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## Proposed County Charter Amendment Heads to Ballot Box

On Tuesday, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger issued a statement following the Board of Supervisors' final approval of a November ballot measure giving the Board authority to remove a publicly elected sheriff from office for cause.

"I want to be clear about my position," Barger stated. "Giving the Board of Supervisors authority to remove an elected sheriff unequivocally takes away power from the public. It's a move that has the potential to disenfranchise voters. It also overlooks the fact that a recall process already exists to remove elected officials who fail to perform their duties."

"I've firmly and consistently voiced my vote to not support this charter amendment. Now that it has been approved by the Board to appear on the ballot on Election Day, the ultimate decision rests in the hands of our LA County voters who will also elect a sheriff that day. I'm hopeful they will show up to voice their collective will."

The ordinance was approved by the Board of Supervisors and drafted by County counsel. According to Supervisor Holly Mitchell, the proposed charter amendment preserves the public's right to elect a sheriff and does not interfere with the independent and constitutionally designated responsibilities of a sheriff. Cause for the removal of a sheriff is detailed in the measure and the measure would allow the Board to implement a process to provide written notice to a sheriff of the grounds for removal, followed by an opportunity for the sheriff to be heard, and a public four-fifths vote by the Board in order to approve any removal. Unlawful actions and violations of duties that qualify as cause for the Board to vote to remove a sheriff include:

- Violation of any law related to the performance of a sheriff's duties;

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## Lions Club Grant Funds Facelift for Community Garden

By Bethany BROWN

*With the help from volunteers local food garden will again be feeding families in need.*

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club was recently awarded a grant by the California Lions Club to replenish the community garden at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church.

Since the development of the garden in 2012 the CV Lions have worked with the St. Luke's Food for Justice program to grow and provide fresh fruits and vegetables for those in need. Each season typically determines when crops are grown but onions, garlic, radishes, peppers and assorted parsley and cilantro tend to be grown consistently year-round. In partnership with St. Luke's Garden Club, the goal is to aid in feeding hungry families that rely on local food programs.



The CV Lions will be hosting two workdays to kick off the garden project: Saturday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 20 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Moving forward there are plans to implement a regular meeting schedule and volunteer program. The hope is to renew the soils and boost production to make it possible to feed more families.

June Mack, an administrator on the project and Lions member, said volunteers are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Youth organizations like Prom Plus and the CVHS and Clark Magnet LEO Clubs will also be lending a hand.

"This is a project to bring people together in service and build community outside of just

Courtesy of CV Lions  
The garden at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church will get some loving care from the CV Lions Club and local volunteers.

the Lions and the church," Mack said. "The more people the merrier, even if you just want to watch! We'd love your help to feed as many hungry families as we can."

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## Residents Prepare for Organic Waste Collection

By Mary O'KEEFE

California residents are beginning to get notices from their waste management companies of how to comply with the state's mandatory organic waste collection SB 1383. This law went into effect this year and requires every jurisdiction in California to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses.

Though each waste management company is complying with the mandate in different ways it all ends up the same – California residents must separate their organic waste.

The goal of the law is to reduce food waste in landfills by 75%. It

went into effect on Jan. 1 of this year but it has taken some time for local waste management companies to come up with and distribute a plan.

When food waste breaks down it releases methane into the atmosphere. Methane is a greenhouse gas. In the U.S. food waste is estimated at between 30% and 40% of the food supply. This is based on U.S. Dept. of Agricultural (USDA) estimates of 31% food loss at the retail and consumer levels. This added up to approximately 133 billion pounds and \$161 billion worth of food in 2010, according to the USDA.

"In the U.S., food is the single largest category of material placed

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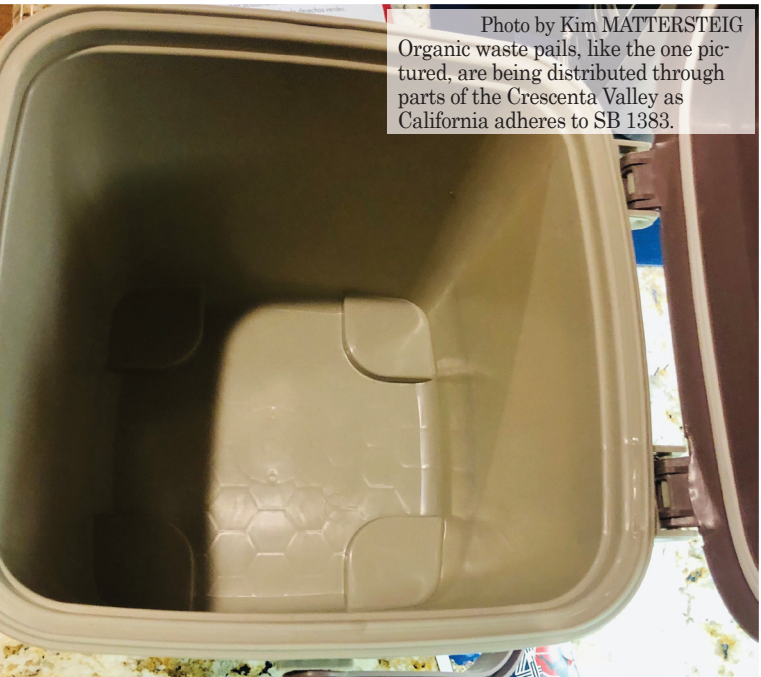


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Organic waste pails, like the one pictured, are being distributed through parts of the Crescenta Valley as California adheres to SB 1383.

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# Left? Right? Or Straight?

You might be thinking I'm talking politics but au contraire! It's drivers that have got me on a rant.

How many times have you been behind a vehicle that very unexpectedly makes a turn? Or slows down like it's about to make a turn only to creep forward giving the car behind it (me) no indication of what its plans are?

I know I sound like an old, cranky, "Get off my lawn!" gal, but seriously – I'm really perturbed. There are countless times I've been driving behind someone who obviously was never given any instruction on how to use a car's turn indicator. It amazes me because, like you, I'm painfully aware how many car accidents there are. How many could have been avoided if drivers knew what the car in front of them was going to do?

I was talking to someone recently and we shared that we were taught to stay out of the way of cars and crazy people (among other things). For example, when I take a walk I walk on the side of the street with a sidewalk. I mean, why walk across the street – literally up here in the foothills – where there is no sidewalk when there is one across the road?

And how about those folks who open their car door into oncoming traffic and just sit in their car not making a move to vacate the vehicle? What in the world are they

thinking? I remember years ago when I was working at National Subscription Television (ON TV) when my boss' girlfriend did that and a car came by and sheared off the driver's side door. She was lucky she wasn't hurt.

And in the parking lot of a grocery store, why walk at a diagonal from one side of the parking aisle to the other rather than making a quick cross from one side of the aisle to the other? Doesn't it make more sense to not dawdle in the middle of the parking aisle making yourself an easy target for traffic? And yet I see shoppers meandering through the parking lot without a care in the world, confident that drivers of tons of metal won't mow them over.

Then there are the pedestrians who are so busy on their phones – texting, talking, reading – who are obviously not paying attention who will be so surprised when they get hit – possibly by a driver who is texting, talking or reading their phones!

Sometimes it makes me yearn for the days when the only thing that concerned me was watching out for drunk drivers.

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### Weather Watch

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Lately it has felt more like a mid-western summer than a Southern California one. Humidity has been high though, to be honest, levels that are high in California are not at all high in the mid-west.

Humidity levels in Pasadena, which are similar all the way through to the Crescenta Valley, Glendale and Burbank areas, are at 69%, which is high for our area. (Just to put that in perspective, on Wednesday the temperature in Oskaloosa, Iowa was 76 degrees Fahrenheit with 95% humidity.)

You may have heard weather forecasters speak of the "monsoonal flow." Technically, a monsoon is "a circulation system with certain well-defined characteristics. During summer, lower tropospheric winds flow toward heated continents away from the colder oceanic regions of the winter hemisphere. In the upper troposphere the flow is reversed, with flow from the summer to the winter hemisphere," according to ScienceDirect.

"We refer to monsoonal flow as upper level winds over Southern California," said David Sweet, meteorologist with the National Weather Service, Oxnard.

Normally the winds come from the north or northwest but during the summer there is a reversal and south-easterly winds come over the Four Corners. (The Four Corners is a region of the southwestern United States consisting of the southwestern corner of Colorado, the southeastern corner of Utah, the northeastern corner of Arizona and the northwestern corner of New Mexico.)

"It can bring rains," he added, "drawing some rains from northern Mexico and south Arizona."

What monsoonal flow brings is humidity, which is why we are seeing such high humid-

ity levels.

"We see increased humidity and some showers," Sweet said, "typically showers and thunderstorms in the mountains and desert."

Although we don't see mid-west humidity levels we are still experiencing the muggy feeling from the monsoonal flow.

"The next seven days look like the humidity will stay the same and at the end of the week and the weekend we will see more moisture. We are expecting a chance of thunderstorms in the mountains and deserts," he added.

Sweet said when referring to the mountains and desert, they are talking about the top of the San Gabriel mountains into the Antelope Valley.

So we can expect the mugginess to continue and maybe even increase a little next week. The humidity does affect the "feels like" temperature. For example, on Wednesday when the temperature was 79 degrees Fahrenheit it felt like it was 81.

And to note: what happens there, affects us here. Southern California's monsoonal flow is affected by what happens over the Four Corners where Iowa's humidity is high due in part to its most famous export – corn.

Iowa farmers produce 2.7 billion bushels of corn every year and although it helps the economy it also makes the summer weather very uncomfortable. It comes down to the evapotranspiration, or corn sweat, process. Yep, corn sweat.

Corn pulls water from its roots and releases moisture through its leaves in the form of water vapor. An acre of corn can add up to 4,000 gallons of water vapor to the atmosphere per day. The result increases humidity, which in turn causes the heat index to increase, according to the Weather Lab, We Are Iowa.

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### CLEANUP CANCELED

The monthly off-ramp cleanup of the 210 Freeway at La Crescenta Avenue scheduled for Aug. 13 has been canceled.

The construction is still going on and the slope areas are dug up and uneven creating a hazard for volunteers.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Aug. 6. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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 the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

Those planning on walking the trails should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink.

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

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

### BEYOND THE BOX – UTILITY BOX ART PROGRAM

The Glendale Arts and Culture Commission has issued a call for artists to apply to paint murals on City of Glendale utility boxes. Interested artists must submit their applications by Friday, Aug. 5 and prime and paint the utility boxes from October 21- 23.

Glendale Arts and Culture Commission is now accepting artwork for Beyond the Box. Selected artists will paint murals on selected utility boxes throughout various locations in Glendale. Selected artists will each receive a \$1,000 stipend to prime and paint a utility box.

The theme of this year's Beyond the Box – Utility Box Art Program is Celebrating People with Disabilities.

Beyond The Box is supported by the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission with funding from the Urban Art Fund.

To learn more and to apply, visit <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/beyondthebox>.

### MARRONE NAMED ACTING FIRE CHIEF

Following the retirement of Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has appointed Deputy Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone to serve as acting fire chief over the County of Los Angeles Fire Dept., effective Aug. 1.

Chief Marrone steps into the role of acting fire chief with more than 36 years of experience. His well-established career combines broad experience in both emergency and business operations with an extensive list of accomplishments and assignments. Chief Marrone has also directly managed routine and complex wildland fires and other significant all-risk incidents.

### 'SHERLOCK GNOMES' COMING TO CV PARK

The Balcony of LA will be showing the movie "Sherlock Gnomes" on Saturday, Aug. 6 at CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. This is a free outdoor movie night; food will be available for purchase beginning at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at dusk.

# Hearts for Siblings – Support for a Special Community



Photo by Juhee LEE

Hearts for Siblings creators Rachel Lee and Chloe Chong.

By Bethany BROWN

Rachel Lee, a senior at Village Christian School, and Chloe Chong, a junior at Flintridge Preparatory School, first bonded over their shared experiences of growing up with a disabled sibling. They discussed how the siblings of those with disabilities can often feel isolated, that they can't express their own feelings outwardly, may be forced to mature quicker and overall have a different idea of family and home, among other things. They wished there were a community of other teens living similar lives to connect with and garner support. After realizing there wasn't one already, together they decided to build their own.

Hearts for Siblings – a community for people who have siblings with disabilities – is celebrating its official launch at the Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA on Saturday, Aug. 6. The event is free to attend, open to all middle and high school students and will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room on-site. Their mission is to create a safe environment to empower siblings and encourage deep conversation.

Lee said that they want to get the group "up and running" before the end of the summer so that a solid foundation is set before school starts back again. The goal is to work around school hours to arrange routine meetings that can continue throughout the fall semester, ideally every two months. The initial "launch" will serve as an opportunity to introduce the group and its mission to the community

and present members. Snacks will be provided and ice breakers/games will be played as participants ease into topic discussion.

"There are three things that we pledge to do with Hearts for Siblings," Lee said. "The first is to create an online forum so even if we can't meet in person we can still communicate with each other whenever we want to and have easy access to one another in times of need." She added that additionally they will host social events whenever they can to foster in-person connection and, lastly, will work with and for the community through various volunteer opportunities to "give back" in acts of service.

"At the end of the day, we just want to form a strong community that's there for each other and will continue to be there," she said. "We hope people will come and share their own experiences and find comfort in listening to others."

To RSVP for the upcoming event email [heartsforsiblings@gmail.com](mailto:heartsforsiblings@gmail.com).

