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A Loud City Council Meeting Explores New District Voting Options

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council meeting on Tuesday started out with a philanthropic tone as the City recognized World Elder Abuse Awareness Day that is commemorated on June 15. There was a proclamation read by Mayor Dan Brotman with information shared on the prevalent extent of elder abuse.

According to the Administration for Community Living, each year an estimated 5 million older adults are abused, neglected or exploited. Older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion or more annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation – funds that could be used to pay for basic needs such as housing, food and medical care. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched at the United Nations in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization. (See the bottom of this article for a list of numbers and services available to those who experience elder abuse.)

But the meeting turned contentious once public comment began, mirroring contention found at recent Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) meetings.

Councilmember Ara Najarian shared his support for parents and their rights to choose “what is best for their child’s schooling.”

Brotman thanked Glendale Police Dept., and specifically Chief Cid, for maintaining “for the most part” a peaceful demonstration and counter demonstration at GUSD.

Councilmember Elen Asatryan spoke about the extremists affiliated with antifa and the Proud Boys who “came into our City with the intent to disrupt” and cause violence.

She and Brotman spoke about recent acts of hate in addition to the GUSD demonstration that turned violent at last week’s school board meeting. These included the recent anti-Semitic flyers that had been distributed throughout the City, assaults on LGBTQ+ community

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Volunteers Make Sure ‘They Will Surf Again’

By Mary O'KEEFE

Volunteers from Crescenta Valley joined hundreds of others to help some surfers catch the best waves of their lives.

“I started 15 years ago when [my son] Hunter did Life Rolls On (They Will Surf Again) with the CVHS swim team,” said Mike Leum.

Leum is well known throughout the community – and beyond – as being a member of the Montrose Search and Rescue team but on three to four weekends during the summer he can be found in the ocean, behind a surfboard, guiding surfers to the shore.

Life Rolls On (LRO) – They Will Surf Again is an organization that allows people living with paralysis to ride the waves and, according to its website, hosts the largest adaptive surf events in the world.

In 1996, Jesse Billauer was very



Volunteer Jessie Shelton (on surfboard) rides in a surfer during Saturday’s LRO event in Santa Monica. Photo by Mary O’KEEFE

close to becoming a professional surfer. He was surfing at Zuma Beach when he was pushed into a shallow sandbar. He fractured his neck and sustained a C-6

complete spinal cord injury, resulting in quadriplegia.

He said after the injury he still wanted to surf and wanted to share his love of surfing with

others. Initially, he fundraised for spinal cord injury research and support through Life Rolls On golf tournaments.

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‘We want you to keep your hands off our property tax!’

Residents let loose with similar sentiments on the Crescenta Valley Water District.

By Lynn SHER

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD/The District) hosted a public hearing on Tuesday night regarding a proposed capital charge on the property tax roll. People arrived in disgruntled droves, with attendees spilling out in two different directions toward the street.

Distrust and animosity by most of those attending the public hearing was apparent before the meeting began as Christy Colby, The District’s Regulatory & Public Affairs manager, tried to make general announcements and introductions and review the processes of the hearing. People were concerned that the Zoom link wasn’t adequately circulated for people wanting to attend the hearing virtually. Attendees were also concerned that notices for the public hearing weren’t mailed out as widespread as they should have been.

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Resident Kim Mattersteig expressed her disapproval with The District’s intent to tax property owners to fund its Pipeline Replacement Program. Photo by Lynn SHER



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Why You Should Care

Earlier this week it was announced that the LA Times was cutting its newsroom staff – the paper’s journalists – by 13%. Now as most of you know, I don’t have any love for the LA Times; after all, it was the LA Times that purchased the newspaper where I used to work as an editor (the CV Sun) and four years after it purchased the paper it closed it – putting me out of a job.

Of course, the decision made to shutter the CV Sun resulted in my starting the CV Weekly – so I guess it wasn’t all bad.

But learning this week that 13% of the journalists were going to be out of a job was truly telling. The LA Times was started in 1881 and has covered big events over the years. Unlike TV news, which to me seems to be a series of sound bites with little content, or (god forbid) social media where anyone can write anything, the LA Times had the resources to give its writers the time needed to do in-depth reporting. It has won Pulitzers for public service, national reporting and more. As at the CV Weekly, if you walked into its offices and wanted a retraction, you’d better be ready to justify it: their people stood by their stories ... and their writers.

The main reason given as to why the decision was made to lay off 13% of its newsroom staff centered on money. Let’s face it: advertising revenues are down for the behemoth newspapers and other like publications. Some didn’t survive COVID or were tottering on collapse prior to the

pandemic.

I’m happy to report that CV Weekly is far from collapse. Since launching the paper in September 2009 the level of support – including financial – that CV Weekly has received from its readers has been incredible. I don’t know if readers discovered that without local news a vacuum is created within a community or they’ve realized that sources of reliable, local news are drying up. Whatever the reason, readers – and advertisers – are making sure to be a part of the CV Weekly.

Which circles us back to the question of why you should care if the LA Times loses 13% of its newsroom.

Aside from the 140-plus years of tradition that the LA Times represents, it has also been a reliable (though some feel biased) source of information that readers might not otherwise learn. To me, that’s the core of the issue: having information that might not otherwise be available. And, unlike social media, that information is backed by a newsroom of professionals willing to stand firm in their reporting.

Now that newsroom is 13% smaller.

To those who get laid off, let me know if you want to write. I may have a job for you here at the CV Weekly.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

World.

June 8 was World Ocean Day. According to NOAA, more than 80% of our ocean is unmapped, unobserved and unexplored yet it covers about 70% of the Earth’s surface and plays an important role including driving weather, regulating temperature and supporting all living organisms. Throughout history, the ocean has been a vital source of sustenance, transport, commerce, growth and inspiration.

There are regions of the sea that are difficult to reach and there is a high cost to exploration using underwater vehicles. There have been great advances in sonar mapping and other technology that has helped but there is still so much ocean.

“Unlocking the mysteries of ocean ecosystems can reveal new sources for medical therapies and vaccines, food, energy and more as well as inspire inventions that mimic adaptations of deep-sea animals. Information from ocean exploration can help us understand how we are affecting and being affected by changes in Earth’s environment, including changes in weather and climate. Insights from ocean exploration can help us better understand and respond to earthquakes, tsunamis and other hazards,” according to NOAA.

When we think of exploration teams we often think of scientists and specialists – “Dr. Livingston, I presume”-type of people, but actually a lot of exploration has been done by citizen scientists, like in 1940 when four teenage boys discovered prehistoric cave paintings in Lascaux in Dordogne, France.

And now ocean explorers and conservationists are reaching out to citizen scientists to help explore the oceans. One non-profit that is empowering people to not only explore the oceans but also the coastlines is Bleu (Building a Life of Exploration Underwater)

“Our mission is to build a network of ocean change makers with a passion for conservation and exploration,” according to its website.

The organization provides educational opportunities through expeditions for people to become citizen scientists.

“Our citizen science projects are a different way of collecting data,” said Bleu World founder Kayla Fearheller. “Sometimes researchers will go out and do their data collection themselves but you can also crowd source data collection by using citizen scientists.”

By teaching people how to collect and share data researchers will be able to get more information than just depending on one specific expedition at a time.

“There will be more inherent bias and risk in that but the way you analyze the data will account for that,” she said. “It is just a different method of data collection.”

Recently Fearheller, along with board members Jessy Shelton (full disclosure – she’s my daughter) and Olivia Hughes, has created expeditions that allow citizen scientists to dive off the coast of Catalina Island.

The organization was launched in January 2021 but just recently it applied for its official non-profit status. Although young adults, all three Bleu World members have spent years in conservation. Fearheller has degrees in math and computer science and has worked as a software engineer building coral restoration technology, Hughes’ degree is in biology with a chemistry minor. She also has a certificate from UC Berkeley in data science and visualization. Shelton has a degree in environmental science and resource management with an emphasis in marine sciences and has a background in non-profit organizations. All are scuba divers and have seen changes in the ocean in a relatively

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IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday morning, June 18. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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

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

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

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

CVCA TO MEET

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

NEON TOPIC OF HISTORICAL MEETING

The community is invited to learn about the mystery and magic behind the handmade medium of neon art and how these glowing tubes shed light on lesser-known histories. Guests will be able to explore glowing phosphor rocks and a neon salesman suitcase after the presentation.

The presentation will be given by speaker Corrie Siegal is the executive director of the Museum of Neon Art (MONA). She’s also an artist, curator and educator committed to exploring the arts as an agent of growth for individuals and communities.

