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WILL THE 2023 HOUSING MARKET FAVOR BUYERS OR SELLERS? LET'S CHAT!

Single-Family Homes

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

Condo/Townhomes

	2021	2022
Total # Sold:	21	19
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Breaking News:

BANK OF THE WEST JOINS BMO

On Friday, February 3, 2023, Bank of the West customers were notified that BOW had joined BMO Harris, the 14th largest bank of the top 100 in the United States.

The announcement reassured customers that there would be no significant changes during the transition which is expected to be

completed by Labor Day.

Representatives authorized to shed additional light on the change and what it may mean for the Sierra Madre Branch were not available at press time.

BMO Harris Bank is a US bank based in Chicago. The parent company is Bank of Montreal.

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Negotiations Continue With Referendum Proponents

As the deadline for withdrawal of the referendum to overturn Ordinance 1461 approaches, the Sierra Madre City Council has scheduled a meeting to formally set May 9, 2023 as the date for the special election on the matter.

At their January 24th meeting the council decided to move forward and directed staff to prepare the necessary resolutions required by the County of Los Angeles. Sierra Madre voters will be asked to vote to either repeal City Council Ordinance 1461, or allow the Ordinance to remain in place. The Ordinance approved The Meadows at Bailey Canyon project.

However, according to City Manager Jose Reynoso, negotiations are still ongoing in hopes that the city and supporters of the referendum can reach an agreement and the proponents would withdraw their request to have the matter decided upon by voters, thus avoiding construction of a less desirable project and losing millions by the city. (See <http://mtnviewsnews.com/v17/htm/n01/index.htm>).

Per city clerk Laura Aguilar, the deadline for withdrawal is Friday, February 10, 2022.

SMPD DETECTIVES INVESTIGATE TWO-BUSINESSES IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR ILLEGAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY.

On January 11, 2023, Detectives with the Sierra Madre Police Department conducted an investigation of two businesses in the Sierra Madre Business District in response to several complaints of suspected illegal conduct. One business was located at 38 W. Sierra Madre Blvd and the other was located at 370 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

SMPD, along with the San Gabriel PD Detective's Bureau conducted an operation involving undercover officers. It is alleged that the female workers at both businesses made overt, sexual acts, in violation of the City's Municipal Code and State Law.

These actions initiated an investigation that ultimately shut down the business while SMPD investigates the matter, with possible legal and/or administrative action. The City's Code Enforcement Officer placed a "Stop Work" Order at the entrance of the business, prohibiting the businesses from reopening until the investigation has concluded.

WELCOME MOLLY MAID!



Above Sierra Madre Chamber and Council members cut the proverbial Purple Ribbon recently to officially welcome Molly Maids to town.

Hello Sierra Madre! We are the Riveras and we're thrilled for the opportunity to formally introduce ourselves to our wonderful community. Our family is made up of us, dedicated parents Lance and Iveth Rivera and our four children: Jasmine, Destiny, Isabella, and Lance II. We are high school sweethearts and business partners, blissfully embarking on our 27th year together in 2023.

We moved to Sierra Madre in 2018 and immediately fell in love with this close-knit, charming little town. In 2020, at the peak of the pandemic, our family was given an opportunity to reinvent ourselves and our mark on the community. We made a life changing shift from the corporate world to entrepreneurship and haven't looked back since. We are now the proud owners of your local Merry Maids cleaning business, servicing your homes with our hardworking team, and building lasting relationships!

From the annual Wistaria festival to weekend baseball games hosted by our little league,

we have created many special memories that our children will forever hold near and dear. When Lance achieves his dream of being a famous baseball player for the Dodgers, he will look back and fondly remember all the games he played with his friends. Whenever Isabella enjoys a fancy cup of tea (as she works on her beautiful paintings), she will relish in the moments she's shared with her sisters at the Four Seasons. We are also blessed with our daughter Jasmine, who is a recent USC graduate with her masters and will potentially be teaching your children and our other daughter Des-tiny, who is currently attending UCSC and working towards her bachelors in Business.

We are beyond grateful for the opportunity to live and work among our neighbors. Please come by our office on Windsor Ln anytime for a chat—we'd love to meet you. Happy 2023, Sierra Madre!

A GIFT CERTIFICATE WOULD BE A SWEET VALENTINE'S DAY SURPRISE!

STUCK ON THE MT. WILSON TRAIL! Teetering Truck Stuck On Trail Threatened Homes



On Sunday, January 29th, hikers on Mt. Wilson Trail ran into an unusual and dangerous sight, a truck stuck in the rain soaked trail, dangerously close to falling off the edge onto homes located below.

Sierra Madre Police and Fire were notified and efforts to remove the truck began. Arcadia 107 and Jan's Towing also assisted.

SMPD Corporal Lillian Shaw, said the truck was approximately 511 feet up the trail which was in disrepair from recent rains. Because of the instability of the truck and the trail, authorities called for the evacuation of 20 homes that would have been in danger if the truck became dislodged. The trail was immediately closed for the safety of hikers. It reopened the next day.

Well-known Trail Volunteer Bob Spears, said a crew of volunteers who have been working diligently to restore the trail since the rainstorms, had a previously scheduled work day on Sunday. They arrived around 11 am and were available to assist in the effort to avoid a disaster. (Pictured above).

Fortunately, efforts to avoid a tragedy were successful and after approximately 8 hours, the truck was safely moved off the trail.

S. Henderson/MVNews

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SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION SEEKING “OLDER ‘SIERRA MADRE’ AMERICAN OF THE YEAR” NOMINATIONS

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission is seeking nominations for Older ‘Sierra Madre’ American of the Year. The honor is a long-standing tradition in Sierra Madre and bestowed upon an exceptional Sierra Madran, age 60 or older, for their outstanding commitment to community service. Recommendations are now being accepted for new honorees. Please send nominations to Sierra Madre City Hall, c/o Older American Nomination, Community Services Department, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 by Thursday, March 16, 2023. Forms may be picked up and returned to the Hart Park House Senior Center: Hart Park House 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

The Senior Community Commission will discuss the selection of the Older ‘Sierra Madre’ American of the Year at their regularly scheduled meeting, open to the public, in City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m. A reception to honor the 2023 Older ‘Sierra Madre’ American of the Year will held on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023. For more information, please contact the Hart Park House Senior Center (626) 355-5278 x704; or the Community Services Department at (626) 355-5278.

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The Sierra Madre Public Library has announced the 2023 selection of One Book One City; Flying Free: my victory over fear to become the first Latina pilot on the US Aerobatic Team 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.

This fabulous community program includes an Author Talk with Cecilia Aragon, a tour of the San Gabriel Valley Airport, a kids STEAM Dream Workshop with local teacher Dany Richey, a kids paper airplane competition, a movie night with the documentary Fly Like a Girl through our new streaming service Kanopy, and inspirational presentations on women in flight.

Aragon's memoir, Flying Free, shares her own journey of breaking past her own fears to become a champion aerobatic pilot. Aragon was a timid child, painfully shy and afraid of everything from heights to people. How did she become a death-defying daredevil and aerobatic pilot? In her memoir, she bares her life even though writing it “scared me more than pointing my single-seat experimental plane at the ground and opening the throttle until I was roaring earthward at 250 mph”.

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TRUDY COWELL

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Trudy Lucie Cowell, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, true friend to many, and all-around amazing human being. Trudy passed peacefully in her bed on December 16, 2022 at the age of 95. She was in the company of loved ones when she moved on to her eternal home in heaven. While the sorrow remains, so does the joy of celebrating the life of a truly remarkable woman.

Trudy was born in Holywood, Ireland on March 3, 1927 to parents Rose and William Shannon. She remembered her childhood fondly.

Fun-loving Trudy fittingly met her future husband, Peter Cowell, on the tennis courts in her hometown. They married on March 28, 1949 and loved each other fiercely for 66 years until Peter passed in 2015.

Trudy and Peter started their family in Shrewsbury, England where they had their first son, David. In 1952, they moved across the Atlantic to California. They immigrated to America on the Queen Mary ship and ultimately landed in Sierra Madre where they had two more sons, Paul and Shaun.

Trudy always had a funny story to share. She enjoyed playing games. She loved fixing up houses with Peter. She loved recounting her past over a home-made meal. She loved to garden and loved to travel. She loved hosting holidays, and game nights. Trudy was confident and funny. She loved life and she loved to laugh. She brought fiery fun to every room she entered.

Trudy was adamant about expressing her appreciation for those she loved. She was always there for her family. Oftentimes, when someone visited, she'd say, "you made my day".

She leaves behind her 3 sons and their wives, and a bunch of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She adored them all. She will be greatly missed. May she Rest In Peace.

Her memorial service will be held at Zook mortuary on February 4, 2023 @ 12:30. Reception to follow.



WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings..." Isa.52:7

"A lot of times good news happens slowly and bad news happens all at once; so we tend to focus on the bad news that's crashing over us in waves, and not on the slow long-term work that people are doing together to try to make a better world for us to share." John Green

"Bad news travels at the speed of light; good news travels like molasses." Tracy Morgan

Are you beginning to feel a little nervous about turning on the news or picking up the newspaper for fear that you're going to hear another horrible story where innocent people have been shot for no reason, angry people have done terrible things to each other and the price of everything keeps going up and the stock market keeps going down?

Today is Good News Day, even if we have to look under rocks to find some! Here's my first Good News story: The picture today is my granddaughter, Emily, who is 12 and in the 7th grade. With her is Quackers, who is the class mascot of her particular 7th grade home room. Each Friday another inmate of Mrs. Barber's class gets to take home Quackers. Their assignment for the weekend is to show Quackers a good time and take pictures to document his fabulous weekend vacation. This picture shows Emily and Quackers posing during the hike they took with Auntie Leah. They scaled mountains, climbed over huge boulders, went down the slide at the park, had spaghetti and meatballs at an Italian restaurant, visited the Tesla charging station. Quackers was exhausted but happy and so was Emily.



Good News Story #2: Sue Spears, who is the Donations Secretary for the Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund sent me the nicest note talking about the damages to our beloved Mt. Wilson Trail... "There is a section of the Mt. Wilson Trail that required 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." Sue's husband, Bob Spears, is the Sierra Madre Volunteer Trail Maintenance Crew Leader. In case you didn't know, the necessary supplies and tools used by the volunteers (all labor on Mt. Wilson and Bailey Canyon Trails is done by community 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 supplies or labor.

So, here's the good news part: Folks are donating, volunteering and showing up to see how they can help. If you'd like to be part of seeing that these fantastic trail volunteers have all the stuff they need to put the trails back together, here's what you can do:

You can send a tax-deductible donation to Sierra Madre Community Foundation and put Fletcher Trail Maintenance Fund on the memo line. Mail it to: P O Box 716, Sierra Madre CA 91025. Or you can go to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation website: www.sierramadrefoundation.com and make your contribution through PayPal.

Good News Story #3: Valentine's Day is less than two weeks away. Holy Moley, you're saying to yourself! I didn't realize it was so soon. If you want to go out to dinner, make that reservation today. If you want to order flowers and I heartily recommend flowers, call Lisa at Ixora right here in town - (626) 355-0040 - and order something for your sweetie. Everything Lisa creates is awesome and you'll be glad you planned ahead. You can stop in and see her, too. Ixora is at 35 E. Montecito. Yes, ladies, you can order flowers for your guy.

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." Charles M. Schulz

Good News Story #4: The Super Bowl* is next Sunday! This is your last opportunity for a while to make the biggest bowl of guacamole possible, buy every kind of chip you can find, stock up on adult beverages and gather all the fun people you know to watch the commercials. The game occasionally is more like the Stupor Bowl than the Super Bowl, but the commercials are always great. Fans can expect to see commercials for Michelob Ultra, Bud Light and Busch Light. Altogether, there will be three minutes of national advertisements by Anheuser-Busch, which will cost the company more than \$20 million. There will also be 30-second spots for other brands, like Heineken and Diageo. Pepsi is no longer the sponsor of the halftime show as Apple Music has taken its place. Apple Music is reportedly paying the NFL \$50 million per year for the new sponsorship rights. Rihanna will be the half-time star and I'm sure there will be absolutely no "wardrobe malfunctions!"

Good News Story #5: Well, maybe it's not a good news story, but it's a good news suggestion: Watch "Shotgun Wedding" on Prime starring Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel. Cheech Marin is in there, too. This movie is so much fun and you'll laugh out loud. My dear friend, Michelle Jubilee Gonzalez is one of Jennifer Lopez's two stunt doubles and that was great news!

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish and what your potential is! Anne Frank
Look for good news this week, dear friends and neighbors, even if you have to look under a rock to find some!

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*From the Editor:



SM HISTORICAL SOCIETY PIC: ROCKITECTURE

Here's an interesting and fun talk for those of you who enjoy California architecture, history, geology, and... river rock construction! Architect Barry Schweiger will be telling us about the building and endurance of Southern California's river rock homes, churches, castles, waiting stations, and even water troughs, built in the period of 1885-1935. He'll be talking about the land, the new towns of the time, and the men who built the stone buildings that have lasted for generations. The talk is at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 16 at the Hart Park House in Memorial Park.

Everyone is invited to attend, and entrance is \$5.



SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

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

Friday, January 27th Hit and Run Traffic Collision

At approximately 8 AM, officers responded to the 400 block of E Sierra Madre Blvd for reports of a theft. The reporting party stated that unknown suspect(s) struck the front of his parked vehicle with out exchanging insurance information. There was property damage only. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Saturday, January 28th Theft

At approximately 2 PM, officers responded to the 500 block of Audubon Way for reports of a theft. The reporting party stated that unknown suspect(s) stole a package from their front door. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident

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Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows 40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 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 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 and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

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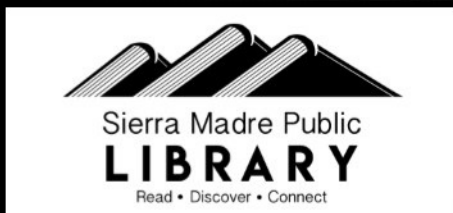
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Community Services Commission has one (1) expected vacancy.

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

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

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CalTech Lab Catches Fire

According to San Marino Fire they responded along with Pasadena units on a first alarm commercial structure fire last week at Cal Tech. Initial reports stated that, on January 27, a machine malfunctioned in the lab and was on fire with heavy smoke. When fire units first arrived they were escorted to the lab by security. They reported heavy white smoke and evacuation was in progress. When they made entry into the lab, the sprinkler system had contained the fire. The building was evacuated they said.

San Marino fire investigators examined the scene. It was determined that a motor froze and caused the fire over the hood system.

Arrests in 2022 Gang Related Murder

Pasadena police announced that they made arrests last month related to a gang shooting in Northwest Pasadena that left a 22-year-old man dead.

According to police, on October 30, at about 1:27 a.m., officers from the Pasadena Police Department responded to the 100 block of Painter Street regarding a "Person Down."

Officers found a victim suffering from a gunshot wound, unresponsive and pronounced deceased at the scene. He was later identified as 22-year-old Martrell Eric Robinson; a Rialto resident.

Detectives from the department's Robbery / Homicide Unit began immediate follow-up investigation into the homicide that led to the identification of multiple suspects connected to a local criminal street gang.

Investigators executed a search warrant January 9 in the City of Pomona with the assistance of the U.S. Marshal's Pacific Southwest Fugitive Apprehension Taskforce.

During the operation, 28-year-old David Lamont Hunt-Cooks and 32-year-old Brittney Chenise Ruth, both residents of Pomona, were arrested in connection to the shooting. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed, January 11, one felony count of PC 187 (Homicide) on each suspect with bail set at \$3,000,000 for Hunt-Cooks and \$2,000,000 for Ruth.

Anyone with information call the Pasadena Police at (626)- 744-4241 or report information anonymously by contacting "Crime Stoppers" at (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or by using the website: lacrimestoppers.org.



Pasadena Declares Climate Emergency

Council votes to transition the city's public transit to zero emission

The Pasadena city council voted Monday on two Global Warming issues that included adopting a resolution to declaring a climate emergency — to set greenhouse Gas reduction goals for Pasadena to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. In a separate agenda item they approved a roadmap to transition the city's public transit fleet to a zero emission bus fleet.

The only vote against the public transit roadmap came from Councilmember Tyron Hampton who said he did not think the city should buy any more gas powered non renewable vehicles as planned.

"I think that we are talking about 100 percent renewable, we should be looking at that for all of our purchases... we have a plan of purchasing two [natural gas] busses this year and nine in 2024," he said. "As a council asking our residents, to go carbon free, we should be the example of that... whether it be trash trucks, fire trucks, pickup trucks."

Pasadena Director of transportation Laura Cornejo said that next year's replacement plan included nine renewable

natural gas vehicles and one battery electric. She added that it will take two years to have the infrastructure in place to transition to a zero emission bus fleet.

Councilmember Felicia Williams said that two of the natural gas busses were being paid for with a grant. "If we don't purchase those busses, we purchase electric; we would have to seek a different source of funding."

The estimated cost to build a city owned a zero emission transit operations and maintenance facility is near \$65 million. Cornejo said the one battery electric bus would be for training.

In a related second agenda item, Pasadena City Attorney Michele Bagneris, said the emergency climate resolution, before them, is a policy statement and does not give the city any further legal powers or obligations on how to address the carbon-free goal of 2030.

City Manager Miguel Marquez stressed that the goal could have limitations such as cost, reliability and safety. He said they are committed to doing the best to achieve the goal but added that how power is obtained and sourced and distributed is complex, "I think our IRP [Integrated Resource Planning] process will help us

really analyze what we can do."

