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NEWS IN BRIEF

Burglars Attempt to Rob Reggie Bush's Encino Home

Another attempted home invasion was reported last week on Tuesday night around 11 pm on the 4700 block of Noeline Ave. The house, which records show is owned by former football star Reggie Bush, was targeted by home invaders who broke glass at the rear of the property. According to reports, three male suspects dressed in black entered the home but fled upon hearing a resident that was inside the home yell. This occurrence follows a string of home burglaries and attempted break-ins around the Encino area.

Tarzana Community and Cultural Center Music Night September 27

Join the Tarzana Community and Cultural Center for another Tarzana Music Night: Live! show on Friday, September 27, from 7 to 10 pm. Performers include Tracy Newman, Brent Hahn, Mairéad, Mike Baber, Bartt Warburton, JaKL, Claire Bloom, Steven Wagner, Great Willow, Ray Williams, Laura Joy Gold, Rocky Rosen and Jenni Alpert. Their special guest, who will take the stage at 8 pm, will be Germs & Conditions. This show will be outdoors in the garden, chairs are provided or feel free to bring your own. Refreshments also available for purchase. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door or at mytarzana.org.

Therapy Dogs Honor Firefighters in Encino

The PAWS Patrol, a group of therapy dogs and volunteers, paid tribute last weekend to local firefighters in memory of 9/11. Led by actress-singer Aydiee Vaughn Dunson, the team visited four local LAFD stations, including #83 in Encino, to show their support for the service men and women who risk their lives every day. The healing power of therapy dogs is known to provide a comforting and calming presence, providing emotional support to those in need. LAFD Station #83 Captain Oetgen was honored with the Prince Bailey's Mascot Crystal Award, which recognizes exemplary leadership and commitment to duty. The station was also gifted with a patriotic-themed gift basket filled with treats.

Only You...Can Prevent Fire Disasters

Fire prevention is a partnership between the fire department, law enforcement, homeowners and businesses.

That was the message given by L.A. County Fire Assistant Chief Drew Smith and Lost Hills Sheriff's Station Captain Jennifer Seetoo, who were the guest speakers at the Calabasas Chamber's meeting September 19.

Seetoo was the First Incident Commander during the Woolsey Fire, and Smith is known as a "fire whisperer" among his peers.

"We worked together during the Woolsey Fire," explained Smith. "And no where else in American history did 250,000 people safely evacuate due to fire."

He pointed out that the three fatalities during that conflagration were due to people staying in their homes - after an evacuation had been ordered.

"We have all the equipment to fight fire - engines, bulldozers, helicopters - but when Mother Nature gets angry she can outpace us all," he said. "When you're told to get out, get out!"

Seetoo expounded on the partnership theory. "You know what we can do for you," she told business owners and homeowners. "Now that's what you can do for us. Without a partnership we all fail. If we are dealing with people who didn't evacuate, we're being distracted from doing our job."

She said that residents can help by actually having a plan in place in case of a fire or emergency. Both the Sheriff and Fire Departments are also pushing schools to add "Red Flag" days to the schedule, so when fire is a strong possibility, such as during Santa Ana winds, students could learn at home that day.

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L.A. County Fire Assistant Chief Drew Smith and Lost Hills Sheriff's Station Captain Jennifer Seetoo discuss fire safety.

They gave the same push to the business community, allowing employees to work from home on danger days.

Both Smith and Seetoo stressed the need for homeowners and businesses to also have their own fire fighting tools - a backup generator or power source in case of utility shut off. Portable battery operated radios. A home that has defensible space around it. A system like Starlink for Internet. NOAA's long-range walkie-talkies for communication or EPIC Calabasas' free ham radio system.

Another big concern was getting fire and emergency information from legitimate sources. "Social media vomits out false information," said Smith. "So we get calls and spend a lot of time unraveling that. We got phone calls during the Woolsey Fire asking, 'How bad is it?' If you're dragging your feet it could be too late."

Smith added that embers can fly way in advance of a fire, and start another blaze. Thinking that a fire is too far away is a mistake.

Downloading the Watch Duty app will tell you when fire breaks out in your zone. Know your zone by visiting Genesis Connect, the L.A. City mapping program. Los Angeles' Office of Emergency Management is also a valid source for information and resources on how to make your home safe.

"The most important thing is early detection," said Seetoo. She said that the Sheriff's Department now has a real-time watch center, the first in the nation. The privately funded center pulls in all business and public safety camera feeds, including from 35 fire cameras all over the Santa Monica Mountains, so they now know what's happening as it happens. They also just got drones to survey the encampments in the mountains and get those people to safety and prevent possible camp fires.

It's all part of working together to fight fires. "We can't be effective - can't help you - unless you're ready on your end," reiterated Smith.

CALENDAR

There are better ways to get acquainted.

As a local business, you're always looking to meet new contacts and find ways to grow your business. The Sherman Oaks/Encino Chamber of Commerce offers easy, fun and useful ways to make new connections and find new resources. Got a problem? Need some help?

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Community Calendar

* The Encino Neighborhood Council will be holding their general board meeting in person on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 pm at the Encino Womans Center (4922 Paso Robles Ave). For more info, visit encinonc.org.

* The American Red Cross, in partnership with Westfield Fashion Square, will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, October 3, from 10 to 4 pm. Schedule your life-saving appointment at redcrossblood.org.

