enjoy this one as you might not be around for the next one! The Chinese New Year is from January 22, 2023 to February 9, 2024. As all the predictions are for a good year, I thought I'd pass them along. The picture this week is, of course, rabbits!

"The rabbit symbolizes peace, prosperity, and vigor in the Chinese zodiac and the year of the rabbit 2023 is a lucky year for most people. (Including all of us, I hope!) Things are recovering and life will get better soon. Take advantage of the lucky horoscope in 2023. You will have a good chance of success in the Year of the Rabbit!"



Authors Fefe Ho & Chloe Chiao gave us a little story you might enjoy:

"The Rabbit is the fourth of all zodiac animals. Legend has it the Rabbit was proud—arrogant even—of its speed. He was neighbors with Ox and always made fun of how slow Ox was. One day, the Jade Emperor said the zodiac order would be decided by the order in which the animals arrived at his party. Rabbit set off at daybreak. But when he got there, no other animals were in sight. Thinking that he would obviously be first, he went off to the side and napped. However, when he woke up, three other animals had already arrived. One of them was the Ox he had always looked down upon. Rabbits are earnest with everything they do; they just ask that others treat them the same way. In Chinese culture, rabbits represent the moon. Some say it is because the shadows of the moon resemble a rabbit."

At one time my beloved John and I taught a young adults Sunday School class at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene: The Jabez Group. Several of our members were Chinese but one, in particular, took Chinese New Year very seriously and would invite all of our group to join her for dinner at the Golden China Restaurant in South Pasadena where she would order the most amazing dishes and give everyone a red envelope with a \$2 bill in it. In case you are wondering where the name "The Jabez Group" came from, here ya go:

"Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!' And God granted what he asked." 1 Chron. 4:10

We thought that was an excellent prayer and so we started a class with four young women that gradually increased till there were over thirty. Several marriages were the result and now there are several children. So, obviously, the prayer worked and God enlarged our border!

Last Monday was Martin Luther King Day; a school holiday and it rained most of the day. Of course, it's rained most of the day every day for ages. My friend, Dr. Charles Seitz, horticulturist extraordinaire, tells me he's had over 15 inches of rain these last few weeks. That's a bunch of rain!

I'm sure you all know this, but just to refresh your memory about this remarkable man, I'm going to share a few facts from Wikipedia. Dr. King was born in 1929 and was assassinated on April 4, 1968. (April 4th happens to be my birthday) He was a Baptist minister and one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement. Inspired by his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi, he led nonviolent marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights and so much more. He made so many unforgettable statements that are still quoted today:

"Never, never be afraid to do what's right!"

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; Only love can do that."

And, of course, from the famous, "I have a dream" speech:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

"Be the peace you wish to see in the world."

That last thought brought to mind one of my favorite pieces of music, "Let There Be Peace on Earth" written in 1955 by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller."

"Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
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Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.

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Let this be the moment now.  
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Mountain View News Saturday, January 21, 2023

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<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows 40s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### 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.

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

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- Be open to the public
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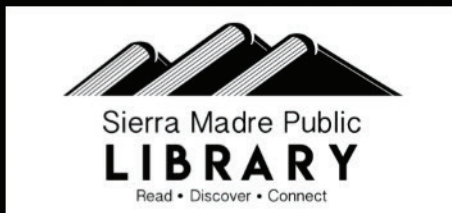
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January 23—January 28

**Monday**

**Preschool Storytime at Memorial Park—Outdoors**  
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**Tuesday**

**1-2-3D Printing Workshop—In-person at 6:00pm.**  
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**Wednesday**

**Sewing Machine Basics—In-person at 2:00pm.** Call to register

**Thursday**

**Baby Rhyme Time at Memorial Park—Outdoors at 9:00am.** Call to register

**Saturday**

**Music & Mindfulness: Cellist—In-person from 1:00pm—3:00pm**

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News From Your Community For Your Community

## Black History Month Events

*Black History Parade and Festival to honor Councilmember John Kennedy*



The City of Pasadena is set to commemorate Black History Month by recognizing the achievements and contributions of African Americans and their central role in our nation's history.

Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Black History Committee, and The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library are offering a month-long series of in-person and virtual programs, events, and activities for all ages in the month of February. All programs and events are free.

Support Black-Owned Businesses in Pasadena and Altadena

**During February and all year long, please support local Black-owned businesses.** Visit: [cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec](http://cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec) to view a list of businesses in the Pasadena and Altadena area with African American owners created in collaboration with Hood Liberation. If you wish to add your business to the list, please visit the same website.

**“Celebrating Diversity Through Photography” Exhibit**  
Feb. 1 – 28 • Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

Artist Alfred Haymond is a self-taught photographer whose approach is described simply as “The art of finding those mundane occurrences happening all around us and visually documenting them.”

**People, Places, and Events Shaped by African-Americans**

Feb. 1 – 28 • City Website

Take a virtual tour beginning February 1 at: [cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec](http://cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec) with local community members as they provide information on landmarks, educational institutions, sports, businesses, and other areas of interest impacted by Black Pasadenans.

**Black History Parade and Festival - Celebrating Our Excellence “The Legacy of Councilmember John J. Kennedy”**

Southern California's largest and longest-running Black History Parade will take place Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

The parade begins at Fair Oaks Ave. and Mountain View St. and ends at Robinson Park. Enjoy the pomp and circumstance of bands, drill and drum teams, community organizations, dignitaries, celebrity Grand Marshal and award-winning sportscaster Jim Hill, and many other parade performers. The festival features live bands, dance performances, community booths, guest speakers, food for purchase.

For more information visit: [cityofpasadena.net](http://cityofpasadena.net).

## TofR 2024 President and Theme Announced



New incoming President and Chairman of the Board for the 2024 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, Alex Aghajanian, announced Thursday, for the first time on the front steps of Tournament House, the 2024 Tournament of Roses theme, “Celebrating a World of Music: The Universal Language.”

“We have 935 members in the association usually we are announcing it [the theme] inside to the board of directors and chairs first, but I wanted to share the excitement of the theme so we did it out here tonight, and you can tell... it's really a good thing.”

The announcement was made as the sounds of taiko drums filled the air.

Throughout his extensive Tournament of Roses career, Aghajanian has served on and chaired various committees including Budget and Finance, Communications and Credentials, Formation, Music, Parade Policy, and Queen and Court.

“The 2024 theme brings

us together through music,” Aghajanian said. “In a world of different cultures, beliefs, hopes, and dreams, one language unites us all — music. The sound, texture, rhythm, form, harmony, and expression meld together to move, soothe, excite and delight the world. From bossa nova to blues, classical to country, metal to mariachi and rock to rap, thousands of genres invite us to become one in celebrating a world of music. Whether near or far, young or old, we invite you to year-long festivities that culminate on New Year's Day at the Rose Parade. Let the music begin.”

With rain in the air, during the event, from unexpected showers Aghajanian also passed on a long Tournament tradition, “Mr. Ed Maralas, each year as the Executive Vice President you are in charge of weather and so you're handed the red umbrella,” he said. “We do not unwrap the red umbrella therefore it does not rain [Jan. 1, 2024].”

Morales is the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Executive Vice President. Aghajanian is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Rose Bowl Operating Company, Habitat for Humanity Advisory Council, Alkebu-lan Cultural Center, and was an elected member of the Pasadena Unified School District Board of

Education as well as a member of the Altadena Town Counsel. While managing and coaching baseball and AYSO soccer, Aghajanian served on the Board of Directors and Foundation Committee of the East Altadena Little League.

Aghajanian will serve as president providing leadership for the 135th Rose Parade and 110th Rose Bowl Game on January 1, 2024.

Photos by D.Lee/MVNews

## Free Legal Community Clinics Return

Public Counsel and the City of Pasadena's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to announce the reopening of the Community Legal Clinic and Homelessness Prevention Legal Clinic at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. These clinics provide free legal services to low-income individuals and families.

The Community Legal Clinic, co-sponsored by All Saints Church, is open the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, and will be staffed by experienced attorneys assisting with a variety of legal issues, including housing, family law, bankruptcy/consumer debt, probate, civil matters, public benefits, expungements and more. Attendees are asked to bring all documents related to their case.

The Homelessness Prevention Legal Clinic is open the third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a Know Your Rights presentation on a housing or public benefits topic, followed by one-on-one consultations with an attorney for housing and public benefits matters only. These consultations are first come, first served. Attendees are asked to bring all documents related to their case.

Both clinics are conveniently located in the heart of Pasadena and easily accessible by public transportation. Anyone in need of legal assistance is encouraged to visit the clinics and take advantage of these valuable resources. No appointments are necessary; however, all services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Supervisor Barger Honors Care First South Pasadena for Sundown Town Resolution



Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger and her fellow Los Angeles County Supervisors partnered with Los Angeles County's Commission on Human Relations Wednesday to recognize organizations for their work on impactful projects and programs during the annual John Anson Ford Human Relations Awards.

The Fifth District honored Care First South Pasadena, a coalition of residents committed to fighting racism and advocating for marginalized groups who were a driving force behind the city's Sundown Town Resolution.

During the awards ceremony, Supervisor Barger addressed the significance of Care First South Pasadena's

efforts.

“Inequities from our past – no matter how long ago they occurred – must be addressed and corrected,” said Supervisor Barger. “Care First South Pasadena shone a light on local discriminatory practices and policies that excluded people of color from buying homes and barred their children's access to community programs. City of South Pasadena leaders then took action, passing a resolution that brings equity training to city staff, removes racially restrictive language from existing deeds, and integrates diversity into its public programs. I applaud those efforts. The Sundown Town Resolution is a reminder to us all that it's never too late to right a wrong.”

## Filing Period for Pasadena Rental Housing Board Opens

The filing period for the Pasadena Rental Housing Board (PRHB) application process begins on Monday, Jan. 23. Application packets will be available at the Office of the City Clerk, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228, starting on Monday. Packets include the application form; verifications/declarations of qualifications, including residency and tenancy status; and a nominating petition to gather signatures of residents that support the applicant's consideration for appointment by the City Council.

The city clerk will conduct an applicant workshop at 9 a.m. on Monday, in City Council chambers, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S249. At that time, the city clerk and staff will review the requirements for applicants seeking tenant member, at-large, and alternate positions on the PRHB and issue the proper documentation to those seeking appointment.



Individuals may also schedule an appointment with the city clerk during regular business hours at (626) 744-4124 to receive application materials.