The meeting is on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living – La Crescenta, 4845 Dunsmore Ave. on the corner of Dunsmore and Santa Carlotta avenues.

Looking ahead: Next month’s meeting on July 17 at 7 p.m. is Craig Durst. He will present Nature Boy.

Church Rummage Sale a Success



Photo courtesy of Vanessa YNDA

Sitting among donated items for the St. Luke’s rummage sale are Anna Judy DeTorre and vicar Guy Leemhuis

By Mary O’KEEFE

St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church held a very successful rummage sale on Saturday. They thank all those who came out to help and shop – and especially those who donated – in order to make the sale so successful.

There are still a few items left and the congregation is starting to gather more donations for one or two more rummage sales they plan to have during the summer months, said Father Guy Leemhuis, vicar at St. Luke’s of the Mountains.

St. Luke’s is best known in the community as the “stone church.” Located at the corner of Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, it has gone through some transitions over its almost 100 years in existence including joining with the Tujunga Church of the Ascension in 2012 to become “one family under one roof.” This is all part of the transitioning world of churches lately, and now the Los Angeles Diocese is contemplating another possible change.

In La Cañada Flintridge, St. George’s Episcopal Church has closed its preschool after more than 50 years of serving the community.

“St. George’s preschool closed due to steadily declining enrollment over the years,” said Leemhuis.

The preschool had less than one-third of its capacity enrolled in this coming year. Although there has been some talk about closing St. George’s Church there has not been an official decision made yet.

“There is no decision to close St. George’s,” Leemhuis said.

In recent weeks the congregations of St. Luke’s and St. George’s have been gathering together for services, either at the churches of St. Luke’s or at St. George’s.

“[St. George’s] congregation leadership is simply exploring the possibility of joining with St. Luke’s,” Leemhuis said. “We are exploring if it makes sense to merge but nothing has been decided at this point and more conversation will happen about this possibility and will involve the [Los Angeles] diocese and our bishop.”

A Gallup poll found in 2020 that 47% of U.S. adults belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque. That is down over 20 percentage points from the turn of the century.

In 2018 that rate was 50% and in 1999 it was 70%. This is a trend that appears to be a recent occurrence. Gallup began to first measure church membership in 1937 when the percentage of those who belonged to a church was 73%. It remained in the 70% range for the following six decades.

“Decline in church attendance is something that most denominations have experienced. Further, people have cars now and don’t always seek to worship within walking distance from their homes. We have approximately seven churches in a 15-mile radius of each other,” Leemhuis said. “I don’t believe all of our churches are dying. We have vibrant communities of worship doing exciting work all over our six county diocese. Our foothill churches are no different. As in life everything changes. Our future churches will strive to collaborate more and do much more mutual ministry work. Some of our campuses will have opportunities for affordable housing, which is sorely needed in our state and local communities.”

St. Luke’s of the Mountains Episcopal Church is gearing up for its 100th year celebration. Below is some history of the “stone church.”

On Easter 1924 the cornerstone was laid for the building of St. Luke’s of the Mountains

Episcopal Church. Since then the church, located at the northeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Rosemont Avenue, has been a cornerstone of the valley. During a walk-through of the grounds a few years ago, when the church was only 86 years old, the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley on a Sunday afternoon highlighted that long history of the old French country stone church. The tour was led by church member Charly Shelton.

“They say God works in mysterious ways. Well, if artist S. Seymour Thomas had not become ill, needing a place with healthy air, there would probably still be a St. Luke’s Episcopal Church here on the corner but it would have looked much different,” Shelton said.

S. Seymour Thomas was a well-known artist. His portrait of President Woodrow Wilson is still displayed at the White House. He and his wife were residents of La Crescenta in a home on Rosemont Avenue they called Cuddle Doon.

After an afternoon tea at home, the artist went to the land at the corner of what is now Rosemont and Foothill, which was donated by Madame Louise Janvier, and began to paint. The result was a plan in the form of a painting for a stone church whose architecture was influenced heavily by the artist’s time in France.

That painting still hangs in the vicar’s office.

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LCIF NEWS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills will celebrate an annual tradition this Father's Day, June 18: "Dads and Grads." Fathers will be honored during the 10 a.m. service as will recent graduates of local high schools. LCIF member and recent La Cañada High School graduate Joanna Gropper will receive a hand-stitched quilt to take with her to college. The giving of a quilt for graduating church members is a long-standing tradition at LCIF. Gropper will attend American University this fall.

This Sunday, LCIF's new full time pastor will deliver his first sermon. Rev. Rick Hall grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from Adams State College in 1995 with a degree in history, government and philosophy, and secondary education.

Hall earned his Masters of Divinity from Luther Seminary in 2011. He has served at churches in Wisconsin, North Dakota and, most recently, in Fresno. Hall is married to his wife Cathy for 24 years. They have two children, Max and Copper.

Hall said he is excited to take over just in time for Vacation Bible School, which gets underway

Monday, June 19. VBS, for children 4 years old through sixth grade, will run through Friday, June 23. For registration details, please visit lcifoothills.org.

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.

'TWISTS AND TURNS' - A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN

Join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for a week of "Twists and Turns," a Vacation Bible School taking place Monday through Friday, July 10-14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

All children from age 4 to incoming sixth graders are welcome at this week of games, crafts and singing, all focused on the message that "Following Jesus Changes the Game!"

The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$50 for 1 child; \$85 for two children; \$120 for three or more children. T-shirts are included.

"Twists and Turns" will take place at the La Crescenta Presbyterian campus at 2902

Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, contact jesiah@lcpc.net or call 818-249-6137. To register, visit lcpc.net/vbs.

WALK AND WORD

In May, 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 June 18 & 25. 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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Parent Ed Ends Year Celebrating Achievements



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Front row, from left, are Tracy Tobias, Ashley Barrett, Natasha Wood, Elizabeth Angiuli, Kathy Kovalick, Sarah New, Melanie Frey; middle row, from left, are Amanda Baughman, Charlotte Miller, Amber Gerhardt-Serrano, Stephanie Ferguson, Vicki Rekedal, Teresa Chiu, Katrina Harbers, Jan Roberts and Sarah Montes; back row from left are Sloan Walsh, Monica Skeehan, Erin Brown, Katy Riddell, Jana Van Dyck, Lauren Gallidoro, Daniela Kim, Meredith Min and Anne Bierling.

The Parent Education Program at La Cañada Presbyterian Church (LCPC) capped the end of its 44th year by celebrating the program's achievements with a celebration for the staff, board and MST at the home of Ashley Barrett. The evening began with an al fresco dinner followed by commendations for the team by director Anne Bierling. In addition to expressing gratitude for its 40 team members, board chair Katrina Harbers presented thank you gifts with the theme verse: "Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you." (Matthew 5:44). Sloan Walsh was also commended for 20 years of service and Jan Roberts for 30 years.

The LCPC Parent Education team celebrated the number of classes offered - 26 - including 10 Parent Express classes; for example, The Art of Fatherhood, Parenting through

Learning Differences, and Managing Technology, which drew 564 parents and children to campus last year. Other highlights of the year included a successful fundraising gala, supporting other local non-profit organizations including Union Rescue Mission, Hope Gardens, The Oasis of Hollywood, Harambee, Elizabeth House and Young Life Capernaum while also providing support resources to dozens of families in distress through the Erskine Compassion Memorial Fund. This fund was created in memory of Cathy and Christopher Erskine in 2018. Contributions can be made to this ongoing fund online at <https://bit.ly/PARENTEDGALA23> or by check designated to Erskine Memorial Fund. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to LCPC Parent Ed, 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

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Anti-Semitic Flyers Distributed in Local Neighborhoods

By Mary O'KEEFE

A neighborhood in Glendale, including the far North/Crescenta Valley area, recently received some disturbing anti-Semitic flyers on their property.

The flyers were printed on both

sides of a page, folded in half and put into tiny plastic bags with small pebbles in the bottom of the bag and thrown on sidewalks and parkways throughout neighborhoods. There were two separate flyers, both anti-Semitic in nature.

The Glendale Police Dept. was contacted by residents.

"We first received reports about the flyers on Saturday morning. Officers interviewed residents and collected samples for forensics review. Our detectives have the case and have begun an

investigation. Additionally, Chief Cid has met with members of the Anti-Defamation League of Los Angeles and the Jewish Federation of the San Gabriel Valley to reaffirm our commitment to fighting hate and bias in Glendale," stated Sgt. Victor Jackson of GPD.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept./Crescenta Valley Station has not received any calls from residents within La Cañada Flintridge or the unincorporated area of LA County/La Crescenta-Montrose regarding receiving these types of flyers.