* Join the Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber of Commerce for "Mix and Mingle Live" on Tuesday, September 24, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Have great conversation and make new connections over lite bites! This event is sponsored by Taisho (14016 Ventura Blvd). Cost before September 23 is $20 for members and $30 for guests. RSVP at shermanoaksencinochamber.org.

* Join the Encino Tarzana Library on Saturday, September 28, at 4 pm to paint a pot in the sugar skull style of Día de los Muertos! One terracotta pot will be provided per person, while supplies last. For ages 11 years and older. To RSVP, email ecalla@lapl.org.

* The San Fernando Valley Audubon Society will host author and photographer Scott Harris on Thursday, September 26, from 7 to 9 pm via Zoom. Harris will discuss his book, *Raptor Quest: Chasing America's Raptors*, which chronicles a year-long journey to find every raptor species in the lower 48 states. While the primary focus will be on the birds, Harris will also talk about the people he encountered, the lessons he learned and his plans for his next adventure. To sign up, visit sfvaudubon.org/events/sfvas-zoom-presentation-2-3-2-3.

* Tarzana Neighborhood Council will be holding their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 pm. For the agenda and more, visit tarzananc.org/committees/viewCommittee/17.

* The Second Annual Cooper Literacy Fundraiser benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley Cooper Literacy Program will be held on September 25, from 5:30 to 8 pm at the newly renovated Taxco Theater in Canoga Park. "Laughter for Literacy" will a fun-filled evening, starting with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, to be followed by Fritz Coleman's unique comedy and a question-and-answer segment, and concluding with dessert and a live auction. Tickets are $125 and can be purchased at bgcwv. org/CLPevent.

* In collaboration with the Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA), Dr. Menije Boduryan-Turner, licensed clinical psychologist, will present an OCD workshop at the West Valley Regional Library on Saturday, September 21, at 11 am. This presentation will offer psychoeducation on the cycle of OCD and explore the variations of OCD symptoms by identifying the different types of obsessions and compulsions. The presenter will provide participants with valuable tools, skills and strategies for effective treatment.

* September 22 is the first offical day of the new fall season. A new season means new seasonal produce! See what is in harvest, while supporting local vendors, at the Encino Farmer's Market. The ONEgeneration Farmer's Market is held every Sunday, from 8 am to 1 pm at 17400 Victory Blvd (between White Oak/Balboa). Portions of all sales benefit senior services offered by ONEgeneration.

* The West Valley Regional Library will be holding a Libby eMedia class on Saturday, September 21, from 4 to 5:15 pm. Learn how to download and read electronic books or listen to audiobooks using Libby, a free app. Bring your own device (smartphone, Kindle, ipad, etc.) for a hands-on class to learn all about this wonderful library resource! This event is for teens and adults.

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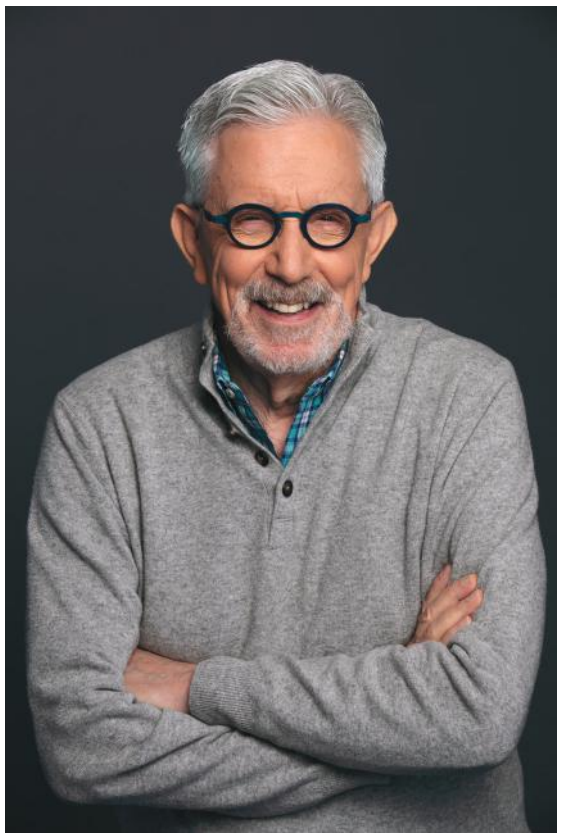
People in the News



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At the club, more than half of the young members come from families where English is not their first language. The Cooper Literacy Endowment and Cooper Literacy Program were created to provide a comprehensive approach to helping children of the West Valley, ages six to 17, become proficient in reading and see reading as a tool to a better life and as an enjoyable pastime.

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The event will be held from 5:30 to 8 pm at the Taxco Theatre, 7242 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park. Tickets are $125 and can be purchased at bgcwv.org/CLPevent or by emailing l.olaughlin@bgcwv.org.

Sponsors for the event include: corporate sponsor SoCal Gas; gold sponsor Councilmember Bob Blumenfield; silver sponsors Donald Weissman and Tim Gaspar; and bronze sponsors Jack Gelnak, Michael Hiller, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Tamaki and Uma Chopra, and Howard Wang.

