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Schiff Introduces Legislation to Keep Illegal Firearms Out of Our Communities

On June 30, Congressman Adam Schiff introduced legislation to provide policymakers, researchers and law enforcement officials with data to help crack down on illegal guns and firearm dealers and solve violent crime.

The ATF Data and Anti-Trafficking Accountability Act would require the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and Explosives to publish an annual report on gun trafficking using data collected at its National Tracing Center. These reports include detailed analyses of what types of illegal firearms are being recovered, which dealers and geographical regions they're being recovered from, what crimes they're being used in, and an overview of investigations by the Dept. of Justice into how they're being purchased and diverted into the illegal market.

"America's gun violence crisis is compounded by the tens of thousands of firearms that find their way illegally into the hands of violent criminals or those who are not able to lawfully acquire them. There are many causes of this, and not all of them are well understood. Law enforcement and policymakers are fighting back against gun trafficking every day, but our efforts are hampered by a lack of access to good data," said Schiff. "This bill will help develop comprehensive, critical, and up-to-date data about where these guns are coming from and where they are going, so that we can hold bad actors accountable and stem the flow of illegal firearms into our communities."

The ATF's National Tracing Center processes trace requests every day from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies that recover illegal firearms. By collecting the make, model, caliber and serial number of these firearms, the NTC can establish how the firearm got from their importer or manufacturer to their last-known purchaser and the licensed dealer where the gun was first sold, providing them with critical investigative leads and allowing them to create links between suspects and recovered weapons.

Stengel Field Gets a \$2 Million Boost

By Mary O'KEEFE

"Finding good players is easy. Getting them to play as a team is another story."

~Casey Stengel

It took a team of community members, coaches, school administrators and a state senator to secure a recent donation of funds for upgrades to the landmark Stengel Field in Glendale.

On Tuesday State Senator Anthony Portantino announced his budget request of \$2 million was approved. These funds will be used for the restoration of Stengel Field.

For over 50 years, Stengel Field has been home to the baseball programs of Glendale Community College and Crescenta Valley High School. For years it was the graduation venue for CVHS as well.

The field was first opened in 1949 as the Verdugo Park Municipal Baseball Field but in 1952 it was renamed in honor of hometown baseball hero Casey Stengel who lived in Glendale.

Stengel's career in baseball spanned 54 years with his first full major league season as a player beginning in 1913. In 1923 he played with the Giants and went to the World Series. He was a manager of the Dodgers between 1934 and 1936 and the Boston Braves from 1938 to 1943. He spent some time as a minor league manager when he led his teams to 100-win seasons three times. Stengel was named the Yankees manager in 1949. The players he managed included Yogi Berra, Joe



File photo Funds of \$2 million, secured by State Senator Anthony Portantino, are earmarked for exterior improvements of Stengel Field, primarily to replace grass with synthetic turf and install a press box and a covering for the bleachers.

DiMaggio, Phil Rizzuto and a young Mickey Mantle. Under his management the Yankees won five consecutive World Series championships from 1949 to 1953. He later went on to the Mets before retiring in 1965. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966, and died in 1975, according to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Maintaining his legacy has been at the heart of so many in and around Glendale.

"I am happy to help garner funds to restore our landmark baseball field here in Glendale," stated Senator Portantino. "Casey Stengel Field has been around for decades and, with the upcoming restoration, it can continue serving the community."

The field has had its struggles. Due to water

damage the field was condemned in 2011 and a campaign to refurbish, remodel and rebuild began. In February 2020, the field was finally reopened with more than a few improvements.

CVHS baseball head coach Phil Torres, who is entering season 26 as the Falcons' front man, proposed the idea for bungalows around 2011 when the previous dressing areas underneath the bleachers were torn down. Eight long years later, in September 2019, renovations finally began. Torres credited GUSD's Dr. Vivian Ekchian with the changes.

"Once [she] came in and we talked about it, I believed she was going to make it happen, so we started raising money for the inside ... She made

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Traffic Safety Discussed at Community Meeting

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Wednesday, June 29, Crescenta Valley Town Council hosted a public meeting with law enforcement where the topic of traffic safety was discussed.

The meeting was a follow-up to an earlier emergency meeting on traffic safety that CVTC held privately with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept., California Highway Patrol, Public Works Dept. – Los Angeles County and Glendale Unified School District.

The purpose of Wednesday's meeting was to ask the community to share its concerns and opinions on what should be done about traffic safety, added Dede Mueller, CVTC member and chair of The Streets and Transportation Committee.

The first to speak was Tujunga resident Mark Dutton, who voiced concerns about what he saw on

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE CVTC President Harry Leon (standing) greets community members who attended the June 29 meeting on public safety.

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Never Too Old to Learn

Last week I visited the Salvation Army facility in Glendale. I recently became an advisory board member there. I was honored to have my name “floated” among the board members as someone who could bring something to the table, who had something to offer. Many of the other board members I recognized from my Kiwanis Club in Glendale (a good bunch). I was comfortable coming aboard.

The first board meeting I attended was eye opening for me. I quickly realized that not only would I be bringing something to the table but I also would be exposed to a new way of thinking.

I toured the facility last week with Capt. Kelly, who heads up the Glendale unit. After the tour, we sat down and talked a little about the mission of the Salvation Army. Its mission statement, “The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination,” was easy to understand. The board’s primary duty revolves around meeting those human needs.

I was honest with Capt. Kelly and shared this scared me a little – the idea of meeting human needs. As most everyone in Los Angeles County has seen and read, homelessness is abundant and not everyone who is homeless is mentally well. Meeting

human needs no doubt includes the needs of those who are homeless. Capt. Kelly told me that the job of the Salvation Army is to treat everyone with dignity and “meet them where they are.” Granted, the advisory board won’t be going into the streets to minister to folks; instead, our goal is to provide services that would be welcome to those in need. But looking ahead I think that my perceptions and interpretations will be challenged as I move forward. I’m grateful that those leading this charge are kind hearted and patient.

I wanted to quickly share with you the fabulous holiday weekend I had. On Monday morning, I was in the Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary Club 4th of July parade. With me were CVW sales diva Sonya Marquez and her two daughters and our office manager Rachelle. The parade had been canceled these past two years due to the pandemic and I was eager to climb aboard my car and make my way down Foothill Boulevard.

I’ve always been nervous in the parade. First, I worry that people won’t know the CV Weekly; second, do they like us? Turns out I had nothing to worry about. The people who

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Weather Watch

Taking a Look Outside Our Window

“Bend low again, night of summer stars. So near you are, sky of summer stars,
So near, a long-arm man can pick off stars,
Pick off what he wants in the sky bowl,
So near you are, summer stars,
So near, strumming, strumming,
So lazy and hum-strumming.”

“Summer Stars” by Carl Sandburg

Although it is not easy to see past the light pollution of the city, there are areas where stars appear to burst through and shine brightly. If you can take a few minutes to drive away from the artificial lights of communities you can see even more.

According the Night Sky Planner/Night Sky Network, June brought “a rare lineup of five planets arcing across the sky before sunrise. Now it’s July and you still have a little time left to spot all five planets before Mercury drops back into the sunrise glare. The planets align in the same order as their orbits outward from the sun.”

Mercury is close to the sunrise horizon, Venus shines above it, then follow the sun’s path upward across our sky. You will see red Mars, bright Jupiter and finally golden Saturn, according to the Night Sky Network.

But don’t delay stargazing; this line up will end shortly after July begins. For more information go to nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov.

Humans have been gazing up at these planets since, well, there were humans. Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, to the eye, appear to be stars and because of their movement in the heavens throughout the year, they were known as wandering stars. “Planet” comes from the Greek word “wanderer.” To many ancient civilizations these planets were deities and some, like Plato, actually began studying the planets’ movement. Well, maybe not study like we do now but tried to answer the question of why planets moved so differently from stars. The Greek astronomer Ptolemy wrote a book – “Almagest” – that included his theory of the motions of the planets. Then came the Renaissance, the invention of the telescope and Galileo. And gazing into the night sky would never be the same.

There will be sun and more sun as we head into the end of the week. Today will see a high of 84 degrees Fahrenheit with lows of 64. That temperature will continue through the weekend when temps will rise to about 90 then, as we return to the work week, 86 degrees will be the norm.

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IN BRIEF

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP

The monthly cleanup of the La Crescenta Avenue 210 Freeway off-ramp is Saturday, July 9. Volunteers meet at the 2700 block of Altura Avenue at 8:10 a.m. for instructions, safety vests and tools. Cleanup typically lasts until 9 a.m.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 9 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

This event is free to the public and suitable for all ages and no reservations required. Rain cancels event. Sorry, no pets please.

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Local veterans host a monthly breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month. The breakfast is free to all local veterans and supporters, but donations are always gratefully accepted. This month's breakfast is on Saturday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT SIERRA CLUB MEETING

The Sierra Club - Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group is meeting on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. to learn about environmental legislation being considered in the California Assembly this session. Alondra Lopez, deputy to Assemblymember Laura Friedman, will discuss some of the legislations such as: AB-2026, Recycling Plastic Packaging and Carryout Bags and AB-2344, Wildlife Connectivity and Transportation projects. In addition, she will discuss other legislation now on the Assembly Floor that includes transportation planning and funding and its effects on regional transportation and climate goals, as well as establishing an Integrated Distributed Energy Resources Fund for California.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/2zh5fjkw.

LCFOG HOSTS DINE-OUT

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild is having a dine-out fundraiser on Wednesday, July 13 at New Moon restaurant, 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose. From 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (note new morning hours) diners who enjoy dinner at New Moon and mention the LCFOG will have a portion of proceeds donated to the organization, which provides financial support to Orthopaedic Institute for Children in downtown Los Angeles.

