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January 25, 2024**

- Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant, Simi Valley
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STATE AWARDS XERISCAPE winner is MSM Landscape Services; receiving is Mickey Strauss. Presenting for Sponsor Green Waste - Zanker Landscape Materials is Marco Villapando. This project, the Arnold Residence (front view shown here), also won the Sweepstakes Award in the 2023 SFV Chapter Beautification Awards. More Convention photos on pages 6 & 7.

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to Valleyscape are Here**

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San Fernando Valley & Channel Islands
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2024

Board

Installation

Dinner



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WHEN:: Thurs., January 25, 2024 at 6 p.m.

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STATE AND LOCAL EVENTS

Don't miss any of these very important events!

Subject to Change – Check with Chapter Office First

- Jan 4, 2024 Board Meeting via Zoom 9 a.m.
- Jan 16-17 Leadership Conference, San Marcos
- Jan 25 Dual Chapter Installation Dinner at Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant, Simi Valley with Channel Islands Chapter. 6:00 pm Buffet dinner for \$40 per person. State President Tom Sweeney to install new boards.
- April Meet and Greet social event. Date and Location TBD
- June 22 (Tentative) Beautification Awards Banquet. Looking at Topanga Social, Odyssey, Bella Blanca, and City of San Fernando.

Distribution Changes to Valleyscape are Here

Valleyscape will continue to be published MONTHLY – 12 times a year – and distributed via email through Constant Contact – the way it is now.

What has changed is the number of months *Valleyscape* will also be printed and mailed. In an effort to combat rising costs in printing and postage – without raising our advertising rates – we have elected to reduce the number of months each issue is printed from MONTHLY TO QUARTERLY, as other CLCA chapters have done.

During the transition period, the December 2023 issue of *Valleyscape* will only be distributed via email through Constant Contact, and not printed. However, the January 2024 issue will feature both printed and email versions.

A printing schedule will be developed and appear in the January issue.

We continue to expand our email circulation to reach additional C-27 landscape contractors to bring increased results for our advertisers and reach potential new members for our Chapter.

ADVERTISERS & CLCA MEMBERS: There is *no limit* to the number of pages for our email-only versions. So, if you have an interesting story, photo, or other information about you or your company you would like to see published – at no cost to you – feel free to send it to the Editor, John Hernandez, at eldoradowriters@gmail.com.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our Chapter and this newsletter.



FRANCISCO SALAZAR
SFV Chapter
President
Groundcare
Landscape Co.

Many Thanks for a Successful 2023 Now We Get Ready to Meet Next Year's Challenges

Hello fellow San Fernando Valley CLCA members. Let me start off by saying Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Secondly, I would like to thank everyone from both the San Fernando Valley Chapter and the Channel Islands Chapter who attended our Holiday Party. Special thanks to Tom Lucas and to Kim Lucas for hosting the event at her home this year.

It has been a long year with many accomplishments along the way. As the New Year approaches, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Chapter this year, either by giving their time or by attending our events. Thank you to our hard-working Board Members as well as to all our Associate Members

that have helped and sponsored us and continue to do so. Without all this support this Chapter could not continue in its path delivering excellent programs and valuable information to our members and others in the Green Industry.

Lastly, I would like to thank the person who has been behind the scenes for many years making sure everything in the San Fernando Valley Chapter went smoothly. Thank you, Jan, for all your hard work and dedication. I wish you the best in the years to come.

As always if anyone would like to be more active in the Chapter, possibly taking on a leadership position, please feel free to contact me to discuss how you can help.

Thank you all. – *Francisco*

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Our Dear Friend Charles Nunley Needs Your Help

• GoFundMe Fundraising Effort Started for Long-Time CLCA Member

CLCA Ambassador, Past State President, and former LA Chapter President Charles Nunley needs your help now. He suffered a heart attack and stroke late last year, has been bedridden for months, and is now in hospice care in Costa Mesa. A group of Charles' CLCA friends, along with his sisters and brother, have come together to help Charles with his medical care and day-to-day expenses. A landscape contractor for over 40 years, Charles was told he would never work again.

