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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre

Subject: HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION & MILLS ACT CONTRACT

Applicant: Yooni Chang

Project Location: 327 Sierra Woods Drive, in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the nomination for local historic cultural landmark status to designate the existing residential single family property located at 327 Sierra Woods Drive as the "Edgar W. Camp House" in the City's Register of Historic Resources. Subsequently, the City Council will be considering a Mills Act contract for restoration and rehabilitation of the subject property. The Edgar W. Camp House is an existing residential single-family site designed by Greene and Greene in their hallmark Craftsman style, design and workmanship retained since its original construction. The property is also associated with the productive life of Edgar W. Camp. Pursuant to Sierra Madre Municipal Code Section 17.82.050, a property may be designated a historic landmark if it meets prescribed historic or architectural criteria.

At the meeting of November 16, 2023, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and voted to recommend the City Council to approve the landmark designation.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING PLACE OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City of Sierra Madre
City Council meeting City Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
(Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.) Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request for designation qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it involves no expansion of an existing structure and pertains to preservation of a historic resource.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

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- PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD
- COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE AWARD
- WISTARIA AWARD
- GEORGE MAURER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- 2023 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
- 2023 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION DESCRIPTION

- PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD: FOR PROTECTING AND MAINTAINING SAFETY IN SIERRA MADRE.
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- 2023 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: FOR A RESIDENT WHO HAS BENEFITED THE CITY DURING 2023, AS A VOLUNTEER.
- 2023 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: FOR AN OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EXISTING IN SIERRA MADRE FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS THAT HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE COMMUNITY.

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NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM ON DECEMBER 20, 2023



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SMASH AND GRAB ROBBERY AT SANTA ANITA MALL STUNS COMMUNITY

When four men described as wearing masks, sweatpants and blue hoodies descended upon The Shops At Santa Anita in Arcadia on Sunday afternoon, unsuspecting shoppers were in shock. "There was a bunch of banging noises after," Briana Arevalo, who works at the mall told NBC News. "It almost sounded like gunshots".



According to the Arcadia Police Department, the thieves used hammers to smash glass display cases and stole purses and watches from the high-end bag resale store Rebag at the mall,

Witnesses say that there was panic everywhere, with people running to avoid landed in the midst of the robbery.

Authorities say the robbers left the scene in a white Infinity sedan. No injuries were reported in connection with the robbery, which happened in the span of 10 minutes.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information on the case is urged to contact Arcadia police at 626-574-5151. Anonymous tips can be made by contacting Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477. MVNews

WITH THE HOLIDAYS UPON US, SIERRA MADRE POLICE CHIEF OFFERS TIPS TO KEEP SAFE



Sierra Madre Police Chief Gus Barrientos reminds Sierra Madreans and visitors of a few very important holiday safety tips!

- Leave your home well lit at night
- Do not leave packages on porch or visible from the street
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 - When possible do not park in an isolated or unlit area
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- When you leave your home lock all doors and access points and if equipped, set your alarms.

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Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!!!

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The annual holiday walk will start at St. Rita Church at 6:15pm. Participants will be graced with music from Paul Puccinelli and hot cocoa.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE



Our holiday show begins this Friday! Cori Cable Kidder's Holiday Spectacular: A 1940s Christmas Revue will play on our stage from Nov 24 (the day after Thanksgiving) through Dec 23.

These original WWII-era military-themed holiday concerts star Sierra Madre Playhouse's Patsy Cline, Cori Cable Kidder, who received an Ovation nomination for her 2015 Sierra Madre Playhouse performance following a four-month run of sold-out performances of Always...Patsy Cline. You won't want to miss Cori performing military and holiday classics of the 1940s, with live musical accompaniment by Sean Paxton on piano and a 3-piece band.



SENIOR EXCURSION

RUBEL'S CASTLE

Rubel's Castle, in Glendora, is a historic monument. It is made of recycled material and took over 20 years to build. Rubel's has been featured on Huell Howser's California Gold, has had presidential visits, movie star parties and a visit by Prince Philip and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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9:00AM - 3:00PM

Registration Opens

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Call Community Services

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WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

"Nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad when you've got a Christmas tree in the living room."
Nora Roberts

"Christmas is not a time, nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." Calvin Coolidge

*"Christmas gifts suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart.
To every child, a good example. To all, charity.
To yourself, respect."*



In case you haven't thought about it, there are only 16 days left till Christmas. Gasp! The beautiful tree pictured here today is my next door neighbor's absolutely perfect live tree. Jay and Sarah had just brought it home and the delicious evergreen scent was straight out of some delightful forest. My tree, for several years now is the fake, fully lighted, straight out of the box from Michael's, kind. I like it, it's easy to deal with and I don't have to worry about getting rid of it when it becomes a total fire hazard.

We all have special nostalgic Christmas treasures that fill our hearts with memories and happy thoughts; pictures of our children taken in Sunday School, our grandchildren's little hands and feet on ceramic tiles, tiny felt Christmas stockings with everyone's name glued on them with glitter. I even have some little glass ornaments which were my Aunt Helen's, dating from the 1930s.

When we were first married, before we lived on Alegria, we rented a lovely house with a high beamed ceiling up on Canon Drive, right behind where Christian author, Fay Angus, lived, and when our first Christmas together arrived, I was about hysterical with excitement. We went down to the railroad yards where trains were coming in from wherever they loaded on those trees, I have a feeling it was the Pacific Northwest. Railroad workers pitched them off the cars and anyone who was standing there could pick out whatever tied-up tree they wanted. I don't remember it costing very much. We selected an enormous Noble fir and tied it to the top of our little blue Ford Falcon. Got it home and it had to have been ten feet tall or taller and was the most gorgeous thing we'd ever seen. We had just a few things to put on it, but it was our tree and our home and our children opened presents under it and I will remember always what a wonderful time that was.

Have you walked through Kersting Court and admired our really handsome Christmas tree, with wonderful red bows, ornaments, and even a gift or two beneath? And the dreidel and the Festivus Pole, so named by Robert Gjerde. I think it gets better every year.

All this Christmas tree talk reminds me that my moment is coming, too, when it's time to trim the tree. All the boxes of Christmas stuff have been opened, I'm trying to remember what I did last year with the manger scene that made it look so sweetly reverent, promise myself I'm not going to do so much this year, and then put up more than ever before. There's no way I can't put on all the things the children made through the years; the red globes that date from the beginning of our marriage. They are somewhat cracked and crazed now (occasionally our marriage was, too) but still precious in my sight.

I offered to make cookies and invited Jessie and Emily down to help me decorate but Emily had already decorated the tree at her house and was totally uninterested. So, I poured myself a glass of eggnog (yes, a little adult beverage mixed in) into a beautiful stemmed glass, grated a little fresh nutmeg over the top, put a few things on the tree and began to enjoy the process. You can, too, you know...now that the family has scattered like roaches when the light is turned on and peace reigns.

1. Sit down and admire your tree with all the lights on while enjoying your eggnog.
2. Put on the Christmas CD that YOU like. It could be The Messiah, or it could be the one that has "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer."
3. Allow joy to flood your heart, soul and mind. Rejoice! Peace on Earth! Good will to men!
4. Put a few more of these old treasures on the tree...the beaded ones Leah made one year, the cookie dough ones that were made the year everyone had chicken pox, little airplanes in honor of all the years John was a pilot and flew us to delightful places.
5. Think about that first Christmas night and that amazing heavenly light that guided shepherds and wisemen to that humble stable.

*"On a night like this, centuries ago,
A brilliant star rose in the East,
To show the Wisemen where to go.
They set out on a journey,
To find an unknown King.
Their hearts were filled with happiness,
And praises they would sing."**

Enjoy the preparations, dear friends and neighbors. Take time to do fun things, like lunch downtown and a walk through Kersting Court to admire the beautiful tree there...and rejoice! Emmanuel...God is with us.

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis
Christmas is just a few short weeks away and my book:
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("A Night Like This" from "Star of Wonder - A Christmas Musical"
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Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 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.

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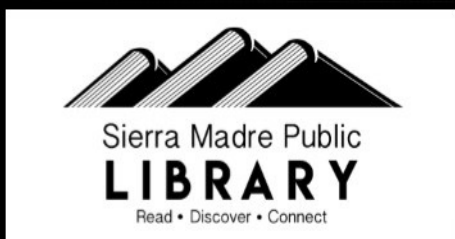
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- Your event must:
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News From Your Community For Your Community

Reward Extended for Unsolved Murder in Pasadena



Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger announced Tuesday that she introduced a motion to extend a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the murder of 27-year-old Ernesto Jimenez (pictured) in Pasadena.