Local valley resident, **Fiona Faye Simpson**, above, will debut an original weaving and sculptural textile art installation at M Street Café starting September 26 and running through November 17.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Simpson comes from a long line of women artists. Both of her great grandmothers were painters, her grandmother knitted her sweaters growing up, and her mother is a collage artist. Surrounded by creativity, she has always been drawn to art, but finding her own medium took time.

"In community college, a sculpting class opened my eyes to the therapeutic power of working with my hands. At 21, I was gifted a Leclerc floor loom, and it was love at first sight. The first piece I ever wove was a colorful striped table runner, and from that moment on, I knew weaving was my calling. Since then, I have embraced the title of fiber artist," says Simpson.

"Recently diagnosed with ADHD at 28, I spent much of my life unaware of this part of myself. Art—especially weaving—has been a cornerstone in my mental health journey. Weaving is my meditation, a place where I find stillness amidst life's chaos. From choosing the yarn to preparing the loom, every step in the process offers a sense of calm, and holding a finished piece in my hands is a moment of quiet fulfillment," continues Simpson.

View Simpson's work at the installation at M Street Café located at 13251 Moorpark St. in Sherman Oaks.

• Max Turrell has a brilliant collection idea. He writes to those that owe him and says "If you don't pay me, I will write all of your other creditors and tell them you paid me."

• Ever noticed people tend to read the Bible more as they get older? Roy Rosen says of course, they're "cramming for their final!"

• Sign seen on Ventura Blvd.: "Stupid does not qualify as a handicap. Park somewhere else!"

• Psychiatrists say one out of four people are mentally ill. Soooo. check three friends. If they're okay, you're it!

• Didja' hear the old joke about the married couple getting ready for bed? The new husband throws his pants to his new wife and tells her to put them on. She does and says, "They're too big." The husband replies, "They are, and don't forget it. I wear the pants in this family." To which the wife flipped him her panties and said "try these on." Husband: "I can't get into your panties." Smart wife: "That's they way it's going to be until you change your attitude!"

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Strengthening Our Community: Safety Initiatives and Upcoming Events in Encino

Hello, Encino Neighbors!

I'm Josh Sautter, your President of the Encino Neighborhood Council and Chair of the Outreach Committee, and I'm excited to share with you some important updates on the work we're doing to support and strengthen our community.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge a concern that's been on many of our minds lately—the recent rise in burglaries. It's a difficult issue, but I've been heartened by the way our neighbors have come together. Just recently, I attended a meeting on Bosque Street where nearly 40 residents joined forces to form a neighborhood watch in response to break-ins. It was truly inspiring to see such a strong turnout and commitment to keeping our homes and families safe.

At the Encino Neighborhood Council, we're also taking action. We're working on strategies to make our homes less vulnerable and exploring the use of technology, such as WhatsApp groups, to improve communication and enhance neighborhood watch efforts. The goal is to build more effective and meaningful connections between neighbors, so we can look out for one another in the best way possible.

I'm also excited to announce that we're hosting a Burglary Prevention and Home Hardening Event on November 20th. Our very own public safety representative, Roy Nwaisser, who is an expert in home security, will share valuable tips and insights to help protect your home. We'd love to see you there—it's a great opportunity to come together as a community and learn how we can all contribute to making Encino safer.

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Another major concern has been the frequent fires in the Sepulveda Basin, which are understandably causing anxiety for many of us. As a resident of Encino Village, I've experienced this firsthand. Just last week, while walking my dog, Gus, I saw helicopters once again responding to a fire in the area. These fires have become all too common, but we are actively working on solutions.

I've joined a task force led by the Army Corps of Engineers and Council District 6, and we're collaborating with Congressman Brad Sherman and Senator Alex Padilla's offices to address the situation. From reducing brush and trash to finding ways to support homeless individuals living in the Basin, we're committed to making meaningful and long-term progress.

While we focus on tackling these challenges, we're also working to bring more joy and positivity to Encino. Plans are in the works for another community event, and I'm thrilled to share that both Mayor Karen Bass and Councilmember Nithya Raman have expressed strong support for our upcoming events. These gatherings are a wonderful way to build community spirit, and I encourage everyone to join in when the time comes.

I also want to remind you that the Encino Neighborhood Council is here to serve you. I've been reaching out to residents, like Loryn, who recently had an attempted burglary. Her bravery in standing up to the intruders was nothing short of inspiring, and it reinforced the importance of staying connected and supporting one another. Please don't hesitate to reach out—whether you need advice, resources, or just someone to listen, we are here for you.

Let's continue working together to ensure Encino remains the safe, vibrant, and welcoming community we all love. If you ever have concerns, ideas, or just want to chat, I'm always available. You can reach me directly at 202-494-2332.

Together, we can keep Encino moving forward!

Warmly,
Josh Sautter
President, Encino Neighborhood Council

Generating Income in Retirement: Strategies for Business Owners

by Joe Seetoo

For business owners entering retirement, one of the most pressing questions is, "How will I replace the income my business once provided?" The traditional income solutions of bonds and CDs have become less reliable, while market risks continue to loom. At Morton Wealth, we understand these challenges and are passionate about helping business owners craft income replacement strategies.

