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# **Five Easy Tips that Can Protect Your Home During the Rainy Season!**

ITZCIK WEINSTEIN - Over the past couple of rainy seasons, the Greater Los Angeles area was particularly hard-hit by a number of severe rain events. Super-charged by warm water from the Pacific Ocean, these storms dumped trillions of gallons of water on our city, causing widespread flooding and severe damage to homes and commercial properties.

Because so many homes in Los Angeles and its bedroom communities are built on hills or at the bottom of winding canyons, they are especially atrisk during rain storms. This is because the terrain in such areas has little vegetation to hold its soil in place and allow the rain to soak into the earth. As such, the rain runs downhill, collecting a flow of rocks and other loose debris, which washes down into homes and businesses. Such a muddy mess can cause 2. Ensure that water is structural damage to concrete foundations, causing them to shift and crack. To add insult to injury, the stagnant water that remains behind promotes the growth of mold, bacteria, and fungus on the organic materials that make up a modern home, creating an unhe althy environment for those who visit or live in the property.

What can homeowners do to protect their valuable homes during Rainy Seasons? Here are five easy tips:

1. Inspect the hillsides above your home to determine their condition. If the slopes above your home

loose soil, ask your local home association or city government what is their plan for mitigating mudslides

lack vegetation and have 3. Reseal surfaces and joints. Walk around your property and inspect its driveways, walkways, patios, and stairs. If you determine that these



in your area. It may be the case that you will need to work with your neighbors to replant vegetation and build a retaining wall to protect your property.

draining away from your property. If you see rainwater pooling around your home, this is the time to ensure that your landscaping, gutters, downspouts, and drains are all functioning as intended. If they are not, a drainage professional can clear your drains, modify your landscaping, and add drainage solutions to fit your specific needs (e.g., area drains, channel drains, catch basins, flow wells, and French drains). If you ask for a free, no-obligation inspection of your property's drainage, most professionals will happily oblige.

joints and surfaces are in poor condition (e.g., show cracks or damaged seals), have them professionally repaired and treated with appropriate, heavy-duty sealants, which penetrating moisture and further damage.

"encapsulation" can breed a toxic brew of mold, furnishings. mildew, and bacteria that can rot your home from the inside out. A wet crawl space also leads to higher energy bills to both cool and heat your home. Solve this issue by installing an "encapsulation" system that seals and insulates the crawl space by wrapping it with a layer of

anti-bacterial polyethylene liner. At the same time, vents and port doors are covered up to offer full insulation, and a dehumidifier is added to dry out and continuously "condition" the area.

5. Have a plan in place. If your property is in danger from destructive water intrusion, you must prepare today. This means having on-hand appropriate tools such as a portable sump pump, a water vacuum, and a supply of sandbags and plywood that you can use to divert the flow of water, mud, and debris away from your property. Note that one good place where you can obtain sandbags at no charge is your local fire station!

Our climate environment is can protect these areas from changing, and we can all now expect rain to periodically threaten our homes and businesses. Fortunately, taking 4. Install a crawl space reasonable steps to prevent, system. detect, and respond to water Your property's crawl space intrusion, is always much (that area beneath the first less costly than repairing a floor of the structure) is damaged property, removing especially vulnerable to hazardous mold, or replacing damage from moisture that expensive utility equipment and

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# FOUR WAYS ORGAN TRANSPLANTS **ARE BEING** TRANSFORMED **TO SAVE MORE LIVES**



HEATHER **KEHREN** - Despite a record year for organ donation last year in the U.S., an estimated 17 people die every day have performed over 31,000 waiting for a transplant. Yet Mayo Clinic transplant experts are optimistic that solutions to some of the biggest transplant challenges are on the horizon, thanks to new technology, research and innovations.

the transplant practice for future patients. To do that, we are using technology and team science to look at ways Center in Minnesota. to optimize donated organs, liberate patients from antirejection medications and enable donated organs to last longer," says Burcin Taner, M.D., director of Mayo Clinic

Transplant Center in Florida. Mayo Clinic is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its first organ transplant, which was a kidney transplant One of the biggest advances last longer? Researchers subtle warning signs that from a living donor on Nov. has been organ-perfusion 25, 1963. Today, Mayo Clinic systems. These mechanical is the largest integrated devices

CARLSON transplant center in the U.S. organs such as lungs, hearts, longer. For example, one of centers in Arizona, Florida viable outside the body and Minnesota combined organ transplants.

organ transplantation has otherwise not be safe for been exciting because it can transplantation. allow a patient who has endstage organ failure and who helped us expand the donor is extremely ill and suffering pool and deliver lifesaving to get back to a normal life. transplants to more and "Our goal is to transform We need to achieve that for more patients, all while more patients," says Julie Heimbach, M.D., director of Mayo Clinic Transplant M.D., director of Mayo Clinic

Here are four promising ways transplant is changing:

### **1. ENABLING MORE** DONATED ORGANS TO BE **SAFELY USED**

New technology is helping ensure that more donated organs can get to the people who desperately need them. if those donated organs could enable

for a longer period of time so that they can be used. It also allows surgeons to "From the very beginning, restore organs that would "Organ maintaining some of the best outcomes," says Bashar Aqel, Transplant Center in Arizona.

### **2. HELPING TRANSPLANTS** LAST LONGER

The average 10 to 20 years, meaning transplant recipients are often faced with needing a donated these donated organs thrive biomarkers in the blood.

Mayo Clinic's transplant kidneys and livers to remain the most common causes of kidney failure is diabetes, which is related to obesity. One innovative approach is that one day there will be a to perform bariatric surgery aheadofthekidneytransplant to reduce the chance of diabetes. post-transplant perfusion technology has Efforts are also underway to improve how organs are matched with patients with the goal of minimizing the need for immunosuppression medication, which can have negative side effects.

### **3. IDENTIFYING ORGAN FAILURE EARLIER**

The quicker someone is identified as being at risk kidney for organ failure, the sooner transplant in the U.S. lasts they can begin to receive treatment in hopes of delaying – and potentially preventing - the need for a also can register to become a second transplant. But what transplant. Researchers are deceased donor. exploring ways to identify are looking at ways to keep this is happening earlier via patients healthier so that artificial intelligence and

### **4. BIOENGINEERING NEW ORGANS**

It may sound like science fiction, but experts hope way to engineer new organs using regenerative medicine. would eliminate That the uncertainty of organ donation and long waiting lists. Those efforts are still in the early stages.

