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Target Aims for the Bullseye in El Monte

El Monte, a city known for its vibrant community and business-friendly environment, is about to experience a major boost in its retail and dining options. Over the past year, city officials have been in talks with several major retailers, restaurants, and coffee houses, and the results are finally here. El Monte residents can look forward to the arrival of some well-known names, including Chick-fil-A, Target, In-N-Out, Raising Cane's, and Starbucks.

One of the most highly anticipated additions to El Monte is the retail giant, Target. Scheduled to open its doors in October 2024, Target will be located at 3610 Peck Road, occupying the former Sears Outlet building and two adjacent vacant retail buildings. The construction is already underway, and the store will offer an impressive 127,879 square feet of retail space, along with ample parking for 372 vehicles. Within the Target, residents can expect to find popular tenants such as Target Optical, CVS Pharmacy, Starbucks, and Ulta Beauty. Another exciting addition to the El



Monte landscape is Chick-fil-A. This beloved fast-food chain will be situated at 3340 Santa Anita Avenue and will cover an area of 851 square feet. With seating for 98 indoors and 44 on the outdoor patio, Chick-fil-A will also feature a convenient drive-thru capable of accommodating up to 29 vehicles. The construction for this project is currently underway and is expected to

bring up to 120 full-time and part-time jobs to the El Monte community. Additionally, it is anticipated to generate an annual sales tax revenue of up to \$113,000, contributing to the growth and prosperity of the local economy. The El Monte Center Drive-Thru Pad redevelopment project will bring
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New Lexington Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration in El Monte



New Lexington School and El Monte City School District held their 2nd Annual Lunar New Year Festival on Thursday, February 8, 2024, inviting families and community members to join in the celebration.

The festival took place at New Lexington and aimed to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the Lunar New Year through various activities and performances.

New Lexington, known as the central hub for the district's Mandarin Dual Language Immersion program, is dedicated to immersing students in Chinese language and culture.

The Lunar New Year celebration provided an opportunity for students to share their learning and appreciation for Chinese and Asian traditions with the community.

Visitors to the event were treated to a diverse range of activities that celebrated different cultural aspects of Lunar New Year.

Traditional crafts, games, a fashion show, and culinary delights were just a few of the offerings available. Families were delighted by the performances from the Mandarin Dual Language classes, which showcased the students' language skills and cultural understanding.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the festival was the spectacular dragon dance, a traditional symbol of Lunar New Year festivities.

Participants marveled at the vibrant colors and rhythmic movements of the dragon as it gracefully weaved through the crowds, symbolizing good luck and
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Educator, Acclaimed Author Celebrates 50 Years at Citrus College



Dale Salwak, Ph.D., once asked his mother what she believed to be the purpose of life.

"Without hesitation, she answered, 'discovery,'" the Citrus College faculty member said. "And she was right. Every day, there are new discoveries waiting for us."

This optimistic outlook has come to define Dr. Salwak's approach to teaching. Celebrating a professional milestone few community college educators achieve, the popular language arts instructor noted that each one of his past 50 years at Citrus College has been unique.

"Each semester is different because the students are different and I am different," Dr. Salwak said. "It's a wonderful profession in which to grow

and serve."

A longtime resident of La Verne, Dr. Salwak first joined the Citrus College community as a full-time faculty member in 1973. Raised in a family of educators, he was a natural. In fact, he quickly developed a reputation for having an innovative and engaging classroom.

Teaching classes on Shakespeare, the literature of the Bible, advanced rhetoric and English literature, to name a few, Dr. Salwak has maintained high standards for himself and high expectations for his students throughout the past five decades.

"I have continued to work at Citrus College because I love the courses I teach and the people with whom
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Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Clean Mobility Art Installation



El Monte Union High School District's Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project will be celebrating its successful completion with a special event on Friday, February 23rd. The event aims to raise awareness about the negative impact of nearby freeways on the air quality in the El Monte community and showcase the district's efforts to promote clean transportation.