Visit: [cityofpasadena.net/pasadena-rental-housing-board/](http://cityofpasadena.net/pasadena-rental-housing-board/) for more information. The webpage will be updated periodically with additional information on the Pasadena Rental Housing Board and City Charter, Chapter XVIII.

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## Pasadena Honors the Burger During Cheeseburger Week



Put those New Year's resolutions on hold for seven days and celebrate all things cheeseburger during Cheeseburger Week from January 22 to January 28.

During Cheeseburger Week, presented by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Pasadena honors Lionel Sternberger's genius in being the first to put cheese on a hamburger and serve it at the Rite Spot in Pasadena.

It is anticipated that thirty of Pasadena's favorite restaurants, lounges and burger joints offer their signature burgers, some special creations and great deals during Pasadena Cheeseburger Week.

In 1924, as legend has it, teenaged Lionel Sternberger burned one side of a hamburger patty at The Rite Spot, his father's roadside stand along Colorado Boulevard (then Colorado Street) in west Pasadena. Rather than throw away the spoiled burger, he masked his mistake with a piece of cheese and served it to a very appreciative customer.

Word soon spread and customers flocked to The Rite Spot for The Aristocratic Burger. A Hamburger with Cheese. Sternberger's achievement is the first verified instance of someone serving a hamburger with cheese to a customer.

Over the years, Sternberger perfected his Aristocratic Burger, much to the delight of customers at The Rite Spot.

Sternberger's culinary achievement in 1924 has been

documented by Hamburger America, the Los Angeles Times and even Time magazine in its obituary of Sternberger.

To celebrate Sternberger's burger masterpiece, Pasadena restaurants are offering specials, unique creations and the tried and true. From the nationally recognized cheeseburger at Pie 'n Burger to the innovative and delightful Zacatecas Burger at El Portal and Yahaira's, Pasadena's burger purveyors pull out all the stops with special menu items and pricing. Dog Haus offers its acclaimed Haus Burger for \$6.99 at both Pasadena locations.

Pasadena may be best known for our New Year events but I would be willing to bet billions of people the world over have enjoyed a cheeseburger over the past 99 years or so," said Pasadena Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Paul Little. "This is a week for Pasadena to have a little culinary fun and host visitors for a delicious experience."

Patrons can find a terrific burger experience, from top-of-the-line fine dining experiences to burger stands and lounges. There are plenty of opportunities for those who want to keep their resolution or prefer something that is not beef or meat based. Those wanting a variety of experiences can organize a cheeseburger crawl or follow one of the pre-planned themed crawls.

Information on venues, specials, cheeseburger crawls and more can be found at: [pasadenarestaurantweek.com](http://pasadenarestaurantweek.com).

## San Marino Fire and Police Recognized for CPR Incident



Members of the San Marino Fire and Police Departments were recognized by the City Council and the San Marino Unified School District Board of Education for their part in a critical cardiac arrest incident occurring at San Marino High School. The immediate actions to initiate CPR by bystanders and San Marino police officers, and the quick response by San Marino Fire Department personnel to initiate manual defibrillation, resulted in the survival and recovery by the patient. Studies have found that bystander CPR can double or even triple the chance of survival from an out of hospital cardiac arrest. SMFD, as a member of the Verdugo Fire Communications Center, participates in the PulsePoint program, which alerts bystanders to cardiac arrest incidents in their immediate vicinity at moment of dispatch. The app also alerts bystanders to the locations of nearby automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), so that immediate aid may be provided until paramedic personnel arrive.

## Chu Commends DHS, Urges Passage of the POWER Act

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced last week that noncitizen workers who are victims of violation of labor rights can now access a streamlined and expedited deferred action process or temporary relief from deportation as they cooperate with labor standards investigations.

Rep. Judy Chu released the following statement in response:

"Too often, employers threaten deportation or otherwise retaliate against immigrant workers who raise the alarm about illegal workplace conditions, which undermines working conditions and wages for all U.S. workers. Today's announcement is a critical step forward to ensuring safe and just workplaces for all workers in the U.S., and so I commend Secretary Mayorkas and the Biden Administration for using their discretionary authority to protect everyone working here. Today's announcement is not a permanent solution, however, and a future Administration could rescind it. That is why it is so critical to pass the Protect Our Workers from Exploitation and Retaliation Act, which I have championed for years. The POWER Act, like the DHS announcement today,

would expand protections for immigrants who are victims of serious workplace violations and ensure workers have a recourse to report unlawful or unfair labor practices."

The National Immigration Law Center (NILC), Jobs with Justice, Economic Policy Institute, National Employment Law Project (NELP), and Tulane Immigrant Rights Clinic issued a jointed statement in response:

"Immigrant workers are essential partners in labor agency investigations that enforce workplace rights. Protecting these workers as they raise their voice and stand up for their rights makes every workplace safer, for the benefit of both U.S. and immigrant workers and for the general public."

The AFL-CIO and SEIU, unions who have long supported the POWER Act, added:

"This streamlined process is a historic step forward for protecting immigrant workers from retaliation and deportation as they exercise their labor rights, including the right to organize and join unions and the right to seek legally owed wages for their work."

For more information visit: [chu.house.gov](http://chu.house.gov).

## Holden Introduces Lead Testing Bill for TK-12 Schools

Assemblymember Chris Holden introduced, AB 249, School-site Lead Testing, which requires water utilities to test water faucets and fixtures in Transitional Kindergarten (TK)-12 schools for lead concentrations greater than five parts per a billion (5 ppb) over the next five years and replace fixtures that test above the standard.

"Lead consumption among youth and disenfranchised communities occurs at a higher rate," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "Assisting schools with the resources and appropriate standards to ensure the water fountains our children drink from are safe will help us protect our schools, students and communities."

While there is no safe amount of lead content in drinking water, children are particularly vulnerable to elevated levels of lead exposure, which can lead to adverse cardiovascular, renal, reproductive, immunological, and neurological effects, and cancer. The federal government and state of California have enhanced lead testing standards and processes, but the misalignment of lead testing standards for childcare centers and TK-12 schools leaves room for important improvements for long-term results and safety.

"Lead is a neurotoxin that can permanently damage young children's nervous systems," said Susan Little, Environmental Working Group's senior advocate of government affairs in California. "Even small amounts of lead can lower a child's intelligence, cause behavior and learning problems, slow growth



and harm hearing. The Centers for Disease Control states that there is no safe level of lead. This harmful substance doesn't belong in the drinking water children consume at school."

"Lead exposure is a health, education, and racial justice issue for our kids," said Ted Lempert, president of Children Now, a statewide children's advocacy organization. "We thank Assemblymember Holden for authoring this legislation to protect students from lead in drinking water, and we are pleased to partner with Environmental Working Group to co-sponsor the bill. Children Now is committed to ensuring that schools have the supports and resources they need to keep kids safe."

"In 2018, I introduced AB 2370 which required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to adopt regulations for lead testing of child day care centers as a part of the Department's Child Care Licensing Program," said Holden. "It also ushered child day care centers to test their drinking water once every five years. By aligning childcare and school lead testing standards we can protect children from the toxic effects of lead."

## San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

### Winter Reading Club: Reading Reflections Challenge

Through - 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. Take a moment to cozy up with a good book and set an intention for the coming year. Sign up or in-person at the Library.

### 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 emailing [recreation@cityofsanmarino.org](mailto:recreation@cityofsanmarino.org).

### DIY Puzzles

Thursday, January 26 at 3:30 PM, Children's Area  
Children ages 3 and up are invited to drop in, create, and put together a personalized puzzle. While doing so, they will engage in problem solving skills, visual discernment, and pattern recognition. Registration is not required.

### LA Opera Talks: Marriage of Figaro

Sunday, January 29 at 2 PM, Barth Community Room  
Community educators present fascinating facts and musical excerpts from the operas that are playing downtown at the Music Center. This Opera Talk focuses on the Marriage of Figaro. Count Almaviva's wandering eye lands on his wife's maid, Susanna, who is about to marry his own Manservant, Figaro. Registration is not required.

### Street Sweeping Schedule

In keeping with the City Council's priority of well-

maintained infrastructure, the Parks and Public Works Department works with Athens Services to ensure that the City receives comprehensive street sweeping services. Frequent street sweeping not only improves the appearance of the streets, but also prevents unwanted materials from flowing into storm drains, keeps job sites clean, and helps minimize tire damage. Residents can visit the Street Sweeping page on the City's website for more information on the street sweeping schedule for their neighborhood.

### Artists' Reception at the Old Mill - January 26


The Old Mill is hosting an Artists' Reception on Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM to showcase the new exhibit, Exploration of the San Gabriel Mountains. This Exhibition will show paintings depicting the majestic beauty of the San Gabriel Mountains. Paintings may feature the national landmark's rugged peaks, native species such as the California condor, or even our Mount Wilson Observatory! Wine and cheese will be served. Meetings

### Library Board of Trustees

Monday, January 23 at 8:00 AM; Teleconference and Barth Room Crowell Public Library  
Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 PM; Teleconference and City Hall Council Chambers  
**City Council Meeting** Friday, January 27 at 8:30 AM; Teleconference and Barth Room

### Live Streaming Available for City Meetings

City Council and advisory body meetings will begin live streaming meetings! Community members will be able to go the City's website, find the meeting, and click on the corresponding play icon, that will redirect them to YouTube to view the meeting live. The live stream is for viewing only and will not have the ability to provide public comment during the meeting. Meetings will still have a Zoom option for those wanting to provide public comment during meetings. The live streaming option can be found at [CityofSanMarino.org/Agendas](http://CityofSanMarino.org/Agendas). Find the meeting and click on the play button.






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**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

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## 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](http://altadenalibrary.org/shoplocal/business)).

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



ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 8th through Saturday, January 14th, the Police Department responded to 986 calls for service, of which 114 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 8:  
1. At 3:34 a.m., an officer responded to Hen Jiu Yi Quan BBQ Bar, located at 168 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed three suspects smashed the front glass window, ransacked the business, and fled with electronics and cash. The suspects are described as three males, all with thin builds and wearing dark clothing.  
Another burglary occurred nearby at Arcadia Donuts, located at 34 Las Tunas Drive, with similar circumstances. Those suspects fled in a black sedan. The investigations are ongoing.  
2. At 6:57 p.m., an officer responded to The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle burglary. An investigation revealed sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on January 8th, someone pried open the rear window latch to her Chevrolet Suburban and stole the third-row seat.