While all of these potential advances offer hope, choosing to be an organ donor is a step people can take today to help save more lives. More than 103,000 people are on the waiting list in the U.S. for a transplant, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Living donation allows people to donate a kidney or part of their liver to someone in need. People

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### **MAYO CLINIC EXPERT** ON THE IMPORTANCE **OF LUNG CANCER SCREENING**

Screening for lung cancer can save lives, and there's an urgent need for more screening of people of color. That's one of the takeaways from the newly released "State of Lung Cancer" report from the American Lung Association.







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**DEB BALZER** - "Lung cancer is the largest so late in its stage, often, when it's diagnosed," says Dr. Janani Reisenauer, a thoracic surgeon and interventional pulmonologist at Mayo number of years smoking," she says. Clinic. "Historical data show that 70% of lung cancers that were being diagnosed and not 20 years, but you were smoking twice were at stage 3, which makes it much more as much, you might also be a candidate under of how a patient gets lung cancer and how we challenging to treat and cure someone of lung the new screening guidelines for a CT," she says. can treat it to where it's not the No. 1 cancer cancer."

"Through lung cancer screening, we've been able to identify patients much earlier in their stage, which gives them more treatment options and much more hopeful chances of cure. For that reason, screening is important," she says.

The latest update from the American Cancer Society recommends that people with a substantial smoking history undergo an annual low-dose CT scan for lung cancer screening. Dr. Reisenauer says the new Reisenauer says a patient will work with a guidelines allow a broader population to be eligible for screening.

"Any patient with a significant smoking continues to pioneer lung cancer treatment (cancer) killer of adult men and women history and over age 55 (are the new through research and innovation, working worldwide. Many of the reasons for that is it's guidelines). It used to be just 20 years of for better patient outcomes.

smoking, and now we've redefined it to say the number of cigarettes per day times the individualized custom treatments for those

"Even if you were smoking for only 10 years or something completely novel like through

patients talk with their primary care team to movement there in the next 10 to 20 years," let them know you are interested in screening.

detect suspicious lung nodules and signs of lung cancer. Detecting lung cancer in its early stages significantly increases the likelihood of successful treatment and cure.

If lung cancer is confirmed, Dr. science," Dr. Reisenauer says. multidisciplinary team to decide the best treatment option. She says Mayo Clinic

generate patient-specific "We patients, whether it's given IV or a surgery, the robotic bronchoscope. Our understanding Dr. Reisenauer recommends that eligible killer worldwide - I think we'll make much she says.

"And I think screening is a part of that HOW LUNG CANCER SCREENING WORKS so we can capture these patients early, Screening includes a low-dose CT scan to understand what we're dealing with. But as we're capturing these patients, we are trying to understand how these tumors behave on a cellular, molecular and genetic level. This is very new, and it's an area of interesting

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# START THE NEW YEAR WITH **EXCITING EVENTS IN SHERMAN OAKS**

**BY GINA COVELLO** 

### **RUN OR WALK FOR** WESPARK 5K/10K Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:00 AM

### Balboa Park 6350 Woodley Avenue, Lake Balboa

Lace up your running shoes for the 14th Annual Run/Walk for WeSPARK 5K/10K at Lake Balboa Woodley Park. Grab your family and friends and let's get moving for WeSPARK Cancer Support Center. Whether you are an avid runner or would rather be on

### **PUNK GRANDPA AT** WHITEFIRE THEATRE

Saturday, February 10, 2024 7:30 PM The Whitefire Theatre 13500 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks

Punk Grandpa is like a modern-day Auntie Mame, with genders reversed. It's all about being yourself, embracing life and humor and the value of the grandparent/grandchild relationship. It also touches on the topics of Alzheimer's (as Laura's grandpa passed away due to Alzheimer's and



THE OAKS COMEDY SHOW Every Monday 7:30 to 9:30 PM The Oaks Tavern

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The Oaks Tavern brings the best acts from up-and-coming talent to established comedians who have never know who will stop by. Karaoke follows the comedy show from 10 PM to 1:45 AM. For additional information visit theoakstavern.com.

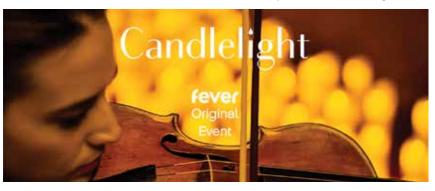
### **CANDLELIGHT SHERMAN OAKS:** A TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY HOUSTON

Friday, February 23, 2024 6:30 and 9:30 PM

Skirball Cultural Center 2701 North Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles Candlelight concerts bring the

magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Los Angeles. released comedy specials on the Get your tickets now to discover the top comedy outlets, while curating music of Whitney Houston at the talent that will be featured in those Skirball Cultural Center under the same spotlights. With special guests gentle glow of candlelight. The doors regularly making appearances, you for the show will open 45 minutes prior to the start time and late entry is not permitted. Ages 8+ welcome, anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please visit feverup.com/m/130415 for details.

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is something for all athletic abilities! 5K and 10K races offer their own Chip-Times Courses around scenic Lake Balboa. Each course is fast and flat and great for the experienced runner or the casual walker - dogs are welcome and can also register and get their own T-shirt, too! Strollers are accessible on both courses! Bring the kids along for the Kids Fun Run - a and a Finisher Medal! Visit runsignup. com/Race/CA/LakeBalboa/ RunWalkforWeSPARK for additional information.

the couch with a cold drink - there the show has been used as a fundraiser for various branches of The Alzheimer's Association) a nd Big Band/Jazz music. Punk Grandpa has won several awards. At 2016 FRIGID NYC, it received the Sold Out and Hangover Awards. At the 2015 Planet Connections Theatre Festivity in NYC, it won The Outstanding Performance in a Solo Show Award and Playwright/ short run in the Woodley Park area. Performer Laura Scruggs also won the Each participant will receive a t-shirt Congeniality Award. "Punk Grandpa" was a Quarterfinalist for the 2020 Screencraft Stage Play Contest as well. For show details please visit whitefire.stagey.net/projects/10191.