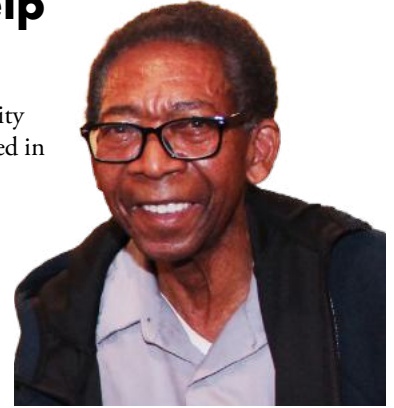
A GoFundMe page has been established in Charles' name to get him the care and support he needs and deserves. **You can reach Charles' GoFundMe page by visiting <https://bit.ly/SirCharlesFundraiser> or by clicking on the QR code here:**



Here are some of the highlights of the life of Sir Charles Nunley... Charles Nunley has been a landscape contractor, having worked in the trade and in his own business in Southern California for over 40 years. Charles is a Life Member of CLCA (California Landscape Contractors Association) and has served as the Los Angeles Chapter President in 1979 and CLCA State President in 1998. Born in Los Angeles in October 1939, Charles is 84 years old. He was raised in

the South-Central part of the city and until the heart attack resided in the San Gabriel Valley.

Charles has been a CLCA member since the seventies and has been an active member since the day he joined. In addition to State and local presidencies he has served in many other capacities including Certification Chairman, as well as having been named a Knight of the Garter and an Allegiance Award winner.



There are few if any CLCA chapters Charles has not visited and helped, often volunteering for various local events and committees. Charles Nunley is a Green Industry Hall of Fame Co-Founder as well as a recipient. He also has volunteered for years at a local food bank, helping pass out food to the homeless. Now it's our turn to give back to Charles in his time of need. Please help with any donation you can afford. From everyone who loves Charles Nunley, thank you and God Bless.

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Monterey Convention a Real Winner



SWEEPSTAKES WINNER Frank + Grossman Landscape Contractors reps rejoice with Sponsor reps from Devil Mountain Wholesale Nursery at the 2023 Trophy Awards, part of the Monterey Convention in November.



JOHN REDMOND MEMORIAL AWARD goes to Channel Islands Chapter member Steve Hanson Landscaping (center rep). Presenting for Sponsor LCIS are Debra Spencer and Kim Ayala.



NELSON COLVIN HUMANITARIAN AWARD to Nature Designs Landscaping. Receiving is Past State President Stephen Jacobs. Presenting for Sponsor CLCA Auxiliary is Mary Cohen, Chair of LEAF Board of Trustees.



GARY VALLEN MEMORIAL AWARD goes to Purlieu Landscapes. Winner reps (center) receive the award from Sponsor reps of South Coast Wholesale.



SMALL RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION First Place is Compass Landscape Construction (not shown). Presenting for Sponsor CLCA Insurance Solutions are Gina Stanley and Bill Deeble.



LARGE COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE First Place to Stay Green Inc. Receiving for winner is Immediate Past President Megan Rios. Presenting for Sponsor LCIS are Debra Spencer and Kim Ayala.

New C-49 Tree and Palm Classification Takes Effect January 1, 2024

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) will accept applications for the new C-49 – Tree and Palm Contractor classification – starting January 1, 2024. CSLB created this classification to ensure tree service contractors are tested on health and safety protocols in the tree service industry.

The regulation establishing the C-49 was approved on March 30, 2022. The C-49 trade examination was developed and finalized in December 2022. Starting January 1, 2024, the following changes affect tree service specialty contractors:

- CSLB will no longer accept applications for the C-61/D-49 Tree Service limited specialty classification. Applications received for the C-61/D-49 Tree Service classification after December 31, 2023, will be processed as a C-49 Tree and Palm application.
- Contractors who wish to specialize in tree service work who do not hold a C61/D-49 Tree Service classification will need to apply for



the C-49 Tree and Palm Contractor classification.

- All applicants for the C-49 Tree and Palm Contractor classification will need to sit for a trade examination regardless of other license classifications they hold.
- CSLB will expedite the application experience review for C-49 applicants that have held an active C-61/D-49 Tree Service license for at least four years. Contractors who hold a C-61/D-49 Tree Service classification issued before January 1, 2024, may retain and work under that classification after January 1. However, C-61/D-49 are encouraged to apply for the C-49 classification, which will become the industry standard. While the C-49 and C-61/D-49 classification descriptions differ slightly (the C-49 description includes palms) CSLB regards the classification of work as the same.

Some Business, Lots of Fun, Great Locale



SFV PRESIDENT Francisco Salazar with wife Yuri and daughter Victoria enjoy the Welcome Reception, along with all the great sites Monterey has to offer.



PAST PRESIDENT HONORS – 2023 State President Evan Moffitt and Past President Pete Dufau congratulate Past President Heath Bedal on his 25-year Life Membership award.