Monday, January 9:  
3. At 3:18 a.m., officers responded to USC Arcadia Hospital, located at 300 West Huntington Drive, regarding a male suspect trespassing. A records check of the individual revealed he had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest. When officers attempted to detain the 32-year-old male from Los Angeles, he resisted but was ultimately arrested. A search of his property revealed he was in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.  
4. At 3:33 a.m., officers responded to an audible alarm activation at a home located in the 1900 block of South Santa Anita Avenue. An investigation revealed unknown suspect(s) attempted to enter the victim’s garage by prying open a pedestrian door. The suspect(s) failed to make entry and no loss was reported. It is unknown if this attempted burglary is related to a recent burglary that occurred at the victim’s home on January 8th.  
5. At 9:09 a.m., an officer responded to Vons Corporation, located at 618 Michillinda Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. An investigation revealed someone stole a catalytic converter from one of the company trucks. The crime occurred sometime between Friday, January 6th and

Tuesday, January 10:  
6. At 2:40 a.m., an officer responded to Fashion Optical, located at 1220 South Golden West Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. Surveillance footage revealed three suspects pried open the front door and fled with numerous pairs of glasses. The suspects are described as three men in hooded sweatshirts.  
7. At 8:21 p.m., an officer responded to Macy’s, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery report. An investigation revealed a known suspect pushed a loss prevention employee when he was confronted for stealing a watch. The suspect has been identified as a 27-year-old male

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of January 08, 2023 – January 14, 2023.

January 8, 2023

- Grand Theft Auto (Attempt) : 1600 Block of 1st Street. On January 8, 2023 at 2:00 AM, suspect(s) un-known driving a grey ford tow truck with no plates attempted to take the vic-tim’s parked vehicle, a green 1959 Chevy Bel Air. No surveillance video is available.

January 10, 2023

- Aggravated Assault:

1302 Huntington Drive (Carl’s Jr). On January 10, 2023 at 2:00 PM, the vic-tim was walking in the parking lot of Carl’s Jr. when she was approached by a known male black adult transient. The suspect was holding a long metal pole and speaking incoherently towards the victim. Without warning, the suspect swung the metal pipe toward the victim. The victim was able to back out of the way, avoiding being struck in the face. Fearing for her safety, the victim ran away and immediately advised her boyfriend of the incident. The victim’s boy-friend, followed by the victim, responded to the scene, where the boyfriend confronted the suspect. As the boyfriend confronted the suspect, he was swung at with the metal pole by the suspect. The second victim, being nearly hit, grabbed hold of the suspect, placed him in a headlock, and brought him down to the ground, where he detained him pending arrival of law enforce-ment. No surveillance video is available.

- Burglary (Commercial):

934 Hamilton Road (Wings Shop Halal). On January 10, 2023 at 4:00 AM, suspect(s) unknown shattered the front glass door and entered the business. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the location and stole the money left in the register. The loss was approximately \$1,500 and approximately \$3,000 in damages to the shattered door. Video surveillance was not immediately avail-able due to the security monitor being stolen.

- Burglary (Commercial):

940 Hamilton Road (Subway). On January 10, 2023 at 4:17 AM, suspect(s) unknown shattered the front glass door and entered the business. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the location and stole the money left in the reg-ister. The loss was approximately \$560, and approximately \$5,500 in damages to the register, and \$4,000 to the shattered door. Surveillance video showed a male black adult, approximately 25 years old, 5’10”, 160 lbs., wear-ing a black hoodie, black pants, and white gloves, throwing an unknown object at the front window.

- Burglary (Commercial): 1104 Huntington Drive (Fred Loya Insurance). On January 10, 2023 at 5:27 AM, suspect(s) unknown shattered the front glass door and entered the business. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the location and stole unknown property. The loss was unknown at the time of the report, and approximately \$1,000 in damages to the shattered door.

from Altadena. The investigation is ongoing, and the suspect is outstanding as of the date of this report.

Wednesday, January 11:  
8. At 10:27 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Outpatient Surgery, located at 618 West Duarte Road, regarding a forgery report. An investigation revealed a check issued and mailed by the surgery center had been stolen, forged, and successfully cashed.  
9. At 1:12 p.m., an officer responded to Albertsons, located at 298 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft investigation. An investigation revealed the suspect stole the victim’s purse from her cart, used her debit card to withdraw cash and complete a fraudulent transaction resulting in a total loss of more than \$2,780.00. The suspect is described as an Asian female with black hair, wearing a grey sweat-shirt, a white shirt, grey sweatpants, and white shoes. The investigation is pending a review of the surveillance footage.

Thursday, January 12:

10. At 1:39 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of California Street regarding a burglary investigation. An investigation revealed sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on January 4th, unidentified suspect(s) tampered with a sliding glass door lock and entered the home. Once inside, they fled with handbags and electronics.  
11. At 11:34 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Eighth Avenue and Longden Avenue regarding a theft report. Upon contacting the subject, the officer recognized his from previous contacts. The officer discovered the 54-year-old male transient was in possession of two stolen shopping carts. He was issued a citation.

Friday, January 13:

12. At 5:54 p.m., an officer responded to The Shops at Santa Anita, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery that had just occurred. An investigation revealed two suspects approached them, demanded their purse and wallet, and then one of the suspects threatened the female victim with a knife. The suspects are described as two males, either Black or Hispanic, both approximately 6’ tall and wearing masks. They fled in a silver four-door sedan.

13. At 6:01 p.m., an officer responded to Santa Anita Race Track, located at 285 West Huntington Drive, regarding a possible driver under the influence. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his body. Through a series of tests, the officer confirmed the suspect had a blood alcohol content of .133%. The 26-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

14. At 7:20 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 800 block of Fairview Avenue regarding a report of threats being made against the victim. An investigation revealed the suspect willfully made verbal threats to the victim while holding two knives. The 29-year-old male from Arcadia was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Surveillance video showed a male adult wearing a black hoodie, red pants with a white stripe down the leg and red shoes hitting the front window. January 11, 2023

- Aggravated Assault:

Duarte Road and Buena Vista Street. On January 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM, the victim was riding his bicycle on Duarte Road when a white 2017 Hyundai Tuc-son sideswiped the victim, causing him to fall off. The Suspect in the vehicle proceeded to reverse the vehicle and attempt to hit the victim again. The vic-tim jumped out of the way as the vehicle drove over his bicycle. An anony-mous witness observed the incident and provided law enforcement with the vehicle’s license plate. The victim was transported to the hospital for his inju-ries. No surveillance video is available.

- Grand Theft (Catalytic converter):

2422 Huntington Drive (Reliable Auto Center). On January 11, 2023 be-tween 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM, suspect(s) unknown stole the victim’s catalytic converter to his vehicle, a blue 2003 Toyota Sequoia. The loss was approxi-mately \$2,000.

January 12, 2023

- No significant activity.

January 13, 2023

- Grand Theft (Catalytic converter): 1300 Block of Galen Street. On January 13, 2023 between 12:00 AM and 6:05 AM, suspect(s) unknown stole the victim’s catalytic converter to his vehi-cle, a white 2021 Nissan NV200 van. The loss was approximately \$2,000.

- Grand Theft (Catalytic converter):

2100 Block of Buena Vista Street. On January 13, 2023 at 2:52 AM, sus-pect(s) unknown stole the vic-tim’s catalytic converter to his vehicle, a white 2015 Nissan NV200 van. The loss was approximately \$1,000. Surveillance video showed an unknown vehicle arriving at 0252 hours with a 5’08 to 5’10 tall person weighing 180-200 lbs. wearing dark cloth-ing approaching his vehi- cle.

January 14, 2023

- Grand Theft: 1450 Mountain Avenue (Harbor Freight). On January 14, 2023 at 6:35 PM, suspect(s) unknown, a male Hispanic adult wearing blue pants, a black hood-ie, and a black face mask, and a male black adult wearing black pants, a black hoodie, and a dark face mask known by employees as “Warehouse Bandits” entered the location and walked directly to the welder and generator areas. Both suspects chose an item (3500-watt “predator” generator and a “Titanium” welder) and exited the location without attempting to purchase the items. The loss was approximately \$2,200, and surveillance video is available. Suspects left in a red Ford Expedition with plastic wrap on the driver’s side panel.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Arcadia Senior Services is partnering with the Arcadia Chinese Association to celebrate Chinese New Year on Friday, February 3, 2023. It will take place at the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive, from 11:30am to 1pm. Enjoy an afternoon with friends that includes lunch and entertainment. To register please visit the City’s website at www.ArcadiaCA.gov or register in person at the Arcadia Community Center.

The event is only for individuals age 50 and over and the cost is \$10 per person. For more information, please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

CITY OF DUARTE RECEIVES \$1.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE DONALD AND BERNICE WATSON GREENBELT TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

After significant advocacy efforts by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, the City of Duarte will receive \$1.6 million in federal funding for the Donald and Bernice Watson Greenbelt Trail Improvement Project as part of the 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill recently signed into law by President Biden.

Community Development Director Craig Hensley and his department have sought funding for the improvement project for several years, marking this acquisition a huge milestone. Opened in 1977 and recently renamed in memory of the first African American Mayor of Duarte, the Donald and Bernice Watson Recreation Trail is a multipurpose trail that runs from Buena Vista Avenue to Royal Oaks Park. The historic trail provides ample recreational opportunities for residents and guests alike, and its gentle slopes and shady oak trees make it one of Duarte’s key attractions.

The project will provide key improvements and maintenance to this beautiful trail including reconstruction of the pathway. Following improvements, the new recreational trail will feature permeable asphalt paving and an updated stormwater diversion system. There will also be several safety updates including additional lighting for increased visibility, accessibility alterations, and the installation of public health and community amenities.

“We are ecstatic to receive funding for this incredibly important project,” said Hensley. “We could not have secured this funding without the immense sup-port of Congresswoman Napolitano and her team. Her work on our behalf will allow the City to greatly enhance recreational opportunities for our residents.”

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano’s efforts helped secure \$48.7 million in funding for 15 community projects throughout her district including Duarte’s Trail Improvement Project. The \$48.7 million will address many critical projects throughout the district including increased water supply, public trans- portation, and recreational opportunities.

“This project would not be possible without the dedication and determination of Duarte’s Community Development Director Craig Hensley and the community development department as well as the advocacy and support of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano,” said Duarte Mayor Jody Schulz. “The project is an important investment, not only in the health and well-ness of our Duarte village, but in the friendships and sense of community that it cultivates. We are so grateful for the diligence of our wonderful staff and to

MONROVIA POLICE BLOTTER

Highlighted Activity Jan. 12–18, 2023

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 311 service events, resulting in 81 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or Nextdoor.