# ESSENTIAL **GAS FIREPLACE** MAINTENANCE TIPS **TO KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE**

glowing fire by simply flipping a switch or precautions. pressing a button. Without the mess of ash and soot, these clean-burning units require

JESSICA BENNETT - A gas fireplace lets to follow all manufacturer's instructions, you enjoy the warmth and coziness of a paying special attention to safety

WHAT YOU NEED



much less upkeep than traditional woodburning fireplaces, but a bit of gas fireplace maintenance is essential to keep yours in top shape.

First, it's recommended that you have a licensed gas service provider inspect your fireplace at least once per year. The D Soft cleaning cloth technician can thoroughly clean gas fireplaces, check for gas leaks, ensure the fireplace is venting properly and identify potential safety issues.

Between annual inspections, you can also conduct some gas fireplace cleaning yourself. Especially if you use your gas fireplace frequently, dirt, dust and other residue can build up over time, eventually resulting in musty odors or glass doors that appear milky or foggy. If your fireplace's interior or glass looks grimy, follow the steps below on how to clean a gas fireplace.

### HOW TO CLEAN A GAS FIREPLACE

Working around gas components can be dangerous. Before you begin, read the manual for your gas fireplace and be sure

□ Screwdriver

- Dropcloth or towel
- Vacuum with crevice tool

attachment or handheld vacuum

- □ Fireplace glass cleaner

Paper towels

### **1: TURN OFF THE GAS AND DISASSEMBLE** Switch the pilot light and the gas valve off and wait for the fireplace to cool down completely before cleaning. Following the

manufacturer's instructions, remove the glass panel to access the interior of the fireplace. Set the glass on a soft surface, such as a dropcloth or an old towel. If possible, remove the decorative logs (this might require a screwdriver) and place them on the dropcloth or towel. Consider taking a photo of the fireplace before disassembling to help you remember where to put everything back.

### **2: CLEAN THE FIREPLACE INTERIOR**

Vacuum up any dirt or dust inside the fireplace, moving carefully around the grates, decorative stones or other components. If the stones or rocks inside your gas fireplace are small enough to get sucked up by the vacuum, carefully remove them before vacuuming. Dust off the logs, using a soft cloth, and replace them inside nearby that can alert you in the event of the unit.

### **3: CLEAN THE GAS FIREPLACE GLASS**

Gas fireplace glass sometimes acquires a white, foggy-looking film resulting from chemical residue. To clean, use a glass cleaner specifically designed for fireplaces, and buff with paper towels or a soft cleaning cloth. Replace the glass on the fireplace.

### **OTHER GAS FIREPLACE MAINTENANCE TIPS**

The faux logs and rocks inside your gas fireplace can become discolored, worn or cracked over time. If you notice any signs of damage, replace these components immediately. Ensure you have a working carbon monoxide detector installed a leak. Call a professional if you notice any signs of excess moisture, cracked paint, stains or other damage around your fireplace or chimney, and schedule your annual fireplace inspection in the late summer or early fall before the temperatures drop.

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# **Government Offers Homeowners Free Money for Earthquake Retrofitting!**

Itzcik Weinstein - The greater Los of ZIP codes in the greater Los Angeles Angeles region typically experiences a region. The eligible ZIP codes are huge earthquake every 100 years and chosen based upon their seismic risk seismic scientists are all in agreement that our city is long overdue for a "Big One"! This is a natural event that doesn't care whether or not we are periodically ready for it, and it will likely come registration and submission of Earthquake Soft-Story ("ESS") retrofit located in one of the ESS program ZIP directly at us from the San Andreas applications. The EBB will in fact grant program, which is aimed at Codes that can be accessed by pasting fault, which is located only 35 miles begin taking applications again on earthquake retrofitting the region's this link into your browser command away from downtown Los Angeles. January 10, 2024. At that time, and on vulnerable "Soft Story" homes. Soft Although no one knows when the "Big a rolling basis, thousands of qualified Story homes are those older dwellings One" will hit, the damage that will result cannot be understated - it will undoubtedly be catastrophic – despite the fact that building codes in our area have been dramatically improved since our last large earthquake in 1994.

Having said that, there is a concrete step that all homeowners can take today to protect their homes and loved ones, and that is to seismically retrofit their properties by bolting them to their foundations and bracing their crawl space walls. Fortunately, two important state governmentfunded grant programs have been established to provide homeowners with free money grants to subsidize their cost of retrofitting their homes against earthquakes!

### THE "EARTHQUAKE BRACE + **BOLT" ("EBB") RETROFIT GRANT** PROGRAM

The first such program, called "Earthquake Brace + Bolt" ("EBB"), was established in 2013 and has since then provided nearly 20,000 homeowners with grants to have their homes retrofitted. The EBB program, which is run by the California Residential Mitigation Program into your browser command window: ("CRMP"), operates across hundreds

and concentration of older, "at-risk" homes.

The EBB for

### THE "EARTHQUAKE SOFT-STORY" ("ESS") RETROFIT GRANT PROGRAM

In 2023, the CRMP also rolledprogram is open out a second program for eligible homeowner Los Angeles homeowners, the large opening over its garage, and is



homeowners will be eligible to receive that have one or more floors of living subsidize their cost of seismically retrofitting their homes. Moreover, those homeowners with a household income at or below \$72,080 will also qualify for additional, supplemental grants, that can potentially cover the full cost of their seismic retrofit. More information about the EBB Program can be accessed by pasting this link Earthquakebracebolt.com

free money grants of up to \$3,000 to space built above a car garage. Such homes are in fact more vulnerable to earthquake damage because their garage lacks structural support and soundness around it, and its walls are not braced to resist an earthquake's destructive motions.

> Soft Story homeowners with incentive grants of up to \$13,000 to seismically retrofit their homes. Importantly, this grant is in addition to the grant

offered by the EBB program.