For more information, see the LCFOG flyer online at www.cvweekly.com/JustforFun.

Learning About Dr. Leshin



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
JPL's new director, Dr. Laurie Leshin, takes a selfie with JPL employees after being presented with a handmade quilt.

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently the media was invited to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Lab) to interview the Lab's new director Dr. Laurie Leshin and to get an idea of the Lab's intern program.

The summer internship program is a 10-week full-time internship offered to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The Lab also offers other internships including part-time and year-round opportunities. Those in the program get to work side-by-side with scientists and engineers on Lab who are exploring the Earth and the universe.

Dr. Leshin, director of JPL, has been lead at the Lab for over a month. She spoke to the audience of interns about how excited she was to be at JPL.

"I have been the director of JPL one month [as of June 16]. I am kind of like you; I am figuring it out. This place is humungous and confusing, and there is a lot going on," she said. "Every single day I want to get out my cellphone, taking pictures of pretty much everything."

Her enthusiasm was contagious as the interns laughed and shared in the excitement of being on Lab and working in areas they are interested in. Leshin shared that many at JPL have told her how excited they were about the interns being back on the Lab, bringing in new energy.

"I too was a summer intern," she said. "I got my start in the space business as a summer internship Lunar and Planetary Institute."

That internship shaped

her future.

"It was like I got hit by a bolt of lightning in the best possible way. It was my first experience with research, it was my first experience getting to be the first person ever to look at space data," she said. "It changed my life, it changed the trajectory of my life. I had always loved space but it actually never occurred to me you could have a job working in the space business."

She told the interns that they are now having that same experience this summer, realizing they can make a career in space business. Leshin said she changed what she was studying and focused her future toward a career in space.

"We are hoping to give you that same kind of lightning bolt experience this summer because there is nothing like learning by doing," she added.

Prior to coming to JPL as director she was president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She is the first female to lead the Lab. She always takes that role into consideration, knowing she is inspiring those who work for her, regardless of gender.

She said the timing to come to lead JPL was perfect for many reasons; however, close to her heart is the Mars Sample Return mission that she has been excited about for years.

"I have been pushing for the Mars Sample Return where we go get rocks and return them to Earth to analyze in the best labs on our planet for 25 years. It is finally coming to fruition, which is one of the reasons I decided to come to JPL at this moment," she said.

Leshin added that JPL

and what is done there and with their partners is not just about the science; it goes beyond that.

"It is a connection of awe and human thriving. What we do is not just about great science," she said. "We landed a giant rover and a tiny helicopter on Mars in the middle of a global pandemic. People outside looked up at the night sky and said, 'Wow.' This is why we are who we are, this is what makes us great human beings, this is what binds us together – the ability to look beyond and be inspired and feel that sense of awe, of what's possible. What we do here directly contributes to human beings on this planet – thriving not only because we do great Earth science and we are helping to mitigate climate change [but] everything we do inspires people."



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A Conversation with Representative Adam Schiff – Part 1

By Mary O'KEEFE

To say these past few years have been politically and emotionally turbulent is an understatement. There have always been disagreements on Capitol Hill but, by a majority of reports, there has never been so much vitriol toward those who are serving their country as elected officials.

Recently Rep. Adam Kinzinger, a Republican representing the 16th District in Illinois, released a compilation of recent calls from people who have threatened him and his family. One, in the name of God, wished the “wrath of God” to come down on him and his family and then added, also in the name of God, s/he hoped he would suffer. The calls included graphic language and threats against him, his wife, his mom and his child. Yet in the midst of all of these threats many elected officials, regardless of what side of the aisle they sit on, continue to do their job.

On June 23, President Joe Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. The term “bipartisan” has not been used often in recent years but, in this case, the House passed the bill with 14 Republicans joining Democrats and in the Senate 15 Republicans also joined.

“There was a group in the Senate that has been working [on a gun law] for some time,” Rep. Adam Schiff said.

But it took a tragedy to push the bill to an agreement after an 18-year-old man murdered 19 children and two adults at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Schiff added this was a very modest gun law and thinks more legislation is needed to address the increasing gun violence in the U.S. Sixty-four people died by gunfire throughout the country on July 4 alone. This does not include the numerous people who were injured, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

As of July 5, there have been 319 mass shootings in the U.S. since the beginning of the year. The GVA describes mass shootings as an incident that has a minimum of four victims shot, either injured or killed, not including any shooter who may also have been killed or injured in the incident.

Schiff spoke of other countries that have dealt with gun violence.

“They were able to decrease the frequency of attacks; there’s no reason why we shouldn’t do the same in the United States,” he said. “We shouldn’t wait for another tragedy.”

(Note: The CVW interview with Rep. Schiff was days prior to the mass shooting that occurred during a July 4th parade in Highland Park, Illinois.)

The new bipartisan law addresses points that have been debated for years including incentives for states to pass red flag laws. The new bipartisan law allows groups to petition courts to remove weapons from people who are deemed a threat to themselves or others. It also expands the existing law that currently prevents people convicted of domestic abuse from owning a gun to include dating partners – not just spouses and former spouses – known as the boyfriend [or girlfriend] loophole. It also requires people between the ages of 18 and 21 to undergo enhanced background checks, as well as other provisions, including investing in mental health and school safety resources.

The bipartisanship in this case worked against the National Rifle Association [NRA], which was against the law. The

organization’s power is still evident.

“Look at Rep. Chris Jacobs from Buffalo, New York – a Republican who, after the deadly shooting in Buffalo, said he couldn’t stand by on the sidelines anymore,” Schiff said.

On June 1, Jacobs announced he would not be running for another term in Congress and face an “incredibly divisive election,” according to reports.

Jacobs, who represents the area where the mass shooting occurred at a Buffalo supermarket, voiced support for a federal ban on assault weapons. Members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, continue to work together to curb gun violence and all that it entails including mental health issues.

Next week Rep. Schiff discusses the Jan. 6 Committee.



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Crowds Turn Out for Local Independence Day Celebrations



Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: Rep. Schiff spends time talking to constituents.
MIDDLE: Memphis Nisar, 7, from Thousand Oaks took the plunge at the fireworks extravaganza.
ABOVE: A patriotic arrangement of flags was on display on the Sunland-Tujunga/Shadow Hills Rotary parade route.

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Hundreds of people lined Foothill Boulevard on Monday morning for the Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary Club fourth of July parade. Dignitaries, including Rep. Adam Schiff and State Senator Anthony Portantino, were among those who made their way down Foothill Boulevard, cheered on by local residents – many who dressed in

holiday garb.

Later that afternoon, the gates at Crescenta Valley High School were open to an estimated 4,000 people eager to enjoy all that the CV Fireworks Association offered on the field of the high school. Children jumped on a variety of inflatables, the popular Mary Dyer Band entertained, food trucks kept everyone full and State Senator Anthony Portantino emceed the event, which culminated with a

fireworks extravaganza.

“We’re so grateful to the ton of volunteers who came to setup and breakdown this event,” said CV Fireworks Association president Mike Shaar. “It was one of the best displays we’ve ever had.”

Rep. Adam Schiff agreed, saying that he, too, thought it was an outstanding show.

Portantino, who has emceed the event several times over the last few years, was glad to be there.

“I love coming to this community event,” he said. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to see everyone. I’m glad to be part of it.”

To be part of the organizing

team of this annual event, contact cvfireworks@aol.com. Volunteers are always welcome.

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A crowd gathered outside Alpha Structural to welcome the parade participants.



An estimated 4,000 people filled the field at CV High School.

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Obituary

Dr. Donald Empey



Feb. 8, 1932 – June 23, 2022

Dr. Donald Empey, longtime deputy superintendent of the Glendale Unified School District, died in Glendale on June 23. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Catherine; three daughters: Elizabeth Nepsund (Randy) of San Antonio, Texas, Margaret Laning (Jim) of Hull, Iowa, Jennifer Clem (Mitch) of La Crescenta; 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; brother Gordon Empey of Morrow Bay, California; and sister Darlene Wicks of Salem, Oregon, as well as several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on July 27 at 11 a.m. at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta.

Born Feb. 8, 1932 in McMinnville, Oregon to E. Warne and Anna May Empey, Don was the first of four children. Don graduated from Junction City High School in Oregon and held a BA degree from Willamette University, an MA degree from Stanford University, and a doctorate in educational administration and curriculum from the University of Oregon. Don often enjoyed sharing stories of his childhood and college experiences with family. Stories of pranks with college friends and of working on a dairy farm highlighted his undeniable work ethic and his keen sense of humor.

Don was named Glendale's deputy superintendent in 1976 and served in that capacity until 2002. He was influential in overseeing the district's instructional program as Glendale experienced many language and cultural changes requiring extensive curriculum revisions and teacher professional development programs. He was noted for his expertise in organization and planning and facilitated district and school strategic planning efforts. He was instrumental in the planning leading to the opening of Clark Magnet High School.

After retirement, he joined the faculty of the Dept. of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at California State University, Northridge, teaching classes in school administration. He was proud that many of his former students became administrators in Glendale schools. He was the author of numerous articles published in professional journals and often was a speaker at state and national educational conferences. In the summer of 2015, Don returned to the Glendale Unified School District as interim superintendent of schools. He served in that capacity for three and a half months while the board of education searched for a new superintendent.

Don was active in community life. He was a past president of the Glendale Coordinating Council and served on the board of directors of several community organizations. He was a founder of the Annual Youth Leadership Conference and a founding member and president of the Character and Ethics Project. Don was an active member and leader for many years at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. His deep faith in God helped shape his character.

