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## The First Deadline to Submit Maps Concerning District Elections

The City of Glendale is considering a shift to district elections, and the proposed change will be put before voters on the March 2024 ballot. If voters approve this plan the change would take effect beginning with Council elections starting in 2026.

Throughout the process, City representatives have been encouraging residents to draw their own maps of proposed city council voting districts that will be considered. The City of Glendale wants the public's input on where district lines should be drawn.

There is still time to comment in this first round deadline. People have until Aug. 5 to submit a map for consideration at the third public hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Glendale City Hall, 613 E. Broadway. To learn how to draw and submit a map, visit [MapGlendale.org/Draw-a-Map](http://MapGlendale.org/Draw-a-Map).

For those who miss the Aug. 5 deadline, they can continue to submit maps and other feedback for the Council's consideration at the fourth public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at [MapGlendale@GlendaleCA.gov](http://MapGlendale@GlendaleCA.gov).

For more information on Glendale's district formation process and how to participate, visit [MapGlendale.org](http://MapGlendale.org).

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Toluca Lake and surrounding

## Seven Decades of Music and Still Playing On

By Mary O'KEEFE

*Local music store celebrates decades of serving the community.*

Grayson's Tune Town in Montrose is celebrating 70 years of business – a distinct and Herculean accomplishment in this day of business uncertainty and pandemic recovery but the business's survival over the decades can be traced to the family who started it.

Ken Grayson was 10 years old when he first started helping his parents at the shop. Grayson's dad received a loan from his sisters to first open the doors back in 1953. At that time Grayson's Tune Town was in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue across from where Bank of America is now. His dad worked multiple jobs in those early days and his mom came in to help when his dad was at his other job. Of course, Ken Grayson was there to help on weekends and after school. They started the business as a



Photo by Mary O'KEEFE  
 Ken Grayson (left) and his grandson Connor Sobczak stand amid the many types of guitars that Grayson's Tune Town sells. Grayson's has served the community for 70 years.

record store but were savvy and recognized when things started changing in the music industry.

"We transitioned," Grayson said. "We were a record store and carried phonographs. Then

tapes came out, and we used to sell these little car stereos. We did that and we got into selling 8-track tapes and then cassettes. During this time we started [offering] music lessons in the

store and then began carrying guitars [for sale]."

The industry then began to rapidly change and the record industry shifted to mass

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## Montrose Search and Rescue Gets Technological Help

By Mary O'KEEFE

Once again members of the Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR) team had a very busy weekend and, once again, iPhone technology helped team members find the victim of a car that careened over the side of the highway.

"It was a crazy weekend," said Steve Goldsworthy MSAR, member.

It started on Friday when Goldsworthy arrived home after being on a search for a missing hiker in Monrovia. The hiker, according to Altadena Mountain Rescue, is Colin Walker who had been missing since July 15. He was not reported missing until that following Monday, July 17. He apparently did not tell anyone where he would be hiking; friends and family only knew he was in the Angeles National Forest.

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 Part of the vehicle undercarriage got caught on the guardrail when going over the side of the highway indicating to rescuers that they were on the right track to finding a missing car.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# No Good News

I have often heard that the media doesn't tell "happy" stories, that "if it bleeds, it leads." That may be true; years ago I was working at another paper and made the decision during the Christmas holidays to put on the front cover the story of a man dressed as Santa who attacked several people at a party that his ex-wife was attending. The story about "Killer Klaus" may not have been my finest moment but I knew that the headline would capture the attention of readers.

At CV Weekly we try to put a "lighter" news story on the top of the front cover and more serious news on the bottom cover. Page 3 is also typically a lighter story. But this week in news has been super stressful.

For example, the heat is unrelenting and has caused the deaths of several people. Personally, a couple of organizations that I work with are struggling, causing me angst. Then there's family – someone always seems to be in need, one way or another.

I had lunch the other day with a longtime friend and we talked about our families. After listening to her challenges, I just have to say I realized that at least I'm not alone! Everyone seems to have some issue that they're dealing with.

Also, this week I heard about the cardiac event that LeBron James' son Bronny, 18, suffered. What the heck?!

And, yes, you probably saw my husband Steve on the news. He was interviewed about one of the four rescues he went on last weekend. It involved the technology surrounding the

iPhone 14 and how the phone aided in the rescue of its owner, who had gone over the side of Angeles Crest Highway.

But there are some happy stories in this week's paper. For example, local Boy Scout David Green is hosting a food distribution event. Not to be confused with a food collection event, the food distribution event is specifically for those who need a little help filling their pantry. That event is happening at the Crescenta Valley High School parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell and Community avenues on Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

And on the same day the Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a food collection event from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. The food collected will then be donated to the Bailey Center in Tujunga.

Then there's Ruth Sowby's story about the Dog Days Search & Rescue and the wonderful volunteers who rescue these pups.

And to top it off, Charly Shelton's story about all the delicious milkshakes found at Toothsome Dessert Foundry made my mouth water – seriously.

So while not every news story will bring a smile to your face, at least you can rely on CV Weekly to shine a light on some of those lighter sides of life.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Whether you are on land or sea, it is hot. On land in June and (as of press time) in July there were seven deaths in U.S. national parks that were apparently due to heat. Although several of the recent deaths are still under investigation all died in temperatures over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

These deaths include people from Texas to California and from ages ranging from 14 to 71. Steve Curry, 71, from Sunland had hiked Death Valley and, according to reports, died just outside of the restroom on the Golden Canyon trailhead. Temperatures were recorded at 121 degrees. He was an experienced hiker. And, according to the National Park Service, the month that sees the most heat-related deaths is in August, so the worst may be yet to come.

In the sea in June, tens of thousands of fish washed up onto the shore of the Texas Gulf Coast. Low levels of oxygen in the water are likely to blame, according to wildlife officials.

The dead fish covered the sand in Brazoria County south of Houston on June 14. This happens when temperatures increase and water cannot hold as much oxygen. If a school of fish was swimming in the shallow water when temperatures rose above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, it may have found itself in "big trouble," according to a post on social media reported in Smithsonian Magazine.

In another post, officials confirmed, "the cause was low-dissolved oxygen."

Although the sight of thousands of dead fish to me looks like a biblical sign, according to NOAA there may be a glass half full kind of thing going on. Most of the dead fish were menhaden, which travel in large schools. These are fish food to many

predators, including birds, sharks and sea trout, according to NOAA.

Because this species is a popular snack for sea animals, there are potential benefits to the massive die-off, according to Katie St. Clair, manager of the sea life facility at Texas A&M University at Galveston, as reported by NPR.

"The flip-side is that with this die-off of fish there is a huge nutrient pulse into our environment," St. Clair said.

While these types of die-offs are common in warmer months as oceans heat up due to human-caused climate change they could happen more often ... and the benefits will be fewer.

"Water can only hold so much oxygen at certain temperatures, and certainly we know that seawater temperatures are rising," St. Clair said. "It is concerning and something that needs to be monitored."

But we have known this for some time. I was reminded of that when my 33-year-old son posted a retro cartoon that had made an impression on him when he was younger and how his son now watches it: "Captain Planet and the Planeteesers."

As a Mother Earth-loving parent I was thrilled to find this cartoon and its message that all of us have a responsibility to save the planet.

For those who are not familiar with this series, "Captain Planet and the Planeteesers" ran from 1990 to 1996 and was adapted from an idea by Ted Turner and Robert Larkin III. It was an environmentally responsible cartoon in which five young people from throughout the world were each given a power of the elements.

The opening begins, "Our world is in peril. Gi, the spirit of the Earth, can no

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**As one of the top real estate agents in La Crescenta, I make it a priority to analyze the housing numbers for the 91214 zip code every month.**

La Crescenta   By The Numbers   YTD 2023							
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Month	# Sold Homes	Avg. Price Per SQ FT	DOM	Avg. Sale Price	SP%LP	Abs. Rate	Median
January	14	\$755.31	46	\$1,269,929	98.54%	1.43%	\$1,245,000
February	12	\$862.67	46	\$1,207,333	103.58%	1.42%	\$1,157,500
March	10	\$767.91	21	\$1,121,500	96.97%	1.10%	\$1,075,000
April	17	\$833.71	44	\$1,243,912	103.67%	0.82%	\$1,160,000
May	10	\$799.03	27	\$1,307,486	107.78%	1.80%	\$1,240,000
June	30	\$810.07	29	\$1,346,841	105.65%	0.53%	\$1,307,500

The absorption rate is the lowest year to date reflecting a very strong seller's market in the 91214-zip code. Seventeen of the sales sold over the asking price, two at asking, and eleven sold less than asking. Of the seven homes selling less than asking, the days on the market ranged from 13 - 160 days.

In examining the La Crescenta real estate market for June 2023, it's always interesting to note the average price per foot range. A one-bedroom one bath home on Stevens was at the high end. It sold for \$1,233.77 per foot. On the low end was a 2,730-square-foot home located on Marellen Pl. It sold for \$439.56 per foot.

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# NEWS

## IN BRIEF

### CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Project updates will be given on Twelve Oaks, Verdugo Hills Golf and Canyon Hills among others.

The meeting will also discuss the second attempt at a California ballot initiative with the goal of returning land use control back to local governments. More info on the ONV website at <https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/>.

People can contact the CVCA at [crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com) with any questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

### NNO ON TUESDAY

National Night Out takes place on Tuesday evening, Aug. 1, throughout the foothills and surrounding areas. For details, including locations of local events, visit [www.cvweekly.com/NEWS](http://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS) and see the top cover article in the July 20 issue.

### LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE TO UNDERGO SUMMER FIELD CLOSURES

The City of La Cañada Flintridge began its annual summer field closures on July 15. Each summer, the City of LCF closes its athletic fields for regular maintenance and recovery from extensive use. The annual closure coincides with the La Cañada Unified School District's summer break.