Homeowners who have a qualified Soft-Story home can participate in the ESS if their single-family home was built prior to 2,000, has no more than two stories and a living space or window:

### Californiaresi dentialmitigation program.com/Sign-Up/signup

The CRMP estimates that there are as many as 1.2 million older homes in California's seismically hazardous areas that are vulnerable to earthquake damage. When (it's not an "if") a large earthquake hits, entire communities will likely be devastated, with thousands of families unable to occupy their homes. Such families will be forced to pay for rental accommodations at inflated prices, at the same time they will be paying out-of-pocket for repairing their family home (if such repairs are even possible). By taking a government free-money grant and retrofitting today, homeowners can harden their homes and potentially prevent outrageous repair bills later on. It just makes sense!

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### INGREDIENTS SERVES 4 TO 6

- □ 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- □ 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest, divided
- □ 1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces



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1/4 teaspoon table salt, plus salt for cooking potatoes

### **OLIVE OIL MASHED POTATOES**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Stir 1 tablespoon oil, 1/4 teaspoon lemon zest, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper together in a small bowl; set aside for serving. Bring 2 quarts water, potatoes, and 2 tablespoons salt to boil in a large saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until potatoes are fork-tender, 15 to 18 minutes.

2. Reserve 1 cup of cooking water, then drain potatoes. Return potatoes to the now-empty saucepan. Add 1/4 cup oil and 1/4 cup reserved cooking water and mash with potato masher until oil and water are fully incorporated. Add <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup cooking water and remaining 1/4 cup oil and continue to mash until fully incorporated.

3. Scrape down sides of saucepan with rubber spatula. Add salt, remaining

1/4 teaspoon lemon zest, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper and whisk until smooth and no lumps remain, about 30 seconds. (Whisk in reserved cooking water as needed, 2 tablespoons at a time, until potatoes are glossy and smooth; you needn't use all the cooking water.)

4. Transfer potatoes to a serving bowl and use the back of the spoon to create divots on the surface. Drizzle with reserved oil mixture. Serve.

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# INTEREST RATES ARE IMPROVING **SHOULD I HOLD OUT OR MOVE NOW?**

Dear Gina,

When we bought our 3-bedroom house in 2017 it felt huge. But our family has since grown from two to five and my husband and I both started working from home. We've been wanting to upgrade for years now, but first the market was too competitive and then interest rates went crazy. But it looks like rates are coming down. How much longer should we hold out? - Olivia P.

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Dear Olivia, Over the last few years I can't tell you I've worked with who've wanted to move for one reason or another but felt like there were too many barriers. That's slowly beginning to change now that more homes are hitting the credit pulls and fees related market and rates are easing.

"falling" because they haven't doing frequently. Instead, changed much. Will they get I recommend purchasing a lower? Yes. Is that a reason to 2-year Rate Buydown (see delay moving? Probably not. Let me explain.

### **RATES WON'T GET MUCH LOWER**

Although rates are moving in the right direction, they are not headed back to 2021 levels or anywhere close. The National Association of Realtors predicts is as high as possible before a half-percentage point drop by the end of 2024, which is pretty negligible over the course of a boost it), and then shopping year. Depending on what you mean by "coming down more," you could end up waiting a long payment, shortening your time.

### **MORTGAGES CAN BE REFINANCED**

It's also important to how many people remember that if you secure a mortgage at today's rates you can still take advantage of tomorrow's rates. Most home loans don't assess penalties for refinancing. But because to the new loan will apply, I say "easing" instead of it's not something I'd suggest below), and refinancing when it expires.

### YOU CAN LOWER YOUR **INTEREST COST**

There are multiple ways to lower your rate and overall interest expense. It starts by making sure your credit score applying (paying down credit cards is the fastest way to around with multiple lenders. If you can afford a higher loan term to 20 or 15 years

result in a faster payoff (which whether or not you can upgrade means you'll pay interest on a and how much house you can smaller balance each month). Increasing your down payment and making extra "principal are beyond our control. Instead, only" payments will also reduce your interest cost; the more you inject, the lower your balance, reducing how much interest you pay each month.

And as I alluded to earlier, consider a Rate Buydown if you have the cash. This is a lump exchange for a discounted interest rate. There are many options available, and your seller might finance a portion of this for you. I'd suggest a 2 or 3 percentage point buydown for 2 years, since refinance will likely make sense by that time. This will suppress your payment and accelerate your principal paydown in the first two years, when your balance is the highest.

### YOUR FINANCES MATTER MORE THAN THE MARKET Your budget is the number a call.

will get you a better rate and one driver when it comes to afford. Interest rates absolutely have a bearing on that, but they its best to determine if your income, expenses, debt, and savings are in a strong enough position to buy the home you want in the current market. And if they are, there's little to gain from waiting.

And finally, I'll add that sum you pay to the lender in although your home is probably your most significant asset, it's not an "investment" in the traditional sense. You're not looking to buy a bigger home to maximize your ROI; you want to *increase* your quality of life. Remember that. The best deal for your family is the one at the intersection of what you need and what you can afford.

### **GET IN TOUCH!**

Thanks again for reaching out, and if you need more tailored advice (or a referral to a good lender), please give me



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### Yael A.

Gina helped us find the home of our dreams! We are so thankful to have found her. She was great at communicating with us, answered all of our many questions, she was very knowledgeable and professional. Gina guided us through the process 100%. She also worked very hard to make buying a home in a very competitive area and market achievable. I would highly recommend Gina to my family and friends!

### -M. Mirael

Gina is an amazing realtor and my wife and I cannot say enough good things about her! She really knows her business, inventory, procedures, policies and always follows through. She really made us feel like we were her only clients. Her attention to detail, professionalism and integrity made her a pleasure to work with. We would highly recommend her to anyone!



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# IF YOU'RE IN CASH, YOU RISK MISSING OUT, BOND MANAGERS OF \$2.5 TRILLION SAY

MICHAEL MACKENZIE - For investors stashing record sums in cash, U.S. bond managers overseeing a combined \$2.5 trillion have a bit of advice: It's time to put that money to work.

That's the message from Capital Group, DoubleLine Capital, Pimco and TCW Group. And it comes as many fixed-income managers are still licking their wounds following a tough year that's seen the bond market trail ultrasafe T-bills and money-funds carrying the highest rates in decades.