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administration, legislators, and the California Department of Insurance (CDI) for their wildfire loss mitigation efforts. We pledge to work constructively with the CDI and policymakers to help build market capacity in California. However, it's necessary to take these actions now to improve the company's

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decision. Allstate has joined State Farm in the decision to halt sales of property and casualty coverage to new customers in California. The company cited similar reasons for the decision including the high costs to underwrite policies in the state due to the natural disasters.

Pride Event at CV Park

By Lynn SHER

The County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation is hosting a Pride in The Park event in honor of Pride Month on Saturday, June 17, at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. Festivities begin with breakfast at 10 a.m. and the event runs until noon. Pride in the Park is LA County Parks' first department-wide celebration of Pride Month. Throughout the month of June it is partnering with various LGBTQ+ community-based organizations and holding

celebrations at 56 different parks throughout Los Angeles.

"These two-hour programs hope to elevate inclusion in parks and recreation programs and spaces while celebrating LA County's diversity," according to its website.

Beverly Craig, pastor at the Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta, and Father Guy Leemhis, vicar at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, will be speaking on topics like inclusivity and coming out. They will also be providing "safe spaces" for anyone seeking counsel or who

simply want to share their feelings. There will be crafts, raffles with prizes like Starbucks gift cards and live entertainment. An open mic poetry reading is also on the itinerary for people inspired to share their work.

The inspiration for hosting "mini Pride festivals," according to Jason Hauser from LA County Parks and Recreation, is service.

"We want to serve; that's the job of the Parks - to serve everyone," he said. "My goal is to build bridges. We want to build understanding and respect and love for everyone."

Three Men Arrested During GUSD Protest

There were three men arrested during the Glendale Unified School District protest last week. A 35-year-old man

from La Crescenta was arrested for obstruction of police and disturbing the peace, a 43-year-old man from Granada Hills

was arrested for illegal use of tear gas and a 56-year-old man from Glendale was arrested for remaining at the scene of a riot.

Vandalism Hate Crime and Investigation

On the afternoon of June 9, a Glendale Police officer was hailed down by the victim of an act of vandalism.

The victim told officers the incident occurred in the 600 block of East Lomita Avenue in Glendale. He stated he parked his car on the night of June 8 at about 9 p.m. He returned the following morning and found his car had been "keyed." Scratches were on the passenger side, the rear panel, the roof and the

hood. "IT'S OK TO BE QUEER," "PRIDE," "STOP HATING" and "LGBTQ" were among the phrases etched into the paint on various parts of the car. Additionally, a derogatory word used to attack those of Armenian descent was carved into the vehicle's hood.


Detectives from the GPD Robbery/Homicide Unit, which investigates hate crimes, immediately began

an investigation. The car is currently in police custody undergoing forensics testing.

The investigation is active and ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the GPD immediately by calling (818) 548-4911. To remain anonymous, call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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Displaying Great Cars at Show



The Cars for Cops & Kids Car Show took place on June 4 at Verdugo Park in Glendale. The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Glendale Noon. Edwin Voskanian and Lt. Patrick Magtoto co-chaired the show and were assisted by dozens of volunteers from the Rotary Club and the community.

Since 2017 the event raised over \$295,000 for the Glendale Police Foundation and local at-risk youth programs. The 2023 Cars for Cops & Kids Car Show raised over \$70,000 thanks to presenting sponsors Pacific BMW and Adventist Health Glendale and over 40 other local business sponsors.

"We are so thankful to our sponsors including Pacific BMW and Adventist Health Glendale, thankful to all the

car registrants and lastly all the Rotarians of the Glendale Rotary Noon Club who contributed to this year's massive success," said Voskanian.

Over 200 cars were on display parked on the grass of Verdugo Park under the shade of the sycamore trees. Forty trophies were awarded; among these were for best exotic, best American classic, best European classic, best off-road and more. City of Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman, Councilmember Paula Devine, Police Chief Manuel Cid and Fire Chief Timothy Ernst were present and awarded their favorite cars. In addition, dozens of police officers and firefighters were present giving tours of SWAT cars and fire engines and meeting with the families in the community.

"I've been volunteering my time designing all of the graphics and marketing for the Cars for Cops & Kids Car Show since 2017 and it's something I look forward to every June," said Rotarian Art Markarian. "Watching our annual car show grow each year and knowing it has raised hundreds of thousands for the vital at-risk youth programs in our community has been a truly fulfilling experience."

The Dad's Club of Verdugo Woodlands Elementary hosted a beer garden with beers from Breweryard, a Glendale-based brewery and Wines from Eight Wine Eight, a Glendale-based importer. The Boy Scouts of America Verdugo Hills Council held its Pinewood Derby at the car show where local troops competed against each other.



The Rotary Club of Glendale Noon is accepting new members. Learn more at www.glendalerotary.com.

Submitted by H. Art MARKARIAN

Carjacking Suspects Arrested

Two men have been arrested in connection with a carjacking of a pizza delivery driver.

The incident occurred on June 6. At about 4:25 p.m., Burbank Police responded to the 1500 block of North Naomi Street regarding a report of a carjacking that had just occurred. The victim, who works for Domino's Pizza, told officers he was delivering an order to a

customer when he was confronted by two men in an alley. One man grabbed the victim, assaulted him and pointed a firearm at him while demanding the keys to his vehicle. Fearing for his life, the victim complied with the suspect's demands and handed over his keys. The suspects then fled in the victim's vehicle.

Multiple officers responded to the area and searched for the suspects but did not locate them.

Following the incident, Burbank Police investigators conducted a thorough investigation, including canvassing the area for evidence and collecting surveillance video.

On June 8, at about 1:45 p.m., investigators found the victim's vehicle near the 6500 block of Radford Avenue in North Hollywood, driven by a man believed to be one of the suspects

in the carjacking. Detectives stopped the driver and arrested him. Investigators then located the second suspect a short time later near the 6100 block of Lankershim Boulevard in North Hollywood and arrested him as well.

Following the arrests, detectives served search warrants at two locations where the suspects reside and allegedly recovered evidence linking them to the

carjacking in Burbank.

The suspects have been identified as 24-year-old Jordan Lee and 21-year-old Tracy Dobbins, both residents of North Hollywood. Both were booked for armed carjacking, a felony, and are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Lee and Dobbins are due to appear in court on June 12.

Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.



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LRO from Cover

“Life Rolls On” was his philosophy and in 2001 he teamed up with They Will Surf Again, a foundation that introduced adaptive surfing for the paralysis community. They held a successful event that reached across the world. In 2002, the LRO Foundation became an official non-profit organization and garnered the support of the U.S. Open of Surfing, according to the LRO website.

And the organization extends beyond surfing.

“We have They Will Skate Again, too,” Billauer said.

The focus of LRO is to raise awareness of the paralysis community and to provide “freedom beyond paralysis.”

“Life changing” is how Mike Berns, LRO Operations director, describes the feedback he receives from surfers after they experience They Will Surf Again.

Berns began volunteering with

LRO in 2008 and began working as its operations director in 2015. LRO started on the West Coast but now has expanded to the East Coast and Canada. There are 13 They Will Surf Again events per year and three They Will Skate Again. Throughout the years participation has grown.

“So much so that we have to cut off volunteers and surfers [applicants],” Berns said.

Each event hosts about 500 volunteers and 120 surfers, but there is always room for those who are interested to volunteer.

Leum has introduced a lot of local residents to the organizations and has found that after one trip to the ocean, they are forever volunteers.

“We have a large and growing contingent from the local area. It’s been a combination of social media posts and direct follow-up with like-minded people,” he said. “Besides

having a family atmosphere the best part is seeing people like Molly and Jessy [Shelton] and Spencer [Duke] grow and step into leadership roles.

Other local volunteers include nearly the entire Goldsworthy family. And there are local surfers who join in as well.

Leum said there are so many memories made over the last 15 years.

“One poignant [memory] was taking an adult male out in the water for the first time since his motorcycle accident. He broke down in tears of happiness. Another is forming relationships with our surfers like Terina [Sprague]. We have attended other events where she participates as an adaptive athlete,” Leum said.

He added he is amazed that when he asks the athlete surfers if they want to stay “in close and ride the whitewater” or “go out deep and

possibly get hammered,” they often want to go for the big wave.

“The fact that these people put their lives into the hands of, sometimes, strangers is a true testament of bravery,” he said.