The fields of Foothill Intermediate School (FIS) upper and lower, Palm Crest Elementary, Paradise Canyon Elementary, La Cañada Elementary and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be closed through Aug. 5. Cornishon field will be closed through Aug. 15. The La Cañada High School junior varsity and varsity fields will be closed to Aug. 14. Additionally, the La Cañada High School Oakgrove field will be closed through Aug. 10.

Because these fields are frequently used by students and residents throughout the year scheduling these closures during school breaks allow for the City to revitalize and equip them for the upcoming school year.

Note that during the closures, the fields are not available to any user without a permit issued by the City given in extraordinary circumstances. Any person or group using the facilities without a permit will be cited by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. for the violation of the municipal code 5.024.055.

For more information on the field closures, visit: <https://cityoflcf.org/parks-and-recreation/recreation-facilities/>.

### COMMENTS SOUGHT REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. DEPUTIES IN SCHOOLS

The LA County Civilian Oversight Commission is studying the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. School Resource Deputy program.

School Resource Deputies are sworn law enforcement officers whose duty it is to protect students and faculty and to secure the campus. Their purpose is to improve school safety. In recent years, high profile use of force incidents and several reports indicating racial profiling of students raises concerns about the presence of deputies in schools.

The Commission is seeking community feedback from all Los Angeles County residents to evaluate the issue from various perspectives.

The deadline to submit comments is Aug. 7.

To submit comments, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2nhpxa69>.

### BEYOND THE BOX – MURAL ART PROGRAMS APPS ACCEPTED

Applications for this year's Beyond the Box – Mural Art Program are now open. The deadline to apply is Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. PST.

Beyond the Box extends public art to new areas in an inventive way while creating an attractive environment. The theme for this year is "Celebrating Inclusion." This year's theme intends to uplift and strengthen the voices of Glendale's diverse community.

Artists are strongly encouraged to incorporate this year's theme in their design. The Arts & Culture Commission (ACC) will fund \$1,000 per utility box and anticipates selecting artwork for up to 15 utility boxes. Artists are responsible for prepping, priming and painting the utility boxes, and are encouraged to incorporate volunteers in the painting process.

Beyond the Box is open to all local and regional artists. The ACC encourages both new and established artists to apply. Artists may apply as an individual artist or as a group at <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/beyondthebox>.

Beyond the Box is supported by the City of Glendale and the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission.

# Always Ready to Help: Dog Days Search & Rescue

By Ruth SOWBY

During these "dog days" of summer, volunteers at Dog Days Search & Rescue are not relaxing. In fact, they are trying to find pets that may have been "dumped" post-pandemic as their owners return to work and no longer want them. Dog Days CEO and founder Jo Ann Powell, who is based in Cookeville, Tennessee, coordinates her 14 volunteers in California and Tennessee with the goal of reuniting owners with their lost animals through the use of equipment such as humane traps, field cameras, kennels, thermal scanners and mobile fencing. Dog Days Search & Rescue, a California non-profit that began in 2014, has no facility, no paid staff... and no money. Income comes entirely from donations.

Recently two Dobermans were rescued from the hills above Glendale. Montrose Search and Rescue was called to help. Animal Control officers climbed down the side of a ravine when they heard the dogs barking. The dogs were stuck in the soft sand on the side of the ravine. Eventually, the dogs were able to move up the hill. There was no catching them that day but, at least, the dogs were no longer stuck.

Volunteers left food and water for the dogs. Dog Days Search & Rescue cameras were set up to keep track of the canines. It took five volunteers 14 days to catch and transport the dogs to the Pasadena Humane Society for a "stray hold." No owner has yet showed up to claim them. More than likely, the two dogs were dumped.

There are right and wrong ways to find a lost pet.

According to Powell, "Don't chase or call them. Instead, immediately make and distribute flyers. Put them up in the neighborhood. Make posters, too. Network on social media."

For example, a lost dog flyer was posted on a social media site. An alert dog lover recognized the dog's photo on the flyer was the same photo posted by a shelter 60 miles away. Dog and owner were reunited.

Newberry Park resident Jennifer Weak spearheads Dog Days Search & Rescue efforts in California. She volunteers 40-60 hours a week.

"I volunteer because I feel passionate," said Weak. She lives with two bulldogs, a pit bull and a cat.

Donations are welcome. See Dog Days Search & Rescue website at <https://dogdayssar.com>.



Photo provided by Dog Days Search & Rescue  
ABOVE: Dog Days Search & Rescue personnel rescued Dobermans Ruth and Jo from the hills above Glendale. They were then transported to the Pasadena Humane Society.

Photo provided by Dog Days Search & Rescue  
BELOW: Dog Days Search & Rescue staff advises, "Keep your pets on a leash to prevent runaways." If they do make a run for it, make and distribute "lost pet" flyers immediately.



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# Church Celebrates Pioneer Day



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

ABOVE: Church members from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gather for games in the church La Canada Bldg. field to celebrate Pioneer Day.

LEFT: La Crescenta resident Wendy Hart shows off her homemade strawberry and blueberry pie at the Pioneer Day picnic.

By Ruth SOWBY

On Saturday, July 22 the La Crescenta congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints celebrated Pioneer Day commemorating the entry of Brigham Young and the first group of Mormon Pioneers into Utah's Great Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847.

Hand-made pies were the order of the day as some 100 church members toting chairs and blankets gathered at the Church's La Cañada building field on Foothill Boulevard for a pioneer picnic of games and dessert. Lemon pies, strawberry pies, blueberry pies, pumpkin pies, chocolate pies and cheesecake filled tummies, socializing fed the soul.

Pioneer Day is an official holiday that is celebrated on July 24 in Utah.

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## NOTES & NODS

### LCIF at Knotts Berry Farm

Next week, attendees of Lutheran Church in the Foothills will enjoy an outing to Knotts Berry Farm, iconic Southern California theme park. The trip on Tuesday, Aug. 1 is open to youth and adults. All are welcome. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the church's office no later than Sunday, July 30.

LCIF also invites anyone with a favorite family recipe to share their stellar dish at a summer potluck, planned for Sunday, Aug. 13 after worship in the church's fellowship hall. LCIF's potlucks typically feature homemade casseroles, baked goods, salads and dips. Store-bought contributions are also welcome. All are welcome.

Summer worship at LCIF with Pastor Rick Hall continues to include programming for young children. Children's church is offered during 10 a.m. worship. Families should meet in the church's sanctuary. After a message for the children from Pastor Hall, the kids head to the Youth Room for games, crafts and study.

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### All Invited to Support Group

Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets weekly on Tuesday nights at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24. Gathering is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is from 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Jo Ann Stupakis at jostupakis@yahoo.com.

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### Class on Creation and Climate Care at La Crescenta Presbyterian

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church invites the community to attend a series of discussions on creation theology and environmental stewardship, held on Wednesday evenings this summer.

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# Traffic Studies, Byblos Fire and Interim Superintendent Introduced at CVTC Meeting

By Mary O'KEEFE

Traffic is a big issue not only in Crescenta Valley but also in Glendale, Burbank, Sunland-Tujunga and throughout Los Angeles. Years ago attention was more about traffic congestion, and in many places it is still an issue, but traffic safety has become the focus for many – especially around schools.

The Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) has been tackling this issue for a very long time and at its July 20 meeting it had some good news about recent progress.

Councilmember Dede Mueller, who is on the CVTC Traffic Committee, announced several items that are in the works regarding traffic, specifically around the schools.

“There will be No U-Turn signs on Community Avenue between Ramsdell and Glenwood [avenues],”

she said.

This was one of the issues residents, school administrators and law enforcement had brought up about a year ago in meetings with CVTC. The signs will state No U-Turn from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Many complained that drivers would drop off their children at either La Crescenta Elementary and/or Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) and then make a U-turn in that area causing traffic back-up and at times dangerous driving conditions.

Mueller announced that numerous other studies have been approved and are scheduled including looking into the possibility of adding a crossing guard at Community and Glenwood avenues, which feed into La Crescenta Elementary and CVHS. There is another study scheduled for Altura and Ramsdell avenues

to place traffic control devices; this study was requested by residents in the area who reported an increase in the area of speeding cars. There will be a crosswalk study done at Glenwood and Prospect avenues that should take about 12 weeks to complete and another crosswalk study at Los Olivos Lane and Raymond Avenue.

There is also a study scheduled for the area near Monte Vista Elementary School and Alabama Street and Raymond Avenue where the addition of a multi-stop control will be explored. More traffic improvements are being looked at near Mountain Avenue Elementary as well.

CVTC members continue to work on more traffic improvements. CVTC President Chris Kilpatrick said he was “happy” about the improvements and the studies and emphasized that getting traffic safety improvements have to go

through many phases and many different departments before being approved.

Traffic improvements are something the CVTC has a long history of working toward. In the past the Council has been able to get several improvements that include adding left and right turn signals and additional crossing guards at La Crescenta Elementary School, a four-way stop sign on Briggs and Mountain avenues and the first crossing guard at a middle school in LA County at Rosemont Middle School. The Council has also repainted crosswalks that were faded, installed left turn pockets at Ramsdell Avenue and Foothill Boulevard and reconstructed the intersection of Park Place and Waltonia, building a new center island that made it safer for pedestrians.

Also at Thursday’s meeting,

see CVTC on page 8

# Eagle Project Food Distribution Will Help Those in Need

By Mary O'KEEFE

Boy Scout David Green from Troop 319 is hosting his Eagle Scout project at the Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) parking lot at the southeast corner of Ramsdell and Community avenues on Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For his Eagle Scout project Green, who graduated from CVHS in 2023, will be hosting a food distribution drive at the location.

“It’s a food distribution event,” Green said. “I am working with the

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.”

Green came up with the idea for a food distribution day after going to the LA Regional Food Bank with his dad during COVID-19.

“During the pandemic I went to a few food drives with my dad in LA. I didn’t realize how many people [in need] there were,” he said. He added he discovered that the pandemic had created financial issues for some but many of those in need had been struggling prior to and after COVID.

“People couldn’t afford food,” he

said. “I always wanted to do an event like this but going to LA food [events] with my dad really hit me.”