CHANNEL ISLANDS PRESIDENT Ivan Salazar (right) and brother Alex, who presently serves as State CLCA Secretary-Treasurer, exchange leadership tips at the well-attended Monterey Convention.



PASSING THE TORCH of leadership in the Associate Member Organization, is multi-year AM Director Chris McNairy (right), who welcomes the newly elected 2024 AM Director Jeff Calhoun to the position.



CREATIVE DUO of Bromwyn Miller, who created the Trophy Awards video presentation, and landscape photographer Holly Lepere share photo ideas. Holly is a new CI member from the Santa Barbara area.



CLCA HQ VIP Maria Abero (right) greets El Dorado Communications' Wendy Lopez at the Welcome Reception. The Convention is one of the best places to meet old and new friends.



MEDIUM LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION First Place to Purlieu Landscapes, reps left and center. Presenting for Sponsor and newsletter advertiser Southland Sod is John Dominici.



LONG-TIME CLCA VIPS – Tim Pflueger, multi-year President of the Yosemite Chapter catches up on Green Industry news with Past State and SFV President Chuck Carr, newly in from Las Vegas.



GREEN INDUSTRY VETERANS John Domenici of Southland Sod, Gordon Larson, State Ways & Means committee, and Past SFV and State President Mickey Strauss renew old friendships.



LCIS VIPS Debra Spencer, Jerry Elson, and Kim Ayala look forward to a very special presentation at the Convention.



SFV AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Cindy Strauss and husband Mickey find a way to make it to just about every CLCA event, both state and local. That's dedication.



WINE AUCTION to raise funds for LEAF scholarships, was conducted during trophy night. Evan Moffitt loads up with cases of wine as Megan Rios pitches the crowd. The effort paid off big time.



JOSÉ ROBLES
Owner
Landscape Warehouse

A Season of Giving

Christmastime for me brings wonderful memories of family gatherings, both in Mexico and here in the US. These Holiday get-togethers are filled with great food, warm hugs, songs about the Reason for the Season, and gifts of all kinds, given, and received. Okay, perhaps they also include a few adult beverages. Not much different from your Christmases, I'm sure.

Everybody loves to receive presents, and I'm no different. But I have noticed, the older my boys become – and the more people I get to know through my growing business – the more I am enjoying GIVING, especially at this time of year. This would include gifts of appreciation to my fantastic employees, and invitations to Landscape Warehouse special events to the customers and supplier reps with whom I have become friends over the years. Without great people from each group, I wouldn't have a business.

That brings us to the reason for the photos below. They were taken at our company Christmas Party on December 9 at the Pasadena

Hilton. My son Joe, who has a degree in business from UC Riverside, handled most of the organization and details of the event. And I made sure there was plenty of giving involved.

Delicious, multi-course dinner, check. Bountiful, pick your-own-prize raffle, check. Spin-to-win \$\$ wheel, check. Open bar, check and double check.

Yes, all these ways of giving to show our caring and appreciation are great. But it's enjoying the Holidays with people you care about – some that you don't see often enough – is what makes these events so special. Filled with music, laughs, spirited conversation, and abrazos, our company Christmas party was truly one to remember.

If you can swing something like this in your company next year – even a scaled down version like the kind we started out with years ago – I highly recommend you give it a try. The PR value alone is well worth the effort. And the feeling you get when you see the faces of people you care about light up because of something you have given them – or done for them – is phenomenal.

Happy Holidays! – José



ENJOYING Christmas cheer with friends and employees are José Robles and Office Manager Eda Pano.



EVENT ORGANIZER Joe Robles (José's oldest son) served as emcee for this year's Christmas dinner.



DINNER TABLE is getting longer each year keeping up with the company's growth.



RAFFLE WINNERS get to choose their prizes, making their reward even more special.



HARD WORKING female staff members celebrate the season with Office Manager Eda Pano.



EVENING'S RAFFLE and other fun forms of Christmas giving (\$\$ spin and more) were expertly managed by Eda's son Armani and José's son Shawn.

LEAF Receives \$250,000 Donation from LCIS



It is with humble pride and great excitement that the Landscape Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF) announces the \$250,000 donation it received from the Landscape Contractors Insurance Services Board of Directors at the 2023 CLCA Convention in Monterey. This donation will establish the LCIS Board of Directors Legacy Fund.