Renowned artists Lalo Alcaraz and Levi Ponce, along with media personality Alysha Del Valle, will be joining the celebration. They have collaborated on an impressive



80-foot mural that will be unveiled during the event. Located on the 60 freeway, the mural will be visible to tens of thousands of daily commuters, serving as a powerful reminder of the importance of reducing emissions and improving air quality.

In addition to the mural, the district will also showcase electric vehicle (EV) car wraps that promote the use of clean transportation. These wraps aim to encourage commuters to consider zero-emission vehicles as a sustainable alternative. By showcasing these artistic displays, El Monte Union High School District hopes to inspire individuals to make a positive impact on the environment through

their transportation choices.

Guests attending the event will have the opportunity to watch a screening of the district's new Clean Energy Careers animation. This animation highlights the various career opportunities in the clean energy sector and aims to inspire students to pursue careers in this growing field. By providing innovative career technical education modules on clean energy careers, El Monte Union High School District is equipping its students with the skills and knowledge needed for the jobs of the future.

The Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project, funded by a \$9.8 million grant from the California Air Resources Board, has transformed mobility for the district. Through the addition of 11 electric school buses, 11 all-electric utility maintenance carts, and six electric ride-share vehicles, El Monte Union High School District has not only improved transportation options but also contributed to reducing congestion and ensuring the safety of its students.

The completion of this project is a significant achievement for El Monte Union High School District, demonstrating their commitment to sustainability and environmental well-being. The event serves as a platform to celebrate the project's success, raise awareness about the importance of clean transportation, and inspire the community to make greener choices.



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Victor D. Vorobieff
1951-2024

2018 CA Wrestling Hall of Fame
Arroyo Wrestling Coach: 35 Years

CIF Placers: 74
CIF Champs: 17 of the 74
Masters placers: 22
Masters Champs: 4 of the 22
State Placers: 13
State Champs: 5 of the 13
Nationals: 4 placers

Free Application for Federal Student Aid is Open and Accessible



By Karen Nguyen, Editor, Knights Banner, Arroyo High School

The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now officially open and accessible.

Over 1 million students and their families managed to submit applications during the rocky soft launch period. The updated version of the application officially launched at the end of December, but had technical difficulties. Students can fill out the online FAFSA application using a computer, mobile phone or tablet. To complete the FAFSA, there are paperwork requirements that families need such as a Social Security number (if they have one), a 2022 tax return, tax information.

Arroyo High School's Career Guidance Coordinator, Mr. George Reyes, helps students with college applications, financial aid information, etc.

"FAFSA is for any student that is looking to get support, for the financial part of paying for their education after high school, and it's focus on students who have legal status, U.S. citizen, or somebody that has residence status, a green card, or who has gone through the nationalization process, born in another country but now is U.S. citizens," stated Mr. Reyes.

The FAFSA application helps many students with their financial segment after high school and is given to a student with legal status in America.

"This year, the FAFSA is going through a major overhaul and redesign.

But typically the application opens up in October and the priority filing period deadline is usually March 2nd. This year with the overhaul of the application, new interface completely, new terminology, a new algorithm to determine a new eligibility. It was delayed three months, so it just opened up in January, and there had been so many glitches for students trying to complete it. We have more students stuck somewhere in the process, waiting to have FAFSA correct current technical issues so they can proceed. We actually have students that have been able to get through the whole process," stated Mr. Reyes


The new update of the FAFSA has led to some trouble for many students to complete the form. Some students have finished the process without any difficulties or issues.

Emma Olivas, a senior, has finished her application for the FAFSA.

"I am applying for FAFSA because I am applying for college and I will need as much financial help as possible," stated Olivas.

Many students are applying for FAFSA because they need as much help to cover their financial proportion.



"The application was pretty easy and quick, however, the parent portal part gave me a little bit of trouble, but overall it was a quick process," stated Olivas



Attendance Counts!

Daily attendance supports academic achievement, helps establish responsible habits and builds a positive school culture.

Attendance is the number one predictor of student success!