He has arranged to have enough food from the LA Regional Food Bank to provide for about 600 people. He wants to get the word out to those who need support to come to CVHS on Aug. 5 to get at least one, possibly two, bags of groceries.

He has the location and the food but what he needs is help from the public.

“Right now the biggest thing is to

spread the word. This is a call for people in need letting them know they can come and get [support],” he said. “And any volunteers, anyone who is interested in helping us out, is [welcomed].”

Anyone interested in volunteering should be at the parking lot at the location at 8:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to receive food can do so by arriving at the school between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. The food will be distributed in a first come, first serve method. Drive-ups and walk-ups are invited.

# The Itinerant Projectionist

## Silent film history is alive in La Crescenta.

By Lynn SHER

In the early 1900s through the 1930s, silent film projectionists, affectionately called “itinerants,” traveled across the country carrying reels of film and projectors in convoy, bringing the cinema experience to small towns and villages that didn’t have movie theaters. The itinerants brought their own dramatic flair, wearing colorful magician-inspired clothing. Since motorized projectors were expensive and heavy, the itinerants preferred hand-cranked projectors.

Film historian, silent-film enthusiast, archivist and projectionist Joe Rinaudo explained, “The itinerant projectionist thought that he was a big part of the performance as he could speed up or slow down the action on the screen as he saw fit.”

The projectionist, according to Rinaudo, essentially controlled the flow of the movie.

“The thing that was way cool about the early nickelodeon days is that

the projectionist was a showman,” said Randy Haberkamp, executive vice president of Library, Archive and Sci-Tech at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Living much like gypsies, the itinerants never knew where or how they would set up these makeshift movie theaters.

“It could be on a sheet hung on the side of an old barn with a beat up old piano, or it could have been in a church with a pipe organ,” Rinaudo said.

Sometimes they were paid only with food and a place to sleep for the night, much like the touring indie musicians of today.

This Saturday, July 29, at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta, 5107 Rosemont Ave., folks can go back in time and experience an itinerant silent film screening precisely as they were presented 120 years ago. Rinaudo, also a La Crescenta resident and somewhat of a local celebrity (he was even recently featured on “The Late Show” with Stephen Colbert), will be presenting

some of his favorite silent films featuring stars like Laurel and Hardy, Charley Chase and Harold Lloyd. He will be hand-cranking the 35mm film with his fully restored 1909 hand-crank Power’s Model 6 cameragraph motion picture machine and projecting the film onto a 12x12 foot screen. A pianist will provide live accompaniment. As Rinaudo changes film reels, his assistant will keep the audience entertained with a Magic Lantern slideshow, just like the itinerants used to do, using the same projector and light source. Magic Lanterns were first used in the 1840s and 1850s. According to Wikipedia, “[They were] an early type of image projector that used pictures – paintings, prints or photographs – on transparent plates (usually made of glass), one or more lenses, and a light source” to essentially project images to a screen. The slides will contain entertaining messages for the crowd “educating” them on how to behave in the movie theatre setting. But instead of,

“Please don’t answer your phone during the movie!” directives will be more like, “Everyone please remove your hats!” or “Gentlemen, don’t spit on the floor!”

Silent Movies In The Park is an experience not found anywhere else.

“I am the only one in the United States who does this,” Rinaudo said. “There’s nobody else exhibiting hand-cranked 35mm films.”

Showtime is 8 p.m., though Rinaudo suggests getting to Two Strike early to get a good location to set up chairs and blankets. Last year close to 300 people attended and the event grows larger every year. Popcorn, beverages and baked goods will be available (some for sale) through The Historical Society of Crescenta Valley, though folks are welcome to bring their own snacks.

Admission is free, though the event itself is priceless. After all, “It’s a lost art,” said Rinaudo.



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## Two Juveniles Arrested Following Burbank Police Pursuit

Two juveniles from Bakersfield are in custody after committing an assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and leading police on a pursuit.

The incident occurred on July 19. At about 9:20 p.m., Burbank Police responded to the West Garage of the Burbank Town Center, located at 550 N. First St., regarding a report of a reckless driver. The witness provided a description of the vehicle, driver and vehicle license plate number.

Police officers arrived within minutes and located the suspect driving recklessly through the garage as described by the witness. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver refused and drove at a high rate of speed towards an exit. The driver collided with a responding police vehicle, causing significant damage to the police car and injuring the officer.

Police officers attempted to stop the car again; however, the driver refused to yield, leading police

on a pursuit. The driver committed numerous traffic violations and reached high speeds as he continued through the City of Burbank.

The pursuit came to an end when the driver lost control of the vehicle and came to a stop on Interstate 5 Highway at Empire Avenue. The driver and passenger of the vehicle were quickly apprehended. The vehicle was determined to have been reported stolen from Bakersfield.

The officer was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. He has since been examined, treated and released.

The suspects have been identified as a 16-year-old female juvenile and a 17-year-old male juvenile, both residents of Bakersfield. Both were arrested and booked for multiple felonies.

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

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### Obituary

## Harry Earl Fales



1939-2023

Harry, known to his friends as Bud, was born in Inglewood on Sept. 28, 1939 to Fred and Mable Fales.

He came from a very large family. At an early age of 15, after

lying about his age, he enlisted in the Army as an infantry soldier. During his enlistment he proudly served his country on active duty in places such as West Germany, two tours of Vietnam as well as many locations in the U.S. After spending a year in a military hospital recovering from significant injuries sustained in Vietnam, he was informed that a continued career in the military was no longer an option, which resulted in a medical discharge.

In the mid '70s Bud landed himself a job at NBC and quickly worked himself up the ladder with his final position being a videotape engineer. His career with NBC saw him working on many sports shows. He was well known and liked by all in the industry where he

worked for over 20 years. Bud then retired from NBC as he wanted to concentrate on his passion of breeding and training Arabian horses, which included organizing horse shows and other related events.

Bud was an active member of the American Legion for many years and found great pleasure in helping others as well as receiving support for himself from other veterans.

Bud was a wonderful husband and father and is survived by his wife Amber, daughter Ingrid and her husband Harvey Millerchip, two grandchildren Dane and Max, as well as his six great grandchildren who all live in England, UK.

We are forever grateful for his love and support. He is forever in our hearts.

### Obituary

## Steven Robert Curry



Aug. 28, 1951-July 18, 2023

Steven Robert Curry, a 71-year-old man from Sunland, was a beloved husband, cherished friend and caring neighbor who died in Death Valley on Tuesday, July 18.

He was born and raised in San Diego on Aug. 28, 1951. He was the only child to the late Robert and Barbara Curry. Growing up in an Air Force family, Steve attended many schools and lived in Arizona and New Jersey as well. Steve no doubt caught his wanderlust as a result of the many moves his family made. Recalling the drive through the Alps on their way to Italy influenced his love for the mountains. Steve's life embodied a loving, kind spirit and he was a friend to all who he met.

Survived by his wife, Rima Evans Curry, they have been married for 29 years and have lived in Sunland since 1998. He loved living in the local foothills up against the beauty of the local mountains. They had no children.

Steve was retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District where he worked as an electrician for the school system. After retiring, he would continue to help friends and family doing electrical and handyman work. Steve's expertise and dedication made him a valued professional in his field.

After retiring and spending time with his wife Rima, Steve found joy and solace in the outdoors. This is where his spirit soared. A member of the local Sierra Club – Crescenta Valley Chapter, Steve spent time hiking, rock climbing and mountain biking every chance he could. He loved the outdoors, the adventure, peace and quiet, serenity and freedom that nature has to offer.

Steve's sudden passing was at Death Valley National Park at the Zabriskie Point trailhead where the temperature was 121°F in Golden Canyon, and the ambient temperature was much higher. Steve was an avid hiker and was well prepared for this hike and it is hoped that

even one person can be saved by the lessons learned that the desert heat is unforgiving and can take you at a moment's notice, no matter how well prepared you are. Steve's story has been covered by the Los Angeles Times, local television stations, the national news channels and international news coverage. Special thanks to the rangers and the visitors of the Death Valley National Park for performing life-saving measures on Steve.

Steve's greatest gifts were being kind hearted and a loving good soul who loved others around him, the type of man who would give you the shirt off his back. His laughter and good wit made him a joy to be around, brightening the lives of his family, friends and neighbors.

Steve is survived by his wife Rima, and her brother Joe Lapinkas; Joe's wife Connie and his niece, Halley who live in West Lafayette, Indiana (they have four grandchildren) as well as many friends and neighbors who are deeply feeling the loss of Steve.

Memorial service will be held locally at sunset at Deukmejian Park, a date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a Go Fund Me account (<https://gofund.me/f826a072>) or to the local Sierra Club.

RESCUES from Cover

Goldsworthy said they were able to trace signal from Walker's cellphone to an area near Monrovia. His vehicle was found near the entrance to Monrovia Canyon, and several teams were assisting Sierra Madre Search and Rescue.

MSAR assisted but the hiker, as of press time, had not been found.

Goldsworthy returned home only to be called out about 10:30 p.m. on Friday concerning a report of an iPhone SOS activation.

"The [sheriff's] desk plotted the location and it [showed] the [victim was] 150 to 200 feet off

the roadway," Goldsworthy said. The over-the-side response included Los Angeles County Fire and MSAR. Goldsworthy, MSAR member Mike Leum and a trainee responded initially.

"When we were near the location a CHP (California Highway Patrol) officer flagged us down and said he could hear someone yelling for help in the canyon," Goldsworthy said.

They went around a corner from where the iPhone GPS had placed the victim and Goldsworthy saw marks on the guardrail that looked like a car had hit it.

The vehicle had apparently

struck the guardrail and then flew through the trees, about 10 to 12 feet above the ground, before landing on the steep cliff side about 400 feet over the side of the highway.

"The cliff is as vertical as you can get," he said. "It was a horrendous crash."