For these West Coast bond managers, this month shows the risk of staying in cash too long. Signs of ebbing inflation and softer growth have fueled a 3.6% surge in the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index in November, leaving it with a return of about 0.7% for 2023. That's still well short of what cash has earned

Ten-year notes yielded around 4.4% recently, after touching 5% in October for the first time since 2007. The rally means U.S. government bonds have a chance to avoid an unprecedented third straight year of losses.

Investment Management Co.

In the past month, the \$126 billion Pimco Income Fund that he comanages has gained 3.7%, for a yearto-date return of 5.1%, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

With inflation still elevated, the market may have been leaning too far in favor of Fed cuts, he said last week. However, he still expects easing next year.

"Next year's theme may be a reminder that your cash rate's only guaranteed overnight," he said. "And if and when the Fed starts cutting rates you may wish you locked some of those rates in."

### **'COMPELLING' MORTGAGES**

Several firms – DoubleLine, Pimco and TCW — pointed to mortgage debt as a beaten-down area they expect to boost performance in 2024.

Spreads on Fannie Mae current

turning point could deliver after a borrowing needs, as well as sticky and lead to Fed easing. year marked by head fakes over price pressures and Federal Reserve policy.

interviews last week that they're around 4.4% recently, after touching month, that approach means you miss comfortable buying Treasuries and other high-quality bonds at levels they finally see as attractive. And they generally agreed on extending interest-rate risk as far as the fiveyear area of Treasuries, while also owning mortgage debt, which they consider cheap.

 $4 \frac{1}{2}$  to 5% is a safe place to be buying their way and into longer-dated bonds," said Greg Whiteley, head of bonds, which stand to benefit should government securities investing at the economy weaken. DoubleLine.

inflation.

2007. The rally means U.S. government unprecedented third straight year of development at Capital Group. losses.

doing their best to persuade investors holding a record \$5.7 trillion in "My sense of things right now is that money-market funds to funnel cash

The potential for that scenario has especially with the Fed signaling it's at "a historically cheap level," Van He likes Treasuries due in around started to look stronger for the four in no rush to lower rates. five years because he says the segment money managers. Strains among has scope to gain as traders price in consumers in areas such as auto loans more Fed cuts. The area is also less and pressure across commercial real infested water," said Dan Ivascyn, vulnerable than longer maturities estate suggest to them that 2024 will chief investment officer at Pacific

Treasuries are on pace to halt a six- "at some point, though, and you've The asset managers said in month slide. Ten-year notes yielded seen this just over the course of this 5% in October for the first time since all the potential price appreciation if trade" for the next year, said Peter Van the economy starts to slow," said Ryan Gelderen, co-head of the securitized bonds have a chance to avoid an Murphy, head of fixed-income business group at TCW.

> Naturally, active managers are America fund has gained 4% in the past month, leaving it up about 0.1% this year, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

> > above 5% poses a hurdle in convincing the market this year, and that tide investors to take more risk in bonds, will turn with mortgage spreads

For investors, it's hard to abandon cash and "tread back into shark-

this year. But it shows what a real given worries about U.S. deficits and see a material economic slowdown coupon bonds, a proxy for mortgage securities being created now, are While the appeal of cash is clear, wider than the 10-year average, and the outlook has brightened in part because of bets on Fed easing.

Owning mortgages is a "compelling

DoubleLine's Whitely said the firm The firm's \$76 billion Bond Fund of is overweight mortgages, and Ivascyn said the same for the Pimco Income Fund.

"Uncertainty related to interest rates and uncertainty related to An inverted curve with bill rates regulation for banks" has hurt Gelderen said.

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# **TECHNOLOGY: ELON MUSK DELIVERS FIRST TESLA CYBERTRUCKS, CALLING THEM** 'THE MOST UNIQUE THING ON THE ROAD'

botched demonstration of its vehicle for 41 years. Cybertruck.

by production delays and "armor glass" windows. skepticism about its design Such "actually very useful."

like me," he said during have. Thursday's delivery event,

ANDREA CHANG - Four a dependable workhorse that "We have a car here that did the back window during a in Hawthorne, there were years after Elon Musk unveiled has been the country's top- experts said was impossible, second attempt. it with billowing clouds of selling truck for 46 years in that experts said would never This time around, the being shipped to customers. smoke, balls of fire and a a row and the top-selling

shatter-resistant windows, Musk has sought to set Tesla has finally made the first his rugged pickup far apart deliveries of its alien-punk from rivals, starting with a radically angular, polarizing Standing in the bed of the look and much-hyped stainless-steel-clad electric features such as bulletproof pickup, which has been mired and arrowproof doors and

"apocalypse and everyday utility, Musk technology," as Musk referred called the Cybertruck "the to it, has led some analysts most unique thing on the to question whether the road" but promised that it is truck – which starts at be made," Musk said. "Finally, window stayed intact, 60,990 – could ever achieve the future will look like the although it appeared the steel "It's not just some mainstream success the way future." grandstanding showpiece Tesla's Model 3 and Model Y

the half-hour a baseball. During presentation, Tesla redid its Deliveries of the Cybertruck 2025, Musk has said. The Cybertruck, which infamous window stunt from were initially estimated to

ball had been swapped out for and is unlikely to be able to



formerly Twitter.

dominated by Ford's F-Series, 340-mile estimated range.

which was livestreamed on X, Musk boasted has the the Cybertruck's debut four begin in late 2021. Its lengthy consumers head down the EV handling and speed of a sports years ago, when lead designer delay means Tesla is now path.". With the launch, Tesla car, has towing capacity of Franz von Holzhausen hurled playing catch-up. has entered an extremely 11,000 pounds, a maximum a steel ball at the truck's front When competitive truck market payload of 2,500 pounds and a window to demonstrate its executive first introduced

Tesla's chief durability. It shattered, as the Cybertruck at an event

no all-electric pickup trucks Today there are a handful, with several more models by big automakers and electric startups on the way.

In late 2021, Rivian became the first automaker to bring a fully electric pickup to the consumer market with its R1T, ahead of Ford's F-150 Lightning, which was released in spring 2022.

Despite getting its first Cybertrucks on the road, Tesla will continue to face major challenges manufacturing the vehicle in large volumes produce 250,000 a year until

Tesla hasn't disclosed how many people paid \$100 deposits to get on the waiting list, but Musk said last year that the Austin, Texas, carmaker had "more orders of the first Cybertrucks than we could possibly fulfill for three years after the start of production."