Warrant Arrest – Suspect Arrested  
January 12 at 9:44 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle in the area of Huntington and Encino. The officer made contact with the driver who was found to have two outstanding warrants. He was arrested and taken into custody.  
Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested

January 13 at 12:55 a.m., while on patrol, an officer stopped a vehicle for a moving violation in the area of Magnolia and Duarte. The driver was suspected to be driving under the influence of alcohol. An investigation revealed the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and transported to the MPD jail to be held for a sobering period.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision  
January 13 at 2:04 a.m., a caller reported hearing a car crash in the area of Genoa and Rosewood. Officers arrived and found a large portion of a gate had been damaged and the vehicle was no longer at the scene. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft  
January 13 at 8:47 a.m., a caller in the 100 block of Greystone called to report that the catalytic converter on his vehicle was taken sometime during the night. This investigation is continuing.  
Grant Theft  
January 13 at 9:07 a.m., an employee from a business in the 900 block of W. Huntington called to report that construction material was taken from the site. This investigation is continuing.  
Grand Theft

Residential Burglary  
January 13 at 10:23 a.m., a caller in the 400 block of Oakcliff called to report his home was burglarized. This investigation is continuing.  
Driving Under the Influence - Suspect Arrested  
January 14 at 3:10 a.m., while on patrol, an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the area of Alta Vista and Concord. The driver showed signs of being intoxicated. A DUI investigation revealed that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and transported to the MPD jail to be held for a sobering period.

Drug Arrest – Suspect Arrested  
January 14 at 4:11 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 1600 block of S. Primrose and saw subjects in a park after hours. The officer contacted the subjects and found that one of the subjects was in possession of drugs. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.  
Drug Arrest – Suspect Arrested  
January 14 at 4:19 a.m., an officer detained a subject for being in a park after hours in the 1600 block of S. Primrose. The subject was found to be in possession of drugs. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Injury Traffic Collision  
January 14 at 8:37 p.m., a three vehicle collision was reported in the area of Huntington and Monterey. A party reported injuries and was treated at the scene.

Fraud  
January 16 at 3:49 p.m., the reporting party called from the 900 block of E. Huntington and stated they have been receiving multiple fraudulent prescriptions. Investigation continuing.

Driving Under the Influence – Mental Evaluation  
January 16 at 10:58 p.m., a caller in the 500 block of E. Olive reported an unknown female subject was knocking on the door and refusing to leave. Officers arrived and made contact with the female subject. Officers determined that she needed to be transported to a hospital for a mental evaluation.

Mental Evaluation  
January 17 at 2:01 p.m., a caller in the 1800 block of S. Fifth reported that she was going to harm herself. Officers arrived and located her. Investigation revealed she was a danger to herself and was transported to a local hospital for a mental evaluation.

Warrant Arrest – Suspect Arrested  
January 18 at 12:08 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of S. Myrtle regarding suspicious subjects. As officers were arriving, one of the subjects fled. The second male and female subjects remained at the business and were detained by officers. The female had a warrant. She was arrested and taken into custody.

Hit and Run Traffic Collision  
January 18 at 9:05 a.m., a witness called from the 700 block of W. Foothill to report that he saw a vehicle side swipe a parked vehicle and did not stop. This investigation is continuing.

Warrant Arrest – Suspect Arrested  
January 18 at 9:10 a.m., officers conducted a consensual contact on a subject in the area of Lemon and Primrose. A computer check revealed he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Driving Under the Influence – Suspect Arrested  
January 18 at 2:04 p.m., an officer was flagged down by a citizen in the area of Shamrock and Cypress for a male subject in the area acting erratically. The officer located the subject. The subject displayed signs and symptoms of intoxication. The citizen positively identified the subject. Further investigation revealed that the subject drove while under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and transported to the MPD jail to be held for a sobering period.

Commercial Burglary  
January 18 at 4:50 p.m., the victim reported that someone broke into her storage unit in the 100 block of E. Lime. This investigation is continuing.

Violation of Court Order  
January 18 at 5:49 p.m., the victim called from the 800 block of W. Duarte to report that her ex-boyfriend, whom she has an active restraining order against, just threw a soda at her door. This investigation is continuing

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# AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

## Peter Dills Knows

### HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR OR AS I LIKE TO SAY “XIN NIAN KUAI LE”

During the Lunar New Year, many food items are a representation of the culture that is looking for luck and prosperity. What type of dishes can you enjoy if you are in the mood to celebrate? Fish is number 1 (one) in fact it is a requirement at the Lunar New Year dinner table, the reason is that the word fish (yu) goes with the word for surplus.

Oranges are also a holiday tradition, the word tangerine (gam) means gold, please don't ask how I got oranges and tangerines mixed up, just treat this as a brief history lesson.

Rice... ? You bet sticky rice represents togetherness. People of the Philippines, a predominate Catholic country with a lot of Chinese people share a dish called (Tikoy) sticky rice fried in an egg batter, (try ordering that at your local Panda Express) the stickiness again represents close relations with friends and family.

Dairy is also used in many dishes, the “white” symbolizes to purify what's dark, as the moon does in the night.

No matter if it's Panda Inn, PF Chang's or Egg Roll Express here a few of my favorite Chinese musts!!

- Lettuce Wraps
- Peking Duck
- Dumplings
- Spring Rolls
- Hot and Sour Shrimp
- Chicken

Fun Fact

The Fortune Cookie isn't Chinese at all, well at least it wasn't invented in China, the cookie hails from San Francisco, also home of the white go container with the handle, now you know!

Peter Dills wishing you prosperity  
Gung hay fat choy



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### IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED:

## U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES NEW PRICES FOR 2023

### Forever Stamp to Rise Three Cents

WASHINGTON, DC — The United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of price changes to take effect Jan. 22, 2023. The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 60 cents to 63 cents.

If favorably reviewed by the Commission, the proposed increases will raise First-Class Mail prices approximately 4.2 percent to offset the rise in inflation. The price changes have been approved by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The price for 1-ounce metered mail will increase to 60 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 48 cents.

A 1-ounce letter mailed to another country would increase to \$1.45.

There will be no change to the single-piece letter and flat additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents.

The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products including Certified Mail, Post Office Box rental fees, money order fees and the cost to purchase insurance when mailing an item.

The proposed Mailing Services price changes include:

#### U.S. Postal Service Announces New Prices for 2023

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 oz.)	60 cents	63 cents
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	57 cents	60 cents
Domestic Postcards	44 cents	48 cents
International Postcards	\$1.40	\$1.45
International Letter (1 oz.)	\$1.40	\$1.45

As operating expenses continue to rise, these price adjustments provide the Postal Service with much needed revenue to achieve the financial stability sought by its Delivering for America 10-year plan. The prices of the U.S. Postal Service remain among the most affordable in the world.

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at [prc.gov/dockets/daily](https://prc.gov/dockets/daily). The Mailing Services filing is Docket No. R2023-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at [pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index](https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index).

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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## ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

The NRA's ideal world by Wiilam Falk "the Week" editor You might not have realized it, but our country is getting safer every day. How can that be? you might ask. Didn't the murder rate soar 30 percent in 2020, and isn't violent crime up nearly everywhere? Isn't there, on average, more than one mass shooting of four or more people every day — including a crazed gunman's barrage of 33 shots in a New York City subway this week? Yes, true enough, but look at the bright side: The sale of deadly weapons has been surging at a record pace for years, with nearly 40 million firearms sold in 2020 and 2021. Better yet, in 25 states, you can now legally buy and carry a firearm without a permit, testing, or training.

For decades, the National Rifle Association and Second Amendment absolutists have assured us that the more guns there are in our communities, the safer — and "more polite," lol! — we'll all be. With nearly 400 million guns now in American hands, surely we must be the safest nation in the world.

Actually, no. All those guns have turned our streets, schools, and homes into a 21st-century version of the Wild West, with tens of thousands of casualties. Nine mass shootings erupted on a recent weekend, leaving eight dead and 60 wounded, including a gunfight at a car show in Arkansas that left 27 people — including six children —injured. Road-rage shootings have become daily events.

When people feel disrespected on the road, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said, "now instead of throwing up the finger, they're pulling out the gun and shooting." In NRA dogma, the best response to this endless carnage is to arm yourself and prepare to shoot back. So, when a "bad guy" sprays bullets in a crowded bar, theater, school, workplace, or subway, "good guys" can whip out their guns and return fire, while the unarmed dive under chairs. Doesn't that vision fill you with warm feelings of safety?

## CREATIVE ARTS GROUP Faculty Show

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## SMMS PARENT WORKSHOP “HOW TO HELP OUR CHILDREN HANDLE STRESS & ANXIETY” TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Next Tuesday night at 6:00pm, SMMS will be hosting a virtual Parent Workshop provided by Young and Healthy. Please make certain to join us for this special op-portunity to add to your skillset in supporting your student.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86388641229>

How to Help Our Children Handle Stress and Anxiety Stress and anxiety are a normal part of life. Some stress is healthy, it motivates us to learn, helps us to fo-cus, and pushes us to explore outside of our comfort zone. When the stress that we experience becomes greater than our ability to handle that stress or greater than the resources that we have to address our stressors, that is when we are at risk for toxic stress, burnout, and anxiety. Join this discussion to learn to recognize the warning signs and some things that we can do learn how to handle stress and anxi-ety.

- What is stress?
- What is anxiety?
- Is stress ever a good thing?
- Identifying the warning signs
- Skills to navigate stress and anxiety



# YOUNG & HEALTHY

## THE POWER OF COMPASSION

**When we approach our children with compassion it helps them to know that regardless of what is happening around them, they will always have someone that they can rely on and trust. This series will focus on the importance of compassion in helping our children to feel secure and how feeling secure in their relationships with the adults in their lives effects behavior and academic achievement.**

**Join us for this monthly, multi week series beginning on September 13, 6-7 PM. If you cannot make a session, no problem, join us for the next one!**

**All meetings can be accessed using the following Zoom Link:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86388641229>

Parent Ed Workshops at 6:00 PM: 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/6, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9  
Office Hours at 6:00 PM: 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 12/13, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23

**Any Questions? Email Liz Arnold: [larnold@yhpasadena.org](mailto:larnold@yhpasadena.org)**

## 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 high-preference schools until one week before school begins.

## GREAT RESULTS SHARED BY DR. AMERSON

*Dr. Gordon Amerson shared key updates on the Duarte Unified School District at a recent Duarte Kiwanis Meeting. During the Covid 19 Pandemic:*

- The district provided 100,000 grab-n-go meals as a drive-thru - and they provided food for everyone in each car - not just their students.

