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Portantino Delivers \$23 Million Affordable Housing Grant

By Ruth SOWBY

State Senator Anthony Portantino was the man of the hour at the Sept. 27 meeting of the Glendale City Council. The Senator, City of Glendale Mayor Ardy Kassakhian and councilmembers posed for photos with a giant replica check for \$23 million, made out to the “3 Cities Housing Trust” for affordable housing.

“The high cost of housing has had a devastating affect on Californians, especially on lower income and workforce households in Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena,” said Portantino.

“The City of Glendale is incredibly grateful to the governor for recognizing the tri cities’ creative approach to bringing more affordable housing to our region,” said Kassakhian. “Glendale is ready to get to work with our neighboring cities of Burbank and Pasadena to help meet the housing needs of vulnerable individuals and families in the region.”

The three cities – Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena – have nearly 3,000 affordable housing units in the combined development pipeline, including permanent supportive housing, senior housing, workforce housing and affordable home ownership units. Due to insufficient local funding, the backlog of affordable housing projects has been unable to be completed.

SB 1177, authored by Senator Portantino, creates a regional housing trust that would be administered by a joint powers authority (JPA) composed of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena. Under the bill, the JPA would be allowed to request and receive private state funding allocations. The JPA would

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Dunsmore Elementary School’s Ribbon Cutting Celebrates New Mural

By Ruth SOWBY

Parents come together to create a new mural and refurbished garden.

On Tuesday, Dunsmore Elementary School in La Crescenta unveiled a new mural painted by artist-parents Christin Briggs and Alique Pempejian. Fusako Ogasawara, grandmother to some of the children who attend the school, is the calligraphy artist. The three artists participated in an enthusiastic ribbon cutting on a red carpet in front of the mural that featured “Dunsmore” in huge letters at the school’s entrance.

Also part of the ceremony was Dunsmore Elementary Foundation member Elizabeth Burner who greeted parents, children and guests. Over a year in the making, the mural was the first thing children saw as they entered the school grounds beginning their fall semester.

Burner said that the mural helped to address some of the



students’ post-pandemic concerns about returning to the campus.

“[Many of our children] coming to school were a little nervous,” said Burner. She explained that to address their concerns parents contacted the artist-parents to create the mural then also embellished the school’s garden by adding native plants.

Also greeting the audience was Dr. Vivian Ekchian, Glendale

Unified School District Superintendent.

“I’m grateful to be here,” said Ekchian. “It’s all about our youth. They are our leaders of tomorrow.”

Surrounding school principal Kelly Worley as she cut the ribbon were Student Council President Scarlett Palmstrom, artist-parents Briggs and Pempejian, calligrapher Ogasawara, Mary Pinola, namesake of the Mary

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
 Dunsmore Elementary School Principal Kelly Worley cuts the ribbon in front of the school’s new mural. She’s joined by school VIPs including (from left) mural artist-parents Alique Pempejian (wearing black hat) with her baby, and Christin Briggs; Dunsmore Foundation Secretary Maricela Marroquin; mural calligrapher Fusako Ogasawara; Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian (in back of Ogasawara); Student Body Council President Scarlett Palmstrom (next to principal); and Dunsmore Principal Kelly Worley.

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Povilaitis Moves Forward with Retirement

By Mary O’KEEFE

Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis is retiring after over three decades of serving the City of Glendale. He will leave the department on Friday.

Povilaitis has spent most of his life as a Glendale police officer, so when asked how he plans to go from being connected 24/7 to having some real free time, he replied, “I hear it is an adjustment.”

Povilaitis said he decided to join the police force because he wanted to help people. His uncle was a state trooper and retired the year Povilaitis was sworn in, so there was a family connection. When talking to Povilaitis,

though, one quickly discovers this was not just a job for him but a calling.

He affirmed that part of the reason he wanted to join the force was his uncle’s work but it was also his education through the Episcopal, Catholic and Jesuit faiths that taught him he could make a place a little bit better. He felt the way he could do that was through service as a police officer.

“I tell people there is no better profession on the face of the Earth,” he said. “I think it’s a noble profession.”

Over the years there have been a lot of changes in law enforcement from the addition of technology to community perception of the badge. Povilaitis has seen a lot of changes within GPD,

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After more than 30 years, City of Glendale police chief Carl Povilaitis is retiring from the force.

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The Perils of Getting Here

I don't know if I have shared with you that the Goldsworthy family is growing ... again.

Son Matthew, who lives in North Carolina, is expecting a little girl in the next few days (our third granddaughter – girls 3, boys 0) with his gal. Naturally, being the eager grandma that I am, as the due date drew near I made plans to travel to North Carolina to welcome Mia Rose.

What I didn't realize was how difficult it would be to get here.

I made arrangements to fly out of Burbank to Phoenix (two-hour layover) then onto Raleigh. Getting to Phoenix was no problem. I had good seats for the short jaunt and a big airport where I could spend the time between flights. (Thankfully they had a delicious burger bar where I could special order a burger of my choice. Yummy!)

Trouble started brewing when there was delay in boarding passengers. Apparently a flight attendant, who had checked in earlier, had disappeared making the crew short-staffed. Flight rules don't allow passengers to even board until all crew is on-site and ready to go. So we had to wait for another crewmember to replace the missing one.

Delay number 1.

That person finally arrived and it was time to board. Fortunately we had only been delayed about 20 minutes – a good thing because, if you remember, you lose three hours when traveling east. I had boarded in Burbank at noon and wasn't expected in North Carolina until 11 p.m., which already concerned me because I knew that despite a late pickup Matt would

have to work the next day.

After boarding and taxiing down the runway, we suddenly stopped. A sandstorm – not a phenomenon in Arizona – had brewed up, preventing us from taking off.

I had never seen a sandstorm other than on television and was amazed by its ferocity. Once again I was seated comfortably, next to a window, so I was able to peer continually outside as the sand, buffeted by high winds, slammed the plane. I had turned off "airplane mode" on my phone so I was able to send photos to my son to alert him of my situation. He, in turn, sent me photos of the movie "The Mummy," which featured torrential sandstorms. Could be worse.

Delay number 2.

Thankfully within 30 minutes the sandstorm abated – but the winds didn't. At gusts at 52 mph (according to the captain) we were unable to take off and had to wait until the weather quieted down. That took another 45 minutes or so.

Delay number 3.

Eventually we were able to take off and made good time, arriving in Raleigh at around 12:45 a.m. By the time I got my bags and Matt made his way to the airport, we were off to his house around 1:30 a.m. Ugh.

And here I sit, ready for Miss Mia to make her debut.

Know what? Despite the drama of getting here, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

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Weather Watch

By Mary O'KEEFE

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

In this space I write a lot about doom and gloom because, quite frankly, when talking about climate change it's mostly gloom. We are now living in the world science fiction writers have been warning us about for generations, and most of us do not like hearing "I told you so;" however, this is exactly what Mother Nature is saying.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the amount of ice in the Antarctic Sea set a record low in August 2022 when the world saw the sixth warmest climate in 143 years. The month of August wrapped up the Northern Hemisphere's second-hottest meteorological summer on record. This does not lend any comfort to our philosophy that, if we behave just a little better, things will get a lot better.

With ocean waters warming, hurricanes like Ian will be more common and rain will be torrential or non-existent. The destruction that occurred in Florida breaks our hearts and frightens us because we know this is a warning for Californians to get ready for similar disasters. So again – I want to remind every single reader to be prepared for what is to come.

The International ShakeOut Day is Oct. 20. Go to shakeout.org to see what can/should be done to prepare for the next large earthquake. Also visit fire.lacounty.gov, glendaleca.gov, burbankfire.us and lafd.org. All of these fire departments have information on how to be proactive and provide education on what to do when a wildfire occurs.

As we saw in Florida, after residents evacuated, or even when they didn't, the devastation experienced by many Floridians is now a terrifying reality. And as in science fiction movies we see people walking through the streets in a daze as they discover what is left of an area. What we almost never see is what neighbors ... good neighbors ... are doing.

In science fiction movies we often see people

fighting each other when supply trucks show up, people grabbing guns to protect their property, and just being selfish. And honestly, we have seen this type of behavior – the worst of humanity – without a natural disaster occurring. What we often don't see is the true grace of humanity that is found when the cameras stop rolling.

This morning I saw a very brief story of a high school football team cleaning up a local home. Though their school was affected by Ian, the team members wanted to help their neighbors. If you hunt more stories can be found of school kids helping out after Hurricane Ian. These are examples of what teenagers are doing to help their community. This not only teaches them a valuable lesson in being a responsible citizen of the world but it also gives hope to those who are feeling hopeless. What we often don't see when we watch movies or even the news media are those small efforts that mean so much. We are all so blessed that we have emergency responders in California and throughout the country who are dedicated and well trained for any disaster. In Florida you can hear in their voices the need to help when they talk about not being able to respond during the storm. But now it's about boots on the ground and working. There is another force that is so meaningful and that is the community of volunteers – just regular residents, including students – who roll up their sleeves and help their fellow humans.

For the foothills, the weather is going to hover in the high 80s/low 90s. The good news is that nights will be cooler – in the mid 60s. Next Wednesday we may be seeing temperatures reach into the high 70s. No rain or big wind events are predicted. Tonight NOAA reported there will be five to 10 miles per hour north/northeast winds becoming south/southeast in the afternoon but no strong wind events are predicted and, of course, no rain expected.

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ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants the pose a fire danger to the Preserve.

Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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

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

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

OFF-RAMP CLEANUP RESUMES

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

VETERANS HOST MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Local veterans host a monthly breakfast at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of the month. The breakfast is free to all local veterans and supporters, but donations are always graciously accepted. This month's breakfast is on Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Guest speaker is new Glendale Community College president/superintendent Ryan Cornner.

The Hall is located at 4011 La Crescenta Ave.

RACKING-BOTTLING-LABELING EVENT HOSTED BY STONEBARN VINEYARD CONSERVANCY

StoneBarn Vineyard Conservancy is hosting another Racking-Bottling-Labeling event on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Discussion is also planned of the latest harvest, grape varieties, terroir and participants' questions. Tasting and note taking included.

No cost to members of the StoneBarn Vineyard Conservancy. Those who would like to join the Conservancy and for further information call Stuart Byles at (818) 249-2414.

FRIENDS OF LA CRESCENTA LIBRARY

The Friends of La Crescenta Library invites the community to its members' only library book presale. Membership is available, too, by joining at the door or at the library ahead of time. (Memberships are based on a calendar year.)

The members' only presale is on Friday, Oct. 7 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the library, 2809 Foothills Blvd.