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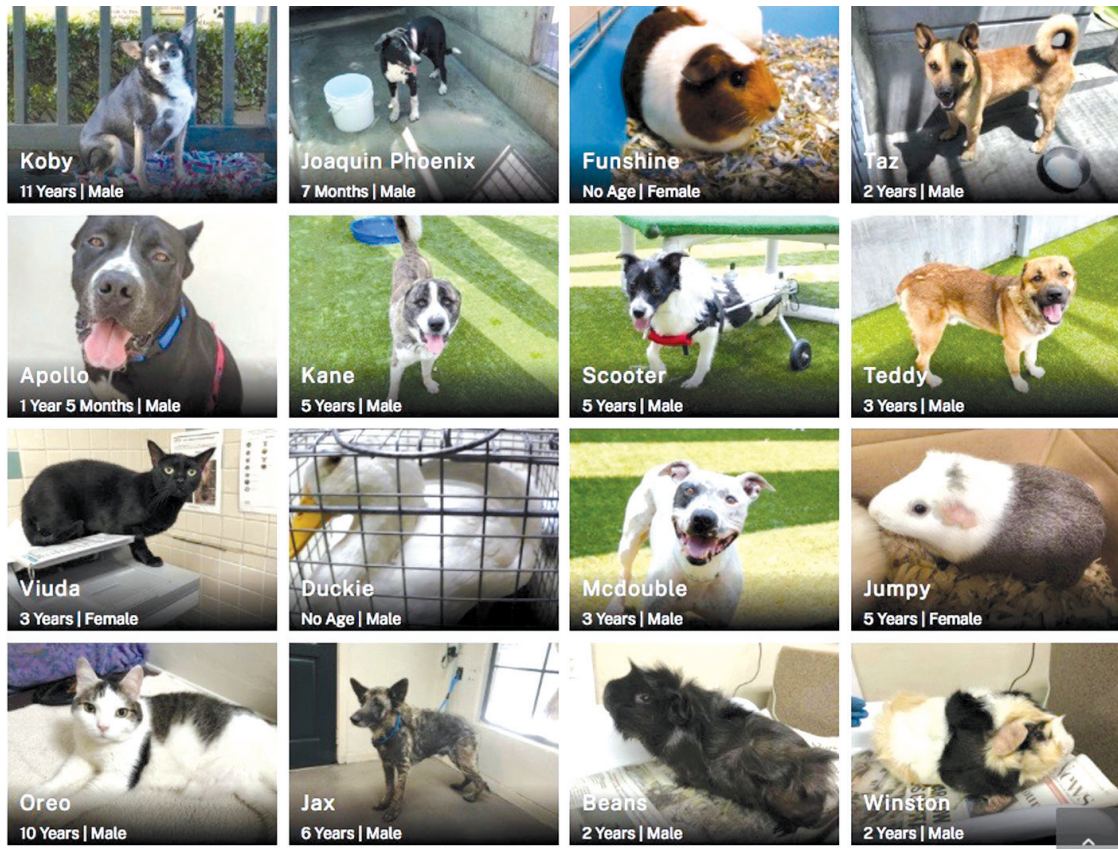
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# Clearing The Shelters



By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Pasadena Humane Society is hosting the NBC4 Clear The Shelters adoption event. Pasadena Humane Society will be waiving adoption fees for all dogs, cats and other critters. Adoptions include spay or neuter services, microchipping and age-appropriate vaccines. There are no appointments necessary for this event.

"Clear The Shelters is a nationwide NBC event. Subaru is our local sponsor and we are one of 70 shelters to participate," said Kevin McManus, public relations and communications manager at Pasadena Humane Society.

The goal is to empty the shelters

over the summer.

"Summer is always the busy time for us," McManus said. This is the eighth year Pasadena Humane Society has participated in the event; each year has proven to be successful.

During the pandemic, when more people were working from home, there was an increase in the number of pet adoptions. During this time, Pasadena Humane Society also made use of its pet foster family homes, McManus said.

"We have a great network of foster homes," he said. "We don't want animals in the shelters, we would rather have them at homes."

Normally the humane society requires appointments for visits and adoptions but during the Clear The

Shelter event it is inviting everyone interested in adopting a pet to come by for a visit. There is a one-page adoption questionnaire the humane society asks adoptive pet parents to fill out; they do not have family home visits.

The specialist at the shelter also has a conversation with the prospective adoption families.

"We tend to know about the animals, their care and are able to give information on potential adoptions," he said.

McManus added that it is important for those thinking about acquiring a new pet to first know what that pet will require from families and what the animal is like.

"The number one thing for anyone who is coming in is we want them to

look 10 years down the line," he said.

Often new pet parents are excited when they choose their pet and take him/her home but then the realization of responsibility sets in and, at times, that is when the tough decision is made of returning a pet to a shelter.

For example, animals need lots of attention, from walking dogs to finding the best type of food to providing lots of love. Having a pet takes time regardless of what pet is chosen.

"People think cats take care of themselves," McManus said of a common misconception.

He added that his cat will wake him at 5 a.m. to be fed or just wanting attention.

Having a pet can be expensive, but the Pasadena Humane Society has a

way to help.

"We do have a low cost [program] that is two fold. The first is we have a food bank for anyone in need where they can get pet food. The other is 'Helping Paws' that can help with medical expenses and [other issues]," he said.

McManus said he really likes the "Helping Paws" program because it removes some barriers to becoming a pet parent. The program also offers emergency boarding.

Pasadena Humane Society is located at 361 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena. For more information or to donate, visit [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org).

Photo from [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org)  
Some of the animals up for adoption from the Pasadena Humane Society.

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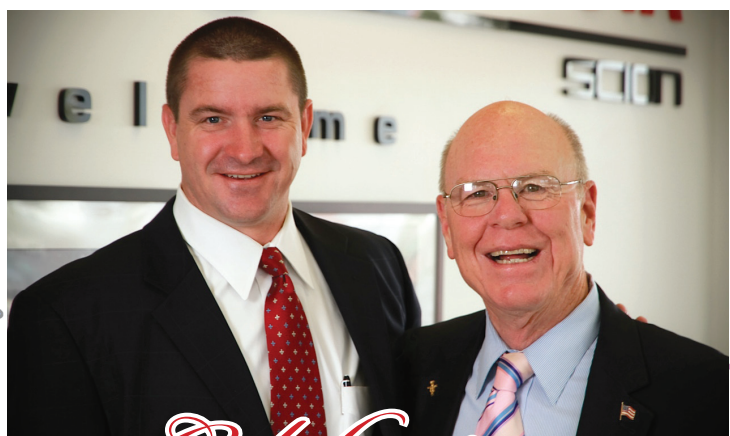
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# Saying Goodbye to the Dodgers' Voice

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles and the world mourned the passing of Vin Scully, the legendary sports broadcaster. Scully passed away on Tuesday; he was 94 years old. He was the voice of the Dodgers, the play-by-play announcer from 1950 to 2016.

"We have lost an icon. The Dodgers' Vin Scully was one of the greatest voices in all of sports. He was a giant of a man, not only as a broadcaster but as a humanitarian. He loved people. He loved life. He loved baseball and the Dodgers. And he loved his family. His voice will always be heard and etched in all of our minds forever. I know he was looking forward to joining the love of his life, Sandi. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this very difficult time. Vin will be truly missed," stated Dodgers president and CEO Stan Kasten.

"Vin Scully's unforgettable voice was heard by generations

of County residents. His work ethic was on display for decades, as was his integrity. But what struck me most about Vin was his remarkable humility. We all know what a treasure he was, but he remained grounded and never displayed behavior that reflected his celebrity status. He is irreplaceable, and will be greatly missed," stated LA County Supervisor Katherine Barger.

"Vin Scully was a master of his craft. A native son of New York, his unmistakable voice will forever be synonymous with Los Angeles. When the Dodgers moved from Brooklyn in 1958, Vin came with them. For more than six decades, he provided the soundtrack for generations of baseball fans. He was a master storyteller whose calls had an unparalleled musical quality that was a source of comfort for millions.

"Over his remarkable career, Vin consistently demonstrated the remarkable ability to



improvise poetry, a true artist whose love for the game rang through every Dodgers broadcast. He was quite simply the greatest of all time, and will be sorely missed not just by his family and friends but by millions of baseball fans," stated Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Scully was synonymous with the Dodgers and in his

final sign-off on Oct. 2, 2016, he reflected on not just his team but those who he reached through his broadcast.

"You and I have been friends for a long time," he told his audience, "but I know in my heart that I've always needed you more than you've needed me, and I'll miss our time together more than I can say."

# Governor Announces Statewide Emergency Due to Monkeypox

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency regarding monkeypox, which will bolster the state's vaccination efforts in regard to monkeypox.

"Now that the governor has declared a statewide emergency, our County needs to draw down all the support available to accelerate the distribution of vaccines and resources to those at risk and suffering from this terrible disease," stated Superintendent Kathryn Barger. "I will work to ensure we're doing so quickly and efficiently. We don't have any time to waste."

Monkeypox cases are rising across the country. On Tuesday, President Joe Biden named FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Robert Fenton as the White House National Monkeypox Response coordinator and Dr. Demetre Daskalakis as the White House National Monkeypox Response deputy coordinator.

"Fenton and Daskalakis will lead the Administration's strategy and operations to combat the current monkeypox outbreak, including equitably increasing the availability of tests, vaccinations and treatments," according to a

White House statement.

"[Monkeypox] is in the smallpox [family]," said Saahir Khan, MD, Ph.D, infectious disease specialist with Keck Medicine at USC. "The name 'pox' comes from it causing a rash."

He added its name is actually a misnomer because it does not come from monkeys but is spread by small rodents in Central Africa.

Human-to-human transmission of monkeypox occurs through direct contact with skin lesions, bodily fluids or contaminated items such as sheets or clothing that have been in contact with fluids.

"[Monkeypox] has existed for decades in Central Africa," Khan said. "From time to time there would be outbreaks in other areas of the world. In 2003 there was an outbreak in the west with prairie dogs."

The prairie dogs contracted the disease from rodents from Africa. What is being experienced now, Khan said, is the first worldwide spread of monkeypox.

This disease has a greater ability to transmit through intimate human contact.

In the U.S. the focus has been on the LGBTQ+ community because the initial cases followed superspreader events

within that community; however, monkeypox does not discriminate and can infect anyone.

"We are focusing our effort on prevention and contact tracing in the LGBTQ+ community," Khan said.

There have been many cases in LA County and throughout California. The disease doesn't usually lead to hospitalization; however, it is "very painful," he added.

Following exposure, symptoms typically present within seven to 21 days. The symptoms include fever, swelling of the lymph nodes, body aches and fatigue in addition to the rash of bumps and blisters. Most cases last two to four weeks.

Depending on the extent of the disease there can be scarring and other lasting effects but that is not the norm.

It is important to call your doctor if you think you have been exposed or are showing any symptoms, Khan advised.

It is also important to get vaccinated. Vaccines have arrived and the County of Los Angeles Public Health has set up vaccination clinics in targeted areas. The West Hollywood pop-up vaccine clinic appointments that opened on Tuesday quickly filled to capacity.

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# Man Makes Commotion at Park

By Mary O'KEEFE

A 62-year-old La Cañada man was arrested on July 10 at Memorial Park at the end of the Music in the Park event at about 8 p.m.

Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies from Crescenta Valley Station responded to the park due to a disturbance by the suspect.

"A male was [allegedly] arguing with people at the park," said Sgt. John Gilbert.

The man was known to the deputies due to a previous report

concerning criminal threats. The deputies contacted the suspect, a struggle ensued and a "use of force" incident occurred. The suspect was arrested, Gilbert added.

LA County Fire responded and treated the suspect for minor injuries; he was transported to the hospital.

He was arrested and charged with resisting a public officer and making criminal threats. The LA County District Attorney has filed one count of criminal threat.

# Deceased Male Found in Movie Parking Lot

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call on July 24 at 5:17 p.m. for service concerning an apparently deceased person in

the United Artists parking lot in the 1900 block of Verdugo Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge.

Deputies found a male adult unresponsive in a vehicle. Los Angeles County Fire responded

and the man was pronounced dead at 5:21 p.m.

The cause of death and identity of the man has not been released by the LA County Coroner's Office pending family notification.

# Suspect Presents Himself as Homeowner

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies from the Crescenta Valley Station responded to a burglary call at 6:42 p.m. on July 24 in the 4600 block of El Camino Corto.

A resident had returned home

and saw the suspect inside the residence. She contacted the CV Sheriff's Station and deputies responded.

"The rear door [to the home] was smashed and the male suspect was inside when deputies arrived," said Sgt. John Gilbert.

Deputies detained the suspect

without incident.

The suspect had moved the resident's vehicle out of the garage and parked it on the street. He then moved his vehicle into the driveway. When deputies approached him he told them he was the actual resident at the location.

He was not and was arrested.

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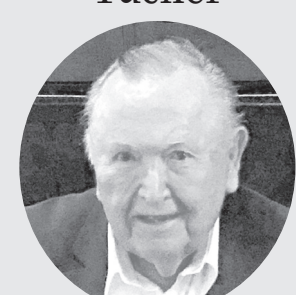
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### Obituary

## Charles Hamlin ("Charlie") Tucker



March 11, 1924 – July 26, 2022

Charles Hamlin ("Charlie") Tucker was born on March 11, 1924 in Birmingham, Alabama to Charles Tucker and Mamie Louise Smitherman. He died on July 26 at the age of 98 in La Cañada where he had lived since 1973. He is survived by his wife Nina Tucker, son Frank Tucker, daughter-in-law Shannon

Tucker, daughter Jean Tucker, granddaughter Meaghan Tucker, grandson Andrew Tucker and nieces Betty Jo Jackson, Dianne Hardegree, Anita Johns and Gayle Mims.

Charlie grew up in Birmingham and enlisted in the Army Air Corps (later the Air Force) during World War II after Pearl Harbor was bombed. He served as a tail gunner on a B-25 in the 12th Bombardment Group where he flew 17 missions. After the war, he attended Auburn University, where he graduated in 1948 with a degree in industrial management. As a result, he became a lifelong fan of college football and the SEC in particular!

He then served in the Korean War as a navigator in the Air Force on a B-26 bomber and flew 55 missions. After the Korean War, he served in the Air Force reserves, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1973. In keeping with

his love of airplanes, he was a sales executive at Northwest, Korean and Malaysian Airlines before retiring in 2000.

In 1960, he married Mary Sando with whom he had two children, Frank and Jean. Mary passed away in 2007. Charlie was remarried to Nina in 2012.

He traveled extensively throughout his life and was very proud that he had set foot on every continent (except Antarctica) multiple times. Ever a fan of airplanes, which airplane he was flying on was as much a part of the trip as his destination, and he felt very fortunate to have flown in the Concorde to Paris in 2008.

