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HOLIDAY CANDLIGHT WALK
SUNDAY DECEMBER 22
Save The Date!

Members of the Sierra Madre community and friends of all faiths and beliefs will gather for this decades old tradition at St. Rita Church - 318 N. Baldwin Sierra Madre at 6:00 pm.

The group will walk down Baldwin to Kersting Court and you will hear from all our different Religious and Spiritual representatives.
Bring candles or flash lights.

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SUE SPEARS ELECTED SIERRA MADRE TREASURER

The final results of the November 5, 2024 General Election are in and it was confirmed on Friday that Sue Spears, the write-in candidate for City Treasurer won the office with 111 votes.



The 42+ year Sierra Madre resident and former City Clerk decided to put her hat in the ring when it was announced that no one had expressed an interest in filling the position that retiring City Treasurer Mike Amerio had held for 4 years. As the decision was made after the deadline to submit candidates to the County Clerk's Office to appear on the ballot or wage a campaign, Spears managed to get enough signatures to qualify as a write-in candidate and without a campaign, garnered enough votes to win the office for the next 4 years.

When asked why she decided to run her response was, "I love Sierra Madre and saw the opportunity to serve the community once again. I am proud to to serve as Treasurer and I want all Sierra Madreans to know that I will take this job very seriously."

Filling in where needed is nothing new to Spears. When the city clerk's office was vacated unexpectedly before the end of the officeholder's term was complete, Spears took over the position for two and a half years.

As Treasurer, she will also continue her community service where she is the Treasurer of the Sierra Madre Pioneer Cemetery and serves on the Board of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation. She also volunteers as Publicity Chairperson and Race Day Logistics Chairperson for the Mt. Wilson Trail Race.

Sue Spears was employed by the Los Angeles Unified School District for 50 years and has been married to well known Sierra Madrean Bob Spears for more than 40 years.

FYI - Other Sierra Madre Election Information:

The Los Angeles County Clerk's Office issued its final report on Friday which included the following information on Sierra Madre Voters:

Total Registered Voters in Sierra Madre:	8,596
Total Votes Cast:	7,257
Votes for the Office of US President:	
Donald J. Trump	2,134
Kamala Harris	4,710
Votes for US Senate:	
Steve Garvey	2,465
Adam Schiff	4,500

S. Henderson/MVNews

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We Wish you all a Magical Holiday Season with your Family and Friends

Our Homes are only as important as the people inside them. May yours be filled with Love, Laughter, Shared Memories, Favorite Recipes, Lots of Treats and Good Health.

We look forward to meeting you all in the New Year and Helping to Make Your Real Estate Dreams Come True !!!

Warmly, *Barbara and Eileen*

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On Saturday, November 30, 2024, there was a lot going on in Sierra Madre. - Something for everyone! There was snow in perfect Southern California weather; there was shopping galore - after all it was Small Business Saturday. Not only did our Brick and Mortar merchants have a new flock of customers, our micro home based businesses got to show off their wares.

The local restaurants were filled with customers and music filled the air both in Kersting Court and at the Bandshell in Memorial Park including youthful musicians from Muir High School and Carolers from Bethany Christian School.

Our local non-profit agencies were also on hand to showcase their contributions to the community!

Needless to say, the day would not have been complete without the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the 2025 Sierra Madre Rose Float Princesses to light the Christmas Tree in Kersting Court.

Winter Village is held annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to attract visitors and shoppers to Sierra Madre. It is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.



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6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Mon:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Wed:	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	50s
Thur:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Fri:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 10, 2024 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 foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

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

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.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

Your event must:

- Benefit a non-commercial or non-profit entity
- Be open to the public
- Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to radio@cityofsierramadre.com.



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This week at the Sierra Madre Public Library

December 9 — December 14

Monday

Baby Rhyme Time — Library at 9:00am

Preschool Storytime— Library at 10:00am

Wednesday

Caregiver Workshop: Developmental Milestones— Library at 10:00am

Green Teens— Library at 4:00pm

Thursday

This is How We Roll Book Chat— Library at 9:00am

Saturday

Rhythm and Roots— Memorial Park Bandshell at 10:00am.

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

Christmas! It's the most wonderful time of the year!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." Is. 9:6

One of my favorite authors, Michelle Griep, who describes herself as, "an author, blogger, and occasional super-hero when her cape is clean," at one time published a daily blog, "Writer Off the Leash." Here's what she shared a while back and it's so good I want to pass it along to all of you dear friends and neighbors. We're still eating Thanksgiving leftovers and it feels like Christmas is just minutes away. Stress? Of course, stress! Some helpful advice about removing a little stress from your life can't hurt a bit!

Five Ways to Slay Holiday Stress

Change Your Perspective

Sometimes all that needs to be slain is your mindset. This season, take a good, hard look at all you are doing and then question everything. You could be stressing yourself out because of expectations and values that aren't really yours. Examine what your core beliefs are and live those out; not some totally imaginary Hallmark Christmas movie ideals.

"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation; and people to whom we are worth the same." Donald E. Westlake

Let Go

Who says you need to do it all? Unless you're Martha Stewart, you don't have to. Besides, she has Minions to fetch and carry for her. You probably don't. Choose 1 item to cut from your must-get-done-before Christmas list and just say no. I'm not talking simply crossing it off your list, I'm saying cut it out and throw it away for good. Maybe you'll decide not to do cards anymore or bake 6 different kinds of cookies. Whatever. The point is to stop doing 1 activity and give yourself that time to do something you really want to do...like watch one of those Hallmark Christmas movies, or have a mug of cocoa with mini-marshmallows, lie on the couch and read.

Plan Ahead

Obviously, you're not going to cut everything from your holiday season. Decide on what you'll keep. Remember, you are being proactive by choosing what you will keep and what you won't then whip out your calendar and plan those things into your schedule. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Putting things off till the last minute causes undue anxiety. Decorating for Christmas inside and out seems to be one of the things that's at the top of just about everybody's list so go ahead and enjoy that. But only do as much as you really want to do.

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps... means a little bit more!" Dr. Seuss "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

Shop Online

Books make great gifts and are just a click away. So is just about everything you can imagine. You'll avoid crowds and save time (and gas) driving to and from various stores and malls. Yes, you might end up paying for shipping (unless you're a wise Amazon Prime customer) but in the long run, if it saves you time and energy, it's totally worth it.

Say No

This one is the hardest of all because you want to have fun as much as the next guy, right? Or your heart is big and you want to help everyone who has a need. Or you just plain old don't want others

to think badly of you if you just don't have the time or energy to serve on their committee or be one of Santa's Elves for Pictures with Santa. Dear friend, in order to lessen your stress, you might just need to start saying no. And if you do, guess what? Everyone will still love you and there will be someone else who can do what you can't.

"Stressed spelled backwards is Desserts!"

There now, don't you feel better? Take a breath, or two or three, drive 'round town, be amazed at how beautiful Kersting Court is with all the lights and remember this precious truth: Jesus is the reason for the season! Go to a Christmas concert. Tell someone you love them. And smile. A lot!



One final thought... today, December 7th, is Pearl Harbor Day, observed annually to remember and honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, which led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in his address to the Nation on December 8th that December 7th is: "A day that will live in infamy."

I'm hoping all your Christmas memories this year are merry and bright, and all the gifts you receive are exactly what you wanted and all the gifts you give are exactly what they wanted, too. The picture this week is a Christmas memory. Seeing The Nutcracker.

"Christmas, it's almost here! My favorite, favorite time of year! Think mistletoe and holly, children's faces jolly. Carols on the radio, happy smiles each place you go.."

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis Christmas is just a few short weeks away and my book: "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope" Would be a really nice gift for everyone you know. It's on Amazon.com

"Star of Wonder" a delightful Christmas Kindle story, where four lonely people find love following a strange new star on Christmas Eve, is there, too.

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library announce that the December Best Used Book Sale will take place on Friday, December 6 (3:00-7:00) and Saturday, December 7 (10:00-2:00). It will be held on the parking lot behind the temporary library, 350 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Look for our special GIFT table; we're featuring NEW and UNUSED books, puzzles, games, DVDs and activity kits, perfect for gifts. In addition, we'll have a number of Nearly New thrillers, mysteries and fiction books, some signed, which have recently been on the Best Seller List. Check out our "Table Books" with many beautiful Art, Contemporary Culture and History selections. And for the collector, a complete set of The Works of Charles Dickens and a lovely Nancy Drew mystery set. For teachers, you might be interested in class sets of A Christmas Carol and Roll of Thunder, Hear Me Cry.