The library book sale is open to the general public on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SAMPLE BALLOTS IN THE MAIL

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) has begun mailing sample ballots to all registered voters for the 2022 General Election. The sample ballot contains critical election information related to candidates, measures and how to safely vote by mail or in-person in this election.

Sample ballots are mailed continuously through Oct. 14. Vote by Mail ballots in this election is scheduled to begin mailing on Oct. 6.

The RR/CC provides translated election materials in 18 different languages. Voters can request to receive their materials in their preferred language by returning the Language Request Form on the back of the Sample Ballot Book, or by calling (800) 815-2666, option 3.

In mid-October the RR/CC will issue a separate mailing to all registered voters displaying the nearest Vote Center locations to the voter's residence.

MEETINGS PLANNED ABOUT PARKING ORDINANCE

Those who live or work in an unincorporated community in LA County are invited to participate in one of three evening Zoom meetings to discuss the proposed parking ordinance for multifamily housing for the unincorporated community. Sign up for one of the meeting dates at <https://tinyurl.com/38hxs7z4>. Meeting dates are Oct. 11, 12 and 13.

NEW COUNCILMEMBER AND CITY MANAGER TO SPEAK AT NNGHA

Glendale residents will have the opportunity to question new Glendale Councilmember Elen Asatryan and City Manager Roubik Golanian when they appear as guest speakers at Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association's annual meeting on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. This event will be both an in-person and on Zoom. It takes place at Brand Library Auditorium, 1601 W. Mountain St. for those who want to attend in-person.

Zoom attendees need to register at NNGHA's website <https://nwglendaleha.org>. They can ask questions using the chat button.

All interested residents are invited, members and non-members.

For more information, call (818) 754-8274.

Touch A Truck Raises Funds While Kids Have Fun



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE and Ruth SOWBY
One of the many Touch A Truck attendees sits tall in a city garbage truck, a popular attraction at the event.

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Sunday, Sept. 25, the Glendale Police Dept. sponsored a Touch A Truck event that raised money for the American Cancer Society.

Over 1,000 people walked through the parking lot at the Elks Lodge on Colorado Street in Glendale. Kids, and adults, got to not only touch but also sit and pretend to drive large and small vehicles including a very popular truck attraction – a Glendale city garbage truck.

There was a lot to see and do and it could have been a little overwhelming for kids. Vehicles on display included a school bus, street/storm drain cleaning truck, fire engines, law enforcement and Montrose Search and Rescue vehicles.

The event was fun with a purpose – the funds raised through the Elks Lodge pancake breakfast and raffle were earmarked for the American Cancer Society.

“It was amazing,” said Amy Tate, GPD service police officer and organizer of the Touch A Truck event. This was the first time Tate and organizing partner officer Selene Corrales had planned this type of event.

Tate reached out to many in the city and beyond and was pleased with the support she received. When asked if this event will become a tradition, Tate responded, “That is the question of the day.”

She added that most of the difficult parts of organizing the event – like making contacts with supporters and securing a location – were done, making it easier to hold a similar event in the future. In addition Tate is proud that the GPD was the force behind the event.

There were booths that shared cancer awareness information and allowed people to join “Be The Match,” the registration for those willing to donate bone marrow.

Tate added the feedback she received so far has been very positive and, although the final dollar amount has not been tallied, she believes the event has collected about \$3,000 that will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

“It was [great] seeing all the kids, and my family was there,” she said. “My little cousin has cancer and he got to climb into the cars [and trucks].”

Tate said she wanted to thank all of those who participated from Glendale and LA County, and the many who donated for the event including Smart & Final at Glenoaks and Allen, which donated all the water that was sold with funds dedicated to the American Cancer Society. The store also donated the orange juice and eggs that were used for the Elks Lodge breakfast with the proceeds also dedicated to the American Cancer Society.

The Elks Lodge, whose members include retired GPD Officer Joe Allen, received a special thanks from Tate.

For those who were not able to attend the Touch A Truck event but would like to donate

to the American Cancer Society visit cancer.org. Checks can be made payable to American Cancer Society and mailed to the Glendale Police Dept., Attn: Amy Tate, 131 N. Isabel St., Glendale, California 91206.

For more photos, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.



Retiring Glendale Police Chief Carl Povilaitis, on right, puts safety first along with Officer Anthony Ruiz. Elizabeth Noorjani, 3, powers up a police motorcycle at Touch a Truck.

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

By Mary O'KEEFE

At the end of September members of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church/San Lucas de las Montañas celebrated Hispanic heritage with lots of food from areas including Mexico, Cuba and El Salvador. The celebration also included music from La Nueva Conspiración, seen here on stage.



An assortment of food was served at the Hispanic Heritage celebration

NOTES & NODS

LCIF NEWS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills gets ready to send off much-needed school supplies and quilts to people around the world. The items will receive a blessing during worship on Sunday, Oct. 16. A total 75 backpacks were loaded with school supplies donated by church members as well as members of our foothill communities. LCIF's Quilting Group hand stitched more than 35 quilts to be used as bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. The backpacks and quilts will be distributed through Lutheran World Relief.

The Quilting Group meets weekly and welcomes anyone who can tie a knot and use scissors.

LCIF will offer a Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 23. Well-behaved pets can come to worship service. Alternatively, pets can receive a blessing after the service. All are welcome to attend the event, which will include a petting zoo on the front

lawn and a potluck lunch. Anyone interested in contributing a dish should contact the church's office.

This Sunday, Pastor Chuck Bunnell will lead worship in person and online beginning at 10 a.m. During the weekly worship service, elementary school children are invited to join a fun filled hour of learning at Sunday school. The children meet in the sanctuary for a special children's message with the pastor, then head to the Youth Room for games and study.

Pastor Bunnell would also like to remind 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.

Visit lcifoothills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to

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

LIFT UP LA CRESCENTA PREPARES FOR FAST

Lift Up La Crescenta is issuing a call to fast – whether from food, the Internet, the phone or social media – from Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. until Saturday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. There will be a kick-off at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta for one hour on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. The goal of the fast is to help members focus on things spiritual and spend time with prayer or reading Scripture or doing service during that time. It could be for one hour, a morning or evening or all day depending on what is being fasted

from.

Scripture reference: Acts 3:19.

Plans are to break the fast at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Deukmejian Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta, where participants can possibly share a potluck dinner – if enough people volunteer to bring meals to share. If not, there will be a time of prayer; firm plans will be decided later.

Please email liftuplacrescenta@gmail.com so organizers can get some idea of how many will be participating.

WALK AND WORD

In October, 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 Oct.

9, 16, 23 & 30. 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.

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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one of those being the introduction of community policing.

“That’s really in step with the Glendale tradition of making sure that we have a strong relationship with the community,” he said. “We really serve to help the community.”

He added that law enforcement has gone through its challenges, especially challenging times the last couple of years.

“It has been a combination of things,” he said of what the department has faced. “There was a worldwide pandemic, civil unrest and a call for police reform.”

He said GPD has evolved in many ways, including the way it trains its officers and teaching how to work with other agencies on issues like unhoused individuals.

We can’t arrest our way out of the [unhoused] situation, he said.

Povilaitis said GPD works with many agencies on the issue of the unhoused including working directly with the Glendale Fire Dept. He is proud of the relationship GPD has with GFD.

“[The unhoused] ... there is a piece of policing where there’s a lot of compassion,” he said. “It doesn’t [often] make the news as much but we deal with people [who] are facing very challenging circumstances.”

He added that policing involves more than just making arrests; there are many layers to the profession.

“Not many people are going to meet someone who is a victim of domestic violence, who has been beaten or see kids [who] have been abused. [Officers] see people who are economically disadvantaged [when] there’s no food in their fridge,” he

said. “What has impressed me is that people of [GPD] have [compassion]. I have lost count of how many [officers/staff] have taken up collections for food for families [in need] or to replace a kid’s stolen bicycle.”

In addition, the Glendale Police Association has provided meals for families and during the holidays provided support to families in need.

“Police departments don’t create societal issues but they do have to deal with the result of societal issues, like the mental illness crisis,” he said. “Dealing with people with mental health issues has increased dramatically.”

He added officers are compassionate but if there is criminal activity they will deal with that issue. But, he added, in modern policing there are new approaches to the way these issues are addressed.

“A lot of times [we] are at the intersection of substance abuse and homelessness. We’re looking at how we solve problems like this, and we have to bring the right tools and resources – not only in the short term but in the longer term,” he said. “So what we’re launching this year is building community partnerships.”

These partnerships will look at several issues, from the unhoused to substance abuse including fentanyl.

Povilaitis praised his fellow officers and staff adding he feels Glendale police hire the best and the brightest.

“I’d like to sit here and tell you we’ve never had any bad behavior,” he said adding that simply because someone is given a badge it does not mean there are not issues; however, GPD has standards.

“The mass majority of people [at GPD] follow those standards but when somebody doesn’t follow the standards we have to address them. It is an important part of being in the profession and [maintaining] the trust of the community to address those issues,” he said.

The City has not yet announced who will follow Povilaitis as chief; however, Povilaitis has some words of wisdom for whoever becomes the new chief.

“I would say anybody set to become chief in Glendale is very fortunate. Over the three decades that I’ve been here this community has been very supportive,” he said. “[It’s important] making sure that we continue to engage with the community.”

Making certain the police continue to reach out to the community and organizations that serve the community needs to be a priority for the new chief, Povilaitis said.

Regarding how retirement looks to him, Povilaitis is a pilot and wants to do more flying including making a trip to Alaska. He is thinking about traveling (he hasn’t really done too much of that lately) and to having time to do some hiking around local mountain trails. He said he isn’t moving out of Glendale – this city is “in his heart” and he plans to stay. Education is very important to him, which is why he was on the board of the Glendale Education Foundation.

So to the questions of how he plans to stop looking at his phone 24/7, being ready to come into the office in case of an emergency and just always being at the ready?

“I don’t have an answer for you,” he said. “We will see how it goes.”

Oktoberfest Celebrated in Montrose

Thousands of folks poured onto Honolulu Avenue on Saturday for the annual Oktoberfest. There was something for everyone – traditional German food and beer, costume contests, live music, snacks, and fun and games.

“In years past it’s been estimated to be 15,000-20,000 people on the avenue, but it sounds like there was more attending this year,” said chairperson Lauri Jo Phillips. “Our number of ticket sales was up. I’m waiting to hear the final numbers.”

Hosted by the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, the event stretched across the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. Montrose Oktoberfest is one of the longest running celebrations of its kind spanning more than 40 years and is one of the chamber’s biggest fundraisers.