Donald's greatest joy came when he was with family and friends. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was so proud of all of the accomplishments of his family. He was often seen on the sidelines of his grandchildren's sports games, cheering on the team. Don enjoyed traveling to visit his grandchildren and shared important life events with them. Upon retirement he and Mary enjoyed traveling. He loved college athletics and was a big fan of the University of Oregon Ducks (Go Ducks!).

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in his memory to the La Crescenta Presbyterian Church.

STENGEL FIELD from Cover

it a priority for our kids, so we can't thank her enough," said Torres in an earlier CVW interview.

The funds will be used by the City of Glendale to replace grass with synthetic turf, and install a press box and a covering for the bleachers.

Torres is in charge of taking care of the field. He was there mowing it on July 4 because "you have to take care of it," he said. The idea of installing artificial turf makes him happy.

"The field is used seven days a week," he said. "If there is any field in the country that needs an artificial infield it's [Stengel]."

Local businessman and coach Rick Dinger said he was talking to Senator Portantino over a year ago and mentioned that Stengel really needed help. Dinger put Portantino's office in touch with those who are at the field on a daily basis.

"I played baseball at Stengel as a kid, my son played [in the] Babe Ruth championship that they won," he said. He added Stengel Field plays an important role in Glendale.

"Stengel Field is not only one of Glendale's best baseball fields, but also a historic gem," stated Glendale Mayor Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian. "We are grateful that Senator Portantino recognized this

and, once again, came through for us, providing the necessary funds to upgrade and renovate our beloved ball park!"

Dinger added that the improvements would be used by future generations and his gratitude for the \$2 million was shared by others.

"It is with great excitement and appreciation that we hear of funds being allocated to help in our continued efforts to preserve and improve historic Casey Stengel Field," stated Spiro A. Psaltis, acting president of the Stengel Field Foundation. "This venue is a special and iconic place in both the City of Glendale and the history of baseball itself for over 70 years, and continues to be one of the gems of the Jewel City, as the home of Glendale Community College baseball, Crescenta Valley High School baseball, as well as the hub for youth area baseball. We look forward to working with the City of Glendale to use these administered funds toward keeping Casey Stengel Field the showcase that it has always been, and will be, in the years to come. We at the Stengel Field Foundation extend our most sincere thanks to Senator Portantino and his staff for their efforts to provide these funds to historic Casey Stengel Field."

CRIME BLOTTER

July 2

Highland Drive and Cordova Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, several street signs were stolen between Jan. 1 and July 2.

the second suspect left the store as well. They all got into a silver Ford Expedition.

The thefts occurred at 6:10 p.m.

June 30

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call from a store that a male adult entered the store and took numerous items then left the area. According to the report, an employee witnessed on the store's security cameras two females, reportedly both Hispanic, entering the store. The first female was about 30 years old, 5'7" tall and weighing about 250 pounds. At the time she was wearing a grey hoodie with the word "Levi" across the front, blue jeans and a black facemask. The second suspect was about 40 years old, 5'5" tall and weighing about 180 pounds. At the time she was wearing a brown shirt and blue jeans.

5400 block of Arroyo Summit Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a balcony window door was smashed and drawers were left open in the bedroom. At the time nothing was reported stolen. A witness reporting seeing two suspects wearing all black walk onto the property at 9:30 p.m.

June 29

4400 block of Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, the security chain-link fence at the city's skate park was cut. Surveillance footage revealed a Caucasian male juvenile with blond hair and wearing a dark colored shirt, black pants and black and white sneakers approach the fence with a pair of wire cutters. The suspect cut the fence. The footage revealed another male juvenile, described as Asian, with black hair and wearing a black graphic T-shirt, beige pants and black and white sneakers, approach the fence. Both juveniles were standing in front of a hole in the fence that the first juvenile had cut.

Both juveniles enter the skate park just after 1:45 p.m.

The two suspects went around the store and filled bags and a laundry hamper with items. They left the store, leaving the bags and laundry hamper in the store near the exit. After the two female suspects left the store a male suspect, reported as Hispanic, entered the store. This third suspect was described as about 30 years old, 5'7" tall and wearing about 150 pounds. At the time he was wearing a black/red jersey, black shorts and carrying a crowbar. According to the report it appeared the male suspect was trying to find the laundry basket and bags left by the two female suspects but was unable to find them and left the store. Then the female suspects reentered the store; the first suspect grabbed the bags and laundry basket they had left and ran out of the store;

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported seeing a female, described as Black and at the time wearing an orange hooded sweater with black pants, walk into the men's department with three empty reusable bags, grab items off the shelves and stuff them into the bags until they were full. She then exited the back of the store and entered a grey Toyota Prius and left the area at 6:50 p.m.

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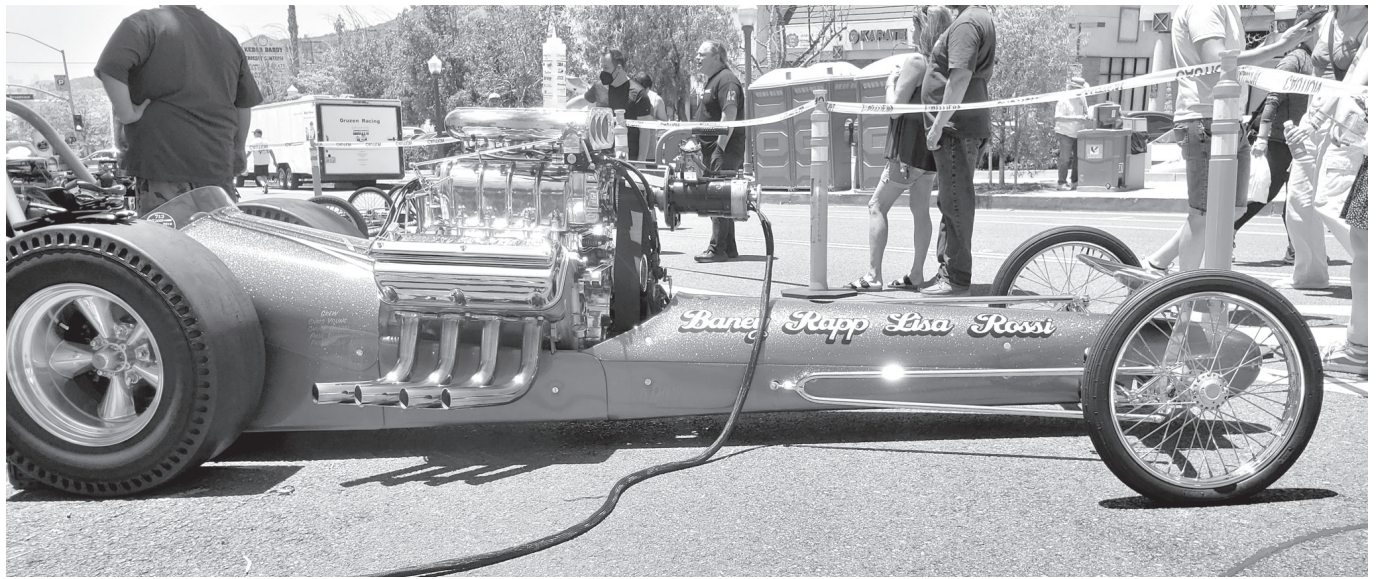


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Cackle Cars, Vintage Vehicles and More at Montrose Car Show



Photos by Julia KOHUT

ABOVE: The owner of this 1966 Samba, Rick Bittle, can be seen driving around Montrose.
BELOW: This 1951 Volkswagen Beetle, owned by Robert VW Kidd, was one of the first cars to have ever been officially imported by Volkswagen to the United States.



By Julia KOHUT

An estimated 1,500 people stopped by Honolulu Avenue on Sunday for the 20th Annual Montrose Car Show. Under clear skies with a cool breeze, the community came together to see 300 cars, trucks and motorcycles on display.

The event had something for everyone, even those who don't know a whole lot about cars. Bob Beck, the announcer for the show, offered this advice: "If you have a cool car, let the kid in the front seat. That's how you get them interested in cars."

Beck also hosted the awards ceremony. Twenty-five car owners were recognized for their effort and care in the vehicles they maintain. The winners were Roger Morrison, Troy Stallinas, Bill McChessney, Armen Kzaryan, Roy Shaneyfelt, Ruben Barragan, Tom Evans, Ross Lowande, Greg Eisele, Jim Ortega, Gary Schaedler, Steve Purrel, Hunter Bloch, Gary Songstad, Jim Arkin, Simon Holquin, Kris Wilcox, Joe Garcia, Candice Osborne, Mike Sellheim, Rick Bittle, Junior Machado, William Slemmons, Damion Bogosian and Vidal Herrera.

Crowds gathered for "Cackle

Fest" where several nitro car owners got to rev their engines and show off their special mix of nitromethane and methanol fuel. All the cars present for this demonstration were vintage nitro cars, featuring forward placed engines instead of the rear engines found in today's models. Each car produced quite a roar, though viewers of the show might be surprised to learn that these vehicles were actually rather quiet in comparison to the ones typically found on the race track. Anyone interested in learning more about these vehicles can check out the Nitro Revival on Nov. 5 and 6 in Irwindale.

One of the cars on display was a 1951 Volkswagen Beetle, owned by Robert VW Kidd and one of the first cars to have ever been officially imported

by Volkswagen to the United States. Incidentally, the car sat in a junkyard for years and was scheduled to be junked. Fortunately, the car was saved and it eventually made its way to its current owner. Nicknamed the "Junker" due to how he got it, Kidd managed to bring the car back to working order while still preserving much of its original features. He even drove it to the show that day.