The volunteers line the imaginary path the surfer will take. They guide, and sometime carry, the surfer and the board out to the waves. Then like all surfers they wait for that perfect wave. Then the volunteer behind the board begins to kick and the board, and the surfer athlete, rides the wave. There are volunteers on both sides of the surfboard ready to respond to any athlete who takes a tumble. They surf to the shore, turn around and head back to the next wave.

Berns said the oldest surfer has been in his/her 70s, but there are young surfers too and many of them ride on top of the board with a volunteer.

A lot of the athletes have never surfed before and this makes their time in the ocean even more exciting.

They Will Skate Again is another event focused on people with paralysis who skate at places like the Venice Beach Skatepark.

Berns said that Billauer shared that after his accident he felt trapped by his body. He couldn’t envision himself doing things he used to enjoy. But surfing with the organization he founded has given “him a sense of freedom.” And through LRO that feeling has been shared with hundreds of others.

Anyone who would like to know more or to donate to the LRO organization can visit the website <https://liferollson.org>.

Ashlynn Goldsworthy contributed to photos. To see more, visit [www.cvweekly.com/THEY WILL SURF AGAIN](http://www.cvweekly.com/THEY_WILL_SURF_AGAIN)

CVWD from Cover

Concern was voiced on what many felt was the way The District intentionally kept information from the public regarding Proposition 218. Under Prop 218, “in order to raise a new tax, assessment, or property-related fee, or to increase an existing one” a majority of the affected property owners must agree to the increase. For an extensive explanation regarding Prop 218, which was approved in 1996 by voters, visit the information on the Legislative Analyst’s Office website at <https://tinyurl.com/ysuscjd>.

To put it plainly, most of people at the meeting were not pleased with The District. Most at Tuesday’s meeting felt like something wasn’t “right” with their current water bills and they were being charged too much. Now, The District wants to impose a charge on property tax bills in order to fund its “Pipeline Replacement Program.”

Resident Kyle Studebaker, a 40-year homeowner, said, “I gave up

my lawn six years ago ... but my bill has not changed. If anything, it has continued to increase.”

Another homeowner of 30 years said, “This is just too much.” She continued, “My water bill for the last two months was \$49, my actual water usage ... however I was charged over 120 bucks from that bill ... \$60 a month more for infrastructure.” She emphasized, “You can’t keep burdening the residents and expect them not to break.”

James Lee, director of Finance and Administration, emphasized the need for the Pipeline Replacement Program.

“[We need] to ensure water service reliability and fire safety, which are critical,” he said. He cited a handful of reasons why the charge on their customers’ property tax is critical.

“CVWD experienced more than a 15% reduction in metered revenues due to its customers’ response to a historic drought,” he said. “The

historically wet winter last year further compounded the downward pressure on revenues by reducing water demand.”

According to the “Supplemental Study for Determining a Capital Charge for the District’s Long-Term Pipeline Replacement Program” on the CVWD website, “Roughly 86% of the District would see an [additional] annual charge of \$404.30.” The District does plan to offer for those who qualify some kind of economic hardship assistance for this increase.

Residents at Tuesday’s meeting made it clear that they are not ready to accept this tax. Many accused the board of directors of being overpaid and of mishandling the amount of money collected from its customers. Many concerned residents called for a public audit of The District’s finances. One homeowner said, “We need to know how much money these board of directors are making every year ... what we need next is

injunction.”

Jonas Williams was a member of an advisory board in 2022 that was formed with The District.

“To help improve the relationship between the community and the water board,” explained Williams of the purpose of the advisory board. “There seemed to be a lot of problems, and they worked together [to solve them].”

There have been some successes and solutions found for infrastructure funding, like floating bonds.

“You guys ended up with an 8% increase for three years,” he said, “and that was supposed to cover part of the infrastructure. Three years later...and nothing’s improved.” He challenged the board by saying, “Put your cards on the table.”

Lee then explained The District didn’t receive enough protest letters to override the decision of the board. Proposition 218 states, “the local

government must tabulate the ballots [protest letters], weighing them in proportion to the amount of the assessment each property owner would pay. The assessment may be imposed only if 50% or more of the weighted ballots support the assessment.”

The proposition defines an assessment as, “A charge levied on property to pay for a public improvement or service that benefits property. Assessments are usually collected on the regular property tax bill.”

“The board is not going to take action tonight because [the board needs] to deliberate,” Lee said adding answers to attendees’ questions from the public hearing will eventually be posted to the CVWD website.

But this assurance seemed to add to the attendees’ questions and tempers continued to flair even as people began to filter out the hearing.

GCC from Cover

members as well as vandalism of a vehicle that displayed an Armenian flag.

The public comment section of the meeting opened with upcoming events. Resident Jordan Henry spoke of an event on June 20 in the GUSD parking lot where parents could protest for their rights.

Brotman said that the City did not support nor endorse “this gathering and hopes parents get the facts” and not fall for the misdirection and misinformation.

Misinformation on the subject of what is being taught at GUSD schools has been at the base of a lot of the protests. GUSD Superintendent Vivian Ekchian has posted a fact sheet on the District’s website gusd.net/info that highlights the misinformation that is being promoted. Brotman also suggested that parents with concerns should speak directly with their child’s teacher, principal or with Ekchian directly to voice their concerns. Furthermore, he suggested that if parents are upset with the state laws they should reach out to their representatives.

“You have the right to protest,” he said. “If you are interested in solving problems then direct communication is best.”

This brought more ire from some

in the audience, which continued throughout the public hearing portion of the meeting. Those in attendance were passionately vocal when discussion turned to the composition of council districts. This was in relation to the City’s proposed transition to district-based councilmember elections. The resolution revises the timeline for conducting public hearings, formulates proposed district maps and presents proposed ballot language for council consideration for placement of adoption of council districts on the ballot for the March 2024 General Municipal Election.

The City of Glendale is exploring its options as a proactive measure, seeing what many other cities throughout the state have been doing to avoid a potential lawsuit, citing the California Voting Rights.

The discussion was to provide outreach events to speak to the public about the districting possibilities. Some preliminary district maps were displayed reflecting possible district lines during a PowerPoint presentation.

The majority of those who spoke at the meeting were opposed to districting with many asking if the subject would first go to the public in March 2024 to determine if residents even wanted to have

separate districts.

The proposal would establish six council districts and have an elected mayor; presently there are five councilmembers and a rotation-style mayorship.

Many of those who spoke did not want to see Glendale “chopped up,” stating that the way the City’s neighborhoods are laid out is not specific to individual cultures. One caller said that the concerns of those who live in north Glendale are the same concerns of those in the south section of City. Others disagreed stating that there were differences between areas of the City where residents faced different issues.

Resident Mike Mohill called into the meeting and said he was in favor of the new district proposal and, in fact, had been asking for districts for a long time. He said he had suggested maybe even having more districts than the six proposed. He also added that he did not see these districts being divided in ethnic terms but geographically – where people lived.

“People in North Glendale have different interests than South Glendale,” Mohill said.

Another speaker wanted to slow the process down to have more time for the community to share its opinions.

It was clear during the public comments portion of the meeting that LA was the shadow looming over the reason not to establish districts. Many in the audience cited issues that didn’t really have anything to do with the decision to explore the district option. There were some very angry voices among the calm.

“We are faced with the option of either going to districts or being sued and going to districts,” Kassakhian explained. “I think that greater representation is not something we should be worried about and to use the fear tactics and demagoguery of ‘We don’t want to be corrupt like LA’ has been. Los Angeles has had corruption – absolutely – but guess what? There was corruption in this Council chambers before as well. Also I am a little confused about some of the comments tonight to whether Glendale is a great city or it’s going to hell. We have to pick one or the other. Personally I think it’s a great City and there is nothing wrong that can’t be fixed with what’s right with Glendale.”

Next week CVW will continue providing information on this meeting, which Mayor Brotman had to recess twice – once to gain control and once to clear the audience.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Bolton Hall – The Center of Tujunga History

Tujunga, our immediate neighbor to the west, has a dynamic history. And just like the Crescenta Valley, a theme of the Tujunga Valley's history and architecture revolves around rocks. No structure in Tujunga reflects that dynamic history, and its emphasis on rocks, better than Bolton Hall.

The history of Bolton Hall begins with the intriguing story of a failed utopian community called "Little Lands." Just before WWI the upper eastern end of the Tujunga Valley, what was then called Glorietta Heights, was targeted for a utopian community by visionary developer William Hartranft. His idea was based on several utopian communities in which families settled on an acre or two of irrigated land, the theory being that they could grow all they needed and live in harmony. The Tujunga Valley even had the

advantage of free building material: rocks. All people needed were a sack of cement and a trowel to build their new home, the settlers were told. The families were called "Little Landers."