"The ramp of production for Cybertruck will be difficult," Wedbush analyst Daniel Ives said in an investor note after Thursday's event. "Musk and Co. are not expecting to be cash-flow positive from this vehicle for another 12 to 18 months (could be longer in our view)."

Still, launching the truck "is important for the broader Tesla growth story over the coming years and also will prove to the doubters that Musk can successfully expand the Tesla halo effect as more

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# **US HOME PRICES HIT RECORD WITH EIGHT** TRAIGHT MONTHS OF GA

### Home prices in the U.S. extended their climb, reaching a fresh record high.

Shiller. It was the eighth straight month of gains for a 2.5% annual increase in August. the index, which doesn't provide a specific dollar figure for homes.

Mortgage rates above 7% have chilled the housing market, keeping both would-be buyers and sellers purchase often get dragged into bidding wars for bottom in January.

"Although this year's increase in mortgage rates report by Redfin Corp. has surely suppressed the quantity of homes sold, the relative shortage of inventory for sale has been a solid support for prices," Craig Lazzara,

ALICIA CLANTON - A national gauge of prices rose managing director at S&P Dow Jones Indices, said 0.7% in September from August, according to in a statement recently. On a year-over-year basis, seasonally adjusted data from S&P CoreLogic Case- prices climbed 3.9% in September, compared with

Detroit, San Diego and New York were among the cities with the biggest price gains. The western part of the U.S. remained the weakest, the data showed. New listings have been ticking up recently, and on the sidelines. Shoppers determined to land a mortgage rates have declined after peaking early this month, signs that some conditions are improving the scant supply of listed properties. The persistent for homebuyers. In the four weeks through Nov. 19, inventory crunch has driven prices up since the new listings increased 5.2% from a year earlier, the biggest gain in more than two years, according to a

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# WHY PORCELAIN **COUNTERTOPS** & EXTRA-LARGE **SLABS ARE** WONDERFUL DESIGN EMENTS

BRANDPOINT - Today's Check out its eight reasons homeowners want to use you should consider using materials in their homes that fit porcelain slabs in your next their busy lifestyles. Porcelain countertops and extra-large slabs meet this need perfectly as they are beautiful, durable, very low-maintenance and affordable. Porcelain slabs solution for designs that can be used on many surfaces, require a high-end look on they're also resistant to the or even book-matched for a including countertops, floors, a budget. They easily bring growth of bacteria, mold stunning feature wall. walls, fireplaces, vanities, the scale and style of natural backsplashes, shower walls, stone slabs to projects where tub surrounds and even real stone, like marble, might soap is all you need. Also, if exterior flooring and cladding. They bring the stunning ontrend colors and patterns modern technology, of marble, slate and other industry's top manufacturers natural stones, as well as can create realistic designs modern concrete looks, to a that make it hard to tell the space while still standing up to difference between porcelain real-life activity.

Daltile, America's leading materials they emulate. porcelain tile and countertop provider, knows how porcelain slabs can transform a home from fine to fab.

home design venture.

### LUXURY AT AN **ATTAINABLE PRICE**

be cost- or installationprohibitive. Thanks to the slabs and the natural

### **STOPS BACTERIA IN ITS TRACKS**

In today's "germ-aware"





are they easy to clean, but to-countertop and mildew. Regular, basic cleaning with water and mild you use professional cleaning knowing your porcelain will

### **POWERFUL DESIGN** IMPACT

not be damaged.

in interior design is using seamless, continuous design to create style and luxury. This design trend is easy to achieve with extra-large

world, you'll want a surface porcelain slabs. They add for porcelain slabs to create that is durable and easily powerful design impact a seamless design with cleanable. Porcelain slabs whether you use it for a single wrap-around luxury in your Porcelain slabs are a great are up to the task. Not only installation, a floor-to-wall- bedroom. continuum

### **EASY TO INSTALL**

A porcelain countertop can be installed right over services, you can rest at ease your existing countertop. No demolition needed!

### **PERFECT FOR KITCHEN ISLANDS**

A kitchen island is a useful One of the hottest trends and eye-catching feature in any kitchen. Porcelain slabs create beautiful kitchen islands with minimal or no seams. A porcelain slab island can also withstand the wear and tear of busy family life and frequent entertaining. example, Daltile's For Panoramic Porcelain Surfaces line is heat resistant, so you can set hot pans and pots on its surface. It's also waterand stain-resistant, so your porcelain kitchen island will look good for years to come.

### **IDEAL FOR A MASTER BATHROOM OASIS**

Master bathrooms act as an oasis in a chaotic, kid-friendly home or as an escape from today's stressful, fast-paced world. That's why many new home constructions turn your home into your and renovations focus on turning master bedrooms into personal retreats. Opt

### **SOLID BASE FOR SUPER SHOWER**

The "Super Shower" has also become a must for many homeowners. This luxurious shower features various amenities like rain showers, multiple showerheads and digital water temperature controls. Here again, porcelain slabs offer a seamless design that flows across several surfaces (floors to walls to countertops), creating luxury and elegance.

### **FITTING FOR EXTERIOR SPACES**

Porcelain slabs aren't limited to interior designs. They're also an excellent material for outdoor spaces for relaxing and entertaining, including outdoor bars, kitchens and beautiful sitting areas. With porcelain, you can enjoy the same high level of sophisticated indoor design style but in the great outdoors.

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# GET FIT WITH A HOME GYM

Having a home gym is perfect for anyone who wants to exercise more, and wants a way to be able to do it conveniently and avoid excuses like the weather or inconvenience.

KATHRYN WEBER - After the holidays are gone, the resolutions to lose weight, stop smoking or cut out sweets is a common goal for the new year. But resolutions such as going to the gym can fall by the wayside when the thought of heading out for an early morning workout means shoveling snow off the car or having to get dressed for the day at the gym. Good intentions aside, having a home gym is perfect for anyone who wants to exercise more, and wants a way to be able to do it conveniently and avoid excuses like the weather or inconvenience.

Having a home gym means excuses about inconvenience go away. Plus, with a gym in your home you'll be able to work out, clean up and go about your day without having to lug it all in and out of a car or wipe down someone else's sweat from your favorite you could create a gym space. any type of exercise and your space. However, if you're your gym some musical exercise machine.