Another featured car was a 1966 Volkswagen Samba, most notable for its 21 windows. The owner, Rick Bittle, got the vehicle from a friend of his after it sat in his backyard for 26 years, seemingly unable to run. Bittle put in a new engine, changed the oil and the old timer started right up. This was the same car that Bittle and his friend used to drive

around back in the '70s, and now it drives around Montrose looking brand new.

Tom King, who ran the registration booth, said, "The show brings people to the city and highlights the businesses we live in. It's not done for profit, but for the community we live in. To give back."

The show, organized by the Montrose Shopping Park Association, was fun for the whole family. Besides the classic autos, motorcycles and hot rods, there was also the weekly Harvest Market and local businesses for the public to enjoy.

For anyone who missed this year's exhibit, don't despair: Plans are already being made for the 2023 event.

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ROBIN from page 2

lined the boulevard were kind and shouted positive comments. I was so excited to see them!

Later that night, around 6:15 p.m., I made my way to CV High School for the fireworks extravaganza. And it didn't dis-

appoint! From the performance by the Mary Dyer Band to meeting families who came from as far away at Thousand Oaks, it was a fun time.

Ending the day was a fireworks display that left everyone

pretty much breathless. All in all, between the food trucks, the live music, the inflatables and the fireworks, it was an event not to be missed.

I wonder how they're going to top it next year?

Strange Smell Brings Out HazMat

Glendale Fire Dept. responded to a call on Tuesday concerning a "smelled chemical" at Starbucks at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. The initial call came in

from a customer but employees also said they smelled it. GFD tested for hazardous materials. The northbound lane of Ocean View was affected by fire department personnel conducting their investigation.

Starbucks was closed for a short time and nearby businesses were also affected.

An investigation determined that the smell was a cleaning solution. No one was harmed.



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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Glendale Adventist Hospital and the Angel of Death – Part 3

This will wrap up the bizarre tale of Efren Saldivar, a self-professed “angel of death,” one who would ease his terminal patients into death just a little earlier than they would have naturally. After nearly 10 years of this, from 1988 to 1998, suspicions were raised enough for the police to

get involved. Amazingly, Saldivar confessed. But without any evidence they couldn’t prosecute him.

The Glendale Police Dept. put together a task force to try to find enough evidence to prosecute Saldivar. They lacked any physical evidence and, with no witnesses, they

at least needed victims. Saldivar had by his own admission killed either by suffocation or by administering lethal amounts of drugs to his patients. One of the drugs, a muscle relaxant called succinylcholine, breaks down in the body naturally, but another Saldivar used, Pavulon, might still be present in his victims’ buried bodies.

Now came the daunting task of digging up evidence, literally. About a thousand patients had died on Saldivar’s watch. Each case was examined and 171 looked suspicious enough to consider digging up. Of these, 54 were found to have been cremated.

Exhumation of buried bodies is always a last resort in an investigation. It’s hard on the families and doesn’t always give results. What’s more, the drug the detectives were looking for is used routinely during operations. They had to find unusual amounts of the drug in these decomposing bodies. So the detectives really did their homework and identified the 20 bodies most likely to reveal the presence of Pavulon in lethal doses.

In the summer of 1999, they began exhuming bodies. Samples were taken from livers, bladders and muscles. A new method of Pavulon detection was developed at Lawrence Livermore Labs just for this case. The

first few bodies revealed nothing, and it began to look like the case would unravel. But, near the end of the 20 exhumations, they found six bodies with enough Pavulon to charge Saldivar.

In January 2001, they arrested Saldivar for six murders. Just like he did at his first arrest, he started confessing immediately. But this time his confessed motives had changed. At his first arrest he professed sympathy for patients kept alive past the point of dignity. Now he admitted that he did it out of convenience. If he had too many patients he simply picked out a few to get rid of to lighten his workload. He further told investigators he had killed other patients at other hospitals where he had worked part-time. He said he had lost count, but figured he had killed about 100 people.

This was enough to go to court with. The prosecution had, besides the Pavulon-laden bodies they had exhumed, two star witnesses. One was a fellow respiratory therapist who had allowed Saldivar access to the lethal drugs and received immunity for her testimony. The other was a troublesome patient who had called Saldivar to her room repeatedly to complain. She testified that, while he was there, she suddenly blacked out but came to later. She had apparently

been very lucky.

The hospital it seems was largely blameless. Most of his victims were those who would die anyway and so there was no spike in death rates to trigger alarm. Nonetheless its personnel apologized and settled several lawsuits from the victims’ families.

Without hope of a not-guilty verdict, Efren Saldivar cut a plea deal. A guilty plea was offered to avoid the death penalty. In April 2002, Judge Lance Ito (remember him from the O.J. Simpson trial?) sentenced Saldivar to six consecutive life sentences for first-degree murder and 15 more years for attempted murder. The hard work of the Glendale police detectives had paid off and justice was, perhaps, served. Saldivar had been tripped up by the presence lethal amounts of Pavulon that had been painstakingly detected in his victims’ bodies.

Unlike his victims, Saldivar had cheated death. But here’s the ultimate irony: Had Saldivar been sentenced to death and executed, he would have died by lethal injection. The drug that would have been used to kill him? Pavulon.

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IEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Being Human

Jeff and I met in college when we were 18 years old and started dating the summer we both turned 19. Those early days were full of adventure as we explored the California coast with impromptu camping trips and beach vacations. We both shared a love of nature and wildlife and spent much of our time soaking in the beauty

around us and keeping an eye out for animals nearby. We marveled at the hidden complexity of tidepools and were especially delighted to catch glimpses of sea lions or otters swimming within the kelp beds close to us. No matter where we were at the end of each day, we stopped to watch the sun descend with deep

appreciation that we were able to witness such colors in the sky, and reflected on the landscape. The sunset always seemed like the perfect ending to a full day of activities.

Years later, after we were married and had children, we revisited some of the special spots we enjoyed while

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Community Film Screenings Big Hit

The Balcony of LA, a La Crescenta non-profit organization dedicated to drawing community together, recently held its fifth outdoor movie night in CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. The screenings are scheduled to continue every other Saturday through the summer.

The most recent event turned out just over 300 people (and growing every time). Food trucks and ice cream trucks are usually on-site and the event is family-friendly and admission is free. The next movie night will be held July 9 when The Balcony of

LA will be screening "Jumanji" (2017) starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Kevin Hart and Jack Black. Prior to the movie there will be the organization's first-ever hot wing challenge sponsored by local business Harry's Hot Chicken.

To reach The Balcony of LA with questions or to sign up for the hot wings contest or to stay-up-to-date with what's happening in the local community, follow the Instagram account @TheBalconyofLA or visit TheBalconyofLA.com and sign up for the newsletter.

Photo provided by The Balcony of LA. The community enjoyed the recent screening of 'Soul' at the Crescenta Valley Park. Screenings are held every other week at the park, are free to attend and hosted by The Balcony of LA.



YMCA of the Foothills Brings Summer Fun and Play to GUSD Students

The YMCA of the Foothills has partnered with the Glendale Unified School District to offer summer of day camp fun at Dunsmore Elementary going on now through July 29.

With roughly 200 campers registered, the Y will provide an enriching environment that allows kids to stay active and social all camp long.

"We had such a great experience last year [and] we're so glad to get the chance to do this again," said Adam Franko, vice president at YMCA of the Foothills. "In 2021 the YMCA of the Foothills received [its] American Camp Association accreditation after a rigorous operational review by experts in the American Academy

of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at our camps reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Our goal is to always ensure growth and fun in an environment committed to safety. With that being said, our summer day camp at Dunsmore Elementary is led by high quality YMCA staff who are well trained in youth development and certified in CPR and first aid."

Lunch and snacks will be provided to all campers. Each week students will engage in a fun-filled schedule with physical activities, arts and crafts, weekly on-site adventures, and more. The Y's "Safety Around Water" program is also made available through a

generous gift by the Gorvetzian family for students in this camp. Campers will learn life-saving swim skills, meet new friends and share memorable experiences – a complete win-win scenario for parents or guardians.

Healthy living, social responsibility and youth development are the three focus areas of the YMCA of the Foothills. The mission of the Y is to organize, develop, finance and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages that will, by putting Christian principles into practice, enrich the quality of their lives spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

To learn more about the YMCA of the Foothills GUSD camp, please visit ymcafoothills.org/gusd.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! My Neighbor Wants To Buy My House

Dear Phyllis,
Your column is the first thing I look for in the CV Weekly. I have a bit of a dilemma that I am hoping you can help with. My parents passed away years ago and I have been renting out their home. I was fortunate that my tenants paid me throughout the pandemic. But the shift in attitude favoring tenants over landlords has me genuinely concerned and I have decided now is the time to sell. Over the years the next-door neighbor has told me that he wants to buy this home if I ever sell. I really don't know how much it should sell for and I don't want to negotiate with him. I haven't sold a home in 30 years and wouldn't even know how to go about it. It seems I will need

a Realtor to help me with all the required paperwork. How do you think I should approach this?

Toni

Dear Toni,
Thanks for being a loyal reader! Over the course of more than 30 years selling real estate, I can't tell you how many times I have heard that the neighbor wants to buy the home. In nearly every instance, the neighbor wants to buy the home at a rock bottom price. Only once have I seen that the neighbor really intended to purchase the home at fair market value. In that instance, the parents were purchasing the home next door for their newly married daughter and son-in-law.