The celebration of all things German included the sale of traditional German fare that included bratwurst, sauerkraut and German potato salad and, of course, German beer. For those who lacked the acquired taste of German beer, there were more sedate brews available for purchase at several booths. Live music culminated with



Folks dressed in traditional garb for the Oktoberfest festivities

the popular Past Action Heroes taking center stage at Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu, keeping the crowd on its toes with most dancing to the ‘80s cover band.

After the pandemic, it was apparent that folks were eager

to mix, meet and mingle along the avenue and with a strong presence by law enforcement no major mishaps were reported.

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Obituary

Susan Lynn Kilpatrick



Dec. 30, 1955 – June 24, 2022

The community is invited to a celebration of life for Susan Lynn Kilpatrick on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. Those who would like to attend should visit www.suekilpatrick.com and click on the "Celebration Of Life RSVP" button.

Sue died June 24 with her family at her bedside after a brief, but valiant, struggle against illness.

Sue was born to Robert and Alice Collier in Glendale on Dec 30, 1955. The family moved to La Crescenta where Sue had a wonderful childhood growing up with her three sisters. At age 13, though, Sue unexpectedly became paraplegic requiring her to use a wheelchair for the rest of her life. Although many would find their lives totally upended, she made a conscious choice that this would not stand in her way.

One of the first things she did was to learn to drive a specially equipped car and became a "taxi" to her high school and college friends, going to the beach and around town. After graduating from Crescenta Valley High School in 1974, she attended Glendale Community College. Sue graduated in 1977 where she received her diploma and also met the love of her life and soon-to-be husband Doug. Sue attended California State University, Northridge, graduating with a degree in history; while at CSUN Sue happened to take a meteorology course, which launched a lifetime passion for weather.

As a teacher for the Glendale School District, Sue mentored many disabled students. And, just for fun, with arms as strong as a walking person's legs, she occasionally arm-wrestled the high school kids in her class to prove she could still beat them. Sue always felt that starting a family was the crowning achievement of her life. She and Doug went on to have two wonderful boys, Chris and Greg. Sue was active as a room mother, PTA officer (where she earned a California Honorary Service Award), den leader, and cub master in her son Greg's troop. Sue was an active and founding supporter of son Chris' Clark Magnet High School robotics team, and traveled with the team to competitions near and far.

When Chris and Greg graduated from high school, Sue had time to become active in the Crescenta Valley Historical Society, Prom Plus and Friends of Rockhaven; she became a lead docent at the Autry Museum and began writing the Crescenta Valley Weekly newspaper weather column – all of which she continued until her passing. Sue's weekly "Weather in the Foothills" column combined her loves of weather and history with homespun anecdotes about day-to-day life in the Foothills and of her travels with husband Doug and dog Brighton.

Doug and Sue married on a crisp October day in 1980 and for 44 years they were an unshakable team. Doug would often say that he was the brawn while Sue was the brain. Together they were able to hike/wheel on the John Muir Trail, sail their Zodiac boat on Sierra lakes, visit ghost towns and explore countless beaches and national parks.

Despite overwhelming physical challenges, Sue approached life with optimism, perseverance, self-sufficiency and dignity. She was a pillar of strength to all she knew and an icon in the community. Sue will be dearly missed by her friends and family.

Please visit www.suekilpatrick.com. In lieu of flowers, Sue has asked that donations be made to Crescenta Valley Prom Plus (www.promplus.org), an organization dedicated to providing a safe and really fun after-prom experience for graduating high school seniors.

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CRIME BLOTTER

Sept. 30

900 Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she had been shopping at several stores in the area then was traveling to work when she received a notice that her credit card had been used without her authority. She then realized that several of her credit cards had been stolen; she was not certain when or where the cards were taken. The theft was reported at 12:30 p.m.

4900 block of Gould Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident was alerted by her alarm company of an activation at her home. Her husband responded to the location and did not find any signs of forced entry. She then received a second notification from the alarm company. According to the resident, she wanted the alarm company to contact the deputies; however, apparently they did not. When she arrived at her home she found the door leading from the garage to the door of her home was open. She saw the alarm system panel ripped off the wall and on the ground. A glass door was smashed and several rooms had been ransacked. Several items were reported stolen. The burglary occurred at 4:33 p.m.

Sept. 29

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported while she was at the gas station someone stole her purse from her vehicle. She had arrived at the gas station, pulled cash from her purse and then left the purse on the vehicle's front driver's seat. She left the vehicle and went into the station to pay for gas. She returned to her unlocked car and filled the gas tank. She got back into her car and realized her purse was missing. Video surveillance revealed a red four-door Toyota Corolla entered from Woodleigh Road, drove near the east side of the parking lot and back into a space. A female, described as White, 30 to 35 years old and wearing black pants, black blouse and black sandals, exited the vehicle's front passenger door. She walked into the station, stood behind the victim and then purchased cigarettes. At the same time a second suspect, described as a White male, 30 to 40 years old and wearing blue pants and a hooded black sweatshirt, exited the driver's side of the parked vehicle. The male suspect walked to the victim's vehicle's

front passenger door, opened the door and removed the purse. He then returned to his vehicle and drove northbound on Woodleigh Road, east on Foothill Boulevard, out of the gas station and out of view. Moments later the female suspect exited the gas station and walked toward the area where the red Corolla was located. The theft occurred at 12:57 p.m.

4600 block of Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear passenger side window of a vehicle was smashed; nothing appeared to be stolen. The incident occurred between 7 a.m. and 8:50 a.m.

2200 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee of a store reported that a suspect, described as a female Hispanic, about 30 years old, 5'6" tall with a thin build and wearing a dark shirt and blue jeans, entered the front door of the store, walked directly to the rear of the store, grabbed three vacuums from the display shelf and walked out the front door. The suspect passed the manned cash registers without attempting to pay. The theft occurred at 2:45 p.m.

Sept. 28

3000 block of Community Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident returned to her home to find the rear sliding door had been damaged. She found several rooms had been ransacked and the power in her home was no longer working. Items were reported missing. The burglary occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

3900 block of Alta Vista Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to the home regarding a burglary. The resident reviewed his surveillance cameras and saw two males running from his backyard prior to deputies arriving. The rear bedroom glass door was shattered and several rooms had been ransacked. Nothing was reported stolen at the time. The burglary occurred between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sept. 17

1900 block of Verdugo Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the left and right indicator lights from the outside of a vehicle were stolen, and the passenger side skirt panel was missing. The theft occurred between Sept. 17-24.

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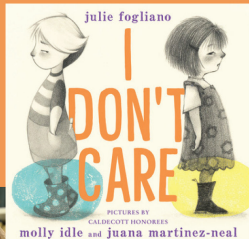
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Obituary

Sharlene Faye Grant

Jan. 18, 1948 – Aug. 2, 2022

“And the child born on the Sabbath Day is bonny and blithe and good and gay.”

Sharlene Faye Grant (nee) Smith was born on a bright Sunday morning on Jan. 18, 1948 in the city she would love all her life, San Francisco. After completing grade school in the Bay area, Shary sailed on a troop ship to the island of Guam with her parents, U.S. Navy civil service employees. During her time on Guam, she became very involved with Job’s Daughters, the highlight of which was her installation as Honored Queen. She often recalled her adventures as a teenager, including trips into the jungle to swim beneath a thundering waterfall and riding out typhoon Karen, which struck the island with wind gusts in excess of 200 miles per hour. Mangoes and beautiful tropical flowers growing wild were prominent in her memories of those carefree years. During her time on Guam several Japanese soldiers wandered out of those very same jungles, still believing the war had not yet ended. While in the Pacific she also took advantage of the opportunity to visit Japan.

Returning to California, she attended Hilltop High School in San Diego, graduating with honors. She then earned a Bachelor of Arts and a master’s degree in social work at San Diego State University. It was during this period that she met and fell in love with her husband-to-be Patrick Grant, an active-duty naval officer at the time. They married in 1971 and relocated to Los Angeles where Shary took a position with the LA County Dept. of Children’s Services as an adoptions worker. During her 32-year career with the County she was responsible for placing over a thousand children with adoptive families.

Moving from West Los Angeles to Glendale in 1974, Shary and Pat purchased a small house in Whiting Woods. In 1986 they relocated to their

current residence in Oakmont Woods. Retiring in 2006, Shary became very active in PEO. During her 20 years of service, she assumed various offices including several terms as president of her local chapter CJ-JI. PEO is internationally recognized for its dedication to providing higher education opportunities for young woman through scholarships and the sponsorship of Cottey College for Woman in Nevada, Missouri. She was also a member of the Glendale Emblem Club. In addition, she served on the board of directors of the Days of the Verdugo Historical Association (DOVHA), which oversees the preservation of the Casa Verdugo historical site, a significant piece of Glendale’s 19th century history.

As a part-time Navy wife, Shary enthusiastically supported her husband’s naval reserve career enjoying ceremonies, traditions and the increasingly more “unbelievable” sea stories related by her husband and Navy friends.

In 2012 a second home at Crystal Lake in northwest Michigan was purchased. This offered the opportunity to spend time at the lake with visiting nephews, nieces and their children, all of whom reside on the East coast. Spending five to six months each year in Michigan, Shary became active in several local organizations including a food bank, a hospital committee and as a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. In addition, she participated in the local chapter of PEO and the Garden Club.

She loved to travel, crisscrossing the U.S. many times by car with her husband, ocean cruising to Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico and the Caribbean and traveling about Europe with friends. Her favorite cities after San Francisco were New York, Boston and San Diego. Her interests and loves included yellow roses, Disney animation, Broadway musicals (especially “A Chorus Line,” which she saw 38 times), anything by Steven Sondheim, mystery novels with female protagonists, historical biographies of American first ladies, baseball, Corvettes, crossword puzzles, her two beautiful Golden Retrievers,



Cuba Libres and champagne. She was also a skilled Skeeball, rummy, pinochle and acey-deucey (backgammon) player.

Always displaying a bright smile, she fought valiantly to avoid showing signs of the struggle she was waging in her five-year battle with breast cancer. She was loving, tolerant and courageous to the end. In May of this year Pat and Shary returned to the same Carmel resort where they had honeymooned many years ago. Situated high above the coastal cliffs and crashing waves of the Pacific, they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Shary’s mother Maxine Willets Murphy and father Robert Smith predeceased her. She is survived by her loving husband Patrick, his brother Thomas and numerous nephews and nieces and their children.

Shary left us on Aug. 2 of this year. Her final resting place will be at the National Cemetery in Westwood beside her husband when he passes. Given her lifelong commitment to

bettering the lives of children, it is fitting that she now rests among those who have provided such dedicated and selfless service in defense of their nation.

Those who knew her will always have memories of a caring, gentle person who lived life with enthusiasm, curiosity and respect for all. The sweetness and sense of wonder in the sparkling brown eyes of a 4-year old on Santa’s knee stayed with her all her life.