The Shift to Retirement

In the 2023 Los Angeles State of Owner Readiness Report, over 75% of business owners expressed that they rely on their business income to support their lifestyle. Transitioning from business ownership to retirement can feel daunting, particularly when the income that sustained you for years must be replaced. As advisors, we focus on three key areas to help ease this transition:

Mindset Shift: Business owners are natural doers. You've spent years building value, and it can be challenging to pivot to a spending strategy. Our role is to coach clients through this mental shift, helping you transition from focusing on accumulation to thinking about income distribution.

Financial Planning: A comprehensive financial plan offers clarity and confidence. By understanding how much income is needed to maintain your lifestyle, when to delay Social Security, and how to manage expenses, we can help you build a roadmap for retirement.

It's Not All or Nothing: Retirement doesn't have to mean leaving work completely. Staying on as an employee, becoming a consultant, or choosing part-time work can ease the transition. We work with you to understand how these decisions impact your overall financial picture.

Challenges with Traditional Income Options

Bonds and CDs have long been viewed as reliable sources of income. However, their reliability has diminished in recent years. Bonds, once a staple for income generation, have seen fluctuating interest rates that do not always compensate for the risk. Similarly, CDs, despite offering FDIC insurance, often require lock-up periods and come with reinvestment risk—meaning there's no guarantee the rate will remain favorable when the CD matures.

In light of these limitations, relying solely on traditional income strategies can leave business owners with less security than anticipated.

Expanding Beyond Traditional Investments

At Morton Wealth, we believe in diversifying income streams. Relying on one-dimensional strategies tied to the Federal Reserve's interest rate policy is not a prudent approach for building dependable cash flow. Instead, we focus on three core investment tenets: risk management, true diversification, and cash flow. This philosophy drives our approach to income replacement through alternative assets, including:

Transitioning from business ownership to retirement can feel daunting, particularly when the income that sustained you for years must be replaced.

Real Estate Equity: Real estate offers both income and growth potential, making it a hybrid investment. Properties can provide steady rental income while also appreciating in value over time. Additionally, depreciation in the tax code can shelter rental income, providing tax advantages.

Real Estate Loans (First Trust Deeds): Private real estate loans, often referred to as "bridge loans," help investors bridge the gap between the purchase or renovation of a property and obtaining long-term financing. These loans are secured by the property itself and can offer higher yields, though they come with certain risks such as illiquidity.

Private Diversified Lending: Asset-based loans provide another income source. These loans are generally secured by tangible assets such as inventory, equipment, or real estate, making them more conservative than traditional business loans. With yields that can be 4-5% higher than Treasury rates, they offer attractive returns in today's market.

Leveraging Unique Tools for Business Owners

Business owners have additional levers to pull when planning their income replacement strategy:

Separating Ownership from Management: By retaining ownership while stepping away from day-to-day management, owners can continue receiving

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Protect Your Home and Business With Reyes Security

With the recent surge in burglaries and crime in the Valley, it's more important than ever to protect your property. Reyes Security Group, led by founder Fermin Reyes, brings over 15 years of experience in the contract security industry to offer reliable solutions.

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Ketamine Therapy and How it Works

In light of Matthew Perry's recent passing, questions have arisen on ketamine infusion therapy and its role in treating a slew of mental health concerns, primarily depression. While Perry developed an addiction to the drug, outside of supervised therapy, ketamine has become a popular method to improve mental health symptoms. So, how does it work and is it a safe treatment?

Ketamine was originally created in the 1960s as an anesthetic for animals and then approved by the FDA in the 1970s to be used on humans. It is often referred to as a "dissociative anesthetic hallucinogen" because it distorts the perception of one's senses, creating hallucinogenic effects. Ketamine can make users detached from not only their environment, but their pain as it causes a state of sedation, immobility and amnesia.

In terms of mental health therapy, low doses of ketamine are administered to treat depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, OCD and more. In 2019, the FDA approved a nasal spray, Spravato, that must be taken in a certified doctor's office where the patient is led through a guided therapy and then monitored for two hours after receiving the dose.

Depending on the individual, the effects can last hours or days since ketamine produces a short-lived but intense experience that triggers an "afterglow" or positive change in insight, cognition and behavior. Ketamine essentially blocks the activity of the N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor, a portion of the brain that is involved in the regulation of mood, cognition and pain perception.

While psychedelic-assisted therapies are not uncommon in mental health treatments, there are definitely risk factors involved. Not only can it cause temporary physical side effects such as nausea and higher blood pressure, the psychedelic properties can put someone at risk if they are not monitored properly because they may be a harm to themselves in such a dissociative state. Like any drug, there is also the risk of dependency, as seen in the case of Perry. Due to the euphoric effects of the drug, users may seek out the drug in unofficial settings to continue the high and uplifting properties of ketamine.

While proven to be effective, it also comes with a high price tag, in addition to the potential risk of addiction. While some insurances may cover the nasal form of ketamine if specific conditions are met, ketamine therapy can range from $500 to $1,500 per session. Those interested in exploring this mental health therapy must have detailed discussions with their doctors and seek out a ketamine clinician that is well-versed on the protocols, risks and benefits in relation to a patient's medical health records.

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Parkinson's and the Gut

Thanks to recent studies, scientists are getting more answers on the root cause of Parkinson's. Parkinson's is a chronic, progressive disease that affects one's nervous systems often causing tremors and stiffness. While Parkinson's has long been thought to start in the brain, new studies are showing that the disease may actually start in the gut.

