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Message From the Board

By: Dyan Montesclaros

Well, another year has just passed and a new one here! The Board hopes everyone is doing well after the holidays and ready to take on the challenges of the new year. Encino Park has some challenges it is facing this year too. We lost our on-site manager who had been with us for the last few years and we are all adjusting to that change. We appreciate that Spectrum, our property management company, is working to make this a smooth transition. We've had some turnover on the board over the past few months too, but now we have all positions filled. We truly appreciate those members who have volunteered to oversee the operation of our HOA.

We've got some changes going around us and some through us. The Vista Ridge Pipeline is going through us and the ranch that many homes on Encino Cliff, Encino Summit and a few other streets back up to was sold and construction has begun for the housing development that eventually will emerge. To keep us all better informed about these impactful changes, we have invited representatives to our January 16 board meeting to share project overviews, timelines, etc. Please join us if you would like to know more.

All our Committees are beginning to plan for the year and would like to have more homeowner participation. The Involvement Committee which plans for informational and community events, the Pool Committee which develops the overall schedule with swim team, swim lessons and groups who have functions, and the Park Committee which is planning the renovation of our park starting at the ground level are all in need of more help. The Crime and Safety Committee has both Citizens on Patrol trained members and others not trained which works closely with law enforcement welcomes new members as well.

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Encino Park is a great place to live because we take care of our homes and surrounding property. A great community stays great because it works together to cultivate a true sense of community, active homeowner involvement and adherence to the association's governing documents all of which protect and enhance the value of homes and their environment. So, an excellent resolution for this year would be to attend some board meetings or participate in a Committee meeting. We are all busy; those who do things even though they are busy is because they commit to it and then plan it in their schedule. We hope to see more of you in this coming year. Cheers!

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Notes from the Office

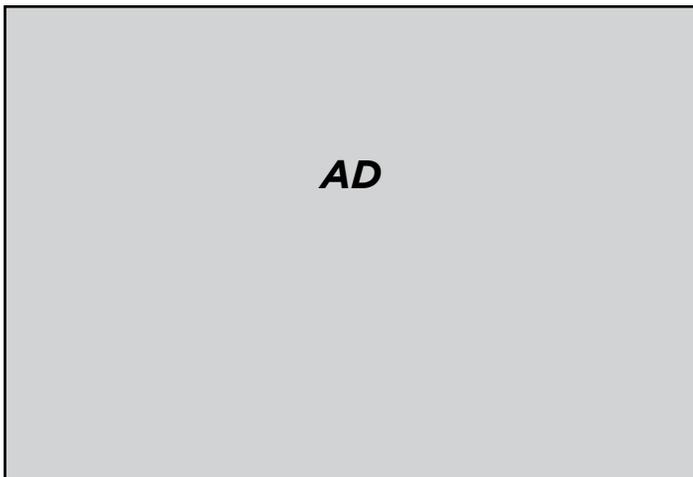
Happy New Year to All,

We at the Encino Park HOA, would like to thank you for yet another wonderful and successful year in 2017. In looking back, some highlights of big celebrations for the year:

- Community Center roof repair
- Tennis Court resurfacing
- Community Center air conditioning repair
- Painting in Community Center
- Replacement of some pool furniture
- Community summer party
- Free Otter Pops at the pool
- New card system at the basketball court
- Cabana roof repairs
- Dive in movies
- Over 250 community events or rentals at the Community Center

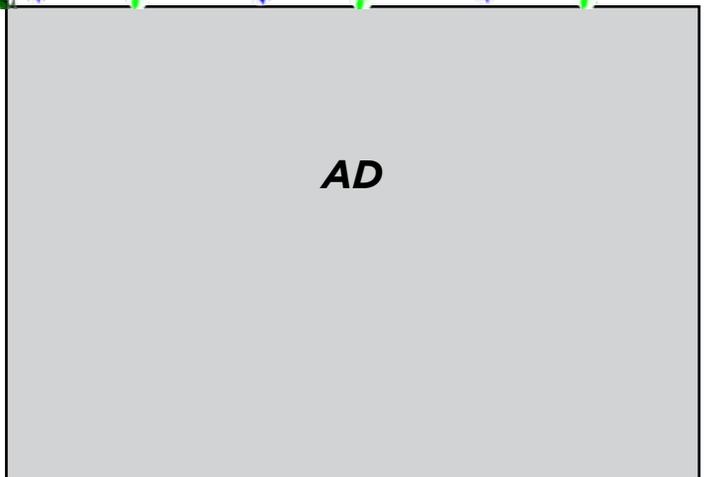
As we look forward to what lies ahead in 2018, we are excited for another great year! There are more Community events in the works, park revitalization projects, reinstatement of the DCCRs, addition of new committees to name a few. If you have an idea, suggestion, interest area or willingness to participate, please stop by. We love to see owners and help everyone engage in making Encino Park a wonderful place to live!