According to city staff, "Pasadena Water and Power, in collaboration with community stakeholders, has started the planning process for the 2023 Integrated Resources Plan, a comprehensive, 20-year sourcing guide for generating resources. The IRP is updated every five years in consideration of new/changing laws, regulations, market conditions, and community preferences, and strives to balance electric reliability with fiscal responsibility and environmental stewardship."

The city will hold a Power Integrated Resource Plan community meeting Wednesday, February 22. The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/water-and-power or email WPD_IRP@cityofpasadena.net, or call (626) 744-4005.

Caltech to hold Lecture on Galactic Paleontology

Galactic Paleontology with JWST: Finding Living Fossils in the Ancient Universe by Chuck Steidel (PhD '90), Lee A. DuBridge Professor of Astronomy, Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy

The talk is set for Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. PT and will be In-person at the Beckman Auditorium and streaming online at: caltech.edu/watson

Since it began its scientific mission in July 2022, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has provided the first detailed glimpses of the most distant reaches of the observable universe, when the first galaxies were emerging more than 13 billion years ago. History suggests that opening new observational windows leads to entirely unanticipated discoveries, and JWST has already begun to fulfill that promise. In this lecture, Steidel will explore what enables the unprecedented power of JWST for studying galaxy formation in its infancy and what we can expect to learn from JWST images and spectra over the next several years.

This lecture will be presented in a hybrid format, allowing for both virtual viewers and in-person attendees. No advance registration is required for either format.

For more information visit: caltech.edu/Watson.

City Employee to be the 2031 Tournament President

In a first, The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association recently announced that City employee Ruth Martinez-Baenen (pictured) will serve as the Association's President in 2031. She will provide leadership for the 142nd Rose Parade and 117th Rose Bowl Game on January 1, 2031.

"This is the first time that a long-time City employee has been selected to serve as President of the Tournament of Roses Association," Assistant City Manager, Nicholas Rodriguez said.

Martinez-Baenen has volunteered as a "white suiter" for the Tournament of Roses for over 26 years. She has served as Chair for a number of Tournament committees including Decorating Places, Post Parade, Queen & Court, and University Entertainment, among others. Her selection as future Association President will afford her the opportunity to select the theme and Grand Marshal of the Rose Parade as well as



visit each of the band entries from around the globe.

Martinez-Baenen has worked for the City of Pasadena for over 23 years in the capacity of a Project Manager in the City's Economic Development Division. As a Project Manager she serves as a business concierge to city businesses and helped to launch the City's Business Legacy Program. In 2011, she was voted Best Public Employee in Pasadena Weekly's Annual "Best of Pasadena" Poll.

It's Official: Cheeseburger Challenge 2023 Results In

During Cheeseburger Week in Pasadena delicious burgers and very special selections were tasted by people from throughout Southern California. Some visited old favorites and some tried a new venue. And now the results are in for the best burger.

"I enjoyed burgers from The Stand, El Portal, Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste Pub, Pie 'n Burger and Dog Haus," said Pasadena President and CEO Paul Little. "Each was spectacular in its own way and unique. Cheeseburger Week may be over for 2023, but you can still find delicious burgers throughout the greater Pasadena area."

A total of 1,464 voted for their favorites in the 2023 Cheeseburger Challenge. Not everyone voted in each category and in some categories there were fewer entries.

Favorite Cheeseburger: Dog Haus/Dog Haus Biergarten 23%

The Stand 17% (Tie) Pie 'n Burger/Twohey's/In 'n Out: 11%

Favorite Lunch Counter Burger: Pie 'n Burger 32%

Twohey's 21%

Jake's Trustworthy Burgers and Beer 14%

Favorite Traditional Cheeseburger: In 'n Out 30%

Twohey's 29% Pie 'n Burger 15%

Favorite Sliders:

Dog Haus: 34.5%

Twohey's 23%

Slater's 50/50 14%

Favorite Gourmet Burger:

The Stand 29%

Dog Haus 24.5%

(Tie) Craft by Smoke and Fire/

Flemings Prime Steakhouse

and Wine Bar 10.5%

Favorite Alternative Burger:

Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich

23.5%

Roscoes Chicken and Waffles

Chicken Burger 20%

Pasadena Sandwich Company

Big B 9.5%

Pasadena celebrated all

things cheeseburger during

Cheeseburger Week January

23rd to 28th. Visitors enjoyed

food created especially for the

event, took advantage of great

deals and meals, followed

cheeseburger crawls and voted

in the 2022 Cheeseburger

Challenge. In all, 2263 people

voted online in the challenge

to determine favorites in

13 categories ranging from

Favorite Burger to Favorite

Dessert after a Burger.

Every restaurant is entered

in the Favorite Restaurant

for a Burger category. Each

restaurant that opened in the

previous 12 months is entered

in the Favorite New Restaurant

for a Burger category.

Restaurants can then enter in

three other categories in the

2022 Cheeseburger Challenge.

For information visit:

pasadenarestaurantweek.com.

Holden Provides Update on the Gold Line Extension

Assemblymember Chris Holden (pictured) responded Thursday to the California State Transportation Agency's Cycle 6 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) award announcement.

"The news that the Metro Foothill Gold Line will not be considered for funding is disappointing but the advocacy for the completion of the Gold Line continues," said Assemblymember Holden. "We have seen how the Gold Line has transformed the communities of the San Gabriel Valley and we hope those benefits will continue to be extended to more residents and visitors in our region as the Gold Line connects more communities from Azusa to San Bernardino County. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature, the Governor, CalSTA, Metro, the Gold Line Authority and other regional stakeholders to find a way to deliver on this promise of equitable transit throughout our foothill communities. Together, we will get this done."

For over 30 years, Holden has been a lead advocate for planning and funding the Gold Line and creating regional partnerships to support the extensions to more communities. In his



career, Assemblymember Holden served on the Pasadena Light Rail Alignment Task Force established in 1985 to identify the light rail route alternatives in Pasadena. He is a former board president of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, where he served as a commissioner for 20 years.

Holden is currently chair of the Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions. This committee explores solutions to improve multi-modal interconnectivity between communities, establish sustainable transportation infrastructure, and relieve traffic congestion.

For more information visit: a41.asmdc.org.



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ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, January 22nd through Saturday, January 28th, the Police Department responded to 993 calls for service, of which 123 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, January 22:

- At 8:19 a.m., an officer responded to the intersection of Baldwin Avenue and Fairview Avenue regarding a battery investigation. The suspect, who was riding his bike passed the victim on the sidewalk, spontaneously confronted her and lunged his bike at her multiple times. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 30-years-old, with a black jacket, white gloves, and a blue backpack.
- At 10:21 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of West Wistaria Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. The resident witnessed two suspects enter her home and then flee when she confronted them. Both suspects are described as 5'6" tall, with medium builds, wearing black face masks, hooded sweatshirts, and dark blue clothing.

Monday, January 23:

- At 4:51 a.m., officers responded to Robusto Cigar, located at 26 North First Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured one male suspect shatter the front glass door with a punching tool, and once inside, he stole cigar cutters and lighters. The suspect is described as wearing a light colored hat and face covering, a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, light colored pants.

Tuesday, January 24:

- At 9:23 a.m., an officer responded to Unocal 76 Gas Station, located at 4 West Foothill Boulevard, regarding a grand theft investigation. The suspect stole an employee's cell phone from the office and fled in a black Lincoln SUV. The suspect is described as a 35 to 50-year-old Hispanic male, approximately 5'8" tall and 160 pounds.

Wednesday, January 25:

- At 7:53 a.m., an officer responded to Huntington Memorial Hospital regarding a battery that happened at Knock-out's, located at 1580 Clark Street. An investigation revealed the victim thought he was entering the Uber ride he ordered, but he accidentally opened the door to a different vehicle. The occupants of that vehicle exited and physically assaulted the victim. The suspects are described as Black males.

- At 1:08 p.m., officers responded to Nordstrom, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a grand theft investigation. A lone suspect was seen stealing nearly \$3,300.00 worth of merchandise and was arrested by loss prevention. A records check of the 25-year-old male transient revealed he had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Thursday, January 26:

- At 7:32 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Orlando Drive regarding a burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured two suspects enter the rear yard of the residence. The suspects attempted to enter the home but fled without making entry.
- At 8:18 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Magnolia Court regarding a burglary investigation. Unknown suspects smashed a rear glass door and ransacked the master bedroom. The loss is unknown.
- At 10:30 p.m., an officer responded to Station Bar, located at 1218 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vehicle that had collided into three parked cars. Upon contacting the driver, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Through a series of tests, it was determined that was driving under the influence of alcohol. The 38-year-old male from Los Angeles was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of January 22, 2023 – January 28, 2023.

January 22, 2023

- Burglary (Vehicle):**
1171 Encanto Parkway (Encanto Park). On January 22, 2023 between 12:30 AM and 2:30 PM, suspect(s) unknown shattered the passenger side front window of the victim's vehicle, a 2017 Acura ILX, while it was parked at the location. The suspect(s) stole her wallet and purse from the front seat. The loss was approximately \$50 and approximately \$500 in damages. No surveillance video is available.