In the Yale study, researchers examined over 9,000 patients and found that those with gastrointestinal mucosal membrane damage had a 76% greater risk of developing the condition during the average of 15 years they were monitored. Scientists believe that the microbiome could influence the brain through the neuronal circuitry that links the gut to the brain and that this connection could be due to chemical communication through metabolites, small molecules made by the microbiome which break down food, drugs, and other substances.

Neurodegenerative conditions tend to go hand-in-hand with stomach issues, but more studies need to be undertaken to prove the correleation betwen the gut and the disease. Yale research will continue to document the mechanisms of the immune cells between the brain and the gut in the hopes of gathering clearer answers on Parkinson's.

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Can Household Plants Purify the Air?

Plants have long been touted as a beneficial home piece, not only for décor purposes, but for the various health benefits they claim to boost. Filling your home with fresh greenery is beneficial for one's mental health as it reduces stress, increases productivity and lowers depression through the act of caring and maintaining their lividity. But, how true is the claim that plants are the best natural air filters?

According to the American Lung Association, one would need approximately 680 plants to adequately clean the air of a 1,500-square-foot home. While houseplants don't necessarily live up to the idea that they can completely clean the air, they can slightly enhance it. Plants can remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as the gases benzene, trichloroethylene, and formaldehyde, which are potentially harmful.

Typically, in a home, far more gasses are prevalent thanks to the continuous opening of windows, doors, etc. In a 2020 study, around 10 to 1,000 plants per square meter would be needed to get any significant results. Thus, the average indoor plant, or scattering of household plants, would be unable to combat VOCs in any way to notice significant change.

Although not exactly the air purifiers that most think they are, indoor plants can still be a beneficial item to have throughout the home. Esthetically pleasing, and cortisol lowering, plants still offer multiple health benefits especially for one's mental health.

However, those looking for fresher air in a more concentrated manner may want to swap out a plant for an official air purifier.

The Reel History of the Valley

By Martin M. Cooper

The Day Walt Died

It happened at 9:35 am on Thursday, December 15, 1966, nearly 58 years ago.

It was just under 60 degrees in Burbank, California, and in a bed in St. Joseph Medical Center, just across Buena Vista Street from the studio bearing his name, the most famous man in the world succumbed to lung cancer and other illnesses.

Walt Disney, motion pictures' last mogul, was dead, although much of the world didn't want to believe it.

I was Disneyland's Advertising & Promotion Manager at the time, and one of my responsibilities was to deal with the non-news media around the world. That meant radio and television announcers, talk show hosts and disc jockeys contacted me when they wanted information, show guests, or, most often, free tickets to Disneyland.

The first call came in from a show host in Sydney, Australia; with obvious distress in his voice, he asked, "It isn't true, is it; Walt Disney isn't really dead, is he?"

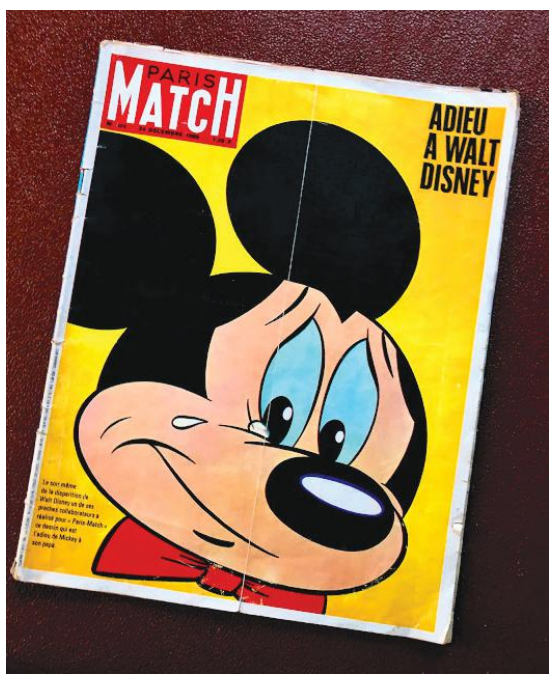
The next call was from upstate New York, with a disc jockey equally unwilling to accept the truth of Disney's demise. It went on that way through the morning, until newspaper "extra" editions or TV news alerts confirmed that which many didn't want to believe: Uncle Walt was gone.

Actor Hank Jones remembers the day: "In the first of the eight movies I did at Disney Studios, I played Gudger, the wimpy head of the track team, in *Blackbeard's Ghost*, with Peter Ustinov, Elsa Lanchester, Dean Jones, and Suzanne Pleshette. Working at the studio was like going to summer camp. But besides all the happy memories, that film also is draped in black crepe in my mind. It was Walt Disney's last movie.

"As I arrived at the studio gate on December 15, 1966, I noticed the guard wiping a tear from his eye. All he said was, 'I'm not sure if you're working today, Hank, Walt just died.'

It was just under 60 degrees in Burbank, California, and in a bed in St. Joseph Medical Center, just across Buena Vista Street from the studio bearing his name, the most famous man in the world succumbed to lung cancer and other illnesses.