Affectionately called "Big Ernesto" by the local community, Mr. Jimenez was shot while walking to Villa Park on November 13, 2020. He often played music at the park and was known for his caring nature. He was not a gang member and had no gang affiliations.

"More than three years have passed since Ernesto's life violently ended while he was simply just strolling to his neighborhood park," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "I'm hopeful that this reward will lead to someone stepping forward to provide a critical tip or bit of information to help solve this case. Ernesto's family is heartbroken. They and the Pasadena community at large deserve answers, justice, and closure."

"We are not going to let a coward violate the safety and security of our city," Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo said. "We owe it to the family to find the person(s) responsible. I thank Supervisor Barger for never forgetting our local families who deserve closure."

Anyone with information about this case can anonymously contact the Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1(800) 222-TIPS (8477)

Pasadena Library Free Health Screening

The Pasadena Hastings Branch Library is set to provide free health screening December 20 at 10 a.m. Registered nurses from Huntington Health provide free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings for hypertension and diabetes, referrals and health education. A two-hour (minimum) fasting time is required before blood glucose testing. No appointment necessary.

Hastings Branch Library is located 3325 E Orange Grove Blvd.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net/library.



Central Library Retrofit Update Meeting

Director of Libraries and Information Services, Tim McDonald, announced Thursday that the city of Pasadena and the Gruen Associates design team are hosting a community meeting to present the progress of the Pasadena Central Library Earthquake Retrofit and Repair Project on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Pasadena High School Auditorium.

According to McDonald, the city is seeking public input to ensure that the community's needs and preferences are heard and considered and that the library continues to serve the current and future needs of all our community. This community meeting will offer residents an update on the Pasadena Central Library's earthquake retrofit and building repair project. Gruen Associates' design team will present the progress of the schematic design with special emphasis on public use of the library, including the circulation and main hall, work rooms, teen room,

innovation lab, and studio. The meeting will conclude with a call for comments from the public on the proposed programming and services they envision for Central Library. City of Pasadena staff will provide translation for attendees by request in Armenian, Mandarin, and Spanish. The presentation and meeting will be recorded by Pasadena Media and posted following the meeting.

On August 21 the Pasadena City Council approved the concrete shear wall earthquake retrofit approach and directed Gruen Associates to proceed with the development of the schematic design of the project. The final cost of the Pasadena Central Library Earthquake Retrofit and Building Repair Project is pending. The city has already received \$ 9 million from the State of California this past year to begin the process and will continue to identify additional sources of funding such as state and federal grants, philanthropic and non-profit organization

support, and general and capital improvement funds.

Pending appropriation of funds, construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2025 and last approximately 30 to 36 months.

The Pasadena High School Auditorium is located at 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

For more information about the Pasadena Central Library Retrofit and Repair Project visit: CityOfPasadena.net/Library.

Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Meeting

Pasadena city officials announced Wednesday that a public scoping meeting, to share information regarding the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, is set to be held 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at La Casita Del Arroyo, 177 S. Arroyo Blvd.,

The Cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena have partnered to implement a set of design strategies that will result in improving the water quality in the Arroyo Seco Channel. The project includes two locations: Lower Arroyo Seco southwest of the San Rafael Avenue overpass of the Arroyo Seco Channel at the southern border of the City of Pasadena; and San Pascual Site: Lower Arroyo Seco southeast of the San Pascual Avenue overpass of the Arroyo Seco Channel between the channel and Stoney Drive in the Cities of South Pasadena and Los Angeles.

The meeting discussion will focus on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirement for evaluating the possible environmental impacts this project may have regarding topics such as traffic, noise, pollution, biological resources, air emissions, etc.

The environmental consultant will prepare a 15-20 minute presentation on the CEQA process and its requirements and then we will have outreach information on display from previous community meetings.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration environmental document has been released for public review and the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works will be accepting written comments through 5 p.m. on January 15.

To learn more about the project, visit the website: Bit.ly/ASWRProject

To view the environmental documents, visit the website: Cityofpasadena.net/Planning/Arroyo-Seco-Water-Reuse-Project/

Ceremony for San Marino Fire Captain Jeffrey Tsay

The City of San Marino and the San Marino Fire Department invites the public to join us at a badge pinning ceremony for Jeff Tsay in recognition of his promotion to Fire Captain. The ceremony will be held at the San Marino Fire Department on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will follow. The department serves the community of approximately 14,500 people and a square mile area of 3.75 miles.

In addition to emergency services, the San Marino Fire Department also provides fire prevention services, life safety inspections, community



education, and emergency preparedness.

San Marino Fire Department is located 2200 Huntington Dr.

For more information visit: cityofsanmarino.org or call (626) 289-5426.

Volunteer for the January Pasadena Homeless Count

The Homeless Count sets in motion a year full of education, engagement & action for the Pasadena Partnership. Each year, volunteers help count people experiencing homelessness living on the streets of Pasadena during one night in the last ten days of January.

Volunteers will be sent in teams of 3-4 to an assigned zone on the night of January 23 (8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.) and the morning of January 24 (6:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.) to help count and administer a survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The same teams go out together in the evening and the morning. Volunteers should be 18+ and are asked to attend an online orientation to prepare for the

Count on January 16, 2024. The volunteer registration deadline is January 5, 2024.

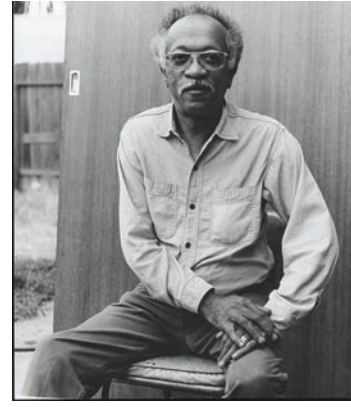
The annual homeless count helps inform the state of homelessness in Pasadena, helps advocate for vital community resources and engages directly with our neighbors experiencing homelessness. This year we will assemble cold weather kits to hand out during the survey.

Volunteer registration is now open and will remain open until January 5th. All volunteers can sign up at: pasadenapartnership.org.

Volunteers are the backbone of ensuring the Count is a success and is carried out effectively and comprehensively.

For questions, contact: info@pasadenapartnership.org.

Supervisors Honor Pioneering Altadena Artist Charles White



The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion last week, introduced by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, to honor the legacy of pioneering artist and Altadena resident Charles White.

The motion directs the County's Department of Arts and Culture to contract the artist's son, Ian White, to design and create civic art that will be displayed at the soon to be renovated Charles White Park.

"I'm proud our County will tangibly honor the life and work of Charles White," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "He was a true master of his craft and a visionary for what is possible when art, social commentary, advocacy, and community come together. He has undoubtedly influenced generations of artists. I look forward to his talented son creating something special in his memory. It's exciting to see his legacy continue."

Born in 1918, Charles White is renowned for highlighting African American related subjects in paintings, drawings, lithographs, and murals. He was a distinguished professor at several institutions of higher education, including Dillard University, George Washington Carver School in New York, and the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles.

His work is included in the permanent collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, among others. Mr. White lived in Altadena in his later years and his son is actively involved in the community today.

The County's Civic Art Policy - first adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2004 - will fund this \$100,000 project. The policy has created a special public fund to create civic artworks in unincorporated areas of the County.

Playhouse World Premiere of Grumpy Monkey, The Musical

Pasadena Playhouse announced Tuesday the casting for the world premiere of Grumpy Monkey, The Musical from February 3 through March 3, commissioned by the Playhouse, and based on the book Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne and Max Lang. This is the first full production of the Playhouse's newly announced you and family programming initiative. The production will feature Hao Feng (Lifetime's Twisted Little Lies) as Jim Panzee, Marc Ginsburg (Ragtime at Pasadena Playhouse) as Norman, Kay Sibal (Spring Awakening at East West Players) as Snake, Ciarra Stroud (Grease at Drury Lane Theatre) as Marabou, Frankie Zabilka (Newsies at 5-Star Theatricals) as Lemur, and Danny Holmberg (She Loves Me at Conundrum Theatre Company) as Understudy.

Grumpy Monkey, The Musical is adapted and directed by Nina Meehan, with music and lyrics by Daniel Mertzlufft and Jacob Ryan Smith.

Suzanne Lang is the author of the New York Times bestselling Grumpy Monkey, as well as several other titles. When Suzanne is not working on books, she writes and produces children's television.

Max Lang is an animation director, storyboard artist, character designer, and illustrator. He co-directed the film adaptation of the picture book The Gruffalo, which was nominated for an Oscar Award and a BAFTA Award, as well as the Oscar-nominated adaptation of the picture book Room on the Broom, which has won numerous awards, including the Cristal for Best TV Production at the Annecy International Animation Film Festival.