So in 1913, the Little Lands community began. Hartranft donated land and money for a community building made out of local stone. A local craftsman, an artist really, named George Harris designed and built the imposing stone structure. It featured arched windows and doors, a tile roof and a tall bell tower. Inside was a massive stone fireplace with a log for a mantle.

It was named Bolton Hall as a sort of pun. You'd think it was named after someone in the community with the last name of "Bolton," but it's actually named for a progressive activist named Bolton Hall whose "back to the land" philosophies

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Improving the Foster Care System to Protect Our Most Vulnerable

Since first taking Assembly office in 2016, I've worked to strengthen the safety net for transition-age foster youth, particularly when it comes to ensuring they have access to safe and supportive housing. I've successfully passed bills to provide financial support to cover housing costs for foster youth enrolled in college. I've also worked to cut the bureaucratic red tape that limited options for transition-age youth and foster care providers. And I've worked to secure additional funding for housing services in the state budget. It's a topic that I'm passionate about and I've written about it before in this publication.

To give you some background: When children are victims of abuse or neglect, California's juvenile court system holds legal jurisdiction over their care and our child welfare services system appoints a social

worker to ensure that their needs are met. In cases when the court removes a child from his/her parents, the child is placed in what we know as the foster care system. California currently has over 53,000 youth between the ages of 0 and 21 in foster care. Under the law, these are our children and the state has a responsibility to ensure that they receive the care and support they need.

Historically, we have at many times fallen short of that responsibility. For foster youth transitioning into adulthood and independence, those shortcomings have left them especially vulnerable.

The statistics have been alarming. As youth emancipated from the system after turning 18 they faced enormous challenges, often leading to poverty, homelessness and incarceration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It all started in Montrose! The Congress of the United States, by Joint Resolution on June 9, 1966 approved H.J. Resolution 763 proclaiming the week in which June 14th occurs as National Flag Week, and the same Resolution requested that the President is to issue every year a proclamation and also to call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during this week.

The origin of Flag Week is very special because it originated in Montrose through the hard work

of Bill Bailey, Don Carpenter, Congressman H. Allen Smith, the Crescenta Cañada Rotary Club and my father Vito Cannella back in the '60s. Nurtured by their love of country and gratitude of those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's symbol, the American flag, this group had a desire to contribute something positive to the fabric of our country during the difficult Vietnam War era. They dreamed of a national movement to convince Congress and the President to join them

in their love for the flag. From humble origins and the small town efforts of our community, they collected thousands upon thousands of signatures across our state. This dream got the attention of the United States Congress and passed in a joint session and was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966.

So for the last 56 years we've asked the citizens of our nation to give recognition and respect for our flag by asking that we honor our flag more than just one day on the

national calendar (June 14), but put aside a whole week to honor the flag and ask that all citizens fly our flag for that week.

This cause was very important to my dad. Every year since 1967 he would write each President reminding them of their duty to issue the proclamation and every year he got a response from the White House indicating that they would. My father has passed and one of the things we talked about prior to his death was his wish that the story of Flag Week not be

forgotten as he was the last of the originating supporters. I promised him I would carry his message reminding our community of its history and connection to our hometown. I wrote that letter to President Biden and will remind all of you to fly your flag the week of June 14. That is the purpose of my letter today.

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» CV WEEKLY'S GRADUATION SECTION 2023

Clark Magnet High School Graduates Class of 2023

By Ruth SOWBY

Clark Magnet's Class of 2023 is unique. Besides having the greatest number of graduates in the school's history, the Class stands out in other ways as well. Almost 60% of the graduates have been enrolled in Glendale Unified School District schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. Class members have given 23,710 hours in time and talent to the school. There are six sets of twins. Valedictorian Nathan Scherrer has a grade point average of 4.89 and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will be the school's last valedictorian; Clark will be doing away with that designation.

On Wednesday, June 7, all 277 graduates paraded into the Clark Magnet amphitheater in the late afternoon under cloudy skies. The two-hour program began with the presentation of colors by the school's Air Force JROTC, the flag salute and introductions by Principal Brian Landisi. He announced that Clark is in the top 1.1% of high schools in the nation.

The keynote speaker was attorney Irene Scholl-Tatevosyan of the Clark Class of 2006. She is a first generation American Armenian and graduated from UCLA and USC's law school.

"It's okay to be lost scared, and unsure of the future," said Scholl-Tatevosyan. "The definition of yourself will change."

She even gave relationship advice.

"For your life partner, choose someone who will enhance you, not hinder you."

The class gift was presented by Senior Class President Mayla Khachatourian. It will be a "facelift for the school," she said. All the school's murals will be refinished.

Accepting the Class of 2023 was Nayiri Nahabedian, president of the Glendale Unified Board of Education.

She said to the graduates, "Who you will be is what you will create ... Not all of us will do great things."

Quoting Mother Teresa, Nahabedian added, "Do small things with great love."



Principal Brian Landisi speaks at the Class 2023 graduation ceremonies at Clark Magnet High School in La Crescenta.



A graduate of Clark Magnet High School Class of 2023 created a work of art on her mortar board.



Valedictorian Nathan Scherrer switches his tassel after graduating from Clark Magnet High School on June 7.



The presentation of colors at Clark Magnet High School's Class of 2023 graduation. A record 277 students graduated in front of parents, teachers, and administrators.

Last week's program continued with the conferment of diplomas by former Clark Principal Lena Kortosian. The program

ended with the "moving of the tassel" by the graduates.

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Rosemont Middle School Promotes Class of 2023



Rosemont Principal Suzanne Risse addresses the class and the audience



English teacher Shannon Kracker with Peter James



The Class of 2023



Some of the Rosemont ninth grade students clown in front of the sign at Rosemont

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Crescenta Valley High School Graduates Class of 2023



A new graduate celebrates her achievement.



Chawin Mingsuwan raises his hands in triumph.



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Holding high her diploma.



Principal Christine Benitez



Recent graduates hold hands – and their diplomas.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Aerial Trams and Luxury Hotels in Palm Springs

By Greg ARAGON

The Palm Springs Aerial Tram is often called the Eighth Wonder of the World because of the groundbreaking engineering behind its construction. This year, the modern marvel is celebrating its 60th anniversary so I thought it would be a great time to visit while also spending a couple days relaxing in the warm paradise of Palm Springs.

My getaway to the area began at the beautiful Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel, where the family and I checked into a luxurious suite for two nights. The spacious room came with two queen beds, mini-fridge, coffee maker, office desk, comfortable chairs, a spacious bathroom with a tub/shower combo and a balcony overlooking the property's large sparkling pool.

Beyond the suite, the Renaissance Hotel also featured onsite restaurants and bars, a fitness center, convenience store, meeting space, and free Wi-Fi. My favorite spot at the hotel was the giant outdoor pool area where guests can lounge beneath umbrellas or in private cabanas between dips in the water.



The hotel is located in Downtown Palm Springs and is set against a backdrop of swaying palm trees, giant spinning windmills and the majestic San Jacinto Mountains. Once acquainted with the hotel, we drove a couple of miles through town to the aerial tram for a thrilling ride up the mountain.

Our adventure began at the

base of Mt. San Jacinto at Valley Station at an elevation of 2,643 feet. Here we picked up our tickets and boarded a pumpkin-shaped tram car that can hold up to 80 passengers. Once inside, the conductor closed the doors and the tram began climbing straight up a mile of rocky cliffs.

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THEN & NOW

Bolton Hall
Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » Here's Bolton Hall soon after being built in 1913. Note the extensive rockwork done by the master craftsman George Harris. The hall was not named after someone with the last name of "Bolton;" it was named after a political activist named Bolton Hall, somewhat of a pun. It served as the community center for the short-lived utopian community of Little Lands.



NOW » And here it is today, 110 years after it was built. It's still gorgeous and still serves as a community center, although not for a utopian community named Little Lands. It's now the museum for the Little Landers Historical Society. The spectacular building and museum is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Please give them a visit!



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Performing Groups Invited to Apply for Dance Performance Series

The Brand Associates Dance Series presents top dance companies from Southern California performing site-specific work in non-traditional performance spaces around Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale. The Dance Series is sponsored by the Brand Associates. Performances run between 60 and 90 minutes without intermission.

This series began in the 1960s as part of Brand Library & Art Center's mission to promote all aspects of art. Dance companies with at least five years of experience are encouraged to apply to present an educational, site-specific

dance program appropriate for all ages on-site at Brand Library & Art Center. Artists are encouraged to visit the location. Seating is limited and first come, first served; no reserved seating. The area seats 75-90 people for a performance; visitors are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and sit on the grassy hillsides in Brand Park.