"I cannot find the appropriate words to describe how honored and grateful the Board of Trustees is to be the recipient of such generosity. Beginning in 2025, the earnings from the LCIS Board of Directors Legacy Fund will be awarded to a worthy student, thus allowing LEAF to continue its mission of financially supporting

students planning careers in the Green Industry and programs that support them," said Mary Cohen, Chair of the LEAF Board of Trustees.

Donations and Legacy commitments are the lifeblood to the success of the LEAF program. If you would like to establish a fund or want more information, please visit LEAF's website at clca.org/leaf or contact CLCA Headquarters directly at 916.448.2522.

LEAF is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization and, as such, contributions are tax deductible as allowable by law. Since its establishment in 1988 by the CLCA Auxiliary, LEAF has awarded 1197 scholarships to 630 students totaling \$756,775.

Green Industry Supports Students

One of the highlights of CLCA's Annual Convention was the support shown to the Landscape Educational Advancement Foundation and the future of California's green industry.

LEAF announced that it awarded ten 2023 scholarships to deserving students, and received more than \$280,000 in donations.

"LEAF welcomes and appreciates donations of any size, but I'd be remiss if I didn't highlight and thank the LCIS Board of Directors, the North Coast Chapter and CLCA Insurance Solutions for their extremely generous donations. Thanks to their support, LEAF can continue its mission of supporting students planning to enter the green industry and programs that support them," said LEAF Chair Mary Cohen.

Contributions received at the convention include:

- \$250,000 from the LCIS Board of Directors for the LCIS Board of Directors Legacy Fund
- \$20,150 from CLCA's North Coast chapter
- \$10,000 from CLCA Insurance Solutions



- \$1,000 from CLCA's San Fernando Valley chapter for the Nelson Colvin Memorial fund
- \$1,000 from Lebo Newman for the Nelson Colvin Memorial fund
- \$500 from Sandra Giarde, CAE
- \$500 from Peter and Marianne Estournes
- \$100 from the Cohen Family for the Barry Cohen Honorarium Fund



JIM PALUCH
JP Horizons

Making the Least of Every Moment

From an article by Jim Paluch, JP Horizons

Here we go. Just one more *People Solutions*... we couldn't resist. Our method of delivery through Constant Contact is coming to an end, so Beth, Linda, and I decided to write one more for posterity's sake.

As every day presents a

new opportunity to pursue my passion for painting, walking miles and miles through the woods, becoming totally committed to fitness, and enjoying every possible minute with my wife, children, and grandchildren, life is good in Western Massachusetts! Just like every newsletter and book we have shared with you in the past, this one is written to make us all think and act and share with others.

Beth and I have laughed lately about perfecting the ability to "make the least of every moment." Now

you may be thinking, hold on a minute there, Jim. Don't get carried away with this retirement thing and become a lazy old hermit, hanging out up on that mountain. Don't worry, that statement is not what you think at first glance or hearing of it. What has come to me after almost two years of retirement is that we have learned to maximize every hour by minimizing what we try to cram into it.

Together we have realized that we've been able to rid ourselves of the need to indulge in self-inflicted stress.

Without the worry of making sure we are doing something productive every minute of the day, we can truly enjoy doing the things we need to do when we need to do them and be productive in the process. Then productivity in the things we really want to do the most increases as well, along with our enjoyment of them...learning to paint, learning to create, doing nonprofit work, managing finances, watching grandkids grow. The things we need to

do have their place and simply get done rather than being burdens that we put on our backs and try to drag around day after day.

So how would I turn back the clock and do this better in my career and in the business world? It's simple: **just do what needs to be done when it needs to be done.** Stress really does come from how we respond to life and its responsibilities. Our old friend and partner Bob Coulter has always been the best I've witnessed at reducing stress and making the best use of his time. He could be seen many times in an airport with flip chart papers spread across the floor typing his notes to send back to the clients before he ever left town. In doing this, he was able to be efficient for the group he just left and be more effective for the next client because he wasn't carrying the burdens of "I GOTTA" into the next day. He has kept that discipline for his own sake as it allows him to be more effective and present at home and with his family. It may also be what has allowed him to keep going strong as a road warrior today.

Replace the tendency to take an hour, producing 25 minutes of that time, while spending 35 fretting about what needs to be done, only to check the latest on your phone. The old idea to slow down to move faster definitely applies to retirement. We have slowed down, and the world has just opened to us.

Of course, you don't have to be retired to enjoy the same benefits; it just requires a little more effort and discipline. Resist the habit of cramming too much into life and the stress that comes from trying to pull it all off. Slow down to move faster, and when you wake up with the sun, you can truly see a sunrise, read something profitable, plan your day, and enjoy all that comes with it.