This production will be presented at Porticos Art Space, located at 2033 E. Washington Blvd. Tickets are available at pasadenaplayhouse.org, by phone at 626-356-7529, and at the box office at 39 South El Molino Avenue,

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San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming

Winter Community Services Guide

Check out the latest Community Services Guide to see Winter offerings and get details on upcoming events, classes, and lectures. Hard copies will be delivered to San Marino households next week. Registration begins on December 19 for residents and December 27 for non-residents.

Light Up San Marino!

Registration: through December 10

Voting: December 11 - 17

Do you have the most festive home or business in town? Enter our 3rd annual holiday decorating contest! Online registration is open now through December 10. Entries will be placed on the Holiday Decorating Contest map on December 11. This year, 3 winning entries will be selected by the Mayor, Recreation Commission, and YOU! Community members have the opportunity to participate by voting for their favorite entries by "liking" them on Facebook. Winners will receive a gold-ribbon yard sign and gift card to The Huntington Store.

Family Storytime

Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30 AM, Children's Area

Storytime features activities for children ages 5 and under that will promote early literacy and lifelong learning through songs, movement, fingerplays, and books. Storytime is also an opportunity for caregivers to learn ways they can incorporate learning activities into everyday routines. Storytime occurs weekly on Tuesday through December 19. Registration is not required. Please watch our social media for cancellations.

Huntington Nurses Health Screening

Wednesday, December 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Barth Community Room

The Huntington Nurses offer free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Please plan to fast 2 hours prior to having glucose checked. These blood pressure and glucose evaluations can lead to prevention and early detection of the "silent killer" diseases such as hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes. Health screenings will be held every second Wednesday of the month. Registration is not required.

Happy Hour Winter Wonderland Dance

Friday, December 15 from 12 - 2 PM, San Marino Community Center

Cost: R: \$14 / NR: \$17

The weather outside is delightful, just like our Happy Hour Winter Wonderland will prove to be! Join us to enjoy time with friends and neighbors at the Community Center as we dine, dance, and laugh our way into the holiday season. There will be music, lunch, drinks, and opportunity drawings. This event is open to active adults ages 55+. Registration is required.

December Events at the Old Mill

Holiday Concert Under the Stars

Sunday at 5 PM

Come celebrate the holidays at the Old Mill with a holiday concert on Sunday, December 10th at 5 PM. This will be a concert featuring the La Cañada High School Chamber Singers which is the premiere choral music ensemble in the school's 300-member program. The LCHS Chamber Singers have toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe. This will be a 45-minute concert with no intermission. Gates open at 4:30 PM. There is no charge for this event. Suggested donation of \$10.

Please dress warmly as this will be an outdoor concert.

FlowerTruckLA

Thursday, December 14 from 9 AM - 11 AM

FlowerTruckLA will be back at the Old Mill on Thursday, December 14th from 9 AM - 11 AM with beautiful, farm-to-vase, fresh-cut flowers for the holidays, including wreaths and garlands. Come stroll the Old Mill and enjoy a cup of coffee while you buy your holiday flowers.

Fire Department Recent Happenings

The Fire Department successfully passed the annual Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency paramedic program review with no corrections. The paramedic program

Zoning Changes Set To Boost Life Science Industry



In a move to bolster innovation and economic growth, the City of Pasadena unveils strategic zoning changes aimed at expanding and growing the City's bioscience industry. These changes are poised to take Pasadena to the next level, as a thriving hub for life science research and development.

The revised zoning regulations, unanimously approved by the City Council, encompass adjustments that streamline the process for establishing and expanding life science facilities in the City. With eased restrictions on parking and conditional use permit requirements and greater allowances for building heights and the use of roof space for equipment, these changes aim to facilitate the creation of state-of-the-art research centers, laboratories, and biotech facilities, fostering an environment for scientific breakthroughs and job creation. The changes also simplify the current definition of research and development (R&D) in the City's zoning code, removing distinctions between office and non-office uses, which will be key to life science companies, whose facilities commonly combine labs, offices, and other research spaces together to fulfill their unique business needs.

These changes come after months of collaboration with local industry leaders like Xencor, Protomer, Huntington Medical Research Institutes and Doheny Eye Institute; nonprofit industry advocates, Biocom California; and architecture and real estate experts, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, JLL and Gensler. These latest approvals continue the City's momentum in reviewing policies to support industry growth, like the October 2022 revision of the City's stringent hazardous materials reporting requirements to bring them in line with California state requirements. The revamped regulations prioritize flexibility and efficiency, providing incentives for companies to set up research and development facilities, while ensuring compatibility with the city's urban landscape and community needs.

Economic Development Director, David Klug expressed enthusiasm about

the transformative potential of these adjustments, stating, "The adoption of these zoning changes underscores our commitment to fostering innovation and supporting the growth of the life science industry in Pasadena. We aim to attract top-tier talent and innovative companies, positioning Pasadena as a leader in life science in Southern California."

Bassil Dahiyat, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Xencor said "A key ingredient to attracting and retaining companies that create leading technologies is to stay competitive with regard to regulations."

"This package of land use changes sends a message to the life science industry that Pasadena is a top destination for our companies to locate and grow. Making small changes to how we define research and development as well as rooftop and parking requirements can go a long way for biotech facilities that operate under tight regulatory guidelines," said Dan Gober, Executive Director of Biocom California's Los Angeles office. "Biocom California is proud to have worked on this legislation with city staff in Pasadena over the last year, and we appreciate the councilmembers' affirmation that this will help create additional high paying jobs in Pasadena for people of all backgrounds."

As Pasadena embraces this pivotal moment, the City anticipates new investments, job opportunities, and groundbreaking discoveries, propelling the life science industry to new heights while cementing Pasadena's status as an innovation-driven city.

If you're looking to locate your life science business to Pasadena, contact the Economic Development Division at CityOfPasadena.net or (626) 744-4660.

Police Looking for Attempted Murder Suspects



Pasadena police announced Sunday that they are asking for the public's help solve, after releasing a new photo of the suspect vehicle, a number of attempted homicides in June that left three people with multiple gunshot wounds in separate instances in Northwest Pasadena.

According to investigators, on June 17 at 9:12 p.m. officers responded to the 00 block of West Peoria St. and found two gunshot victims. They were both self transported to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Shortly after at approximately 9:38 p.m. officers responded to Marengo Ave. and Painter Street to find an adult male in the street suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. A young child was also found unharmed nearby in the victim's vehicle although the car seat had been stuck by gunfire.

Detectives now believe the shooting are related and identified the suspect's vehicle as a 2010 or 2012 black Ford Fusion with dark tinted windows (pictured above).

Anyone with information should call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241.

Pasadena Encourages Safe and Joyful Holidays with Essential Safety Tips

This holiday season, the City reminds residents and visitors to prioritize safety during holiday festivities. Under the overarching theme, "Don't let a Grinch steal your holiday cheer," these departments share valuable tips to ensure a safe and joyful celebration for all.

The Pasadena Police Department emphasizes safe shopping habits and home security measures to protect residents from potential thefts and scams during the holiday rush. Residents are encouraged to:

- Be aware of your surroundings while shopping.
- Keep valuables out of sight when leaving them in vehicles.
- Monitor deliveries, using delivery lockers or trusted neighbors for pick-ups.
- Stay vigilant against online scammers, particularly those using phishing emails to gain access to private information.
- If you plan to travel, secure your home by locking all doors and windows.

- Use timers for lights to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Avoid sharing travel plans on social media to prevent potential burglaries.

- Pasadena Fire, Water and Power, and Public Works Departments focus on fire prevention safety, offering guidance to safeguard homes from potential fire hazards associated with holiday decorations: Keep candles at least 12 inches away from flammable materials, ensuring they are in stable holders.

- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles for a safer alternative.

- Inspect holiday lights annually, discarding strands with frayed or pinched wires.

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for connecting light strands.

- Natural or resin-bearing cut trees must be treated with a flame-retardant solution or process approved by the State Fire Marshal. The support device that holds the tree in an upright position shall be of a type that is stable, secure, and of adequate size to avoid tipping over.

- Water Christmas trees daily to prevent them from drying out and becoming fire hazards.

- Place trees at least 3 feet away from heat sources and ensure they do not block exits.

- Check the Public Works website for tree recycling schedules of curbside and drop-off locations.

- Pasadena Public Health Department urges everyone to take precautions to stay safe and healthy this holiday season. Follow these steps to protect yourself and others from illnesses:

- Test for COVID-19 before, and 2 days after, traveling or attending gatherings

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.

- Cook foods to appropriate temperatures, and keep dishes heated or chilled as advised by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

- Avoid cross-contamination of foods to prevent spread of germs.