He will be buried at Riverside National Cemetery. A reception to honor his memory will be held on Aug. 19. For details about the reception, please email [CharlieTuckercelebration@gmail.com](mailto:CharlieTuckercelebration@gmail.com).

## CRIME BLOTTER

**July 30**

2800 block of Paraiso Way in La Crescenta, the rear driver's side window of a vehicle was shattered. Nothing appeared to be missing. The vehicle burglary occurred at 1:30 p.m.

**July 28**

800 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, on July 27 a business owner received a notification from his alarm company that his business alarm was activated. The owner checked the video surveillance footage and, seeing nothing, advised his alarm company to cancel the call to the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station. The next day the business owner noticed his building's attic drywall was damaged. He contacted the CV Sheriff's Station whose deputies responded. Surveillance footage revealed pieces of drywall falling to the floor from the attic. Movement stopped shortly after, then a person's hand, wearing a glove reached through the attic, opened

the security alarm panel door and began to tamper with wires inside. A few minutes later all movement stopped. No one was seen entering the building.

The incident occurred between 1:15 a.m. and 2:03 a.m.

5000 block of Princess Anne Road in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a burglary in progress. The call stated the victim was still inside the home barricaded in her bedroom. Deputies arrived and did not find any suspect in the exterior of the home. They did find a window had been shattered. They were able to contact the resident and escorted her out of her home while deputies searched the interior. They found a bedroom had been ransacked and broken glass from the front window was scattered across the floor. The resident stated she heard the sound of glass breaking, got out of her bed and walked toward the door to her bedroom. She saw the light from a flashlight coming from the office

next to her bedroom. She witnessed a man, described as Caucasian, about 6' tall with a medium build, attempting to open a closet door of her hallway. At the time he was wearing a light blue T-shirt with white writing on it.

The burglary occurred 10:40 p.m.

700 block of Forest Green Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a residential burglary. The resident reported that her two dogs began to bark toward the rear door of her residence. Shortly after the resident went to her bedroom on the second floor and fell asleep. About 30 minutes later she heard loud thumps from the first floor of her home but did not hear glass breaking. She walked down to the first floor and saw that her rear glass door had been shattered. She immediately called 9-1-1. Deputies responded but no suspect/suspects were found.

The burglary occurred at 11 p.m.



# National Night Out Celebrated



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY, Mary O'KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY

National Night Out (NNO) is celebrated on the first Tuesday in August. After a two-year hiatus during the pandemic, on Aug. 2 neighbors came out in force to meet and greet each other while neighborhood councilmembers came out to grin and grip.

From Little Landers Park in Tujunga and the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station on Briggs Avenue to Sparr Heights and Nibley Park in Glendale, family activities were organized to provide a chance to meet elected representatives, emergency responders and neighbors.

Glendale's Nibley Park was the venue that attracted the largest number of neighbors below the foothills. Glendale City Councilmembers Ara Najarian and Paula Devine, who live in the Rossmoyne area, pressed the flesh saying "hello" to their old neighbors and greeting new ones.

Devine also delivered organic recycling baskets to those who have garbage ready to recycle into mulch.

Devine enthused, "It was fun and environmentally friendly."

"This is one of the best nights for residents," agreed Najarian. "We realize that a community is only as strong as we are together."

Lorna Vartarian, president of the Rossmoyne Homeowners Association was busy signing up community members for neighborhood watch groups. She said she had a record number of signups among the close to 200 neighbors who turned out for the 11th annual NNO event.

Among the night's activities was a screening of the film "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

upstaging activity on the nearby monkey bars, free ice cream sundaes that fit the bill on a warm summer night and Neighborhood Watch lawn signs, free for the taking.

At the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, the night was busy with residents eager to meet station personnel and fire fighters who stopped by. Deputies kept a grill busy cooking hot dogs that were given out to attendees – one of several food items that residents were treated to. Others included pastries and coffee from Starbucks, pretzels from Prom Plus and donuts from "The Donut Guy," realtor Justin Jenewein.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger made a visit, too, taking the mic to welcome guests. CV Sheriff's

Station Capt. Robert Hahnlein thanked her for the County's financial support for the mobile commander center.

In Tujunga at the Little Landers Park, nearly 300 people turned out for a full evening. Live music was provided by different bands, including Skin Deep, there were information booths from several area organizations including the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, the Elks Lodge and Elks Riders #2098 and rangers from the Dept. of Recreation and Parks. LAPD officers greeted attendees and Bolton Hall Museum was open to the public with members of the historical society on hand to answer questions.

*Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY, Mary O'KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY*

TOP LEFT: At Nibley Park in Glendale, National Night Out gave neighbors the chance to gather to meet, greet and eat ice cream.

TOP RIGHT: Nearly 300 people came to Little Landers Park in Tujunga for National Night Out.

LEFT: Deputies at the CV Sheriff's Station worked the grill during NNO.

ABOVE: Popular was the pizza truck in Nibley Park on Tuesday's National Night Out. Neighbors were invited to contribute \$10 to the Rossmoyne/Mountain HOA in exchange for one personal size pizza.

BELOW: The U.S. Forest Service brought along Smokey Bear to NNO at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.



## LAPD Homicide Detectives Seeking Public's Help

Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Dept.'s Valley Bureau Homicide are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect responsible for killing a man.

On Aug. 2 about 12:45 a.m., Foothill patrol officers responded to a call of a man down in the 8100 block of Foothill Boulevard. Upon arrival, the officers saw the victim inside his vehicle on the driver's side. He was unconscious, not breathing and suffering from a gunshot wound. Los Angeles Fire Dept. responded and pronounced the victim deceased at the scene.

Operations Valley Bureau Homicide assumed investigative

responsibility. Detectives were advised a witness was riding his bike and observed the victim in his vehicle unconscious and called 9-1-1. Detectives are in the process of viewing surveillance video from the area as well as canvassing the area for witnesses and additional evidence.

The victim is described as a 51-year-old male, Black, from Palmdale. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. There is no suspect information.

Anyone with additional information is urged to call Detective Steve Castro, Los Angeles Police Dept., Valley

Bureau Homicide, at (818) 374-1925. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may also visit www.lapdonline.org and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the "Get Involved-Crime Stoppers" menu to submit an online tip. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the LA Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program.



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in municipal landfills where it emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Municipal solid waste landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the U.S., accounting for approximately 14.1% of these emissions in 2017,” according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Organic food wastes include fruits, vegetables, dairy, bread, meat, seafood plate scraps and expired food. Food-soiled paper without plastic or other non-paper lining is also an organic waste as

well as yard trimmings. Cooked and raw meat can be placed in the collection pail then deposited in the green can with residential trash only; businesses have to have outside handlers to process.

Burrtec Residents who live in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County La Crescenta-Montrose and have Burrtec as their waste collection provider have recently received a food waste recycling pail along with informational flyers concerning composting.

Burrtec customers are to put a

plastic or paper bag into the organic recycle pail and then fill with organic waste. When the pail is full, which doesn't take that long, the bag is to be tied or closed and placed in the green garbage bin along with yard clippings.

Richard Nino, Burrtec vice president, said it is not necessary to use biodegradable bags; in fact, Burrtec prefers not to have biodegradable bags because the ingredients used to make the bags vary, which affects the biodegradation process. Some plastics will take 20 to 60 days to biodegrade while others take over six months.

“We are promoting [use of] plastic bags,” Nino said. “Compostable bags are more expensive. You can use any plastic bag.”

He added that using a loaf of bread bag or the bag that comes with potatoes also keeps materials cleaner. Bags will be separated from the food waste as part of the waste management process.

“As a society, we need to do a better job of keeping our recyclables clean,” he said.

Nino added that it will take everyone to follow these requirements; there can be a lot of contamination if only a couple of homes do not follow these new rules.

City of Burbank Burrtec is not the only waste management company that is creating a new program to comply with the state law. The City of Burbank Trash and Recycling has been doing a lot of outreach. In addition to also giving away pails for organic waste it wanted to have a more “hands on” approach. Representatives met with people at events and went to organizations to not only hand out the material but to also talk to customers about what this new way of separating trash means, according to Amy Hammes, recycling specialist with the City of Burbank.

The City started its program with single-family homes on July 1 and will move to apartment complexes soon.

Hammes has gone to farmers' markets and senior centers, giving out recycling pails and answering any questions from residents.

“We have given away about 500 pails,” Hammes said. “We have been at farmers' markets and the Starlight Bowl.”

There is program information on the City of Burbank website and people can also come to the Recycling Center at 124 S. Lake St. in Burbank.

Hammes said she plans on doing even more outreach by having booths at events like Tuesday's National Night Out and is working with Meals on Wheels.

“We wanted engagement [with customers],” she said. “We want people to understand why we are doing this. It is a huge issue.”

For Burbank, the organic waste goes directly into the pails – no plastic bags at all – and then into the green waste bin.

“We don't want any plastic,” she said. “Not even compostable plastics.”

Hammes said this is not only good for the planet but it is also good for residents to see how much they waste.

“The good thing is this is [similar

to] truth serum to see how much food you waste,” she said. “The real goal is to reduce the amount of waste and you can't manage what you can't measure.”

City of Glendale The City of Glendale is providing “kitchen pails” as a courtesy for its residents to separate their organics before disposing them into the green and organics carts. Residents can pick up their recycling pail from the Public Works Integrated Waste office, 548 W. Chevy Chase Drive, Tuesday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Residents must bring a current Glendale utility bill or driver's license.

As with Burrtec, customers are to line their pails with a plastic bag, fill it and tie the bag in a knot then put it into the green waste cart with yard trimmings.

The City has done its outreach via a utility bill insert and postcards to residents.

“Glendale's commercial and multi-family franchise haulers have also provided this information to all businesses and property managers. The City has conducted two webinars on the subject with plans for doing more [outreach],” according to a Glendale spokesperson.

Residents who have questions on what they should do to comply with the law can visit the city's website at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/public-works/integrated-waste-management/residential-services> and [glendalerecycles.com](http://glendalerecycles.com) or contact Public Works Integrated Waste Management Division at (818) 548-3916.

Sunland-Tujunga Republic Services is the waste management company for commercial and multi-residential homes in Sunland-Tujunga. It has taken a face-to-face approach in that a representative from the company has reached out or is willing to come to homes and businesses to discuss and explain what is involved with the new law, SB 1383.

Alicia Lizaola-Shakoor is a zero waste representative from Republic Services. She has done outreach, like taking part in Tuesday's National Night Out, and has had personal visits with many customers.

“Part of Republic Services' [outreach] is to call customers to inform them and provide information as to what they need to do to be part of this [organic collection program],” Lizaola-Shakoor said.

At present Republic Services does not provide pails but is working to “onboard residents of multi-residential homes and commerce businesses to the organic services.”

The City of Los Angeles is the waste service for some of the single-family residential collections in Sunland-Tujunga. It is currently in the process of delivering pails to its customers.

Business and multi-residential customers who have questions about the program can contact Lizaola-Shakoor at [alizaola-shakoor@republicservices.com](mailto:alizaola-shakoor@republicservices.com) or call (626) 205-7978 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the single-family residential collection visit [www.lacitysan.org](http://www.lacitysan.org).

A note regarding organic waste collection: Pet waste does not go into the organic waste bins. This must be placed in regular garbage bins.

Bear Cans One of the concerns of residents in the foothills who have bear cans is what to do with their waste. La Crescenta neighbors on Olive Lane recently received bear cans after numerous visits by a bear/bears. The cans were tipped over and trash had been strewn all over the streets as the bear/s used the neighborhood as a smorgasbord every trash day. Now, with organics being in the greens bin and garbage in the black can, it looks like the bears may soon be dining on Olive again.

CVW reached out to Public Works in Los Angeles County to find out what residents can do to help keep the bears wild and not dumpster diving.

“Los Angeles County Public Works administers contracts with private haulers for solid waste and recycling services for unincorporated communities. As existing County contracts for unincorporated foothill communities expire, all new residential waste hauling contracts will require all solid waste collection bins (black, blue, green) to be bear-resistant for homes within the new bear zones. These zones are a quarter mile from the forest boundary and were created by Public Works through consultation with the California Dept. of Fish and Game. The protective containers will be required for use by residents within the bear zones and will be provided at no additional cost. Homes outside of the zones may obtain bear-resistant containers for a fee,” according to Public Works.

In parts of La Crescenta, the contract with Burrtec Waste Industries had previously been amended to increase the availability of bear-resistant trash carts. Public Works is working with Burrtec to make additional bear carts available for the recyclables and organic waste, and to offer to exchange existing trash carts for organic carts for residents who wish to do so. Additional details and timeframes are being developed and are estimated to take at least six months for a complete rollout due to delays in supply chains. Residents should continue to place their food waste in the bear carts until the additional carts are delivered, unless the food is kept in a separate container inside the home and put into the green cart at the street shortly before it is collected by the trucks.

In Altadena and Kinneloa Mesa, a new contract with Universal Waste Systems will begin Oct. 1. As a new contract, it will contain the full provisions of the new bear-cart policy. However, due to ongoing supply chain issues, it is expected that not all non-bear carts will be swapped immediately. Most of the bear-resistant carts provided over the last couple of years will remain in place when the other carts are exchanged.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## Van Halen Played La Cañada and Montrose – The Montrose Theater Show

Over the last few weeks, I have detailed some local history involving one of the great rock bands, Van Halen. I interviewed former La Cañada resident Dan Sullivan who, in 1975-76 promoted some local concerts for Van Halen, just before they became famous. Dan had success with a couple of La Cañada shows but a Glendale show was canceled by complications in the contract with Glendale. Van Halen took Dan to small claims court for the \$500 it was owed. Dan offered a show at the tiny Montrose Theater as a makeup show.

In 1976, the little Montrose Theater on Honolulu Avenue was being overshadowed by larger modern theaters. The theater had been built in the early '20s with a small stage for vaudeville acts. It apparently had been experimenting with showing art films, surf films and, according to local legend,

hosting rock concerts besides the normal run of popular movies.

The poster Dan put together for the show said: "Dan Sullivan & Negron Associates present Van Halen in concert, with special guest August. Montrose Theater, 2226 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose. Sunday March 7. Box office opens at 8, concert at 8:30. All tickets \$3.00." Tickets were sold at Rare Records in Glendale, Calliope Records in La Cañada and Campus Outlet in Pasadena.