A ceremony to celebrate Shary’s life will be held at the Oakmont Country Club on Sunday, Oct. 9 at noon. In lieu of flowers, etc., donations to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or the Children’s Fund may be made in Shary’s name.

One of her favorite poems included these lines:
*“Hope” is the thing with feathers-
That perches in the soul-
And sings the tune without the words-
And never stops-at-all-
Emily Dickinson c. 1861*

DUNSMORE from Cover

Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund; Dunsmore Foundation Secretary Maricela Marroquin; Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Pierce; GUSD Boardmember Ingrid Gunnell; and many Dunsmore students.

As part of the festivities, parent Janet Arbitrario sold colorful

\$13 T-shirts with a picture of the new mural on some of them. This “Spiritware” sale raised funds for the PTA and other school services.

The mural was funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber Education Fund. The school matched the grant with another \$5,000.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Revised View of Kimball Sanitarium – Part 2

I'm continuing with a new view of Kimball Sanitarium, which was on Foothill Boulevard right where Ralphs is today. It was a mental institution and it ran from 1922 until 1960. I have written previously about its history, but I'm revisiting that history with new info gleaned from Dave Kimball, who grew up in the sanitarium his dad ran. Some info I've already covered, but some is new.

The Kimball family had deep roots in the medical and mental health fields. Dave Kimball's great grandfather was a doctor in the Civil War who suffered greatly from PTSD. His son, Frederick Kimball, was a pioneer in mental health becoming in the late 1800s the first superintendent of what is today Patton State Hospital, a state mental institution. Frederick Kimball retired and started his own mental hospital in Hollywood in 1910. In the late teens/early

'20s Frederick's wife owned a sanitarium in Tujunga. In 1922, she purchased a large Victorian mansion in La Crescenta near the intersection of Rosemont and Michigan avenues (today's Foothill Boulevard) and moved her Tujunga patients to that location. It was to be called Kimball Sanitarium.

Her son Merritt dropped out of college and took over management of the new Kimball Sanitarium, along with her other son Donald. Donald had a podiatry practice in Los Angeles, so Merritt was in charge.

The old two-story mansion was used as an administration building and kitchen. The comfortable first floor living room was used for interviewing patients and their families. Dave Kimball remembers that it had a massive fireplace and a big radio. The Kimball family lived in another house on the property closer to Rosemont (about

where Baja Fresh is today).

Merritt built a patient building next to the Victorian mansion, just to the west. It was an odd shape. It was three wings arrayed from a center point where a recreation room and sunroom was located. Rooms were off a center hallway of each wing. One wing was dedicated to difficult or violent patients. The rooms there were fitted with padding on the walls and restraints for the safety of the patients.

Dave remembers: "Capacity was 45-50 beds, although in the years when I helped out (ages 12 to 17) we rarely had that many patients — usually somewhere in the mid-30s. All rooms were single occupancy. Meals were delivered to the patients on an insulated cart which held up to about a dozen (perhaps more) trays of food to a little distribution room where the nurses and other helpers distributed the trays to the patients in their rooms

or in a common area."

In front of the buildings, where the Ralphs and Rite-Aid parking lots are today, were lush orchards left over from the previous owners of what had been a large estate. Grape vines and hundreds of avocado, orange and apricot trees created a huge several-acre front yard. Dave remembers the orchards were heavily populated with rattlesnakes.

Besides the acreage in front, the Kimballs also owned several acres to the north, where Rosemont Middle School is. Above their property along Rosemont Avenue was the Reynolds property, where Alfred Clark lived. I wrote about him in a previous article. And above that was the estate and studio of an extremely successful artist, Stephen Seymore Thomas. While Thomas loved to paint outdoor landscapes, his bread and butter was portraiture. He painted

portraits of the rich and famous of the teens, '20s and '30s, even a presidential portrait that today hangs in the White House.

The Kimballs didn't own the large corner lot at Rosemont and Foothill. That was the location of the three-story La Crescenta Hotel. It had been built in the late 1800s as an opulent resort hotel. In Dave's childhood memories of the 1940s, it was abandoned, although it served as a cheap boarding house in its last years. It fell when the rest of the property was cleared in 1962 for the shopping center.

That gives you the origin of Kimball Sanitarium, along with the lay of the land. Next week, the patients and their treatments will be discussed.

Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

VIEWPOINTS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

It's Time To Care About CAHSR

What's the old adage – "Government always has the solution to a problem that doesn't exist?" Right. Since before the turn of the 21st century, people have been buzzing that California should have a robust rail system, one to rival those found in Europe or Asia. We used to have that in California. They were called Red Cars operated by Pacific Electric Railway Company and they were removed and replaced mid-century for more "modern" freeways. Trains have since been used for freight movement, passenger travel within the state and for business commutes locally. Airports effectively moved people all over the world. This

piecemeal system seemed to be working, albeit slowly at times.

Whether we needed it or not, by 2008 the bullet train concept had been studied and estimated to cost around \$30-\$45 billion to build. It was put on the ballot as Proposition 1A and called the "Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act." It was promoted as a 2.5-hour train ride for only \$50 from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The proposed bond measure for \$9.95 billion would be the start-up money for the project with public and private matching funds to come later. Voters narrowly passed it without realizing what a boondoggle it would soon come to be.

Now known as California High-Speed Rail, the project has grown exponentially from its original projections. In February 2022, the cost estimate rose to \$105 billion for Phase I, San Francisco to Los Angeles, with more money to be added for the extension to Anaheim and Phase 2 to San Diego. No private partners have stepped forward to support it but the project has received funds from a wide variety of taxpayer sources including several federal infrastructure funds, taxes from businesses in the state through "cap and trade," other bonds like Measure M and from Caltrans and Metro.

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Signing pledges of support a CV High School
By Mary O'KEEFE

This week Crescenta Valley High School students are hosting Solidarity Week. They are painting banners, signing pledges of support and working with teachers to make their classrooms a welcoming place for all.

The week used to be called Ally Week; however, that was changed with the guidance of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network), an organization that was founded by a group of teachers in 1990. GLSEN supports schools with research and guidance on policies designed to protect LGBTQ students as well as students of marginalized identities, according to GLSEN.

GLSEN changed the term Ally Week to Solidarity Week after student feedback

indicated it wanted to make the week more inclusive.

David Platt is a teacher at CVHS and an advisor for the GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) club at the school. He said changing the name now highlights solidarity with any group, or individual, who feels isolated.

Throughout the week other clubs and organizations will show their solidarity in a variety of ways including the football team wearing a solidarity decal on players' helmets and the CVHS chorus performing for students. The school newspaper dedicated its paper to Solidarity Week.

"All clubs were invited to do something to show their solidarity," Platt said. "I think aside from any one specific group it is

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Strong Launch for Falcon JV Football



Photos by Dale DOMINGO

Running back Torin Blunt added a touchdown to the scoreboard.

By Reid MERLO

The Crescenta Valley Falcon JV football program opened league play this last Friday with a win against the John Burroughs Bears. The Falcons were sparked by big plays on special teams and a solid running attack. Tyler Matsuda's blocked punt and touchdown in the first quarter allowed the Falcons to take an early lead and it was running back Leo Grant who set the tone the rest of the

way, ending the game with two rushing touchdowns. Running back Torin Blunt and quarterback Brody Cole each added a touchdown in addition to Grant's two.

On defense, the Falcons had a pair of interceptions, one from safety Gavin La Borde and another from linebacker Daniel Martin as the defense only allowed one touchdown late in the first half.

The 35-13 win puts the Falcons at 1-0 in league play.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Have You Met ... Amy?

Amy Meyerson will be a guest speaker at the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild (LCFOG) Book and Author Luncheon on Oct. 25. Her debut novel, a page-turner, is called "The Bookshop of Yesterdays" and the tale it tells will make you want to keep reading this story about family secrets, forgiveness, new beginnings and the destructive



nature of miscommunication. It has been published in over 11 languages and was both a national and international best seller. This book was chosen for a national high school reading competition in Croatia.

Meyerson will also present her second book, "The Imperfects," an unforgettable family saga inspired by a true story of the Florentine Diamond, still missing for the last century from the Austrian Empire. The idea for this book grew out of her interest in jewelry making, having studied silver smithing in New York and Mexico.

In case you are wondering: Yes, there will be a third book but it will not be released until 2023.

Meyerson grew up in Philadelphia, attended Quaker school and went to college at Wesleyan University. She later studied creative

writing at USC where she has been teaching since 2010 in the Writing Program. She also runs the Undergraduate Writers Conference at USC. She has had several of her short fiction works published in literary magazines. She completed her masters' degree in creative writing at USC and currently teaches in the writing department.

LCFOG is comprised of women who are compelled to see that children with orthopaedic disorders are treated by the best physicians and surgeons regardless of the financial situation of their family. At LuskinOIC (Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children) in downtown Los Angeles, children receive a diagnosis, a treatment plan and all the care they need to "Grow Well and Play Well." LuskinOIC Pediatric Orthopaedic Urgent Care Center is the only one of its kind in the country. It stands out as a national model with other hospital systems reaching out to learn about its operation. The Community Engagement Program stretches from programs for Orthopaedic Medical Magnet High School to their work with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation. In addition, over 100 medical

students, residents, fellows, international surgeons, radiology techs and PhD candidates have been trained.

LCFOG has promoted fundraising nights at nearby restaurants with all money raised going to LuskinOIC. However, the fundraiser with the most fun is the Book and Author Luncheon at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, 5500 Godbey Drive, La Cañada. Raffles,

silent auctions and more are there to enjoy. Parking is complementary and authors are available to sign newly purchased books. Tickets for this event are \$75 and must be purchased in advance.

Those who would like to receive an invitation to this fun day can contact Joan Clevan at (818) 249-4603 or DeeDee Nuanes at (818) 606-5631.

Submitted by Arlene Massimino

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Offers a New Option for Patients with Heart Failure

Finding the right way to manage heart failure can be challenging and USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is offering people with advanced heart failure a new option: a next generation device, one that is not yet widely available, called a barostimulation device.

Heart failure, which affects nearly six million adults in the United States, is a condition in which the heart muscle doesn't pump blood as well as it should. Most people with heart failure experience serious challenges, including severe shortness of breath, that can greatly diminish their quality of life.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for heart failure nor is there a one-size-fits-all method for treating this condition, which has several causes including coronary artery disease, previous heart attack and uncontrolled hypertension. Some people respond well to medications but those who don't may need a device, such as a defibrillator or pacemaker, which send electrical impulses to the heart to help it pump properly to help their heart function properly.