Encino Park HOA



Holiday Lighting and Creativity Contest

Congratulations, Encino Park! Year after year, our judges have the tough job of deciding who had the best lighting or who was the most creative with their holiday decorations. So many houses demonstrated creativity and great lighting it was difficult to select just two in each category. The judges hope everyone got a chance to drive the neighborhood and see how creative people were with their decorations. First, the judges said that Encino Cabin once again was the block with the best overall lighting and decorations that were just awesome. As for the house with the best lighting, first place went to 20003 Encino Cabin and the runner up was 2140 Encino Cliff. First place for most creative went to 19914 Park Hollow and the runner up was 2323 Encino Point. First place recipients received a \$50 gift card from Home Depot and runners up received a \$25 gift card from Home Depot. The recipients were invited to the Board meeting to receive their awards and a sign to place in their front yards. (Remember, the rules changed so that last year's recipients were not eligible to win this year.) Pictures of this year's winning homes can be found at our website: www.encinoparkhoa.com.



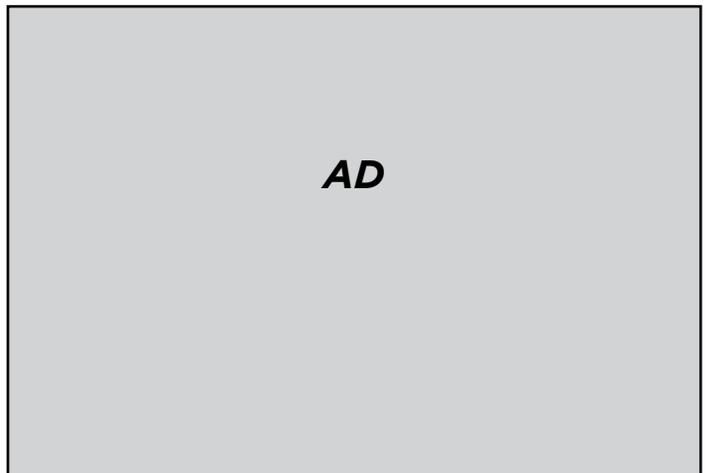


Over 50 CLUB

By Club President, Dyan Montesclaros

We had our holiday luncheon last month, with a savory meal catered by Luby's. We all chipped in \$5 and with a little help from our kitty, we dined on ham, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, beverages and sweet desserts. We played our gift exchange game, and everyone walked away with a surprise gift. There was sharing of plans for the upcoming holidays. In our January meeting we will be voting on positions in the Club and discussing our calendar of events.

While most of our members are residents, we accept non-residents if we maintain a higher number of residents. So, bring a friend or relative and join us. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 at the Community Center. There's usually a light lunch, sometimes we brown bag it too, talk a little neighborhood business and then get down to socializing, playing games such as cards, Rummikub, dominoes, and Scrabble, etc. So, put us on your calendar, stop by and check us out. Or, if you want more info, just call me at 481-7890.



I was in the park with my kids and noticed this pile of rocks close to the fences. What is that for and is it a hazard? **-F., Encino Cliff**

Dear F.,

As you may know, we are working on "overhauling" our park. This is a big project requiring redoing just about everything starting at the ground level with the flow of water. Folks on our Park Committee have reached out to the construction company working on the Vista Ridge Pipeline that crosses Encino Rio by the school and the one working on the US281 upgrade for materials. The pile you saw, while it came a little earlier than we expected, was donated by the construction company working on US281. The plan is to use the rocks to build a rock garden that will re-engineer the flow of water through the park so that it doesn't cause erosion as it does now. We expect to get more rocks from the Vista Ridge Pipeline sometime in the future. These donations will enable us to keep our expenses down. We are hoping that neighbors will not borrow from the rock pile or walk through it. Everyone has common sense, that's why the term is "common", and that sense should direct people to be safe and not engage in risky behavior. So, in other words, STAY OFF THE PILE OF ROCKS! Since you and your family enjoy the park, think about providing some input to the Park Committee. You can do that by joining the Committee or emailing your ideas to contact@encinoparkhoa.com.