There seems to be some controversy about whether or not the concert actually happened. Some sources say it was canceled. It was almost 50 years ago, and Dan doesn't remember it very well. At my prompting, he checked in with his girlfriend of that time and she said she remembers it well and even has photos of it. So really, who knows?

One of my readers who's sure it

happened is Brian Floyd. He wrote:

"I was at that concert! Van Halen didn't have any original songs yet. I remember they opened with 'Man on the Silver Mountain' by Rainbow. They were very entertaining.

"I think they did 'You Really Got Me,' which ended up being one of their hits, and a bunch of rock covers that I don't remember. Eddie had some of his outboard gear in an old bomb or missile casing that was hollowed out and sat on the side of the stage. Roth had some kind of whistle thing that was in his mouth or something. He used it to get those high squeals that he was so known for. I think he later perfected it. They were very glam and colorful and everyone was knocked out by Eddie's playing.

"I saw them at Lanterman Auditorium where they opened for Tales. Tales were all friends of mine. Next thing I knew, Van Halen was

playing the Starwood."

The band did one more show locally at Glendale College, which a long-haired young man (me), witnessed. (Still got the long hair, but not the youth.)

Van Halen is gone now, an aging rock legend. But what lives on is that Dan apparently still owes them \$500. Dan said:

"I was in London and their first world tour was in '77. I see they're playing the Rainbow Theater so I go to the back stage door. They take me up, and Dave and Eddie are standing there, 'Where's our 500 bucks?' It was an ongoing joke. I'd see Dave in a strip club in Hollywood 25 years later: 'Where's my 500 bucks?' This was a running joke. Whenever we ran into each other, in London, in LA, in nightclubs, Dave would come up and in his raspy voice, 'Dan, you son of a b\*\*\*h. Where's my 500 bucks?' I have a note he left on

my door in Eagle Rock; I have this handwritten note. It says, 'Dan, call me. Where's my 500 bucks?' with his phone number. It just keeps going on. If I saw him tomorrow, it'd be the same."

Great stories from a great time in rock music; lots of great memories. Thanks, Dan Sullivan, for adding more local stories to the mix.

The biggest thing I learned from writing this series on Van Halen? It seems everyone has a Van Halen story.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## Construction Weary

In 2014, I knew all about highway construction projects. I was part of the No 710 Action Committee, a grass roots volunteer group that was working to defeat the proposed connection between the I-710 and I-210 freeways by way of two large

tunnels 250 feet underground. I spent a lot of time attending meetings, reading complex reports and digesting data. Ultimately, I learned that large road tunnels are inherently dangerous and that we probably shouldn't build them in

earthquake country. Thankfully, we didn't.

Back then, in addition to writing for the no710.com website, I also wrote a series of blog posts telling readers what was in store for the 210 Freeway corridor and how the

Crescenta Valley would be affected. I had discovered numerous Caltrans construction reports with timelines and outlined several of them in the blog: a two-year repaving project for 2014-16, another for 2016-18 and several smaller sound wall

segments. People were skeptical about what I had written and I got some pushback. They didn't believe that it would take four years just to resurface the local freeway and build a few sound walls. As it turns

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# YOUTH

## CASC's Friday Night Lights Field of Dreams



If we build it, will they come? On May 13, local soccer club, California Athletic Soccer Club (CASC), introduced Friday Night Lights to the Crescenta Valley. The inaugural soccer games were set to begin at 6 p.m. at Crescenta Valley High School.

At 5 p.m., CASC coaches arrived to set up the fields. Under the hot sun, the coaches popped up the 12 mini-goals across CV's football field. They dropped the cones evenly to mark the small fields and placed colored bibs on each field for the players. For two weeks, the club emailed out invitations in addition to using social media, texting and spreading the word across the Crescenta Valley.

By 5:30 p.m., all the soccer balls were pumped up and ready for action. The coaches anxiously waited.

At 5:45 p.m., there were still no kids ... yet. All eyes were focused on the front gate of CVHS. Without signups and an official league, would kids show up on a Friday night just to play?

Suddenly all the coaches looked up together as a small boy with an LAFC jersey walked through the gates looking for a game to play. A girl in her shiny purple Adidas cleats followed. Then two more girls with ponytails ran on to the fields. And more arrived after that. Within 10 minutes, a small swarm of boys and girls had taken over the football field. Big kids and little kids. The small CASC crew went into action to make sure players felt welcomed and directed them to the next open soccer fields to play.

The idea behind Friday Night Lights is to get children out of the house on a Friday night to just play. No drills. No yelling. No parents dictating every move. No organized lesson plans. Just go play. Have fun.

And they did.

At first, parents meandered around, not sure what to do. But they soon let

go and let the kids do what kids do. They played and when teams weren't balanced the kids made some changes. Some players squabbled and yet they worked out their problems. Some got knocked down. They glanced up, looking for Mom or Dad and when they weren't there the player got right back up and played some more.

Girls played against boys. Older kids played with younger kids. Tons of goals were scored. For soccer fans, it was beautiful. A favorite quote from a parent that night was, "What a great idea!"

On the inaugural night, over 50 boys and girls from all over the community took part in the soccer games. Only a small number were from the CASC soccer club. All the rest were kids from neighborhoods who had heard about the event and showed up to play. Some had never played soccer before. Some arrived nervous, but all left with smiles on their faces.

The next week, 50 more kids show up. Some were returning players, but there were 15 new players. The following week, the rains arrived and CASC expected a drop in numbers but, to everyone's surprise, there was still a large turnout and the kids loved playing in the rain.

CASC proved the cliché right: "If you build it, they will come."

Friday Night Lights continues to run through the end of summer from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Crescenta Valley High School. For parents who haven't done so already, bring your son or daughter out and have them bring some friends. This is also a great opportunity for parents to drop off their kids in a safe environment and entertain one of the local restaurants in Montrose or La Crescenta.

For more details or to signup on the California Athletic Soccer Club email list for upcoming events, go to <https://athleticsc.org>. Updates are available at <https://www.instagram.com/californiaathleticsc>.

## Jenny Dalton-Hill to become Seventh Woman Enshrined into the Little League® Hall of Excellence

Jenny Dalton-Hill, back row, top left, next to manager



Little League® International announced that Jenny Dalton-Hill of Glendale will be enshrined into the Little League Hall of Excellence this month, becoming only the seventh woman to earn the highest honor that Little League can bestow.

"Since her time on the Little League fields, to her incredible career as a baseball and softball player and broadcaster, Jenny has been an inspiration to future generations of players, coaches, parents and fans for decades," said Stephen D. Keener, Little League president and CEO. "As we join in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX this summer, we are honored to present one of our top Girls with Game with this prestigious honor and thank Jenny for all she has done, and continues to do, for Little League and the game of baseball and softball as a whole."

A graduate of the Centennial Little League program in Glendale, Dalton-Hill became familiar with the big stage early on in her career as she had the opportunity to live out her own World Series dream playing in the 1989 Senior League Softball World Series. While her team unfortunately fell in the championship game to the team from Naples, Florida, the memories she took from that experience have lasted her a lifetime.

From 1993-96, Dalton-Hill competed for the University of Arizona, earning an All-Pac-10 conference honor with a .318 average as a freshman as her team went on to compete at the Women's College World Series.

Over the course of her collegiate career, Dalton-Hill went on to be named an All-American, the Pac-10 Player of the Year, Honda Sports Award for Softball Player of the Year, and the Women's College World Series Most Outstanding Player as a senior. Upon graduation, Dalton-Hill held the school records in career RBIs, walks and runs, and continues to hold the NCAA record today for most RBIs with 328.

In addition to her softball career, Dalton-Hill also broke barriers, playing baseball as a member of both the Colorado Silver

Bullets and the United States Women's National Baseball Team, where she earned a bronze medal at the 2010 Women's Baseball World Cup. While eligible to compete in the 1996 Olympics, she decided to go on to become a volunteer coach at the University of Arizona in 1997, helping lead the school to its fifth national title and later went on to coach at the University of Kentucky for two years. In 2001, she was inducted into the University of Arizona Wildcats Hall of Fame and is now also a member of the USA Baseball board of directors as one of its three 10+ Year Athletes.

Today, she continues to support the Little League program as an ESPN broadcaster at the Little League Softball® World Series and continues to inspire future generations of softball players through her role as a broadcaster for the Women's College World Series and her role on the 7 Innings Podcast.

Dalton-Hill will officially be enshrined into the Hall of Excellence as part of the Little League World Series. More information about the specific celebration will be made closer to the event.

Founded in 1939, Little League® is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with approximately two million players (ages 4-16) playing baseball and softball in communities across every U.S. state and more than 80 other countries. Operated by more than one million volunteers, Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities. From professional athletes and award-winning celebrities, to public officials and other influential members of society, Little League graduates have taken the lessons they learned, both on and off the field, to create the next chapter of the Little League story. Each year, millions of people follow the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship that Little Leaguers® display at our seven baseball and softball World Series events, the premier tournaments in youth sports. For more information, visit [LittleLeague.org](http://LittleLeague.org).

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

Special Section 2022

## Home Again LA Hosts Back-to-School Shopping Spree

Story and Photos by Ruth Sowby

If you were given \$100 for back-to-school goodies what would you buy? That was the question on the minds of 23 elementary school kids as they and their Kiwanis partners roamed the aisles of Target in Glendale on Saturday morning.

Home Again LA partnered with Kiwanis Club of Glendale to provide the back to school shopping spree. With the addition of mothers, some 75 shoppers gathered at the Target entrance in the Glendale Galleria waiting for the store to open an hour early just to accommodate the crowd.

Some of the shoppers knew exactly what they wanted from the shopping spree. Glendale resident Athena Hidalgo, 10, wanted “cool” wireless headphones. Ryan Prudhomme, 9, had his heart set on a white suit to “look nice.” Jasmine Kromah, 8, was planning on a pink backpack.

Albert Hernandez, Home Again LA CEO and Kiwanis member, paired Jasmine with her Kiwanis partner, Laura Guillory.

The annual back to school shopping spree is an event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Glendale in which Home Again LA provides \$100 to each of the students so they can shop for all the necessities in preparation for the upcoming school year. The children who attended ranged in age from 5 to 15.

“These children are currently living either in the Home Again LA shelter or in our low-income apartment units,” explained Hernandez. “The children are currently experiencing homelessness along with their family but receiving supportive services from Home Again LA.”

Home Again LA is a local nonprofit homeless service provider that focuses on helping homeless families transition back into permanent housing, helping parents secure employment and increase the overall household income.

According to Hernandez, these children were provided this unique experience because the Glendale Kiwanis Club wants every child to have the needed school



ABOVE: Waiting for Glendale's Target to open are more than 75 young shoppers, their Kiwanis partners and mothers. Home Again LA provided each elementary school student \$100 for a back-to-school shopping spree.

LEFT: Jasmine Kromah, 8, whose favorite color is pink, found a Target hat to match her sweat shirt during her \$100 shopping spree sponsored by Home Again LA and Kiwanis Club of Glendale.

RIGHT: Lionel Kromah, 5, is accompanied by mom Karen Aldana during the Home Again LA and Kiwanis Club of Glendale Shopping Spree at Target. Lionel may get two backpacks and his Munchkins Farm with his \$100.



supplies for their first day of school so they would feel comfortable.

“Imagine being homeless and not having the funding to have the supplies needed to complete your school assignment,” he said. “Or perhaps not having appropriate clothing for school. Children should not have to experience this regardless of their housing status. Both organizations strive to help the vulnerable population and we are both excited that the children are getting this unique experience.”

Kiwanians were partnered with one child for the shopping spree, allowing for a unique experience for both the child and adult. During that time the children got to know the Kiwanians and the Kiwanians got to cheer and wish the children the best this upcoming school year.

According to Home Again LA Treasurer, Alex Paragon, “I wish I could buy them the whole store!”

Home Again LA, formerly Family Promise, is a local nonprofit homeless service provider.

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Special Section 2022



### Back-to-School Fashion: Top Sneaker Styles to Try

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Diana Brandin didn't intend to have a career in captioning.

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Brandin first learned about the captioning field early in her education as a court reporter. Pursuing a career that helps persons who are d/Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing have access to their world was a dream come true!

In captioning, a stenotype machine with a phonetic keyboard and special software is used. A computer translates the phonetic symbols into English captions almost instantaneously, according to the National Institute on

Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

Brandin's career began in 2004 by working for different agencies. Early on, she impressed those around her with her skills, which led to more jobs.

By 2009, the high demand for her services inspired her to reach out to her colleagues and form an agency to help meet the growing demand for CART-captioning services. Her business has expanded to include services for ASL, SSL, MSL, and Spanish interpretation.

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#### FLINTRIDGE SACRED HEART RECEIVES COUNCIL RECOGNITION

At city hall, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council recently presented Flintridge Sacred Heart with a proclamation in celebration of the school's 90th anniversary. Sister Carolyn McCormack, president of the school, was on hand to accept the honor from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers remarked on the positive effect of Flintridge Sacred Heart on the education of young women and on the community as a whole. The proclamation recognized the school's history and its mission to help its students pursue a life filled with faith, integrity and truth.

The all-girls Catholic high school, nestled on top of the San Rafael Hills and surrounded by the Crescenta and San Gabriel valleys, was founded in 1931 by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. The school's original Mission-style buildings were designed in 1927 as the Flintridge Hotel and soon were sold to the Biltmore Hotel chain. The Dominican Sisters purchased the property in 1931 and opened the school with 200 boarding students enrolled in grades one through 12.

Today, Flintridge Sacred Heart serves more than 350 day and boarding school students from eight countries and four states. The school offers signature programs in STEM, research, athletics and the arts and is consistently ranked among the top private schools in the Los Angeles region.



ABOVE: Sister Carolyn McCormack, president of Flintridge Sacred Heart, recently received a proclamation on behalf of the school from the La Cañada City Council. The proclamation celebrated the school's 90th anniversary.

Flintridge Sacred Heart is committed to educating the whole person in a setting that allows incoming students to flourish into young women who are well prepared for college and beyond.