While devices such as defibrillators or pacemakers are literal lifesavers for some, there are still people who need a different option. Even with existing devices some people's

heart failure continues to worsen. Others, because of the specific type of heart failure they have, are not good candidates for existing devices.

"Despite the many advances in treatments, heart failure continues to be a growing problem in the United States," said Miguel Manzur, MD, a vascular surgeon at USC-VHH. "Barostim is a cutting-



edge therapy that reactivates the body's natural ability to reverse some of the effects of this debilitating disease by regulating how the brain controls the heart. It involves a straightforward, minimally invasive procedure."

Barostimulation devices use neuromodulation, which harnesses the power of the brain and nervous system to improve the symptoms of

patients with heart failure. These devices are implanted below the collarbone and have an electrode that is attached to the carotid artery rather than the heart. It sends electrical impulses to baroreceptors, located in the wall of the carotid artery, which tell the nervous system how to regulate the body's cardiovascular system.

The device sends signals that help arteries to relax, making it easier for blood to flow through the body and slows down the heart, allowing more time for the organ to fill with blood. Barostimulation devices are programmed with a small external programmer that allows the therapy to be personalized for each patient's clinical needs. They can also be turned on and off at will, making it a fully reversible option.

"What I love most is that this therapy has made significant improvements to my patients' quality of life and symptoms," said Manzur, who is also an assistant professor of surgery with the division of Vascular Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. "This therapy could mean a patient can go back to playing golf or they have the ability to walk their daughter down the aisle. I'm very excited that we can now offer it to patients at USC Verdugo Hospital Hospital."

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Hoots and Howls by Holly Ween

Scary salutations to my witches and warlocks! It's me, Holly Ween, "Scare Reporter" for the CVW! Spooky Season is upon us and I am back and ready to fright and delight you all with some Halloween fun!

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are arriving everywhere these days – in grocery stores, roadside farm stands and pop-up pumpkin lots. I wanted to find a few new varieties to add to my décor and doorstep this year. So I went off in search on the world wide "web" (spooky pun) and did you know there are over 300 varieties of pumpkins in North America? Thanks to Home for the Harvest (<https://www.homefortheharvest.com/types-of-pumpkins/>), this news knocked me batty! Knuckleheads, Warty Goblins, Batwing, and Red Warty Thing are not band names; they are just a few of my new favorite types of pumpkins for decoration and carving!

Speaking of carving ... did you know that we have the Irish to thank for the jack-o'-lantern? And that turnips or potatoes are the original vessels of choice for the carving? I would have lost all my fingers and possibly my toes if I had to carve a potato or a turnip! Well, sit back and enjoy the folk tale of Stingy Jack and the creation of the jack-o'-lantern.

Several centuries ago in Ireland, there lived a drunkard known as Stingy Jack. He was known throughout the land as a deceiver or manipulator. On a fateful night, Satan overheard the tale of Jack's evil deeds and silver tongue. Unconvinced (and envious) of the rumors, the devil went to find out for himself whether or not Jack lived up to his vile reputation. Typical of Jack, he was drunk and wandering through the countryside at night when he came upon a body on his cobblestone path. The body, with an eerie grimace on its face, turned out to be the devil himself! Jack realized that this was his end;

Satan had finally come to collect his malevolent soul. So Jack made a last request: he asked the devil to let him drink ale before he departed to Hell. Finding no reason not to acquiesce the request, Satan took Jack to the local pub and supplied him with many alcoholic beverages. Upon quenching his thirst, Jack asked Satan to pay the tab for the ale because he didn't carry any money. Jack convinced Satan to turn himself into a silver coin with which to pay the bartender and change back when he's not looking. Satan did so, impressed upon by Jack's unyielding nefarious tactics. Shrewdly, Jack stuck the

now transmogrified Satan (coin) into his pocket, which also contained a crucifix. The crucifix's presence kept the devil from escaping his form. This coerced Satan to agree to Jack's demand: in exchange for his freedom, he had to spare Jack's soul for 10 years. Ten years after the date Jack originally struck his deal, he naturally found himself once again in the devil's presence. Jack happened upon Satan in the same setting as before and he seemingly accepted for good it was his time to go to Hell. As Satan prepared to take him to Hell, Jack asked

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Veterans Corner September 2022 National Service Dog Month

By Blake HYFIELD

Even though September is over, it is important to note that September is National Service Dog Month, a time marked to pay tribute to the animals who support Americans with special training to help with people dealing with vision impairment, medical and mental health issues and many other areas. Service dogs are specially trained animals working with people with medical issues as helpers and as therapy, and have special legal protections to allow both dog and owner to be in places where there is otherwise a no animals policy or not pets policy.

Service dogs should not be confused with untrained comfort animals or house pets. While pets, service dogs and comfort animals may be beneficial for their owners, only the service dog receives protection (and access) under the law in places where most pets and

some comfort animals are not permitted.

A service dog is trained for as long as two years at an expense that can reach as high as \$40,000. There is no single type of service dog for all medical issues. There are dogs trained to help the visually impaired, those with PTSD, to help people with epilepsy, and much more. The training for service dogs varies depending on the emphasis. Medical alert dogs will have different skill sets than those who assist people with unrelated medical issues. There is no single breed of preferred service dog. They can be large or small, they can be especially bred for service or they can be sourced as rescue dogs. According to the American Kennel Club, there is no standardized certification for these animals but there are requirements the animals must meet in order to function above the level of pets or untrained comfort animals. The official site for the American

Kennel Club reminds its visitors that service dogs are subject to protections under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA guidelines make a clear distinction between pets (who have no formal training as service animals) and service dogs (who do have specific training).

As a time meant to raise awareness of both the dogs themselves and the need for them, National Service Dog Month calls attention to a variety of organizations and efforts to promote the use and acceptance of service animals in America. People can help observe the month by supporting those who train and place these animals with those who need them. They include Guide Dogs Of The Desert but also many others including:

- Patriot Paws
- Animal Farm Foundation
- Mission K-9 (placement for retired service dogs)

- Canines Companions for Independence
- Canines for Disabled Kids
- Guide Dogs of America
- Best Friends Animal Society

Many organizations like these are non-profit or not-for-profit and can use all the help they can get including volunteer efforts, financial assistance and (where applicable) even leads on new animals, partnerships or opportunities to raise awareness of the special relationships between the owners and the animals. These organizations often seek out partnerships with local businesses, government and other civic-minded organizations. Anyone interested in supporting in this way can contact directly the agency that they wish to help out.

Blake Hyfield is the post service officer for the local VFW and American Legion posts. He can be reached at bhpegleg@yahoo.com.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA – October 2022

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Most theaters have returned to normal operations; 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, always 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:

“To the Bone” is a darkly funny comedy about family, baseball, genetics – and the unexpected vagaries of life. Twenty years after the Red Sox lost their chance at the pennant when a Yankees fan bounded onto the field in the ninth inning to void what would have been the game-winning out, Sisters Kelly Moran and Maureen Dugan still live on the “Irish Riviera” south of Boston where they were known as “hard girls” back in high school.

Written and directed by Catherine Butterfield, it runs through Nov. 5 at the Open Fist Theatre Company – Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. For tickets, call (323) 882-6912 or visit www.openfist.org.

“Nina Simone: Four Women” Following the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama that killed four young girls, Simone shifted her considerable talents to activism. The result was some of the most powerful, impactful civil rights anthems ever written. Ham’s intensely personal play with music takes theatregoers into how the iconic chanteuse gave voice to countless other Black women fighting to overcome stereotypes and racism.

Written by Christina Ham and directed by Logan Vaughn, it runs through Oct. 23 at the South Coast Repertory – Julianne Argyros Stage in Costa Mesa. For tickets, call (714) 708-5555 or visit www.scr.org.

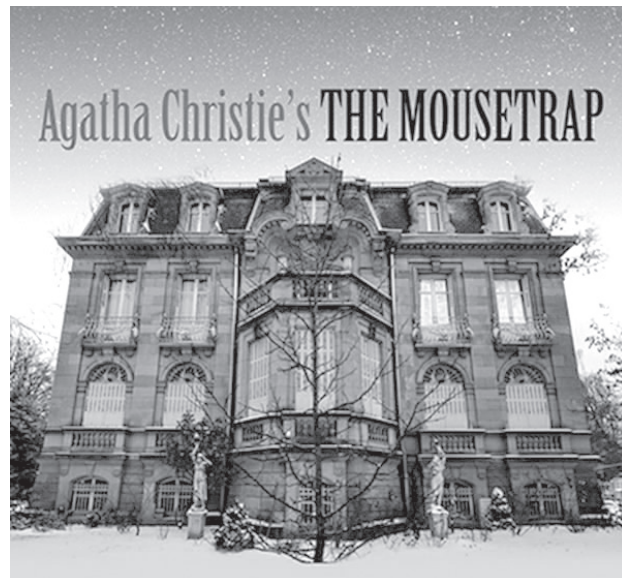
“Basement Folly” A couple ponders what to do when they discover that an unknown person is living in their basement. A normal couple would take swift action. But not these people. They have to discuss it: Call police? Kick the person out with so many people homeless? Give priority to an old family friend who appears, homeless and needing shelter? What about their adult daughter, who wants a temporary place? What if it’s the wife’s unstable sister? What’s moral? What’s safe? And who’s down there, anyway? All fodder for the family’s greatest talent: bickering.

Written by David Datz and directed by Carol M. Becker, it runs through Oct. 26 at the Theatre 40, in the Reuben Cordova Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 364-3606 or visit www.theatre40.org.

“Mother Sisters” This docu-play is curated and constructed by Makaela Vogel based on interviews she

conducted with her eight aunts. Looking back over their varied and fascinating lives, these women affirm the strength and transformative power of their bond as sisters and female travelers of the late 20th century.

Written by Makaela Vogel and directed by Sky Paley, it runs through Oct. 27 at the Echo Theater Company – Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. For tickets, call (310) 307-3753 or visit www.EchoTheaterCompany.com.



“The Mousetrap” Seven strangers are stranded at Monkswell Manor during a blizzard when a police sergeant unexpectedly arrives, worried that a murderer-at-large is among the guests. Before he can investigate, one of them is killed. Will the police be able to solve the case before another “mouse” falls?

Written by Agatha Christie and directed by Jules Aaron, it runs through Nov. 13 at the Lonny Chapman Theatre – Main Stage in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 763-5990 or visit www.thegrouprep.com.

“Cindy & The Disco Ball: The Musical” time-travels back to a decade that was dy-no-mite! Colorful fashion, sensational songs and disco dance moves bring an all-new Cinderella story to life. The story unfolds at a SoCal High School in 1976. On the flip side, a glittering Soul Sister with magic up her sleeves is keeping tabs on Cindy and her “messy” relationship with her stepsister. It’s a fun and fabulous journey through teenage self-discovery, high school romance, and four friends who dream up something big for the future — you know ... the 1980s.