- Petty Theft:**
1193 Huntington Drive (Smart & Final). On January 22, 2023 at 10:03 AM, suspect(s) unknown two female black adults, one wearing a blue jacket and red pants and the second wearing light-colored clothing, walked directly to the beauty aisle. The suspects placed numerous cosmetic and beauty products into bags they had hidden underneath their clothing and exited the location without paying. Both suspects entered a grey Nissan Maxima and fled the area. The loss was approximately \$350. Surveillance video is available.

January 24, 2023

- Burglary (Vehicle):**
1481 Buena Vista (Old Spaghetti Factory). On January 24, 2023 between 6:35 PM and 7:19 PM, suspect(s) unknown shattered the rear driver side window of the victim's vehicle, a 2016 Porsche Panamera, while it was parked at the location. The suspect(s) stole his backpack containing an Apple MacBook and a Dell Notebook. The loss was approximately \$50 and approximately \$3,500 in damages. No surveillance video is available.

- Grand Theft:**
3500 block of Conata Street. On January 24, 2023 between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM, suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle, a gray 2020 Nissan NV200. The loss was approximately \$4,500.

- Burglary (Commercial):**
1500 Duarte Road (City of Hope). Between January 27, 2023 3:00 PM and January 28, 2023 4:56 AM, suspect(s) unknown entered the secured construction area of the location and forced open a storage unit. Once inside, the suspect(s) stole the construction tools. The loss was approximately \$21,000. No video surveillance of the area.

- Burglary (Commercial):**
2221 Huntington Drive (India Food & Spices). On January 28, 2023 at 5:13 AM suspect(s) unknown shattered the front glass door and entered the location. Once inside the suspect(s) ransacked the business and stole unknown items. Possible surveillance video.

- Grand Theft:**
2300 Block of Park Rose Avenue. Between January 27, 2023 9:30 PM and January 28, 2023 2:30 PM, suspect(s) unknown stole the victim's catalytic converter to his vehicle, a gray 2011 Toyota Prius. The loss was approximately \$2,500.

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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IS AND WHAT THEY DO?



You are not alone. Join April Verlatto at the Arcadia Community Coordinating Council on Monday, February 6, 2023 as she speaks about the organization and the impact it has on the community of Arcadia.

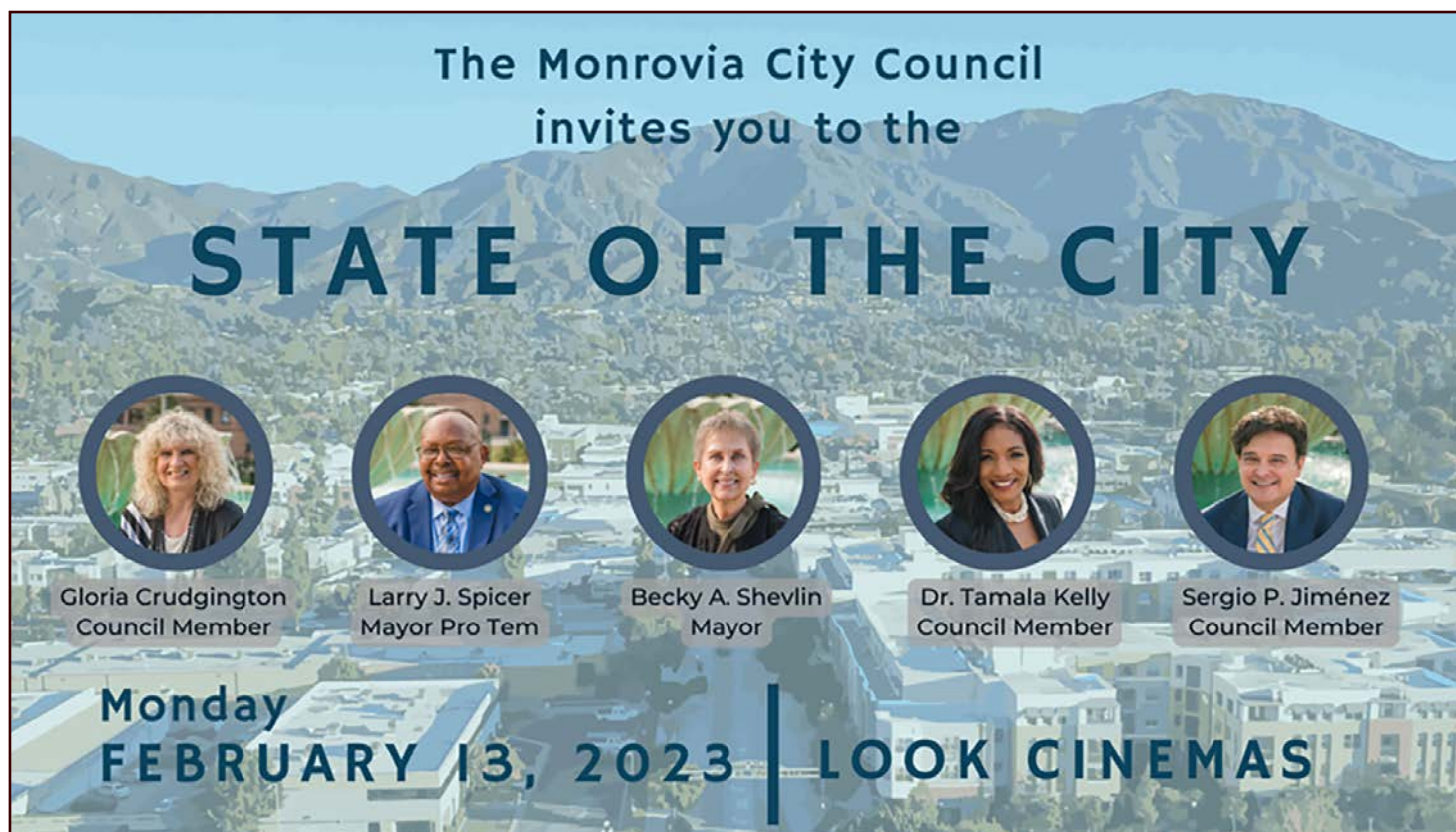
Mayor Pro Tem April Verlatto was elected to her first term on City Council in April 2016 and re-elected to a second term in April 2020. She served as Mayor of Arcadia, April 2019-April 2020. She also serves as the delegate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for the City of Arcadia and sits on its Executive Committee as 3rd Vice President as well as serving on the Homelessness Committee.

April was born and raised in Arcadia. She received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from UCLA and a law degree from Southwestern School of Law. She took over her father's law practice located in the heart of Downtown Arcadia on Huntington Drive between Santa Anita and First Avenue in 2000. She continues to practice law in the areas of Personal Injury and Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Litigation.

Mayor Pro Tem Verlatto is a founding member and former President of the Downtown Arcadia Improvement Association (2012-present), a Community Benefits District focused on promoting and revitalizing Downtown Arcadia. She Chairs the Holiday Fair, the Halloween Haunt and serves on the Patriotic Festival Committee. These annual events have become a hallmark of the Downtown Arcadia experience and provide community participation and activities. To learn more about April and the SGVCOG, join the Arcadia Community Coordinating Council on February 6, 2023.

For reservations contact Linda Clelland, President, ACCC.
arcadiacommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Meeting Location & Information:
Monday, February 6, 2023
Villa Catrina, 251 N. Santa Anita Blvd., Arcadia
11:45 am – 1:30 pm



AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Peter Dills Knows

SUPER BOWL AND VALENTINE'S DAYS OF FOOTBALL AND ROMANCE 2023

First of all, let's agree to disagree: Valentine's Day should be a full week long.

A single day is not long enough to fully express one's love. What do you say about having an evening at home with a bottle of bubbly and a candlelight table for dinner? You may wonder why a critic would dare such treason. In all truth, it's an impossible night for restaurants, so let's find three bottles in price ranges you can live with.

In the \$12 price range, Ruffino Prosecco has been produced from grapes grown in the hilly area of Valdobbiadene, which is the most historically active region for the production of prosecco. Bright straw yellow with fine bubbles, the bouquet is fragrant and intensely fruity, with clean notes of apples, pears and citrus. I found it crisp, clean, and yet delicate - a perfect wine for the budget-minded lovebird.

From the \$20 range, let's go back to Paso Robles for the San Simeon Petite Sirah (At Vons). I enjoyed this well-bodied wine with a pre-Valentines dinner of lobster thermidor. This wine is not for the "beginner" (nor is cooking lobster thermidor), and brings strong notes of fruit when opened with a well-rewarded and long finish.

My \$30-range selection is the Domaine Carneros. My opinion is that this estate-bottled wine gets as close to a "real" French champagne as any California sparkler on your supermarket shelves. This cuvee is 51% chardonnay and 49% pinot noir, with an alcohol content of a modest 12.1%. I got a perfect "pop" upon opening the bottle, which I poured into a lightly chilled flute and watched the bubbles rush to the top. The flavor was a little toasty in the beginning with a clean, long finish. You have my permission to drop a strawberry in your glass for this special occasion.