If you have a question or issue you would like addressed by the Editor (a current Board member), write to Editor@encinoparkhoa.com. Be sure to include your email or mailing address. All letters will be responded to, but may not be published in the Newsletter.

ENCINO PARK GAME DAY



Start the New Year off with a resolution to meet your neighbors! Get out of the house for a few hours, join your neighbors at the Community Center for an afternoon of games, conversation and fun. Encino Park neighbors and friends gather at the Community Center the second Thursday of each month to do that. Depending on how many people show up, determines the game or games of the day. We meet at 1:30 PM. We play till we're done, so there's no limit on time. Contact Dyan (210-481-7890) for more info.



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Out to Lunch

After a long break from our last outing to recover from the holidays, we will go on Friday, January 26, at 11:30, to Perry's Steakhouse and Grille at LaCantera. The address is 15900 LaCantera Parkway #22200, 78256. It is located between the Yard House and Whiskey Cake Restaurants. Perry's, with 14 locations around the country, began as a small meat market and the franchise has held on to the founding family's high standards of the finest cuts of meat and quality food in an upscale setting. Mostly a dinner destination, they are open for lunch only on Fridays, when they feature their "Famous (Lunch-Cut) Pork Chop". Also on the menu in addition to the chop and steaks are chicken, salmon, pasta, and salads. Carpooling will be available. Call Janet by Wednesday Jan. 24th at 481-9956 if you wish to join in on this scrumptious-sounding outing.

In November we dined at Perico's on Sonterra. The nine of us who went had a great time with the delicious food, superb service, and lively conversation. We all enjoyed that little break between Thanksgiving and Christmas with the chance to relax and visit with each other for a little while. Thank you to Chala Sarian for selecting that restaurant and making the arrangements.

In December Women's Club member Beverly Anderson graciously invited us to her home for lunch. Beverly and her mother prepared for us a delicious Italian luncheon, that the five of us who attended thoroughly enjoyed. Beverly's beautiful home, decorated for Christmas, the delicious food, the brisk cold post-snow day, and the company of each other and other member's of Beverly's family, all added up to a delightful time and time well-spent! Thank you to Beverly!



HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON ON YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER

By Heather Ginsberg, San Antonio Water Systems

At this time of year the lawn is dormant, or in a slumber. So don't water. Just let it sleep. Your pocketbook will thank you.

During the holidays we're all busy with a million things and let's face it, most of those things cost money.

But I've got some good news for you — watering your landscape is one less thing you need to worry about. So turn off your irrigation controller, let your landscape sleep and save that water for your extra houseguests this season.

Here in South Texas if you have turf grass, you likely have Bermuda, zoysia or St. Augustine. Trust me when I say your lawn will survive on the water from the sky until late spring. At this time of year, the lawn is dormant, or in a slumber. So don't water. Just let it sleep.



If we have no rainfall for several weeks and you absolutely feel like you must water, turn your controller on to let it water once that week and then turn it off again. Don't set it and forget it.

As a licensed irrigator, I understand the importance of following best practices to ensure I'm not wasting water. And as a homeowner, I know irrigation systems should only be used as a supplement in the absence of rain. It should never be left in 'auto' or 'run' mode year round. This results in a lot of unnecessary watering and very high water bills.

So do your yard and your pocketbook a favor, turn off the irrigation controller.

Source: www.gardenstylesanantonio.com

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Women's Corner....

By: Aracely Garcia

Special Invitation to ALL Encino Park Women

You are invited to join the Women's Club this January for dues of only \$12.50. You will enjoy all of our spring meetings plus be part of special events including our End of Year Banquet!