As the last days of summer vacation are wrapping up, parents start to check off their back-to-school to-do lists, ensuring children are ready for their first day. In addition to backpacks and classroom supplies, new shoes are always at the top of the shopping list to accommodate growing feet.

According to Chris Otto, athletics merchandiser for national retailer Rack Room Shoes, this season's sneakers include classic silhouettes, pops of colors and multiple heights to offer comfort and style for returning students.

"Shopping for shoes during the back-to-school season can be an exciting time for families," said Otto. "With the range of options of brands, prints and platforms, it's easy for parents to select footwear to complement any school outfit, while helping children express their individual personalities."

Here are the top back-to-school sneaker trends to try this year:

**Court Sneakers:** Court-inspired sneakers were designed to go with everything and, when it comes to styling, variation is key. These on-trend shoes are available in high-, mid-, and low-top versions, different platform heights, and can feature canvas or leather uppers.

Kids enjoy the retro style of the Nike Court Borough, which sports the classic swoosh logo and offers the perfect blend of style and comfort for those on the go.

**Elevation:** From high-tops to low-tops, and even platform versions that take fashion to new levels, sneakers with different heights are back in a significant way. This year's elevated sneaker options feature on-trend and seasonal colors to wear with skirts, dresses, jeans and more.

What's old is new again with Chuck Taylor All Stars, which come in varying options. The high top lugged platform offers a new twist, with a rubber outsole to add height and modernity to this timeless favorite.

**Pops of Color, Neutral, Metallic and Prints:** Patterned shoes are no longer viewed as a statement accessory but rather as a neutral that can be mixed and paired with any item in the closet.

The Vans Ward sneaker adds a fun twist to its classic skater-style shoe with assorted prints, colors and sizes for kids - and parents, too.

For one-stop-shopping during the back to school season, parents can visit the Athletic Shop at Rack Room Shoes in stores or online at [rackroomshoes.com](http://rackroomshoes.com).

Thanks to the abundance of fun and functional footwear trending for kids right now, families can be sure that students are sent to school prepared to look and feel their best.



Immaculate Heart High School and Middle School Campus Garden

#### IMMACULATE HEART LAUNCHES 117TH YEAR OF SCHOLARSHIP & SERVICE

Immaculate Heart in Los Angeles opens its classroom doors this month as both the high school and middle school welcome back current students as well as new "IH Pandas" to the school community. As a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school, Immaculate Heart empowers young women in grades six-12 as lifelong learners prepared for today's challenges and opportunities.

Founded in 1906, Immaculate Heart offers a distinguished history with nearly 11,000 graduates and beloved traditions. Now in its 117th year, Immaculate Heart remains committed to intellectual excellence, leadership, service and justice through a rigorous and integrated program of academic, spiritual and co-curricular activities, including athletics. Its hillside campus, centrally located near Griffith Park, welcomes students of geographic, ethnic and religious diversity. Virtually 100% matriculate to college, including to the most prestigious universities in the country, with many students receiving substantial merit scholarships.

Immaculate Heart's high school curriculum offers 14 honors classes and 17 advanced placement courses, including the two-year AP Capstone course. Other unique offerings, like "Engineer Your World" and "Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications," promote interest in science, technology, engineering and math fields as students solve real-world challenges.

Immaculate Heart's Catholic identity is rooted in service to others and social justice. Last year, students contributed more than 14,000 hours of community service. Additionally, students participate in retreats and liturgies, theatre, visual arts and more than 30 clubs. Nearly a third of all high school students also play at least one IH sport.

Immaculate Heart fields teams in basketball, cross country, diving, equestrian, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field and volleyball. Bus transportation serves Pasadena and San Fernando Valley communities.

Prospective students can register for "shadow visits" at both the high school and middle school. Students in eighth and seventh grades can also sign up for academic playday on Saturday, Nov. 5. Learn more at [www.immaculateheart.org](http://www.immaculateheart.org).

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Their admissions cycle for the 2022-23 school year will begin in the fall, with open house dates

for prospective lower school families in October and December, and in November for those interested in the middle school program. As always, The Wesley School invites you to attend these events in order to learn about all that Wesley has to offer - such as its outstanding academic program, from its core curriculum to implementation of the Social Justice Standards at every grade level, its social emotional lessons that are both explicitly taught and embedded across the board in everyday conversations and guidance, as well as the fact that its eighth graders matriculate to over a dozen high schools each year. You will find that the lessons learned at Wesley set its students up for success because they stick; Wesley educates children for good.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez Rep Visits Verdugo Hills Family YMCA



Mary MacAdam and Y CEO Vince Iuculano

On Monday, July 25, the Verdugo Hills Family YMCA welcomed Mary MacAdam, field deputy for Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, to its branch. CEO of YMCA of the Foothills Vince Iuculano gave her a tour of the facility and introduced her to team members and staff.

“It’s an honor to have a representative of the office visit our Y, especially this particular branch as it resides within the district Councilwoman Rodriguez

serves,” said Iuculano. “The Y strives to partner with our community whenever possible. Councilwoman Rodriguez shares the YMCA of the Foothills’ passion for youth leadership and development, and we hope to partner with her office in the future.”

MacAdam spent some time seeing the aquatic summer camp splashing into action at the pool. Adjacent to the premises is the Y’s Learning Tree Preschool where Iuculano introduced her to the preschool teachers and gave her a tour

of the playground area. The two discussed a possible joint venture to come.

The mission of the YMCA of the Foothills 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. Individuals can support the cause by visiting [ymcafoothills.org](http://ymcafoothills.org).

*Provided by the Y*

## Adventist Health Glendale Recognized by CMS

Adventist Health Glendale has been recognized again as a top performer in quality and safety. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded Adventist Health Glendale with its third consecutive five-star rating – the highest possible – through the Overall Hospital Star Ratings program.

According to Adventist Health Glendale president Alice Issai, “This award is very difficult to attain and is represented in a leading resource that consumers use to determine where they’ll seek care.”

When compared to other hospitals – in the Los Angeles area, California and across the nation – Adventist Health Glendale ranks among the very best:

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- Only 14% of hospitals nationwide and 11% in California have earned five stars

## People Making News

David Kim of La Crescenta has earned a Master of Science in computer science from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Kim was among more than 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute’s 262nd commencement exercises May 6-7 at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

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## CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Brenda Gant and her husband Jeff Hughes of Glendale took the CV Weekly on their recent anniversary trip to New York City. Here they are atop The Edge where Brenda said there is a glorious viewing platform 100 stories up.

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» MIHIR DESAI, MD

# Water Jet Procedure Offers Quick, Effective Way to Treat Enlarged Prostate at USC-VHH

As men age, most will develop an enlarged prostate, a condition known as benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH. Although BPH is noncancerous, it can block the bladder's outflow and lead to problems with urination.

BPH medications can be effective for some men, but other patients may need surgical intervention. USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, a part of Keck Medicine of USC, offers one of the most advanced treatments for BPH – a minimally invasive procedure that uses water to reduce the size of the prostate.

Water jet ablation, also known as Aquablation®, is a novel treatment that combines a robotically controlled stream of water with advanced image guidance technology to safely

remove the desired amount of prostate tissue to unblock the urethra. This treatment requires no skin incisions and patients typically do not experience any of the unwanted side effects of open prostate surgery, which can include incontinence and sexual dysfunction.

"This technology is quicker and safer and it also gives us the ability to treat a [higher] number of patients," said Mihir Desai, MD, director of the USC Urology's Center for Advanced Robotics. In the past, men who had very enlarged prostates or those with difficult anatomic configurations often could not be treated using purely endoscopic techniques.

Because water jet ablation is performed under regional

anesthesia, the procedure is easier on the patient and can be a viable option for older men who may be too frail to have traditional surgery under general anesthesia, Desai said.

The first step in water jet ablation is to create a detailed map of the prostate using both a cystoscope and ultrasound imaging. This map pinpoints the tissue that must be removed and helps the surgeon avoid the areas of the prostate that may lead to incontinence or sexual dysfunction.

Then a robotic system removes the tissue using a stream of water while specialized ultrasound imaging allows the team to view the prostate in real time. The water is unheated, which reduces the risk of damage

to surrounding tissue and minimizes the risk of unwanted side effects.

The procedure typically takes only a few minutes, but most patients spend one night in the hospital and return home the next day without a catheter.

The team of urologists at USC Urology was the first to offer water jet ablation on the West Coast about three years ago, according to Desai. The team also ran much of the preclinical and clinical testing of the device and continues to conduct research on the procedure.

"We have been involved with this new technology from the very beginning," said Desai, adding that the urologists at Keck Medicine are among the most experienced group of

surgeons in the nation.

"We have a wealth of experience, and we are now one of the largest volume centers for Aquablation® in the country," he said.



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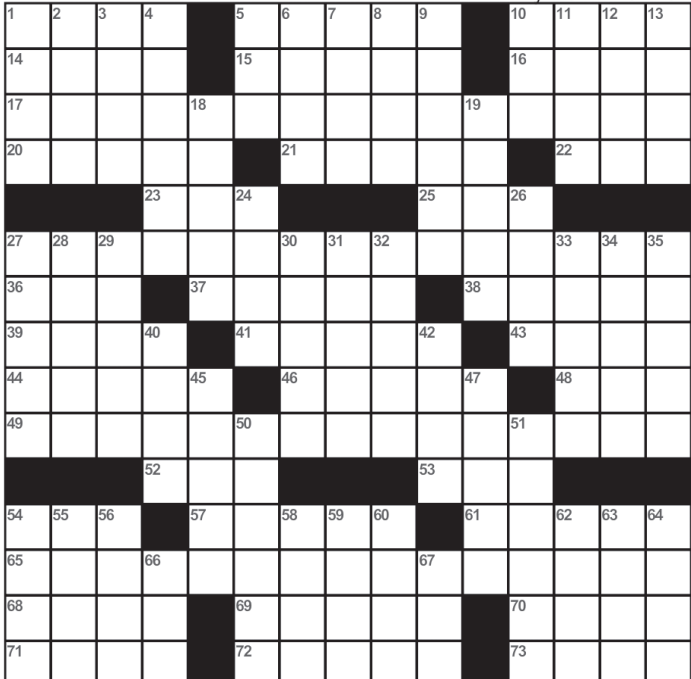
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- 25) Magazine revenue source
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- 41) "The Lion King" hero
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- 5) Banking device, in brief
- 6) \_\_\_ and Means Committee
- 7) Church alcove
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- 11) "Let's not forget ..."
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- 27) "I was elsewhere" excuse
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- 31) Willy, in "Death of a Salesman"
- 32) Celestial circuit
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- 51) Service-station service
- 54) Russian head, once
- 55) "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"
- 56) Makes a mistake
- 58) Hairstyle many picked?
- 59) Chicago's downtown
- 60) Erato or Clio
- 62) "We Bought \_\_\_" (2011 movie)
- 63) Deborah of "From Here to Eternity"
- 64) Salinger story subject
- 66) "Home of the brave"
- 67) Checkers selection

DIET FAIL

By Hank Dellman



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## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### Realtor's Open House Behavior

Dear Phyllis,  
I love your real estate column and appreciate your wisdom. My son's Realtor typically goes to open houses with him, and I often join them. However, last weekend his Realtor was out of town, and he had us go on our own. My son did just what his Realtor suggested: He walked in, introduced himself and gave the seller's Realtor his Realtor's name letting her know that his agent was out of town. We walked around a bit and when on our way out, stopped to ask the seller's Realtor a few questions. I would not say she was rude, but she was very cold and not at all helpful. I don't know that I have an actual question but am curious as to the protocol for the seller's Realtor when holding a home open. Aren't they supposed to answer questions and try to sell the home?

the open house. Often, it is another agent holding the home open and not the Listing Realtor. But whoever is hosting the open house, should be courteous and prepared to answer questions.

Currently open houses are extremely busy. Last weekend I met my client at two open houses. At one there were about five groups milling around and at the other, more than ten. Of course, the hosting Realtor wants to sell the home. Likely they are also hoping to meet neighbors who may be selling soon. They also want to meet potential buyers looking to purchase. Open houses can be a great opportunity for real estate agents to meet new clients.

Keep in mind that the agent hosting the open house, has many duties. Their primary responsibility is to ensure that the homeowner's belongings remain safe. Open houses can be very draining for the agent who is hosting. There are many people to talk with and a lot of questions to answer. I know when I am done with holding a home open, I am mentally exhausted.

Best of luck on your home search.

Mark

Dear Mark,  
Your son's Realtor gave him excellent advice. He courteously introduced himself and explained why his Realtor was unable to accompany you both. You note that this was the seller's (listing) Realtor hosting



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Midsummer Scream Returns from the Dead

By Charly Shelton

Every summer, the Halloween haunt season kicks off as haunters around the country prepare to begin to build their Halloween horror prior to welcoming guests in the last few weeks of October. As haunters enjoy their last days of “free time,” a convention is held in Long Beach for haunters to share skills, get together and have a “swinging wake.” This is Midsummer Scream, and it has finally returned after being postponed two years due to the pandemic.

When the pandemic hit in early 2020, we all knew that conventions weren’t going to be happening anytime soon. Of course, 2020’s Midsummer Scream was canceled entirely. The following year, amid ongoing health concerns and fears from both attendees and vendors, it was elected not to offer a full convention. Midsummer Scream presented “Awaken the Spirits,” a smaller version of the show held at the Pasadena Convention Center rather than the Long Beach Convention Center, its usual home. And while “Awaken the Spirits” was a wonderful return to form and had many of those favorite aspects that guests had come to love, it did feel like a smaller, less engrossing version of the full convention. Now this year, for the first time in what feels like forever, the convention is back to full strength including a full Hall of Shadows featuring mini walkthrough haunts and slider performance demonstrations.

Midsummer Scream is a convention for haunters, those who create and put on haunted house walkthroughs and other displays for Halloween, as well as fans of horror and monsters and haunts in the life. In LA, where the film industry reigns supreme, many of the special effects experts, makeup artists and set builders spend a few weeks of their off time every year building intricate and fun

displays for Halloween. So to have the benefit of their experience, as well as that of longtime haunt organizations like Universal Studios Hollywood and the Los Angeles Haunted Hayride, come to one place to share their knowledge and camaraderie is a unique experience.