The victim had been thrown out of the car and had a head injury. Heavy brush prevented a paramedic from rappelling down from the LA County Fire helicopter so an open spot had to be located to get the paramedic onto the ground who would then hike to the victim.

Goldsworthy pointed out that

was how hidden and difficult the area was where the car landed but praised how technology helped in this situation.

"A couple of years ago iPhone came out with a crash detection phone," Goldsworthy said. The cellphone will signal when a vehicle is involved in a crash. In the fall 2022, that program was expanded to cover areas that may not have cell service available, like most of the Angeles National Forest. In those cases the phone's program would notify an emergency operator via satellite phone technology. That is what happened in this case.

"When it [notifies] it sends along a set of coordinates; their accuracy is very good, plus or minus 20 meters. The car was exactly where the iPhone said it would be," he said. "The fire helicopter flew over the scene and couldn't see anything at night that deep in the canyon. The car was under a tree canopy that would be hard enough to see during the day."

Leum and the trainee were able to go over the side of the cliff and made contact with the victim while they waited for the arrival of the paramedic.

The victim was transported to a local trauma unit.

Goldsworthy said the fact the victim survived the crash was amazing.

"This phone saved its owner's life," he said. "It's a game changer."

The team returned to the Crescenta Valley Station at 1:25 a.m. on Saturday and began preparing to go to their homes when they received another call.

"An alert this time on the Angeles Crest [Highway] about a vehicle over the side [of the highway] at mile marker 30. So we grabbed the keys and our gear, and off we go to this one," he said.

The call concerned a male

and female who went off a "low angle" cliff face. This vehicle over the side was easier for the team to access. The two victims of the accident were able to safely make their way out of the car. They were transported to a local hospital.

"Now it was 3:15 a.m.," Goldsworthy said.

Team members began to leave but less than a mile from where they were there was another vehicle accident. This accident though was part of a Pasadena Police investigation. Part of the Crest is actually in Pasadena.

The team finally made it home to get some rest while preparing for what will probably be another busy weekend.

The hiker, Colin Walker, has yet to be found. Any information regarding him can be directed to South Pasadena Police Dept. at (626) 403-7297. CHP is investigating the two over-the-side vehicle accidents.

For information on MSAR visit [montrosesesar.org](http://montrosesesar.org).

GRAYSON'S from Cover

merchandising sales.

"They were selling at prices that were considerably lower than normal shops would be selling them," he said.

Grayson's used to have surveys of best sellers, working closely with Billboard Magazine and radio stations.

"And we could see the handwriting on the wall; the record industry wasn't the right industry for us to be in. My dad was a musician and he wanted to see us get more into musical instruments, and I felt that way too. I pushed hard to get rid of records and tapes," he said.

Grayson's Tune Town moved more toward selling instruments, primarily guitars, and offering music lessons. The business moved from its first location to a storefront on the corner of Wickham Way and Honolulu Avenue and was there for about 25 years. Then they built the building at 2415 Honolulu Avenue where they have been since 1985.

"My parents had bought the property about 10 to 15 years [prior] to us building our own building," he said.

Grayson's Tune Town uses every inch of its building as storage and has numerous rooms for music lessons.

"We have 500 students taking music lessons," Grayson said.

It has expanded the music lessons and now offers classes on Sundays. Some of the music instructors have been with Grayson's for decades. It offers all types of instruction including piano, string instruments, drums, guitars and vocal lessons.

The store primarily sells guitars but offers all instruments and has a vibrant repair shop, as well as providing music lessons.

Grayson's willingness to change is what has contributed to the business's longevity.

"When the Internet came [to be] we had to start all over again," Grayson said. "You just have to adjust."

Moving ahead today is spearheaded by Grayson's grandson Connor Sobczak, who has a degree in business/entrepreneurship. Like his grandfather, Sobczak started working at Grayson's when he was a kid on weekends and

after school. He has watched the business change and after graduating from Loyola Marymount wanted to come back to Grayson's.

"I love that our business has stood for as long as it has," he said. "I want to bring more music to more people and eventually want to expand."

Sobczak said the first thing he did when he started working at Grayson's after college was to move inventory off index cards.

"We did more with e-commerce [and online marketplaces] like Reverb," he added. The marketplace reverb.com is an online place for people to buy and sell music gear. Grayson's has been successful in using this type of online avenue.

Sobczak would like to see Grayson's music program grow as well as its repair shop.

"We are growing repairs," he said. "We used to have one person and now we have a team."

His goal is to expand to other areas outside of Montrose and to be an industry leader.

"The goal is to have multiple locations but we don't want to be a corporate chain. We want to stay family focused, and become more recognizable throughout the U.S.," he said.

In addition he would like to see the business participate in organizations that help advance music, like the NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants).

There is always an eye on what's new and although there has been a lot of advancement in music technology there is nothing that can compare to actually listening to live music or participate in music by holding the instrument and playing with other musicians, he said.

At its core the Grayson family has always known the value of music in so many aspects of life, from education to mental health, but there has also been a strong sense of community.

Grayson, like his dad before him, served on the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA), as well as Montrose Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce. Sobczak now serves on the board of the MSPA.

It is also customer service

that plays an important role in the seven decades of business. Grayson said there is nothing better than having a customer who has moved out of the area come back and visit when they are in town.

When the pandemic shut down the store, Grayson's immediately moved to online lessons.

"We retained about 80% to 85% of our [students]," Sobczak said.

That transition to a virtual presence allowed students who moved from the area to remain with their Grayson teachers.

When asked what he has learned from his grandfather, Sobczak answered, "A lot."

"How you do the small things is how you do the big things, treat your employees like family, community involvement [is important] and my grandfather wears his heart on his sleeve, which has rubbed off on me ... he is open about who he is," Sobczak said.

He added his grandfather is very organized and active in the business, even at the age of 80.

A few things that some may not know about Grayson is that he fought for decades for the city to purchase the property at 2462 Honolulu Ave., and he also fought for Trader Joe's grocery store to move into its current location. He did this to bring more business to the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue, which it has.

Also his last name is not Grayson. His father's name was Foscolo Micheli but, according to Grayson, that was a name that was difficult for many to pronounce.

"He found the name Grayson in the music union book," Grayson said.

He not only found a new last name but his first name as well; his father became known as Val Grayson, and Grayson's Tune Town was born.

The entire family has and continues to play a role in the success of the business, and Grayson said he is grateful that his grandson has chosen to continue in his footsteps.

Grayson's Tune Town is located at 2415 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. It can be found online at [graysonstunetown.com](http://graysonstunetown.com).

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# Plenty to See and Do (and Hear) at Cruise Night



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Thousands were expected and thousands came to Brand Boulevard on the night of Saturday, July 15 for the annual Cruise Night. Some came to learn more about local organizations, like “The Donut Guy” realtor Justin Jenewein (who had plenty of donuts for guests). Personnel

from Glendale Area Schools Credit Union were also on hand to answer questions. Members of Friends of Rockhaven had a booth to share the status of the historic property.

But the stars of the night were the vehicles. Whether classic or vintage, standard or “movie star,” cars, motorcycles and more could be seen (and ogled) along the

boulevard.

According to Brian “Mr. Rock N’ Roll” Beirne, the evening was a huge success.

“This was one of the biggest

Cruise Nights in our 28-year history,” he said. “Four hundred classic [vehicles] this year and a crowd of nearly 45,000.”

In addition to the vehicles, there

was live music and the evening ended with a dynamic fireworks show indicating that folks should mark their calendar for next year’s show.

### CVTC from page 5

Jennifer Freemon, who recently took on the role of president of Glendale Unified School District, introduced Interim Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson. She was moved to that position after the retirement of Superintendent Vivian Ekchian last month. Watson had been the district’s chief officer of Human Resources and Operations.

Watson said she was looking forward to working with CVTC.

Acting Assistant LA County Fire Chief Pat Sprengel shared information concerning the recent fire at Byblos Mediterranean Bakery and Pizza restaurant on July 12.

“The alarm came in at 3:24 p.m. in [fire station] 63’s district,” he said.

Firefighters from Station 63 responded quickly to the fire and reported heavy smoke on the roof.

“You are unique in this area,” he added. “We get response from Glendale Fire [as well].”

Firefighters found the entire roof on fire. They had extended a hose line in the front door of the business but then the roof collapsed.

“The whole front side of the roof came down on one of our firefighters,” he said.

Then a “large rolling refrigerator”

came down from the second floor and trapped the firefighter, Sprengel said.

Other firefighters were able to get into the room and rescue the fallen firefighter. He suffered a minor knee injury and returned to work this week.

“We found that fire was due to the roofing [work] the owner was having done,” he said. “The roofing company does have insurance.”

The restaurant was closed and roofers were not at the location when

the fire was discovered. Plumbers were in the basement at the time. They smelled smoke and called 9-1-1 immediately. In addition, the plumbers were able to locate the gas meter and were able to shut off the gas prior to the arrival of the fire department.

Maria Grycan, LACoFD spokeswoman, said that action, along with the early 9-1-1 call, helped firefighters.

“It could have been a lot worse,” she said.



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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## News of the Valley – Summer 1929

Newspapers of the valley's past give a view into the daily life of our early residents. Here's a skim of the headlines and story summaries of a particular day in the summer of 1929, almost a century ago, along with a few observations of my own.

*"Deny Knowledge of Effort to Disrupt La Crescenta Route"* Rumors of a takeover of parts of La Crescenta's rural mail route by the Montrose Post Office seem to be the biggest news in the summer of '29, the rumor being featured in two front page articles. The rumor "went viral," as we'd say today. The rumor was that the move precipitated a "land grab" by Montrose, perhaps even an annexation of La Crescenta to Montrose. It was all rumor, though, and no fact. But with historical perspective we do know that 20 years later Montrose was annexed by

Glendale.

*"Lack of County's Help Hits Humane Work in Valleys"* Mr. Hoffman of 2817 Piedmont had resigned as an officer of the local Humane Society. He'd let his own yard serve as the local animal shelter and provided kennels for the animals. Despite the Humane Society's pleas, the County refused to help even on a financial level.