The Dance Series is curated by Jamie Nichols, a critically acclaimed dancer, choreographer and artistic director of the contemporary dance company Fast Feet (1980-2003). She is the recipient of six Lester Horton Dance Awards and was honored by the Dance Resource Center

of LA with the prestigious Furthering the Visibility of Dance Award. As executive producer of Celebrate Dance for 10 years, she presented 70 dance companies at the Alex Theatre. Nichols has served on boards and committees, mentored dance companies, and produced various dance events. She teaches movement for actors and contemporary dance in Los Angeles.

Applications are open through Sept. 30. Groups with diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Visit www.brandlibrary.org for more information and to apply. <https://www.brandlibrary.org/dance-series-application>.

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The tram is pulled by 12,000 feet of cable and passes through five huge support towers along the way. At each tower, the car shimmies and shakes, giving riders a roller coaster thrill. Inside the tram, all passengers got great views of Coachella Valley because the car rotates 360 degrees. According to officials, these are the world's largest rotating tram cars!

During the ascent, visitors are transported through five unique ecosystems – a change in landscape and life equivalent to a drive from Sonora, Mexico to the Arctic Circle in Alaska. It makes this trip in about 11 minutes!

While enjoying the ride, I marveled at the views and thought of the immense challenge it was to build this project. It all began in 1935 when a young engineer named Francis Crocker was sweating in the Palm Springs desert heat and he looked up and noticed that there was snow atop Mt. San Jacinto. There must be an easy way up to that snow, he thought. And with that, the dream of a mountain tram was born.

After years of planning and

political hurdles, a bill was signed in 1945 to build a tram up the mountain. By 1950, engineers were hammering out designs and preparing construction until the Korean War caused a 10-year delay.

To overcome the challenges of building up the side of a rock mountain, engineers ingeniously employed helicopters to help erect four of the five supporting towers. Because of this, the tram was labeled the Eighth Wonder of the World and was designated an historical civil engineering landmark. The tram was officially completed in 1963.

The tram ride up the cliffs ends at Mountain Station at 8,516 feet above sea level. Here there is a lodge-like visitor's center with two restaurants, a gift shop, small museum and lots of spots to look out over the valley below.

Outside the visitor center is Mt. San Jacinto State Park, which offers 54 miles of hiking trails and a few primitive campsites within a 13,000-acre pristine wilderness. The weather is usually about 30 to 40 degrees cooler up there, so riders should bring a coat.

When we got outside, we hiked

Long Valley, following a three-quarter-mile-long loop trail through a large meadow.

The temperature was about 55 degrees and the meadow was lined with tall pine trees and native plants and grasses. Along the trail we scratched the dark brown bark of a Jeffrey pine tree (the most common tree in the valley) and breathed its natural vanilla and butterscotch scent. There was also a small, raging stream flowing through the valley.

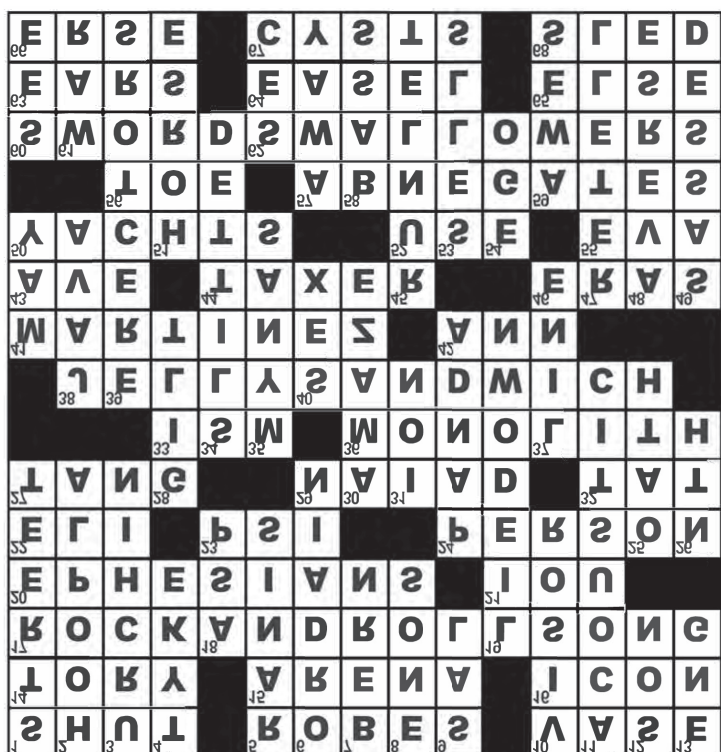
After hiking we returned to the visitor's center and had lunch at Pine's Café where we enjoyed chicken tenders, a deli sandwich and some of the best pizza I've had in a long time. The aerial tram also offers a special ride and dinner combination ticket from 4 p.m. daily with meal service from 4:30 p.m. Prices for the combination ticket are \$38 for adults and seniors, and \$24.50 for children ages 3-10.

After lunch we bought a T-shirt at the gift shop and a commemorative gold coin for \$5, and then relaxed on the Mountain Station terrace, looking down over the entire Palm Springs desert valley with views from the Salton Sea to the San Geronio Pass.

Back at the Renaissance Hotel, we lounged by the pool in our own private cabana, which comes with a small fridge, comfortable sofas, deck chairs and plenty of shade and privacy. The cabanas are available for rent from the front desk.

For more info on the hotel visit: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/pspbr-renaissance-palm-springs-hotel/overview/.

The Palm Springs Aerial Tram is located at One Tram Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Tickets are \$29.95 for adults, \$17.95 for kids 3-10, and \$27.95 for seniors. For more information, call (888) 515.TRAM or visit www.pstramway.com.



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National Charity League, Inc. – Glendale Chapter Holds 17th Annual ‘From the Heart’ Blood Drive

The Glendale Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. will hold its 17th annual “From the Heart” American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, June 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, 1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale, in Council Rooms A-D.

The summer is a time when blood supplies are very low and donors are urgently needed. Members of the community are encouraged to make an appointment to donate by emailing nclglendalefromtheheart@gmail.com or by signing up for this drive on the American Red Cross website at redcross.org and entering sponsor code nclglendale. All donors will not only receive a \$10 gift card after the event but they will also be entered in a drawing for two sets of two Knott’s Berry Farm tickets. Donors are also treated to homemade cookies and treats made by the mother and daughter Chapter members.



“Our Chapter’s blood drive is one of the most successful in the area and this year we hope once more to meet or exceed 100 blood donations and potentially save 300 lives,” said Michelle DeMonteverde, Chapter

co-president. Chairing the event are members Marissa Nelson, Fiona Wertheimer and Megan Crossland. For more information on “From the Heart,” email nclglendalefromtheheart@gmail.com;



to learn more about NCL Inc., – Glendale Chapter membership, visit nclglendale.org and complete the online interest form on the “Get Involved” page.

Photos provided by NCL
LEFT: From left are Mary Ellen Sather, Mia Husfeld, Michelle Demonteverde and Joy Asbury.
RIGHT: Ticktockers (top from left) are Amanda Schwalbach, Becca Demonteverde and Kaitlyn Hu; bottom (from left) are Lauren Schwalbach, Raya Koenig and Kaitlyn Creighton.

Discover the Amazing California Micro-Winery Movement at the Garagiste Festival in Glendale on June 17

Named the “#1 Wine Festival in the Country” by USA Today, and “Best Festival” by Sunset Magazine, The Garagiste Festival gives tasters the opportunity to explore a wide range of wines from all over California – including Paso Robles, Napa, Sonoma, Santa Barbara and more. The majority of these wineries do not have tasting rooms and aren’t

on “wine country” maps. That’s why KCET calls it “a crazy thrill of discovery!”

Taste over 35 different varietals and blends

Yes, there will be excellent Cabernet, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Zin, Rosé, blends and all of the faves, but in addition tasters will also be able to taste a wide range

of grapes that are only made by these kinds of small artisan winemakers. It’s a fantastic opportunity to taste world-class wines and discover new favorites without having to commit to the purchase of a whole bottle. Find new favorites!

Meet the Winemakers

You will be talking to the passionate people who make these

wines and get to hear their personal stories about why they make them. These winemakers love talking to you. Whether you are an expert or a novice, you will absolutely come away from The Garagiste Festival knowing more than when you walked in.

No Black Ties or Annoying Crowds

The Garagiste Festival is casual and fun. Their motto is “No Snobs Allowed!” Ticket sales are limited to make sure you have a comfortable experience and even have time to talk to the winemakers. No waiting

in long lines to taste!