Most experienced Realtors have been down this path and realize that the likelihood of the neighbor purchasing your home at a fair price may very well not happen. Therefore, what seems to be a fair solution is that you list the home with a Realtor. In the Listing Agreement add an exclusion that if the neighbor purchases the home the commission will be reduced. Try to find a Realtor who will put the home on the market with professional photos and a great marketing plan. When offers are received your Realtor can then ask the buyer if they want to match the price of your highest offer.

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Laila Al-Marayati, MD received her BS in Psychobiology from UCLA and her MD from UC Irvine. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at LA County-USC. She is Board Certified in her specialty and is a Fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Al-Marayati is the Medical Director of Women's Health at the Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center in downtown Los Angeles where she currently oversees a large outpatient and hospitalist practice that includes physicians and midwives.



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Correction

In the June 30 edition we neglected to mention scholarship recipient William Lunt in a photo with Mike Riley, Christine Benitez, Vivian Ekchian, Laura Friedman and Anthony Portantino. We apologize for the omission.



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Restored 'Giant' Screened at Fine Arts Theatre

Film aficionados are invited to the Fine Arts Theatre Beverly Hills on Friday, July 8 and/or Saturday, July 9 to enjoy the exclusive exhibition premiere of George Stevens' classic film, "Giant."

According to Jerry A. Blackburn, programmer of Public Programming and senior manager of Theatre Operations for the Fine Arts Theatre Beverly Hills, "The 8 p.m. screening on Friday, July 8 will start with a 30-minute panel discussion about the restoration of the film 'Giant,' moderated by Randy Haberkamp, senior vice president of restoration for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences with Daphne Dentz, senior vice president of Emerging Formats, Mastering & Content Acquisition for Warner Bros. and George Feltenstein, WarnerMedia Library historian."

The 4K digital restoration of the Texas-set family saga, based on Edna Ferber's best-selling novel of the same name, was made possible by Martin Scorsese's The Film Foundation and Turner Classic Movies. The film stars Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor, Mercedes McCambridge and



James Dean.

Audio for the restoration was sourced from a 1955 protection copy of the original magnetic mono soundtrack.

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Play Store and the Apple App store, as well as at <https://www.fandango.com/> and <https://www.atomtickets.com/>. Tickets are \$15 for adults 13 and older, and \$13 for children 12 and under. The film is rated G and runs for 193 minutes. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended.

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Whiting Woods Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then » Not many places can say they started out as a warehouse, but Whiting Woods can. Here is a grainy shot from the early teens. This is the Pasadena Mountain Club with a bar in front and tents in the back for the ladies. The canyon was bought by the wealthy Perry Whiting, thus the name, and later developed as a tony neighborhood in the 1950s and '60s.



Now » Whiting Woods has come a long way in 100 years. There are many, many gorgeous homes there but the best is the John Lautner-designed Schaffer House. The wood, brick and glass mid-century modern masterpiece sits very close to where the Pasadena Mountain Club would have been. It's been featured in many movies, most recently in "The Dropout" starring Amanda Seyfried.

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Today, Thursday, July 7 at 7 p.m., Flintridge Bookstore presents freelance journalist Lisa L. Lewis, author of the book "The Sleep-Deprived Teen: Why Our Teenagers Are So Tired and How Parents and Schools Can Help Them Thrive." Lewis is joined by California State Senator (La Cañada Flintridge) Anthony J. Portantino whose opening remarks emphasize the critical importance of this issue. Bill 328, requiring healthy start times for schools, was introduced to the California State Senate by Portantino, passed in 2019, and was the first law of its kind in the nation. Lewis helped spark Bill 328.

"The Sleep-Deprived Teen" features the science of why sleep matters and how it changes

during the teen years; an overview of how sleep affects mental health, athletic performance, academic success and more; specific, practical advice for helping teens get more (and better) sleep; an inside look at California's new school-start-time law and how it's expected to address teens' sleep loss and enhance their health and well-being.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. It is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is street parking as well as a lot behind the store off Beulah Drive. For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at gailm@flintridgebooks.com or call the store at (818) 790-0717.

WORKDAY PLANNED

Volunteers are invited to the Los Angeles River on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk on Saturday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas. Please wear long pants and long sleeves, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat; tools and gloves will be provided. Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome.

Meet at the west entrance at 300 Paula St. in Glendale. In case of rain, this event will be canceled. For more info, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y2f3unpp>.

LCWC HOLDING A SHOE DRIVE

Members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club will hold a shoe drive on Sunday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their Clubhouse parking lot, 4004 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

In 2019 Club members came close to reaching their goal of collecting 1,000 pairs and hope to surpass that this year.

All are invited to drop off new or gently used shoes for the LCWC collection. All sorts of men's, women's, and children's shoes are welcome! The Club is also in need of shipping boxes (preferably manageable sizes at about 12 x 18 x 9 or the size of a 10-

ream case of copy paper) and shipping tape if anyone would like to donate some.

Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and all 50 of the United States, through disaster relief or supporting the homeless.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE INFO ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

The community is invited to a program by the Sierra Club's Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. Environmental legislation being considered in the California Assembly this session will be discussed. Alondra Lopez, deputy to Assemblymember Laura Friedman, will discuss some of the legislations such as: AB-2026, Recycling Plastic Packaging and Carryout Bags and AB-2344, Wildlife Connectivity and Transportation projects. In addition, she will discuss other legislation now on the Assembly Floor that includes transportation planning and funding and its effects on regional transportation and climate goals, as well as establishing an Integrated Distributed Energy Resources Fund for California.

RSVP at tinyurl.com/2zh5fjkw.

LCFOG HOSTS DINE-OUT

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild is having a dine-out fundraiser on Wednesday, July 13 at New Moon restaurant, 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose. From 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., diners who enjoy dinner at New Moon and mention the LCFOG will have a portion of proceeds donated to the organization, which provides financial support to Orthopaedic Institute for Children in downtown Los Angeles.

For more information, see the LCFOG flyer in the CV Weekly Just for Fun section.

AFC ANNOUNCES 2022 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Until Sept. 1, the Arroyo & Foothills Conservancy is accepting entries of the best local photos, featuring natural surroundings and wild neighbors.

Entries may be submitted in any of the following categories: birds, landscapes & plants, mammals and other wildlife, people in nature. A category for young photographers is available for submissions in any of the above five subject matter categories submitted by photographers aged 13-17.

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the prompt and overall impact. The AFC is looking for photos that showcase species, perspectives and settings unique to the local area (i.e. the greater Los Angeles area, and especially our arroyos and foothills).

To learn more or to enter, visit <https://arroyosfoothills.org/photocontest>.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at cls0f74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FB VHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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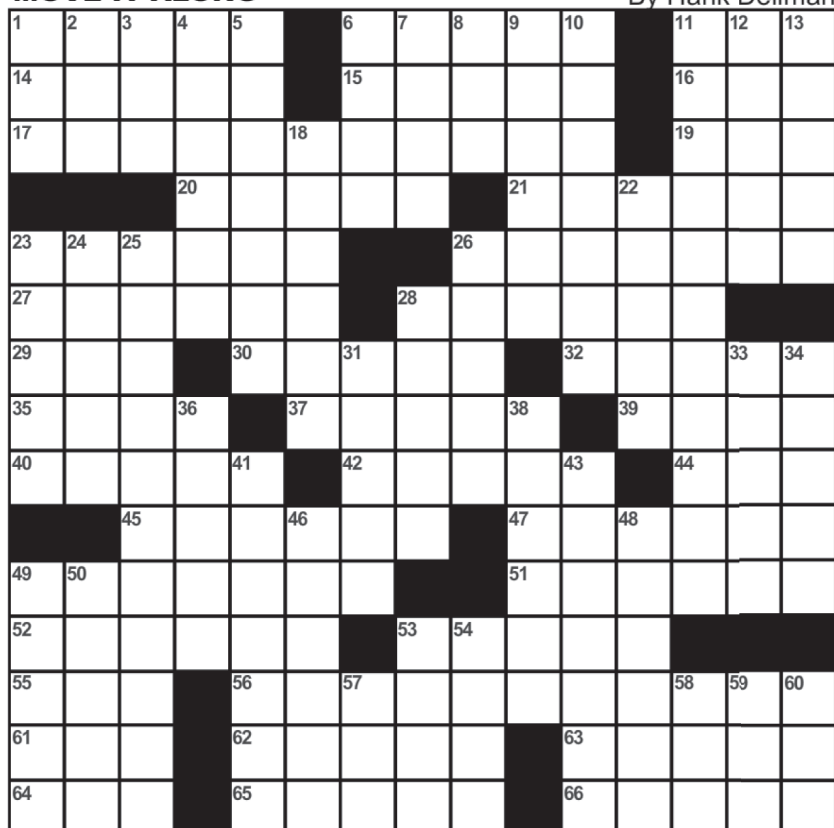
- 1) Send, as payment
- 6) Chilean range
- 11) Swelter
- 14) Sheeplike
- 15) Raccoon cousin
- 16) John, to Ringo?
- 17) Gets ready for some scooping
- 19) Talk, talk, talk
- 20) Kind of alcohol
- 21) Cut with a scalpel
- 23) "No ____, Bob!"
- 26) Business needs
- 27) Botches (with "up")
- 28) Walter who played Mr. Chekov
- 29) Wayside stop
- 30) City near Florence
- 32) Forest opening
- 35) Olive throwaways
- 37) Refine, as metal
- 39) Set at an angle
- 40) Pronunciation symbol
- 42) Foundation
- 44) Manhattan addition?
- 45) Jammed on a guitar
- 47) One deliberately provoking another
- 49) Mocker or jeerer
- 51) Archery targets next to bull's-eyes
- 52) Purse-lipped one
- 53) Some tadpoles, eventually
- 55) Net alternative
- 56) They're under some homes
- 61) "That's awful!"
- 62) Not bold
- 63) Make accustomed (to)
- 64) "Deck the Halls" word
- 65) Beats it
- 66) Crow's home

DOWN

- 1) Brouhaha
- 2) One of the Gabors
- 3) Thickness measure
- 4) Contract signers
- 5) Students, often
- 6) Like overworked muscles
- 7) Christmas carol
- 8) Nickname within the family
- 9) Star at Cannes?
- 10) Using an unspoken language
- 11) Playing with the wind, in a way
- 12) Cook chestnuts
- 13) Frames used for holding oxen
- 18) Grad student's creation
- 22) Tops off a room
- 23) Victoria's Secret selections
- 24) Like some columns
- 25) Detailed practices
- 26) Drag over the ____ (reprimand)
- 28) Work, as dough
- 31) Fire remnant
- 33) Block
- 34) Pitchers in paintings
- 36) Fleet
- 38) Some leg bones
- 41) Has an emotional impact on
- 43) Certain excavation hole
- 46) Containing iron
- 48) Of unsound mind
- 49) Teapot feature
- 50) Pooch from Wales
- 53) Insignificant person
- 54) Cutlass maker, once
- 57) Drs.' group
- 58) Putter's target
- 59) Before, either way you look at it
- 60) "Get it?"