The convention was held last weekend at the Long Beach Convention Center to sold-out crowds. Attendees met with horror icons of stage and screen, as well as big names in the haunt industry like John Murdy of Universal Studios Hollywood Halloween Horror Nights. Murdy was on hand for a presentation about the upcoming Halloween Horror Nights event that will begin Sept. 8 at Universal Studios Hollywood. He announced another haunted house theme – “Scarecrow: The Reaping.” This is based in history, in the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. When farmers across America abandoned their farms, scarecrows were left as silent sentinels watching over the dead fields. So in the plot of the house, the scarecrows have decided to make this land their own and increase their numbers in the same way they were made in the first place – by making more scarecrows. But whereas humans made scarecrows, now scarecrows make humans into scarecrows. Murdy unveiled some character concept designs for the killer scarecrows, as well as several of the rooms that guests will walk through, explaining the in-depth research he did to get the sets and props just right for a 1930s farmhouse in the middle of the country.

Murdy also welcomed famed guitarist Slash, who has collaborated with Universal on multiple houses over the years. Slash is now known for his work with the Universal Monsters series of houses, of which another installment is set to debut this year. The attendees to the panel were treated to a listening party of some of Slash’s previous work for Universal haunted houses as well as



a preview of a track that will be used for this year’s “Monsters Collide” house.

Beyond panels and how-to demonstrations of makeup effects and prop building, attendees of the convention could shop for the spookiest Halloween gear to get ready for the season, or meet some horror characters as other guests and vendors dressed to the nines in their horror best. There was even a tattoo booth where guests could sign up to receive a tattoo on the spot.

This year’s show was a fantastic return to form and now, having attended once again, we didn’t realize how much we really missed it. The full show is a highlight of the summer and, just as we are all getting sick of the 90-plus degree weather almost every day, this convention is a reminder that fall is coming, sooner than you think, and it’s time to gear up for haunt season.

Seeing as this year’s show did sell out, it may be wise to sign up for the Midsummer Scream mailing list for anyone interested in attending next year. Be on the lookout for a ticket sale reminder when tickets become available.

For more information, visit [MidsummerScream.org](http://MidsummerScream.org).



Photos by Charly SHELTON

TOP: Donny Shelton, 2, appears to share secrets with Sam of “Trick ‘r Treat,” one of the characters at Midsummer Scream.

ABOVE: Aliens hijacked a Pizza Planet delivery truck, devouring a pizza ... and the delivery person.

BELOW: A Celtic graveyard was sure to spook haunters who attended the Midsummer Scream.



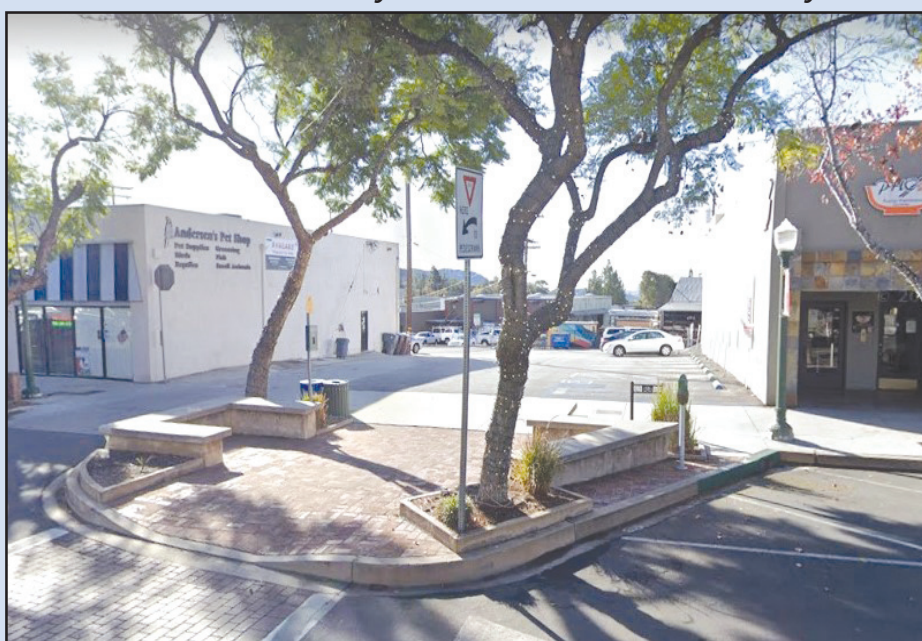
### THEN & NOW



**Then »** The Montrose Theater was built in 1924 with a small stage for vaudeville acts. Reportedly, none other than W.C. Fields performed on this stage before he was famous. Fast forward to 1976, when reportedly none other than the legendary rock group Van Halen performed on that same stage in Montrose, also before they were famous. Here is the poster advertising that concert, provided by the then-promoter Dan Sullivan.

### Montrose Theater

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Now »** In March 1987, 11 years later, the Montrose Theater burned down in the middle of the night. Although it was deemed an electrical fire, local legend has it that it was arson set by the infamous Glendale firefighter turned arsonist, John Orr. It was never rebuilt and today serves as a parking lot. But those who park their cars here should consider the greats, W.C. Fields and Van Halen, who once trod the tiny stage of our own Montrose Theater.



# Scene in LA – August 2022

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Most theaters have returned to normal operations again; however, County mandates for mask requirements are still being decided as we go to press, so please check the current guidelines before you leave to attend any performances. COVID protocols also vary from venue to venue, so you may still have to show proof of vaccination and/or wear a mask during the show, so please check with the theater before you attend an event to find out what is their current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, you should check with the theater to confirm before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running at this time:

**“Xanadu”** “Xanadu” follows Clio, the lovely and precocious Greek muse who decides to don her roller skates and legwarmers to become Kira in order to help Sonny Malone, a chalk artist with half a brain and a heart of gold, rediscover his own creativity. With both help and hindrance from the other muses – and from a clarinetist-turned-real estate mogul named Danny Maguire – Sonny and Clio work to rebuild their “apex of the arts,” a roller disco. “Xanadu” is the rare musical with a big heart, an even bigger funny bone, and a tongue stuck firmly in its cheek. The smash-hit score includes “I’m Alive,” “Magic,” “Have You Never Been Mellow” and “Xanadu.”

Written by Douglas Carter Beane, with music by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, and directed by Paula Hammons Sloan, it runs Aug. 7 through Aug. 21 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit [www.lagunaplayhouse.com](http://www.lagunaplayhouse.com).

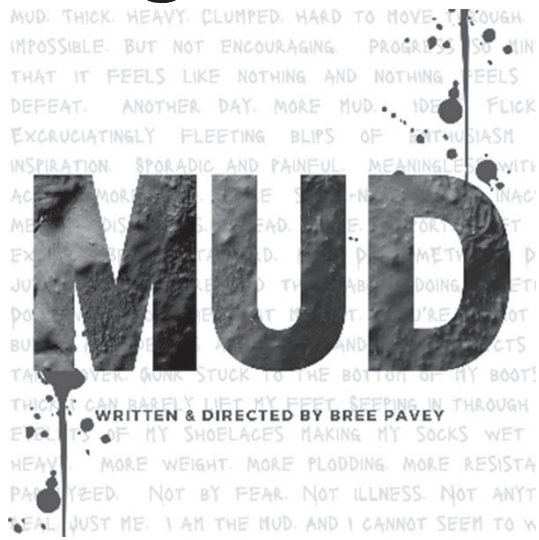


**“A Salute to Sondheim”** Countertenor John Holiday has performed at world-renowned venues such as Carnegie Hall and London’s Barbican Centre. Known for his star turn on “The Voice,” Holiday has curated “The John Holiday Experience” to showcase his affinity and talent for many different genres, from pop to jazz and R&B. Holiday has released three pop singles: “Alive in Me,” “Waste Mine” and “Love Finds a Way.” In the 2021-22 Hollywood Bowl season, Holiday made his debut at the premier venue under the baton of Gustavo Dudamel in an all-Gershwin program with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, followed by his Metropolitan Opera debut in Matthew Aucoin’s Eurydice.

Written by Stephen Sondheim, with music by Stephen Sondheim, and directed by Ernest H. Harrison, it runs Aug. 13 and Aug. 14 at UCLA’s Royce Hall in Westwood. For tickets, call (310) 267-4465 or visit [www.GMCLA.org](http://www.GMCLA.org).

**“Mud”** After the collapse of society, a group of people band together for safety, survival and community. As they begin to rebuild, they examine the failures of the past with an eye on truth. But can they escape the beast that haunts them and avoid falling into the holes humanity has left behind?

Written and directed by Bree Pavey, it runs Aug. 19 through Sept. 11 at the Loft Ensemble in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 452-3153 or visit [www.loftensemble.org](http://www.loftensemble.org).

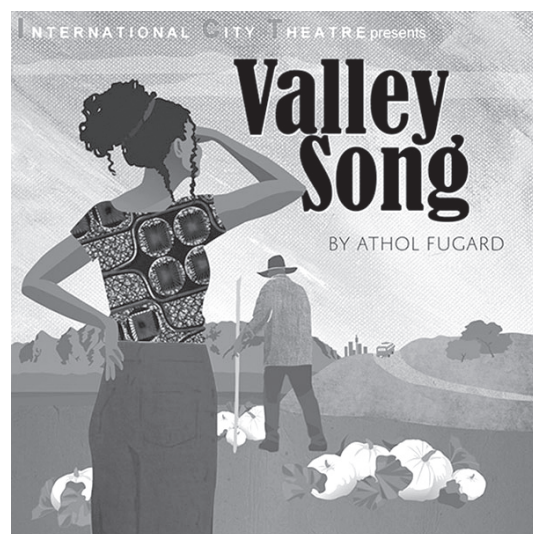


**“Nunsense”** is a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. Sadly, the rest of the sisterhood died from botulism after eating vichyssoise prepared by Sister Julia Child of God. Thus, the remaining nuns – ballet-loving Sister Leo, streetwise Sister Robert Anne, befuddled Sister Mary Amnesia, the Mother Superior Sister Regina and mistress of the novice Sister Mary Hubert – stage a talent show in order to raise the money to bury their dearly departed. With catchy songs and irreverent comedy, “Nunsense” is sure to keep audiences rolling with laughter.

Written by Dan Goggin, with music by Dan Goggin, and directed by Alta Abbott, it runs Aug. 26 through Oct. 2 at the Theatre Palisades in Pacific Palisades. For tickets, call (310) 454-1970 or visit [www.theatrepalisades.org](http://www.theatrepalisades.org).

**“Valley Song”** In this poignant and hope-filled coming-of-age story that transcends politics, a young girl seeks the courage to embrace the future while her grandfather searches for the wisdom to let go of the past.

Written by Athol Fugard and directed by Caryn desai [sic], it runs Aug. 26 through Sept. 11 at the International City Theatre in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit [www.InternationalCityTheatre.org](http://www.InternationalCityTheatre.org).



**“Pageant of the Masters: Wonderful World”** “The Pageant of the Masters” is arguably one of the most unique productions in the entire world. Each evening during the summer season, classic and contemporary works of art are faithfully recreated with theatrical illusion and real people posing as living pictures. Enjoy art that comes to life under the stars in the Pageant’s outdoor amphitheater. A kaleidoscope of international art becomes your passport to distant lands, cultural celebrations, and fascinating history in the 2022 production of “Wonderful World.” Transported through the theatrical art of living pictures, the Pageant sets sail in pursuit of seasonal festivities, ancient and modern, promising new surprises at every turn. Prepare to be amazed by the Pageant’s intoxicating blend of original music, storytelling and stage illusions. “Wonderful World” is a love letter to our common humanity and the countless ways in which artists have asked the eternal question: “Why are we here?”

Steve Zall and Sid Fish of Scene in L.A. know a lot about L.A. theatre and are ready to share with CV Weekly readers. You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/LEISURE](http://CVWeekly.com/LEISURE).

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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

## My Turo rental was repossessed. Can you help me get my son's epilepsy medication back?

When Michelle Marshall's Turo rental gets repossessed, the car-sharing company offers her a partial refund. But what about her son's expensive epilepsy medication? Is Turo responsible for that?

**Q** I rented a car from Turo in Baltimore recently. My family met our host at Baltimore International Airport and he gave us the keys to the vehicle. Everything was going well and we were enjoying our trip until a few days later when we could not find our rental in our hotel parking lot.

We called all surrounding hotels to see if it had been parked incorrectly and towed. I texted the host of the car and asked if he had picked up the car. The host did not know the car's whereabouts.

I then called Turo, and a representative told me to report it stolen. So I called the police. An officer asked for the owner's address and then informed me the car had not been stolen but repossessed by the lien

holder. I called Turo to report this and they again advised me to report the car stolen. I called the police officer back. She told me that if I said the vehicle was stolen that would be fraud.

I called Turo for days and days, asking for assistance. They gave me absolutely no support. I missed the last two days of vacation trying to track down our rental car to get our stuff out of it. The biggest problem was that my son had left his epilepsy medication in the vehicle. They are expensive, so I do not understand how Turo can hold no liability. They know their hosts are breaking the rules with their finance companies and they let the customer suffer when things go wrong.

Things went very wrong in Baltimore and Turo has done nothing to help me.

They refunded the last day of our rental – that was their only offer. I want my son's medications, our other belongings and our rental fees returned. Can you help me?

~ Michelle Marshall, Franklin, North Carolina

**A** Turo bears some responsibility for your rental disaster. But the question is, how much? Technically, Turo isn't a car rental company. Instead, it connects hosts who have vehicles they want to rent. Think of it as Airbnb for cars.

The rental agreement between you and Turo makes it clear that it's just an intermediary, which is why it initially offered a small refund and didn't cover the \$850 worth of epilepsy medication your son had left in the vehicle. Turo's

terms of service contain a limitation of liability clause that lets it off the hook for such losses.

But let's talk about that. I'm sure you already know that leaving valuables in your car isn't the best idea. But if it's someone else's car, parked next to a hotel hundreds of miles from home, you definitely don't want to leave valuable, including prescription medications, in the vehicle.