Written by Joseph Leo Bwarie and Lori Marshall, with music by Rachael Lawrence, lyrics by Joseph



Leo Bwarie and Lori Marshall, and directed by Joseph Leo Bwarie and Christine Lakin, it runs Oct. 7 through Oct. 30 at the Garry Marshall Theatre in Burbank. For tickets, call (818) 955-8101 or visit www.garrymarshalltheatre.org.

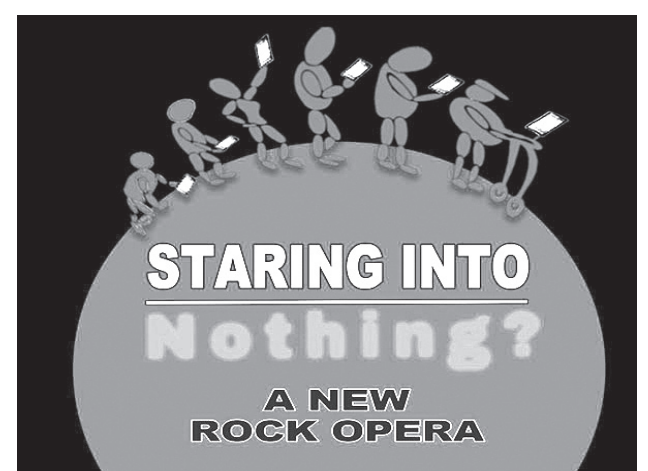
“A Day in the Death of Joe Egg” In this highly theatrical, very funny, but ultimately devastating tragic – comedy, married couple Bri and Sheila use irreverent humor as a way to cope with the daily struggle of caring for their 10-year-old severely brain-damaged daughter whom they’ve affectionately nicknamed “Joe Egg.” The result is an immensely moving and profound play about love and marriage.

Written by Peter Nichols and directed by Ethan Maniquis, it runs Oct. 7 through Nov. 21 at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 Ext. 2 or visit www.OdysseyTheatre.com.



“Staring Into Nothing” is a new musical/rock opera that explores the impact of mass media, social media and the digital information age on the quality of our lives. It asks and attempts to answer the age-old philosopher’s question: “What Is Good and What Is Not?”

Written by Steve Rogers, with music by Steve Rogers and Kurt Barabas, and directed by Jeffrey Polk, it runs Oct. 7 through Oct. 9 at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit www.elportaltheatre.com.



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.

THEN & NOW



Then » This is what Kimball Sanitarium would have looked like in 1922 when the Kimball family purchased the property to create a high-class mental hospital. The large Victorian mansion had been built several decades earlier and the orchards were part of the estate.



Now » Kimball Sanitarium and the lush orchards were torn out in 1962 for the shopping center we now enjoy, located on several acres at Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The orchards have been replaced by the parking lot and Kimball Sanitarium has been replaced by Ralphs.

*Kimball Sanitarium
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Brand 50 Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper

Brand Associates, in partnership with Brand Library & Art Center, announced the opening of “Brand 50 Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper,” that is on view through Dec. 30. The exhibition includes 89 artworks chosen from 1200-plus submissions selected by juror Shannon Currie Holmes.

Exhibitions supervisor at Brand Library & Art Center.

This year marked an important milestone: 50 years of featuring the best in local and national contemporary art. Brand 50, the Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, will bring together artists from diverse backgrounds and present a spectrum that includes artists making their first foray into a gallery as well as seasoned professionals whose work is widely known.

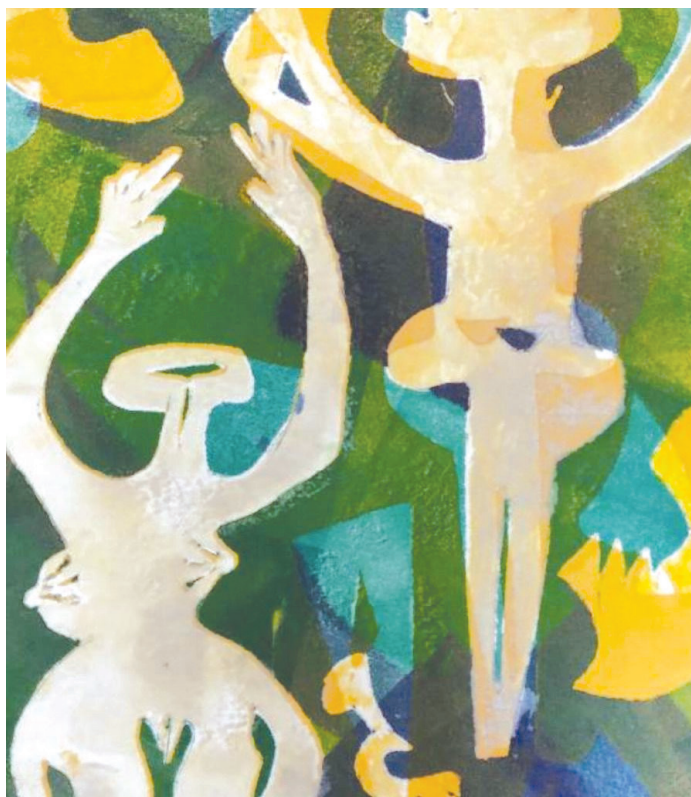
In conjunction with the Brand 50 juried exhibition will be a gallery looking back on the 50-year history of these Brand events. Artworks will be on view from the earliest years when ceramics were featured to today’s focus on the paper medium. Visitors will be able to experience a changing artistic scene in both composition and content. More importantly, as the history of these annual exhibitions shows, over 50 years the Associates of Brand Library & Art Center has had the support of local cultural and business leaders who understand the importance of a vibrant and varied arts scene to the quality of life enjoyed by our community. A printed catalog will accompany the exhibition.

“This year we celebrate not only the creativity of our exhibiting artists, but also that of the hundreds, if not thousands, of artists who have been included in our juried exhibitions over the past 50 years. The archive of these five decades demonstrates that presenting the highest quality contemporary art – whether ceramics, multi-media or works on paper – has been a goal that was always achieved,” said Brand Associates president Debra Thompson. “Fifty years of Associates’ yearly exhibitions could be realized only through the efforts of dedicated boards of directors, Gallery and Brand Library staff, jurors, and engaged members of the Associates and the larger Glendale community. Add to this the energies and creativity of every artist who has been or sought to be exhibited and the reason to celebrate this anniversary becomes clear.”

This year 1,233 artworks were submitted to Brand 50 through an open call process. Juror Shannon Currie Holmes had the opportunity to select the artworks – 89 in total – which she will then arrange to their best advantage in the gallery spaces. Attendees can expect a feast for the eyes with artworks large and small, 2- and 3-dimensional, and demonstrating a wide variety of creative approaches to paper as a medium.

The artwork in Brand 50 and exhibit catalogs are available for sale.

For more information, visit associatesofbrand.org.



TOP: Danielle Giudici Wallis, After Rachel Ruysch “Fake flowers in an apple juice jar...”
 ABOVE: Dorothy Randall Gray, Anthropomorphic Dance2
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The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado Blvd. in Glendale.

WORKS ON PAPER AT THE BRAND LIBRARY & ART CENTER

Glendale Library Arts & Culture announced the Brand Associates' opening of its 50th Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper at the Brand Library & Art Center from continuing through Dec. 30. The exhibition, also known as Brand 50, marks 50 years of featuring the best in local and national contemporary art with 89 artworks chosen from 1200-plus submissions selected by juror Shannon Currie Holmes, Exhibitions supervisor at Brand Library & Art Center.

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Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale

AUTHOR FROST BECKNER AT FLINTRIDGE BOOKSTORE

On Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. Flintridge Bookstore will present author /screenwriter Michael Frost Beckner for a reading and signing of his Spy Game novels. Beckner is best known for the CBS series "The Agency," his iconic film "Spy Game," and the Sniper film franchise. Beckner's Spy Game novels - "Muir's Gambit," "Bishop's Endgame" and "Aiken in Check" - comprise The Aiken Trilogy. They take place both before and after the time frame of the Robert Redford/Brad Pitt movie, expanding on the storyline of this thrilling espionage tale.

The reading takes place outside in back of the store. The signing is inside.

Flintridge Bookstore is located at 858 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. For more information, contact Gail Mishkin at gailm@flintridgebooks.com or call the store at (818) 790-0717.

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE, 'ADOBES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'

On Friday, Oct. 7 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. all are invited to Casa Adobe de San Rafael to view pictures and be entertained with historical facts and trivia of the adobes from

Ventura to San Juan Capistrano. Guest speaker Wayne Stinson, world traveler and history lover, visited Campo de Cahuenga one day and was inspired to discover adobes all over Southern California.

To RSVP and for more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yvz4srya>.

Casa Adobe de San Rafael, 1330 Dorothy Drive, Glendale

PEBBLES OF THE PAST

On Oct. 8 at 1 p.m., the Little Landers Society presents "Pebbles of the Past" by Craig Durst.

His presentation of little-known facts of the history of the Tujunga Valley takes the audience on a search for the Lost Padres Mine, the Land of the Sun, the history of Seven Hills Ranch and the local Gold Rush - California's first gold rush!

Durst will share several of his recent history hunts to uncover some "pebbles" of the Tujunga Valley's historic past. Since discovering in the 1990s that his new home in Lake View Terrace was next to the ancient Indian Village of Tehunga, Durst has embarked on dozens of local history hunts and related research. His excellent narrative and collection of historic images help complete the picture of local history.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. It will be held at Bolton Hall Museum, Home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

GCC ART GALLERY FEATURES SOLO SHOW 'POPULAR VOTE'

"Popular Vote," a solo exhibition featuring the work of Marisa J. Futernick, continues at the Glendale Community College Art Gallery through Nov. 18.

Futernick's work explores the promise of the American Dream and calls attention to the inherent flexibility and fickleness of

contemporary political discourse.

There will be a get-out-the-vote poster-making workshop on Friday, Oct. 21 from noon to 3 p.m., and a panel discussion on art and civic engagement on Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 12:20 to 1:30 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public.

The Art Gallery will be open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and is located on the third floor of the Library Building, 1500 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale.

SILVER LAKE BRANCH LIBRARY INVITES COMMUNITY TO STAR WARS READS DAY

The Silver Lake Branch Library invites the community to join the Force and celebrate the love of reading at Star Wars Reads Day on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2411 Glendale Blvd. Explore a galaxy far, far away with storytimes, crafts, giveaways and a short show by a Star Wars performance group. All ages are welcome. Costumes encouraged.