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I'll Be Happy When... *From an article by Mark Matteson, Sparking Success*

This month's ezine is a peek inside my ninth book *When I'm Old*, due out in 2024. Here is a sample.

"When I'm old I'll tell my tales, with all the gratitude I can muster, And in keeping with Teddy Roosevelt, that famous Trust Buster."

William related a story to me one day. He was waiting in line at a grocery store in St. George, UT. "I struck up a conversation with a woman who was 8 months pregnant. She had two daughters in tow, ages four and six. The six-year-old was excited about going to an "Open House" for kindergarten. The four-year-old wanted to know when SHE was going to get to do that. I was struck by the phrase, "I'll be happy when..."

"I'll be happy when, I am in first grade."
 "I'll be happy when I get to Junior High."
 "I'll be happy when I get to high school."
 "I'll be happy when I am in college..."

I asked William to elaborate. He laughed and said, "When you are a child, happiness is always just a step away from where you are. My senior year in high school, spring lasted forever. I couldn't wait to blow this pop stand and get to college to play ball. As parents, we say, "I can't wait until the baby is born." "It will be so nice when the kids are out of diapers!" "Won't it be great when the kids are in school."

And so it goes..."I will be happy when..." is a trap. It presupposes we are guaranteed happiness when we get to the next level. Believe me when I say, once your nest is empty, all you have left is love and memories. Memories that many parents pine for, yet they complained about when they were in the midst of. Ironic isn't it?"

"How do we avoid the trap of 'I'll Be Happy When?'" I asked. I could see he was getting ready to deliver a sermon worth remembering. I grabbed my journal to capture his ideas. "Someday Isle" is a lie we tell ourselves that robs us of the joy of the present," he said, "Hopelessly longing for something better down the road." Here are five strategies to enjoy the present:

1. Have a Positive Expectation of the Future. Expect to succeed. By all means, set challenging goals and work hard and smart to move toward them daily. At the same time, have purpose and meaning in your life and work, reasons to get out of bed in the morning. Choose optimism and really believe, "The best is yet to come!"

2. Be Grateful for What You Have NOW! Make a list of the blessings you have you have right now. A healthy body, a clear mind, family, good friends, a roof over your head, a warm bed and meaningful work. Remind yourself why this is the greatest country in the world. Choose to have an Attitude of Gratitude every day. It's a decision, a choice, a habit and a philosophy of life. Melodie Beattie wrote, "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

How do we avoid the trap of "I'll Be Happy When?"... Here are five strategies to enjoy the present:

3. Work Smart. Plan your day on paper. Never walk out the door without well thought out marching orders. Invest in "The Hour of Power". For 20 minutes each, READ, THINK, PLAN. In addition: Go the extra-mile. Give your customers and employer more than they expect from you. Under-Promise and Over-Deliver! Ask yourself, "How can I increase the quality and quantity of my service to others? (on a daily basis!)" Chop wood, carry water.

4. Savor Each Day. Live each day as if it were your last day on earth. One day, you will be right, no regrets. It's called the present for a reason. Each day truly is a gift.

Listen to Tim McGraw's song "Live Like You Were Dying" or "In The Living Years" by Mike and the Mechanics as a reminder. Life is short. Forgive the people who have hurt you, forgive everyone you love and care about. Forgive and forget.

5. Have Fun and Learn to Laugh Now.

Work hard, play hard, have fun and remember to laugh every day. It heals the heart. It spreads joy. Herman Hesse said, "All higher humor begins with ceasing to take oneself seriously."

"Someday I'll (Isle)" is a lie. "Someday, the kids will be out of the house, then I'll be be happy..." "Someday, I'll go to Hawaii, Disneyland, Australia with my wife and kids..." "Someday, I'll get to..." "What if Someday doesn't arrive? Do it now. Take that vacation. What are you waiting for? I have never regretted a single trip I took (even when I felt like I couldn't take the time off or afford it).

If it's true that 68% of American men are dead within 18 months of retirement and in my experience and observation is then, why are you waiting to be happy? What if you did what you love? Take a risk? Nike was right, "Just do it!"

"Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself; in your way of thinking" – Marcus Aurelius

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Alleged Unlicensed Contractors Uncovered in Monterey County Sting

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recently collaborated with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office and the California Department of Insurance (CDI) for a successful undercover operation aimed at identifying unlicensed contractors.