Health & Fitness

5 Hobbies to Keep Your Body and Mind Healthy and Happy

(StatePoint) As the pandemic continues to restrict many of the places you are able or inclined to go, finding ways to stay active is important for keeping the body and mind healthy and happy. Here are some ideas for new hobbies to try.

Learn a language

Bonjour! ¡Hola! With an array of online language classes and tutorials available at your fingertips, learning a new language is more accessible than ever. Start now while you fantasize about a post-pandemic vacation overseas.

Play an instrument

Learning to play an instrument is not only a great distraction for the current moment, it can provide you with years of joy as your skill develops. Consider starting your musical journey on a Casiotone keyboard. By connecting the keyboard to the free Chordana Play app, you can easily learn to play your favorite songs from downloaded MIDI files. Once you've mastered the instrument, the portability of the keyboard will come in handy, whether you play solo or join a band.

Become a home chef

From sushi to soufflé to dumplings, there are likely a range

of dishes you have never attempted making at home. Tackle your culinary bucket list, one-by-one.

Go hiking

There is no better hobby for staying fit and communing with nature than hiking, which works every muscle of the body, boosts cardiovascular health and even improves mood and mental well-being.

Volunteer

At a time when many people are struggling, consider volunteering your time to serve those in need. There are plenty of safe, socially distant volunteer opportunities, from delivering meals to the homebound, to video conferencing with socially isolated seniors to helping boost adult literacy via remote tutoring.

Amid the ongoing pandemic, staying busy and positive may take creativity. However, discovering new hobbies and pursuits you love can nurture the body, mind and soul.



How to Manage Stress Through Music

(StatePoint) With routines upturned and health concerns top of mind, many people are feeling an extra amount of stress these days, too much of which can be bad for one's mental and physical health.

However, music has many mood-boosting, stress-relieving benefits. Here are four ways to incorporate more of it into your life without even leaving the house:

• Allow music to provide a healthy distraction from digital devices. Carve out a block of time each day to practice your instrument.

• Get a fun, easy and most importantly, stress-free introduction to music-making with the right tools. Connect pianos or keyboard to interactive apps that develops skills or bring

out new talents.

• Social distancing doesn't have to be antisocial. Connect with fellow musicians from the comfort and safety at home by hosting a virtual jam session for the added stress-relieving benefits of socializing with friends, old and new.

Expressing yourself creatively is one of the best tools for kicking stress to the curb, and making music in no exception. Once you feel comfortable with the basics, you may feel empowered to write your own melodies or even develop them fully into songs.

In these unusual times, music can benefit your mood and mental health by serving as a valuable creative outlet, a means for practicing mindfulness and a great way to connect with others.



Four Foods for Healthier Skin

In winter, your skin is routinely exposed to the effects of cold temperatures, indoor heating, pollution and sunlight. Here are four foods that can help allay the effects of these stressors.

Fatty fish. Packed with Omega-3 fatty acids, fish such as salmon and mackerel help preserve your skin's elasticity, reduce inflammation and improve cardiovascular health.

Adding them to your diet will mitigate the negative effects of sunlight on your skin and provide essential antioxidants.

Avocado. An excellent source of healthy fats and vitamin C, this popular fruit helps skin maintain its elasticity and protects it from irritants.

It's also highly versatile and can be enjoyed in salads, smoothies, sandwiches and on its own.

Nuts. The amino acids in nuts are essential to our skin's health.

They promote its natural regenerative processes while improving blood circulation.

Add them to salads and baked goods or eat them as a snack.

Berries. Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries all contain very high concentrations of antioxidants, which slow skin aging and contribute to your overall health.

Add them to your cereal and smoothies or munch on them as a low-calorie snack.

Other skin-friendly foods include olive oil, green tea, garlic and red grapes. As a bonus, adding these to your diet will diversify it and help you maintain a healthy lifestyle.



How much sleep does your child need?



Are you wondering if your child's getting enough sleep? If so, here's an overview of what you should know.