Did you miss a best-seller a year or two ago? You can probably find it in our Bargain Books for only \$1.00 each. Small paperbacks are \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00 and Children's and Young Adult books range from \$.50 to \$5.00, including holiday titles. DVDs and CDs are also available for only \$1.00 and Audio Books for \$3.00 each.

Remember our BAG SALE on Saturday, Dec. 7th! Fill a large grocery bag with Bargain Books and/or Media for only \$5.00 and save even more! All proceeds from this sale will go to acquisitions, services and programs at our library. Talk books and authors with our jolly, helpful volunteers at the Best Used Book Sale!

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2024 Meet & Greet Santa

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NOMINATION CATEGORIES

- 2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
- 2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
- CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
- PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD
- COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE AWARD
- WISTARIA AWARD
- GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

- 2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: SIERRA MADRE RESIDENT WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BENEFITTED THE CITY DURING 2024
- 2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: AN OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EXISTING IN SIERRA MADRE FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS THAT HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE COMMUNITY.
- PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD: PERSON OR GROUP -FOR PROTECTING AND MAINTAINING SAFETY IN SIERRA MADRE.
- WISTARIA AWARD: RECOGNIZING A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP THAT ASSISTS WITH PROVIDING COMMUNITYWIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.
- GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: FOR A PERSON/ENTITY WHOSE LIFETIME OF SERVICE EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM.

E-MAIL YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION DESERVING OF AN HONORS AWARD TO:
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Deadline for Nominations is 5:00pm on December 31, 2024

Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

Man Arrested for Assault on Police Officer

A homeless man was arrested late last month in South Pasadena after he threw a rock hitting the windshield of a police car. According to South Pasadena Police on November 16 at about 2:20 p.m., officers responded to the 1400 Block of Huntington Drive to investigate a reported vandalism where a male suspect had shattered four windows of vehicles parked in the area.

Officers located twenty-eight-year-old Norberto Sanchez in the 1900 Block of Marengo Avenue. When they attempted to contact him, Sanchez became agitated and belligerent. He threw numerous objects at the officers, including bottles of alcohol and large landscape rocks. One of the rocks damaged the windshield of a patrol vehicle as an officer was arriving on scene. Officers deployed less lethal devices and Sanchez eventually surrendered and was taken into custody without further incident. Neither the officers nor Sanchez sustained any injuries.

Sanchez is unhoused police said. He was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer and felony vandalism. He was taken to Alhambra City Jail for housing and booking.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is urged to call the South Pasadena Police Department at (626) 403-7265. If you would like to provide an anonymous tip, you can call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

Museum Free Day



Pasadena Museum of History is inviting the public Sunday to their "Hollywood Magic" as part of Museum Free Day. The event runs from noon to 5 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the glitz, the glamour, and the legendary revelries of Hollywood and filmmaking as Pasadena Museum of History opens its doors for a free afternoon focused on the Pasadena-Hollywood connection. Visit the exhibition Lights, Camera, Action! Hollywood Magic in Pasadena to discover the famous people, places and productions tied to this region. Enjoy Mini Self-Guided Tours of the 1906 Fényes Mansion and visit the one-of-a-kind Finnish Folk Art Museum. Watch silent movie. They will be showing classic silent films starring Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Laurel and Hardy and serving free popcorn throughout the afternoon.

Pasadena Museum of History



Local Residents Rally to Save Oak Tree

By Dean Lee

Pasadena Department of Public Works put up barricades in McDonald Park Monday, a day after a large group of residents rallied to save a large century old oak tree from being cut down.

The oak tree in question is on the east side of the park in Bungalow Heaven. On Sunday residents tied ribbons to the tree pleading to spare it. A larger sign placed on the tree read, "I may be high but by roots run deep."

According to organizers, "while this is but one tree, more mature trees are slated for removal in this park. We must intercede to prevent a troubling trend of removing rather than treating and supporting our historic trees," they said.

In a statement, Pasadena Public Information Officer Lisa

Derderian commented that the city's long-time Arborists inspected the tree after they received a complaint from a resident about the tree's safety. She said that the tree is a threat to residents and visitors due to instability in its roots and large branches.

Derderian also said the tree is less than 100 years old after many residents claimed it to be over 200.

Derderian said that the city is also seeking a third-party independent assessment of the condition of the tree prior to taking any further action.

Pasadena's Municipal Code establishes strict processes and guidelines to help protect the city's forest and ensures that trees are not removed without justified reasons and only as last resort when considering public

safety. "The city values its urban forest of over 60,000 trees, annually receiving a Tree City USA designation since 1988," Derderian said. "The city's primary focus is to sustain a safe, healthy forest for members of the community to enjoy. The City of Pasadena prides itself on being a compassionate caregiver of trees that enhance the city's beauty, provide environmental benefits, and enhance public health, and will continue to take utmost care of our trees while protecting the safety of the public."

Volunteer for the 2025 Homeless Count

The survey will take place on the evening of Wednesday, January 22, and the morning of Thursday, January 23.

The City of Pasadena and Pasadena Partnership seek volunteers to help with the annual Homeless Count in 2025. The count sets in motion a year full of education, engagement and action for the Pasadena Partnership. Each year, volunteers help count people experiencing homelessness living on the streets of Pasadena for one night and one morning in the last ten days of January. The annual homeless count informs the state of homelessness in Pasadena, helps advocate for vital community resources, and engages directly with our neighbors experiencing homelessness through a survey. Volunteers will be sent in teams of 3-4 to an assigned zone on the night of Wednesday, January 22, 8-10 p.m., and the morning of Thursday, January 23, 6-8 a.m. The same teams go out together in the evening and the morning.

Volunteers who register to participate should be over 18 years old and will be asked to attend an online orientation to prepare for the count on Wednesday, January 15. The deadline to register to be a volunteer is Sunday, January 5. All volunteers can sign up at PasadenaPartnership.org. Volunteers are the foundation of ensuring the count is a success and is carried out effectively and comprehensively.

For questions, contact us at info@pasadenapartnership.org.

PWP Updates Water Service and City Watering Schedule

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) announced Monday three developments in water operations: the completion of a major water main replacement project, the launch of a searchable customer service line inventory system, and a reminder about the annual water scheduling change.

Completion of Glenarm Water Main Replacement Project
PWP is proud to announce that the Glenarm Water Main project, a crucial upgrade to an over 100-year-old 12-inch cast iron water main along Glenarm Street, is complete. The project spans approximately 3,000 feet from Arroyo Parkway to El Molino Avenue. This upgrade enhances water service reliability for the city.

"The completion of this project, as well as the recent completion of a similar upgrade on Bellefontaine Street, helps ensure the community will continue to benefit from reliable, high-quality water," says Chief Assistant General Manager, Stacie Takeguchi. "Pasadena Water and Power is dedicated to improving our infrastructure efficiently and effectively year-round."

Pasadena is Deemed a Non-Lead Service Line System with Customer Service Line Inventory Launch - Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

Based on extensive efforts to verify and ensure water quality, Pasadena is deemed a non-lead service line system. Furthering Pasadena's commitment to water quality, PWP launched the Customer Service Line Inventory, a searchable accounting of water service lines. The inventory complies with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) applied nationwide.

The service line is the pipe that delivers water from the water main into homes and businesses. PWP owns and maintains the portion from the water main to the meter, while property owners own and maintain the section from the meter to the home or business. In 2018, PWP established a complete inventory of the city-owned service lines, which do not contain lead. The new regulations further require PWP to perform an inventory of customer-owned service lines. Ongoing efforts, including routine field verifications, continue on a regular basis to ensure the inventory remains up-to-date.

Customers can search and view the inventory at PWPweb.com/LineInventory.

One-Day Watering Schedule Now in Effect

Pasadena's one-day outdoor watering schedule is now in effect through March 31, in accordance with the City's existing Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan. Outdoor watering is limited to one day a week. Even-numbered addresses may water on Mondays, while odd-numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays. All watering must be done before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m., with exceptions for hand-watering, tree maintenance, and other water conserving methods, such as low flow drip-type irrigation systems.

PWP provides electricity to more than 65,000 customers within Pasadena. PWP delivers water to nearly 38,000 households and businesses in Pasadena and adjacent communities in the San Gabriel Valley. As a community-owned utility, PWP is a not-for-profit public service owned and operated by the City of Pasadena for the benefit of its customers and the community.