*"Local Court Has Busy Sessions As Many Cases Called"* A Montrose man was charged with violating the Wright Act (California's Prohibition law) and reckless driving. (In other words, he had a bottle of hooch in the car.) Rather than jail time, he paid \$100 and \$50 respectively. Another guy was fined \$10 for smoking in the San Gabriel Mountains. Driving without a license was a \$5 fine for a Pasadena man, but the fine

was suspended when he returned to court with his license. Court was held in the sheriff's station on Ocean View Boulevard, just north of Honolulu Avenue.

*"Ban Firearms In Local Hills By Order"* The LA County Board of Supervisors declared a ban on shooting or carrying a gun in the Verdugo Hills due to fire danger.

*"Montrose, Scotland Letter Is Mis-sent To Local Post Office"* The letter came all the way from England to be delivered to Montrose, California rather than Montrose, Scotland.

*"Band Will Feature Affair"* The Montrose Chamber of Commerce was putting together a grand street jubilee. Two big bands would set up on the boulevard. Robert's Golden State Band and the Harold Lieberman Orchestra were both booked to provide music for an evening street dance. Thousands were expected to attend. Some "snappy entertainment" was promised.

*"Act To Clear High School Tract"* The 20-acre site chosen for the valley's new junior high (today's CV High) was

to be cleared of sagebrush by community volunteers. The tract had been declared a fire danger and valley residents were expected to turn out to "lend a hand." The cut brush would be piled at the center of the cleared area and burned, with a County fire truck on hand.

*"Sun Baths Feature Course At Crescenta Health School"* The Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association were putting on a Summer Health School at La Crescenta Elementary School. Boys wearing only shorts and girls in sun suits were to lie in the sun on gunny sacks brought from home. Timed exposure to the sun would be increased each day, from a one-minute start to a full hour, including play time as the summer progressed. The head physiotherapist of the health schools stated, "Sunlight is a very important factor in the production of healthy infants and children." She also cautioned "that sun baths should not be given within one half-hour before meals or two hours after meals." *"Evening Dispatch of Montrose*

*Mail Changed by Plan"* The evening delivery of mail would be pushed back a few minutes. The morning delivery would still be at the same time. (Yes, we used to get two mail deliveries a day.) Users of airmail should note that mail scheduled for the evening plane should be in the post office by 11 a.m.

Quiet and prosperous times in the summer of 1929 but unknown then it was just a couple of months away from the chaos of the 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression.



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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. ADAM SCHIFF

## Restoring Integrity and Balance to the Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court is in desperate need of reform. Over the past several years, we've witnessed a rapid erosion of trust in the American judicial system as ethics scandals and precedent-shattering decisions by the Court have become commonplace occurrences. We must take urgent action to address these issues.

Last year, the Supreme Court stripped away the abortion rights of millions of Americans by overturning *Roe v. Wade* in a decision that made a mockery of the Senate confirmation testimony of several justices. And in the year since, the Court has taken additional liberties with the law and precedent – allowing businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ people, weakening environmental protections and ending affirmative action.

How did we get here?

Several years ago, Mitch McConnell successfully packed the Supreme Court by refusing to allow Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland to receive even a hearing after President Obama nominated him almost a year before the election. Later, in the most shockingly hypocritical fashion, McConnell jammed through the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett during in the last moments of the Trump presidency – while people were literally voting for Joe Biden.

As a result of McConnell's efforts to game the system, the Supreme Court now has two conservative justices who would not have otherwise been on the Court. These two justices – Brett Kavanaugh

and Amy Coney Barrett – testified during their confirmation hearings that they would abide by precedent, particularly when it came to *Roe*. But they did not. As it stands today, the Supreme Court is not a conservative court – not in a legal sense, as a conservative court would have respect for precedent – it is a partisan and reactionary court.

We must restore integrity and balance to the Court. We can accomplish that by expanding the Court so it is no longer stacked with partisan justices and by implementing term limits so that no justice is granted a lifetime seat on the Court, but rotates back onto the appeals court or district court after 18 years. We also must implement an enforceable code of ethics for justices – because they should not be above the very laws that they are meant to interpret.

In addition to negating the rights and protections formerly enjoyed by millions of Americans, Supreme Court justices have recently been caught in several ethical scandals that raise serious concerns about the impartiality of their decision-making. Justice Clarence Thomas was recently alleged to have undisclosed ties to Republican mega-donor Harlan Crow, from whom he received numerous benefits of considerable monetary value. He also reportedly allowed an elite organization unusual access to the Court, and in turn benefitted from his relationships with members of the organization. Justice Samuel Alito traveled on the dime of another Republican mega-donor, Paul Singer, who

had interests before the Court. The spouse of Justice Roberts is reported to have received income from lawyers and firms with business before the Court and it has been alleged that Justice Sonia Sotomayor's staff urged libraries and universities to purchase copies of her book in advance of her appearance at these institutions.

I'm proud to be leading several efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives to reform the Court. The Judiciary Act, which I joined Congressman Hank Johnson in leading this year, will expand the Supreme Court from nine to 13 justices and restore balance. I also introduced the Justice is BLIND Act and supported the Supreme Court Ethics Act to codify ethical guidelines for Supreme Court justices around financial dealings and to create an enforceable accountability system. We also need term limits for justices, which is what the Supreme Court TERM Act will establish. I firmly believe that these reforms can only advance if we abolish the filibuster, something I am also committed to achieving.

There is much work to be done and getting this legislation passed in a Republican-led House will be a challenge. But we need to use every avenue we can to pass and implement these reforms now. I'll continue to work with my colleagues in both chambers to restore confidence in the Supreme Court by rebalancing the court, implementing term limits and enacting an enforceable code of ethics.

# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Elks Hold Annual Picnic for Veterans Featuring Food and Live Entertainment

For over 15 years the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge has hosted an annual picnic for veterans. This year the picnic fell on Saturday, July 15 in a triple digit heat wave.

Volunteers with the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge were joined by those with the Canoga Park Elks Lodge, the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge, the San Fernando Elks Lodge, the Glendale Elks Lodge, the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge and the Burbank Elks Lodge served veterans at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration. Donations were also received by these groups to offset the costs related to the picnic. While most enjoyed the buffet line and live music, the Elks made sure every veteran, even those 40 vets unable to leave their beds, had a picnic lunch.

Together these Lodges provided an All-American picnic fare, including hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, watermelon, potato salad, cookies, soda and water.

Music was provided by singers from the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge and while the live band kept everyone entertained, it was the singing of the national anthem by Meredith Thomas that brought to everyone a moment of reverence. While volunteers included faithful Lodge members from the area's organizations, young servicemen cadets and "The Antlers" filled in the ranks. The Antlers are Elks members who are below the age of 21 and above the age of 18.

Exalted Ruler Mark Seigel, along with officers and members Amber Ardizone, Karla Bottomley, Pati Potter, Mark Streeter, Donna Higgins, Greg St. George, Elks Riders President Dan and Mary Kinney, Ray Dilger and Rochelle Zenger, were among those from Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge 2098 who served their community through their Lodge and honored veterans who were served by donating, cooking and serving food.

Submitted by Katie O'BRIEN



## 'House of Cards' by Raphaele Cohen-Bacry Artist Installation at Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station



Artist Raphaele Cohen-Bacry's installation titled "House of Cards" will be on display at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station, 1020 E. Palmer Ave. in Glendale through Friday, Aug. 18. "House of Cards" consists of vividly colored collages on playing cards of various sizes hanging from the ceiling at different heights. By using art magazines and wallpaper in her collages, Cohen-Bacry transforms a familiar object and elevates it to a unique piece of art. The familiarity of playing cards in her installation allows viewers to easily relate to and feel a connection with the artwork.

Born and raised in Paris, France, Cohen-Bacry was attracted to drawing, painting, and "making things" from an early age. She studied painting and engraving in various schools in France while completing her doctorate in pharmacology and a degree in performing arts at l'Ecole de la Rue Blanche in Paris. Cohen-Bacry considers art as a personal quest and her studio as a laboratory where she conducts experiments to create images that do not exist in the real world. Her style is deeply rooted in art history, but also very relevant to the current era. She was influenced by movements such as CoBrA and Lyrical abstraction (or Tachisme) as they leave room for intuition and non-premeditation. She exhibits her artwork nationally and internationally in alternative

spaces and professional galleries, in addition to selling her work to corporations, hospitals, etc.

"House of Cards" stems from the idea that playing cards are deeply embedded in our psyche. They influence the way we think about things, resulting in the endless number of idioms related to cards, such as "playing one's cards right" and "having an ace up one's sleeve." Here, Cohen-Bacry is playing with cards, but in a very different fashion.

To learn more about Cohen-Bacry's work, visit [www.raphaelecohenbacry.com](http://www.raphaelecohenbacry.com) or follow her on Instagram @raphaelecohenbacrystudio.

The Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station is located at 1020 E Palmer Ave, Glendale, CA 91205. The Project was completed by the City of Glendale to create a green space in the center of the business district for the densely populated Adams Hill neighborhood and to incorporate the historic 1936 Streamline Moderne Gas Station. The gas station is listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources.

Art installations at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station are sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission and the Community Services & Parks Department, an ongoing open call for artists submissions can be found on their website: <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/adamssquareminipark>

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supported by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks and the Brand Associates.

# People Making the News

Gabrielle Xena Stanton of Sunland, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a presidential scholar for the spring 2023 semester at Clarkson University.

Presidential scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

On its main campus, located in Potsdam, New York, with additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Beacon, New York, and New York City, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions. Its alumni earn salaries that are among the top 2.5% in the nation and realize accelerated career growth. One in five already leads as a CEO, senior executive or owner of a company.

At the University of Alabama Abigail Ahlers of Montrose received a degree from the Master of Library & Information Studies, Jack Oxley of La Cañada received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce & Business Administration, and Hazel Valentine of La Cañada received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication & information sciences.