0 to 12 months old

Infants who are less than four months old can sleep up to 18 hours a day. After this initial period, babies sleep between 12 and 16 hours a day. To help ensure a sound sleep, choose a firm mattress and maintain a consistent nap and bedtime schedule.

One to two years old

Most toddlers sleep between 11 and 14 hours a day. To help your little one get the rest they need, it's best to limit late-night naps, focus on quiet time before bed and maintain a sleep routine.

Three to 10 years old

At this age, most children sleep between 10 and 13 hours a day. They

may also need to take one or two naps during the day. Make sure you keep a consistent bedtime routine and avoid offering your kids caffeinated beverages before they go to sleep.

11 to 18 years old

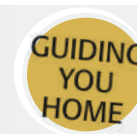
Teenagers need eight to 10 hours of sleep a day. While it's normal for them to want to stay up late, a pre-bedtime routine can help them get a good night's rest. Remind your young adult that their bed is for sleeping and electronic devices don't belong in the bedroom.

Does your child have insomnia? Do they have trouble waking up or seem to sleep too much? Are they frequently tired in the morning? If something doesn't seem right, consult a health care professional who can get to the root of your child's sleep problems and make recommendations tailored to their needs.

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Real estate REPORT



Discover the Tax Advantage of Running a Home Office

Setting up a home office comes with its own costs that self-employed individuals need to consider. However, it also presents an opportunity to generate profits, depending on the effectiveness of managing the business. Financial handling and management are crucial aspects of any business, prompting many to seek ways to reduce expenses associated with a home office setup.

One approach to reducing costs is to explore potential rebates when purchasing basic office supplies. These rebates can offer significant savings. Additionally, signing up for customer loyalty programs at office supply stores can provide access to discounts.

Another cost-saving strategy is to inquire among family and friends if they have any unused office equipment that could be repurposed. Alternatively, participating in garage sales can yield useful equipment at affordable prices.

Running a home office as a self-employed individual can offer tax benefits that help alleviate the associated expenses.

These tax benefits are designed to encourage entrepreneurship and support those who are unemployed in establishing home-based businesses. The key to accessing these benefits lies in recognizing your home office as a legitimate business expense.

To qualify for tax deductions, you must establish that you spend a significant amount of time working in your home office. This can be demonstrated by showing government officials that you have a designated space within your house solely dedicated to business purposes.

The home office should be the

primary location where you conduct your business activities, such as meeting clients or customers. Alternatively, if you have a separate structure within your house specifically designated for business and work, that can also fulfill the requirement.

Maximizing your tax benefits requires attention to certain factors. First, you should accurately measure the dimensions of your home office space, as tax officials take this into account when determining the percentage of tax deduction.

Secondly, it is important to register your business name and obtain the necessary licenses to ensure legal operations. This recognition establishes your business as a legitimate entity in the eyes of the law.

Furthermore, maintaining records and receipts for any transactions conducted within your home office is essential. These documents serve as proof of business expenses and can support your tax deductions.

Finally, consider having a separate phone line dedicated solely to business purposes within your home office, as this can further validate the legitimacy of your home-based business.

By taking advantage of the tax benefits associated with a home office, self-employed individuals can significantly reduce expenses and improve their financial situation.

Adhering to the requirements, keeping accurate records, and using the space exclusively for business purposes are key to maximizing savings. Establishing a home office can provide substantial financial benefits while supporting the growth of your business.

Please note that it is advisable to consult with a tax professional or accountant for personalized advice regarding your specific tax situation.



10 Acronyms Homebuyers Need to Know



(StatePoint) PMI, APR, LTV... these unfamiliar acronyms don't need to bewilder or intimidate uninitiated homebuyers.

To help you negotiate the homebuying process like a pro, Freddie Mac is sharing definitions of 10 key acronyms you'll encounter as you meet with lenders, make a down payment and pay back your loan.

APR (Annual Percentage Rate): The APR tells you the annual cost of borrowing money based on the loan amount, interest rate and certain others fees. Use it as the bottom-line number to shop and compare rates among lenders.