### **FINDING SPACE**

If you have a spare bedroom, finding space for your gym is solved. But what



Once you have your gym site will give your feet and gym converting a room into a gym, inspiration with Bluetooth selected, it's time to outfit it equipment added cushion and give some thought to adding speakers so you listen to your for your workouts.

### **EQUIPPING THE SPACE**

if you don't have a spare exercise you prefer, there lighting from windows or from track lighting style fixture will the floor against the wall to room for a gym? Basements are several things you'll overhead fixtures. If there's brighten up your gym area and store clean towels and other and garages are tempting want to do whether you lift a window in your gym area, help you see well. gym spots, but if they're not weights, walk on a treadmill consider adding a large leaning heated or air-conditioned, or do yoga. The first is to mirror to the opposite wall. home gym include adding a working out, install personal they could be too cold or too find good flooring. Look into This will double up the light television so you can watch lockers for a locker room hot to exercise comfortably, interlocking gym mats that and make your space feel larger and ride your exercise bike experience at home. and that could discourage you you can use to outline your and more open. This is also a or run on the treadmill, from exercising. Instead, look gym or your gym space. These great option if you're renting for example, or do followfor a corner of a room where mats are terrific for almost and can't make changes to along exercise videos. Give

the look and feel of a real gym. will help to keep you motivated keep your motivation up.

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Add a hook on the wall for exercise equipment. For other Other ideas for your members of the family into

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# 5 WAYS TO TRANSFORM YOUR HOME IN THE NEW YEAR

BRANDPOINT - Looking ahead to a new year can inspire dreams and ideas for exciting ways to transform your home - but it can also feel daunting to take on a list of new projects. The good news is you don't need a total remodel to get the home you want, and even small changes can bring new life to your home.

Whether you're craving a complete transformation or just a few impactful changes, here are some specific approaches to enhance any room in your home:

### SHED SOME NEW LIGHT

Lighting isn't just functional; it's a mood maker, a style statement. This year, embrace the elegance of recessed lighting. These fixtures blend seamlessly into your ceiling, offering a sleek, modern look that opens up any room. Imagine soft, ambient light that enhances your living space's warmth and character. Recessed lighting isn't just for living rooms; it can transform kitchens, bedrooms, and even bathrooms into sophisticated spaces. Plus, it's surprisingly versatile - dimmable options can switch your room from a bright, energetic workspace to a cozy, intimate nook in seconds.



### START FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Floors are the unsung heroes of home design. They set the stage for your entire decorating scheme. So if you really want to reset the vibe of your home, consider starting with fresh hardwood flooring. LL Flooring's Bellawood hardwood flooring offers enduring, luxurious floors created from the finest wood species, available in a wide range of tones, textures and styles. "Few other investments and home improvement projects can refresh and revive your home like solid hardwood floors," said Jen Meska, Director of Merchandising for LL Flooring. "Hardwood floors are a timeless home décor choice that bring warmth, luxury and comfort underfoot and are built to last generations, and Bellawood floors are the top of the line in both quality and style." Learn more about flooring options to transform your home at LLFlooring.com.

### **CREATE AN ACCENT WALL**

An accent wall is like the cherry on top of your interior design. It's a statement, a conversation starter. This year, transform a plain wall into a stunning focal point. Whether you choose a bold paint color, striking wallpaper, or even a textured material like wood or stone, an accent wall adds depth and personality to any room. It's the perfect opportunity to express your creativity and individuality. Plus, it's a relatively simple and cost-effective project that can have a dramatic impact on your space's overall look and feel.

### **REFRESH YOUR FIXTURES**

Sometimes, the smallest changes make the biggest difference. Updating fixtures and hardware is a quick, easy and affordable way to give your home a modern facelift. Swap outdated cabinet knobs, drawer pulls, light switches and faucet handles for something fresh and contemporary. These tiny details can tie a room together, complementing your overall design theme. Whether you opt for sleek, minimalist designs or something more ornate and eye-catching, new fixtures and hardware can breathe new life into every corner of your home.

### **REORGANIZE AND DECLUTTER**

Embrace the new year with a clean slate by reorganizing and decluttering your home. A well-organized space not only looks better but also improves functionality and reduces stress. Start by sorting through your belongings, keeping only what you love and use. Then, invest in smart storage solutions that keep your space tidy and your items easily accessible. Remember, decluttering isn't just about getting rid of things - it's about creating a more peaceful and harmonious environment where you can truly relax and enjoy your home. Transforming your home for the new year is about making small changes that have a big impact. When creating your project wish list for the new year, keep these design tips in mind to transform your home into the sanctuary of your dreams.

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### **DYNAMIC CHARM: EXPLORE THE 7 UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOODS OF COSTA MESA**

BRANDPOINT - Planning a trip to Southern California? You could visit well-known cities like Los Angeles and San Diego ... or stay in a city where you'll have many cultural excursions at your fingertips.

Costa Mesa, located in the heart of Orange County, is a cultural epicenter that locals from surrounding cities flock to for unforgettable events, arts experiences, a diverse shopping scene and culinary creativity. It's hard to believe the metropolitan city used to be a farming town and is a short 10-minute drive to the Pacific Ocean.

Costa Mesa's dynamic charm is no accident. It's a natural product of its seven diverse neighborhoods steeped in Latino/Hispanic heritage and home to many pockets of other cultural groups. United, these neighborhoods create the rich cultural fabric that defines the city that solo travelers, couples, digital nomads and families can all enjoy.

### **MESA VERDE**

Mesa Verde is a residential neighborhood, but don't let that fool you. It's home to SoCo (South Coast Collection) and The OC Mix, an innovative shopping center of over 70 showrooms, restaurants, artisan foods, boutiques and creative studios. If you visit during the weekend, stop by the SoCo Farmers Market to purchase organic local produce.

Stretch your creativity and unwind at Inspired Art Wine, an art studio, wine bar and gallery where you can take an art class, no experience needed. All classes include a curated wine tasting with delicious food pairings.

