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*And she shall bring forth
a son, and thou shalt call
his name Jesus: for he
shall save his people from
their sins.*

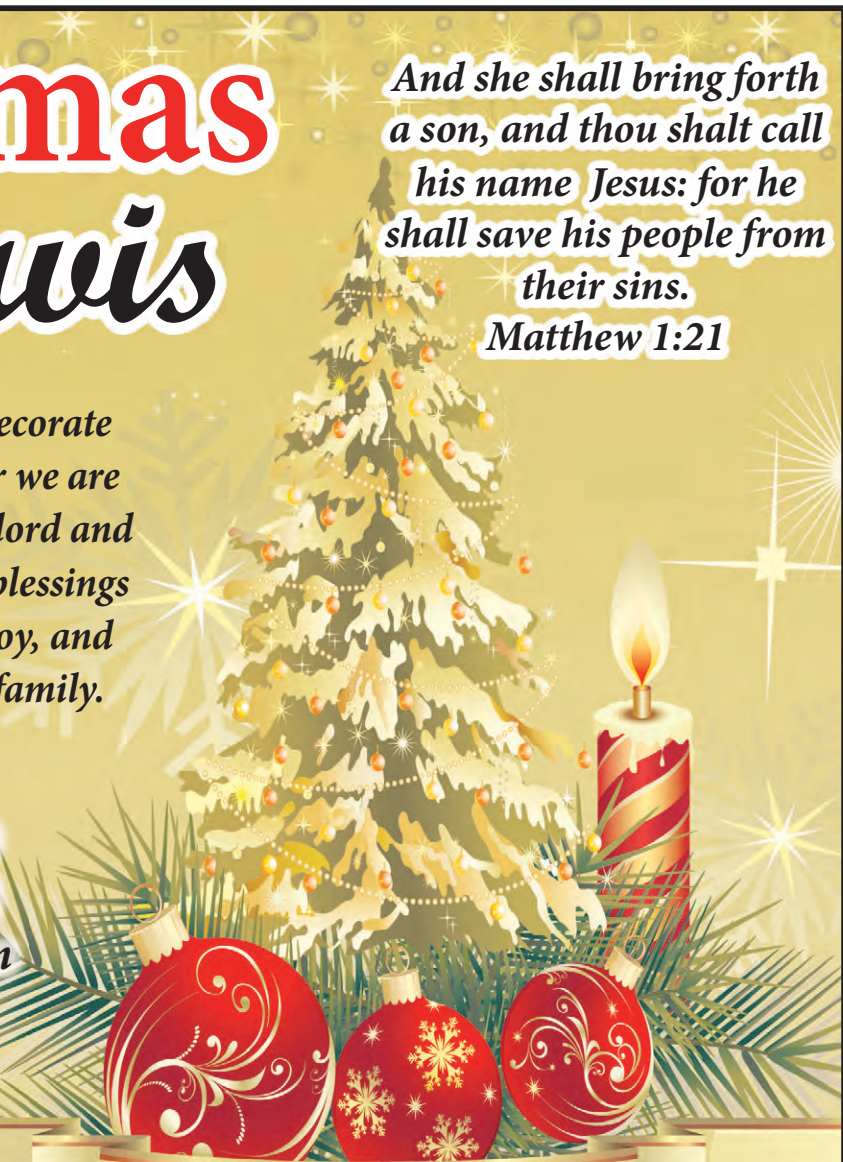
Matthew 1:21



*What a beautiful season as we decorate
and enjoy our Blessings. Together we are
celebrating the birth of Jesus, our lord and
savior. My wishes are Christmas blessings
to all of us as we celebrate love, joy, and
happiness with our friends and family.*

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Lessons learned from 2022



AT HOME WITH
Marni Jameson

We covered a lot, you and I, in 2022.

We delved into the worlds of professional organizing, living solo, robots, crafting, and flatware. And that was just in the first six months.

Today, as I do every year about now, I'm circling back and pulling my favorite takeaways, one for each month, to recap our home-life journey. Here are highlights from the first half of the year:

In JANUARY, I got more organized. After interviewing organizing professionals and their clients for a series of columns, I kept thinking: I want an organizer to come to my house! But I was embarrassed to ask. After all, aren't I supposed to be an expert?

Then one organizer whispered, "Here's the dirty little secret: Professional organizers hire professional organizers." Of course! Doctors need doctors, right? Lawyers need lawyers. So why wouldn't I hire a professional organizer? So, I did.