FRM (Fixed-Rate Mortgage): The most common type of mortgage, an FRM, has an interest rate that doesn't change, giving you stability over the life of the loan.

ARM (Adjustable-Rate Mortgage): An ARM usually offers lower monthly payments at the outset, but after three, five or seven years, payments change with interest rates and reset periodically.

LTV (Loan-to-Value): The LTV ratio equals the amount of money borrowed divided by the home's appraised value. It shows how much of your home you own versus how much you owe, and lenders use it to help evaluate the risk and terms of your loan.

DTI (Debt-to-Income): Calculated by lenders to assess your ability to manage monthly payments and repay debts, DTI is the percentage of your monthly income that goes toward your monthly debt payments.

PMI (Private Mortgage Insurance): For homebuyers making down payments that are less than 20 percent of the home purchase price, PMI is a required insurance that protects lenders from losses if borrowers are unable to pay their mortgage. PMI is typically incorporated into monthly mortgage payments.


P&I (Principal and Interest): This is the portion of your monthly mortgage payment that goes toward paying off the money you borrowed to buy your home. For most homeowners, P&I make up the majority of your monthly mortgage payment — but not all of it.

PITI (Principal, Interest, Taxes and Insurance): Together, principal, interest, taxes and insurance make up your total monthly mortgage payment. Calculating your total monthly payment is essential for giving you a more accurate picture of the cost of homeownership than P&I alone.

UPB (Unpaid Principal Balance): The amount of principal still owed on a loan is referred to as UPB. On a typical monthly mortgage payment, a portion of your payment is applied to the interest and a portion is applied to the principal. The following month's interest is based on your UPB. To check how much of your payment is going towards your principal, take a look at your amortization schedule.


HOA (Homeowners Association): Twenty percent of America's homeowners live within a community governed by an HOA. Before buying in such a community, get a handle on how much its HOA fees are, what they cover, and how often payments are due. Typically paid monthly, quarterly, or annually, HOA fees may cover services such as trash removal, lawn care, pest control and maintenance for common areas.

It's easy to feel adrift in a sea of unfamiliar technical acronyms. But, studying your vocabulary now can mean greater confidence when it's time to make one of the most important purchases of your life.



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EYE ON FINANCE

Strategies for Business Survival During a Recession



In times of economic downturn, businesses face the daunting challenge of staying afloat amidst financial uncertainty. The impact of a recession can be severe, often leading to bankruptcy and closure. However, with strategic planning and proactive measures, businesses can increase their chances of survival. This article explores effective strategies that businesses can employ to weather the storm during a recession.

During a recession, customers become more discerning and cautious with their spending. Therefore, exceptional customer service becomes a crucial factor in retaining and attracting customers. By investing in staff training and ensuring that employees understand the significance of outstanding customer service, businesses can build loyalty and keep customers coming back, even in challenging times.

To improve customer service, consider hiring external experts to conduct seminars or workshops for your staff. If budget constraints exist, take the initiative to personally provide training sessions and refreshers on your products or services. By doing so, you empower your employees to effectively represent your business and create positive customer experiences.

As a business owner or manager, leading by example is essential. Demonstrate your commitment to the company by putting in extra hours and visibly showing the effort you put into the business. This dedication will inspire your employees to follow suit, fostering a strong work ethic within the organization.

During a recession, managing finances becomes critical for business survival. If you have outstanding loans, explore options to pay them off as quickly as possible. Negotiate

longer credit periods or seek better rates for necessary purchases, allowing for greater financial flexibility. Additionally, consider accepting credit card payments to accommodate customers who may have reduced cash on hand.

To encourage sales volume during a recession, businesses may need to temporarily reduce profit margins. By offering competitive prices, customers are more likely to choose your products or services over those of competitors. Once the economic situation improves, profit margins can be gradually increased to restore profitability.