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SCHIFF URGES INVESTIGATION INTO DISCLOSURE OF TAXPAYERS' PERSONAL, FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO FACEBOOK

Washington, D.C. - Today, Congressman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) and Reps. Judy Chu (D-Calif.) and Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.), members of the House Ways and Means and House Oversight Committees, respectively, urged the Internal Revenue Service to investigate the data-sharing practices of online tax filing companies that have been found to have disclosed taxpayers' sensitive personal and financial information to Facebook.

In late November, The Markup published a report revealing that U.S. companies providing online tax filing services, such as H&R Block, TaxAct, and TaxSlayer, have been sending taxpayers' identities and financial information to Facebook through a pixel present on their websites. The Meta Pixel, operated by Facebook's parent company, collected taxpayers' personal information through various tax e-filing websites, including taxpayers' names, usernames, email addresses, home addresses, income, filing status, refund status, dependents, health savings accounts, college tuition grants, and college scholarship amounts of their dependents.

"We are concerned about the implications these findings have on the rights of taxpayers and on fairness for the working-class Americans who largely depend on the services of private companies to e-file their taxes... Bad actors in this space have the potential to profit from Americans' most sensitive and private information, and simultaneously put their data at risk of further exposure," wrote the members. "We believe that the American people deserve to know whose personal information was shared with Meta and Facebook, how this was allowed to happen, and what steps the IRS will take to ensure this cannot happen again. We strongly urge you to take swift action to thoroughly investigate, take steps to mitigate the harm caused, and protect the rights of American taxpayers."

The IRS Data Book showed that more than 150

million tax returns were filed electronically in 2021 and millions of taxpayers use online tax filing services such as H&R Block, TaxAct, and TaxSlayer - making this a potentially massive disclosure to Facebook of personal and financial information, on the heels of Meta being found in violation of federal health privacy law after the Meta Pixel gathered sensitive health information from hospital websites.

In addition to calling for an investigation, the members request the IRS provide answers to the following questions:

1. Can you estimate how many taxpayers may have had their data unknowingly shared with Meta and Facebook through e-filing websites?
2. Does the IRS know which individual taxpayers' data was improperly transmitted to Meta, or will this information need to be recovered from the companies?
3. The IRS directs taxpayers attempting to file for free to some of the companies reporting found using the pixel via Free File. The IRS also directs taxpayers to Tax Slayer through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. Free File and VITA are directed toward low-income, elderly, and disabled taxpayers. Can you confirm whether Tax Slayer was one of the software packages embedding the pixel?
4. If there is a violation of Section 7216, and tax return information has been disclosed or used by a return preparer without the taxpayer's consent, will TIGTA issue criminal referrals?
5. Does Section 7216 guidance presently ban the use of these pixels from online tax filing service sites or do regulations need to change to specifically prevent the use of this technology?
6. What legislative remedies should Congress consider to prevent this from happening again?

PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted from January 23, 2023, through February 23, 2023.

PASADENA, Calif. (January 23, 2023) - The Pasadena Tournament of Roses® Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2023 grant program. Since its inception in 1983, the Foundation has invested over \$4 million in more than 700 Pasadena-area organizations. The grant awards in 2022 totaled nearly \$200,000, which funded 19 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley.

The grants supported new and ongoing programs benefiting children, teens, adults and seniors. From nonprofits offering animal therapy to special needs children, to organizations providing technical skills to underserved students and dance therapy for seniors diagnosed with Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis.

The 2023 grant cycle will be structured as follows - Tier 1: a one-year grant for \$35,000, Tier 2: a one-year grant for \$15,000 and Tier 3: several one-year grants for up to \$10,000. The Foundation will also require applicants to include information on how their program will be delivered.

Eligible applicants are organizations with 501(c)(3) status, as of the submission deadline, February 23, 2023, that serves one or more of the following communities: Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, and Temple City. As in previous years, grants will be given in the categories of Performing and Visual Arts, Sports and Recreation, and Education (Early Childhood Education, Literacy and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs.

To apply for the 2023 grant cycle, eligible organizations should visit the Tournament of Roses Foundation page: www.tournamentofroses.com/foundation/. The website will direct users to a welcome page with instructions on how to begin the application process.

Applications will be accepted from January 23, 2023, through February 23, 2023, at 5 p.m. The Foundation's Board of Directors will make the final grant selections at its annual spring meeting, and applicants will be notified of their funding status via email in April 2023.

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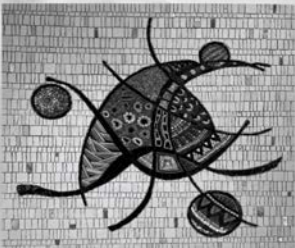
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When I fly over the majestic continents of North America and Africa, I marvel at their physical beauty. African Americans have a rich history, traditions and culture that have influenced American culture. Some contributions are:

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- weaving • pottery • cattle raising
- folk tales • foods • wood carvings

Study the overlapping or connecting area of the illustration to see what other links we have!

Read the clues below to fill in the crosswords.

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2. has Denali as its highest _____
3. is the _____ largest in population
4. physically includes Greenland, the world's largest _____
5. has Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater _____
6. has a mainland made up of _____ countries.

Africa:

1. is the _____ largest continent
2. has gold, copper and _____
3. has _____ countries
4. has the Sahara, the world's largest _____
5. has Mount Kilimanjaro as its highest _____
6. has the _____ passing through it
7. is _____ largest in population
8. has many major _____
9. has the Nile, the longest _____ system in the world

African-American Connections



The words in **bold print** show connections between the people of the two continents.




African & American Folk Tales

Africa is rich in wildlife – elephants, tigers, giraffes, lions, gorillas and zebras!




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HOW TO ORGANIZE FOR EMERGENCIES:

Is having a “survival group” a good idea?

[Nyergeres is an educator, and author of books such as “How to Survive Anywhere,” “Urban Survival Guide,” and others. More details at www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com.]

Not long ago, our class was finishing a day-long field trip of practicing outdoor survival and self-reliance skills, and our small group was now sitting around the fire talking. The subject moved to emergency action plans, and what contingencies any of us had in the aftermath of a major disaster. “So how would we ever get together after a major disaster?” one woman asked me.

“We probably would have no way to get together,” I offered. “Of course, there is no predicting the future, but if we couldn’t use a car, and couldn’t get gas, and there was chaos on the streets, in the first few weeks, we’d almost certainly have to stay put wherever we’re living.” My response pre-supposed a serious disaster where all social services would be disrupted.

I’ve long recommended that people get to know their immediate neighbors, because they are your “family” in the aftermath of a major disaster, like it or not. Think global, as the saying goes, but act local. Enroll in local CERT training, such as the training offered here in Sierra Madre. I also suggest that you become active in Neighborhood Watch.

The woman then asked me, sort of a question and comment combined, “Well, don’t you have a tight survival group of people who would all come together in an emergency?” I knew she was thinking of how she might organize such a group where she lived, and I knew that she believed I have organized, or been a part of, such a secret or public “group.”

I live in the northern section of Los Angeles County. The mountains are immediately to my north, but otherwise there is urban sprawl and freeways in all directions. In our class that day, the woman asking the questions had driven about a hundred miles, from San Bernardino County from the east. Three people had come over a hundred miles, from the high desert. One other person was local, and the rest lived between 30 and 45 minutes by car from me. We were all spread out. There was no way that this diverse group would ever come together in the sort of disaster (and end of the functioning of normal society) that she was envisioning.

“But don’t you have a survival group?” she again implored.

I began by sharing stories in novels I’d read, about a group of highly-trained people who came together after an end-of-the-world scenario, and how they worked together to form a new society. For example, such a group is depicted in Ayn Rand’s “Atlas Shrugged.”

“Your best bet is to work with your own family to make each person strong, healthy, and self-reliant,” I told her, “and to work with your local community to improve things.”

How, for example, would a far-flung diverse group of people communicate with each other? If they were ham operators, it might be possible, but there would still be the problem of traveling a long distance under unsettled conditions.

I could see that this was not what the woman wanted to hear, so I shared more details with her and the rest of our small group.

In the planning sessions of which I’ve been a part, there are always “great ideas” from everyone, and countless scenarios are discussed about what might occur. However, in the real life, things never go that way. Any “group” might have one natural leader, even though there is an appointed or elected leader. That’s a problem. Sometimes the elected leader is not the natural leader, and so the group fractures or dissolves. There are also lots of lazy people, people who want to be a part of something but who are more talk than walk. Lazy and idealistic people have spelled the doom of many an alternative community.

Getting back to the woman’s question about the practical aspects of a small tight group getting together after a disaster, what else can go wrong with the “group” that plans to get together? For one thing, the ability to spring into action after an emergency requires the maintenance of physical fitness, and requires at least some level of economic autonomy, and knowing how to live one’s life so that you are, in fact, able to rise to the occasion of a severe emergency. The concept of such a survival group is not a passive concept. In order to be viable, it must be alive, dynamic, and involve regular training of some sort.