- Stay home if you feel sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.

- Pasadena Information Technology Department shares these online security tips to help reduce the likelihood of your information falling into the wrong hands and ensure you have a more cyber-safe, scam-free shopping experience this holiday season:

- Avoid using Public Wi-Fi for any type of financial transactions, including shopping, or accessing any site that requires you to login.

- While using public Wi-Fi is convenient, it is not secure.

- Only visit sites that are well-known, legitimate, and reputable businesses, and which uses secure communications.

- Secure communications to a site will show a "lock" (padlock symbol) in the URL bar and the URL address starts with "HTTPS". However, secure communications only means the data sent between your browser and the site is encrypted. It does not mean the site itself is secure in how they handle your data, protect your private information, or safeguard your payment information.

- Be cautious of offers that look too good to be true. Remember the axiom: if it looks too good to be true it probably isn't true.

- Resist the urge to open emails right away or click links in emails.

- Rather than click the link for the alleged deal from the superstore, manually type the superstore's site address into your browser's address bar.

- Always check from where the email originated. Your bank will not send you emails from 588389a0r4cdca-349848ad@lrkulaod.onmicrosoft.com.

- Use strong and secure passwords. Use a unique password for every site. Use a password manager to autogenerate and fill passwords.

- And finally, for any site to which you login, setup multifactor authentication if it supports it. This is one of the most secure ways you can protect yourself and your account from being compromised.

- The City of Pasadena encourages residents to embrace these safety tips, fostering a secure and enjoyable environment throughout the community. By being proactive in these practices, we can collectively ensure a festive season that is free from preventable accidents and incidents.

- Stay connected with the City of Pasadena, please visit our website at CityOfPasadena.net, follow us on Twitter at @PasadenaGov, and find us on Instagram and Facebook at @CityOfPasadena. For inquiries, please contact the Citizen Service Center during business hours at (626) 744-7311.

City Announces 2024 One City, One Story Selection

A Conversation with Marianne

the fabric of our shared history. Ultimately, it is an unflinching distillation of our nation's essence—and a celebration of the bonds of love and family that persist against all odds.

Pasadena Public Library announced last Friday its book selection for Pasadena's 2024 One City, One Story community reading celebration: *Properties of Thirst* by author Marianne Wiggins.

Now in its 22nd year, One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature and to promote tolerance and understanding of differing points of view by recommending a compelling book that engages the community in conversation.

Properties of Thirst is a novel that is both universal and intimate. It is the story of a changing American landscape and an examination of one of the darkest periods in this country's past, told through the stories of the individual loves and losses that weave together to form

the fabric of our shared history. Ultimately, it is an unflinching distillation of our nation's essence—and a celebration of the bonds of love and family that persist against all odds.

Marianne Wiggins is the author of eight novels, including *John Dollar* and *Evidence of Things Unseen*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award. She has won a Whiting Award, a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship and the Heidinger Kafka Prize and was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction. She lives in Venice, Calif.

One City, One Story community programs will be held throughout the month of March, culminating in a conversation with the author on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m., at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Blvd.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.libguides.com/onecityonestory.

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The City of South Pasadena invites the community to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Dr. Beatriz Solis Memorial Park. Come learn about the project and hear from the South Pasadena team and elected officials.

DATE: December 13, 2023
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PETER'S CHRISTMAS RULES 2023

My dear ol' departed father told me time and time again "Don't argue sex, politics or religion, you'll never win". Well, the holidays are here and we will be spending time with loved ones... and the loved ones who get on our nerves. My politics are simple: I don't share my views at social events, and I'm not going to change my 85-year-old uncle who swears by Fox News so bottom line keep your lip tight if you must ask questions learn and don't react.

Here are a few more of my "get along during the Holidays" tips...

- Ask for help, but don't expect it. Families are never fair. Work is never equally divided. That's just the way it is. I am always prepared to do everything, but very happy not to. Wasting time being mad because one person tends to just sit around ruins the whole experience for everyone.
- Don't try to be right about everything. Getting the family together can be a toxic experience when someone insists on being the winner in an argument or thinks he or she is right about everything...of course, I am right about everything, but that doesn't mean I have to rub it in their faces.
- Try not to criticize. Nothing is more hurtful or hard to watch than someone criticizing someone else in front of others. Whether it's your kids or your spouse or your sister, holidays are a time to suspend critical thinking and just surrender to holiday spirit. If you need to discipline a child, please take the child to a quiet corner or another room and speak respectfully.
- Enjoy yourself. If you are doing all the work, make sure you sit down and take breaks and talk to people...so what if dinner is a little late? I like to spend a little one-on-one time with each person present—to take the conversation at least a tiny step further than just "How are you?"
- Lay off the liquor. I haven't had a drink in 10 years. And I don't serve alcohol in my house. It's amazing how much happier my family dinners turn out when no one's crying or acting out after drinking too much. I don't get upset when people bring their own wine to a dinner at my house—but the fact that they might be the only ones drinking seems to help them stay in control.
- Remember, we are all going to turn into our mothers/fathers one day. The very things that drive us crazy about our parents and relatives are probably hard wired into us, too. It's just harder for us to see it in ourselves, since we are looking at the world from inside of ourselves.

Pro Tip: don't bring an entrée unless asked - I learned the hard way on that one

Happy Holidays

ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

THE NOTABLE AND AWARD-WINNING BOOKS OF 2023

The Black Period by Hafizah Augustus Geter Winner of the PEN Open Book Award | Winner of the Lambda Literary Award | Named a Best Book of the Year by The New Yorker, Kirkus,

Breaking Through by Katalin Karikó Winner of the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

G-Manby Beverly Gage Winner of the Pulitzer Prize | Named One of the 10 Best Books of the Year by The Washington Post, Publishers Weekly, and Smithsonian Magazine | Named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times

Gods of Want by K-Ming Chang Winner of the Lambda Literary Award | Named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times Book Review, NPR, Them, and Book Riot

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride Amazon's #1 Best Book of 2023 | Barnes & Noble's Book of the Year

His Name Is George Floyd by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction | Winner of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, National Book Award finalist | Los Angeles Times Book Prize finalist

An Immense World by Ed Yong Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction | Named One of the 10 Best Books of the Year by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal

People from Bloomington by Budi Darma Winner of the 2023 PEN Translation Prize | Winner of the 2023 NSW Premier's Translation Prize

Savor by Fatima Ali James Beard Award Winner

Scenes from My Life by Michael K. Williams and Jon Sternfeld Winner of the NAACP Image Award | Named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times, NPR

Stay True by Hua Hsu Winner of the Pulitzer Prize | Andrew Carnegie Medal Longlist | Named One of the 10 Best Books of the Year by The New York Times

The Swimmers by Julie Otsuka Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence Winner | Named a Best Book of the Year by Vogue and Kirkus

Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez Winner of the 2023 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work – Fiction

Trust by Hernan Diaz Winner of the Pulitzer Prize | Booker Prize Longlist | Named One of the 10 Best Books of the Year by The New York Times and The Washington Post

Notes on an Execution by Danya Kukafka Winner of the Edgar Award for best Mystery

Don't Know Tough by Eli Cranor Winner of the Edgar award for fist best novel mystery

METRO SERVICE CHANGES RESULT IN IMPROVEMENTS TO A LINE

Beginning December 10, Metro is making changes to bus and rail service to provide more frequent and reliable trips. Among these improvements, Metro will be increasing service availability on the A Line (Long Beach – Downtown – Azusa), formerly known as the "L" or "Gold" Line. This light rail service passes through Monrovia, making a stop at Station Square.

In response to riders requesting more frequent and later rail service, Metro will implement the following changes to the A Line:

- Weekday peak hour trains will operate every 8 minutes instead of 10 minutes.
- Weekday midday and Saturday/Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. trains will operate every 10 minutes instead of 12 minutes.
- Two additional trains will be added at the end of the nightly schedule in each direction, extending service by an extra 40 minutes each night, weekdays and weekends, with later departures from Long Beach, APU Citrus, and Santa Monica after 11:30 p.m.

In addition to the A Line, Metro will be introducing similar improvements to other rail lines and bus routes. Visit mybus.metro.net/en/ for a full list of updates.

If you have any questions regarding the updated service, call (323) 466-3876 or email planatrip@metro.net.



Metro is making service changes on December 10, 2023.



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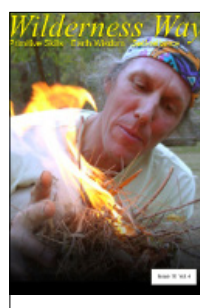
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LOCAL BACKYARD "FARMER" PUBLISHES HER FIRST BOOK

Urban farmer Julie Balaa sells unique plants at the local farmers market

Her first book just released: "LOW COST EMERGENCY PLANNING." Foreword by Actor Ed Begley Jr.