For more information,

Pasadena Transit to Expand Bus Service Starting Dec. 15

We're connecting **MORE DOTS!**

STARTING DECEMBER 15:
 Metro Line 256 will become Pasadena Transit ROUTE 33
 Metro Line 177 will become Pasadena Transit ROUTE 53

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 • Improved frequency on Route 33
 • Same great Pasadena Transit service

For more details, schedules, and real time information call (626) 744-4055 or visit PasadenaTransit.net

Pasadena Transit officials announced Wednesday that the system will expand from six to eight bus routes beginning Sunday, December 15. Metro Lines 177 and 256 will become Pasadena Transit Routes 53 and 33, respectively.

The city will integrate these two routes into the Pasadena Transit network of bus routes per the Metro NextGen Bus Plan. Metro bus Line 177, which connects Caltech, Northwest Pasadena and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) via Fair Oaks Ave, Mountain St and the 210 freeway, will be Pasadena Transit Route 53. Metro bus Line 256, which connects Highland Park A (Gold) Line Station, Northwest Pasadena, and the Sierra Madre Villa A (Gold) Line Station via Washington Blvd., will be Pasadena Transit Route 33.

"The last time Pasadena added a bus route to its system was in 2003, so this is an exciting moment for us," Joaquin Siques, Director of Transportation for Pasadena. "Adding these two routes into our system allows us to coordinate schedules with our existing routes to better meet the needs of our residents and visitors."

Pasadena Transit Route 33 will have a frequency improvement from every 50 minutes to every 35 minutes and service along

Washington Blvd. has been coordinated between Routes 31/32/33 so that a bus arrives every 18 minutes between Fair Oaks Ave. and Altadena Blvd. The route and bus stop locations will remain the same as what Metro provides today, however, they will be branded for Pasadena Transit and will no longer be part of the Metro bus network according to Siques.

Metro's base fare on these two routes of \$1.75 will be replaced by Pasadena Transit's base fare of \$0.75. TAP Cards are accepted as fare on Pasadena Transit services. Transfers between Pasadena Transit routes is free for 2.5 hours. If transferring from another transit service including LA Metro bus and rail services, it is \$0.25. Transferring from Pasadena Transit routes to Metro bus and rail services is \$0.50. Pasadena Transit provides discounted fares for seniors, customers with disabilities, and youth Siques said.

The schedules for Pasadena Transit Routes 31/32, 40 and 51/52 will also be updated as part of this service change he said.

For more detailed information or for real-time arrival information please visit Pasadena Transit's website at PasadenaTransit.net or contact Pasadena Transit Customer Service at (626) 744-4055.

City Announces Director of Housing Recruitment

City Manager Miguel Márquez announced Thursday the recruitment process for the next Director of Housing. The application process for this position is slated to begin in January with screenings and interviews taking place in February.

"Community input is an essential component in selecting the next leader of the Housing Department," Márquez said. "I strongly encourage all community members to participate in the upcoming forum and share their perspectives on the qualities, skills, and experience they believe are critical for the new director."

The executive search firm of WBPC, Inc. will facilitate the

executive search and the public meeting.

The City of Pasadena Department of Housing is dedicated to providing affordable housing and community development opportunities for low and moderate income persons and employment resources to enhance and strengthen our community.

The community forum will take place on Zoom on the following date and time: Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting information can be found at: cityofpasadena.net search "Director of Housing Recruitment."

Those who would like to offer input but cannot attend the meeting can do so online

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BARGER TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2024-25

Supervisor Kathryn Barger started serving as Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the 2024-2025 term. There are some immediate changes that will be implemented in the Board's meeting schedule at Supervisor Barger's direction.



Supervisor Barger poses with gavel in a hallway leading to the Board Hearing Room at the Hahn Hall of Administration

(Photo credit: Diandra Jay/LA County)

As memorialized in a letter sent to her colleagues today, effective January 1, 2025, Board meetings will be held every Tuesday. This will result in the convening of 36 Board of Supervisors meetings in 2025—an increase of over 50 percent in meeting frequency. Public comment on policy motions not held for discussion by the Board of Supervisors will now take place at the start of the Board meeting instead of at its end.

"It's an honor and privilege to lead the Board of Supervisors as we continue to tackle the critical issues facing our County," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "None of us know exactly what this next year will hold. But, here's what I will say with certainty: the County of Los Angeles remains a strong and stable safety net for our communities. As someone who has dedicated my entire career to County service, I know the importance of our County's role. Our commitment has always been to serve residents—and that will not change in the year ahead, no matter what is happening elsewhere. Los Angeles County will continue to stand as a beacon of hope, a safe harbor for our residents when they need us most."

Supervisor Barger shared she will focus her Chair year on uplifting public safety and unity. Her public safety work will center on helping people experiencing homelessness and foster youth, as well as investing in health and mental health systems.

Supervisor Barger's priorities also include supporting public safety agencies to ensure neighborhoods and businesses are protected. This year, the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County bestowed the President's Award upon Supervisor Barger for her outstanding achievements and support of the law enforcement mission.

While delivering remarks about her upcoming Chair term, Supervisor Barger addressed her fellow Supervisors directly. "To my colleagues, I promise I will serve this Board with a steady hand," Supervisor Barger stated. "I will seize opportunities for collaboration and continually emphasize that we're at our best when we see one another's perspectives. We owe it to our communities to work together. There's a reason County Supervisors don't have an R or a D next to their names on the ballot. County government is not about politics, it's about people."

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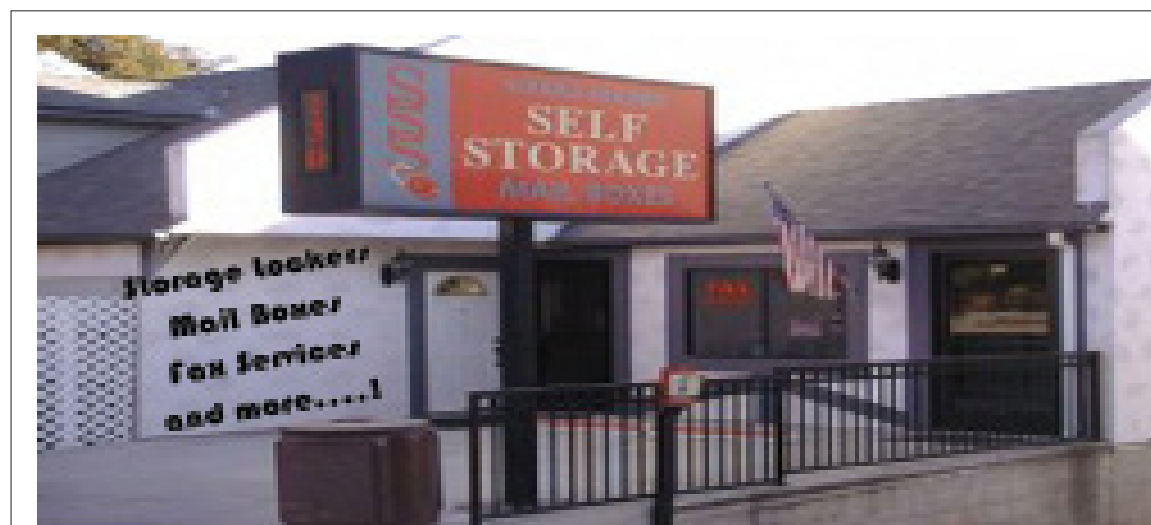
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Holiday Fun & Feasts

I have such a busy schedule for the holidays. This week I made little doughnuts and honey-covered puffs to take to my classmate's Hanukkah celebration. Next week, one of our teachers is going to tell us about the holiday season of Kwanzaa and some of his traditions. Then, I'm going to help Forest and Glade decorate their home with greens for Christmas. Chatter will bake cookies, breads and a Bûche de Noël – a delicious Christmas log cake – and I'll help! What are you and your family doing to celebrate the holidays?