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### What We Do

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- Conduct Memorial Day ceremony at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta.
- Conduct Veterans Day ceremony at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta.
- Provide monthly *free* veterans breakfast for local community on the second Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. All veterans and friends welcome.
- Remember and support local military service members deployed overseas.
- Sponsor annual Armed Forces Day Tribute Car Show at CV Park.

Community:

- Participate in the Montrose Annual Christmas Parade.

- Participate in La Cañada Frontier Days Memorial Day Parade.
- Provide annual recognition of local firemen, police and sheriff's deputies.
- Send delegates to California's American Legion Boys State.
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*For further information about the American Legion and VFW posts, please visit our websites: American Legion [www.vetspost288.com](http://www.vetspost288.com), VFW [www.vetspost1614.com](http://www.vetspost1614.com)*

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## The Magic of ‘Barbenheimer’

By Charly SHELTON

It's rare that two films, disparate in their subject matter and tone, can be so inextricably linked that they become one idea.

“Barbie” is a positive story about a doll that realizes women in the real world don't have it as easy as the dolls in Barbieland and sets out to fix that. “Oppenheimer” is a bio-pic about J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the atom bomb that follows him through the Manhattan Project and the fallout, both in the world and in his own conscience, of what had to be done to win WWII. But thanks to social media memes recognizing the stark difference between the two films set to be released on the same day, they have become one cinematic event to be consumed in a single day – “Barbenheimer.”

The question then pivots to what order they should be viewed. Should viewers first watch “Oppenheimer,” which is a downer, then let “Barbie” restore faith in humanity? Or should “Barbie” be watched first to fully enjoy it with no reservations before seeing “Oppenheimer” because there's no way to bounce back from that for the rest of the day? I recently saw them both back-to-back and can say that any way it is arranged it's an emotional ride.

“Oppenheimer” hits really hard, which is the mark of a good film. We all know the bare bones of the story – Manhattan Project, atom bomb, Hiroshima, sad – but the depth that writer/director Christopher Nolan explores – the nuances and the lasting psychological impacts of what the Manhattan Project did – really drives home not only the meaning in that time and place, but the lasting meaning to us



today and the hubris of man in general. Though it's difficult to watch it is even more difficult to look away. Every aspect of the film, from the sound design to the practical effects to the acting, was superb. It's an important story to see realized in full form, and a cautionary tale for war of the future.

“Barbie,” on the other hand, is an uplifting story. Not that there are no stakes or adversity, but they're dolls ... so ... it feels like a vacation for the mind after the atom bomb decisions of “Oppenheimer.” As fun as it is to watch, and the Barbie costumes and props were a real treat to see, it felt a little dulled after the emotional punch of the other film. Digging out of that emotional pit is no easy task,

and there aren't many movies that would help, but “Barbie” puts up as good an effort as any other.

There were sniffles heard throughout the “Barbie” screening because it hit some emotional chords of its own. In a movie all about the role of women in the patriarchy and how Barbie can help them reshape their view of what women are capable of, it hammers that point home and makes it relatable without being preachy or obnoxious. It walks that fine line of laying out realities of the world to be seen – not whispering it but also not yelling about it. This is a movie that will hit harder for my sisters and my wife than it did

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## Deliciousness Found at Toothsome Dessert Foundry



Photos by Charly SHELTON  
The Rocket Pop Milkshake features vanilla ice cream with buttercream frosting, blue raspberry and strawberry syrups, red white and blue sprinkles and topped with an entire, full-size Bomb Pop popsicle.

By Charly Shelton

Nestled within the thrilling ambiance of CityWalk at Universal Studios Hollywood is the Toothsome Chocolate Emporium and Savory Feast Kitchen, a full-service restaurant serving up a feast for the senses with a sweet, often chocolaty, twist to the savory dishes. But for those in search of something sweet in a hurry the Dessert Foundry, the quick-service counter located through the side entrance of the restaurant, is the place to be. As the summer highs reach higher, it's a great place to cool off and get a sugar fix all at once.

CV Weekly was invited out recently to experience the Dessert Foundry and – full

disclosure – it's a location we've patronized many, many times since it's opening back in January alongside the full service restaurant.

Once guests cross the threshold of this dessert paradise, their senses are inundated with the rich, intoxicating aromas of ice creams, decadent chocolate, and the sugary allure of their pièce de résistance – gourmet milkshakes, which are advertised on giant, digital menu screens around the inside and outside of the space.

At the Dessert Foundry, creativity takes center stage, embodied in its over-the-top collection of milkshakes. Whether it's a slice of cake,

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### THEN & NOW



**THEN** » It's August 1949 and the Hine family is laying the subfloor for the first units of their new motel, the MayLane. From left are, in back, Glen Hine and his two teenaged kids, Maynard (May) and Alane (Lane). (The motel is named after the combination of their names.) The race was on to finish before Christmas – and a race it was as they worked day and even at night under floodlights to finish ahead of their already fully booked Christmas Eve. They barely finished, spending Dec. 24 putting new sheets on brand new beds, staying just ahead of the guests unloading their luggage from their cars.

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for me. I don't know what it's like to be a woman climbing the ladder of a patriarchy. But my wife runs three restaurants at once, my middle sister puts robots on Mars, and my youngest sister is off doing environmental research in Africa, trying to save the

world. They will feel this movie's message in a way that I can only sympathize with, not genuinely empathize.

So my recommendation is this – if you want to fully associate with “Barbie” and have no reservations, go see “Barbenheimer.” If, on the

other hand, you want to have a hot pink, positive, somehow strawberry-scented balm to apply on your mental and emotional wounds, go see “Oppie.” But either way, pack some tissues and don't wait for home video. See it in the theaters, preferably in IMAX.

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an ice cream sandwich, a brownie or a Rice Krispies Treat, there is usually something large and eye-catching sticking out of the top of each of the faux mason jar milkshake cups to pair with the flavors of the ice cream inside.

Standouts in the lineup of incredible shakes include the Strawberry Cheesecake Milkshake, a symphony of sour cream ice cream (sounds weird but surprisingly delicious), graham crackers, strawberry sauce, a chocolate-dipped strawberry and a piece of cheesecake perched atop the straw – a classic plate-based dessert, now in a glass.

The Chocolate X5, an absolute joy for chocolate aficionados, features a chocolate spiral, chocolate chunks, chocolate ice cream and chocolate fudge,

perfectly offset by the garnish of fresh strawberries. And the newest addition to the menu, the Rocket Pop Milkshake, is a celebratory special edition in honor of the 30th anniversary of CityWalk – vanilla ice cream with buttercream frosting, blue raspberry and strawberry syrups, red white and blue sprinkles and topped with an entire, full-size Bomb Pop popsicle. And while the blue raspberry flavor, the defining flavor note of this shake, might not be quite as enticing at some of the other options on the menu, no one can argue that it's the most visually appealing and perfect for showing off your summer afternoon on social media.

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### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On July 28, the Club's guest speaker is Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman.

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.

### SILENT MOVIES IN TWO STRIKE PARK

On Saturday, July 29 at 8 p.m. Joe Rinaudo will be showing silent movies with his 100-year-old hand-cranked projector at Two Strike Park. He will be accompanied with a live keyboard player.

Attendees to this free presentation are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Presented by the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and LA County Parks.

Two Strike Park is located at 5107

Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

### CASINO NIGHT CCLCF FUNDRAISER

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

### ALG HOLDS CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Santa's smartest elves will be shopping the bargains on Aug. 3-5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Assistance League Glendale's Annual Christmas Sale.

Savvy shoppers will be able to select from a collection of ornaments, holiday accessories, dinnerware, books, crystal, jewelry, silverware, toys, linens, craft supplies, fabric, lights, dolls, holiday clothing, trees, baskets and pictures.

The Annual Christmas Sale will be held at Assistance League Glendale, 314-A E. Harvard St. in Glendale.

Assistance League Glendale is a non-profit philanthropic organization consisting mainly of volunteers. Proceeds from sales go to benefiting local school children, providing college scholarships to high school seniors, a literary program and donations to local elementary school libraries. Monthly luncheons are held for senior citizens in the area.

For more information, contact President Rayma Halloran at (818) 247-4296; visit [www.alglendale.org](http://www.alglendale.org).

### 'SOUND OF MUSIC' AT HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta, hosts a production of "The Sound of Music" Aug. 4-Aug. 12. For ticket information visit [www.highlandsla.com](http://www.highlandsla.com).

### FOOD DRIVE HOSTED BY LIONS CLUB

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is having a food drive on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at St.

Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

All donations go to support The Bailey Center in Tujunga.

Anyone who would like more information regarding the Crescenta Valley Lions Club can email [Lions91214@gmail.com](mailto:Lions91214@gmail.com) or call (630) 788-6591.

### GLENDALE ARTS HOSTS SUMMER SOIREE

The public is invited to celebrate Glendale Arts' 15th anniversary and new home at ace/121 Gallery at GA's Summer Soiree on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Along with getting a first look at the gallery, guests can stop by anytime between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to celebrate with complimentary drinks, bites and entertainment; meet the 2023-24 Glendale Arts board of directors and staff; kick off the upcoming 2023 Glendale International Film Festival; and sign up for GA's new membership program SCENE.

The first 50 attendees to sign up for membership will get a SCENE T-shirt and swag bag. SCENE is GA's low-cost membership program established to create community

between artists and audiences. Members receive discounted pricing, pre-sale access and more from Glendale Arts and SCENE Partners, including Antaeus Theatre, Laemmle Theatres and the Museum of Neon Art.

A donation of \$15 to attend is suggested. RSVPs are requested, but not required on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/GASummerSoiree23>.

### FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE FUNDRAISER

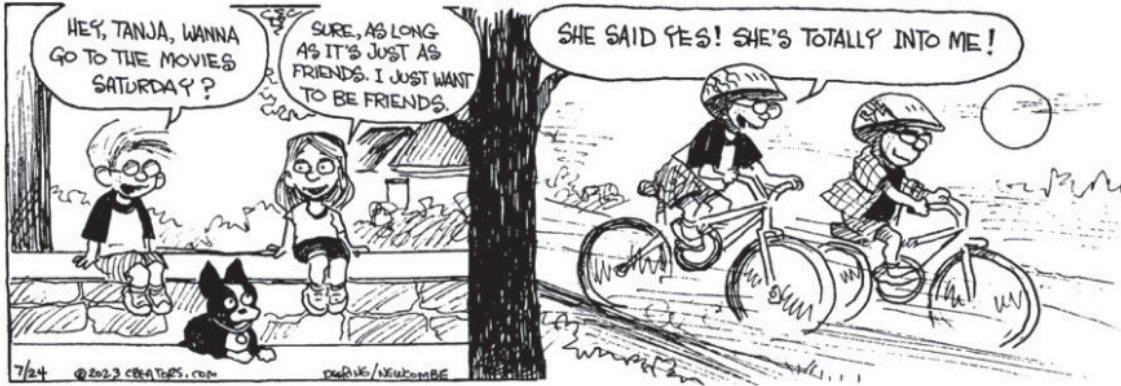
On Thursday, Aug. 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., entertainer Vaughn Suponatime will be performing a Frank Sinatra Tribute, a fundraiser to support The Museum of the SFV programming. Show begins at 6 p.m.; more dancing and singing after the performance from DJ Eric Stuart.

Suponatime has performed on "The Tonight Show" and throughout Las Vegas, Merv Griffin's Coconut Club, The Hollywood Palladium, "Jimmy Kimmel Live!", Sinatra's Twin Palms Estate in Palm Springs and the compound in Rancho Mirage.

Event tickets are \$15/person and RSVP is required. Refreshments such as beer and wine samples, water and a paid coffee bar will be

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### ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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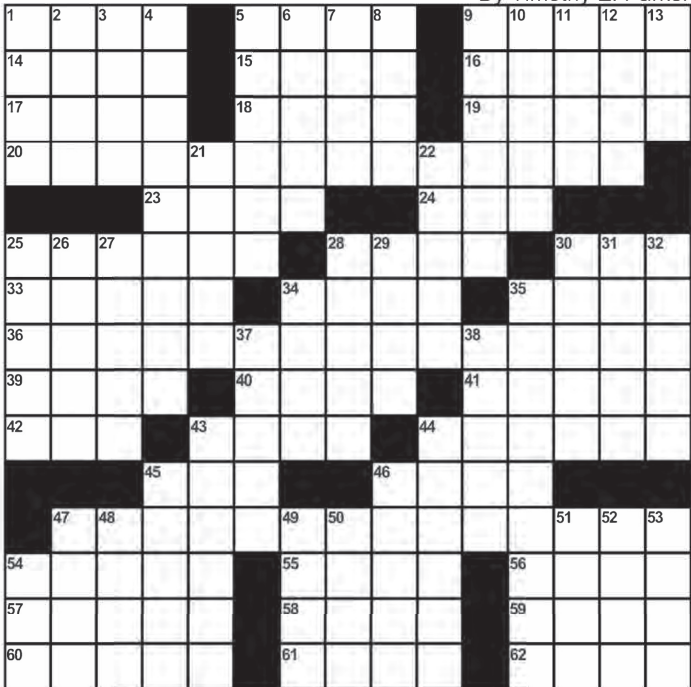
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- 5) Act the mother hen
- 9) Briquets, post-barbecue
- 14) Tenor's standout performance
- 15) South Seas land?
- 16) Reside
- 17) Cousin of Sven?
- 18) Close by
- 19) O'Gill in a Disney movie title
- 20) Light-haired one
- 23) Prepare a gift for presentation
- 24) Cartridge contents
- 25) Pago Pago denizen
- 28) "The Lord of the Rings" creatures
- 30) Blubber
- 33) Like pieces in need of assembly
- 34) Chinese nanny
- 35) Plumlike gin flavoring
- 36) Popular apple
- 39) Fine follower
- 40) Absolutely first-rate
- 41) What spin doctors spin
- 42) D and C, in D.C.
- 43) Sound from an angry cat
- 44) Conjures up
- 45) Ending to some Web addresses
- 46) Three monkeys' subject
- 47) Bling component, sometimes
- 54) Show-stopping place?
- 55) Too dry for growth
- 56) Pledge of Allegiance, e.g.
- 57) "Peter, Peter, pumpkin \_\_\_"
- 58) Event ending "Chariots of Fire"
- 59) Number dialed before 1-1
- 60) Disgusting
- 61) Old "Heck!"
- 62) Interpret a barcode

### DOWN

- 1) Insect's sense organ
- 2) One type of college exam
- 3) Old Milan money
- 4) "Famous" sentences
- 5) \_\_\_ haddie (smoked haddock)
- 6) Deplete
- 7) Four-RBI hit
- 8) Particular Slav
- 9) Accessories
- 10) Ritzy
- 11) Elephant group
- 12) Dresden's waterway
- 13) Covert
- 21) Not at all happy
- 22) Chinese fruit (var.)
- 25) Long, heroic tales
- 26) Toward the left, when floating
- 27) Ice cream shop orders
- 28) Harbingers
- 29) Breathing abnormality
- 30) Dagger's go-with
- 31) Cheek reddener
- 32) Affirmative responses
- 34) Commotions
- 35) Dollars, in old slang
- 37) Easy to deceive
- 38) Word with "pride" or "duty"
- 43) Levitates
- 44) Gave the slip
- 45) Pastes
- 46) "All My Children" character
- 47) Char, as a steak
- 48) "\_\_\_ the wild blue yonder"
- 49) Order to a chef, sometimes
- 50) Speak arrogantly
- 51) Worldly rather than spiritual
- 52) Peak in Sicily
- 53) Not now
- 54) Act the couch potato (with "out")

### METAL WORKS

By Timothy E. Parker



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 24, 2023 - July 30, 2023

### ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your problem could be too much of a good thing. You may be doing more socializing, but look after yourself while you're at it. Be good to your body and give it plenty of fresh water, good food, and clean air. Adequate sleep is another essential factor for good health.

### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

This is a time of rest and recuperation. Even if you have plenty to do, try not to rush around on autopilot. This period is best dealt with by paying close attention to gently releasing stress. This will help you feel happier as well as experience a natural poise and sense of well-being. If you must hurry, do it mindfully.

### GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You could be tempted to try to do too much too quickly. You might feel energized, inspired, and motivated as well as frustrated that everything seems to take too long. Watch out for this, as it could lead you to feel run down later. Pace yourself and relax. Rome wasn't built in a day!

### CANCER June 21 - July 22

The cosmos is going to give you a new lease on life. You're eager to make changes at the grassroots level. This should include a detoxification of your body and any emotional issues that might be bothering you. This detox will have a profound effect on you if done properly and under supervision.

### LEO July 23 - August 22

You could be feeling a certain relief at the decrease of disruptions to your life and daily routine. This will relieve the stress you feel. This phase is temporary, so make the most of it and put the emphasis on massage and deep relaxation.

### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Your health zone is highlighted, so your energy level could fluctuate more than usual. One minute you're ready to tackle any challenge and the next you feel exhausted. In order to maintain more consistent energy, it's essential to eat the right foods.

### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Temptation might be too difficult to resist, especially since you could be facing one or two challenges. The urge to snack on

comfort foods could be stronger than ever. Don't let your temper get to you out of frustration. Your blood pressure may suffer. Relaxation is the key to inner peace. Be sure to eat strengthening foods.

### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may want to move more quickly than ever and yet find it difficult to get anywhere. Frustration could confound you at every step, yet you feel you have to push yourself even harder. This could bring on muscular aches and tension headaches. Don't get caught up in the madness. Slow down. Your health will improve accordingly. Release stuck feelings for greater energy and calm.

### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Easy does it. There seem to be plenty of challenges around you. Don't try to do too much. It could lead to tension headaches or high blood pressure. Don't try to force your way ahead if the time isn't right or others don't agree. Talk about how you feel as a way to release some of the tension. It will help in more ways than you know.

### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You could try to get things to come together by force when in fact they need discussion and compromise. Hidden issues could be driving the agenda, so don't try to cover up how you feel. It will help your health tremendously if you can let go of anger or bitterness and share from the heart. Your energy will return and you'll feel better.

### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Take care when you're out since you could be prone to infections. This is especially true if you're tired or stressed. The cosmos is going to encourage you to get involved in all kinds of exciting events. Make sure to eat the types of foods that support your level of activity. Try more protein and omega-3 fatty acids.

### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

There are some strange, subtle currents that could set you on edge. You're moving through an interesting phase of learning more about how your body works and what makes it feel good or bad. Take note over the days ahead, especially when you feel great and have plenty of positive energy. What did you do right?



**PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT**

# Amazon sent me the wrong graphics card. How do I get this fixed?

*Ryan Maietta orders an Arc A770 graphics card from Amazon. Instead he gets a different card, an A750. How does he get this fixed?*

**Q:** I recently ordered an Intel Arc A770 Graphics Card on Amazon. I paid \$271 with my Amazon credit card.

The order arrived a few days later but it was not the Intel Arc A770 – it was the Intel Arc A750, which is significantly different.

When viewed in my account history, it shows the order as the A770. On my invoice, it's the A770. But when I clicked on my order after the wrong item was delivered, it was the A750.

I called Amazon's customer service department and spoke with a supervisor, who agreed to issue an advance reimbursement as a gift card with a balance of \$271. She instructed me to return the incorrect graphics card and place a new order for the Intel Arc A770 through a different link.

The order arrived today, and I see a partial credit in my Amazon account. But they shorted me \$107 – the price difference between the items. I've spoken with several representatives and supervisors who refuse to help me, saying they don't price match. I'm not looking for a price match. Ideally, I would like my reimbursement to my original method of payment. Can you help?