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| January 15 | (MLK holiday) 7pm Light soup supper and wine/cheese tasting. Bring restaurant ideas and information for February's outing. |
| February 12 | Valentine's Dinner Out. (You shouldn't miss this one!!) |
| March 19 | Self Defense Class (dress comfortably) |
| April 9 | Game Day |
| May 14 | End of Year Banquet (includes scholarship award, volunteer awards, new Board members) |



December Recap -

- Our Holiday party was held at Barbara Cowen's home on December 4th. Not only did it include an amazing dinner and desserts, but the women bid on merchandise donated by the vendors of our latest Market Days event held in October. **Auction proceeds were donated to the San Antonio Clubhouse that provides day programs with field trips and social activities for brain injured children and adults in San Antonio.**
- Thanks to Nancy Thomas for coordinating this year's "Santa Visit" and printing all photos, and to Marsha Nelson, our dedicated photographer. Thanks to Santa (with the real beard) for returning and especially this time for bringing Mrs. Claus with him. **Thanks to Santa's other elves: Judy, Gail L., Sylvia, Arlene, Cindy, Janet, Barbara, Dyan and Anne.**

"You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep rereading the last one."

Kathy Box Signs

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Relief From Those Annoying Robocalls

FTC rolls out new system to track —and block — calls

by Brandon Gobel, AARP, August 3, 2017

Have you been getting more and more robocalls on your phone? If so, you're not alone, but relief could be on the way. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), cellphone providers and industry experts have unveiled a new system to track — and more quickly block — these annoying and often illegal calls on your landline and cellphones.

Complaints about the calls have been pouring into the FTC — so much so that they are the No. 1 complaint the agency receives. The FTC plans to process your complaint within one business day and immediately turn over information you gathered from the caller to phone carriers and other industry partners. As part of the partnership, the groups will work to quickly block the unwanted number from calling you and others.

“Sharing the critical information from consumers’ unwanted call complaints to enable industry

innovators to stop illegal robocalls is exactly the type of public-private partnership the FTC champions,” said Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen.



Here's how you can help:

- Make sure you subscribe to the Do Not Call list. If not, you have to wait 31 days to file a complaint.
- If you receive unwanted calls or robocalls in violation of the FTC policy, take notes. You'll want to gather this information from the call: incoming phone number, date and time of call, what the call was about, and whether it was a recording or live person.
- File a complaint on the FTC website. The agency has made its complaint form simple, with numerous drop-down menus to help you through the process.

The FTC says your complaint is crucial because many of today's call-blocking solutions rely on “blacklists” — databases of telephone numbers that have received significant consumer complaints.

Robocalls can be more than irritating. They also can be a scam and cost you plenty. TrueCaller, a caller ID and blocking app, reports that an estimated 22.1 million Americans lost \$9.5 billion in phone scams in 2016.

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Protecting Your Pipes from Freezing Temperatures

During below-freezing temperatures, San Antonio Water System reminds homeowners and businesses in our area to be aware of the dangers of water pipes freezing or bursting in cold temperatures.

Here are tips from the American Water Works Association to help you avoid the cost and inconvenience of frozen pipes:

Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses

Detaching the hose allows water to drain from the pipe so an overnight freeze doesn't burst the faucet or the pipe its connected to.

Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas

It's best to wrap water pipes in unheated areas (such as the garage or crawl space) before temperatures plummet. You can find pipe wrapping materials at any hardware or building supply store.

Consider installing "heat tape" or "heat cable"

Install "heat tape" or similar materials on all exposed water pipe (i.e. exterior pipe, or pipe located where the temperature might drop below freezing). It is relatively easy to install and can be found at your local hardware or building supply store. Be sure that you use only UL-listed products and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Seal off access doors, air vents, and cracks

Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water

pipes. DO NOT plug air vents used by your furnace or water heater.



Find the master shutoff valve

Usually located where the water line enters your house (or near the water heater or washing machine), the master shutoff valve turns off the water to the entire house. Paint it a bright color and make sure everyone in the household knows where it is.

What if it's too late?

During an extended cold spell, your pipes can freeze, even if you take all the proper precautions. If you think you know where the freeze occurred and want to try thawing it yourself, the easiest tool to use is a hair dryer with a low heat setting. DO NOT under any circumstances use an open flame. Using the hair dryer, wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe. DO NOT heat only one spot on the pipe, as this can cause it to burst. If you don't have a hair dryer, you can wrap the frozen section with rags or towels and pour hot water over them. It's messy, but it works.