MONA ANNOUNCES DISPLAY

The Museum of Neon Art announced the display of "Leticia Maldonado: The Storytellers" on Oct. 8 through Feb. 11. The opening will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 8 and is free to the public. This is the first solo museum exhibition for the artist. Maldonado challenges the conventions of sculpture as well as the constraints of the medium of neon through her multimedia works. In this exhibition, life-size sculptural

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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October 3, 2022 - October 9, 2022

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Watch out for the reappearance of tension and nervous headaches. They may coincide with interesting events coming up. Try not to overschedule your time, because you could get more bogged down than ever. Make time to relax. Get a massage. This isn't a luxury. Better still - take a break.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Soldier on with your training schedule. Don't give up just because you have sore muscles or feel tired. If you stick with it now, it will be a lot easier to carry on when the going really gets tough or when you feel you can't face another elliptical machine. If you have an exercise goal, this will help increase your willpower.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The cosmos is encouraging you to get a move on. You may have been procrastinating, but you can't do it any longer. Friends who look fit and healthy may inspire you. Make this a mind-over-matter issue and start. If you feel tired, try to delegate some work or chores and relax.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

The aspects now may have an effect on your health. It's also likely that a health issue like excess weight or a bad habit like smoking may get the better of you and cause you to backslide. Things may culminate in a decision to lose weight and get back on a healthy track. You won't regret it if you start now.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Your health may be indirectly affected by the cosmos now, since aspects are affecting your sports and risk-taking zone. Take care that you don't have an accident or pull a muscle. If you're competing, take all necessary precautions to ensure your safety. On the other hand, a sport you love could turn your health around completely.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The kind of nourishment you ingest continues to be critical. Pay attention to what you eat and drink. If you've been neglecting your diet, start a food log. It's that important. The way you eat and what you eat contribute greatly to your overall health and well-being. If you're living on fast food and junk, it may be time to change.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You may want to invest in information or classes that will help you understand the issues associated with your current health. This might also be when you're inspired to hire a personal trainer to help you reach your fitness goals. The money you spend will be recouped many times over as your confidence soars and health improves.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Powerful forces are at work now. Emotions may run high, but one way to offset them is to work out regularly so you feel revitalized and ready for any challenge that comes your way. Eat well and lighten your schedule if you feel tired. A massage or relaxing in an aromatic hot tub will help if you're feeling stressed.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You'll no doubt feel the effects of the Universe now. If you're overcome by powerful emotions, try not to use it as an excuse to overindulge in food or drink. Maintaining a healthy routine will support you during times of intense challenge or high emotion. Start as you mean to carry on for the best results.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This period may bring certain health issues to the fore. If you're suffering from certain symptoms, be sure to get them checked. If you need to resolve to lose weight or eat more healthfully, do it now. You'll lose the attachment to those extra pounds as the weeks go by.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Continue to use the power of your mind to improve your health. It's helpful to have realistic fitness goals that you can work toward. You could have a tendency to see fabulous results in an impossible timeframe. Be as realistic about your wellness program as you are in other areas of your life.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Concentrate on grounding your energy so you inhabit your body more fully. As long as you exercise daily, this will help you feel more focused, energetic, and clear headed. Make sure that the foods you eat aren't too light, as this may make things worse. Proteins and rich smoothies will help you stay on track. Don't forget to take vitamins and minerals.

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forms made out of neon, Plexiglass, found objects and vintage technology speak to narratives that bind memory, intimacy and history.

The museum is located at 216 S. Brand Blvd. in Glendale. It is closed Monday and Tuesday; open Wednesday - Saturday from 10:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email susandietel@yahoo.com.

RIVERWALK WORKDAY

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Los Angeles River on the City of Glendale's Riverwalk to remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas. Participants should wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing 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.

To sign up, and for more information, visit tinyurl.com/mryhffpx.

Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, 300 Paula Ave., Glendale

GLENDALE OUTDOORS! (GO!) COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Deukmejian Wilderness Park An interpretive hike is planned in Deukmejian Wilderness Park on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. It will include a nature craft, nature themed games and a tour of the Stone Barn Nature Center. Water snacks and bus transportation from Pacific Community Center will be provided, leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 12:30 pm.

- Important information:
- Please arrive by 8a.m. to check in with the staff.
 - Free bus leaves from Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 12:30 p.m.
 - Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and a hat or cap.
 - Adult supervision is required! One adult is required for every three children 17 and under.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/CALENDARTHIS

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Lyft charged me \$150 for cigarette burns. But I don't smoke!

After LeeAnn Hicks takes a Lyft ride, the company broadsides her with a \$150 charge for cigarette burns. But she says she didn't cause the damage. Does she still have to pay?

Q After a recent ride in a Lyft rideshare, the company charged me a \$150 damage fee for an alleged cigarette burn to the vehicle. I have sent numerous emails to Lyft informing them that I did not cause the damage.

I asked Lyft for the driver's statement and evidence that led them to conclude that I caused the damage, but I never got an answer. A Lyft representative claims the company has reviewed the damage charges.

"As per checking the report made by your driver, it appeared that an investigation has been conducted and found that the claim was valid," Lyft said. "With that having said, please know that no adjustment will be made to this claim."

I do not smoke. Can you help me get my \$150 back, please?

- LeeAnn Hicks, Bronx, New York

A Lyft should not charge you for damage to one of its cars unless it has hard evidence. And there should be a system to handle any dispute arising from a damage claim.

I reviewed the photos of the alleged damage sent to Lyft by Timothy, your driver. They appear to show a small cigarette burn in the side of the passenger seat. But

they are low-resolution images. The metadata, which would show the location and type of camera used, appears to have been removed. That makes it impossible to tell if this is Timothy's car or if you had been the passenger.

And that's not the only thing that doesn't make sense. If you burn a cigarette in Timothy's car seat, that means you smoked in the vehicle. If that happened, I'm sure Timothy would have pulled over and asked you to extinguish your cigarette. But I don't see any accompanying incident report that claims you smoked in the car. What's more, you told me that you've never smoked. A Lyft representative admitted in writing that the driver only provided "anecdotal evidence of the situation." That made me a little suspicious about this claim.

Lyft charges passengers anywhere from \$20 for minor damage, such as mud, dirt, or animal fur in the car, to \$150 for "major" damage like biowaste all over the car or physical damage to fixtures inside or outside of the car. But it requires that drivers report the damage within two hours and take at least two photos of the damage. It isn't clear to me if Timothy followed all of the rules.

Even if he did, there should have been some way for you to dispute the charge. But, according to the email

thread between you and Lyft, the company dismissed your appeal and insisted that you pay. You blocked Lyft from charging your card (smart move) and then contacted me.

You could have taken this to an executive at Lyft. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Lyft executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org.

Lyft should not be able to arbitrarily charge \$150 to your credit card without giving you a chance to review the evidence and respond. If a driver ever alerts you to damage, make sure you take pictures. Make note of the condition of the vehicle and be prepared to defend yourself against any charges. The system Lyft has in place appears to heavily favor its drivers and fails to give passengers their due process. It can do better.

I contacted Lyft on your behalf. "After a thorough investigation into the claim, we found that the description of the events did not warrant enough proof that the passenger created the damage, so we elected to refund the damage fee," a Lyft spokeswoman told me.

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ACROSS

- 1) Alda series
- 5) Free stuff
- 9) Looked at with open mouth
- 14) "The Iron Chancellor" von Bismarck
- 15) Classical conclusion
- 16) Peach State university
- 17) Trains, to tots
- 19) Executioner's loop
- 20) Bad luck
- 21) Hankerings
- 22) Horned viper, for one
- 23) Extinct ostrichlike birds
- 26) Feed for swine
- 27) Autonomy
- 29) With regularity, to Whitman
- 32) Common card
- 35) "OK with me"
- 36) Bonanza yield
- 37) Barfly's request
- 39) Squirrels away
- 42) "___ many cooks spoil the broth"
- 43) Frilly fabric
- 45) Itemized accounts
- 46) Industrial pollutant
- 47) Household pest catcher
- 49) Check out shamelessly
- 51) "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
- 52) Baby's break
- 55) Like some blankets
- 57) 1980 Richard Gere portrayal
- 59) Of concern to beekeepers
- 60) Does a certain Latin dance
- 63) Tears asunder
- 64) General assistant
- 65) Either of two wives of Henry VIII
- 66) Fibber or Bobby
- 67) Flexible Flyer, for one
- 68) Woodland creature

DOWN

- 1) Coffee-and-chocolate drink
- 2) Dumas character
- 3) Have bad posture
- 4) Sweatshirt feature, often
- 5) It may be elementary
- 6) Be a suitor of
- 7) "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 8) If you're in a hurry, step on this
- 9) Like a little lamb?
- 10) Oil giant acquired by BP
- 11) Dismisses derisively
- 12) Irish language
- 13) Pre-Easter purchase
- 18) What The Iceman does
- 21) Key in the sea
- 24) Free-for-all
- 25) "Lanka" start
- 27) Use an easy chair
- 28) Open, as letters
- 30) Be worried
- 31) Trueheart of comics
- 32) Statistics, facts and such
- 33) "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
- 34) Sobbing
- 38) Barkin or Burstyn
- 40) Loss of the ability to read
- 41) Elton John, since 1998
- 44) Auditing firm hiree, for short
- 47) Cut blubber from
- 48) Classified, informally
- 50) Grassy forest areas
- 52) Not a soul
- 53) Without a date
- 54) Confusing question
- 55) Not too hot?
- 56) "Well"-financed grp.
- 58) Elated
- 60) Undergrad degs.
- 61) Engine additive
- 62) Commemorative poem

OO OO, ITS SUNDAY!

By Mason Lorry

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BUSINESS

La Cañada-based Carbuyer.la Will Buy Your Car Today – ‘Safe, Fast and Easy’

With used car values at an all-time high, now really may be best time to sell your car. Since 2012, La Cañada-based Carbuyer.la has placed a high value on serving the community with the goal of making a car sale fast and easy. Whether your car is financed or not, Carbuyer.la purchases directly from owners who are looking for a safe, quick and fair transaction. After a deal is agreed on, they schedule pick up or meet at your local Chase bank. CV Weekly recently spoke with Carbuyer.la's purchasing consultant Maria Valdez to learn more about the service.