Urban farmer Julie Balaa has just produced her first book, an in-depth guide to being prepared for emergencies and life's crises without breaking the budget. Her book, "Low Cost Emergency Planning: A Do-it-Yourself Guide to Family Disaster Planning," (Skyhorse, 2023), covers the basics of water and food storage, home food production, making things, and how to live a more self-reliant life without spending an arm and a leg. The book is fully illustrated with color photos. The actor and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. wrote the optimistic foreword.



She is scheduling book readings, lectures, and classes based around her book.

Balaa grew up in San Marino, and now lives across the Arroyo Seco in Highland Park, where she does urban farming. Besides growing things in the greenhouse she built, she farms the one acre urban sanctuary of the non-profit where she works.

At the Tuesday Highland Park Farmers Market, Julie Balaa has been teaching her customers how to create sustainable gardens in their own yards for several years now. Balaa's booth at the market caught my attention because she was selling less-common foods, and instructing people how to grow their own.

At her farmers market booth, she sells New Zealand spinach, lamb's quarter, California pepper seeds, cactus pads, as well as a variety of potted foods, such as purple tree collard, sapote, and ficus trees.

Balaa is always engaged in conversations with customers, explaining that these are all the plants she grows and sells can be used to create sustainable gardens. Her book will be one extra tool that her customers can use as a guideline to creating their own self-sufficient home.

Her book addresses all the basic needs of any urban or suburban dweller who doesn't have a lot of land, but wants to still be prepared for emergencies and wants to be a bit more self-reliant.

Balaa begins with a chapter on water, and since she's in the Los Angeles area, she lets readers know that only 26% of the water that Los Angeles use is local – all the rest comes to the city via 3 aqueducts from sources about 300 miles away. Thus, Balaa encourages her readers to do as she does: conserve water, don't waste water, and lots of grey water recycling. She describes what it takes to collect rain water, and how to store water in plastic buckets in case of emergencies.

Next, she explains how to store food, and that you can have some food in your yard if you grow food producing trees and vegetables. She discusses even the common wild foods – such as prickly pear cactus, lambs quarter, and purslane – which are common and have great nutritional value.

How do you cook when the power goes out? Balas shares some simple methods, including how to make a low-cost solar oven. She also addresses the basics of first aid in emergencies, how to create a simple backyard "survival camp," and all the very important economic considerations that are all too often ignored in "survival" books.

The book is a pleasure to read, with lots of common sense coming from someone who had to work with a limited budget.

When she is selling her products at the local farmers market, one of her popular foods is the prickly pear cactus pad, or nopales, which have been used in Mexican cuisine for centuries. She sells the pads ready to be cleaned and eaten, as well as the potted pads which can be grown as a border plant. The prickly pear cactus has been demonstrated to be effective for treating high cholesterol and type 2 diabetes, as documented in such books as "Prickly Pear Cactus Medicine" by Ran Knishinsky.

At her table at the Farmers Market, Balaa had a list of all the plants that her clients could grow in their yards to create a perennial, sustainable garden for the least amount of work. The list included trees, of course, like olives, citrus, and figs, and grape vines, asparagus, onions, Jerusalem artichoke, potatoes, tree collards, and, of course, prickly pear cactus.

As part of the permaculture philosophy which is embodied in Balaa's new book, she and her family also recycle all of their kitchen and yard scraps by composting them into soil, rather than just tossing it all into the trash can. "It's very rewarding to do these techniques," said Balaa, "because I feel it's what we should all be doing. Sometimes it's hard, but it makes you feel good for doing it." She also practices safe grey-water recycling, where she sends all her kitchen and bath water into the garden.

[Her book is available from Amazon. Balaa can be reached for consultations, and the hours of her nursery, at juliebalaa@gmail.com. The Highland Park Farmers Market occurs every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m., at Avenue 58 and Figueroa in Highland Park.]

CLASSES AND BOOKS

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Katnip News!



Jingle with "GRINGO"

Yes, all will be calm and bright with this awesome guy! We featured Gringo a while back but he's still waiting for a



forever home.

Gringo is just about purr-fect: he sports a gorgeous flame point fur coat, exotic green eyes, and is cuddly and friendly with everyone—even other cats. Besides that, he's healthy and totally vetted and microchipped. He would do best with someone who works from home to give him lots of cuddles and attention. A couple or single person would be ideal.

A friendly resident cat would be nice, too. Age 5.

See more pictures of Gringo at www.lifelineforpets.org/gringo.html or just use the QR code.

Pet of the Week

Tina is a sweet girl with a big heart! This two-year-old black lab mix can be a little shy with new people at first but give her some delicious treats and she'll be coming up to you to say hello (and get some more snacks). She even enjoyed cuddling in bed with her foster parent!

Tina's love of food means she really enjoys learning new things in exchange for treats. She has a hunger for knowledge (and hot dogs) that could make her top of the class in any training session!

Tina is an active girl who enjoys playing fetch and chasing after toys. She's often seen having the zoomies in the Pasadena Humane play yard and rolling around on her back. However, she always takes a break for snuggles with her favorite people.

This gentle pup is seeking a patient adopter who can give her a little time to come out of her shell. Tina would prefer to be the only pet in the home so she can get all your affection (and as much room as possible on the bed).

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

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

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Pets may not be available for adoption and cannot be held for potential adopters by phone calls or email.



BEAR-RESISTANT BARRELS



As part of the new program, the City of Sierra Madre has arranged for a 96-gallon bear-resistant barrel to be provided to all single-family residential customers. These barrels will be delivered to your home this fall. As part of this barrel deployment, Athens will collect your old container.

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- Bear(s) is walking towards a school or heavily populated area.
- Bear(s) attempts or enters a residence or structure.
- Bear(s) is in the backyard of a residence and possess a public safety threat.

Help protect others by reporting all bear incidents, including sightings. The options of reporting bear incidents is based on public safety concerns. You can report bear incidents directly to CA Fish and Wildlife at www.wildlife.ca.gov, to the City of Sierra Madre at wildlife@cityofsierramadre.com, and to the Sierra Madre Police Department.

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WHAT IS THE RETIREMENT SAVER'S CREDIT & HOW DOES IT WORK?

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you explain to me how the retirement saver's tax credit works? My wife and I are in our fifties and are looking for creative ways to boost our retirement savings beyond our 401(k). Is this something we may be eligible for? Struggling to Save

Dear Struggling:

If your income is low to moderate and you participate in your employer-sponsored retirement plan or an IRA, the Retirement Savings Contribution Credit (aka "Saver's Credit") is a frequently overlooked tool that can help boost your retirement savings even more. Here's how it works.

If you contribute to a retirement-savings account like a traditional or Roth IRA, 401(k), 403(b), 457, Thrift Savings Plan, Simplified Employee Pension or SIMPLE plan, the Saver's Credit will allow you to claim 10, 20 or 50 percent of your contribution of up to \$4,000 per year for couples or \$2,000 for singles.

Keep in mind that a credit is not the same as a tax deduction – it's better: While a tax deduction just reduces the amount of your income that is subject to taxes, a tax credit reduces your actual tax bill dollar-for-dollar.

To qualify, you must also be at least 18 years old and not a full-time student and were not claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return. And your adjusted gross income (AGI) in 2023 must be below \$73,000 or less as a married couple filing jointly, \$54,750 or less if filing as head of household, or \$36,500 or less if you're a single filer. These income limits are adjusted annually to keep pace with inflation.

To get the 50 percent credit, you'll need to have an income below \$43,500 for married couples filing jointly; \$32,625 if you're filing as head of household; and \$21,750 if you're a single filer in 2023.

The 20 percent credit rate applies to couples earning between \$43,501 to \$47,500; for head of household filers it's \$32,626 to \$35,625; and for individuals it's \$21,751 to \$23,750.

And the 10 percent rate is for couples with an adjusted gross income between \$47,501 and \$73,000;



for head of household filers \$35,626 to \$54,750; and individuals it's between \$23,751 and \$36,500.

Here's an example of how this works. Let's say that you and your wife earned \$75,000 in 2023. Over the course of the year, you contributed \$4,000 to your employer's 401(k) plan. After deducting your 401(k) contribution, your adjusted gross income (AGI) on your joint return is now \$71,000. Since your AGI puts you in the 10 percent credit bracket, and you've contributed the \$4,000 maximum that can be considered for the credit, you are entitled to a \$400 Saver's Credit on your tax return.