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As a 501c3 non-profit organization proceeds support The Garagiste Festival Scholarships at Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo.

Check out their website for details and tickets: <https://www.garagistefestival.com>.

Saturday, June 17 Grand Tasting Tickets are \$75, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., early access to rare and reserve tasting, plus Grand Tasting, tickets are \$100.



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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On June 16, guest Stephanie Fugit from OneLegacy will speak on the value of organ donation.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

NEXT MEETING PLANNED OF BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting today, Thursday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be the "Judging of the Annual Project Plant Strawberry Fields" and "Playing Leaf Bingo." The new annual project plant "Midnight Frolic" will be distributed at this meeting.

There are raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings to come and learn more about growing the

African violet.

For more information phone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website: www.burbankafrienviolets.weebly.com.

GARAGISTE WINE FESTIVAL

The Garagiste Wine Festival returns to LA for the eighth time on Saturday, June 17 with over 40 micro-production, commercial "garagiste" California wineries from Malibu, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara County, Paso Robles, Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, Baja California and more.

The festival takes place at the Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale. Tickets range from \$10 to \$135 and available at https://tinyurl.com/bdv5ynu4.

COMMUNITY TREE CARE DAY

The Sierra Club is hosting Community Tree Care Day on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers can enjoy the sunshine and outdoors while weeding and watering trees along the main corridor of Foothill Boulevard in Sunland-Tujunga. Participants will each get a free organic waste pail from LA Sanitation &

Environment that can be used to compost food scraps to improve home gardening.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves and water containers.

No reservations are required – just show up at 9 a.m. at DIY Home Center parking lot, 6300 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga.

BEVERLEE NELSON PRESENTS AT BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting on Thursday morning, July 20 at 10 a.m. at the Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program "Growing African Violet Trailers" will be presented by club member Beverlee Nelson. She will share growing tips and techniques, ingredients in the African violet potting soil, lighting and grooming. A discussion with questions and answers will follow.

There are raffle and silent auction tables. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings to come and learn more about growing

the African violet.

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CASINO NIGHT CCLCF FUNDRAISER

The 10th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser, hosted by Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, has been rescheduled to July 29.

VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at clsof74reunion@yahoo.com. Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

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

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

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

June 12, 2023 - June 18, 2023

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Co-workers could be particularly emotional at the beginning of the week. This may open a needed conversation about what causes stress. At the very least, you can learn from what you see. The middle of the week can bring dramatic confrontations or at least a high level of frustration because of someone's behavior. You'll need to be your most diplomatic. It's important to say what you think. Your original point of view can help everyone do a better job.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Monday is a lucky day for you to ask for what you want and enjoy happy times with co-workers. Midweek events could bring a workplace romance to your attention. It could either be you or someone you know about who needs to be more discreet. Pay close attention to the details. This is a great time to review what you're doing and get better organized. Resolve to be more guarded about private information.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Work can be stressful at the start of the week. Visualize good relationships with people who may not be easy to work with. Be ready for extra demands this week. You may have to give up a lot of personal time and let things slide at home for a few days. The more sympathetic you can be, the more successful you're likely to be. Week's end is a positive time to travel or renew old contacts to improve your career.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Events early this week can make you oversensitive. Don't jump to conclusions about another person's behavior. Ask questions rather than assume. Strive to look your best midweek. It will improve your attitude and can help others feel more professional. People will be attracted to you and feel you are someone they can trust. Be a bit conservative about big promises. Your encouragement can bring out the talents of someone less confident.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This is a positive week to share what you can do. Any sort of public event will show you at your best. An emotionally receptive energy will soften your usually strong-willed nature. A mellow attitude can help relieve a longstanding issue between you and a co-worker or client. These are uncertain times. Relax as much as possible. Events toward the end of the week can trigger your more critical and melodramatic reactions. Slow down if challenged. Don't say the first thing you think.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You could start the week feeling moody. Do your best to remain calm but cautious around people you don't trust or know well. A desire to keep your job can stop you from speaking up when you know you should this week. Don't tolerate bullying or harassment in any form. You have the ability to look at any situation and make it better. Be alert for signs others are feeling stressed.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Look for what you have in common with people you serve or see at work. This is an expansive time. You may have to balance work and family responsibilities. Do your best to understand what is expected and then work on your own as much as possible. A good use of this energy is in cleaning and getting better organized. The end of the week will see you shine as a manager or team player.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may be feeling rather insecure or irritable on the job. This is a great time to tackle big projects that need to be broken down into smaller tasks. Think about what you can do to improve your health. It's especially important to be physically active if you have a desk job. You could be worrying unnecessarily at the end of the week. Remember the saying, "Don't sweat the small stuff. It's all small stuff!"

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This can be a happy week for everyone. Get as much unfinished work done as possible. To be most effective, you'll need to find ways to mix work and pleasure. This is a powerful week to think about the effect stress has on your workplace. The more people feel they're in control and able to successfully do what's expected, the better things will be for everyone. Network with people you respect.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Watch what you say at the beginning of the week. You may be feeling the need to defend your point of view. Midweek can bring unexpected challenges. Some people may be rather short-tempered. You shouldn't take this personally. Some problems may reach a point of crisis or decision. If you're coping with a stressful person or situation, get help from those above you or start looking for something better. Take a break from the usual routines.

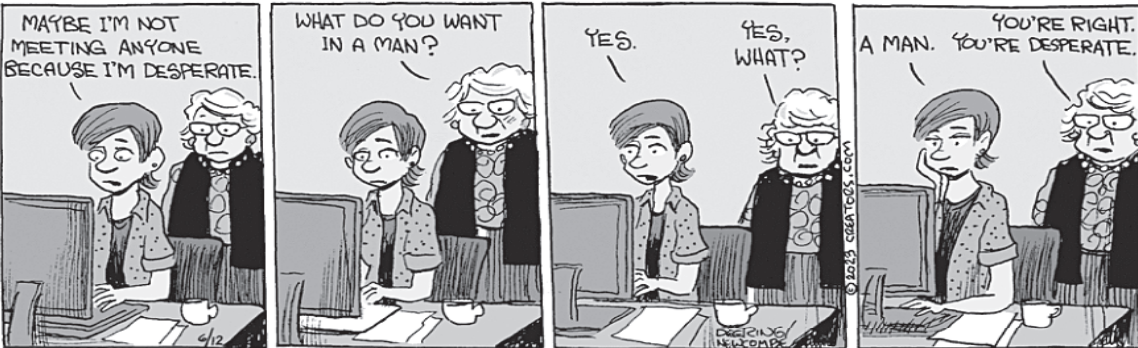
♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Finish all you can early this week. This is a great time for a holiday, but be as thorough and careful as possible if you must work. You can help someone feel better about the job they're doing. Remember that people will do a better job if they know what's expected of them, have some variety, and feel they have some areas of control. Be patient with anyone who tries to micromanage you this week.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

It's a powerful day for partnerships or any meeting that demands diplomacy. This is a great week for careful analysis, reorganization, and improving your technology. Midweek could bring ongoing stress to a point of crisis. There is nothing wrong with telling a superior if you can't ignore a certain behavior. Do this in a spirit of asking for help. It's a positive time for team projects and detailed planning. Watch cash flow carefully.

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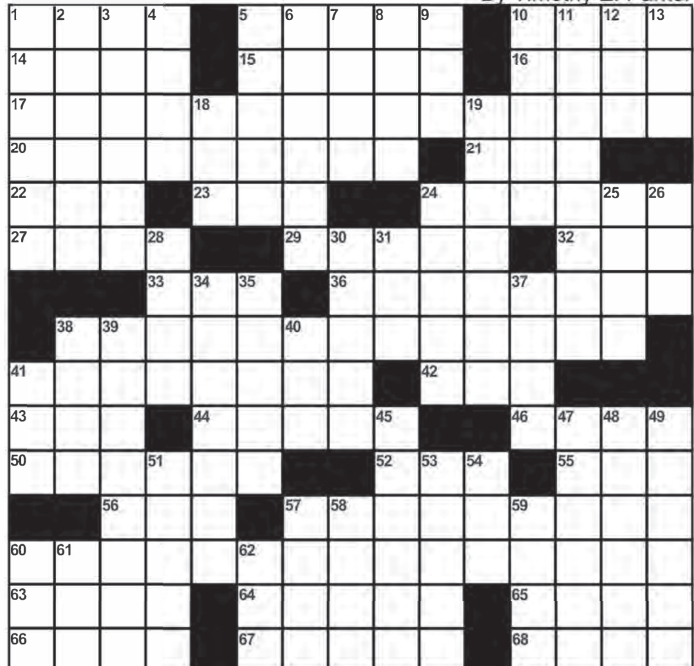
- 1) Make something close?
- 5) Judges' wear
- 10) Bouquet vessel
- 14) Conservative in Britain
- 15) NBA setting
- 16) Clickable item on a monitor
- 17) "Purple Haze" or "Satisfaction"
- 20) New Testament book
- 21) Bettor's marker
- 22) One attending Yale
- 23) Tire pressure fig.
- 24) Politically correct suffix
- 27) Space-age drink?
- 29) Water nymph of myth
- 32) Bit of body art, slangily
- 33) Alcohol chaser?
- 36) Single great stone, such as an obelisk
- 38) Simple kid's meal
- 41) Hall-of-Fame pitcher Pedro
- 42) Cape in Massachusetts
- 43) Street address abbr.
- 44) Internal Revenue Service, e.g.
- 46) Divisions of history
- 50) Expensive pleasure crafts
- 52) Put into practice
- 55) One of the Gabors
- 56) Ballerina's prop
- 57) Denies or renounces
- 60) Some daring circus performers
- 63) Cornstalk units
- 64) Stand near a painter?
- 65) "What ___ can I do?"
- 66) Emerald Isle language
- 67) Dermatologists' subjects, sometimes
- 68) One way to enjoy the snow