These are just a few of the reasons why “groups” don’t stay together, and it’s especially pertinent with a group that is expecting an end-of-the-world event in a way that may never actually happen in a way that they perceive.

We can’t predict the future, but learning new self-reliance skills will always serve you well, and those of your friends and associates who are of like-mind. But assuming you survive an event like a comet hitting the earth, or a major tidal wave, there’s no way that you can depend on any “group” that you might have developed.

Don’t get me wrong—organizing and working with such a group, whether a private family group, or a more public group such as CERT training – is a great idea. But just remember that life is a very dynamic thing, and as long as you’re willing to continually learn, and adapt to changing situations, you’re likely to do well regardless who you happen to be stuck with.

CERT
One of your best courses of action is to contact the Sierra Madre CERT group and take some of their training. If you live in a different area, contact your local emergency manager or FEMA at FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov to find out what training takes place near your home.

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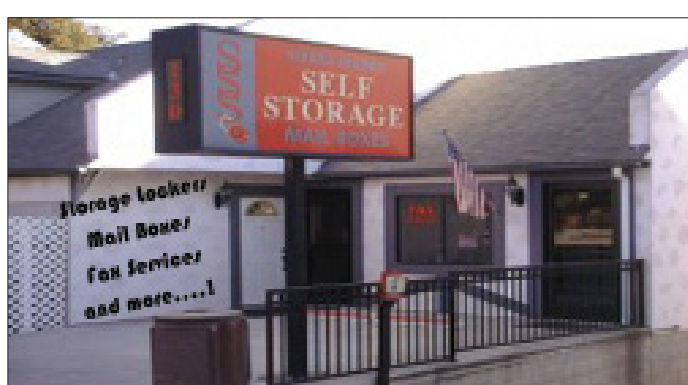
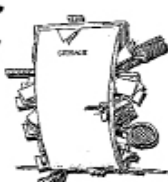
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HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE TO FILE TAXES?

Dear Savvy Senior: What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? My income dropped way down when I retired in 2022, so I'm wondering if I need to even file a tax return this year. Recently Retired

Dear Recently: Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on how much you earned last year, as well as the source of the income, your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirement thresholds.

For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2022 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you may not have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- Single: \$12,950 (\$14,700 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2022).
- Married filing jointly: \$25,900 (\$27,300 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$28,700 if you're both over 65).
- Married filing separately: \$5 at any age.
- Head of household: \$19,400 (\$21,150 if 65 or older).
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$25,900 (\$27,300 if 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "1040 and 1040-SR Instructions for Tax Year 2022," or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf.

Check Here Too
Be aware that there are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2022, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt inter-



est exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an online tax tool that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/Help/ITA – click on "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" Or you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

Check Your State
Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

Tax Preparation Help
If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can free file through the IRS at IRS.gov/FreeFile if your 2022 adjusted gross income was below \$73,000.

Or, if you need some help, contact the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TCE provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate services near you.

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

FAMILY MATTERS



By Marc Garlett

DO I NEED TO CREATE A NEW WILL IF I MOVE TO ANOTHER STATE?

Most states will accept a will which was executed properly under another state's laws. However, there could be differences in your new state's laws that make certain provisions in your will invalid. Here are a few things you should review when moving out of state:

YOUR EXECUTOR

Consider whether the executor you've chosen for your will, will be able to serve in that role in your new location. Every state allows an out-of-state executor to serve, but some states have special requirements for executors, such as requiring them to pass a credit screen and post a bond. Other states require non-resident executors to appoint an agent who lives within the state to accept legal documents on behalf of the estate. The former can, and sometimes does, completely prohibit a named executor from being able to step into that role. The latter increases the overall costs associated with administering a will. Either way, you may want to reevaluate your chosen executor.

MARITAL PROPERTY

If you are married, consider how your new state treats marital property. While a common-law state might treat the property you own in just your name as yours alone, community-property states treat all of your property as owned jointly with your spouse. If your new state treats marital property differently than California (a community-property state), you might need to draft a marital property agreement or even a new will to ensure your wishes are honored.

YOUR NEED FOR A TRUST

While your will is an important part of your estate plan, it may not be the most appropriate foundation of your plan. Your new state may have probate laws completely different from California's. If your planning goals didn't necessitate a living trust in California, it's likely they won't necessitate a trust in your new state, but it could be costly to make that assumption without first seeking qualified legal counsel. Each state's probate code is unique, and you may be unaware of specific detrimental nuances in your new state's code which could be completely avoided by a living trust.

YOUR OVERALL PLAN

Moving is one of those life events presenting a perfect opportunity to review your entire estate plan. Along with your will (and considering whether you also need a trust), you should review your trust – if you already have one, power of attorney, health care directive, final disposition instructions, kids protection plan – if you have minor children, and your asset spreadsheet to ensure each asset you own is catalogued within your plan and titled correctly to receive the full protections provided by your plan.

FINDING THE TIME

It may seem overwhelming with everything else you've got on your plate during a move, but there is no better time to review your estate plan. And because it's so important to regularly review your plan and keep it up to date, you'll gain additional peace of mind after you settle into your new home, and you'll ensure your plan works exactly as you intend whenever it's needed. That's an invaluable gift to your family. In other words, it's well worth the effort.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder



UGLY ISN'T FOR THE WEAK, SOFT OR TIMID

Over the years of marital bliss, we've not had many disagreements. She likes broccoli. I like Apple Fritters. We've never been able to come to any agreement with that. But, outside of that, everything has been rather smooth.

There's one controversy that has plagued our house for the last few years, and there doesn't seem to be any solution. There are some problems with no solutions, and I guess this is one of them. The controversy I have is about my bathroom mirror; each of us has our bathroom with our own mirror. My mirror has some very significant issues with it.

For several years I have suggested that we replace my old mirror with a new one. Once, I even suggested I would be glad to pay for the new mirror out of my Apple Fritter account, which was a mistake.

When I said that, she looked at me with a long pause and then said, "You have an account for Apple Fritters?" I knew I was in trouble for that; I guess I kissed my Apple Fritter account goodbye.

The controversy I had is that my old mirror portrays me as some old guy. I find it rather frustrating because I have some pictures of myself, and I don't look old at all. As we discussed this, she said, "My mirror portrays me as I really am." She smiled one of her sarcastic smiles at me. "Let me," I said, "go and look in your mirror to see if what you're telling me is really true."

I entered her bathroom and was surprised as I looked in her mirror and saw some old guy looking back at me. Immediately I went out and said, "Hey, who's that old guy in your bathroom?" She laughed and said, "I think it's you, but all I ever see is some old lady."

"I am not that old," I demanded.

I then went and got our family photo album, brought it back, opened it up, pointed to a picture, and said, "See, that's me." She looked at the picture, then back at me laughingly, and said, "Yes, that's you when you were in high school." I flipped a few pages and said, "There I am." "That's our wedding picture," she said with a smile.

By that time, I was just a little bit frustrated. If I look at those pictures and then look in the mirror, I do not see any resemblance whatsoever. How can that old rascal in the mirror be me? The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage could see that I was just a little bit discouraged. After all, pictures don't lie, but I think mirrors do.

"Don't you realize that as we grow and get older, our looks change?"

Looking at her, I was shaking my head and unwilling to reach her level of understanding. "But," I complained, "I'm not that old looking, am I?" Then she handed me a more recent photograph. It was me holding my granddaughter on the day of her birth.

I looked at it as though I was looking out for the first time. When I first looked at it, I didn't see myself; rather, I saw my great-granddaughter. After looking at it for a few moments, I sat back in my chair and sighed deeply. "So, I am an old man." "Well, my dear, you're not young anymore."

I stared at her for a few moments and then said, "Tell me, why do you look so good, and I look so old?" "Because you're not looking in my bathroom mirror." "Maybe," I said, "we could change bathroom mirrors?" She started laughing and a few moments later, I joined her in laughing.

This was the first time I ever seriously looked at myself.

In the morning, when I go to the bathroom to comb my hair, shave, and brush my teeth, I ignore what's in the mirror. Maybe I ought to.

Thinking about this for a bit, I had a thought. Does it really matter how old a person looks? After all the only cure for not getting old is dying.

I've noted lately that some of these Hollywood stars get facelifts, tummy tucks, and all sorts of changes to their body. I wonder if they do that for themselves or for the public that's looking? Does it really matter how a person looks?

I believe the next time I'm in my bathroom, I'm going to have a little chat with that old guy in the mirror. I will say, "I don't care how old you look. You don't scare me." I had to rehearse that line a dozen times to get it right. I'm not sure I can trust that old guy in the mirror. Of course, one of the great benefits is that I don't have to see how I look throughout the day. The people on the other side of my glasses have that to handle.

I have learned to appreciate what God said to Samuel in, 1 Samuel 16:7, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

God does not judge me by my outward appearance, but by my heart. If my heart isn't right with God nothing else really matters.