- 2500 laptops and 300 hot spots were provided to students. Since DUSD already had a policy for one laptop or tablet per student, they were ahead of the game.

- DUSD was the first district in the entire region to provide drive-thru Covid 19 vaccinations through a partnership with City of Hope.

- As school transitioned back to "in person" they were able to continue to provide "independent study" for those students who did better from home. From 2017 - 2020, the scholastic results of DUSD students continually improved. Now, the support needed really is more related to issues of isolation and lack of socialization for kids who were home for so long. The DUSD recognizes the need for more mental health support for these students.

The School District is in the process of building a Multi-Sport Complex on the Duarte High School Campus. When completed, this complex will be the only one in our region to provide access for night games/tournaments throughout the community.

If you are interested in joining the Duarte Kiwanis or presenting at a future meeting, please contact Tina Carey at [tinac51@aol.com](mailto:tinac51@aol.com).



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Website: [www.monroviaschools.net](http://www.monroviaschools.net)

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## CITRUS COLLEGE GOVERNING BOARD INSTALLS RETURNING TRUSTEES, ELECTS NEW BOARD PRESIDENT



Glendora, Calif. (Jan. 19, 2023) – Local community leaders Dr. Anthony Contreras and Cheryl Alexander have been sworn in as members of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees after filling these roles on a provisional basis.

Dr. Contreras was appointed to represent trustee area 1 following the resignation of Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson in September 2020. He has provisionally served Azusa and portions of Duarte since October 2020 and will continue to do so after running unopposed in the November 2022 election.

Dr. Contreras was sworn in as a member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees during a regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 17. “I have had the privilege of working alongside the dedicated members of the Citrus College community,” Dr. Contreras said. “Together, we have overcome obstacles, navigated changes and experienced success. I am excited to continue this great work in the years ahead.” After serving provisionally for one year, Cheryl Alexander was sworn in as a member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees during the board’s annual reorganization meeting on Dec. 14, 2022.

Following the 2021 passing of longtime trustee Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Alexander was appointed to complete the remainder of a four-year term that ended on Dec. 9. In November, voters elected her to continue representing trustee area 3, which includes Duarte and portions of Azusa, Monrovia, Arcadia, Covina and Irwindale. “I have enjoyed getting to know the needs within the district,” Alexander said. “I am grateful to everyone who voted, and I am looking forward to using the knowledge I gained over the past year to be a voice for the students and families in our community.”

Both Dr. Contreras and Alexander will serve four-year terms that will conclude in December 2026. “The campus community is pleased that Trustee Contreras and Trustee Alexander are continuing their tenures on the board of trustees,” said Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president of Citrus College. “Through their service to the college and their respective communities, both individuals have demonstrated a talent for collaboration and a keen understanding of the need to form meaningful relationships in the region. I am certain that their election to the board will be beneficial to the college and its students.”

During the December organizational meeting, trustees were also elected to the following positions for the period from Dec. 15, 2022 through Dec. 14, 2023: Laura J. Bollinger will serve as board president; Dr. Contreras will serve as vice president; and Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen will serve as board clerk/secretary. “I am looking forward to working alongside my fellow board members in the months ahead as we continue to do all we can to help Citrus College students reach their academic and professional goals,” Bollinger said.



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REVIEWING MY LIFE



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In my mid-20s, I was introduced to a different way to commemorate my birthday. My mentor, R.E. White, devised something he called The Birthday Run. The essence of this practice was to run a lap for every year and to attempt to recall the significant details of that year while running. I have done this run nearly every year on my birthday since my mid-20s, except a few cases when I was very sick, and then I did it a few days later.

R.E.White introduced this practice to the members of the non-profit he founded, and most – but not all – of the members routinely did this. Some told me that it was too hard, or that it was actually bad for their bodies to do so much running. I never argued with any-one about it, but I continued to do it myself because I found personal value in the deeply introspective act of a life review.

The Birthday Run concept is more than just the run. When fully observed, it involved friends and family, a meal together, a special “memory bath” for the birthday person, and a sharing of goals for the future, and significant memories from the run. Today, I am only sharing some significant memories from my recent run and some action I took.

I usually prepare for this run by writing out every year in a small notebook, and then the age I would turn that year, and what grade I was in, and other significant milestones through my past nearly 7 decades. Whereas I usually see a lot of details each year when running, this year I noticed patterns. And behind those patterns, I noticed motivations, both good and bad, for many of my life’s choices.

I realized that people came into and out of my life. There was my natal family, of course, and I found myself feeling the most profound deep appreciation for all that my parents did, mostly without any thanks. And then I saw the many close friends, male and female, that came into my life. Often, it was as if they suddenly appeared and were automatically apart of whatever inner circle I had. I realized that try as I might to “make friends,” friends always appeared, rather organically, and became a part of my life, and they were not usually the people I was trying to make friends with. Even serious relationships al-ways seemed to arise organically, without my trying, and I have concluded that – some-how – those people were intended to, or destined to, be a part of my life and whatever my life was about.

Much of what I did in my life was the quest for money and the quest for love, or whatever I thought was “love.” But I insisted in my early years that at least my pursuits for “money” should provide fulfillment in the moment, not just in the distant long-term. I learned to en-joy every learning experience for its own immediate values, and I learned to enjoy all the diverse jobs that I held for the sheer pleasure of working, and for the inherent lessons that each job provided.

As I did my life-review, I began to ponder the core values that push each of us to strive to earn income, and I realized that too many of “us” have no core values except sheer sur-vival, and the pursuit of pleasure. That’s not necessarily a bad thing, but I always wanted more. I often quit jobs even when I needed the money because I felt that I was wasting my life, that I was dying inside. Yet, I still pursued endless jobs of many sorts, because money is as important as oxygen in our society. And I always wanted to enjoy the process, and have the process of “working for money” be an activity that broadly benefits me.

So, in my broad perspective of things during this year’s run, I saw nearly everything in terms of relationships, love, money, and the fulfillment of character. It was quite an in-sight.

And one more thing. Each year when I review my life during the run, I look for anything that I’d done wrong but did not make amends for it. In past years, I went back to some-one I’d stolen money from and repaid them. I would call someone and apologize for some past deed, usually to have them say they have no memory of it. This year, I had been re-calling the time when I was about 14 when I stole bags of cement from a neighbor’s gar-age, and hauled the cement via a wagon to a friend’s backyard where we planned to build a “clubhouse.” The clubhouse was a disaster, and though I know the neighbor realized I stole the cement, I never suffered any consequences and never repaid the theft. I finally decided to make good on that old debt. There are a lot of funny, and sad, details – and I wrote about that episode in my book “Watermelon Dreams” (available from Amazon).

So after my run this year, I drove over to the house where I’d stolen the cement. I was going to give the current owner a \$50 gift card from Home Depot. I stood in front of the door, gift card in hand, rehearsing the story I would tell the surprised homeowner. I ex-pected them to laugh, or to say that I don’t owe them anything. These things are harder than you can imagine! So I knocked, and knocked again. Nothing. No one was home. I then wrote the most concise note possible, slipped the note and gift card into an envelope, and slipped it into the mail box. Done. Very anticlimactic, but now that particular debt will not plague me at night. An anchor pulled up, no more karma to suffer in hell from that childhood act of pointless thievery.

I’ve only shared this with a few people, but the responses were quite varied. One old friend applauded me for trying to make amends for my past. Another scoffed, wondering why I was wasting my time on “little things” when there are so many great problems in the world. I simply smiled, and said that I was in no position to deal with world problems if I do not handle myself first. Another more analytical friend was quiet for a moment, and then said, “Do you think \$50 really handled your debt? I mean, that was, what, more than 50 years ago? What about interest, and penalty?” I thought about that. He might be right...

Anyway, that’s what I did for my birthday. And I offer profound thanks to the one friend who encouraged me, and assisted me, in making amends for this old theft.

Katnip News!

“CATRICK SWAYZE”

This beautiful, sweet boy, age 10 months, is a buff colored tabby. Catrick showed his friendly side immediately after being rescued! He likes to snuggle in bed with you and starts to purr and knead with his paws as soon as you pet him. He gets along fine with other cats. Can this sweet baby have a new furriend in his forever home? Born 4/7/22.

He is being fostered by Gabbi, at (626)808-8557, whom you may call for more info. See more pictures and 2 videos of Catrick on our website’s “More Cats” page.

Catrick Swayze

Pet of the Week

Topaz is for the moment a great pet, she’s a shining star! Four- year-old Topaz was found in a local park. She was initially very withdrawn at the shelter, but now she has started to come out of her shell, much to the delight of staff and volunteers.

Her nervousness has been replaced by an adorable mixture of curiosity and affection. She loves gentle scratches and pets and has also shown an affinity for training. She is a master at “sit” and “down” and much more she just hasn’t shown off yet.

This wallflower may need some time to warm up in a home, but once she does, this lady is sure to be a jewel!

Topaz is available for a 14-day adoption trial! This is a great opportunity to see if she’s the right fit for your home.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org).

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by Tom Purcell

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PETS

As a relatively new dog dad, I have many questions daily about why my Labrador, Thurber, does some of the many funny things he and other pets do. To that end, I have begun doing a lot of research and am posting my findings at [ThurbersTail.com](http://ThurbersTail.com). This column summarizes recent discoveries.

Dear Tom: Why does my dog love sticks so much? – Stuck in Peoria

Dear Stuck, different sticks have different tastes, textures and smells, which are real gastro-nomic delights to our canine-crunching companions. Note that sticks can be dangerous to your pup — they can splinter and cause cuts and you certainly don’t want your pup eating splinters — so it’s best to replace your dog’s preferred stick with a safer chewable alternative.

Dear Tom: What is the difference between a pet crocodile and a pet alligator? – Flustered in Florida

Dear Flustered, such reptiles do not make good pets for a number of rea-sons and you should know that in many states it is illegal to keep them as pets. That said, the primary difference between a crocodile and an alliga-tor is that you’ll “see one in a while” and you’ll “see the other later.”

Dear Tom: My puppy seems to hiccup a lot. Is this normal? – Worried in Wisconsin

Dear Worried: It’s entirely normal for puppies to have hiccups from over-excitement or eat-ing and drinking too fast. To reduce hiccups, give your puppy smaller portions to eat, plenty of water to drink and regular exer-cise. In time, your puppy will outgrow the hiccupping habit. However, if the hiccups are excessive and seem to never end, be sure to consult your veterinarian.