DOWN

- 1) It's curbed
- 2) Fanfare, informally
- 3) Mischievous waif
- 4) Little nipper
- 5) Indian queens
- 6) Appoint
- 7) Swiss canton
- 8) Adam's grandson
- 9) "Do the Right Thing" role
- 10) Baseball-cap feature
- 11) Kind of guitar
- 12) "Favorite" relative
- 13) Chang's twin
- 18) It has a nasty bite to it
- 19) Canine command
- 24) Bamboo eater
- 25) Witness stand pledge
- 26) To the ___ degree (extremely)
- 28) With an expensive coat?
- 30) Astonish
- 31) Physicists get a charge out of it
- 34) Squinted one's eyes
- 35) Mimicking birds
- 37) Prompter's whisper
- 38) Coffee, informally
- 39) Skyscraper construction crew, essentially
- 40) Item on a driver's license
- 41) When mom gets her due
- 45) Small stream
- 47) Spin the same yarn?
- 48) Strongly opposed (with "to")
- 49) Answered with attitude
- 51) It has two pairs of shoes?
- 53) Flies off the shelf
- 54) Humility obstacle
- 57) Off the premises
- 58) "Largemouth" creature
- 59) Renders speechless
- 60) Rise to a raise
- 61) General purpose?
- 62) "Just a ___"

FISH HEADS

By Timothy E. Parker



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WEATHER from page 2

short time – five to eight years – while diving.

“Specific to California of the big things we have been seeing, and what we hope to start looking at through our expeditions, is an increase in sargassum, which is an invasive algae that actually will overtake kelp forest systems,” Feairheller said.

You may have heard of this sargassum seaweed blob that has hit the coast of Florida. A

Florida Atlantic University study found that the 5,000-mile wide debris-filled blob contains flesh eating bacteria called Vibrio vulnificus. Okay – no science fiction reference needed for that; bacteria-filled blobs have been a basis of a lot of sci-fi and now it not only is on the east coast but the west coast as well.

“It spreads really quickly,” Shelton said. “[For the west coast] it originated off the coast

of Japan, then pieces broke off. We’re starting to find it all over California.”

In California it is refer to it as “devil weed.” Instead of the one big floating blob, it attaches itself to rocks and other surfaces.

Bleu World and its expedition of citizen scientists will not only learn how to gather data on “devil weed” but other invasive species in the sea, along with studying the kelp forests.

Next week I will look more into invasive species being energized by climate change and human behavior that will and has affected our oceans.

For those who would like to join future expeditions and learn how to be a citizen scientist, whether it as a diver or on land, contact Bleu World by going to bleuworld.org.

This morning will be patchy fog but is predicted to lift toward

the afternoon, but there may not be a lot of sun. The Sun should come out on the weekend and temperatures may even get to the 80s.

“We will see pretty decent clearing for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but after that some [June Gloom] but not as strong as before,” said Rose Schonfeld, NOAA meteorologist.

There doesn’t appear to be any “impactful” weather in the future.

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LAWLER from page 8

had inspired Hartranft. But it was indeed the "hall" for the community. Meetings and dances were held there and a public library was established.

However, like most utopian communities, Little Lands didn't last long. A combination of the economic hardships of WWI and human cynicism doomed the community, and by 1920 Little Lands was gone. The American Legion bought Bolton Hall and used it for a few years. When Tujunga incorporated as a city in 1925, the building was leased as a city hall and Tujunga eventually bought it. It was during this period that it famously became Tujunga's jail. Tujunga bought two portable cells, cages really, and kept Tujunga miscreants in them.

In 1932, the City of LA took over Tujunga via a shady election. The City also took over Bolton Hall, installing a couple of Los Angeles City offices there. When WWII came Bolton Hall was conscripted as a storage facility for 25,000 survival kits to be handed out if LA was evacuated.

In 1957, the City of LA abandoned Bolton Hall entirely and the doors and windows were boarded up. That began a 20-year fight to save the hall. Initially the City of LA intended to demolish the building and even had a demo permit issued. In opposition, the Little Landers Historical Society was formed. The group began a series of blocking or delaying tactics. It got the state to weigh in declaring it a state historic monument. It got listed on the City of LA's historic register. All through the 1960s, the City was continually blocked by the Little Landers group and other local civic groups in its demolition plans.

By 1972 the city was beginning to wear down and Los Angeles granted permission for the local groups to begin studying the architectural feasibility of restoring the hall for public use. That began a fundraising drive to pay for the studies, and federal grants were secured.

In 1976 the city gave permission for the restoration to begin and in 1980 work started. In only one year, 1981, the truly home-grown Bolton Hall Museum opened, a testament to the power of a determined community.

Today the museum is a repository for Sunland-Tujunga historical artifacts and photos, as well as a meeting place for the Little Landers Historical Society's monthly meetings. It is open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and its exhibits are worth checking out. Go visit Bolton Hall at 10110 Commerce Ave., two blocks north of Foothill Boulevard.

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

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FRIEDMAN from page 8

To address the problem, California was one of the first states to opt into the federal opportunity to create an Extended Foster Care program, extending the time that foster youth can remain in the system of care from 18 to 21 years of age. Over the past 13 years, the program has shown welcome improvements for foster youth; however, access to housing has remained a challenge.

A 2013 study published in the Journal of Public Health found that between 31% and 46% of former foster youth had been homeless at least once by age 26. More recently, a 2020 University of Chicago Chapin Hall study revealed that more than one in four transition-age youth reported experiencing at least one night of homelessness in the past two years while nearly 30% said they had couch surfed, or stayed with friends, because they lacked housing.

Both federal and state law provide protections to ensure that young people leave foster care with a concrete plan for discharge that provides safety, stability and an opportunity to thrive. For example, state law requires county child welfare agencies, at the last scheduled review hearing held before a dependent child turns 18 years old and at every review hearing thereafter, to submit a report verifying that certain documents, information and services have been provided to the minor or non-minor, including birth certificates, Social Security cards and a valid ID, as well as assistance in applying for college, career technical programs and housing.

However, the law is unclear regarding whether a court can maintain jurisdiction over a youth once they turn 21 when the county child welfare agency has not met

the requirements of the program to support youth in successfully transitioning to independence with critical documents that enable them to secure education, employment and, most importantly, housing.

Let's be clear: When a county fails to provide assistance to secure housing, youth are exiting the foster care system to homelessness.

We cannot allow foster youth to fall through the cracks. We need to have appropriate enforcement tools to ensure that counties are meeting their obligation to provide transition-age youth with the documentation and supportive services they need before they leave the system.

That's why I introduced AB 867 to provide a final backstop of sorts to ensure that foster youth have everything they need as they approach independence. The bill provides clear benchmarks for counties so they're providing timely

discharge services. The bill also gives foster youth an opportunity to remain in care until the required appropriate documents and services have been provided to ensure a safe transition into independence by allowing courts the discretion to keep a case open after youth have reached their 21st birthday.

We have an obligation to care for and support foster youth as they grow to adulthood. Passing AB 867 is just one piece of the puzzle that's needed to keep foster youth from falling into homelessness and I'm committed to continuing the work to protect our youth.

What do you think about AB 867 and the challenges facing California's foster youth? Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, questions or concerns through my District Office at (818) 558-3043 or Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

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