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STUART TOLCHIN



PUT THE LIGHTS ON WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

Tough question, isn't it? I was very saddened (I guess that's the opposite of being happy even though there is no specific word for it) when I read that the United States is ranked nineteenth in terms of overall population happiness. I know that such a ranking makes little sense. Populations are composed of separate individuals whose actual feelings change from moment to moment. What is happiness anyway? I know that it is much easier to recognize unhappiness than it is to recognize its opposite. David Foster Wallace described this dilemma in what is famously called The Fish

Story in a part of a commencement speech. The gist of the story is that "there are these two young fish swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way, who nods at them and says 'Morning, boys. How's the water?' And the two young fish swim on for a bit. And then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes, 'WHAT THE HELL IS WATER?'"

I think Wallace was reminding graduating seniors and himself in The Fish Story that their future experience of life will have little to do with knowledge and everything to do with simple awareness; awareness of what is so real and essential, so hidden in plain sight all around us that we have to keep reminding ourselves over and over: "This is water." This is "keeping your eye on the ball" and this is happiness.

Of course a few years after the speech Wallace committed suicide by hanging himself at his house in Claremont. For some important reason which I cannot identify I went and took a picture of his house. Wallace was a wonderful comic writer whose suicide emphasizes to me that there are many sides to the same coin. I am pretty certain that he did his very best to stay cognizant of what was best in his life but although doing his best he could not fight off the depression that plagued him. It is a sad truth that when we are happy we are often unaware of the feeling and notice it much more in its absence.

For the past three weeks I have been invaded by the Covid virus. Many people describe it as being simply like a bad cold. For me, although the symptoms included respiratory and bronchial problems these were not the worst of the problems. My sense of taste and smell was affected but that too was tolerable. The worst thing was that my mind was affected and as I have written in my past two articles, I am confused and remain so.

By the way, I don't really pretend to know what a mind or my mind is. It's not something physically identifiable like a nose, or a mouth, or a brain. What we refer to as the mind is a whole series of connections and messages pulsating through us, some of which actually reach consciousness. Sometimes we even know what actual life experiences influenced our ideas but that is rare. Do I create my ideas or do they create me? Who cares about such questions? I do! I want to be aware of the "water" around me and the "water" inside me. I want to be in charge of my own life-experience and yet during my Covid experience and even now, I have trouble finding my way home. I want to notice the beauty around me, after the rains the hills are so beautiful and I love hearing the sounds of the water in the channel right next to our house and up above the cloud formations are so interesting and beautiful and, all at once, I notice that I am lost.

Maybe it's the "mind fog" associated with the Covid that will linger on, or maybe it is symptoms which are associated with old age eventually leading to Alzheimer's and dementia. For years I have lost my wallet and my keys and my calendars but I don't want to lose my mind. I had my hearing tested today and was told that because I have neglected to wear my hearing aids this may well contribute to a faster rate of atrophy in the brain. How much money am I willing to spend on expensive hearing aids rather than use the money for travel or other emergencies? I am now a retired person and really miss the social interaction that was a part of my daily life for seventy years. The world has changed as it always does and I gather that that today everyone feels pretty vulnerable and would rather not talk about personal things or ponder philosophical questions.

I try with my failing eyesight to keep my eye on the ball and report on what I still see as "truth" I wish that you and David Foster Wallace were around so we could talk about it; but I will continue to do the best I can and hope you do the same.

Maybe by next week I will be less confused. Happy Valentine's Day!

ROAD RAGE



It was my first coming of age rite. I could feel the rapid palpitations of my heart and growing dampness in my armpits. Silently I cursed the discount store solid stick deodorant my mother always bought. I had changed my outfit three times before settling on my DIY bleached bell bottom jeans with my KC and the Sunshine Band, "Shake Your

Booty Tour" t-shirt.

We had met once before, briefly, but then there were dozens of people chatting and distractions abounded everywhere.

It was just after lunch on an Indian summer afternoon, the leaves were beginning to burnish into their amber hue. His car pulled up in front of my house. I ran down from my porch and he, very gentlemanly, opened the car door for me. Nervously, I climbed into the front seat, he closed my door and got in beside me.

I was elated yet dreaded the "what if's" to come. He turned to me, his deeply set hazel eyes barely peeked out from the furry unibrow that dominated his balding pate.

"Turn the key and start the car." he said.

For the next 30 minutes I tortured that stick shift Volkswagen Beetle, grinding the camshaft as I shifted again and again into the wrong gear. I waited too long to turn left and almost hit a pedestrian when I turned right. Four weeks later and a newly diagnosed case of peptic ulcer for my driving instructor Mr. Papadopoulos, I passed my driving test and became another wayfarer on the turnpike of life.

In the decades since, I've had my fair share of one-finger salutes. I've contributed to the livelihoods of mom and pop body shops with a running tab of minor dents, curb-side scratches and the occasional side mirror replacement, but it wasn't until I moved abroad that I experienced truly bad driving; drivers that make LA traffic look like the Radiator Springs Racers at Disneyland.

Paris, Rome, New Delhi, Tijuana, Saigon, Bangkok - the only rule that counts is Darwin's Rule - survival of the fittest. Tailgating, cutting in, using the emergency shoulder as a HOV lane - it's basically the "I gotta be in front" mode.

But what happens when you take a nation of 1.3 billion bicyclists and let loose 400 million of them in cars? In the mid 90's with the blind leading the blind, official driving tests were an easy pass - if you were a car mechanic. The majority of the test focused on the inner workings of the vehicle, but a little grease goes a long way and suddenly the roads were full of drivers randomly weaving through traffic, ignoring pedestrians, stop signs, and not bothering to signal - just like bicyclists.

Imagine hundreds of thousands of drivers all with the minimal skills and experience of your neighborhood teenager. Even road rage looked very different in a country where firearms are restricted only to government personnel.

I witnessed an incident on a four lane highway where a hulking grey Mercedes cut off a mid-size Peugeot. The Peugeot sped up but didn't have the horsepower to match the German velocity of the Mercedes. Then suddenly, a car in front of the Mercedes missed its exit and reversed back into oncoming traffic. The Mercedes swerved, putting it within a hand's width of the Peugeot, a broomstick popped out of the Peugeot's passenger window and swung wildly at the Mercedes. The Mercedes dropped behind, letting it pass only to be hit with a bushel of seasonal melons launched from the back of the Peugeot. The damage to the melons were irreversible, the Mercedes required a full car detail, even today, the odd melon seed makes its way up from inside the grill.

And the insights I captured from all this global driving experience?
Use your turn signals or reap the whirlwind of - seasonal melons.

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

RICH & FAMOUS MISPRINT MAGIC



One of the great joys in my life is stumbling upon unintentional humor...in my reading that is.

The enemies of unintentional humor are editors and proofreaders. In a perfect world they should be banned...with all due respect to my brilliant, beautiful, bewitching publisher and editor "Siouxsin Hendorsin".

Advertising often offers a cornucopia of wonderful misprints. Take restaurants for example:

"Try Our Homemade Pies - They Are a Real Threat!"
"Customers who consider our waitresses uncivil ought to see our manager."
"Open seven days a week and weekends."

Advertising about clothing can always be fitting or not.

"We do not tear your clothing with machinery. No, we do it carefully by hand."
"We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home for only one dollar."
"Our bikinis are exciting. They are simply the tops!"
"Men's wool suits, \$3.00! They won't last an hour!"

Laundromat sign: "Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out."

Sign in an auto repair garage: "Free pickup and delivery. Try us once and you'll never go anywhere again."

Sign outside a radiator repair shop: "The best place in town to take a leak."

Sign on a plumber's van: "We repair what your husband fixed."

In a Florida hospital maternity ward: "No children allowed."

Church sign: "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

Of course, want ads have always been a hot bed of misprints (no editors hah!:
"Dog for sale: eats anything, fond of children."
"Snow blower for sale - only used on snowy days."
"Free puppies: Half cocker spaniel and half sneaky neighbor's dog."

Ear Piercing Shop: "Ear piercing while you wait."
"Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home too."

And talk about compassion: "We note with regret that Mrs. Calhoun is recuperating from an automobile accident. (Drat)"

Sign in a loan company office: "Ask about our plans for owning your home."