Recessions require businesses to find creative and cost-effective ways to promote their offerings. Consider exploring alternative advertising methods such as developing a company website or distributing flyers instead of investing in expensive newspaper or billboard ads. Embrace digital marketing strategies to reach a wider audience while minimizing costs.

Collaborating with fellow business owners can provide valuable insights and guidance during a recession. Share experiences and ideas with others facing similar challenges. By learning from each other's successes and failures, you can identify strategies that may be applicable to your own business.

The current global recession presents significant challenges for businesses, necessitating proactive measures to ensure survival. By prioritizing customer service, providing ongoing staff training, and managing finances wisely, businesses can increase their resilience during economic downturns. It is crucial to adapt to the changing landscape, explore innovative marketing approaches, and seek support from peers. With careful planning and strategic implementation, businesses can navigate through recessions and emerge stronger on the other side.

6 Tips for Avoiding Emotional Spending

(StatePoint) Decisions about spending money are often driven by emotions, even if what your heart is telling you goes against logic. Emotional financial choices may provide you with short-term happiness, but they are just as likely to result in long-term regret or debt.

Here are six tips for making spending decisions, without allowing your emotions to take over.

- Get an accurate picture of what it costs to maintain your lifestyle and fund your goals.
- Ask yourself if you want something or need something before you buy it. If you need it, then go for it.
- Pause and think twice before buying large items. Prioritize your expenditures by categorizing them in terms of cost and effect. For example, you should pay your health insurance and car insurance before booking a short-term vacation.
- Make a list before shopping. Whether shopping for groceries,

household items or gifts, creating a list -- and sticking to it -- will help you avoid impulse buys and save money.

• Shop for major holidays throughout the year. This not only helps to spread out expenses, it also ensures you do not pay a premium for last-minute purchases.

• Experts say financially savvy people know their emotional triggers for spending, and are able to rein them in when necessary.

Unfortunately, this is not easy for everyone. However, working with a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional to manage your spending can help you stay focused on achieving your long-term financial goals.

Remember that your financial priorities should almost always be focused on your long-term goals. A bit of planning and some outside help can go a long way toward better spending decisions.





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Three Dot Lounge...

Cracker Barrel

by Mike McClure



(ed. note: every now and then we send Mike on special assignment. This assignment is so special, it's secret. It's so secret, even we don't know where he is...so if you see him, tell him to come home would you? Anyway, while we look for Mike, please take time and enjoy one of our favorites from the archives...)

so the other day was Lillian Rey's birthday, Happy Birthday! Lillian is one of the community leaders in the El Monte / So El Monte area in the ongoing battle to provide aid to the homeless and needy among us. Long a leader of the El Monte / So. El Monte Emergency Resources Assoc., she has been tireless in her work for the community.

I had the honor of serving with Lillian on the Rio Hondo Community Development Corp. Board of Directors, where we have successfully moved families who were living in substandard housing into apartments and ultimately singly family homes. But Lillian's service to the community extends beyond housing into other services; food, clothes, etc. for those in most need.

...President's Day has come and gone. I hope you all got out and enjoyed the weather because they say this next week will be nasty, it seems like the drought is over. Sunshine and I were going to take a short trip this weekend but I'm not sure, it may snow in the Cajon Pass and I don't feel like driving through the snow or the rain. We will probably stay close to home.

...The NBA All-Star game is done with, it was a real defensive game this year. The pitchers and catchers have already reported to Spring training with the rest of the baseball teams arriving soon so it is just a few weeks until baseball gets into full swing.

Sunshine isn't a big baseball fan but I might be able to talk her into going to a few spring training games this year. Don the Umpire was just over to Catalina Island to work a tournament and he is going back in April so I may get her to go to Avalon with me. Wish me luck.

Easter is fast approaching. For my Catholic readers, today is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Easter is in 40 days, whatever your personal beliefs, best to all of you.

Working OverTime

by Cynthia Huizar



So much to do. Thank you for the wonderful response to last week's column. I love hearing from you about your special Valentine day experiences. As a senior citizen living a busy life, I find myself looking back at my younger self, wondering where the time has gone. Oh, don't get me wrong, I am involved in many groups; such as church groups, social groups and bereavement. I have held events to help seniors stay active and healthy. It is important that we socialize. It keeps us in rhythm.