–Ryan Maietta, Visalia, California

**A:** Amazon should have shipped you the right graphics card. Once it discovered the error, it should have arranged for a quick replacement. The card you received is not the one you ordered – it has less memory and is significantly slower.

The gift card refund is confusing to me and chances are it was also confusing to the representatives you called.

I noticed you also paid with your Amazon-branded card, so permit me a quick sidebar. Credit cards and gift cards can be useful tools when you're making a purchase. But ultimately, they exist because they benefit the company. When you pay with your Amazon card, the company earns money from late fees and interest. And when it pays you with gift card credit, or "Bezos Pesos," as my kids like to call it, the company never has to pay you real money.

If you could rewind to the moment you discovered the wrong order, I think you should have turned down the gift card offer and simply returned the item.

My consumer advocacy organization has historically received few complaints about Amazon, but they have started to pick up in recent months. That

is cause for concern. You might have appealed this to one of the Amazon customer service contacts I publish on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. Using the Elliott Method of sending a brief, polite email to one of the managers might have quickly reversed this problem.

I shared the Amazon executive contacts with you and you reached out to one of them in writing. Unfortunately, Amazon did not respond so I contacted the company on your behalf.

Amazon issued the promised refund and gave you a \$25 gift card for the trouble.

"They've also informed me that they started an internal investigation into the error with my order," you noted. Hopefully, this will not happen again. But if it does, I will be here to help.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems.

Email him at [chris@elliott.org](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>.

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available. There will be Frank Sinatra and Rat Pack items raffled off as well as prizes for upcoming Museum and Public Art Initiative (PAI) events. To order tickets, please visit the website at [www.TheMuseumSFV.org](http://www.TheMuseumSFV.org) and click on link for event. RSVPs and payment can also be made over the phone or pay via PayPal or Eventbrite. Email any questions to [TheMuseumSFV@gmail.com](mailto:TheMuseumSFV@gmail.com).

The Museum is located on the grounds of the historic Rancho Cordillera del Norte in Northridge at 18904 Nordhoff Street, on the SW corner of Nordhoff Street and Wilbur Avenue.

Free parking will be inside The Rancho grounds at 9015 Wilbur Ave., Northridge.

### CREATE A GARDEN WINDCHIME

On Saturday, Aug. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. community adults are invited to the La Crescenta Library to create a garden windchime for their home. They will learn simple beading techniques while designing and painting on terra cotta to create an elegantly charming project. All supplies will be provided.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To register, see library staff or visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/lacrescenta-library>.

La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothills Blvd.

### PARENT ORIENTATION AND INFORMATION NIGHT – SUZUKI MUSIC

The "Musical Kids, Happy Parents!" parent information and orientation night will be hosted by

the Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) on Thursday, Aug. 31 from 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. (PST) over Zoom.

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

### VHHS PLANS REUNION

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

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

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

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



## The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group 1st Annual Poker Tournament and Casino Night

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## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: AVA ARENI AKOPYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA AKOPYAN MINORS BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN AT ITEM TATEVIK TINA TOROSYAN. Case number 23BCCP00137. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Burbank Courthouse 300 East Olive Ave. Burbank, CA 91502. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner TATEVIK TINA TOROSYAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: AVA ARENI AKOPYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA AKOPYAN to Proposed Name: AVA ARENI TOROSYAN AND WILLIAM ARKA TOROSYAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: JULY 28, 2023 Time: 9:30 AM Dept.: B Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023.

### NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta Cloud Ave located at 4441 Cloud Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 8/17/2023 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Teresita Dejesus Navarro; Cynthia V Sipsy (3 units). All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly July 27, August 3, 2023.

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longer stand the terrible destruction plaguing our planet. She sends five magic rings to five special young people: Kwame from Africa with the power of Earth, from North America, Wheeler with the power of fire, from the Soviet Union (later changed to Eastern Europe) Linka with the power of wind, from Asia, Gi with the power of water, and from South America Ma-Ti with the power of heart. When the five powers combine, they summon Earth's greatest champion, Captain Planet. Go Planet. The power is yours."

That last sentence - "The power is yours" - is the most important. I made certain to teach my kids that they had the power to make a difference and to protect the planet. We had the T-shirts and the

action figures. We read the books on "global warming" and climate change. We cleaned the beaches ... a lot.

Since my son's post I decided to watch the cartoon again to see if I still loved it as a grandma as much as I did as a young mom ... and I do.

It's not great animation but the lessons taught go beyond the glitchy drawings. In the episode "Heat Wave," Dr. Barbara "Babs" Blight was really set on causing environmentalhavoc. Now Dr. Blight does not have a lot of backstory, she just seems to want world domination and she doesn't care what she has to do to get it. In "Heat Wave" she fills the ocean with oil and puts a dome over the Island of Hope - basically the center of the environment world

that Gi oversees. Everything under the dome heats up even faster as she pumps more carbon dioxide into it. As the island heats up, Gi becomes weaker. Unfortunately only four of the powers can gather (Linka was captured by Dr. Blight) so they cannot combine to call for Captain Planet.

Things go from bad to worse as the spirit of the Earth falls to the heat, sea creatures begin to die as the ocean heats up and the Planetees cannot break through the dome barrier. Then, to make matters worse, after heating up the ocean and killing creatures, Dr. Blight has a "surprise" weapon. She drags an iceberg into the dome and as it melts the water around the Island of Hope begins to rise. But because the dome

had to open for the iceberg to get in, the clever young Planetees were able to sneak out of the dome, unite with Linka and call for Captain Planet. He is also weak but with the help of the Sun he is able to stop Dr. Blight's ship of oil spills. Then with the help of a whale they are able to break the dome and release some of the heat. That is when the cleanup begins.

"What about all the carbon dioxide pollution Dr. Blight released into the air?" asked Gi.

And here is the honesty I loved about this show.

"I can't undo all of that, and around the world more is added every day," said Capt. Planet. "That is why it is so important to burn less of those fuels that pollute the

atmosphere and make Earth hotter." "Can people stop this?" Gi asked. "We must," said Capt. Planet. "The power is yours."

Our temperatures since July 13 have been about 10 degrees higher than normal and that trend will remain making the rest of the week and weekend hot.

Today will see a high near 96 degrees and on Friday it will be around 97, but then a little lower on Saturday - 94 - and Sunday 93. From Monday to Thursday our temperatures will be nearer to normal, which means they will drop about five to 10 degrees.

The heat is due to an abnormally strong high pressure over New Mexico, according to NOAA.

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Hear about our role in Creation, its care and what's happening with the climate on Aug. 2 beginning at 6:15 p.m. in Koopmans Hall on the church campus. Each session will include time for Q&A.

Presenters will include the Rev. Dr. Rick Lyon, minister and psychotherapist; Dr. Kevin Bowman, JPL climate scientist; Dr. Mark Richardson, JPL climate scientist; and Dr. Tommy Given, Fuller Seminary professor of New Testament.

La Crescenta Presbyterian is located at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, visit [lpcp.net](http://lpcp.net) or call (818) 249-6137.

**Summer Adult Christian Education**

Confirmation class (aka catechism class) is an educational ministry of the Church for baptized Christians to equip them with the essential principles of Christianity for the purpose of helping them personally affirm the baptismal covenant God made with them, personally confirm their faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, personally identify more deeply with the Christian community, and personally commit to participate more fully in Christian life and mission.

This week's topic, on Aug. 2, is "If Jesus Christ is God then why did He have to die?"

(Please note: This adult confirmation class can serve as a preparation for Holy Baptism for those who have a personal faith in Jesus Christ but have not yet been baptized.)

Over these Wednesdays in July and August, from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mount Olive Lutheran Church in La Crescenta will explore Christian life, faith, theology and spirituality, drawing upon the truth of Almighty God within the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer and various key passages of the Holy Bible.

All those seeking to deepen their understanding of Christ and to strengthen the foundation of their personal relationship with God are welcome to attend! And bring a friend!

Mount Olive Lutheran Church is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

**Walk and Word**

In July, Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on July 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](mailto:jnlavieri@earthlink.net).

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

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Andrew Kim of La Cañada Flintridge was among 800 Bucknell University graduates from the Class of 2023. The class represents over 60 majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, Engineering and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 33 U.S. states and 25 nations. Kim also earned dean's list recognition for the spring semester.

Also earning dean's list recognition was Hanan Phillips, Class of 2026, from La Cañada Flintridge.

Founded in 1846 and located along the banks of the Susquehanna River in historic Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Bucknell University is an undergraduate-focused institution that stands at the intersection of top-ranked liberal arts, engineering and management programs. Students choose from more than 60 majors and 70 minors in the

arts, engineering, humanities, management and natural and social sciences, as well as extensive global study, service-learning and research opportunities. Bucknell's students enjoy a low 9:1 student-faculty ratio and exceptional opportunities to collaborate with faculty mentors on scholarly and artistic projects.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison recognized students named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. Among those were Eliza Sullivan of La Cañada Flintridge who attends the College of Letters and Science. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive

the distinction.

Oregon State University graduated more than 7,300 students during ceremonies held Saturday, June 17 at Reser Stadium in Corvallis and Sunday, June 18 at OSU-Cascades in Bend. Among these were Brittany Morales from Burbank who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal sciences; from Glendale: Michael Ako who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Colene Encarnado who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science; Jason Lee who earned a Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, in economics; Elizabeth Malick who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology; Haley Vanderford who earned a Doctor of veterinary medicine, veterinary medicine - DVM; Eric Vartanian who earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science; from La Cañada Flintridge: Gregory Navasarkian who earned

a Bachelor of Science in computer science; Michelle Lee of La Crescenta who earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science. Julia Kennedy from Montrose who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; from Tujunga: Bryan Andrade who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science; Brandon Hong who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science.

7,583 degrees were distributed; 238 students received two degrees, two received three degrees and one received four degrees. OSU's 2023 graduates represent 34 of Oregon's 36 counties, 50 states and 71 countries.

The graduates will add to the ranks of OSU alumni, who have earned 287,469 degrees over the university's 154-year history.

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