It's also worth mentioning that the Saver's Credit is in addition to any other tax benefits you get for your retirement contributions. So, in the previous example, not only would you be entitled to a \$400 credit, but you would also be able to exclude the \$4,000 401(k) contribution from your taxable income. So, if you're in the 12 percent tax bracket, this translates to an additional \$480 in savings, for a total of \$880.

How to Claim

To claim the Saver's Credit, you will need to fill out Form 8880 (see IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8880.pdf) and attach it to your Form 1040 or 1040NR when you file your tax return.

For more information on the Saver's Credit, see IRS Publication 590-A "Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements" (IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590a.pdf).

The IRS also offers an online quiz you can take to help you determine if you qualify for the Saver's Credit. To access it go to IRS.gov/Help/ITA – click on "Do I Qualify for the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit?" under the "Credits" tab.

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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FITNESS FOR LIFE

REMEMBER THE HELMET!

by Michele Silence

It's a pet peeve of mine. Every time I see someone, especially a child, riding a bike without a helmet I cringe. This time of year you may be considering buying a nice new bike for a child dear to you. If you are please get a helmet for them too and make sure they promise to wear it.

Gifts to a child—or anyone—a bike, skates, scooter, or skateboard without a helmet is like buying a car without seatbelts: incomplete and potentially dangerous. Despite the thrill these wheeled gifts bring, neglecting the helmet, the most crucial accessory, is a misstep that can lead to severe consequences.

The statistics on helmet use—or rather, the lack thereof—paint a worrisome picture. A 2020 study in Injury Epidemiology revealed a distressing reality: while younger children are more prone to injuries while riding a bike, only half of them wear a helmet. These injuries aren't just scrapes and bruises; we're talking about traumatic brain injuries (TBIs)—the kind that incapacitate football players after a hard hit or lead to long-term neurological issues in boxers.

The gravity of these statistics amplifies in high-traffic areas where the margin for error shrinks. Rushing motorists might fail to notice a child on a bike or misjudge the speed of a teen on a skateboard. However, there's hope amidst this concerning scenario—helmets significantly reduce injury severity. Studies suggest that about 85% of head injuries from serious bicycle crashes involving motor vehicles could be prevented if the rider wore a helmet.

The efficacy of helmets in preventing severe head injuries cannot be overstated. They act as a shield, absorbing impact and protecting the brain from the full force of a collision. Despite this, oversight or disregard for helmets persists, often due to negligence, forgetfulness, or lack of awareness about their paramount importance. So, what's the solution? It's simple: the helmet should be an integral part of the gift package when giving bikes, skates, scooters, or skateboards. It's not just an accessory; it's vital safety equipment ensuring the recipient's well-being. If it's going to a child, make it a rule for them to wear the helmet. From day one.

Education plays such a pivotal role here. Emphasizing helmet significance through awareness campaigns, school programs, and community initiatives can instill a culture of safety from a young age. Parents, guardians, and gift-givers must impart the message that wearing a helmet isn't negotiable—it's a non-negotiable safety measure. Ensure your child wears their helmet every time they ride their bike, skateboard, scooter, etc. Cultivating this habit early makes buckling up second nature, rather than a sign of not being cool in their teen years. And if you ride with them, make sure you have a helmet and wear it too!

Regarding the law, it varies by state. In California, minors under 18 must wear a helmet when biking. While there's a \$25 fine for non-compliance, it's insufficient to incentivize greater usage. This is unfortunate, considering that helmet-wearing children were found to be 76% less likely to be diagnosed with a head injury after a serious crash.

It's time to shift the narrative around helmets. They aren't cumbersome add-ons; they're life-saving tools. They don't hinder the fun of riding; they enhance it by providing peace of mind and safeguarding against potentially devastating outcomes.

Looking to buy the helmet is the first step. Ensuring it fits properly and is worn regularly is next. Measure and get the right fit. A helmet that is too big may not fit tight enough to protect the rider in a fall, can slide around easily and obstruct visibility. One that is too small may be uncomfortable and tight affecting the rider's concentration. It may not offer the right coverage or cushioning on the head. The right size fit is the best way to ensure that the impact absorbing materials in the helmet function as intended and reduce the force of an impact. And if the helmet is involved in a crash get a new one. Even if you can't visibly see any damage, helmets are designed to absorb the impact of a single accident only. Using the same one afterwards is risky.

The San Gabriel Police Department recently received a \$55,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. This includes helmet fitting inspections and providing helmets to those in need. Inquire about places offering free or low-cost helmets and school education presentations.

The San Gabriel Valley Bike Education Center, a non-profit organization, offers bicycle safety classes as well. Starting this habit early can save injuries and lives. Once someone you love gets injured you can't turn back time. It's not worth the risk. Think safety first.

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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

FROM ROAST TURKEY TO REINDEER

Nothing is more confusing than being in the middle of two holidays. I have just finished Thanksgiving, and now Christmas is before me. Each year, it gets more difficult to adjust to the next holiday. It's hard for me to keep up.

For months, the focus was on that roast turkey for Thanksgiving. And boy, was it a delicious roast turkey. I have a hard time comparing this year's roast turkey to last year's because I always love the one I'm eating at the time. And I cannot go back in time to last year's turkey. That turkey has been digested a long time ago. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were sitting in the living room, resting from all the activity during the season and watching TV. I think she outdid herself this year because everything seemed to be perfect. Everybody in the family complimented her on the Thanksgiving dinner.

It will be challenging for her to outdo the Thanksgiving dinner at the Christmas dinner. But I know she's up for the challenge. I began complimenting her on this year's roast turkey and telling her how much I loved it. I wasn't lying because I did like the turkey this year. Not only the turkey we had on Thanksgiving Day but also all the leftover turkey we had the following week. Nothing is better than leftovers, as far as I'm concerned.

We had enough leftovers at Thanksgiving dinner to serve dinner every day for the next week. I ain't complaining.

Sitting in the living room, I looked at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and asked, "Are you planning to make roast reindeer for Christmas?" She just scowled at me and did not answer. I wasn't going to give up.

"After all," I said, "your roast turkey this year was absolutely supreme. The best you've ever done. I bet you could do a great job roasting a reindeer this year."

Looking at me, she said, "Do you want to get off Santa's naughty list this year?"

Where did that come from?

I did not know what to say because I did not know if she was joking or what. Being on Santa's naughty list in our house is a very dangerous position. For some reason, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has a connection with Santa Claus. I'm not sure what that connection is, and I'm not in a position where I can ask.

I was quiet for a few minutes, then cleared my throat, and looking at The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, I asked, "How did I get on Santa's naughty list this year?"

Staring at me, she said, "Do you really want me to tell you?"

There is nothing like being between a turkey and a reindeer during the holiday season to wreck your nerves.

The question that burned in my heart was, what did I do to get on Santa's naughty list? I knew I would be in more trouble if I asked her to tell me. So, I thought about another angle.

"Can you tell me," I asked as soberly as possible, "how I can get off Santa's naughty list?"

She stared at the TV for a moment and did not seem to hear what I was saying. I briefly thought, should I repeat myself? In the past, repeating myself has gotten me into more trouble than it was worth.

Finally, she turned, looked at me for a few moments and then said, "Do you really want to know how to get off of Santa's naughty list?"

Oh boy. What's coming next?

If I don't know how I got on Santa's naughty list, how in the world am I going to figure out how to get off?

Looking at her, I smiled gently and said, "If getting off Santa's naughty list makes you happy, then that's exactly what I want to do." I finished with a big smile on my face.

"Well," she said rather thoughtfully, "maybe if this week you take me thrift store shopping I might be able to think about it and figure it out for you."

That caught me by surprise. That would be the last thing in the world that I would ever want to do. Spending a whole day going from one thrift store to another is not my idea of having fun.

"And," she said, "if in our thrift store shopping we find a reindeer, you can buy it, and I will roast it for you."

I never know if she is joking or setting me up. I had to think about that for some time, not knowing the proper answer.

Finally, I sighed deeply and said, "OK, my dear, I'll be glad to take you thrift store shopping anytime this week. And, I'll be glad to purchase that reindeer when you find it." I tried to smile back at her, but it was very difficult to find an appropriate smile in my inventory.

"Ha, ha, ha," she laughed very heartily.

"What's so funny?" I asked.

"Oh my dear," she laughed, "you just got off of Santa's naughty list. Congratulations."

Later that day, as I was considering this, I was reminded of what Amos said, "Can two walk together, except they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Sometimes, life is better when two people agree. It may be difficult to come to an agreement, but the rewards are worth the effort.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON A LOOK AT THE FUTURE



Okay, now that the lights are on what do we see? A few people I know, smart people, have concluded that within a few generations humankind will disappear. They point out, happily it seems, that more than 90 percent of all species that ever existed are now extinct - they're just not around anymore. That's the way it goes - no big deal.