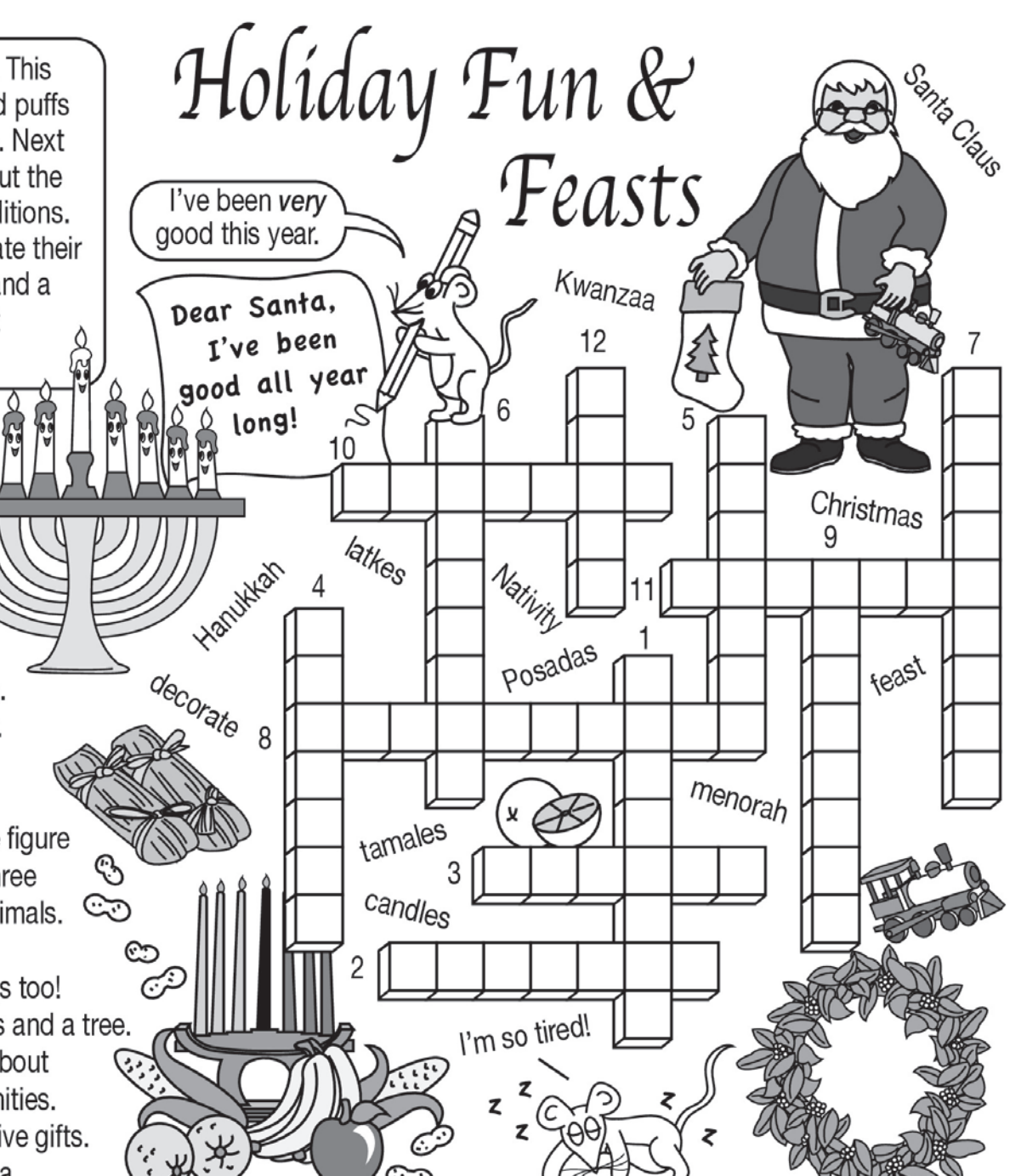
I've been very good this year.

Dear Santa, I've been good all year long!

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Read the clues to fill in the crossword with holiday fun:

- Festival of Lights, an 8-day Jewish holiday, honoring the Maccabees' victory over their enemies and the miracle of a small amount of oil that kept burning for 8 days in their temple.
- Jewish families use this to arrange candles.
- Families find their recipes for sugared jelly doughnuts, honey-covered puffs and these delicious potato pancakes.
- Las _____ is a celebration in Mexico for 9 days before Christmas. People act out the journey of Joseph and Mary trying to find shelter.
- Families make these special treats from a corn dough and a spicy pork or beef filling, all wrapped in corn husks for cooking.
- Families set up these scenes in their homes: a stable for shelter, the figure of the Christ child in the center with Joseph and Mary looking on, three kings (the Magi), angels, shepherds and townspeople, and some animals.
- Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.
- On Christmas Eve, delivers gifts to good children; fills their stockings too!
- Families _____ their houses, mantels and halls with lights, greens and a tree.
- A 7-day festival celebrated by African-Americans; a time to think about their lives and families; how they can help to create strong communities.
- People decorate, set a nice table for a dinner, light _____ and give gifts.
- Peanut soup, sweet potatoes, rice or chicken dishes are made for a _____.



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ACROSS

1. Cerberus' domain
6. Chop
9. Mama's husband
13. Unsuitable
14. Adam's partner
15. Echo sounder
16. Sunny prefix
17. Armed conflict
18. In a heated manner
19. *Highest grossing movie based on Broadway musical
21. *Time's 100 World's Most Influential People cover model in 2024 (2 words)
23. "_____ and the City"
24. Not exciting
25. Accident
28. Rani's dress
30. Talking points
35. Aflame
37. Spanish sparkling wine
39. Slang for money
40. Velum, pl.
41. *November 5th 2024 winner
43. Short for "and elsewhere" (2 words)
44. Met's offering
46. River in Bohemia
47. Queen of Hearts' pastry
48. *Super Bowl winners in 2024
50. Visi_____ or Ostro_____
52. The Alan Parsons Project's "Eye in the _____"
53. _____ of passage
55. *Milton's center
57. *Miley Cyrus' Grammy-winning Record of the Year in 2024
61. *2024 Summer Olympic Games host
64. Cat's nine
65. Lowest or highest card
67. Accustom
69. E-wallet content
70. Backstabber
71. N in RN
72. Whipping mark
73. R&R spot
74. Support person

DOWN

1. "Say what?"
2. All over again
3. *MV _____, cause of 2024 Baltimore bridge collapse
4. Long stories
5. Tends a fire
6. Obscene
7. Spermatozoa counterpart
8. Lost, in Paris
9. *Olympic Gold winner Katie Ledecky's "court"
10. Dead against
11. Explore by touch
12. Maisie Williams' "Game of Thrones" character
15. Hello, in Haifa
20. Dead-on
22. Last month
24. Disclose
25. Wrecked state
26. Bet's predecessor
27. Pileus, pl.
29. Like steak order
31. Maya Angelou, e.g.
32. Itsy-bitsy bits
33. *Caitlin of college basketball
34. Gin and grapefruit juice cocktail, a.k.a. _____ dog
36. Scarlet O'Hara's home
38. Speaking platform
42. Dinklage or Townshend, e.g.
45. Again but differently
49. Elton John's title
51. Shenzi of "The Lion King"
54. Russian rulers, pre-1917
56. Tedium
57. "One _____ Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
58. Classroom pests
59. Elliptical
60. Sunset location
61. Sheep's milk cheese
62. Little Miss Muffet's morsel
63. Gaelic tongue
66. Upper limit
68. Poetic "always"

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HOLIDAY TIPPING GUIDE: WHO TO SHOW APPRECIATION THIS SEASON

As the holidays approach, it's the perfect time to recognize the people who make our lives a little easier throughout the year. Tipping during the holiday season is more than a gesture of generosity—it's a way to show gratitude for those whose work often goes unnoticed. But who should you tip, and how much is appropriate? Here's a quick guide to help you navigate holiday tipping etiquette.

1. Household Helpers

If you have a housekeeper, nanny, gardener, or dog walker, a good rule of thumb is to give the equivalent of one week's pay as a holiday bonus. Babysitters or occasional helpers might appreciate an extra evening's rate or a small gift card.

2. Building Staff

Doormen, security personnel, and building maintenance staff often play a big role in your daily life. For doormen, \$20 to \$100 depending on their level of service is common, while maintenance staff can receive \$20 to \$50. If your building has a large staff, pooling contributions with neighbors can ensure everyone is acknowledged.

3. Postal Workers and Delivery Drivers

Your mail carrier works hard year-round, but keep in mind that federal regulations prohibit them from accepting cash or gifts over \$20. A thoughtful, non-monetary gift, such as a box of cookies or a coffee shop gift card, is always appreciated. For frequent delivery drivers, a small cash tip or gift of around \$20 can go a long way.

4. Service Providers

Hairstylists, barbers, and nail technicians are often tipped during the year, but the holidays are a good time to go above and beyond. Consider tipping the cost of one service or adding 10-20% more to your usual amount.

5. Teachers and Caregivers

Teachers often prefer practical or thoughtful gifts over cash, such as a handwritten card paired with a coffee shop or bookstore gift card. For daycare providers, a gift card or small cash bonus is a lovely way to show thanks.

6. Other Unsung Heroes

Don't forget about trash collectors, newspaper delivery people, or your favorite barista. A \$10 to \$20 tip or a small gift can brighten their day.

7. Trash Collectors and Other Helpers

Even those who work behind the scenes, like trash collectors or newspaper delivery people, deserve recognition. A \$10 to \$20 tip or a small gift can make their day.

And finally....Dills Says: Tip! Even the Christmas Tree Guy!