How does Carbuyer.la work?
Valdez: We are a family-operated business here to serve the community. We offer a quick solution for our clients who are looking to sell their vehicle. When we appraise our clients' vehicles, we analyze local and national market data and, with our network of national buyers, we are able to offer the most money for our client's vehicles.
Are there requirements for the vehicle in terms of age and condition?
 We prefer to purchase three-to-four-year-old models with less than 75,000 miles and a clean history report. We are

open to all makes and models with a clean history report.
How is paperwork and payment handled?
 We take care of all DMV and legal paperwork needed to finalize the transaction. We pay at the time of the transaction with certified funds.
Did COVID change the way you did business?
 COVID changed the used car business. When new car manufacturers stopped building vehicles, consumers turned to used cars. The high consumer demand forced the appreciation of used cars, making economical vehicles more and more expen-

sive. We were in a seller's market. Today, vehicle values are still high but we are seeing a shift in the used car market and it's becoming a buyer's market. If you are thinking of selling, right now is still a great time to take advantage of the market.
What might new customers be surprised to know about your service?
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Carbuyer.la's purchasing consultant Maria Valdez

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

Acknowledging our Finest ...

It's at this time of the year the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce selects and announces those who have made a difference in our community. It is never an easy process since we are blessed to have so many who do so much, each and every day, to improve our quality of life.
 We ask for your help in making our 2022 Recognition Award selections for the following categories: Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year and our Community Beautification Award. Nomination forms are available on the Chamber website, www.crescentavalleychamber.org, at the Chamber office, or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. Please provide a paragraph describing the reason the individual, business or

organization is deserving of consideration. In addition, individuals will be selected by their respective units from the California Highway Patrol, Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, Glendale Police Dept., Glendale Fire Dept. and Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
 The deadline for receiving nominations at the Chamber office is Friday, Oct. 14. Those selected will be honored at our annual Recognition Awards banquet, this year on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Glendale Elks Lodge.
Announcements:
 Tonight, Thursday, Oct. 5, AARP is presenting a free program, "Get Smart about New Vehicle Technology" from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Bob Smith Toyota. Register at www.aarp.org/sdtekinperson or call (877) 805-0458.
 On Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.

until 1 p.m., the 1st Annual Fall Troop and Crew 288 Scouting Expo will be held at Dunsmore Park, 4700 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. There will be interactive booths, Dutch oven cooking, participatory games and scouting presentations.
 The following Saturday, Oct. 15 is the YMCA of the Foothills' 31st Annual Prayer Breakfast starting at 7:45 a.m. followed by a program featuring columnist Chris Erskine at 8:30 a.m. You may make your reservation at www.ymcafoothills.org/prayerbreakfast.
 Last month the Montrose Search and Rescue team held a celebration of their 75th anniversary at Crescenta Valley Park. It was also a fundraising event to help support the purchase of uniforms and gear, which is often paid for from the pockets of individual team members. MSAR team members re-

ceive \$1 a year to rescue hundreds ... they now need our help. Please consider making a tax deductible donation by visiting their website www.montrosesar.org and clicking on Donate.
Emergency Preparedness Tip:
 While Californians are not threatened by hurricanes, such as the one that devastated Florida this past week, we have our own experience with fires, earthquakes and flooding/mudslides. Often we have minutes or seconds to react and get to safety. Preparing for these situations can be a simple process ... a backpack or large plastic bag filled with essential items (i.e., telephone numbers, medicine, money, emergency water, food bars, first aid kit and even duct tape) ready to "grab and go." Don't be caught without a lifeline during these situations.
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 Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."
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PETER ROSENTHAL » V.I.P. TRUST DEED

This may seem like a very dry and boring subject, but I promise you that this information will save you a lot of time, worry and running around if you are intending to make a change to the ownership of real estate without going through a regular escrow.
 The following examples are very common and usually result in an uninsured transfer. When I say uninsured I mean without benefit of title insurance.
Example: John Jones and Mary Smith bought a house together intending to get married; six months later an argument develops and Mary moves out; she gives John a properly executed quit claim deed in exchange for her equity. The quit claim deed is properly recorded.
Example: Helen Harrison is elderly and adds her son on title via a properly executed grant deed or quit claim deed. It is properly recorded.
Example: Harry and Bob own several pieces of real estate together. After a few years they agree to divide the property so that each has full ownership of some of the properties. Harry

gives Bob a properly executed quit claim for his share in three properties and Bob gives Harry a quit claim for his share in two properties. The deeds are properly recorded.
Example: a brother and sister inherit a house. A year later the sister quit claims the property to her brother for \$50,000.
 Here comes the problem: Five years elapsed and the property owner sells or refinances the property. The title insurance company finds the uninsured deed; the title company is now being asked to insure two transfers; i.e., the one five years ago and the sale or refinance today. The title company will insist on an affidavit from the person who did the transfer five years ago and a statement of identity. The S. I. is used to verify that Mary Smith (example 1) had no judgments, child support payments or IRS liens at the time of the transfer. Perhaps Mary Smith moved to Alabama when she moved out of the property and has since remarried. This will hold up the current transaction until Mary can be located. Imagine if she

hates Mr. Jones and refuses to sign anything.

In example 2, Helen died and

this again causes a title delay and problems.

Example 3 is worse: Harry and

Bob are still friends but Harry was married when he gave the

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Uninsured Transfers





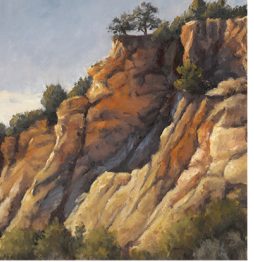


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if he could have one apple to feed his starving belly. Foolishly, Satan once again agreed to this request. As he climbed up the branches of a nearby apple tree, Jack surrounded its base with crucifixes. Satan, frustrated at the fact that he had been entrapped again, demanded his release. As Jack did before, he made a second demand: that he will never take his soul to Hell. Having no choice, the

devil agreed and was set free. Eventually the drinking took its toll on Jack and he died. Stingy Jack's soul prepared to enter heaven through the gates of St. Peter, but he was stopped. Jack was told by God that, because of his sinful lifestyle of deceitfulness and drinking, he was not allowed into Heaven. Jack then went down to the Gates of Hell and begged for admission into the underworld.

Satan, fulfilling his obligation to Jack, could not take his soul. He gave Jack an ember to light his way. Jack is doomed to roam the world between the planes of good and evil, with only an ember inside a hollowed turnip to light his way. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "Jack of the Lantern," and then, simply "Jack O' Lantern." In Ireland and

Scotland, people began to make their own versions of Jack's lanterns by carving scary faces into turnips or potatoes and placing them into windows or near doors to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering evil spirits. They brought the jack-o'-lantern tradition with them when they came to the United States. They soon found that pumpkins, a fruit native to America, made perfect

jack-o'-lanterns since they are hollow inside and much easier to carve. Till next week my fiendish friends!
Holly Ween, Scare Reporter
P.S. if you are decorating your houses this spooky season send me an email to HollyWeen@cvweekly.com and I will add you to our Fun & Frights in the Foothills tour list (see our ad in this week's issue).

PETER ROSENTHAL from page 17
quit claim deed to Bob; he is now divorced (and bitter). "Mrs. Harry" did not sign the quit claim - big, big trouble. If the original people are still available and, more importantly, still friendly, this just causes a delay; in other circumstances, an uninsured transfer

can cause a substantial delay, resulting in the loss of a sale or the loss of a great refinance rate. In the event that it is necessary for you to do one of these "do it yourself" transfers, check with your local escrow or title company, fill out the aforementioned

statement of identity and affidavit. Keep these in your file when needed in the future. Hopefully this article will save some of you a lot of future frustrations.
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At the Sept. 27 Glendale City Council State Senator Anthony Portantino presented a check for \$23 million. Shown, from left, are Councilmembers Paula Devine and Elen Asatryan, Mayor Ardy Kassakhian, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Councilmembers Dan Brotman and Ara Najarian.

also be allowed to authorize and issue bonds to help finance affordable housing projects for persons and families of extremely low, very low and moderate-income households.

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If this alone doesn't make you nervous, there's a lot more. The Burbank to Los Angeles section of the CAHSR has just cleared its environment review and is awaiting final decisions. There is no further opportunity for the public to comment but the final EIR/EIS can be reviewed at the CAHSR website at <https://hsr.ca.gov/>. It is a comprehensive document that details massive impact, affecting all parts of Burbank including the entire north end of the Hollywood Burbank Airport, Media Center, Empire Center and all arterials/over/underpasses through Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles all the way to Union Station. The trains will cross the 5, 134, 2 and 110 and 101 freeways. Funding for the \$950.4 million reconfiguration of Union Station, now called the Link US Project, has been acquired. High-speed trains are expected to arrive at Link US by 2040, 17 years from now — assuming everything runs on schedule.

On Sept. 2, the draft EIR/EIS for the Palmdale to Burbank section was released for public comment. This detailed document can also be found on the CAHSR website. Six routes were studied to connect a new Palmdale multi-modal station with the new Burbank underground station, north of the airport. The preferred alternative (SR14A) leaves Palmdale at-grade then goes underground at the 14 Freeway and travels through a series of long tunnels through Angeles National Forest near Acton, Agua Dulce and Santa Clarita and to the intersection of the 210 and 118 freeways and Hansen Dam. The route continues both above and below ground south-eastward through Pacoima and Sun Valley to the Burbank station at Hollywood Way and San Fernando Road.

All the alternatives that were studied will have considerable impacts to the communities surrounding the Crescenta Valley as we use the affected arterials to get to work, shopping and medical care. Two alternatives (E2A/E2 Refined) are particularly concerning to residents in Lake View Terrace and Shadow Hills as two tunnel portals would be constructed right in the center of housing tracts with trains traveling across the wash between them. The communities would essentially be cut into quadrants near Foothill/Wheatland and Wentworth and houses would be lost. This alternative has not been eliminated from consideration.

The entire project section from Palmdale to Union Station will require truckloads of cement and materials to be transported to construction sites and dirt "spoils" that will be taken by truck to the chosen dump location using area freeways. Air quality and noise levels are expected to exceed recommended thresholds for humans and wildlife. How long will it take to offset the carbon footprint created by this decades-long project? Also, rail operations will need significant upgrade to the power grid and equipment in multiple jurisdictions at a time when California has been mandated to go electric in all future vehicle purchases. It doesn't make sense for such little benefit to our communities.

Projected ridership in 2040 for the Burbank station is 25,600 per day. The entire 520-mile stretch from SF to LA is projected to be 40 million annually. I wonder if these estimates will be even close to accurate ... and if the travel fee will remain at \$50.

What can you do?

1) Attend the online open house tonight, Thursday, Oct. 6 from 5-7:30 p.m. to learn more about the Palmdale to Burbank section and how to submit comments by Dec. 1.

2) Review the draft EIR/EIS to see how CAHSR affects you.

3) Attend the online public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 3-8 p.m. Go to <https://hsr.ca.gov/> for links and more detailed information.

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