Every human ever born is fated to die and that will probably be the fate of the entire species. I HATE that kind of thinking. Being alive is a great miracle and it is our miracle, yours and mine. We come into this world with these wonderful, amazing brains. All of us have learned languages and we are able to communicate, for better or worse, with other humans who speak the same language.

Language is really amazing in that little kids seem to learn a new language quickly and effortlessly while adult humans often are unable ever to learn a new language. This fact is frequently overlooked and undervalued.

Those young brains are open to new worlds. They can adapt while adults are so frequently stuck in their old way and are unable or simply refuse to make the necessary adaptations.

I read somewhere that one of the important abilities of humankind is the ability to adapt. Humankind can survive in all kinds of climates and altitudes. In fact humans are almost uniquely able to survive. I don't know if you ever thought about it, I really hadn't but female humans can produce their own food sufficient to nourish their young and if necessary keep themselves alive.

Certainly there are a few other female mammals that possess this same ability but it is something very remarkable.

Think about it menfolk we can't do it AND you know what else we can't do? Right, we cannot give birth. Every female is an instrument of survival necessary for the species to continue to survive and evolve.

Men are basically unnecessary for the process. One man can father an entire community. Think about the Mormans or frighteningly, think of Jeffrey Epstein, an associate of Trump, Clinton, the Kennedys, various government heads and dictators. Epstein, described by Trump in New York Magazines in 2002, "I've known Jeff for fifteen years. Terrific guy. He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I and many of them are of the younger side."

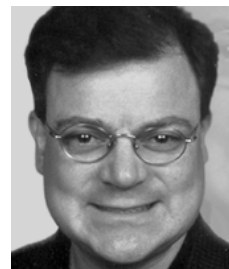
My point is that Epstein, buddies with powerful people all over the world, had his own private island filled with 13 year old girls who were available as sex partners. It is said that Epstein intended to personally impregnate all of these girls himself, or perhaps share that responsibility with other prominent men of his own choosing. Help- you of course know that Epstein died by hanging, allegedly a suicide while in prison.

My point is that the likes of Jeffrey Epstein may be a guide to the world's future. Powerful men who now compete mainly for wealth and prestige may within a few lifetimes be the only men allowed by law to father children. The history of eugenics is filled with mandatory sterilizations and prohibitions. Would you prefer these limitations of the right and ability to father children over the total extinction of the species?

Right now both alternatives seem horrible but not altogether unlikely. Maybe the unfathomable future process of AI will be manipulated by the rich and powerful to eliminate everyone but themselves (and their progeny.) Is it best to just close our eyes to the future much as many of us close our eyes to the present. Time will tell. I hope the smart young people can save us.



TOM PURCELL HOW TO RESTORE THE GIFT OF GIVING



Here's an unpleasant holiday statistic: Average Americans are giving significantly less to their favorite charities this year than they did just four or five years ago.

Average Americans have long been among the most generous people on Earth.

But this year, thanks to an economy disrupted by covid, soaring interest rates and three years of high inflation, many are unable to give.

Americans are hurting in their pocketbooks.

This past year credit-card debt jumped faster than ever before in history, reports Business Insider, as more Americans are borrowing at high interest rates just to meet their daily living needs.

An increasing number of people are taking hardship withdrawals out of their 401K savings accounts, reports CNBC — tapping their future retirement funds to pay bills they are unable to afford today.

As a result of these financial troubles, a regrettable shift in charitable giving has occurred.

When I last wrote about giving in America in 2017, the people who gave the most, as a percentage of their wealth, weren't the richest Americans.

They weren't even middle-class Americans.

They were the people on the lower end of the economic scale — people who gave almost 30 percent more of their income to charity than any other income bracket.

That changed in 2020 when covid lockdowns wreaked havoc on the economy.

Before that, according to Gallup, more than 80% of U.S. adults said they donated money to a religious or other type of charity. But in 2023, regrettably, individual giv-

ing has dipped to about 70% — and the biggest drop-off has happened among America's lowest earners.

About 73% of people who earned under \$40,000 in 2017 gave what they could to charities.

During the peak of covid in 2020, that percentage fell to 53% and still remains low — which is heartbreaking, because no group of people understands the joy of giving to others better than America's most humble earners.

While our lowest earners are struggling the hardest in a difficult economy — and therefore are giving less — another group is making up the shortfall: America's extremely well off.

Americans with a household net worth of more than \$1 million, or those who make more than \$200,000 per year, are giving 19% more now than before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the AP.

Barrons reports that the landscape of philanthropy has shifted from average individuals giving, say, to The Salvation Army, to wealthy nonprofits and corporations that may be more interested in using their sizable funds to promote the latest popular cause or "systemic societal change."

Private charity in all its forms is welcome.

But if we want more of the kind that helps the less-fortunate individuals and families who need it most, we need to reverse the incredible damage government policy has done to our economy.

A good start would be to end the spend-thrift fiscal and monetary policies that cause inflation and interest rates to spike.

Let's help our lowest earners get their heads back above water so they can experience the joy of giving again every Christmas.

After all, they know how to spread the joy of giving better than anyone — by helping a needy neighbor pay their utility bills or making sure the neediest children have presents to open on Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas!

RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS



"Here I am stuck in the middle with you!" In the middle of the Christmas season...wherein our bank accounts recede and our credit card balances exceed. Somebody had it right when they uttered:

"It's beginning to cost a lot like Christmas!"

Last year someone (who reminds me of me) asked Santa Claus for a big fat bank account and a slim body. (Message to Santa...you mixed those two up again last year!)

Christmas, here again. Let us raise a loving cup.

Peace on earth, goodwill to men, and make them do the washing up. Wendy Cope

Important safety tip for Christmas purchases: Don't ever give a little child something "useful" for Christmas...unless its cash. Kin Hubbard

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall. Larry Wilde

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose. Ha!

My Grandfather's Holiday fruitcake recipe.

(NOTE: To be truly enjoyed, this recipe must be read out loud precisely as written! There are no typos.)

"You'll need the following: a cup of water, a cup of sugar, four large eggs, two cups of dried fruit, a teaspoon of salt, a cup of brown sugar, lemon juice, nuts, and a bottle of whiskey.

First, sample the whiskey to check for quality. Now, take a large bowl. Check the whiskey again, To be sure the whiskey is the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whiskey is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer, Beat two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fired fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drowscriver.

Sample the whiskey to check for consistency. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares? Check the whiskey. Now sift the lemon juice and strain the nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat the turner. Throw the bowl out the window. Check the whiskey again and go to bed."

I am joyfully amazed at the yearly celebration Christmas has on (and in) the world. Millions of people (and families) who do not embrace an endearing faith in Jesus Christ still celebrate his birth. And celebrate it in a way that brings joy right to the heart of humanity...to the family. And right to the heart of God the Father.

It takes a big God to pull this off every year. And we got a good one!

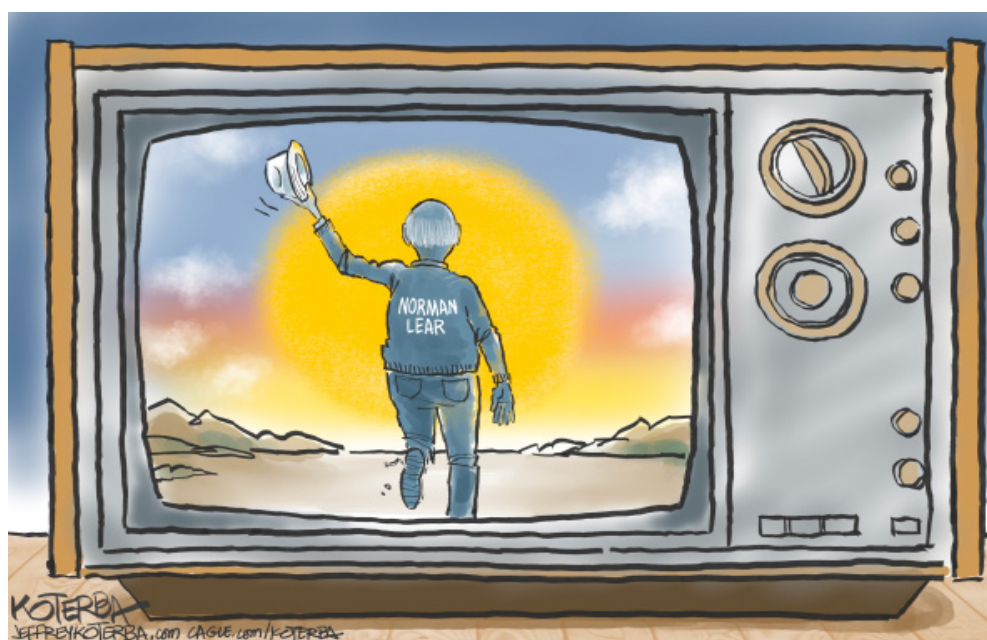
Fathers...take a tip from God. Focus on your family.