Think about it: he just saved your back (and probably your car roof), so a tip of \$5 to \$10, or even a quick coffee shop gift card, can make his day.

For more reliable Tips listen into my radio show on Saturdays at 7 PM on AM 870 KRLA, the station with Larry Elder and Dennis Prager

RT ROGERS BREWERY - SIERRA MADRE

RT Rogers Brewing will be hosting a Christmas jazz performance by Jim Wright and Jim Miller this month on two nights. Wednesday December 18th and Saturday December 21st.

These two musicians were regular performers at Cafe 322 playing jazz with the Fuzzy Logic Bopset many years ago, and Mr. Wright plays twice monthly at RT Rogers Brewing on a regular basis, playing his tap-guitar, which allows him to play bass and guitar simultaneously.

Mr. Miller will be on the drums.

These experienced musicians will play jazzy Christmas tunes, and some jazz standard favorites.

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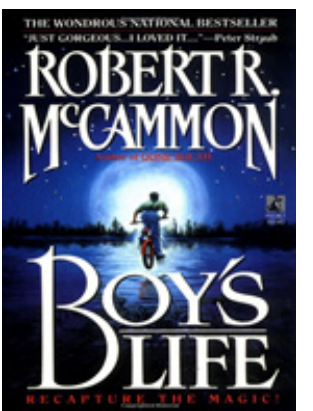
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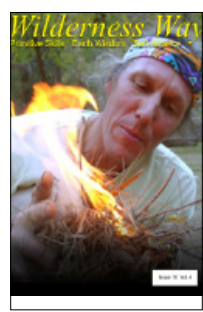
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INCLUDING WILD FOODS IN YOUR DIET: SOME CAUTIONARY CONCERNS

From my teens when I was hiking and backpacking, I enjoyed learning about wild foods, one by one, and incorporating them into my diet. I do recall certain botany teachers who would tell me that "the Indians ate this plant," but the teacher never tried eating the plant themselves. That wasn't enough for me. I wanted to know how the plant tasted, and what it would mean to include it in my diet. I have never tried to live exclusively from wild plants, except for short periods of time, never more than 2 weeks, though I do eat some wild foods nearly every day. For me, I wanted to know each wild plant intimately, and let my body get accustomed to it as well. I know that some people have a hard time adjusting to new food, such as when they move to a new country.

I have attempted to eat every new wild food that I learned about. Some I continued to eat regularly to this day. And some others, well - I could see why even native peoples in the past only ate them when no other foods were available.

I have conducted wild food cooking workshops over the years, where the majority of each dish was from a wild plant. Such meals would include bread and pancakes from acorns and wild buckwheat, omelettes with cactus and wild greens, soup from nettles and mustard greens, drinks and deserts from elderberries and wild cherries, and even coffee substitutes from such plants as California coffeeberry.

While I have been accused of having an "iron stomach," such is not the case. I can't - and don't - just eat "anything." I have always preferred that my food tastes good, whether it was from the wild or not. I prefer a good aroma, and good texture to the foods I eat. I am not exactly a cook, but I do like to enjoy my meals. These days, I advocate that people carefully learn about the nutritious wild foods, and work with each new plant, one at a time, until you know you like it, and your body accepts it.

ELDERBERRY

There are cases where you need to be extra cautious. For example, I have long pressed the fruits of wild elderberry and drank the juice once chilled. At one of my wild food gatherings, I served guests a small glass of the chilled juice. One man liked it so much that he kept asking for more, which I gave him. Later I learned he was out in the front yard vomiting. I learned that day that, though raw elder juice doesn't bother me, the fruit should always be gently cooked first before serving to a general audience. Raw elder fruits should be dried, or lightly simmered, before making into juice, jams, jellies, or other deserts. On another occasion, one of our students kept nibbling at the raw elderberry fruits we'd collected. He ate perhaps two handfuls of the fruit and within an hour, experienced an unpleasant case of vomiting and diarrhea at a nearby bathroom. It was not a pleasant experience, he told us. Elder is not unique in this way. Many foods can cause vomiting or sickness if not prepared properly, or if it is eaten on an empty stomach.

CHICKEN OF THE WOODS MUSHROOM

I am often concerned about enthusiastic foragers serving the chicken of the woods mushroom which has only been gently sauteed. Fortunately, I had some very good mycology mentors who taught me to always boil the tender pieces of this fungus in at least three changes of water to get rid of the acid before moving on to breading the pieces or sauteeing them. It's true that some people can eat this tasty mushroom without the boiling, but I prefer to err on the side of caution.

"COFFEE" FROM CALIFORNIA COFFEEBERRY

One of my favorite wild food drinks is made from the roasted seeds from the California coffeeberry plant, a native plant unrelated to "real" coffee. I learned decades ago that those who enjoyed the flavor of coffee, but not the caffeine, enjoyed roasting California coffee berry seeds, grinding them, and percolating them into a coffee-like beverage. The beverage smells like coffee, though the flavor is slightly distinctive. Nevertheless, I always enjoyed drinking it as I would regular coffee. Keep in mind that the bark of this bush has long been used as a laxative, so its cathartic effects are well-known, but the beverage from the seed never had this effect - on me. After serving this beverage many times to students, I found there was a high percentage of vomiting. People don't like to vomit, and so I have stopped serving this to anyone.

In spite of these hazards, I'm a big fan of encouraging people to expand their diets for both nutritional and survival benefits. But do it slowly, and with caution.

Listen to your body. Take the time to prepare wild foods properly, just like you would properly prepare any conventional foods.

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Pet of the Week

Sergeant is a 3-year-old grey pit bull with a playful, cuddly personality waiting to shine. This sweet boy started out a little shy but quickly warmed up with treats, walks, and positive vibes. Once he feels safe, Sergeant's true colors come through—he's loving, affectionate, and always ready for an adventure or a cozy cuddle session.



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From The Desk of Steve Sciurba, Safe Path For Senior

IMPROVING SENIOR DIETS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season often brings a whirlwind of delicious feasts and festive treats, but for seniors, it's essential to consider how their diet can impact their overall health and well-being. As we step into the new year, many seniors are looking to reset their eating habits, shifting from indulgence back to healthier, balanced nutrition.

After a season of rich foods, sweets, and less-than-ideal meals, seniors may find their energy levels lower, or experience issues with digestion, weight gain, or blood sugar levels. However, making small, mindful changes can help improve their diet and bring lasting benefits.

1. Focus on Nutrient-Rich Foods: As people age, the body's nutrient needs increase, making a nutrient-dense diet even more important. Seniors should incorporate more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins into their meals. These foods provide essential vitamins and minerals that support bone health, heart function, and cognitive well-being.
2. Stay Hydrated: Dehydration is a common issue for seniors, especially after consuming salty holiday meals or alcohol. Drinking enough water throughout the day helps maintain energy, improves digestion, and keeps skin healthy. Herbal teas or water with a splash of lemon are also excellent hydrating alternatives.
3. Portion Control: Seniors should aim for smaller, more frequent meals to maintain a stable energy level throughout the day. Keeping portion sizes in check is important to avoid overconsumption after holiday indulgence.
4. Limit Processed Foods: Cutting back on processed snacks, sugary treats, and fried foods is key. These can lead to inflammation, weight gain, and an increased risk of chronic conditions like diabetes.

By making these changes, seniors can regain their energy and embrace a healthier, more balanced lifestyle in the new year.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR DEBT WHEN YOU DIE?

*Dear Savvy Senior:
Can my kids inherit my debt after I die? I have taken on a lot of credit card debt over the past 10 years or so, and I'm worried that my son and daughter will get stuck with it when I die.*
Indebted Senior



Dear Indebted:

In most cases when a person with debt dies, it's their estate, not their kids, that is legally responsible. Here's what you should know.

Debt After Death

When you die, your estate – which consists of the stuff you own while you're alive (property, investments and cash) – will be responsible for paying your debts. If you don't have enough cash to pay your debts, your kids will have to sell your assets and pay off your creditors with the proceeds.

Whatever is left over is passed along to your heirs as dictated by the terms of your will, if you have one. If you don't have a will, the intestacy laws of the state you reside in will determine how your estate will be distributed.

If, however, you die broke, or there isn't enough money left over to pay your "unsecured debts" – credit cards, medical bills, personal loans – then your estate is declared insolvent, and your creditors will have to eat the loss.

"Secured debts" – loans attached to an asset such as a house or a car – are a different story. If you have a mortgage or car loan when you die, those monthly payments will need to be made by your estate or heirs, or the lender can seize the property.