Be careful when heating the pipe. It may already be broken and just not leaking because the water is frozen. When you thaw it out, the water could come gushing out. Be ready to run for the master shutoff valve if necessary.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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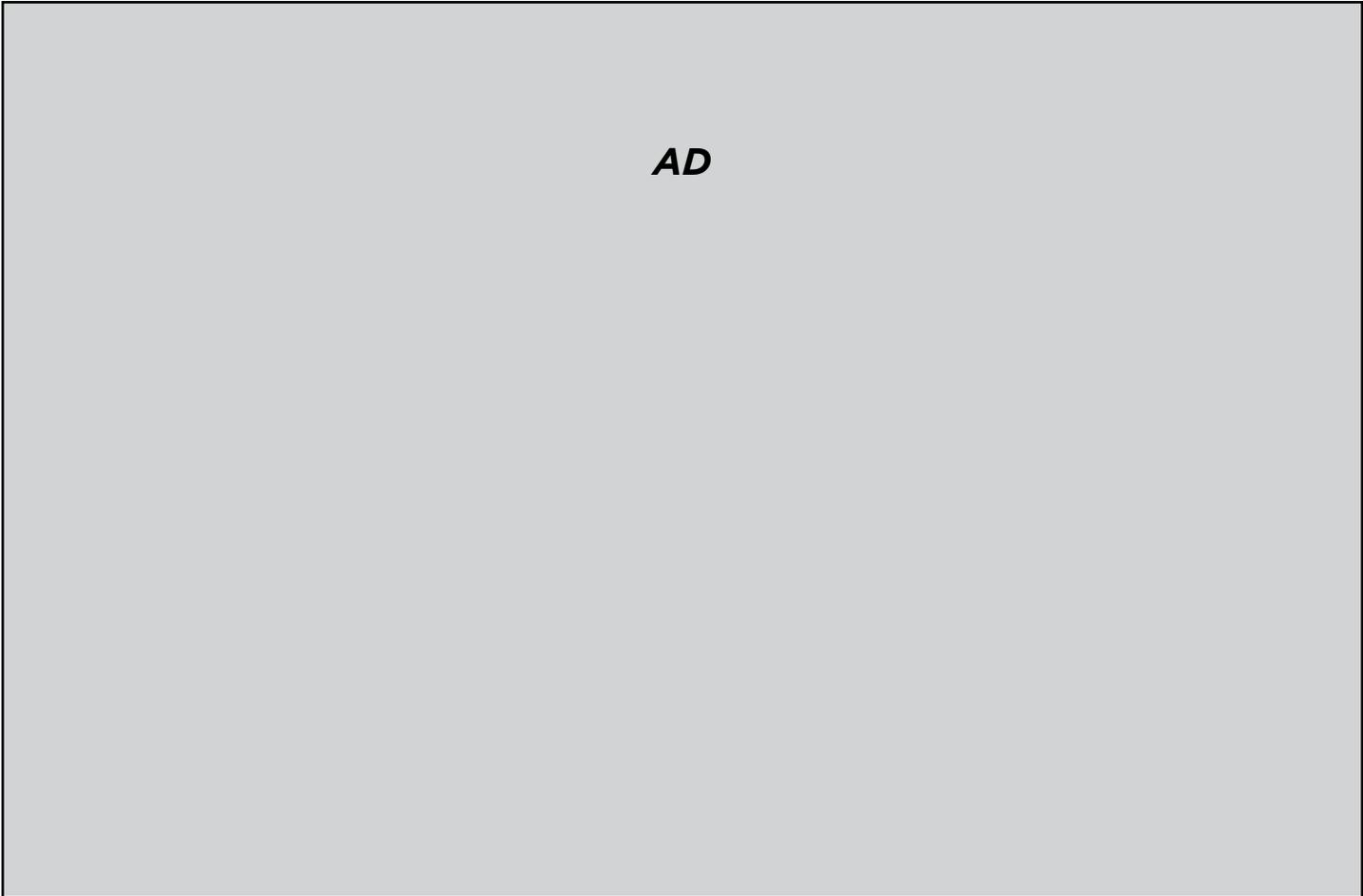
For Sale: French Provincial dresser with mirror, excellent condition, \$50 or best offer. Call 210-444-9437.

For Sale: Alto Saxophone for sale. Yamaha Model YAS-200AD. Purchased at Hillje Music in 2013 for \$1300 asking \$500.00. If interested call Holly at 210-213-3561.

For Sale: Large solid wood computer armoire \$300, Black iron twin platform bed and mattress \$100, Framed modern print by Karel Appel 33.5" x 41.5" \$300. Text or call 210-823-0081 to request a photo and further information

Wanted: 1955 Chevy wanted or 1956 Chevy Or Cool Street Rod. Any make or model or year. Call Clifford at 210-497-3355, please leave name, phone, and message.