I hear from seniors all the time who tell me that they can't get out, some no longer drive or don't live near a bus route. To them I say poppycock! If you can't get out, join a group on zoom or call dial -a-ride. You will be surprised how many options there are for day trips to local museums or botanical

gardens around us.

I have 4 children, 17 grandchildren and 9 great grandkids spread out all over the country so they keep me busy. Profe and I like to travel. All these things help keep you young, active and in rhythm, or as Pastor Patrick might say, "more cow bell"

{Note: "more cowbell" is a reference to what is widely believed to be one of the funniest skits ever on Saturday Night Live. It is a parody of the recording of "(Don't Fear) The Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult.

Christopher Walken plays a legendary producer who convinces the group that the song needed "more cowbell" to liven it up. The song was a big hit, it had a lot of cowbell in it, which did liven it up and gave it a strong rhythm.}

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 20. Trojan War story
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 26. "A Confederacy of _____," sing.
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17. "Le _____ des cygnes"
18. Like yesteryear
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55. Emergency responder, acr.
57. *"Nyad" nominee
60. *What kind of moon?
63. "Finnegan's Wake" author
64. Mother load offering
66. Java cotton tree
68. Artemis' companion
69. Fat of olives
70. *What actors do
71. Spinner's product
72. Wisecrack
73. Like Phoenix

Movies Night - Zebra Puzzle

Four boys are at home to watch some movies. Figure out what each boy's favorite kind of movie is.

Shirt: black, blue, green, red
Name: Daniel, Joshua, Nicholas, Ryan
Movie: action, comedy, horror, thriller

Snack: chips, cookies, crackers, popcorn
Age: 11 years, 12 years, 13 years, 14 years

	Boy #1	Boy #2	Boy #3	Boy #4
Shirt				
Name				
Movie				
Snack				
Age				

- Joshua is at one of the ends.
- The boy wearing the Black shirt is somewhere to the left of the youngest boy.
- Joshua likes Horror movies.
- The 14-year-old boy is at the third position.
- The boy wearing the Red shirt is somewhere between the 13-year-old boy and the one who likes Action movies, in that order.
- Daniel likes Thriller movies.
- The boy who is going to eat Cookies is at one of the ends.
- The boy wearing the Black shirt is exactly to the left of the one who likes Thriller movies.
- The boy who is going to eat Crackers is exactly to the right of the boy who likes Comedy movies.
- The boy wearing the Red shirt is somewhere between the boy who is going to eat Popcorn and Nicholas, in that order.
- At one of the ends is the boy who likes Thriller movies.
- Nicholas is somewhere between Joshua and Daniel, in that order.
- At the first position is the boy wearing the Green shirt.

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**Lunar New Year
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prosperity for the year ahead. Helen Guo-Perez, Principal of New Lexington, expressed her excitement about opening the school's doors to the community and sharing the joy of Lunar New Year. She emphasized that events like these not only celebrate cultural diversity, but also foster a sense of unity and understanding among students and families. The 2nd Annual Lunar New Year Festival organized by New Lexington School and El Monte City School District exemplified the importance of cultural appreciation and inclusion. By providing a platform for students to showcase their knowledge and understanding of Chinese and Asian

traditions, the event created an atmosphere of unity and celebration.

Through activities, performances, and the captivating dragon dance, attendees were able to immerse themselves in the spirit of the Lunar New Year and gain a deeper understanding of its significance.

As the festival came to a close, families and community members left with a renewed sense of cultural appreciation and a shared experience that will be cherished for years to come. The success of this event serves as a testament to the commitment of New Lexington School and El Monte City School District in promoting cultural diversity and fostering an inclusive environment for all students and families.