There are, however, a couple of exceptions that would make your kids legally responsible for your debt after you pass away. One is if your son and/or daughter is a joint holder on a credit card account that you owe on. And the other is if either one of them co-signed a loan with you.

Spouses Beware

If you're married, these same debt inheritance rules apply to surviving spouses too, unless you live in a community property state, which includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. In these states, any debts that one spouse acquires after the start of a marriage belongs to the other spouse too. Therefore, spouses in community property states are usually responsible for their deceased spouses' debts.

Protected Assets

If you have any IRAs, 401(k)s, brokerage accounts, life insurance policies or employer-based pension plans, these are assets that creditors usually cannot get access to. That's because these accounts typically have designated beneficiaries, and the money goes directly to those people without passing through the estate.

Settling the Estate

You should also make your kids aware that if you die with debt, and you have no assets, settling your estate will be fairly simple. Your executor will need to send out letters to your creditors explaining the situation, including a copy of your death certificate, and that will probably take care of it. But your kids may still have to deal with aggressive debt collectors who try to guilt them into paying.

If you have some assets, but not enough to pay all your debts, your state's probate court has a distinct list of what bills get priority. The details vary by state, but generally estate administering fees, funeral expenses, taxes and last illness medical bills get paid first, followed by secured debts and lastly, credit card debts.

Need Legal Help?

If you or your kids have questions or need legal assistance, contact a consumer law attorney or probate attorney. If you can't afford a lawyer, go to LawHelp.org to search for free legal help in your area.

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.

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OUT TO PASTOR
A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder
ANOTHER JINGLE BELL ON THE TREE?

Working in my office the other morning, I heard some rattling noises on the other side of the house. Being as busy as I was, I didn't take the time to find out what that noise was all about. When I'm working on a project, I like to stay on the project.

It was around lunchtime, and I was still hearing that noise. I decided to go into the kitchen and see what we were having for lunch, and as I did so, I noticed The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was in the living room setting up our Christmas tree. She does this every year and is very good at it. Each year, she gets a new Jingle Bell and puts it near the top of the tree.

If Santa Claus was real (and I do not believe what my parents said about him), he would immediately recruit her to organize his Christmas. She could make his job so much easier. I'm sure Santa Claus would be very grateful for all the work she could do for him. Of course, he would have to listen to her and do exactly what she says, or we would probably never see Santa Claus again.

I think he is so old that he would listen to her and do exactly what she says because he has done this work so long that he's just about worn out. Sometimes, I think it would be really nice if there was a Santa Claus. Every year my parents would take me downtown where Santa Claus was, and I would sit on Santa's lap and tell him what I wanted for Christmas. I assured him I was a very good boy during the year. The older I got the more suspicious I got of this man called Santa Claus. If he was real, he sure wasn't real to me.

Every year, as far as I can remember, I sat on his lap and told him that I wanted a pony for Christmas and nothing more. He always went through his "ho ho ho" act and I believed he was going to do it for me.

I remember getting up on Christmas day and running into the living room, where my parents had their Christmas tree surrounded by all the Christmas gifts. I looked around the tree then I got up and went to the back porch, looked out, and shouted to my parents, "Where is he? I can't see him."

Of course, my parents would say, "What you're talking about," and I always responded by saying, "Santa Claus promised me that he was going to bring me a pony. Now, where is that pony?"

The older I got, the more sophisticated my parents' response to that question was. Usually, it was something like, "Santa might have run out of ponies this year, so you'll have to wait until next year, and I'm sure he'll bring one next year."

Christmas went by, and another Christmas went by, and another Christmas went by, and there was no sign of any pony with my name on it.

My parents were rather disappointed when I discovered that they had been lying to me all these years and there was no such thing as a Santa Claus. Santa Claus was just a character somebody made up.

I remember the last time I sat on Santa Claus's lap, I was 12 years old. By the time the next Christmas came around, I had turned 13, and I was now a teenager. As a teenager, I knew everything, and nobody could talk to me about anything.

I remember the conversation I had with my parents. I explained to them that there is no such thing as a Santa Claus, and then I asked them why they had lied to me all those years.

"I'm sorry, son," my mother said. "Everyone was saying that, so we joined the crowd. We just wanted you to have a wonderful Christmas."

So Santa Claus is not a real person. If he were, why do I have to spend so much money on Christmas presents?

I was thinking about this as I was eating lunch. There, the Christmas tree was in the process of being put together for Christmas. One of the routines at Christmas time was to buy a brand-new jingle Bell, usually at her favorite thrift store. As I was looking at the Christmas tree, I noticed there was a space near the top of the tree, but no jingle bell.

I looked at my wife and said, "My Dear, where is the new jingle Bell and why is there a big space on top of the Christmas tree?"

"I guess you never pay attention to what's going on around here, do you?" Then she laughed a good, merry laugh. "I cannot put the new jingle Bell on until the night before Christmas. That has been our tradition for many years, in case you haven't noticed. That space near the top of the tree is where the new jingle Bell goes this year." I sure do love it when a plan comes together, even if it's not my plan.

A verse of scripture came to mind, 2 Thessalonians 2:15, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

Traditions are important, especially those grounded on the Word of God.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON WHAT MUST WE ACCEPT?



It was 1968 or the beginning of 1969 and I was foot-loose and fancy free. Well, not exactly "free" because I was frightened that I would be drafted into the army at any moment. Today I am a big Lyndon Johnson fan as I recognize him for ensuring the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and starting the War on Poverty. Back then though I thought of LBJ as someone who was personally trying to kill me. His expansion of the Viet Nam War was one of my major motivations to enroll in Law School in 1965 because I knew that attendance in Law School would guarantee deferments which would keep me safe until I graduated.

Prior to Law School enrollment I had never met a lawyer but to my mind lawyers seemed like "good guys" who fought evil "bad guys" as opposed to accountants who had to keep track of bunches of papers which I knew I could never keep straight. The only other alternative was to try to become a professor of some sort which seemed pretty vague and still does.

So, I went to Law School and passed the Bar and in 3 1/2 years, presto I was a lawyer but alas I was only 23 years old and was draft-eligible until I was 26. I cannot emphasize how unsuited for the draft I felt myself to be. To this day I cannot make a bed and tying my shoes presents a problem. When I started as an undergraduate at UCLA in 1961 ROTC was a required class. I was a failure at marching and shoe-shining and whatever else was required. Maybe, it was also a kind of a political statement by a 17-year-old, but in any case, lawyer or not, I had 3 more years of draft eligibility breathing down my neck.

After graduating from Law School, I was more conscientious and diligent than I had ever been in my life in my attempt to learn ways to avoid the draft. I worked voluntarily with the Lawyers Guild attempting to assist other young men in obtaining deferments. (In retrospect I realized that all the clients were young White

Men, but I never thought about it at the time.) I had applied for a deferment based on being a conscientious objector and the sole support of my parents' family but was refused. I was and am a sincere opponent of war but in order to be entitled to conscientious objector status it was necessary to prove long-standing religious affiliation, whatever that means. That left me out and as to being the sole support of family eligibility, all I can say is, notwithstanding the fact that my father had lost his sight, I had never supported the family.

Anyway, it was now after the disastrous Democratic convention of 1968 which was accompanied by violence in the streets and the Chicago Mayor Richard Daley ordering the police to brutally accost peaceful demonstrators. (Does that sound familiar?) Bobby Kennedy (RFK not RFK Jr.) had been assassinated right here in Los Angeles while I was studying for the Bar. A few months earlier Martin Luther King had been assassinated in Memphis and most frightening of all the arch-demon Richard Nixon was elected President on November 5, 1968.

Things are frightening now but they were also very frightening then and I was still subject to the draft for two more years.

I learned about all the loopholes. It was possible to delay induction by changing draft boards and I dutifully hitch-hiked to San Francisco and later to Albuquerque to change my draft boards which bought me more but not enough time. Eventually I was called in for my pre-induction physical but by then I was a fully educated draft-avoider, and I knew what to do. Now it is 2024 and although I have not been subject to the draft for 54 years, given the recent Presidential election results and ongoing conflicts and devastation throughout the world I and everyone else faces a possibly terrifying future. What must we do to protect ourselves? The answer is the same as it always was. We must conscientiously and diligently educate ourselves, weigh alternatives, and responsibly do what we must do, and I optimistically believe things will turn out okay.

We should not accept what is unacceptable!

HOWARD Hays As I See It



"I had acted as though I were having a conversation with someone completely normal." - Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, on her first Oval Office meeting with then-President Donald Trump

In her recent memoir, the former chancellor also tells how Trump couldn't accept the concept of negotiations where everyone comes out ahead. For him, there couldn't be winners unless there were losers. The opening quote refers to an incident at the end of their meeting, with media calling for a shot of them shaking hands. Merkel reached out; Trump refused. It had been a discussion between allies, but Trump had to show who's boss.