MOVE IT ALONG

By Hank Dellman



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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

AT&T offered him an iPhone 11 for \$36, but now he's paying \$500.

When Loc Nguyen ports three phones to AT&T, the wireless carrier offers him a fourth line for just \$1 a month. But it never follows through and now he has to pay a total of \$500. How can he fix that?

Q While I was porting three of my cellphones to AT&T, a company representative told me that adding an iPhone 11 and a fourth line would cost \$1 per month over 36 months. It seemed like a good deal.

The representative told me to wait for three billing cycles for the credit to show up. But after three months, I

didn't get the credit. Instead of paying \$36 for the iPhone 11 (\$1 a month for 36 months), I'm paying \$500 (\$13.89 per month). I spent many hours contacting AT&T through phone calls and store visits, and they would not honor their sales quote.

I would like AT&T to credit me what we already paid and only charge us \$1 per month for 36 months for

the iPhone 11, as agreed. Can you help me? – Loc Nguyen, Sunnyvale, California

A: If AT&T offered you an iPhone for \$1 a month – which seems like a great deal – it should honor its offer.

You sent a transcript of the online chat between your wife and an AT&T

representative. It certainly looks as if you had a promise in writing.

I tried to find your offer online to see what went wrong, but I couldn't. Instead, I found a dizzying array of iPhone offers on the AT&T site. And I know if I'm confused, chances are so are a lot of other people. Some of these bewildered readers may work for AT&T.

So what went wrong? It's difficult to know for sure. Sometimes companies just make mistakes when they handle your paperwork. And yours was a somewhat complicated transaction because it involved porting three numbers and adding a fourth. Chances are someone just pushed the wrong button.

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RELIGION

Question: We've attended the same church for 18 years. This past Sunday, we sat behind a couple and their two teenagers. Although they weren't bothering anyone, the teens were both looking at their phones and texting for most of the service. Although we didn't say anything, our thinking is this behavior is an insult to the pastor and others who are helping with the service. We also don't understand why the parents didn't tell the kids to put away their phones and pay attention. What do you think?

~ Old-fashioned

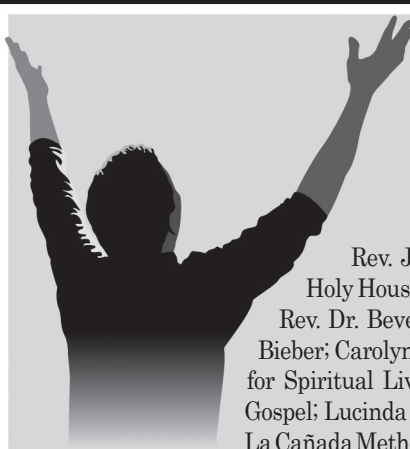
Dear Old-fashioned,
Yes, I have some opinions on this. First you've said: "Our thinking is this behavior is an insult to the pastor and others who are helping with the service." It really is. As a preacher myself, I can tell you that preaching to people who are on their cellphones is a lot like preaching to people who are busy reading the newspaper during my sermon. But beyond simple etiquette, the overall problem is this: The very most exciting aspect of any church service is the possibility of hearing God's voice ... not that we have to hear an

audible voice, yet that is often the case through prayers, sermons and hymns/songs. We tell God we are not available to hear Him when we're busy texting someone else during the time we're supposed to devote to Him. Who knows what God will say? It's exciting!

Sadly, these days God often gets a busy signal when he seeks to dialogue with our hearts in worship.

Second, you've said you don't understand these parents. I don't either. I suspect that cellphone manners are the next great social frontier to conquer in our culture. It's terrible everywhere. But these parents have done something right.

Third, never presume that it is your job to criticize a fellow worshiper's parenting. I have great hope in today's teenagers. I'm so glad they're in church. They do indeed need to put their phones down and ask God to speak to them in this holy moment. I mention this occasionally to my congregation. Perhaps your pastor needs to say it, too. But now you're being distracted by teenagers in church who aren't bothering anyone. My advice would be to lift your gaze, metaphorically speaking, and be in communion with the Almighty yourselves so that the



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behavior of fellow worshippers matters to you less and God's voice matters more.

Rev. Jon T. Karn
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Dear Old-fashioned,

A recent Gallup poll reports that church attendance in America is at a record low of only 47% as compared to 79% in 1999. They claim that this is because most people nowadays don't have any specific religious beliefs and aren't participating in organized religious communities. While the data shows that our youth are not being guided toward religion by their parents, it does not show that our youth are without a sense of spirituality. More than ever, the youth of today actually want, and need, a community of unconditional loving acceptance and support. As a minister, and a mom, I understand how hard it is to get teens out the door in the morning - especially on a Sunday! I applaud the skills of those parents you don't seem to approve of.

Yes, their teens were texting during the service but, back in my day, we would have been mindlessly staring out the window and drawing pictures on all of the offering envelopes! Like it or not, no one can be forced to pay attention. However, people of all ages do pay attention when something interesting is going on. Be aware that our teens today are technological wizards. While they are texting, they are listening to music, doing homework and ordering a pair of shoes online. I feel certain that they can also listen to the pastor's message if it grabs their attention.

No one needs to take offense here. Your pastor can see this as a great opportunity to become more engaging and to make the changes needed in order to embrace the job of growing a younger congregation. If not, the data shows that your existing church membership will continue to age, shrink and eventually die off. This is already happening all over America. This family may be searching for a


warm and welcoming community to be part of. Did you or your pastor encourage the family and their teens to come back to your church?


I am really wondering why you chose to say nothing to them at all.

Negativity can be felt without a single word being spoken and it would be sad if your silent judgment kept them from coming back. Ask yourself what Jesus would have done in that situation. I believe he would have welcomed them with open arms, played a game with them on their phones, listened to their thoughts about church and asked what he could do to make it better. In Matthew 7, the Bible says, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." It's so easy to criticize someone else's parenting but why not choose to be grateful that they came to your church as a family when in our society so many parents and teens are disconnected? Why not start a teen group or host a spiritual movie night for families? Open the doors and windows of your church and let the stuffiness out. Embrace the inevitable winds of change and do

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NOTES & NODS

LCIF NEWS
Pastor Chuck Bunnell will preach from the Gospel of Luke 10:25-37 on Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school is offered for children in pre-K through sixth grade. Families should meet in the worship center. After the children's sermon, the kids head off to the Youth Room for a time of play.

Pastor Chuck Bunnell reminds the community that he is available to consult with anyone interested in baptism, confirmation or membership. He is also available for visitation. Anyone with a loved one wanting a pastoral visit at their home or in the hospital should contact the church.

Those looking to clean out their closets should consider donating gently worn items to LCIF. The donated clothing will help local people in need. Items can be dropped off at the church. The donations are periodically delivered to area homeless shelters.

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN
La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites families to register for "Jerusalem Marketplace," a vacation Bible school for children Monday through Friday, July 11-15, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All children from age 4 to incoming sixth graders are welcome to come and experience what it was like to live at the time of Jesus' earthly ministry.

Through stories, games, music and crafts, children will learn about Jesus' own time in the city of Jerusalem, which changed the world forever.

The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$40 for one child; \$70 for two children; \$100 for three or more children; and \$8 per optional T-shirt.

Registration for "Jerusalem Marketplace" is now open. Please visit lcpc.net/VBS to sign up.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137.

WALK AND WORD
In July, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on July 10, 17, 24 & 31. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jlnavieri@earthlink.net.

All are welcome. If the hike is too strenuous, there are level paths at the park. There are ramps from the parking lot to the field where the group gathers after the hike.

your best to shine the love of God on everyone you meet, whatever their age, and even if they happen to be texting.

Rev. Karen Mitchell
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Question: I have friends on both sides of the political aisle. My thinking is that everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. I pretty much stay out of political discussions unless I'm with an acquaintance who is like-minded as to my way of thinking.

My problem is that since the latest Supreme Courts decisions, so many folks want to talk about, argue or debate the issues. Some of them are "fishing" for my opinions on these issues and I refuse to engage. The last conversation I had with a person I know and respect became rather heated because I told him, "Let's talk about something else." He walked away in a huff. I don't feel I owe him an apology and the way I'm looking at it is now the ball is in his court. Is there a way to handle difficult conversations without causing problems? Perhaps I was too abrupt?