"We had heard he had had some health problems, but nothing serious was ever mentioned. In fact, he came to the set of *Blackbeard's Ghost* just to see how things were going a few days earlier. We'd seen him unobtrusively standing with his foot on a ladder in a corner of the soundstage watching the shoot. We were stunned when we heard he had passed away in the hospital just across the street. Nobody could do any work; the whole studio closed for the day in respect and in mourning. The Enchanted Kingdom had lost its Prince."



The cover of the December 24, 1966, issue of the French magazine Paris Match, featuring a grieving Mickey Mouse marking Walt Disney's death.

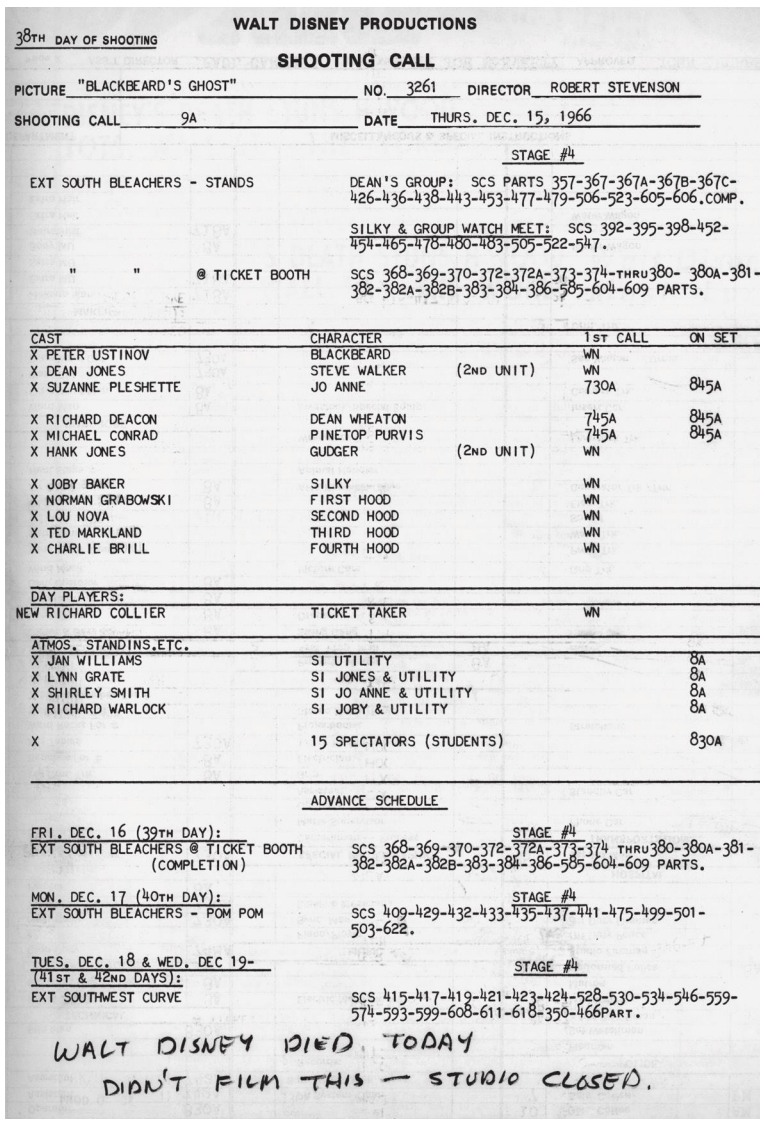
That evening, Eric Severeid, CBS Network's evening news commentator, said this about Walt: "It would take more time than anybody has around the daily news shops to think of the right thing to say about Walt Disney.

"He was an original, not just an American original, but an original period. He was a happy accident, one of the happiest this century has experienced, and judging by the way it has been behaving in spite of all Disney tried to tell it about laughter, love children, puppies, and sunrises, the century hardly deserved him.

"He probably did more to heal or at least to soothe troubled human spirits than all the psychiatrists in the world… There can't be many adults in the allegedly civilized parts of the globe who did not inhabit Disney's mind and imagination at least for a few hours and feel better for the visitation.

"It may be true, as somebody said, that while there is not highbrow in a lowbrow, there is some lowbrow in every highbrow. But what Walt Disney seemed to know was that while there is very little grown-up in a child, there is a lot of child in every grown-up. To a child this weary world is brand new, gift wrapped; Disney tried to keep it that way for adults...

"By the conventional wisdom, mighty mice, flying elephants, Snow White and Happy, Grumpy, Sneezy and Dopey – all these were fantasy, escapism from reality. It is a question of whether they are any less real, any more fantastic than intercontinental missiles, poisoned air, defoliated forests, and scrap iron on the Moon. This is the age of fantasy but Disney's fantasy wasn't lethal.



WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS

38TH DAY OF SHOOTING

SHOOTING CALL

PICTURE "BLACKBEARD'S GHOST" NO. 3261 DIRECTOR ROBERT STEVENSON

SHOOTING CALL 9A DATE THURS. DEC. 15, 1966

STAGE #4

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CAST	CHARACTER		1ST CALL	ON SET
X PETER USTINOV	BLACKBEARD		WN	
X DEAN JONES	STEVE WALKER	(2ND UNIT)	WN	
X SUZANNE PLESHETTE	JO ANNE		730A	845A
X RICHARD DEACON	DEAN WHEATON		745A	845A
X MICHAEL CONRAD	PINETOP PURVIS		745A	845A
X HANK JONES	GUDGER	(2ND UNIT)	WN	
X JOBY BAKER	SILKY		WN	
X NORMAN GRABOWSKI	FIRST HOOD		WN	
X LOU NOVA	SECOND HOOD		WN	
X TED MARKLAND	THIRD HOOD		WN	
X CHARLIE BRILL	FOURTH HOOD		WN	
DAY PLAYERS:				
NEW RICHARD COLLIER	TICKET TAKER		WN	
ATMOS. STANDINS,ETC.				
X JAN WILLIAMS	SI UTILITY			8A
X LYNN GRATE	SI JONES & UTILITY			8A
X SHIRLEY SMITH	SI JO ANNE & UTILITY			8A
X RICHARD WARLOCK	SI JOBY & UTILITY			8A
X	15 SPECTATORS (STUDENTS)			830A

ADVANCE SCHEDULE

FRI. DEC. 16 (39TH DAY): STAGE #4
EXT SOUTH BLEACHERS @ TICKET BOOTH (COMPLETION) — SCS 368-369-370-372-372A-373-374 THRU380-380A-381-382-382A-382B-383-384-386-585-604-609 PARTS.

MON. DEC. 17 (40TH DAY): STAGE #4
EXT SOUTH BLEACHERS - POM POM — SCS 409-429-432-433-435-437-441-475-499-501-503-622.

TUES. DEC. 18 & WED. DEC 19- (41ST & 42ND DAYS): STAGE #4
EXT SOUTHWEST CURVE — SCS 415-417-419-421-423-424-528-530-534-546-559-574-593-599-608-611-618-350-466PART.

WALT DISNEY DIED TODAY
DIDN'T FILM THIS — STUDIO CLOSED.

The Call Sheet for Disney's Blackbeard's Ghost. At the bottom is Hank Jones' handwritten notation: "Walt Disney died today. Didn't film this – studio closed."

But Walt was not the saint most saw him as. He drank more than his share of scotch mists; he smoked more cigarettes than he should have; and his ultra-conservative, anti-union politics were well known in the film community.

But it's safe to say he brought more smiles to more faces than anyone else in history.

And is there a better legacy?

Martin Cooper, President of Cooper Communications, supervised public relations for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences for 10 years; held executive positions with Disney and Universal Studios; and served as Chairman of the Board of the UCLA Film & Television Archive. He is a Fernando Award Honoree and Past Chairman of VICA. An award-winning author, he has written four books, two of them on the San Fernando Valley. He is currently researching his next book, the history of motion pictures in the Valley.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hosts Eugene and Dan Levy.

The 76th Emmy Awards: A Night of Schitt's and Giggles

This year's 76th annual Emmy Awards was full of Schitt's and giggles. Father-son duo Eugene and Dan Levy (*Schitt's Creek*) hosted the annual television ceremony only eight months after the last Emmys, which were delayed due to the Hollywood strikes. With that being said, many of the category winners mirrored those of the previous ceremony…blink and you might miss the fact that this is the 2024 Emmys, not the 2023 ones.

Peppered throughout the ceremony were a slew of famous reunions on recreated sets (i.e. Ron Howard and Henry Winkler of *Happy Days*) and popular pairings, (i.e. famous TV moms, villains and the like).

While it was night of sweeps (*Shogun* claiming the most awards at 18), there were also many firsts (Jodie Foster received her first Emmy!) and tongue-in-cheek moments (Will Smith, no not that one, winning for best writing and acknowledging that this Smith comes in peace).

The following are winners from this past ceremony:

Comedy Series - *Hacks*

Drama Series- *Shōgun*

Actress in a Drama Series - Anna Sawai, *Shōgun*

Actor in a Drama Series - Hiroyuki Sanada, *Shōgun*

Limited Series - *Baby Reindeer*

Actress in a Limited Series or TV Movie - Jodie Foster, *True Detective: Night Country*

Actor in a Limited Series or TV Movie - Richard Gadd, *Baby Reindeer*

Writing for a Limited Series - Baby Reindeer, *Richard Gadd*

Writing for a Drama Series - Will Smith, *Slow Horses*

Writing for a Comedy Series - Lucia Aniello, Paul W. Downs and Jen Statsky, *Hacks*

Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or TV Movie - Lamorne Morris, *Fargo*

Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or TV Movie - Jessica Gunning, *Baby Reindeer*

Talk Series - *The Daily Show*

Scripted Variety Series - *Last Week with John Oliver*

Reality Competition Program - *The Traitors*

Actress in a Comedy Series - Jean Smart, *Hacks*

Actor in a Comedy Series - Jeremy Allen White, *The Bear*

Supporting Actress in a Drama Series - Elizabeth Debicki, *The Crown*

Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Billy Crudup, *The Morning Show*

Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series - Liza Colón-Zayas, *The Bear*

Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series - Ebon Moss-Bachrach, *The Bear*

Directing for a Drama Series - *Shōgun*, Frederick E.O. Toye for "Crimson Sky"

Directing for a Comedy Series - *The Bear*, Christopher Storer for "Fishes"

Directing for a Limited Series - Steven Zaillian, *Ripley*

Save the Date! Encino Halloween Event Oct. 26

The Encino Community Center and Balboa Sports Complex will hold a "Disney Villians" Halloween event on Saturday, October 26, from 12 to 4 pm.