### SOUTH COAST METRO

The South Coast Metro area is home to South Coast Plaza, the largest shopping center on the West Coast, attracting over 20 million visitors every year from all over the world. At South Coast Plaza, vou'll find top designers - like Christian Dior, Balenciaga, Gucci and Prada plus boutiques and popups.

When you need a break from shopping, stop by Collage Culinary Experience, a global dining collective with the best international and local cuisine. There's also no shortage of cultural events at South Coast Plaza. The shopping destination goes all-out with holiday decorations, and not just for mainstream celebrations. Costa Mesa is home to thriving Asian American communities and hosts cultural events for Lunar New Year.

### **SOBECA DISTRICT**

The SoBeCa (South Bristol Entertainment and Cultural Arts) District has expanded over the years but remains an epicenter for creative makers and small businesses. In this neighborhood, you'll find The LAB Anti-Mall and its offshoot. The CAMP, which provide a truly one-ofa-kind shopping experience.

The LAB (Little American Business) combines diverse cultures with its eclectic array of boutique shops, eateries, art shows, poetry readings and musical performances. Across the street, The CAMP eco-friendly shopping center features healthconscious fitness, creative retailers and mindful culinary options.





### THEATER AND ARTS DISTRICT

Costa Mesa is known as the "City of the Arts<sup>®</sup>," and its heartbeat is located in the Theater and Art District. Whether you want to tour a museum, enjoy a theatrical performance or visit the Costa Mesa Art Walk, you'll be spoiled for choice!

Take a trip down the Avenue of the Arts, and you'll find the Arts Campus where Segerstrom Center for the Arts is located. The center hosts traveling Broadway shows, major ballet companies, international dance troupes and celebrated artists. It's also home to the Pacific Symphony, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, the Pacific Chorale and the Pacific Symphony, all of which perform at the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. Plus Argyros Plaza hosts free outdoor events throughout the year.

For those who like to mosey through museums, check out the Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA), which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary and houses 4,500 pieces of modern art and rotating exhibitions. Admission to the museum is free.

### CENTRAL

If you're lucky enough to visit Costa Mesa during the summer, head to the Central neighborhood and enjoy the OC Fair, which delights visitors with a wide array of events, concerts, carnival rides and super-eclectic fair food. If you miss the fair, don't worry. The OC Fair and Events Center has more than 150 events year-round.

Afterward, head next door to Costa Mesa Skate Park, where skaters of all ages and abilities can shred some pipes. At night, make your way to Triangle Square, which features delicious restaurants and casual entertainment. Enjoy a flamenco dance performance and a three-course meal at Sevilla!

### WESTSIDE

The Westside is the city's industrial center. Its warehouses and garages that once housed boat builders and other industrial businesses have since been transformed into exceptional restaurants, art studios and small businesses.

For example, 2145 Eats was once a vacant gas station but now functions as a restaurant and bar, serving seasonal pizzas, salads, small plates and rotating beer and wine. 2145 Eats' pizza has been voted Best Pizza in OC, owing to Chef Eduardo Salcedo's innovative Japanese-style dough. Don't forget to check out what's playing at The Wayfarer's stage, one of Costa Mesa's best live music venues.

### EASTSIDE

Instagram influencers can capture stunning new content on the Eastside, one of the hippest neighborhoods in Costa Mesa.

Stop by The Crack Shack (run by Richard Blais, winner of "Top Chef: All-Stars") and enjoy fried chicken with a gourmet twist. For specialty craft cocktails and creative pub fare, sit down at The Wild Goose Tavern, which offers rabbit andouille and wild boar burgers and sausages.

Interested in wine tasting? Visit Hi-Time Wine Cellars, a familyowned local wine bar and high-end liquor and beer fridge with one of the largest underground wine cellars in the U.S. After you've tasted their wares, buy a bottle to take home and commemorate your trip.

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# **RECENT SOLDS IN SHERMAN OAKS (91423)**

ADDRESS	BEDS	BATHS	SQFT	LOT SIZE	YEAR BUILT	PRICE/SQFT	SOLD
Valleyheart Dr	3	2	1,729	9,510	1950	\$757.66	\$1,310,000
Sylmar Ave	4	3	2,078	6,776	1947	\$630.41	\$1,310,000
Katherine AVE	3	3	1,740	6,755	1952	\$839.08	\$1,460,000
Weslin Ave	3	2	1,660	6,301	1951	\$894.58	\$1,485,000
Nagle Ave	2	2	1,750	6,599	1950	\$891.43	\$1,560,000
Dixie Cyn Ave	3	2.5	2,061	6,081	1938	\$844.25	\$1,740,000
Woodman Ave	5	5.5	4,256	8,813	1924	\$411.18	\$1,750,000
Cheltenham DR	3	3	2,484	6,389	1972	\$718.60	\$1,785,000
Greenleaf St	4	3	2,500	6,801	1923	\$876.00	\$2,190,000
Ventura Canyon Ave	4	2.5	2,859	8,827	1936	\$839.45	\$2,400,000
Greenbush Ave	5	4	3,685	8,166	2005	\$738.13	\$2,720,000
Katherine AVE	5	6	4,255	6,755	2013	\$669.80	\$2,850,000
Stansbury AVE	6	5	3,442	20,159	1948	\$908.48	\$3,127,000
Greenbush Ave	5	4.5	3,600	8,079	2023	\$923.61	\$3,325,000
Dixie Canyon Ave	6	5.5	5,464	8,825	2016	\$878.48	\$4,800,000
Cheltenham DR	6	5	5,705	38,735	1958	\$874.67	\$4,990,000
Stansbury AVE	6	6.5	5,397	14,239	1948	\$926.07	\$4,998,000
Hollyline Ave	5	6.5	7,670	102,469	1950	\$762.71	\$5,850,000

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Sherman Oaks, CA 91423								
Median List Price	~~~~	\$1,976,000						
Median Price of New Listings	~~~~~	\$2,300,000						
Per Square Foot	$\sim$	\$879						
Average Days on Market	·	89						
Median Days on Market	~~~	67						
Price Decreased	~~~~	33%						
Price Increased	~~~~	4%						
Relisted	~~~~	4%						
Inventory	$\sim \sim$	24						
Median Rent	~~~~	\$8,900						
Market Action	~~~	45						
Strong Seller's Market								

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