**Target
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three more popular food chains to the city. In-N-Out, Starbucks, and Raising Cane's will be part of this exciting development, located at 3748 Peck Road. The project aims to provide a modernized dining experience that meets the evolving needs of consumers. Plans for the project include updating the site's landscaping and incorporating outdoor seating areas and green spaces to create a welcoming environment for customers. The project will be subject to a public hearing within the next five months, ensuring community engagement and

input.

The arrival of these major retailers, restaurants, and coffee houses is not only a testament to El Monte's business-friendly policies but also a significant enrichment for the local community. The new establishments will bring more job opportunities, tax revenue, and increased options for shopping and dining.

Whether it's a shopping spree at Target, savoring the delicious chicken sandwiches at Chick-fil-A, enjoying a cup of coffee at Starbucks, or indulging in the mouth-watering burgers at In-N-Out and Raising Cane's, El Monte is about to become a destination for retail and dining enthusiasts.

**Citrus
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I work, and I derive great fulfillment from helping students who are all teeming with enormous potential," he said. "This is an ideal working environment with supportive management and very smart, dedicated colleagues."

According to Dr. Salwak, one of the benefits of working at Citrus College is that he has never encountered the "publish or perish" pressure that can be common in academia. As a result, he has had the freedom to write about topics that interest him - which is something he has definitely done!

A prolific author, Dr. Salwak has published 28 books, including "Living With a Writer" (2004); "Teaching Life: Letters from a Life in Literature" (2008); and "Writers and Their Mothers" (2019); as well as studies of Kingsley Amis, John Braine, Philip Larkin, Barbara Pym and Carl Sandburg, among others.

In 2023 alone, Dr. Salwak published two new books: "The Life of the Author: Nathaniel Hawthorne" and "Writers and Their Teachers."

"I worked intensively, seven days a week, on both books during the two-year pandemic lockdown," Dr. Salwak explained. "As an author, I am insatiably curious with a feel for language and literature that has developed over many, many years. My strength is non-fiction - literary studies, biographies, memoirs, inspirational books, and social and educational commentary."

In addition to his success as an author and an educator, Dr. Salwak is also an internationally celebrated magician. His performances have taken him across several continents to dozens of countries. Since 1972, he has also been featured at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, where he has

been nominated four times as Stage Magician of the Year.

Not surprisingly, Dr. Salwak has accumulated many honors and recognitions throughout his career. From being named the 2018 Citrus College Distinguished Faculty Member and receiving the Purdue University Distinguished Alumni Award to serving as a frequent contributor to the London Times Higher Education magazine and the Times Educational Supplement, the educator/author/magician has made his mark.

"The level of success Dr. Salwak has achieved in his various professional endeavors is quite impressive, and we are incredibly fortunate he has chosen to share his talents and skills with Citrus College for the past 50 years," said Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president of Citrus College.

According to Dr. Salwak, working in "significant ways" with students has made his career meaningful.

"As teachers, we are in classrooms not for ourselves, but for our students. It's quite profound when we realize that sitting there could be a future leader, a breakthrough author and so much more," he said.

Although he is now celebrating his 50th year in the profession, Dr. Salwak has no intention of slowing down.

"My plans for the future in all of my careers are to continue growing and seeing how far I can carry my work and serve others," he said. "I give thanks, daily, for the extraordinary privilege I have to be in this noble profession of changing lives."

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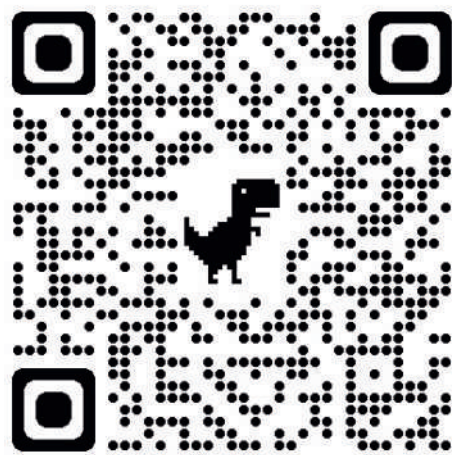
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