Teen Service listings are free to all Encino Park residents under nineteen (19) years of age. Classified ads are free to Encino Park residents. Ads will run for one month only, unless the advertiser calls and requests renewal. To place, remove, or edit a teen directory listing or classified ad, call 558-3160 or email Keaton@NeighborhoodNews.com.



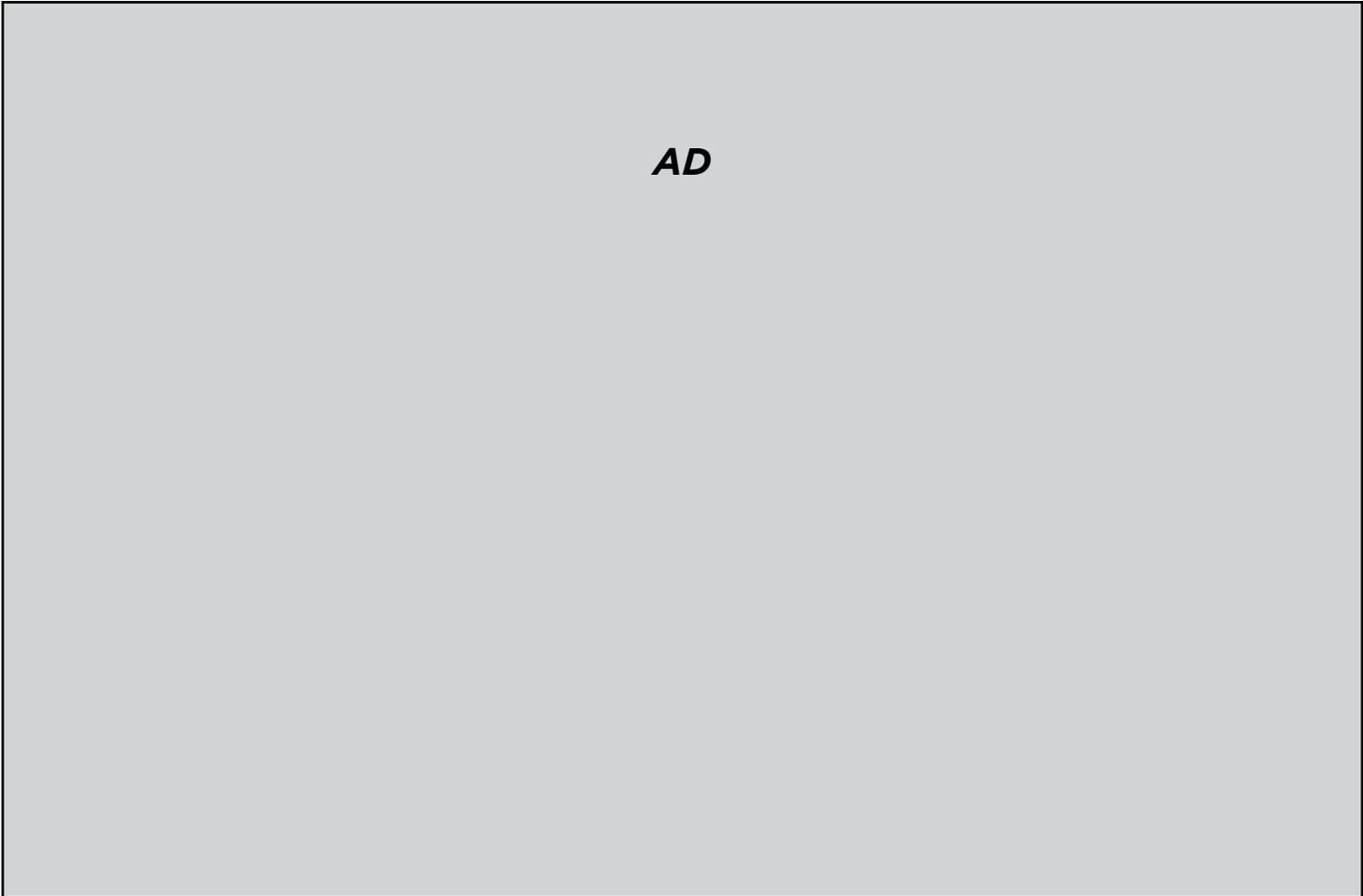
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