—Peace Loving Guy

Dear Peace Loving Guy,

I admire your choice of diversity of political affiliations in friendships. I too made a point over the years of finding areas of common ground with people of different political views. My secular humanist belief structure focuses on recognizing the good in people. Despite my very strong personal political views I attempted to avoid issues with conflict. That became increasingly difficult the past few years as violence and extremist activity became more prevalent. I agree everyone is entitled to their opinion but when a friend's opinion disregards facts, I feel compelled to speak up.

Recent Supreme Court decisions have reversed what has been thought of as settled

law for decades. With mass shootings continuing to occur, relaxing concealed carry laws worries people. Many consider the reversal of Roe vs. Wade to violate the separation of church and state. The decision is not in accordance with the will of majority the American people per several polls. Hampering the EPA costs lives with increasing global warming due to fossil fuel extraction and use. It is understandable that many want to discuss all this. Bad situations rarely get better when ignored.

The public debate of issues is the hallmark of our democratic republic. Unless your health would be jeopardized by stressful conversations, I urge you to rethink your policy of non-engagement. Perhaps if you listen to your friends' thoughts on a controversial issue you'll be surprised. You may be wrong in your assumptions of who is like-minded. Another advantage of civil discussion is learning how an issue affects others; maybe you haven't thought of all aspects of a situation. You can always agree to disagree if there is an impasse.

Another positive outcome of describing your views might be that you become more comfortable sharing your opinion.

A poll from the Southern Poverty Law Center came out as we celebrated our nation's independence that shows over half of Republicans think we're headed for another civil war. Wouldn't some uncomfortable exchanges be better than that? If a polite exchange of opposite political views isn't something you want, you may have to let some friendships go.

Sharon Weisman
sharon@jetcafe.org

Dear Peace Loving Guy,

I don't think you are alone in your feelings about this. My sainted Irish grandmother once advised me never to talk politics, religion or nationality at the dinner table. As I have gotten

older, I recognize the soundness of her advice. Indeed, I have heard many say we seem to be living in a world that has recently gone inexplicably insane, where it is dangerous to express your opinions for personal safety reasons. We find ourselves facing, at times, people with inflexible and polarizing belief systems who seem to be willing to fight and harm others for not having or sharing their same values or beliefs. Regrettably, this intolerance promotes and feeds further conflict, destroys social stability and national unity, undermines and tears apart the social fabric and erodes peace and civility in society in general. Further limiting dialog, I have even found myself discontinuing a conversation with someone of the same viewpoint because I find the subject so upsetting. On the one hand, it is perfectly acceptable to protect your safety and peace of mind by choosing not to engage someone with the same, or differing, beliefs or points of view in order to avoid unnecessary upset or conflict, especially when it feels there is no common ground to be found or solution to be had. The art is in knowing what is necessary and when.

So what do I mean? The renowned Argentinian poet Jorge Luis Borges once made the profound statement, "All real learning comes from dialog." A civil, informed and respectful dialog with a willingness to adjust our thinking, or to compromise for the greater good and benefit, is at the core of a successful democracy. In other words, an open and constructive dialog amongst all citizens is crucial for the survival of democracy. The Founding Fathers recognized this and it is why they enshrined the right to free speech, and a free press to both expand and protect free speech. As in anything, fear (and the intolerance born out of fear) kills all possibility for good when we become afraid to talk to or with one another and when we

can call the stations and give officers a specific area and peak hours of concern; then an officer can be at the location.

This is something that CHP has done many times in regard to school traffic. Officers will be in specific locations that have been identified earlier as troubled areas and watch and respond to traffic violators.

"The challenge is always resources," Moulton said. He added that anytime law enforcement places officers in one area that means they are taking those officers away from another area where they would provide service.

A resident asked about using a "decoy" car, an unoccupied patrol unit, that is parked in front of an area identified as having issues.

Hahnlein said they do use this system on occasion; however, once some drivers find it is a decoy and unoccupied the unit is vandalized.

"It can deter for a while until they finalize realize that it has been sitting there for a while," he said.



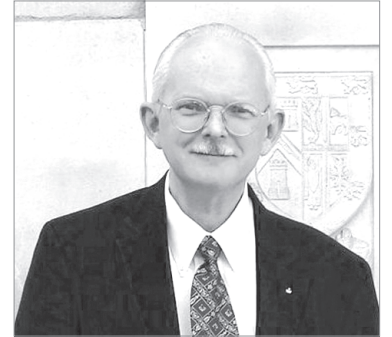
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hesitate to speak truth to fear. We give power to the fear or the fear monger and to the darkness and deception they are promulgating.

So what should we do? In 1935, a noted logician and economist, William J. Reilly (no relation or association with the former Fox host), once astutely observed: "Anything that you believe because you were born into a certain family, city, state or nation and are identified with certain economic, political, educational, social, business or religious institution is a prejudice and open to question." I can tell you as a young divinity student I was highly offended by his statement and all that it implied about my belief system at the time. Now I see its wisdom; so much that passes or is held up as truth in both religion and society is often nothing more than a belief or opinion of another. So much "so-called" truth often ends up being nothing more than we what we choose it to be and/or choose to consent to, often without fully grasping or being fully aware of the implications of that choice. Why? Because, at the heart of it, we are all born into ignorance and the discovery of what is really real or true is often beyond our individual ability.

Furthermore, let us not forget that all anger comes out of fear and all fear comes out of ignorance. Anger, fear and ignorance are the trinity of evil as well as its sole cause. This being the case, it seems the true test of our own personal moral and spiritual character is whether we choose (knowingly or unknowingly) anarchy, anger, intolerance or evil, or choose to be a good, decent, kind and honest human being to both others and our self, always working for the uplift and further enlightenment of humanity over the darkness of anger, fear, ignorance and deception, with its resulting tyranny over the human mind, spirit or body if that tyranny manifests as religious, political or commercial. In all these instances, a humble and kind spirit, with an open mind and reasoned voice, must be heard ... in spite of the confusion, uncertainty and threat to oneself that fear seems to present.

In conclusion, the Christophers have a wonderful saying: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Be that light when you determine that it is truly needed or required.

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SAFER STREETS from Cover

his community streets.

"[Cars are] running through stop signs, speeding through neighborhoods," he said. He added it was dangerous to take a walk with his wife in the neighborhood because cars would speed past them.

"The only thing that will work is more law enforcement," he said.

Tujunga is under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Police Dept. Dutton said he has spoken to the police on several occasions and has been told the department wants to do something about it but nothing seems to be done. The speed display trailers that light up with a vehicle's speed have been put in the area but don't seem to deter drivers from speeding, he added.

"We don't understand what is going on," he said. "The automated equipment [also doesn't deter]; no one cares anymore."

He added that he is not certain what caused the change in drivers not obeying the simplest of laws, like stopping at a stop sign or signal light, but he has seen a

difference in driving attitudes.

Captain Robert Hahnlein of the LASD – Crescenta Valley Station said that although Tujunga is in the jurisdiction of the LAPD if his deputies are driving through the city on their way to the unincorporated areas of LA County and they see a traffic violation they do respond.

"We have speed trailers [in LASD jurisdiction] and they usually help. They do make a few cars slow down," he said.

He added that a few cars slowing doesn't solve the problem, but it does help.

CHP Capt. Moulton added his officers will also stop a driver if they witness a traffic infraction in the area. CHP coverage includes highways and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County including parts of La Crescenta.

"If it is [a traffic violation] that we see in front of us even though it might not be in our jurisdiction we are going to address that," he said.

Moulton suggested reaching out for help to law enforcement in that specific jurisdiction. People

Hahnlein added some residents have offered to have a unit parked in their neighborhood and they will watch after it, which has worked.

Another resident who lived in the far north area of Glendale shared issues about the school traffic near Clark Magnet High School. He spoke of speeding and traffic congestion during school hours. He also spoke of vehicles racing down New York Avenue during the evening hours. The concern was not only about speeding but also about vehicles with modified exhaust.

Glendale Unified School District representatives said for the public to report to them when they see any violations near schools during school hours. With a description that can identify the driver the school can reach out to a parent/student. The district does have people monitoring the drop-off/pickup areas but stressed they are not law enforcement and volunteers/teachers will not confront drivers; however, the administration can reach out.

"We need our parents and we need our community to work together," said Hagop Kassabian, administrator of planning, development and facilities at GUSD.

He shared a situation when he had spoken "multiple times" with parents about taking a teen's vehicle away due to their dangerous driving practices, but to no avail.

"Unfortunately it didn't turn out well," he said.

Robbyn Battles, former CVTC president, asked if there was a way for Public Works to get grants that would specifically study speed issues.

"We are going after grants," assured Julian Garcia, Public Works.

He added there is a process of obtaining grants and then creating any type of study but they continue to look for funding.

The bottom line of the meeting came down to two things: not enough personnel to cover the areas that need to be covered and drivers just ignoring traffic rules.

BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » "OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS"



CV Sheriff Station Sgt. Greg Taylor and his winning team along with Leonard Ghazarian, Golf Committee chair, and Mike Riley, Chamber president.

Next Attraction ... Bingo & BBQ

Before we announce the details of our next attraction I would like to commend and congratulate Victoria Malone and The Impact Foundation LA for the beautiful and moving tribute last Thursday, June 30 at Montrose Community Park that honored the memory of Chace Taylor Malone and celebrated

the first anniversary of The Impact Foundation LA. The Foundation was created after the loss of Chace and is dedicated to helping others toward a pathway of healthy and positive living.

Our Chamber was honored to handle the ribbon cutting portion of the ceremony, which took place in

front of the tree planted in memory of Chace.

