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OBITUARY

TV's Golden Girl dies at 99

By Lynn Elber and Frazier Moore
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES » Betty White, whose saucy, up-for-anthing charm made her a television mainstay for more than 60 years, whether as a man-crazy TV hostess on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" or the loopy housemate on "The Golden Girls," has died.

She was 99.

White's death was confirmed Friday by Jeff Witjas, her longtime agent and friend. She would have turned 100 on Jan. 17.

"I truly never thought she was going to pass away," Witjas told The Associated Press. "She meant the world to me as a friend. She was the most positive person I've ever known."

Witjas said White had been

staying close to her Los Angeles home during the pandemic out of caution but had no diagnosed illness. It was unclear if she died Thursday night or Friday, he said.

White also owned a home in Carmel and was a well-known supporter of the SPCA Monterey County and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

"I'm honored to have known

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Actress Betty White, a part-time Carmel resident, died at 99.

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COVID-19

TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT INNOVATIVE STUDY



COURTESY MONTAGE HEALTH

The California Department of Public Health is beefing up its COVID-19 database by determining the percentage of Californians who carry antibodies against the virus — and whether these antibodies were acquired by infection or vaccination.

By Megan Kalomiris
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California's COVID-19 data collection — a tally of infections, hospitalizations and deaths — is an essential tool in fighting the pandemic. But it paints only part of the picture. The California Department

of Public Health is now engaged in an ambitious study aimed at beefing up its COVID-19 database by determining the percentage of Californians who carry antibodies against the virus — and whether these antibodies were acquired by infection or vaccination.

State health officials and researchers say the study will produce one of the world's most accurate snapshots of immunity to the virus in a large and diverse population.

"This is a unique, unique study," said Dr. David Seftel, CEO of Enable Biosciences, a South San Francisco diag-

nostics company that developed the antibody test kit being mailed to selected Californians.

CalScope is using a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to test the blood of at least 30,000 California

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THE HOLIDAY

Sorrow, fear but hope for 2022

By John Leicester and Nick Perry
The Associated Press

PARIS » Sorrow for the dead and dying, fear of more infections to come and hopes for an end to the coronavirus pandemic were — again — the bittersweet cocktail with which the world said good riddance to 2021 and ushered in 2022.

New Year's Eve, which used to be celebrated globally with a free-spirited wildness, felt instead like a case of déjà vu, with the fast-spreading omicron variant again filing hospitals.

At the La Timone hospital in the southern French city of Marseille, Dr. Fouad Bouzana could only sigh Friday when asked what 2022 might bring.

"Big question," he said. "It's starting to become exhausting, because the waves come one after another."

The pandemic game-changer

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Students in Lahore, Pakistan, on Friday hold candles while participating in a demonstration to welcome in 2022.

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GOP eyes big 2022, but weaknesses remain

The GOP had lost the presidency and House in 2020 and would soon squander its Senate majority early in 2021. PAGE A5



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New communications director named

Nicholas Pasculli, owner of a Salinas-based marketing firm for 22 years, starts next month in new role. PAGE B1

ICON REMEMBERED

South Africans pay their respects to Tutu

South Africans from all corners of Desmond Tutu's filed past his plain pine casket by the hundreds. PAGE A6

COVID-19

Don't know how to make a booster appointment?

Visit Monterey County Health Department webpage at <https://bit.ly/3qtjYUO> for links to schedules and registration.

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Wishing you all a very Successful and Healthy 2022!

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