During the operation in Seaside in mid-November, CSLB cited nine individuals for allegedly conducting contracting activities without the required license. These offenders were issued Notices to Appear in criminal court, where they may face legal consequences including fines of up to \$15,000 and/or jail time. Engaging in contracting work without a contractor's license is considered a misdemeanor offense in California.

The individuals targeted during this operation submitted bids ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,500 for projects that require a contractor's license. The highest bid was for a landscaping project. A California contractor's license is required to bid or contract for construction work exceeding \$500 in value, including materials and labor.

Unlicensed contractors apprehended in this operation might also face additional charges for advertising their construction services without the necessary license. California law prohibits anyone from advertising construction or home improvement work without a valid license in the advertised classification. If unlicensed individuals advertise contracting services, they must explicitly disclose their lack of licensure and are barred from bidding or contracting for work

valued at more than \$500.

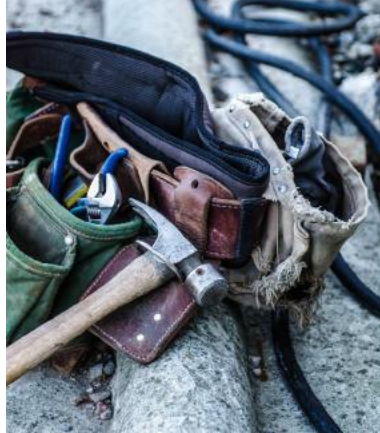
"CSLB is unwavering in its commitment to protect homeowners from unlicensed contractors," said CSLB Registrar David Fogt.

"Our commitment includes providing consumer education on the importance of hiring licensed contractors. We urge homeowners to verify a contractor's license before starting any home improvement project in California."

The operation also revealed that some individuals demanded excessive down payments prior to commencing work. California law strictly limits contractors to requesting no more than 10% of the project cost or \$1,000, whichever is less. Violating this provision constitutes a misdemeanor offense punishable by significant fines of up to \$5,000 or a potential one-year county jail sentence, or both.

For further information or to report suspected unlicensed contractor activities, please visit the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov or contact CSLB toll-free at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). For ongoing information and updates from CSLB, connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

About CSLB: CSLB operates under the umbrella of the Department of Consumer Affairs and licenses and regulates about 285,000 contractors in California.



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Abundant Life

I have been aware for some time now that infinite creative intelligence conspires always and continually with perfect love to manifest as divine activity in each of us as the creative action of life itself. We all use our innate talents to co-create the finest endeavor and to succeed in all that we do...whether we know this or not. With clear intention we all strive to excel personally and professionally. I believe we all, for the most part, love what we do and doing what we love inspires us to rise above the sense of the ordinary to experience greater purpose with new opportunities and possibilities, and an abundant life.

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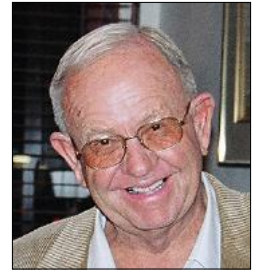
We all work with a clear intention to excel personally and with love in what we do. Abundance is our true nature. The oneness of the universe can be felt through the One Presence in us and in all things. Think of the sunrise and colorful sunsets, fragrant flowers, chirping birds...this is the beauty of our essence. Choose to be awake and aware in the now to enjoy them.

The lessons taught by many great teachers have been repeated since the beginning of time recorded. Seeking the mind of God in whatever circumstance we find ourselves – can and will result in the positive results we hope for.

God bless you at this very special time of the year. And Happy Holidays to everyone! Remember, love does always and in all ways.

– Dave

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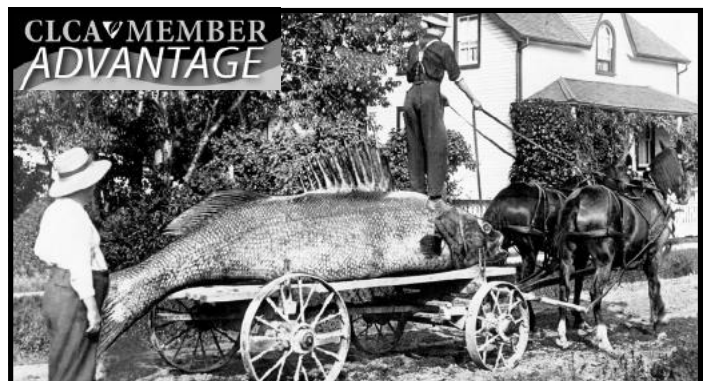


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