This brings to mind a photo from that time of Angela Merkel and Donald Trump together at a conference of Western leaders in Europe. The caption read: "The Leader of the Free World - with President Trump".

The embarrassment of first-term Trump on the world stage, from declaring his trust in Putin over our own intelligence agencies to those "love letters" with Kim Jong Un, is still fresh in memory. A recent exchange with our southern neighbor shows that this time, world leaders know what to expect and are prepared to act accordingly.

Polling showed three big issues in the last election; the economy, crime and immigration - not immigration as it was, but the apocalyptic fiction spread by the Trump campaign.

As immigration levels rose post-Covid, the Biden-Harris Administration spent months working out a comprehensive, bipartisan bill with Congress to increase enforcement and streamline processing, along with combatting fentanyl and human trafficking. It was supported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Wall Street Journal and the union representing 18,000 border patrol agents. But Trump was concerned how passage might affect his campaign, so Republicans killed it. Trump showed who's boss.

President Biden then took executive actions; limiting asylum eligibility, tightening enforcement and speeding deportations. There was increased cooperation with Mexico. Encounters at our border dropped to their lowest level since the height of Covid under Trump.

Now Trump posts, "Mexico will stop people from going to our Southern Border, effective immediately." "Just had a wonderful (phone) conversation with the new President of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo. She has agreed to stop Migration through Mexico, and into the United States, effectively closing our Southern Border." Problem solved, "effective immediately" - though Trump was nearly two months out from his inauguration and President Sheinbaum had only been in office for two months herself.

Trump had days earlier announced 25% tariffs as a threat should Mexico not close its northern border. According to the narrative, this new Mexican president caved to the threat as Trump showed her who's boss.

But something else happened between Trump's tariff announcement and that call with President Sheinbaum. She'd held a news conference with her Economy Minister on a study of potential effects of that tariff, in particular on three companies with manufacturing in Mexico - Ford, General Motors and Stellantis. Those effects would be price hikes of \$3,000 per car sold in the U.S. and the loss of 400,000 jobs - in the U.S.

Trump's financial backers know his tariff-talk is news. They themselves are personally invested in our economy and don't want to put that investment at risk. They probably had him just say he solved whatever immigration problem and then drop that tariff nonsense altogether - while claiming he showed who's boss.

President Sheinbaum of Mexico had a different take on their phone call, posting - "I explained to him the comprehensive strategy that Mexico has followed to address the migration phenomenon, respecting human rights. Thanks to this, migrants and caravans are assisted before they reach the border. We reiterate that Mexico's position is not to close borders but to build bridges between governments and between peoples."

In a follow-up letter to our incoming president, President Sheinbaum laid it out:

"According to data from your country's Customs and Border Protection (CBP), encounters at the Mexico-United States border have decreased by 75% between December 2023 and November 2024. Moreover, half of those who arrive do so through a legally scheduled appointment... migrant caravans no longer arrive at the border..."

"Mexico has consistently expressed its willingness to help prevent the fentanyl epidemic in the United States from continuing. This is, after all, a public health and consumption problem within your society..."

"Seventy percent of the illegal weapons seized from criminals in Mexico come from your country. We do not produce these weapons, nor do we consume synthetic drugs. Tragically, it is in our country that lives are lost to the violence resulting from meeting the drug demand in yours..."

"President Trump, migration and drug consumption in the United States cannot be addressed through threats or tariffs. What is needed is cooperation and mutual understanding to tackle these significant challenges..."

"For every tariff, there will be a response in kind, until we put at risk our shared enterprises. Yes, shared..."

"I believe that dialogue is the best path to understanding, peace, and prosperity for our nations. I hope our teams can meet soon to continue building joint solutions..."

Everyone should read her letter (google "Sheinbaum letter to Trump"). Between the lines, it's clear President Sheinbaum is aware she's not dealing with someone "completely normal". She also makes clear who's boss.

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PHEW PHEW PHOOEY...POLITICS AND PHRIENDSHIP

Don't get me wrong. Politics is a serious topic. And the decisions you and I arrive at should be the result of doing our homework.

I consider myself right-leaning and many of my friends are left-leaning. And many of those left leaning friends say they are right, and I am...wrong. Such is life.

Winston Churchill, in a speech said, "...it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

I believe it time to reflect on our political process from someone I trust most... William Penn Adair Rogers. Born in Oklahoma the lifelong Democrat was better known as Will Rogers. He said: "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."

"The more you read and observe about this politics thing, the more you've got to admit that each party is worse than the other."

Rather than quote serious pontifications, I'd much rather share the unintended missteps of our politicians in power. Possibly we can gain new insight from their stumbling's:

Al Gore: "A zebra does not change its spots."

Dan Quayle: "If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure."

More Dan Quayle: "I stand by all the misstatements that I've made."

Still more Dan Quayle: "The President is going to lead us out of this recovery."

George H. W. Bush: "It's no exaggeration to say that the undecided could go one way or another."

George W. Bush: "It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it."

Talk show host Chris Matthews wrote a book about the special relationship between President Ronald Reagan and Speaker of the House "Tip" O'Neill entitled "Tip and the Gipper: When Politics Worked".

What worked with these two Irishmen, according to Matthews was not that they always found common ground, it's that each other got something out of every deal. Matthews shares insight into their friendship: If President Reagan got a call from O'Neill, Reagan would answer, "Tip, is it after 6pm?"

They often fought during work hours but enjoyed each other's company after hours. And it occasionally meant hoisting a few at the local pub (After all, they were both Irish.)

Speaking of oddity, you might be surprised at a few other odd pairings of friends:

Groucho Marx and poet T.S. Eliot became friends after Eliot wrote Marx a fan letter.

Groucho later wrote he and Eliot shared three things in common: "(1) an affection for good cigars and (2) cats; and (3) a weakness for making puns." (I share two of those affections: cats and puns.)

There's more. Mario Cuomo and Rudy Giuliani, George W. Bush and Ted Kennedy, Ted Kennedy and John McCain, Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Bill Clinton and George H. W. Bush shared a friendship. Barbara Bush kiddingly referred to Bill Clinton as "the black sheep of their family" and George W. Bush called Bill Clinton "a brother from another mother."

Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were friends for many years. Edison contributed technology to the automobile and was active in Ford's business until Edison's death.

Muhammad Ali and Prince became friends. They met in 1997 when Ali's people asked for a meeting looking for Prince to help support Ali's World Healing Project. When Ali's team invited Prince, saying "Muhammad wants you to..." Prince interrupted the person and said, "He could ask me to come mow the lawn and I would have been down with it. Muhammad's my hero. He has been since I was a child."

Finally, Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe forged a friendship back in a time when segregation was still rampant. Ella had been popular in small venues and had an opportunity to play in a major New York nightclub. The year was 1955 and the club didn't want her because of her race. Marilyn read about that incident in the paper and called the manager of the nightclub and said, "Hi, this is Marilyn Monroe, and if you rebook Ella Fitzgerald, I will come every night to hear her sing." And now we all get to enjoy Ella and her music.

The last part of this political season requires the coming together of friends who might have created distance due to political differences.

TWO GUYS IN A BAR DISCUSSING POLITICS



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WHAT THE RUCK?

When it comes to workouts, most people think of running, lifting weights, or hitting the gym. But have you ever considered weighted walking? It's simple, effective, and doesn't require a gym membership or fancy equipment. This form of exercise, which involves walking or hiking with a weighted backpack, is one of the most underrated ways to build strength, improve endurance, and burn calories—all while being easy on your joints.

Weighted walking, also known as ruck training, comes from the military, where soldiers carry heavy gear over long distances as part of their training. The word "ruck" is short for "rucksack," which is another term for a backpack. Today, this workout has gained popularity as a civilian exercise because it combines cardio with strength training in a way that's natural and accessible for almost anyone.

The idea is simple: load a backpack with weight, strap it on, and go for a walk. The extra load adds resistance, making your muscles work harder than they would during a regular stroll. You can enjoy this workout in your neighborhood, on a hiking trail, or even on a treadmill if you need to keep it indoors.

Rucking is a full-body exercise that strengthens your legs, core, and upper body while giving you a cardiovascular boost. The added weight challenges your muscles, improving endurance and building strength without the high-impact stress of running or jumping. It elevates your heart rate, making it an excellent form of cardio. Unlike running, which can be tough on your knees and hips, this low-impact activity is easier on the joints.