And there are always some notable headlines:

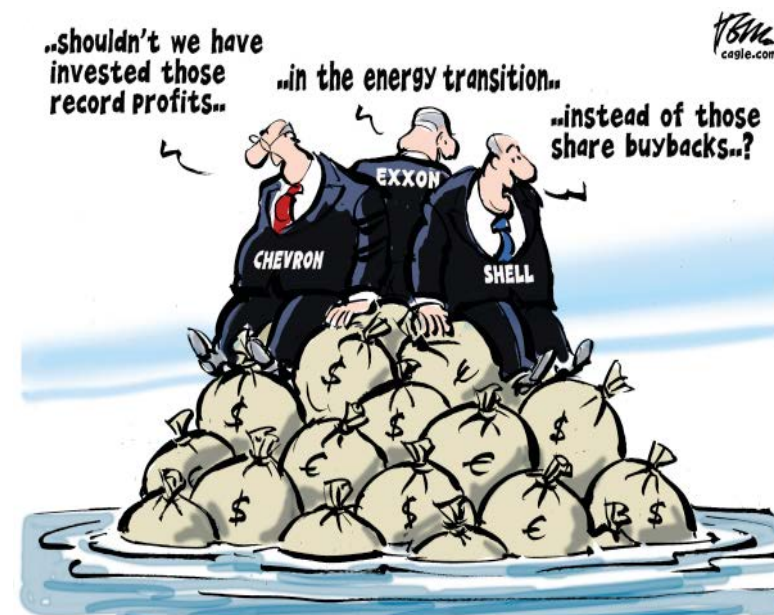
"Chef Throws Heart Into Helping Feed Needy."
"Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted."
"Police Found Safe Under Blanket."

Here is a scientific find worth noting:

"Infertility unlikely to be passed on."

Life is meant to be enjoyed even while it's being endured. I hope in some small way I help bring a smile to your faces.

-Rich



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2023-016953
The person or persons (s) (are) doing business as: MARTINEZ-HANDYMAN SERVICE, 940 S MCBRIDE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022. Full name of registrant(s): CARLOS MARTINEZ-ZUNIGA, 940 S MCBRIDE AVE, LOS ANGELES, 90022. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS MARTINEZ-ZUNIGA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County (CA) on 1/28/2023. The person(s) have commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement is not a guarantee that it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The person or persons who do not self-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 17000 et seq., Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-088464

(The fictitious person(s) is (are) doing business as: MIRANDA HANDYMAN, 2841 MAXSON RD APT F, EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL ANTONIO GARCIA, EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by a individually Signed; MIGUEL ANGELO MIRANDA CAMACHO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County, California. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NO portion of the Los Angeles County Statement was filed prior to 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 View News/JDC
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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 of this filing. The filer must certify under oath that the filing is in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law and that the filer is not an attorney and Professors Code (Public: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No. 2022-016188
The filer (the person) is (are) doing business as: MODERN TRAILER SUPPLY, 10335 GARVEY AVE, EL MONTE, CA 91733. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) TIMOTHY DANIEL MACIAS and GARCIA GABRIEL. This Fictitious Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: TIMOTHY DANIEL MACIAS OWNER. This statement was filed on 01/23/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name submitted above on 01/23/2023. This Fictitious Name Statement was filed 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 is not a representation that the filer is not in violation of Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq. and Professors Code/Public: Mountain Views News/JDC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE No.
2023-020614
The following persons(s) is (are) doing business as: R & L LIGHTING SERVICES, 9411 BAIRD AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90002. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAFAEL ALEXANDER PEREZ/OTTEWILL. This Fictitious Business Name was first used in Los Angeles, CA 90002. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAFAEL ALEXANDER PEREZ/OTTEWILL, County Registrar. I, _____, County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/27/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name in this county. I, _____, County Clerk of Los Angeles County hereby certify that the County Clerk's 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 if the business changes its name. 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 person or persons, or constitute an admission [44] of such use. See Business and Professions Code/Publish: Mountain View Journals

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Business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk. If you are filing 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 View News/JEDC)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. _____

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAY HANDYMAN SERVICE, 940 S MCBRIDE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAYMOND LOPEZ FLORES- RAMIREZ. The County where the business is located is: LOS ANGELES, CA 90027. This Business is conducted by; AN INDIVIDUAL, Signed: RAYMONDO LOPEZ FLORES- RAMIREZ. This document was recorded with the County of Los Angeles (County on 01/24/2023). The registrant has/have commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business 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:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 0032-02082.
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SCALE 13, INC. 13275 PUMICE ST, NORWALK, CA 90650.
Full name of registrant(s) is (are) STEVEN ANTONIO SANCHEZ, JAMES L. SANCHEZ, JAMES L. SANCHEZ, CESAR GAVIA, SMO LA SERNA AVE, LA HABRA, CA 90631. This Business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. The business is owned by: JORGE MARTINEZ OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/27/2023. The registrant(s) have been known to the County Clerk of Los Angeles County by business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Business 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 violation of this statement of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Sections 6902 and 6903, California Civil Code and California Business and Professions Code/Publisher's Mountain Views News/JDC.
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 2023019420
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SHILIN
 JIAN, JIAN S SAN GABRIEL, JIAN WU SHITTE, JIAN WU, SAN
 GABRIEL, C A 91706. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
 JIAN WU BUSINESS INC, 1788 S SAN GABRIEL (BRED
 01/23/2023) JIAN WU BUSINESS INC, 1788 S SAN GABRIEL
 conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed, JAYMEI YU
 CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los
 Angeles County on 01/23/2023. This statement was
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.
2023-020460

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOLAR BROS INC., 2120 E. LAMBERT RD UNIT H, LA HABRA, CA 90631. Full name of registrant(s) is (are)
THARSIO SANTOS, 2120 E. LAMBERT RD UNIT H, LA HABRA, CA 90631. Fictitious business name of individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity:
INDIVIDUAL. Signed: THARSIO SANTOS=OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/01/2023. On or after the date above commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2017. NOTICE- This fictitious business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in full compliance with California Civil Code Section 3364. This Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law. (See Section 1441(f) seq. Business and Professions Code)(Publishing Notices - New Business Names)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-012834

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPECIAL, S. 1175 ST ST # 569, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. This name of registration is (are) KIM MICHELLE GAINES, 112 W 5TH ST # 569, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: KIM MICHELLE GAINES, 112 W 5TH ST # 569, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. The County of Los Angeles County on 01/18/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE: This Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 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 of the name 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/Publisher: Mountain Views News/JDC.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 23-001012

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPORHTELITHCS, 24317 SYLVAN GLEN RD, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) SOFIA DEL ROSARIO RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, RODRIGUEZ, 24317 SYLVAN GLEN RD, DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: SOFIA DEL JESUS ESTRELLA GONZALEZ/RODRIGUEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/17/2023. The registrant(s) is (are) not a partnership or limited liability company. 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE
2023-018727

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 14344
HYW GRASS, 3100 E IMPERIAL HWY SPACE
18, GRASS, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. (SIGNED: JUAN
SEAFORTH AVE. NORWALK, CA 90650. Full name
of registrant(s) is (are) MOHAMMED GAUSH, 14344
HYW GRASS, 3100 E IMPERIAL HWY SPACE 18,
GRASS, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262. The registration is
conducted by an INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MOHAMMED
GAUSH/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles County, California, on 05/02/2023.
has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious
business name or names listed above on 05/02/2012. NOTICE
This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date
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this statement in the County of Los Angeles, California, on 05/02/2023.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023061534

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: E D TOWING SERVICE 11102 CHOHASSET ST SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ERICK DOMINGUEZ 11102 CHOHASSET ST SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352 This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ERICK DOMINGUEZ, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/24/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/23. NO OTHER NAMES ARE BEING USED BY THE REGISTRANT FROM the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior



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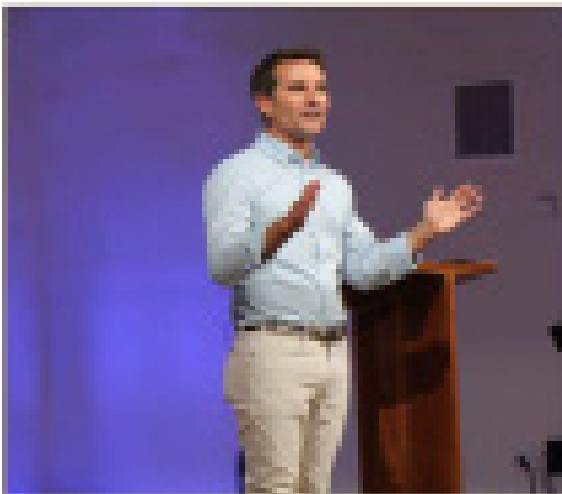


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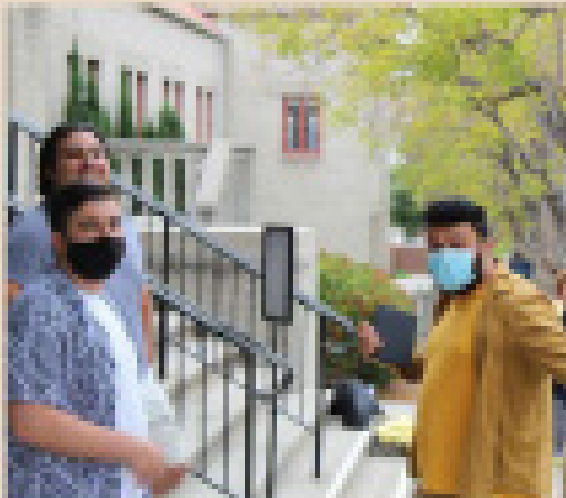


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