Dear Tom: My wife and I have taken in many stray dogs over the years. We just took in a large mixed-breed, but we are puzzled by his excessive shedding, his rock-hard paws and his preference for eating hay. – Harried in Houston

Dear Harried, thank you for being kind to our canines in need, but you’ve made a common mistake. Your “dog” is a Shetland Pony.

Dear Tom: My boyfriend doesn’t like dogs and gave me an ultimatum: Either I get rid of my beloved Fluffy or he will leave me. My question is, where can Fluffy and I get a better boyfriend? – Conflicted in California

Dear Conflicted, let Fluffy choose your next boyfriend at the dog park or somewhere else where wonderful people — people who love pets — congregate!

Dear Tom: I am burned out on politics and all the anger in our world. What can I do to overcome my depression? – Down in Delaware

Dear Down: One of the best solutions for your woes is to get a pet. The companionship and pure joy of having a dog share life with you is incredibly beneficial. Several studies show this. If you are able to spare the time to love and care for a pet, the love, joy and laughter you receive back will be 10 times greater than whatever you give to your furry friend. Note: With the economy down, more people have turned their pets back into shelters, so start your search there! Good luck!

Send your pet-related questions to Tom at [Tom@TomPurcell.com](mailto:Tom@TomPurcell.com).

Visit [ThurbersTail.com](http://ThurbersTail.com) for well-researched articles on why pets do what they do, as well as funny pet videos.

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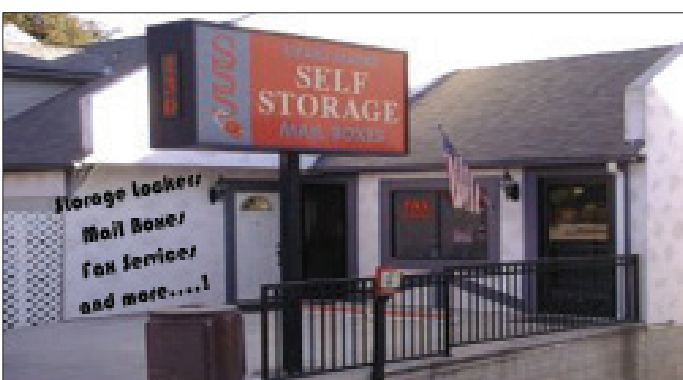
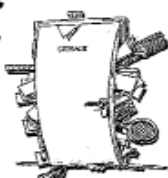
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TOP FINANCIAL SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS TODAY

Dear Savvy Senior:  
What are the most common scams today that target elderly seniors? My 75-year-old mother has been swindled several times over the past year, so I'm being extra cautious. Paranoid Patty

Dear Patty:  
Great question! While many scams today are universal, there are certain types of fraud that specifically target older adults or affects them disproportionately. And unfortunately, these senior targeted scams are on the rise.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in 2021 there were 92,371 older victims of fraud resulting in \$1.7 billion in losses. This was a 74 percent increase in losses compared to 2020.

Here are five of the most common senior scams that were reported last year, that both you and your mom should be aware of.

Government imposter scams: These are fraudulent telephone calls from people claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration or Medicare. These scammers may falsely tell you that you have unpaid taxes and threaten arrest or deportation if you don't pay up immediately. Or they may say your Social Security or Medicare benefits are in danger of being cut off if you don't provide personal identifying information. They may even "spoof" your caller ID to make it look like the government is actually calling.

Sweepstakes and lottery scams: These scams may contact you by phone, mail or email. They tell you that you've won or have the potential to win a jackpot. But you need to pay a fee, or cover taxes and processing fees to receive your prize, perhaps by prepaid debit card, wire transfer, money order or cash. Scammers may even impersonate well-known sweepstakes organizations, like Publishers Clearing House, to fool you.

Robocalls and phone scam: Robocalls take advantage of sophisticated, automated phone technology to carry out a variety of scams on trusting older adults who answer the phone. Some robocalls may claim that a warranty is expiring on their car or electronic device, and payment is needed to renew it. These scammers may also "spoof" the number to make the call look authentic.

One common robocall is the "Can you hear me?"



call. When the older person says "yes," the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like stolen credit cards.

Computer tech support scams: Theses scams prey on senior's lack of knowledge about computers and cybersecurity. A pop-up message or blank screen usually appears on a computer or phone, telling you that your device is compromised and needs fixing. When you call the support number for help, the scammer may either request remote access to your computer and/or that you pay a fee to have it repaired.

Grandparent scam: The grandparent scam has been around for several years now. A scammer will call and say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity.

The fake grandchild will then ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (legal trouble, overdue rent, car repairs, etc.), to be paid via gift cards or money transfers, which don't always require identification to collect.

Other Scams

Some other popular scams targeting older adults right now are romance scams through social media and online dating sites, COVID-19 scams, investment scams, Medicare and health insurance scams, and Internet and email fraud.

For more information on the different types senior scams to watch out for, along with tips to help your mom protect herself, visit the National Council on Aging website at [NCOA.org](http://NCOA.org), and type in "the top 5 financial scams targeting older adults" in the search bar.

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.

FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett



WHY EVERY ADULT NEEDS A LIVING WILL

When it comes to estate planning and wills, you have a variety of options for legal documents. The most common of these options is a "last will and testament," which is also known simply as a "will." But you may have also heard people talk about a "living will" and wonder what that is, and whether you need a living will in addition to a regular last will and testament. Both terms describe important legal documents used in estate planning, but their purpose and function differ significantly. In this article, we will review some of the most critical things you need to know about living wills and why having a living will is essential to every adult's estate plan. And it may be that a living will is even more important than a last will and testament.

What Is a Living Will?  
A living will, also called an advance healthcare directive, is a legal document that tells your loved ones and doctors how you would want your medical care handled if you become incapacitated and cannot make such decisions yourself, particularly at the end of life. Specifically, a living will outlines the procedures, medications, and treatments you would want and would not want if you cannot make such decisions yourself. For example, within the terms of your living will, you can articulate certain decisions, such as if and when you would want life support removed should you ever require it and whether you would want hydration and nutrition supplied to prolong your life. Beyond instructions about your medical care, a living will can even describe what type of food you want and who can visit you in the hospital. These are critical considerations for your well-being at a time of greatest need for you. And if you haven't provided any specific instructions, decisions will be made on your behalf that may not be what you want.

Living Will vs. Last Will and Testament

Upon death, a last will and testament ensure your assets are distributed as you choose. Note that your last will only deals with your assets and only operates upon your death. In contrast, a living will is about you, not your assets. And it operates in the event of your incapacity, not your death. In other words, a last will tells others what you want to happen to your wealth and property after you die, while a living will tells others how you want your medical treatment managed while you are still alive. And that's really important for you and your care!

Living Will vs. Medical Power of Attorney

Medical power of attorney is the part of an advance healthcare directive that allows you to name a person, known as your "agent," to make healthcare decisions for you if you are incapacitated and unable to make those decisions yourself.

Simply put, medical power of attorney names those who can make medical decisions on your behalf in the event of your incapacity, while a living will explains how you would want your medical care handled during your incapacity.

Why Having a Living Will Is So Important

A living will is a vital part of every adult's estate plan, as it can ensure your medical treatment is handled exactly the way you want if you cannot communicate your needs and wishes. Additionally, a living will can prevent your family from undergoing needless trauma and conflict during an already trying time.

Without a living will, your family would have to guess what treatments you might want – or not want, and your loved ones are likely to experience stress and guilt over the decisions they make on your behalf. In worst cases, your family members could even end up battling one another in court over who should manage your medical care and how.

Should You Rely on A Living Will Created Online?

While there is a wide selection of living wills, medical power of attorney, and other advance directive documents online, you likely want more guidance and peace of mind than is available through an online service to support you to address such critical decisions adequately. Regarding your medical treatment and end-of-life care, you have unique needs and wishes that cannot be anticipated or adequately addressed by generic documents or without the counseling and guidance a trusted attorney can provide through your decision-making process.

To ensure your directives are tailored to suit your unique situation, work with an experienced estate planning professional to support you to create and/or review your living will.

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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

WHAT WOULD MY LIFE BE WITHOUT A COOKIE?



This past week was about as crazy as they get. When I think it can't get any crazier, somebody hears me and makes it crazier just for me.

One morning I had to go across town to get some office supplies and other things. I try to ensure that when I go, it's for several things, not just one. The traffic was somewhat crazy. Everybody was driving as though trying to escape some danger behind them. I don't like it when the traffic gets like this. I'm not sure why people drive the way they drive.

I must say, one of the craziest drivers seemed to be somewhat religious. He stuck his hand out the window and pointed toward heaven. Unfortunately, he got the wrong finger. It's the thought that counts.

Hearing a roaring noise behind me; I looked in my rearview mirror and saw a little red convertible zooming up past me, and behind the steering wheel was an older man looking like my grandfather. He had the biggest smile as he was roared past me. I guess he was living out his teenage years be-fore he died, which could be soon.

Then there was a motorcycle zinging in and out and crossing the double line several times, and he whizzed by me, laughing like he was having the time of his life.

Carefully driving home to avoid getting hit, I began to think about this. Where do these people get their driver's licenses? Perhaps it's an online service, and they don't have to take any driving test. So I would like to get a hold of the person that gave them a driver's license, and shake my finger in his face.

Then I asked myself, who in the world sold a vehicle to these people?

Before I got home, I passed an accident along the way. I guess people don't know that there's a consequence in driving like an idiot. So again, where do idiots get driver's licenses? The fact that I got home without any accident was a real blessing.

I was frustrated with all the nonsense on the highways. I come from Pennsylvania, and the most traffic is horse and buggy. So what would it be like if all vehicles, both gas and electric, were banned in our country and everybody had to drive a horse and buggy? It ain't ever going to happen, but it was at least worth thinking about, as nervous as I felt at the time.

I finally arrived home, parked my vehicle, and went inside. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage met me as I walked in and said, "What happened? You look terrible."

Well, I did look in the mirror that morning, so I did look terrible, but that wasn't what she meant.

I told her about all the crazy drivers I had to deal with driving across town.

"Who," I said to her most frantically, "gave these people a driver's license?"

She looked at me sympathetically and smiled.

Then I said, "Who in the world sold them a vehicle thinking they could drive?"

She knew I was frustrated and tense with all of this nonsense on the road.

It wasn't anything new, but sometimes things have a way of building up.

I went into the living room, sat in my easy chair, and decided to watch a little TV to calm my nerves. I'm not sure what I was watching; I just wanted to take some time and unwind from the crazy day I had.

Then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage brought me a nice hot cup of coffee. "Here," she said. "Maybe this will calm you down a little."