Adding resistance means your body has to work harder, so you burn more calories than you would during an unweighted walk. Depending on your speed, distance, and the amount of weight you carry, backpack training can burn as many calories as jogging.

Walking with extra weight strengthens your legs, back, and core. It's like strength training and cardio rolled into one. Over time, this practice also improves your stamina, making everyday activities feel easier.

You don't need a gym membership or expensive equipment to get started. A sturdy backpack and some weights—like books, water bottles, or weight plates—are all you need.

Walking in general is a great stress reliever, and adding resistance kicks it up a notch. The extra challenge helps you focus on your breathing and posture, creating a meditative rhythm as you move. Plus, if you're outdoors, you'll enjoy the mental health boost that comes with being in nature.

Weighted cardio is simple, but there are a few things to keep in mind to get the most out of your workout and avoid injury. Start with a sturdy backpack that has padded shoulder straps and a waist belt for added support. You can use any backpack, but investing in one designed for fitness will make it more comfortable. For weight, you can use household items like books or bags of rice or purchase specially made ruck plates. Begin with 10–15 pounds and gradually increase the weight as your body adapts. A good rule of thumb is to carry no more than 10–20% of your body weight.

Good posture is key to staying safe. Keep your shoulders back, chest lifted, and core engaged. Take shorter strides and land softly on your heels to avoid strain. Start with shorter distances at a comfortable pace. A beginner might try a 1–2 mile walk at a moderate speed. As you build strength and endurance, you can increase your distance, pace, and the weight you carry.

This workout doesn't have to be boring. Try incorporating hills, stairs, or uneven terrain to challenge different muscle groups. You can also combine walking with other exercises, like push-ups or lunges, during your session.

The nice part about rucking is that it can be adapted to suit almost anyone's fitness level. Whether you're looking to lose weight, build muscle, or simply add variety to your routine, it's a great option. It's also terrific for people who don't enjoy traditional workouts but want to stay active.

Obviously, if you have existing back or joint issues talk to your doctor or a fitness professional before starting. They can help you modify the workout to ensure it's safe for your body.

Weighted walking may not have the glamour of a high-intensity boot camp or a flashy gym class, but it is simple. It's an approachable, affordable way to get in shape while enjoying the great outdoors. Just get a backpack, some weight, and a good pair of walking shoes. Then, ruck on!

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One Time Events

December 7
Prospect Park Walking Tour - Tour Pasadena's historically and architecturally significant neighborhoods. 9:30 - 12:00 pm

December 7
Arcadia Snow Festival at The Arcadia Community Center - Kids can enjoy snow sledding, holiday crafts, face painting, games and more. 9:00 - 2:00 pm

December 8
Happy Holidays: A Musical Concert to Benefit the Arboretum Library - Enjoy classic holiday songs in Ayres Hall at 2:00 pm

December 8
Castle Green Holiday Tour - Fun self-guided tour of the historic Castle Green. with live music, snacks and more. 11:00 - 3:00 pm

December 13
NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet - With jaw-dropping acrobatics, stunning sets and costumes. Pasadena Civic Auditorium. 4 & 8 pm

December 14
Flower Arranging: Holiday Door Swag at The Huntington - Join Flower Duet in this hands-on workshop and create a décor piece with evergreens, flowers, and more. Adults only. 10 - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm

December 15
Messiah Sing-Along at Lake Avenue Church - Pasadena's favorite Sing-Along! Messiah returns! This sing-along is led by a 100-voice choir and orchestra. 4- 5:30 pm

December 21
Flower Arranging: Winter Centerpieces at The Huntington - Learn to make a festive centerpiece with evergreens, flowers, magnolia leaves and pinecones. Adults only. 10 - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm

December 28
Architectural Legacy Tours - Two of Pasadena Heritage's popular tours, the Churches of Pasadena & the Hillcrest Neighborhood 10 & 1 pm

December 29
Equestfest at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center - Watch the Rose Parade's beautiful horses and talented riders perform. 12 - 2 pm

Ongoing Events

November 30 - December 24
A Christmas Carol at A Noise Within - This timeless story of Ebenezer Scrooge is filled with music and merriment.

Now - January 5
Enchanted Forest of Light at Descanso Gardens - Enjoy a one-mile walk through a shimmering wonderland featuring fresh delights.

Now - December 31
Winter Frolic at KidSpace Museum - Kids activities include sock skating, dressing a snowman, building an ice fort, and more.

December 6 - 8
Los Angeles Ballet Presents The Nutcracker at Pasadena Civic Auditorium - Set to Tchaikovsky's iconic score, this production stays true to the traditional tale set in 1912 LA.

December 7, 8
57th Annual Holiday Look In Home Tour - Tour four beautiful homes and gardens with live holiday music and a boutique. 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

December 7, 8, 14, 15
Old Fashioned Holiday: A Victorian Celebration at the Queen Anne Cottage - Victorian-era style holiday with carolers, dancers, holiday market and a visit from Santa Claus. Food trucks, a bar, and the Peacock Café. 10 - 3 pm

December 13, 14
Pasadena Symphony and Pops Holiday Candlelight Concert - Savor holiday choruses in Pasadena's exquisite All Saints Church.

December 13, 14, 15, 21, 22
Holly Dolly Christmas - Musical tribute to Dolly Parton's life and career including beloved songs and holiday favorites.

December 26, 27, 28, January 2
Rose Bowl Stadium Holiday Tours - Walk in the footsteps of legends and go behind the scenes of "America's Stadium". 10 am & 12:30 pm

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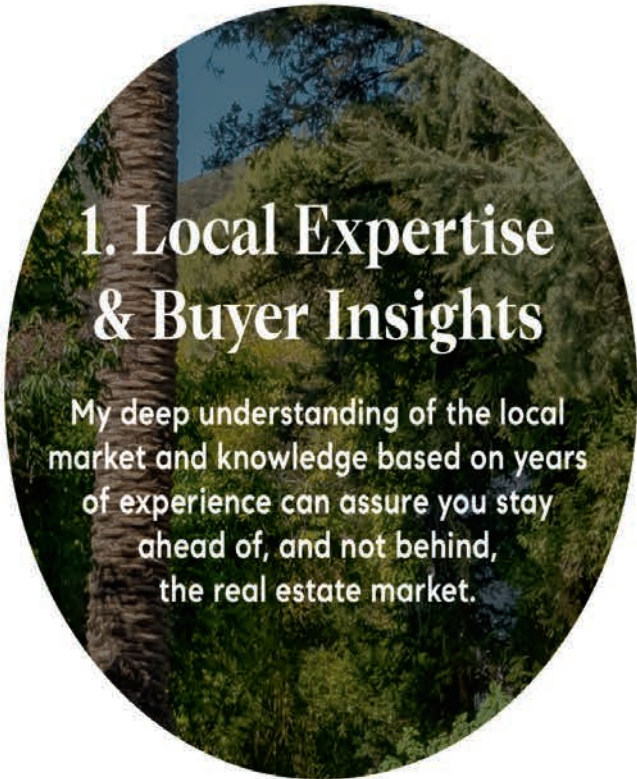
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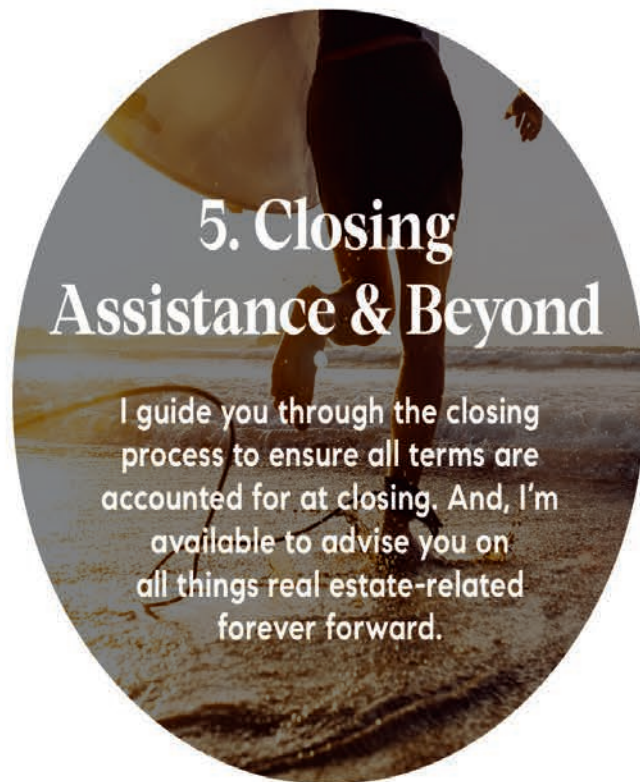
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