Lesson: Even if you don't have too much stuff, you can still have it in the wrong place. A trained organizer can make your space work better, help you get rid of stuff you've secretly been wanting to get rid of but needed a push, and help you see what you've stopped seeing,



A cut above Stainless-steel flatware is one of those purchases you typically make only twice in your life, yet most of us put in our mouths 40 times a day, so choose well. For starters, look for a stamp on the back that reads 18/10. If that second number is lower, the maker skimmed on the nickel content, which keeps flatware looking good. Photo courtesy of Liberty Tabletop

In FEBRUARY, I spoke out on behalf of the 36 million singles out there who make up households of one. Many thanked me for sharing this message: "Don't feel sorry for us. We're happy living on our own."

Today, 28% of all U.S. households comprise just one person. "The rise of people who want to live alone is one of the most significant demographic trends of recent decades. The rest of society needs to catch up," said social scientist Bella DePaulo, who is single by choice and lives alone.

Lesson: Cancel the pity party. On behalf of the single at heart, DePaulo

lo busted the following myths: People who live alone must be lonely... wish they didn't... are somehow incomplete... are looking for that special someone. "We're fine," she said. "We're happy at home!"

In MARCH, we brought crafts out of the closet. Studies showed that the pandemic gave many closet artists and crafters license to pursue their inner Marthas. As a society, we went from wringing our hands to wringing tie-dye T-shirts and from knitting our eyebrows to knitting afghans. Crafting helped us pass time in isolation, took our minds off our worries, made our

homes look better, and, for the truly enterprising, brought in some dough.

Lesson: Whether you pursue your art full time or just dabble on the weekends, make room for it in your home. If your only creative workspace is the top of the washing machine, your art won't flourish. The ideal workspace should have a big, flat table; ample storage; good light; a vision board; everything

you need at hand; and, ideally, a door.

In APRIL, we added a new family member Rosie, the robot. To tackle the "fur-stration" around here, we got a Roomba. The robot vacuum roams the house like a motorized Frisbee on wheels. Twice a week, Rosie cleans up after our large, shedding dog, Luke (a Great

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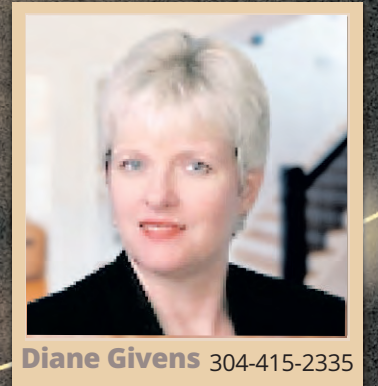
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Pyrenees-German Shepherd-Chow mix).

Yes, I know some worry about having this artificial intelligence that is tapped into your Wi-Fi, has a camera, has mapped your house, is owned by Amazon, and has intimate knowledge of your domestic dirt. But, for me, living with less fur is worth giving up a little privacy.

Lesson: Today, 53% of U.S. households have a dog and 36% have a cat. That's a lot of fur flying. Seven months later, I can say that getting a Roomba was one of the two best home-related tech investments I made all year. You'll read about the other one next week.

In MAY, I used Mother's Day as an excuse to dish out even more unasked for advice than usual. As the mom of two, stepmom of three, "glamma" to five, and a lifestyle columnist, giving out unwanted opinions is my job, so I exploited this holiday to do just that.

Lesson: As I doled out motherly advice regarding life, love, work, and what to wear, I realized how much of it also applied to home design. Here are two examples:

- They can't win if you don't play. The comparison game is a cancer. Compete where it counts, in school or sports, but not where it doesn't. Make your home beautiful for you and those you live with, not to impress anyone else.

- You can wear short. You can wear low and you can wear tight. But you can't wear it all at the same time. Pick one. In home design, when everything in a room says look at me, the room loses its allure.

In JUNE, I discovered I had half as many forks and spoons as knives. What happened?

"Forks and spoons get lost to trash cans, lunch sacks, picnics, and

camping trips," said Greg Owens, co-owner of Sherrill Manufacturing, the last remaining maker of flatware in the United States. "Apart from what you may have filched from the college cafeteria, flatware is one of those purchases you typically only make twice in your life."

Choosing well is important. Most of us put this common household utensil into our mouths 40 times a day. Now that I was about to buy flatware a second and final time, I wanted to get this right, so I dug in to find out what makes the cutlery cut.

Lesson: Try it before you buy it. My husband and I ordered samples of four different place settings and began a fork-to-fork competition.

We wanted flatware that was pleasant to hold with good weight and contours, that was strong enough so spoons wouldn't bend in hard ice cream, that looked good next to our dishes, and, most challenging, that we both agreed on. Now we're trying not to lose any.

Join me next week for a recap of highlights from the second half of 2022.

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Technology to the rescue Twice a week, Rosie the Roomba roams the house cleaning up after Luke, our large, shedding dog, and helps manage "fur-stration." Photo courtesy of Marni Jameson

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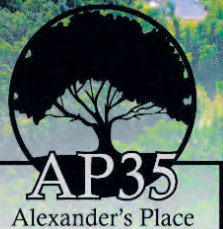
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