I smiled and thanked her because nothing calms me down like a nice hot cup of coffee. Whoever invented coffee should get a Nobel Peace Prize.

I took one sip, and I could feel my nerves starting to unravel. How I love a cup of coffee! Then, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage did something unexpected. She came in and brought me some cookies. "Here, these cookies may help you calm down a little more." She handed me not one but two cookies. This was something that had never happened in my life before.

I sat in my chair, sipped some more coffee, and then gently smelled those cookies. That morning my wife was making cookies for somebody, so the kitchen was full of the cookie aroma. Walking in, I was so stressed that I did not smell those cookies.

The aroma of that cookie seemed to fill me with good vibes, like it was 1969. I took one bite and began slowly and delicately munching on that cookie. Nothing so wonderful in all the world as a freshly baked cookie. So I leaned back, closed my eyes, and enjoyed that cookie.

In no time, the first cookie was gone. Then I picked up the second cookie, looked at it with admiration, and began nibbling it. As I was chewing that cookie, I thought to myself, what would life be without cookies? In a rather relaxed mode, I remembered what the apostle Paul said. "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain" (2 Timothy 1:16).

It's amazing how God sends people into our lives to refresh us when we seem to be under some kind of stress.



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## STUART TOLCHIN



Two weeks ago I submitted an article which through some oversight never received publication. Well, now two weeks later I am suffering from Covid and having a great deal of trouble focusing. Those select few of you who regularly read my columns are well aware that sticking to the subject has never been my strong point. Another question might be what is my strong point? There might come a time when I attempt to answer that question; but, now is not the time. I intend this week's column to simply be a rehashing of the unpublished column with some additional, I hope appropriate comments thrown in.

Before proceeding, see I'm already off topic, let me describe my present condition. It is over ten days since I received notice of my positive Covid test from Kaiser. Prior to going in for the test I had been feeling very tired and foggy; not knowing what was wrong but knowing something was out of kilter. On Saturday morning, January 7th I awakened with severe bronchial congestion along with other assorted aches and pains. I believe my wife and I were supposed to meet my daughter and granddaughter for breakfast that morning so I called my daughter and explained my condition to her. She suggested, more or less ordered me, to go to Kaiser and be tested for Covid. Okay, so my results came back positive but during that week I managed to compose the article that did not get published.

The article began with the question "So let's see what the New Year will bring" referring to my column of the previous week. If you are already confused don't worry about it; it's probably my fault. Just today I got tired of being confined to the house so I put on a mask and decided to take my dog for a walk just as I do every morning. As I began to walk around my canyon circle I realized that I forgot something—my dog. Actually I don't know if this accurate or not. After deciding to go outside I conscientiously put on a mask, put on a jacket and got a hat to protect my head from the sun. I walked a little bit and realized I had forgotten my phone. Even after that I still knew something was wrong—yes, no dog. What I am unsure about now is whether or not the story I am telling is true. The facts as I have stated are true except for the fact that all along I might have not intended to bring the dog. I just might be making that part up because I think it is more descriptive of my present condition, but then again it might be true. I really don't know and that kind of confusion is indicative of what I am afraid is a long term effect of Covid.

Another example happened two days ago. I ran out of shaving cream and blades and tooth paste. I put on a mask and went out to the car for a quick trip to the drug store. I know I shouldn't have done it. I usually have my handicapped placard in the car but it had fallen to the floor or something and I didn't take the time to look for it. I went into Walgreen's wanting to get in and out as quickly as possible but it was not possible. Believe it or not the blades were locked up and a sign said to contact a service person to get them unlocked. Now remember I am trying to avoid people and just want to get home but now I have to go around looking for help. Eventually I found someone who then found someone who could unlock the blades which he did but still he wouldn't hand me the blades. I was instructed to follow him to the cash register and I was given the blades after I paid for them. I asked why this was the store policy regarding the blades and was told that it was necessary because people often tried to steal the blades.

Enough was enough. Clutching the bag now with blades, razor, and toothpaste I went into the parking lot searching for my car. Normally the car would be parked in the handicapped only section but this time I had not found the placard and I looked around for the car. There it was I thought, an old grey SUV pretty similar to many other cars. I opened the passenger door, threw done the shopping bag, put down my jacket and began to walk around to the driver's side door. Suddenly, a woman's voice cried out from way in the back of the car. Maybe she had been sleeping but anyway it hit me that this was the wrong car. I mumbled some apology through my mask and picked up the shopping bag and what I thought was my jacket and found my own car and with some confusion managed to drive home.

When I got home, no maybe it was the next day, my wife noticed that the jacket I brought home was the wrong jacket, not my own, I had inadvertently taken someone else's jacket from the car. My wife glared at me indicating I shouldn't have left the house in the first place. I am still feeling very unfocused and my mind jumps from one thing to another. As you can tell by the fact that I promised to write about my old article and I never even got to it. I want to blame the Covid and I hope you won't blame me for failing to stick to the subject. Oh, I guess that is the subject.

HAPPY WHATEVER HOLIDAY IS COMING UP.

## DINAH CHONG WATKINS



### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH

Montreux, Switzerland: The fresh snow pack on the mountains was glistening in the sun like a holiday postcard. It was worth the luxury price tag, not that it was coming out of my wallet.

Slim and elegant Europeans, downed their short shot of Jägermeisters before clicking into their skies and gliding away. Amongst these swanning skiers with my equipment clearly marked RENTAL, I felt like a dowdy old aunt.

I struggled onto the chair lift, after a few minutes of swaying up the glacial mountainside came the moment of truth, exiting from the lift with grace and precision. Unfortunately, my patented Frogger hop snagged the tip of my ski on the snow mound and I bumbled off the chair jostling the stranger who rode up with me. He looked back without a word, his pursed lips and furrowed brows said everything - "tourist" or at least that's what I like to think he meant.

I could blame it on my overindulgence of the local cheese fondue, but the snowsuit I was wearing fit extra snug, maybe it was the European style, to be all mashed up inside like a sausage casing. I was busy tugging at my backside, trying to relieve an incoming wedgie when I caught a glance of the the posted sign; a silver square for the intermediate hill and a black diamond for the Fear Factor slope. Instead of tourist-friendly arrows with directions, under the symbols were the French words for Left and Right. Counting on my fifth grade French I turned and skied towards "la gauche". Nothing was "droit" after that.

The Sound of Music, this was not. The mountainous edge was pocked with more moguls than a Fortnite-addicted teen's face. Nature turned the vertical drop into a liability-free Tower of Terror. I paused, could I go back? My for-hire equipment made the decision for me, I started to slide downhill.

A few seconds later I heard someone screaming, I realized it was me, blowing by the dozens of moguls and fancy-garbed Europeans schussing down the slopes. I prayed for deliverance and suddenly it came in the form of a middle-aged French woman. Thank goodness she was carrying a few extra pounds, our collision made my landing so much softer. My fifth grade French teacher never taught me all the words she was shouting at me. They say the Italians talk with their hands, but hey, this Parisian wasn't all bark, she looked like she was ready to bite. I took the high road and sat on my bum, sliding down to the bottom of the hill in ignominious anonymity.

Afterwards, I retreated to the lodge, the warm licks by the fireplace slowly defrosted my frostbitten toes from the LEGO brick ski boots that squeezed my feet like a lemon press for the past 6 hours. The waitress brought me a comforting mug of hot chocolate followed by a well deserved pot of of cheese fondue.

I was finishing my third pot of fondue when I spotted her, the Parisian, wildly gesticulating and relaying to her friends what I guess was our previous encounter. I recognized some of the words she yelled at me earlier on the mountain. She turned my way and we almost made eye contact. I quickly jumped up and camouflaged myself in a passing group of Japanese tourists.

Later I looked back and thought about the cause of all this grief. My skiing skills were tight, I'm not saying Lindsey Vonn got her moves from me, 'cause she didn't, but it was a rare occurrence that I had to bum slide down the mountain top.

Then it finally came to me. Go big and buy my own equipment next time and don't ever, ever - improve on my fifth grade French.

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

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## PUT THE LIGHTS ON OUT OF FOCUS

## RICH & FAMOUS NOT STARRING



Have you ever wondered what your favorite movie would be like if your favorite actor in the movie didn't get cast? Let's take a look and see if we can find anything interesting.

"Batman Begins" (2005). The 2005 superhero movie that starred Christian Bale in the title role. Well, did you know who else was offered the role? Jake Gyllenhaal was standing by to play Batman if Christian could not do the movie. David Boreanaz, who we know as "Booth" in "Bones", or the vampire "Angel" in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" turned down the role. Henry Cavill (Superman), Daniel Day-Lewis and Ashton Kutcher were also seriously considered.

"Legally Blonde" (2001) We all loved Reese Witherspoon as "Elle Woods". Imagine if Gwyneth Paltrow hadn't turned down the role. Or Alicia Silverstone, Tori Spelling or Charlize Theron.

"The Lord of the Rings" (2001) Rock star David Bowie wanted to play the role of Elf Lord, "Elrond". Hugo Weaving won the part. Sean Connery turned down the role of "Gandalf". He said he read the script and couldn't figure out what was going on. Jake Gyllenhaal shows up again auditioning for the role of "Frodo" which was played marvelously by Elijah Wood. Keanu Reeves wanted to play "Aragorn". Uma Thurman would have played "Arwen" except she was with child. So Liv Tyler got the part even though Reese Witherspoon was also considered for the role.

"The Godfather" (1972). First off, Director Sergio Leone was offered the chance to direct the film, but he didn't like the story. Who's Sergio Leone? He directed Clint Eastwood in the spaghetti westerns. Jack Nicholson was offered the part of Michael Corleone but declined. Also considered were Dustin Hoffman. Robert DiNiro, Burt Reynolds, Robert Redford and Warren Beatty... for the role won by Al Pacino. Apparently, everyone wanted in. What about the "Godfather" himself. Get this: Frank Sinatra lobbied hard for the job. As did Ernest Borgnine, Burt Lancaster, Laurence Olivier and Anthony Quinn Least we forget Danny Thomas and Orson Welles were also considered.