This free community event will have arts and crafts, a moon bounce, a costume contest, cookie decorating, Halloween treats, prizes and more. Plus, there will a dog costume contest at 2:15 pm.

There will awards for funniest, scariest, cutest, grossest, most heroic, biggest villian and most creative in various age brackets.

A Letter to the Community: Big 5 Encino Closing

Dear Valued Community Members,

We are announcing that our Big 5 Sporting Goods store in Encino is closing. For nearly 50 years, we have had the privilege of serving this wonderful community of Encino, and we are deeply grateful for your support and loyalty.

As we prepare to close our doors, we want to ensure a smooth transition for all our customers. Our final day of operation will be Saturday, October 19th and until then, we will continue to offer our services and products during our Store Closing Sale now in progress.

You can now save in every department with discounts from 20% to 40% off the entire store. We suggest you visit the store and take advantage of the significant discounts we are offering.

The good news is we're not going away. We still have many locations in the area including stores in Reseda, Van Nuys, Studio City, Canoga Park, Northridge and many more to continue serving all your sporting goods needs!

Warm regards,
Big 5 Sporting Goods

Retirement Cont'd

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dividends without running the business.

Earnouts: This allows owners to receive additional payments post-sale if certain financial goals are met.

Consulting or Employment Roles: Many owners choose to transition gradually, working part-time or as consultants to continue generating income while adjusting to retirement.

Seller Notes: Owners can receive deferred payments as part of the sale of their business, creating a steady income stream with interest over time.

Securing Your Financial Future

At Morton Wealth, we help business owners design personalized income replacement strategies that go beyond traditional investments. By incorporating alternative assets and thoughtful planning, we work to ensure your retirement years are as financially secure as the business you've built.

If you are interested in learning more, please join us at Morton Wealth's upcoming 3rd annual Investor Symposium at the Westlake Village Inn on Oct 17th. Visit mortonwealth.com/investorsymposium for more details and to register.

Joe Seetoo is a Wealth Advisor and Partner at Morton Wealth with over 23 years of experience providing financial planning and wealth management services to business owners and high-net-worth families. Named as one of the 200 most influential leaders in the Greater San Fernando Valley Region by the San Fernando Business Journal for three consecutive years, and the recipient of the Trailblazer award from the same publication, he is a certified Exit Planning Advisor and a member of Provisors. He currently serves as the Founder and President of the Conejo Valley chapter of the Exit Planning Institute as well as the host of The Ripcord Moment, an exit planning podcast.

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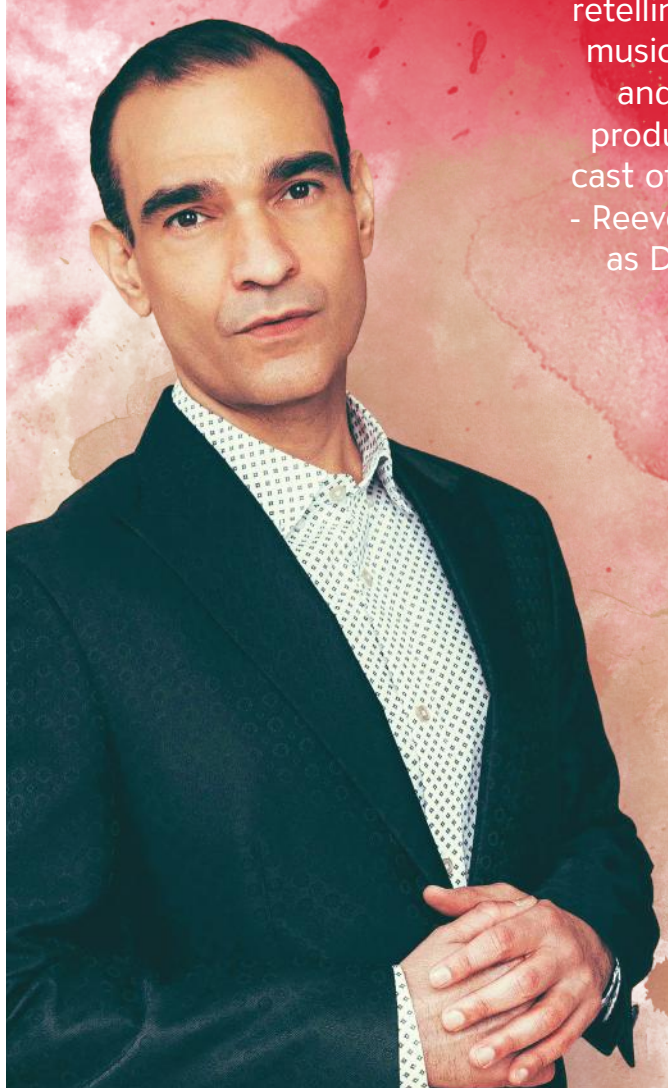

Music and Lyrics by
Randy Newman

Starring
Reeve Carney **Javier Muñoz**
Jordan Temple **Ryan McCartan**
Veronica Swift **Joanna Lynn-Jacobs**

SAT SEP 28 8PM
SUN SEP 29 3PM

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