P.S. When you see that down and out street person, make their day. I used to walk by street people certain any money I give them would be ill used. God softened my heart. He told me to take the risk. If it's a couple of bucks, great, \$5 better, \$10 better still.

\$20? Meet me on the corner of Baldwin and...just kidding.

Thanks for reading my column to the end. AND RECITE THAT FRUITCAKE RECIPE OUT LOUD AT GATHERINGS!

You'll make people smile and laugh. -Rich



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JASON LAVERT DeWITT

CASE NO. 23STPB2111
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JASON LAVERT DeWITT

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRENDA DeWITT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRENDA DeWITT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/10/2024 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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MR. RON JONES - NEW PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL HEAD COACH



Welcome Coach Ron Jones

Pasadena High School (PHS) has appointed Mr. Ron Jones as the new Head Varsity Football Coach. Coach Ron comes to PHS with extensive experience as a coach and mentor for Pasadena youth.

Coach Ron played football at John Muir High School Early College Magnet in Pasadena, where he was a two-year starter and was an All-CIF wide receiver and All-CIF defensive back. He continued his football career at Oregon State University where he was a three-year letterman who exclusively played defensive back.

After college, Coach Ron coached at Cathedral High School as secondary coach, Village Christian High School as wide receiver coach, St. Monica Catholic High School as defensive coordinator, Notre Dame Sherman Oaks

High School as secondary coach, PHS as defensive coordinator, and Burroughs High School as Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator. As defensive coordinator at PHS, he was instrumental in taking this team to the Division 3 Playoffs for the first time in the school's history. The PHS defense, under his direction, averaged 5.6 points allowed per game in Pacific League play. His areas of expertise are defensive and offensive strategy.

"I'm looking forward to being the next head football coach at Pasadena High School. It's a great feeling to coach in the city that I grew up in. I can't wait to hit the ground running as we work to build a program that exemplifies excellence on the field and in the classroom," said Coach Ron. "My goal is to make the Pasadena football program attractive to players and parents alike so that we can

keep our Pasadena high school athletes playing in their city."

PHS principal Matt Kodama said, "PHS is thrilled to welcome Coach Ron back to the Home of the Bulldogs. With his proven track record on the field and his vision for developing scholar-athletes, we look forward to a bright future for our football program."

"On behalf of Pasadena High School Athletics, I would like to welcome Coach Ron back to Bulldog Nation," Athletic Director Melodee Ulmer added. "Once a Bulldog always a Bulldog!"

Coach Ron will start in his position immediately. Please join me in welcoming Coach Ron home to the Bulldog Community.






Wearable Biosensors and the Future of Personalized Medicine

Wei Gao
Assistant Professor of Medical Engineering
Investigator, Heritage Medical Research Institute
Ronald and JoAnne Willens Scholar



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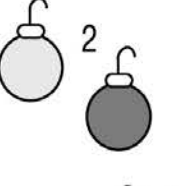



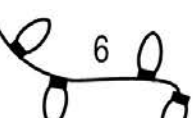


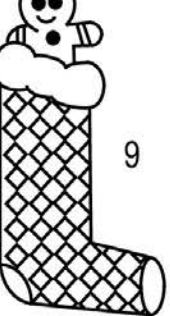
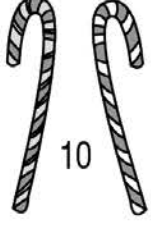
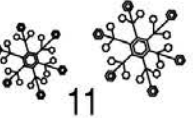




Kids: color stuff in!

I finished decorating my burrow and tunnel areas. Now, I just have to finish putting the ornaments and lights on my prickly pear cactus... carefully, of course... ha ha ha ha!

I love to visit up North when it snows!

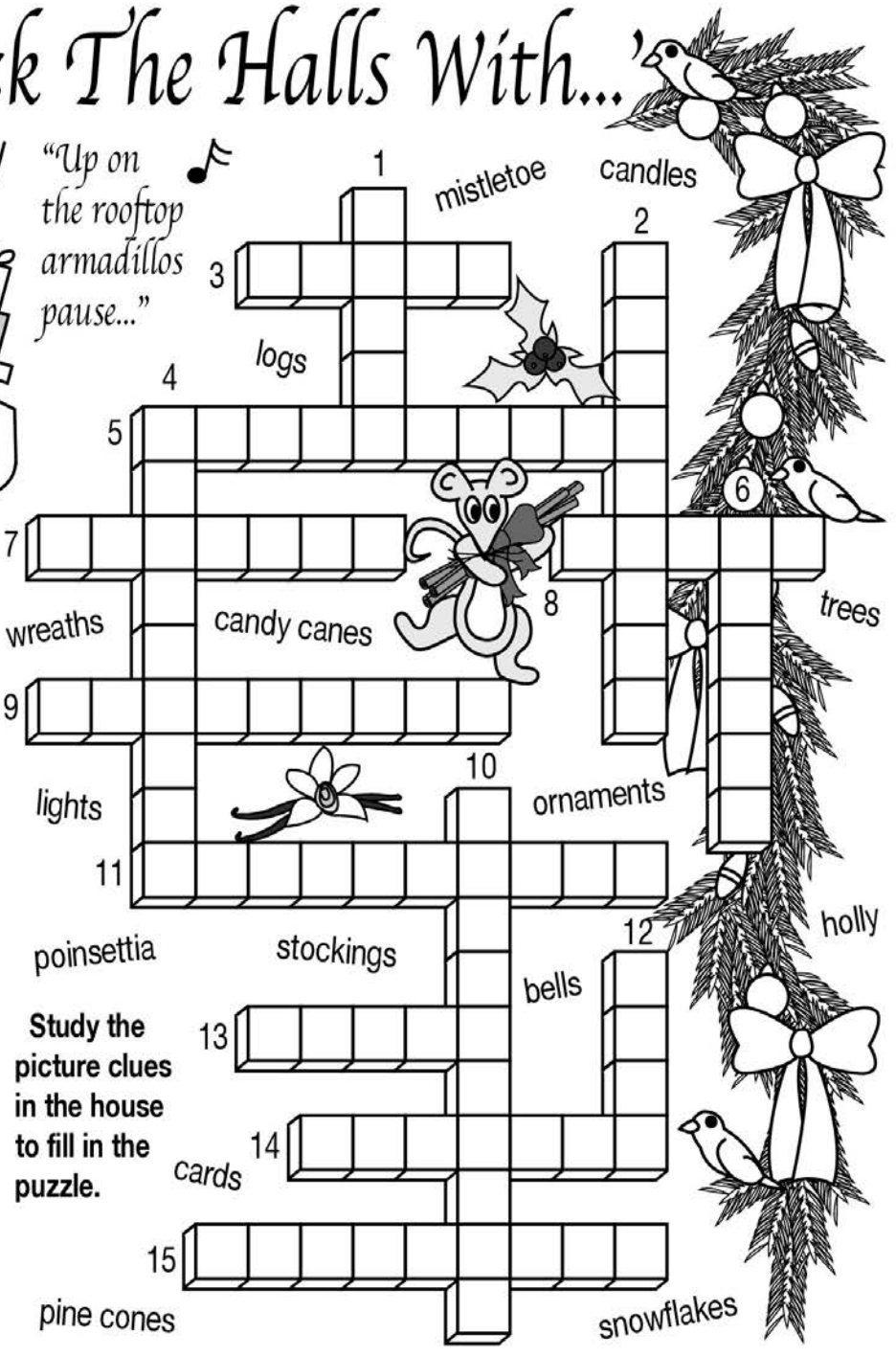
Hey! Where are the reindeer?

Every year families "Deck the halls with..." everything that has special meaning for them. Our ancestors brought many decorating customs to this country from their homelands. Over the years many other people, delighted with the different decorations, have adopted them for their homes too! Today you can see many families adding their special touches using:

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JOHN HARABEDIAN was born and raised in Sierra Madre, in the heart of the 41st Assembly District. John is a California State Commission President, attorney, father, and former City Councilmember and Mayor. He was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in 2012, re-elected in 2016, and twice served as Mayor. As Mayor, John worked to improve city services, strengthen fire protection, and support local businesses. Professionally, John has worked as a prosecutor at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and as an attorney at Latham & Watkins.

A proud graduate of Loyola High School, John earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University, master's degree in comparative social policy from Oxford University, and law degree from Stanford University. John and his wife Young-Gi are the proud parents of three boys.



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