"Gone With the Wind" (1939). Two iconic roles were Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler. Ladies first:

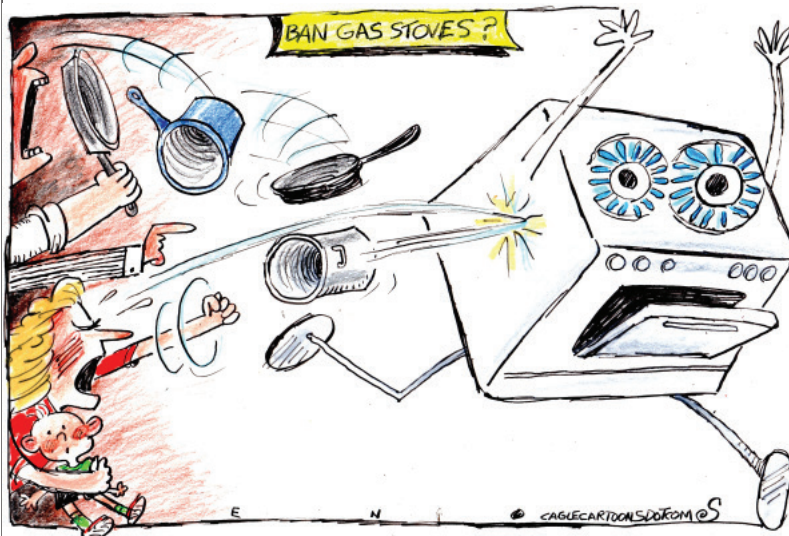
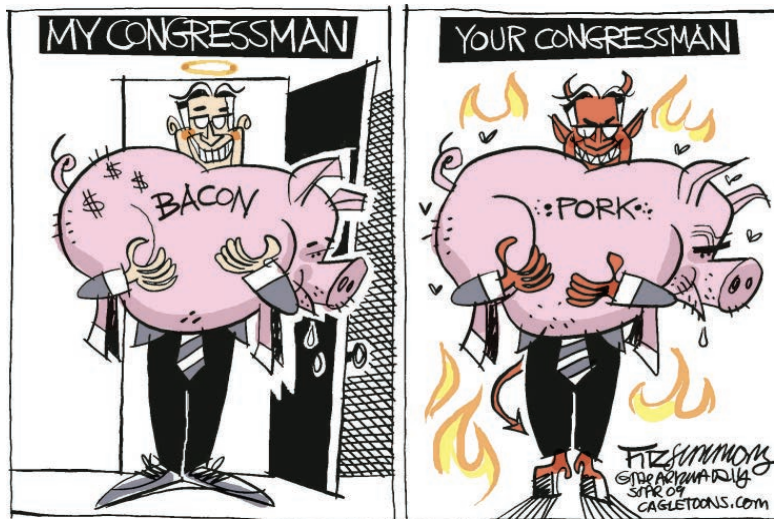
Those actresses seriously considered for the role of Scarlett won by Vivien Leigh: Basically everybody lol. Bette Davis, Jean Harlow, Katherine Hepburn, Lucille Ball, Irene Dunne, Joan Crawford, Jean Arthur, Carole Lombard, Tallulah Bankhead, Joan Bennett, Paulette Goddard, Lana Turner.

Olivia DeHavilland won the role of Melanie Hamilton. Others who were considered. Olivia's sister, actress Joan Fontaine was offered the role, turned it down and suggested her sister play the part. Others included Loretta Young, Janet Gaynor, Maureen O'Sullivan

Now the guys: Before we get to Rhett Butler, the role won by Clark Gable, let's look at the role of Ashley Wilkes (played by Leslie Howard). Tyrone Power was a popular choice. Sadly, he was contracted with another studio. A young Vincent Price sought the role but Mr. Price was too big and masculine). Cowboy star Randolph Scott was a fan favorite.

Finally, we get to Rhett Butler. My favorite, Ronald Colman. Others who were considered: Gary Cooper, Errol Flynn. "Gone With the Wind" writer Margaret Mitchell had two choices to play Rhett. Basil Rathbone (Sherlock Holmes), and Julius Marx. Don't know who Julius Marx is? You may know him as "Groucho" Marx (would have made the story a little different.

Hope you enjoyed this trip down "What Might Have Been Lane." By the way, my band, JJ Jukebox is playing tonight, (our Crosby, Stills, Nash acoustic sound) Saturday, January 21st at Corfu Restaurant, 48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 6:00-8:30...or so. Come by for great food. February 4th we're back at Nano Café with the full rock and roll band. (626) 325-3334 for reservations.









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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: INSTALL SERVICE 1, 11110 SANTA GERTRUDES, WHITTIER, CA 90604. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LAZARO MIRABAL, 16008 SUMMERSHADE DR, 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 12/13/2022. 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. 2022-266516  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J&C TAXSAL AND SERVICES, 10906 SAN LUIS AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS SALVADOR, 10906 SAN LUIS AVE, LYNWOOD, 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 12/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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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 90013. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) HILIANA RENTERIA AGUILAR, 2457 EAST 7TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. 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. 2022-272762  
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) JOHNPAL OKECHUKWU, 1451 E ABILA STREET, CARSON, CA 90745. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOHNPAL 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. 2022-272209  
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, LYNWOOD, CA 90262. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SARAIRENE 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. 2022-275919  
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, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) VICTOR GERARDO DIAZ QUINTERO, 8815 DUNBAR ST, BELLFLOWER, 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 OAKDALE AVE, MONROVIA, CA 91016. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ALFREDO ALONSO RAMIREZ, 10923 MAIN ST UNIT D15, EL MONTE, CA 91805 & MORE INC, 13223-1 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 12/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC  
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FILE NO. 2022-271048  
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following person(s) LAZARO MIRABAL, 16008 SUMMERSHADE DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638, ANGEL CHAVEZ, 6943 WATCHER ST., COMMERCE, CA 90040, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: CENTERLINE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMPANY, 16008 SUMMERSHADE DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 08/21/2018, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2018212214. 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) KJ BROTHERS, INC., 713 DUARTE RD UNIT G561, ARCADIA, CA 91007, has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: DA LONG YI, DALONG YI, 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 of 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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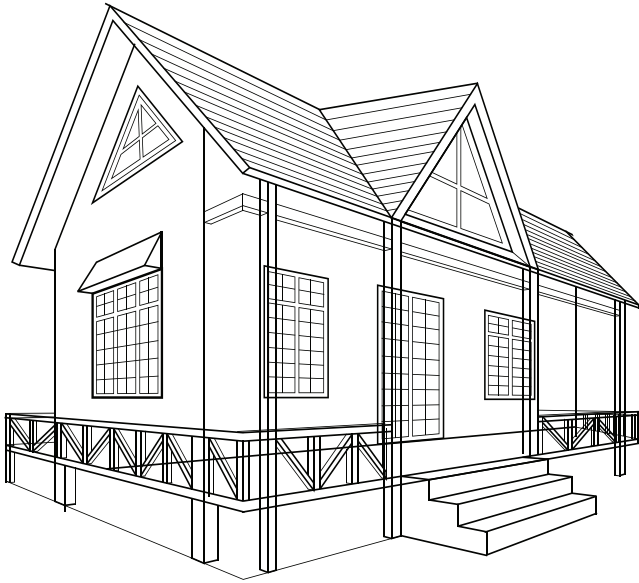
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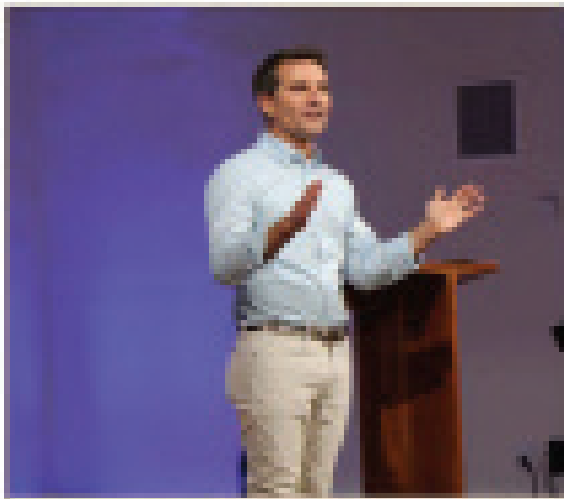
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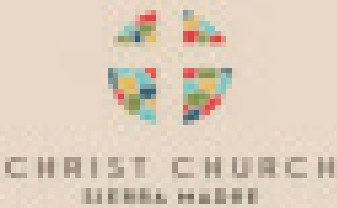
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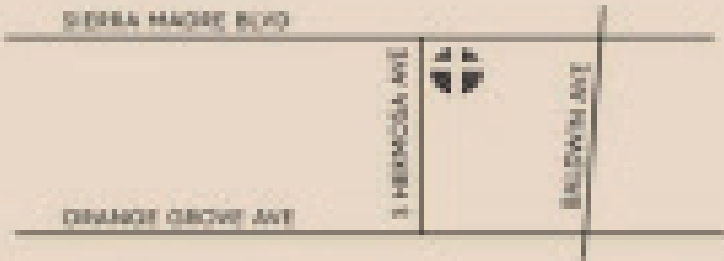
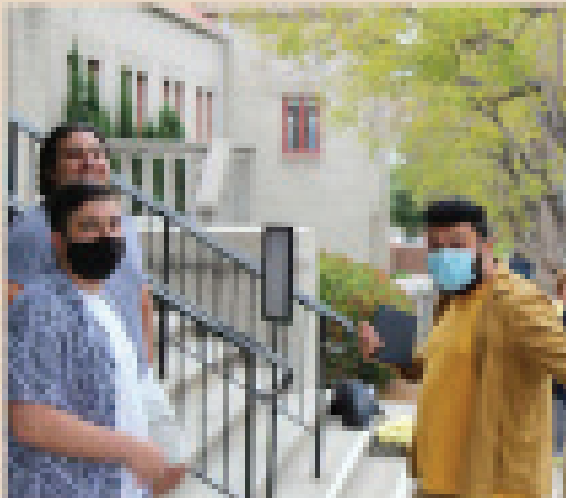
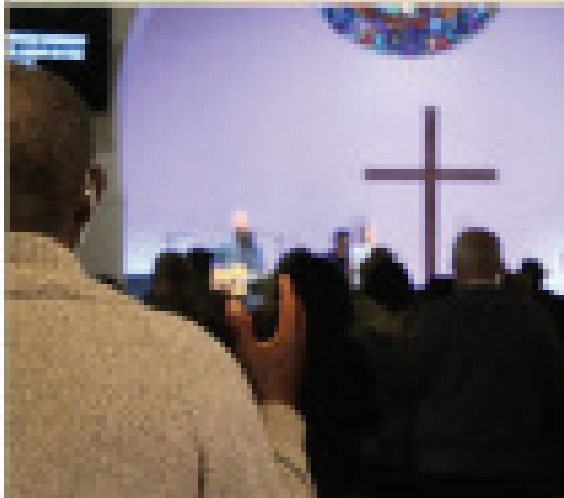


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