Announcements:

Save the date ... Saturday, July 23 is BBQ and Bingo at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church. Located at 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at Rosemont Avenue) the

see CVCOG on page 19

MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE » MAVIL AGHADJANIAN



Photo by Panos Productions Photography
Copy Network's 30-year anniversary ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Summer Fun Continues On!

We have had quite an eventful past few months and, much to our delight, it does not look like it'll be slowing down any time soon! We had the honor of celebrating Hillcrest Pet Hospital's new owner, Dr. Odet Kaspari-Chiriboga DVM, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. And just one week afterward we were thrilled

to help Copy Network celebrate its 30-year anniversary with another ribbon cutting ceremony. We may be a small town but our milestones are grand! Let's not forget our Speed Networking Mixer yesterday ... we thought we would switch it up a little and add some different elements to our mixers. A big thank

you to Think Real Estate for hosting this mixer and for providing the delicious catering truck. Fun (while networking) was had by all!

Speaking of events, our postponed 7th Annual Montrose Craft Beer Fest is back on this year and it is just a few weeks away! Here in Montrose,

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» BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Film and Television Set Designer Extraordinaire Gabriella Douglas is Leaving Her Artistic Mark on Hollywood

Superstar set designer/art director Gabriella Douglas has so many new credits she can't even keep up. From "Star Trek" to "Mrs. America," she is a highly sought after set designer in Canada, Hollywood and beyond. Her talents have led her on a whirlwind journey of everlasting historic accolades and awards.

Gabriella Douglas is highly educated, with a master's degree in architecture from the Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. During both her Master of Architecture degree and her Bachelor of Architectural Studies, she majored in Design.

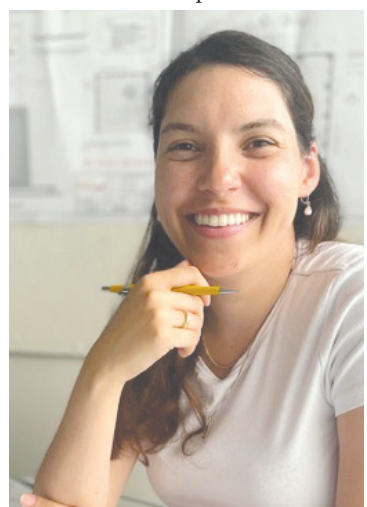
During a semester abroad, Gabriella earned a Diploma of Civil Engineering and Architecture from the University of Leeds in England, United Kingdom. Her evolving creativity goes beyond what is asked of her by her colleagues, supervisors and projects.

An overachiever, Gabriella Douglas' first job right out of school was a feature film in Montreal called "Chaos Walking" (Lionsgate) based on the best-selling novel by the same name, directed by Doug Liman and starring Tom Holland, Daisy Ridley and Mads Mikkelsen. Fluently trilingual in English, French and Spanish, Gabriella quickly became an asset to the production, and often had to act as translator between other designers and the construction department.

Since entering the film and television industry in 2017 as a designer, Gabriella has had the privilege to work for FX, Disney, Lionsgate, Apple TV+, and others. Gabriella is currently working on "Chucky" Season 2 set to air in the fall 2022.

Gabriella Douglas' film credits include: "Chucky" Season 2, "See" Season 2, "Rock-a-Bye," "See" Season 3, "Mrs. America" (which was Emmy nominated for Outstanding Limited Series, and Outstanding Directorial Achievement from the Director's Guild of Canada), "Star Trek: Discovery" Season 2, "Chaos Walking," "Sweet Smell of Success," "Tall Boyz," "Star Trek: Short Treks" Season 2, "The Truth About Unicorns," "The Dinner Party" and "The Witchfinder."

Gabriella Douglas takes a well thought out concept through to the vision and transports audiences



into an authentic entertainment experience. Gabriella believes that a film's setting not only functions as a backdrop for the film or a container for the action taking place, but it goes further to reflect the themes and mood, style, and emotions of a film, as well as indicating the historical or geographic context of the production. A set properly conceived and executed expresses the core meaning of the production.

Gabriella says, "A movie is like an iceberg; all the audience sees is what's above water but three quarters of the iceberg is below

water and that's all the inspiration, preparation and perspiration that goes into making a film. I get tremendous intrinsic satisfaction in using my creative and architectural skills each day I'm on set."

Gabriella Douglas passed her membership take home exam from the existing script, "Sweet Smell of Success" back in November 2021 for the scenic design category of United Scenic Artists, Local USA 829, IATSE, and is excited to be a proud member now. She is also a member of the Director's Guild of Canada (DGC).

Gabriella says, "Toronto has been a blessing in disguise for me and my career. I just adore my community of like-minded filmmakers. Toronto offers amazing tax incentives for production companies; I have been honing my craft there, but am super excited about my upcoming projects in New York City and Hollywood."

Gabriella Douglas is a rare artist who really cares about all of those in and around her career. Part of her magic is recreating authentic looking periods in history and projecting what the future might look like in a post-apocalyptic world. She gives all of her endeavors a highly skilled hand as well as her real life experiences. Gabriella brings her strength and resources, which will benefit any production, and has proven this time and time again.

To learn more about Gabriella Douglas, visit <https://www.gabrielladouglasdesign.com/> or <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm10493645/>.

To find links to several of Gabriella's projects and a Q&A with Gabriella Douglas, visit www.cvweekly.com/BUSINESS.

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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: CHARLES JABBRA. Case number 22GDGP00085. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 600 East Broadway Room 279, Glendale, CA 91206. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner JOHN JABBRA AND CHANTAL JABBRA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name CHARLES JABBRA to Proposed Name: KHALIL JOHN JABRA. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: AUGUST 4, 2022 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: E Room: n/a b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2022.

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Please take notice US Storage Centers –Montrose located at 3708 Clifton Place Montrose, CA 91020 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 7/21/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Michael George Seifer; Ean Anthony Loveless. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly, June 30, July 7, 2022.

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Mavil Aghadjanian
MVCC Executive Director

PROBLEM SOLVED from page 14

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SUSAN BOLAN from page 9

dating and found many new ones together. We shared our love of nature with the family, teaching our kids to respect their surroundings and to be open to opportunities that presented themselves. If a deer suddenly lifted its head from the grassy meadow, they knew to be still, silently taking in the experience. If we came to a trail we hadn't expected, we would choose it. We found so many cool places just by going with the flow and asking, "I wonder what's down there?" My hope over the years was that our family vacations would instill fond memories of the amazing sights and the good times we shared outdoors.

Jump to some 40 years later – Jeff and I recently celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary and headed up the coast for a quick getaway. This time it was just the two of us. After we wrestled the highway construction traffic along the route, we finally arrived in Cambria, a town we had been through but had never stayed. We quickly checked in to our quaint hotel room then headed to the boardwalk and down to the beach. We were alone as we walked along the rocks and gazed at the horizon, hoping for the chance to see wildlife while the sun sank lower in the sky. Its glow brought back so many memories of the sunsets we had shared years before. We sat down on the rocks as the orange ball descended then, ultimately, met the sea. We were completely at peace and everything else seemed to disappear as husband and wife reconnected there under the illuminated sky.

We knew we needed to get back to the hotel before dark so we climbed back up to the boardwalk. Then something even more miraculous happened. As we ascended, we noticed small clusters of people scattered here and there, all standing and facing west. Humans were simply enjoying the beautiful sky with looks of contentment on their faces. The only sound we heard was the rumble of the ocean. As we silently strolled among the dozens of small groups gathered along the wood planks, I realized that what we were witnessing was humanity at its finest. There wasn't anyone hurrying to a meeting. No one was espousing a political opinion. No angry words were uttered. Everyone had stopped and they were all doing the exact same thing at the exact same time. It was unbelievably beautiful.

I said quietly to the last group as we passed, "I love that you are all loving this" and heard a low murmur of agreement.

Jeff and I returning to our roots was an excellent reminder for us to slow down and enjoy the earthly gifts around us. We won't soon forget the things we discovered both outdoors and within our hearts that weekend.

Susan Bolan
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barbecue portion of the evening will be held in the beautiful church courtyard from 4:30 p.m. until the first game of bingo, which starts at 6 p.m. inside the church hall.

Tickets for the barbecue portion are \$15 per person; bingo is \$20 per person and includes numerous opportunities to win lots of money. For those wishing to purchase both barbecue and bingo tickets together we offer a "Summer Special" ... \$30 for an evening of barbecue followed by bingo. Tickets and additional details will be available at the Chamber office starting July 8.

What a great event! Our Student Scholarship Golf Tournament at Scholl Canyon Golf Course was a huge success! With almost 70 golfers signed up and great weather, it was a day to remember. State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Laura

Friedman, GUSD Board Member Jennifer Freemon, Superintendent Vivian Ekchian, and CV High School Principal Christine Benitez helped us award and recognize the five student recipients with scholarships and certificates: Teleya Blunt, Lauren Curtis, William Lunt, Lucine Rickey and Eric Peterson. Proceeds from the day's activities benefited the Desi Geestman Foundation (assisting children with cancer) and our Chamber's student scholarship program.

The next scheduled Chamber mixer will be hosted on Thursday, Aug. 11 by Robin Goldsworthy and the CV Weekly newspaper. Robin and the CV Weekly staff always put on a great event. You won't want to miss this mixer!

Newest Members:

We are proud to announce recent new business members to our Crescenta Valley Chamber family. Arktos Wealth Management (Frank

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Emergency Preparedness Tip:

With the hot summer season upon us, including water restrictions and, of course, the drought, it is imperative that each of us be alert to our surroundings ... particularly pine needles in our rain gutters, leaves and debris in our yard, and dead plants and trees around our homes. Be proactive! What you clean and remove today may save you from a tragedy tomorrow.

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