Ultimately, your host was responsible for keeping up his car payments and following all of the rules set by Turo. You could have leaned on him but, somehow, I doubt he would have paid for your son's epilepsy medication. The next step would have been to contact someone at a higher level at Turo. You can easily find their names and emails online.

Even though you weren't entitled to a refund of your son's medication or, for that matter, for your rental, I think it was the right thing to do. I contacted Turo on your behalf.

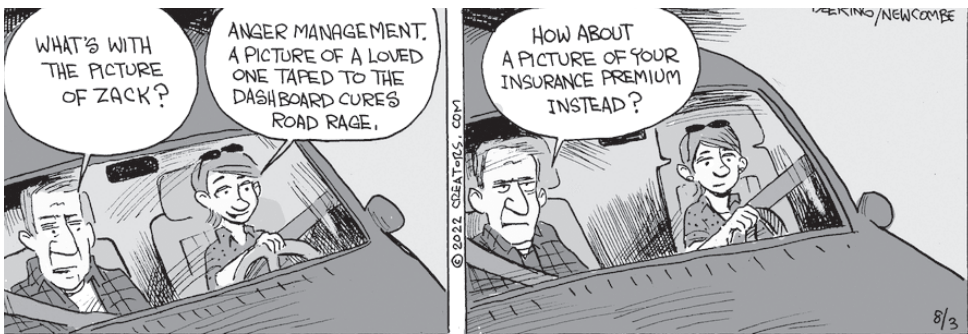
"Since the incident, we have been working toward a resolution with this guest, including providing reimbursement for the trip and offering reimbursement for lost items," Turo spokeswoman Catherine Mejia told me.

Turo offered to reimburse you for your son's medication and your missing belongings.

Christopher Elliott's latest book is "How To Be The World's Smartest Traveler" (National Geographic). Get help by contacting him at <http://www.elliott.org/help>.

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### WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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July 11, 2022 - July 17, 2022

**♈ ARIES** March 21 - April 19

You'll be exercising and dieting more in the near future. The reason is that you're going to be in the limelight for some time. Many people will be watching your progress and looking to you as a role model. This in itself is enough to inspire you to look as good as possible. The more you work out and eat healthfully, the more self-confidence you'll have.

**♉ TAURUS** April 20 - May 20

You're feeling on top of the world now, but if you haven't been working out lately, you may not look it. This is the perfect time to deal with the problem directly and get back into action. If you have too many curves or bulges, find yourself a personal trainer who can get you into peak condition. You'll not only feel amazing, you'll look it, too.

**♊ GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

Aspects may encourage you to indulge in comfort eating more than you'd like. Powerful feelings could come to the surface. At these times it's easier to fall back into addictive habits. The tug of the cosmos on your emotions can be so strong that you may feel you have to eat to stuff them back down where they're more manageable. Try not to do this.

**♋ CANCER** June 21 - July 22

Try not to be too influenced by this period's aspects. You tend to hide your feelings, but you may not be able to now. Rather than indulge as a way of dealing with your problems, think about exercising instead. A good aerobics session will do you good and disperse some of the more intense emotions. You may also want to pamper yourself and get a massage.

**♌ LEO** July 23 - August 22

You're on a roll when it comes to your health and well-being. If you've ever felt a desire to become a personal trainer, take fitness classes, or be a healer, this is a great time to think about taking a course that will give you the right training. This may bring you more satisfaction than you realize.

**♍ VIRGO** August 23 - Sept. 22

Health issues may be frustrating you. However, you'll find the answer to your health problems more easily now. Just don't expect them to come from the usual channels. They'll come from out of the blue and when you least expect it. It's all about finding your balance in order to maintain optimum wellness.

**♎ LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Symptoms that have been vague in the past may become more marked now. If you follow the clues that your symptoms give you, you may be able to trace them back to the original cause. By taking action and eliminating that, you may be free from more health conditions than you realized you had.

**♏ SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Aspects may bring a lot of emotion to the surface now. You may feel more tired and vulnerable than usual. This is a good time to lighten your schedule if you can and pamper yourself a little. Get in touch with your feelings. In this way, they'll disperse and not affect your body. Get a massage and be good to you.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You'll certainly notice the effect of the current aspects, as they'll have an impact on your overall well-being. If you find that your head is full of anxious thoughts and you can't seem to calm down, you may find that dancing, swimming, or another form of aerobic exercise will help release static from your system, enabling you to feel calmer and more in control.

**♑ CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may find yourself growing obsessed by aspects of your health and well-being. You may feel you "have to" lose weight or that you're continually thinking about the pain in your shoulder at every available moment. The more you focus on such things, the harder it will be to find a solution. Relax and the answers will come.

**♒ AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Aspects suggest that any relationship issues that may have had an adverse effect on your health will now begin to fade. You'll be inspired to make positive changes so you no longer have to suffer. Your body will thank you as you awaken to your own power.

**♓ PISCES** Feb. 19 - March 20

You've been rebelling against all the usual things people do to stay fit. You've chosen instead to follow your own path, which has been an exciting journey. Your progress has inspired others. This period suggests that it's time to reflect on all you've achieved and make changes to your routines where needed.

### CALENDAR this

#### BUNCO FUN PLANNED

P.E.O. Chapter FF is having a bunco party on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Crescenta Valley Church, 4001 La Crescenta Ave. All are invited to join in on the fun and help support P.E.O. charitable projects benefiting women's education. There will be cash prizes for bunco winners!

Tickets are \$5 at the door, but space is limited so please reserve a place at [d.kraut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.kraut@sbcglobal.net).

#### RIVERWALK WORKDAY

All are invited on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to volunteer at the Los Angeles River on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk as workers remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas. Those who are interested in helping should 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.

In case of rain, this event will be canceled.

Volunteers meet at 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale. RSVP is necessary; visit <https://tinyurl.com/2pm2hjuc> to RSVP.

#### WE LOVE TO LAUGH

The perfect opportunity to laugh, sing and have fun is coming to Bolton Hall Museum on the evening of Aug. 13. As a fundraiser for Bolton Hall Museum, the Randy Van Horne Singers are donating their talents for the evening's entertainment. The two-hour program, emceed by Sunland-Tujunga's own songstress Franny McCartney includes a sing-along of some favorite tunes and special guest appearances by local celebrities with humorous and crazy stories about our community.

Yummy desserts will be served during intermission and a prize drawing features items and gift certificates donated by local businesses and services.

See Bolton Hall Museum's website for more information and order tickets online from <https://boltonhall.org/>.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. Tujunga

#### FALL OPENING SOCIAL AND 'MUSIC JAM' PLAY-IN

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its fall opening social and "Music Jam" play-in on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. at the west end of the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park, 5021 Tilden Ave., Sherman Oaks. All students studying Suzuki violin and/or guitar are invited, including beginners.

Attendees can bring their own dinner and a treat to share, and there will be music games, "jamming" on fiddle tunes, world music and Suzuki pieces. For more information, visit [www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org](http://www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org).

#### 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>.

#### BUTTERFLY GARDEN PRESENTATION

Betina Loudermilk will be making a presentation about building a garden for butterflies. She'll teach attendees about some common butterflies that will be found and what plants to put in a garden to attract them. She'll discuss the differences between natives and non-native plants and their value to butterflies.

The community is invited to attend the Crescenta Valley Group and the Verdugo Hills Group of the Sierra Club for this joint presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. To register for this upcoming one hour webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/2p93shsd>.

#### SUZUKI WAY PARENT ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION NIGHT

The Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) will hold its "Making Music the Suzuki Way – Every Child Can Learn!" parent orientation and information night on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. via Zoom. All adults are invited to attend.

For more information, visit [www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org](http://www.SuzukiMusicofLA.org). To receive the Zoom link, RSVP at <http://www.suzukimusicofla.org/contact.html>. The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.



# RELIGION

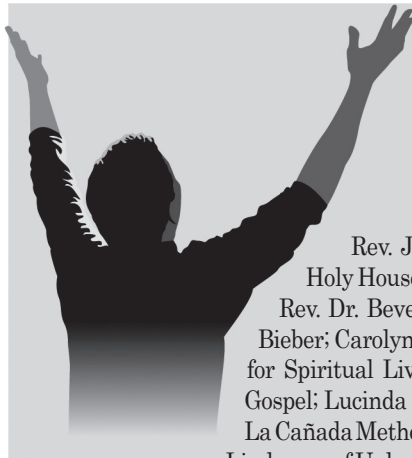
**Question:** Our 13-year-old daughter, we'll call her "Ginger," was very close to her Grandma Jo who passed away this past March. We had a beautiful memorial service and Ginger read a letter she wrote to her grandma. Grandma Jo lived with us and cared for Ginger while we both worked. Ginger is having difficulty accepting that her Grandma Jo is gone from our lives. We all went to a grief group but Ginger felt she didn't fit in because she was the youngest one there.

Whenever Grandma Jo's name is mentioned Ginger cries. When she cries we feel like crying, too, because of the emotional pain she is going through. Please make suggestions that will help us to help her navigate her grief.

~ Loving Parents

Dear Loving Parents,  
I can very much appreciate how valuable, meaningful and deep your daughter's relationship with her grandmother was, and how keenly and devastating it is to lose someone she loved and cared for, and who loved and cared for her. The suffering from that kind of loss can be very intense and can take a while to heal. I am happy to see that you chose grief counseling for the family and a little distressed to hear your daughter did not feel she fit in because it is important for her to talk it out, and feel she is understood and supported.

Here are just a couple of suggestions: A young person can be easily intimidated by group sharing, especially with older people where she might fear being negatively judged. It also does involve a bit of



## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

### SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson, RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber; Carolyn Young; Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan of Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Dabney Beck of International Church of the Four Square Gospel; Lucinda Guarino; Pastor Randy Foster of Christian Life Church; Karin Ellis of La Cañada Methodist Church; Rev. Rev. Sharri James of UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman of Upland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Rob Holman of St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson of One Heart Retreat Center; Rev. KC Slack of Unitarian Universalist of the Verdugo Hills; Rev. Jeff Blanton and Rev. Emanuel David of Community Life Church; Rev. Karen Mitchell of High Desert Center for Spiritual Living; Rev. Kyle Sears of La Cañada Congregational Church; Michelle Gillette, Unity Chaplain/Pasadena; Andy Gero, VFW Chaplain; Katie O'Brien, runningstream48@yahoo.com

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a learning curve on how to open up and the guidance in a group share is not always as focused as some might need to initially learn how to do that.

Secondly, being exposed to others people's pain when you are unable to deal with your own can be more burdensome rather than liberating, especially when this level of suffering prevents you from seeing the common ground that is a helpful aspect of the group experience. I would encourage you to put her into individual grief counseling. Any child needs individual guidance in acquiring the life skill necessary to deal with their first traumatic experience of death and loss that will not be easily gained in a group setting. The state may have publicly funded individual youth grief counseling or mental health programs you could check into. Likewise your local church may have designated and trained grief counselors who could give her the individual focus she currently needs. In my experience, most people who are not familiar with the process of counseling need a one-on-one with a counselor until she can first get to that trust level where she can begin to open up and share her feelings. Afterwards, group counseling can be a continued benefit and support.

For now, individual counseling

is the practical step you can take.

But you are not limited to that. There are two spiritual steps that can be taken and will be helpful, as well as supportive, of the counseling the family is doing. Ernest Holmes, the founder of the Science of Mind, once said that if you wish to change something in your life, you need only change your mind. Re-framing an experience in your mind can help overcome any limiting barrier. In this case, it involves taking baby steps (not always easy at first) from an attitude of loss to an attitude of gratitude. That is, to an attitude of thanksgiving and celebration for the wonderful gift that Grandma Jo was in your lives. By releasing the focus away from a profound sense of regret, or irreplaceable loss and pain being experienced now, to one where the memory of Grandma Jo (realizing we all have but a short time in this world) can be openly acknowledged, treasured, celebrated and enjoyed for her brief time among you as the great gift and blessing she was. Doing so will go far in helping to move each of you towards the peace of mind you seek over her loss.

The second spiritual step you can take is using the power of affirmative prayer. At the Centers for Spiritual Living, we strongly believe in the power of prayer,

in the power of the Word, to heal negative conditions both inward and outward. With affirmative prayer, we do not beg for the Good we desire, but rather speak our word "knowing" that by doing so, the good we desire will manifest.

Here is a little affirmative prayer you can use. Say it to yourself whenever you feel challenged by concern over your daughter's current condition. It will help her in ways that will amaze you.


"My daughter is the beloved child of God. God's perfect light of healing and goodness completely surrounds her. It heals her, comforts her, protects, strengthens and sustains her, giving her perfect peace of mind in all things. Her happiness and confidence is restored. I give profound thanks for this wonderful blessing. And so it is. Amen."

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Dear Loving Parents,  
As a licensed clinical social worker, having done grief counseling and grief groups for years, I haven't come across many for children. But there are many things you can do to help your child. One of my favorites is the grief box made from a shoebox. Have your daughter decorate it with pictures of Grandma Jo or

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7PM

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1700 Foothill Blvd.  
La Cañada Flintridge  
**WORSHIP WITH US!**  
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Sundays  
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## NOTES & NODS

**LCIF News**  
Lutheran Church in the Foothills is helping families in need by collecting supplies needed for the coming school year. The church is assembling kits and donations are appreciated. Those who would like to help can drop off the following items at the church: 70 page spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, crayons (box of 16 or 24 only), and rulers (30 centimeters/12 inches).  
LCIF is holding a blood drive in its fellowship hall on Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those who would like to donate at the blood drive can make an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).  
LCIF also offers these programs all summer: Bible study groups, knitting and quilting; opportunities to learn live-streaming media production and more! A movie night for families is planned for Sept. 30. All are welcome! Sunday worship service is held at 10 a.m. in person and online.  
LCIF 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.

For more information or to request/offer help, email [office@lcifoohills.org](mailto:office@lcifoohills.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.  
**Walk and Word**  
In August, 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 Aug. 13, 20 and 27. 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 [jnlavieri@earthlink.net](mailto:jnlavieri@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.



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things that Grandma liked ... flowers, animals, etc. ... using a glue stick. Inside Ginger can put family pictures, trinkets or whatever reminds her of Grandma. She can also make a little shrine to her in her bedroom. Put pictures, candles, hearts, flowers, verses to read, etc. on a pretty piece of fabric near a place where she likes to sit. Go thru family albums and talk about the pictures.

Check out your local bookstore for books on children grieving. Also, let her talk about Grandma Jo. When she cries, ask her where her tears are coming from. Say a prayer at night and be sure to use Grandma Jo's name.

Carolyn Young, LCSW  
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**Q**uestion: My mother-in-law "Jane" and I have a great relationship. Our problem with her is she won't ask for help. She tells us she thinks we're too busy. Yes, we are busy; we both work and have three school age children, but are more

than willing to take time for her.

A recent situation is causing us to rethink how involved we should be in her life. We called several times – no answer. She does a lot of volunteer work, still drives and is very independent, so we just assumed she was out and about.

After about five days and still unable to reach her, we went to her home. We have a key and let ourselves in. We found her sick in bed where she'd been for over a week she told us. We have no idea the last time she had eaten. She had been dizzy and had lost her balance and fell several times but somehow was able to get herself up. We immediately called her doctor to make an appointment who advised we take her straight to the ER. The diagnosis is an inner ear infection for which she is now being treated.

She scolded us for taking time away from work to take care of her. We told her we always have time for her no matter how it changes our schedules.

This was our wake up call to stay in much closer touch with her.

Is there a way to convince her she is absolutely not a burden to us? And perhaps you could mention to others who have older parents to frequently check in with them as well. ~ Concerned Daughter-in-Law

Dear Concerned Daughter-in-Law,

Your instincts are correct. She needs your attention. In fact, no one can totally make it on their own – especially when sick – even with just a cold. Spending a week like that could be extremely detrimental to anyone's health condition.

However, she sounds like she might be very sensitive to being seen as less than independent. You don't want to make her feel that she is being treated as a child or seen as old or incapable in any way. How about a weekly meal together or an outing and a phone call at another time in the week? She probably would love the time with the family and it could be a high point in the week for all.

Your children need quality time with her as well. That way you can advance your great relationship and keep her closer at the same time. She might scold you but she is part of your family and her scolding is irrelevant. Many women have been socialized to not take care of their own needs or even be aware of them and definitely not to ask for help. It is time to include her in your life, not to take time from your life for her. Her life is involved with you not in some compartment you take time to peek at. So don't just say you can make time for her, just make time with her and enhance the lives of all your family including your children who need quality time with her as well.

Going forward may you have many wonderful experiences together with your whole family. Elders can add depth and breadth to your life; they have so much to share from their treasure trove of understanding and know-how. The point is your life will be better



Anthony Kelson, RScP



Carolyn Young, LCSW



Rabbi Janet Bieber



Pastor Randy Foster

and more meaningful with them woven into the fabric of your day to day.

Rabbi Janet Bieber  
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Dear Concerned Daughter-in-Law,

It's commendable that your mother-in-law is independent, still drives and does a lot of volunteer work. However, it often seems that those who give a lot of their time and resources to others struggle to receive help from others. It's possible that because they reach out to the less fortunate they often think whatever needs they may have are so much less important than the needs of others. The negative side of this is that it often equates to shutting others out and not receiving the help they need, even from their loved ones.

On the other hand, there are so many reasons why some people have difficulty asking for help. Sometimes it's pride, other times it's simply that they don't want to be a burden or bother to others as she has told you. Whatever the reason she refuses your help, I'm sure you continue to feel the responsibility to reach out and

help her. And that's exactly what you did.

Fortunately, you were able to intervene for your mother-in-law and get her to the ER where she could get the medical attention she needed. But I'm sure, foremost in your mind, is that she doesn't have another situation like this again.

To answer your question about how to convince her she's absolutely not a burden to you: I would hope that the more you regularly call and check in with her as well as involve her in your family life and activities, the more she will come to realize that she's not a burden to you but an integral part of who you are as a family. It would be a great idea to have your children hand write and color notes to her now and then and send them to her – letting her know how special she is to them. I would also suggest that you remind her of all the years she was there for your husband as he was growing up and how it's your turn now to be there for her in the latter years of her life.

It was the Apostle Paul who wrote in Philippians 2:1-2 (the Message): "If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if His love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care – then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends." I'm sure that's your heart for your mother-in-law and I will be praying that you will be able to show her your love and care in a way that she will receive it and reach out in return when she is in need.

Blessings!

Pastor Randy Foster  
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## PET OF THE WEEK



This is Naveen, a 3 year old White's Tree Frog who resides in Upper Briggs Terrace in La Crescenta CA. CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to [steve@cvweekly.com](mailto:steve@cvweekly.com) to share your lovable pets with the community!

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# BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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## Up Next ... CV Weekly Mixer and More

Saturday, July 23 ... what an evening! Whether it was getting ready for tri tip or pulled pork slider barbeque in the beautiful St. Luke's of the Mountains Church courtyard or the prospect of winning some money playing bingo inside Sadler Hall, over 100 enthusiasts showed up and thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Kudos to Stephen Mack and the St. Luke's of the Mountains Church staff, to our game sponsors, and a huge "thank you" to the dedicated and supportive veterans from American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 for making this evening a success.

You can help support and show your appreciation for our local veterans by attending their bingo event on Friday, Aug. 19 at Holy Redeemer Church (Healy Hall) or consider sponsoring one of their \$100 games by contacting Mike Baldwin at [mhbaldwin1960@sbc-global.net](mailto:mhbaldwin1960@sbc-global.net).

### Announcements:

Save the date ... next up is the "Show Your Team Colors" at the CV Chamber mixer at the CV Weekly on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. Located at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. (n/e corner of La Crescenta Avenue & Honolulu Avenue), publisher Robin Goldsworthy and staff will be offering live music, catered food from Gail's Gourmet A Go-Go, a Chamber member only drawing worth \$175, raffle drawing gifts and prizes, and numerous opportunities to meet other community business members. You won't want to miss this mixer!

Previously mentioned is the Friday, Aug. 19 Veterans Bingo Night at Holy Redeemer Church (Healy Hall) with the first game starting at 6 p.m. Our local veterans are counting on your support.

The 9/11 Patriot Day Remembrance Motorcade honoring our fallen first responders and those we lost on Sept. 11, 2001 will commence from the Ralph's Marketplace parking lot at 8:46 a.m. on Friday morning, Sept. 9. Route details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

### Newest Members:

We are proud to announce recent new business members to our Crescenta Valley Chamber family. Freight Right Global Logistics (Sebastian Hovsepian, owner) delivers global supply chain solutions; Arkos Wealth Management (Frank Virgallito, owner) provides professional financial planning; Current Music (Maddie Madsen, CEO) a boutique music licensing and custom music house; and Robin Learning Systems (Robin Johnson, owner) providing business coaching and consulting. We welcome our newest members to the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce family.

### Emergency Preparedness Tip:

Be watchful and respond by calling 9-1-1 to any sign of an emergency situation ... the sighting of smoke in our mountains, elderly people showing signs of distress or confusion, pets or children left alone in vehicles, especially with windows rolled up, reckless drivers, especially those around our schools,



and any unusual activity that affects the safety of others. Provide as many details as possible before contacting the authorities. Your actions as a responsible citizen may save a life.

CV Chamber Membership Opportunities:

If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at [info@crescentavalleychamber.org](mailto:info@crescentavalleychamber.org). You may also access our Cham-

ber website at [www.crescentavalleychamber.org](http://www.crescentavalleychamber.org).

Remember our Chamber motto, "Our Business is Your Business."

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## Fresh Brothers Plans Grand Opening

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Friday, Fresh Brothers will be hosting its grand opening, continuing the pizza legacy set by George's Pizzeria at 720 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

Scott Goldman, Fresh Brothers pizza co-founder, said the company looks for a strong community-based location with good family values when

choosing where to open their restaurants.

He said they of course look at a population that can support the business but community involvement is their primary key to opening.

"When I first came to La Cañada I fell in love with it," he said. "It felt like I was back home."

Goldman is from suburban areas

of Chicago and Indiana. He started working at a pizza place when he was 18 years old. The owner of the restaurant told Goldman he was going to sell the pizza place.

"I asked my dad to [invest] my first year of college tuition to buy the pizza [place]," he said. "We still own it today."

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/BUSINESS](http://CVWeekly.com/BUSINESS)

PETER ROSENTHAL  
V.I.P. TRUST DEED

## Beat Your Lender

I'm sure you have heard advertising for mortgage refinance programs that are amortized over 10-15 years instead of the standard 30-year term. There is a common thread to all of these programs and that thread can be easily described with the two words that I have been preaching for 40 years – pay more.

One does not need a structured program to pay more; just do it. As an example, if your payment is \$1,753 per month you can pay \$1,760, \$1,800 or even \$10,000. Any overpayment will be automatically deducted from your principal balance and next month you will only be charged interest on the lower balance. As you continue to do this, the principal balance will keep dropping

and your loan will be paid off sooner. Some people prefer to overpay \$50-\$100 each month, while others prefer to overpay a larger amount from time to time.

A couple of cautions: make certain your loan does not have a prepayment penalty. Even if your loan has a penalty, it will probably allow you to repay 20% of the principal in any calendar year. Do not pay exactly two or three times a regular payment as your lender may assume you are going on vacation and are paying three months in advance. I recommend that you include a note with your payment that says "apply overpayment to principal." This is not necessary because there is no other way to apply your payment;

however, some lenders will just put the overpayment in "suspense." Save yourself the hassle and add the note.

One last thought. I am often asked if making a large prepayment will result in a lower monthly payment. No, your payment will stay the same but a larger portion of your monthly payment will be applied to principal and, again, your loan will be paid off sooner. If you are internet friendly, you can easily run a sample loan amortization schedule using your regular payment and then another schedule with your payment plus \$100, plus \$200, etc.

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### NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

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 8/18/2022 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Keith Berton Ogle. 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, July 28, August 4, 2022.

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out I was right, and those projects were just the beginning of the construction nightmare we have been enduring ever since. For the last eight years, every single freeway in the area has been ripped up, sometimes multiple times and a few were made even worse. Most of our local streets have also been torn up with “cone zones” at every turn. If you look at the chaos collectively, it is just so unsettling and I wonder whether it will all be worth it in the end.

There have been many sound wall projects since 2014 and La Cañada Flintridge leads the charge with four phases of sound wall segments. We are currently experiencing phases III and IV, scheduled to be completed around May 2023. Sound walls are also planned for the unincorporated LA County and Glendale portions of La Crescenta and will likely be in phases by two different entities. Pasadena, Arcadia and Burbank can look forward to even more disruption with their sound wall projects scheduled for 2022 through 2025.

The western end of the 210 Freeway has had many projects in the last decade. The current one is the 9.7-mile stretch from Wheatland Avenue in Lake View Terrace to the I-5 Freeway. The pavement rehabilitation project is intended to extend the life of the road for 40 years. It includes ramps, connectors, medians, signals and signs. It began in summer 2020 and is projected to be completed in winter 2023-24.

Another project that seems less invasive so far is the Connected Corridors pilot project that began in spring 2020 and will continue through winter 2023-24. This is a two-phase project; the first segment begins at the 210 and 134 transition and continues to the 605; the second segment runs from the 210 at the 605 to Foothill Boulevard in San Dimas. This is the first of 50 such proposed projects statewide that will bring an integrated corridor management program using emerging technologies with the goal of improving mobility.

I am all for better freeway performance but I can't help but fear Caltrans turning on the already installed rows of overhead signals that have hovered like sleeping giants and causing traffic to stall completely.

There are a few street improvement projects currently underway along Foothill Boulevard and on Honolulu Avenue at Pennsylvania Avenue. It continues to be a challenge to navigate the corridor. There are two other street improvement projects planned for La Crescenta Avenue; one in unincorporated LA County and the other in the Glendale portion. Both will be finalized soon.

Let's hope that the slew of construction projects is completed before too long, perhaps by the 2028 Olympic Games? Or maybe just in time to break ground on the California High Speed Rail tunnels.

Sigh.

Susan Bolan  
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LIONS CLUB from COVER

Mack also emphasized the hope to start a compost project and to educate the community on the importance of urban farming. She said that people knowing how to grow their own crops is becoming increasingly necessary to provide access to sustainable, affordable food sources. Providing healthful food in a way that reduces energy costs of food production is a major environmental benefit of urban farms.

“We want young folks to know how you can have a thriving garden even in the city or in an urban setting,” she added. Doing so can reduce transportation costs, boost the local economy and lead to better air quality, along with many other benefits.

Kim Sandoval – CV Lions special events coordinator – echoed Mack's desire to increase production of the garden.

“I saw that [the garden] needed a lot of help, so I was able to secure the grant to award the club and the rest is history,” she joked. “Hopefully now, with more volunteers, community

outreach and the ability to purchase more gardening tools and supplies, there will be an ongoing larger harvest that can serve more and more families.”

She stressed that anyone who is interested in participating is welcome to come and that June and she are always available if the community needs anything. The CV Lions Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. on church grounds, 2563 Foothill Blvd. For questions or to sign up to volunteer in the upcoming weeks email lions91214@gmail.com.

Lions Clubs International is the largest non-profit service organization in the world, with over one million members in over 200 countries. Lions have been active in California for the past century and are committed to providing life-changing services for the visually and hearing impaired as well as humanitarian support in areas such as the environment, diabetes, pediatric cancer, and eliminating hunger.

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According to Supervisor Mitchell, the Board, with support from community advocates and the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, has taken significant steps to create a system of accountability and transparency in which the sheriff can operate lawfully – this includes granting the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission the power to subpoena the sheriff. However, this system lacks a sustainable ability to quickly respond to

unlawful actions and egregious misconduct within a County that has a history of sheriff corruption. In May of this year, the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission issued a resolution urging the Board to place a charter amendment on the November ballot to strengthen accountability for public safety by establishing additional checks and balances on the Sheriff.

“For the Civilian Oversight Commission, the action taken by the Board of Supervisors is a step toward bringing another means for accountability to an office that wields power and influence over our community” said Brian Williams, executive director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission.

The Board approved the July 12 motion, authored by Chair Holly J. Mitchell and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, directing County counsel to draft the ordinance to bring the charter amendment to voters.

A copy of the ordinance is available at [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS).

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