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#### **GWP** Rate Hike Talks Begin and Legislative Update Presented

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Glendale City Council began Tuesday night's meeting by sharing the location of its meeting on Oct. 3. The City Council in Your Neighborhood will begin its meeting at 6 p.m. at Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Glendale. Roubik Golanian, City of Glendale manager, said an agenda is being worked on that will be "germane" to the area.

Councilmember Elen Asatryan asked staff what it had done to get the information out concerning this upcoming meeting.

"I had requested that we do outreach to the residents that live in the area," Asatryan said of previous City Council in Your Neighborhood meetings. "One of the issues I have is there tends to be more staff than community members present."

Golanian said staff had issued a survey to residents within that neighborhood to come up with ideas they would like to bring to the meeting. It also reached out to families with students in the neighborhood.

Although the meeting is located in Sparr Heights all residents are invited to the meeting. Anyone with questions concerning the meeting or would like to suggest a topic that is focused on the local neighborhood specifically, but not limited to the far north area of Glendale, can call (818) 548-4844 then press option 1.

Assemblymember Friedman was present at the annual legislative update to Council. She went through some of the bills that are on the governor's desk with specific interest to those in Glendale.

"You know that I spent many years, going back to my city council days, working on traffic safety. You know what a huge problem Glendale and the surrounding areas have had when it comes to keeping our streets safe, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists," Friedman said.

A few years ago she proposed see GCC on page 6 By Lori BODNAR

Plenty of food. contests and fun for the whole family at the Montrose Oktoberfest.

The community is invited to the 44th annual Montrose Oktoberfest on Oct. 7 featuring Bavarian food and drink, live music, carnival games, thrilling rides and contests. Montrose Oktoberfest will take place from noon to 10 p.m. in the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue.

Oktoberfest originated in Munich, Germany in 1810 with a horse race organized by Andreas Michael Dall'Armi to celebrate the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. In 1819, Munich decided to make Oktoberfest an annual celebration. The Oktoberfest in Munich attracts millions of visitors every year as a two-week event, this year lasting slightly longer from Sept. 16 to Oct. 3.

The Munich Oktoberfest now inspires celebrations all over the world, 1956 with the German-American including in the local Montrose area. League. Now, the Montrose-The first Oktoberfest in California was celebrated in the Crescenta Valley Park (formerly Hindenburg Park) in

## Fall Family Fun Found at Oktoberfest



Verdugo Chamber of Commerce (MVCC) hosts the annual event.

An array of food will be available

for purchase at the Montrose Oktoberfest including bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad and rye bread – all part of the full dinner. Other options include turkey legs,

pretzels, churros, juice, soda and water and most of the nearby restaurants will be open offering diverse menus. Those who are at see OKTOBERFEST on page 7

## Honoring Years of Service

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

It was more than 30 years ago that CV Water District board member Judy Tejeda took on the role as community advocate at the water district. For her years of service, the District honored her on Tuesday morning by dedicating the reservoir site in her name. The dedication included the ribbon cutting for a sign that reflects the name change and will be installed outside the gates of the facility. The ceremony was held hours before Tejeda announced her resignation from the board, effective Dec. 31, at that night's CVWD meeting.

The dedication, located at the site in the 4700 block of Rosemont Avenue, was attended by former and current board members, employees and supporters of Tejeda. Among them were Desiree Rabinov of the Glendale Community College board of trustees, Donna Libra of the Crescenta Valley Town Council and representatives from the offices of Kathryn Barger, State Senator Anthony Portantino and Rep. Adam Schiff. Also in attendance were members of Tejeda's family - some of whom traveled from as far away as Idaho and Nova Scotia to attend

CVWD Interim General Manager James Lee, who was named general manager at the CVWD meeting on Tuesday night, detailed the years of service that Tejeda has given to her community highlighting her roles in helping see CVWD on page 7

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY Judy Tejeda with her longtime partner Michael Rich after the ribbon cutting





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## The Legacy You Leave

death. I know that much of this surrounds the facts that my father died young (52), my mother died semi-young (63) and my sister died at 52. So I really don't know what "old" will look like for me.

My dad probably had a heart attack, so I'm vigilant on keeping an eye on my heart health. (So far, so good.) My mom smoked herselfintolung cancer, which metastasized into brain cancer. I don't smoke - anymore. 1998 but no more. As an aside, let me share that taking away the urge to smoke was a blessing. I wasn't even looking to quit; I just woke up one day, lit up and said, "Yuck!" That was it. That wasn't too long after I paid (gulp!) 55 cents a pack for cigarettes. Yes, those days are long gone – but so are my smoking days, so it all worked out.

I'm the same age as my mother when she died so after my next birthday it'll be uncharted territory ... which leads me to the legacy a person leaves.

My husband taught me the joy of volunteerism. Steve has always been an ardent volunteer. Early in our marriage I remember him heading to various events that featured the American Red Cross he was a trained volunteer. Throughout the years, he was a volunteer with the CV Sheriff's Station arson watch (I don't even know if it's still around), a reserve with San Fernando PD (a little bragging – he graduated from the academy as honor cadet), a Volunteer On Patrol with the CV Sheriff's Station and currently is

I'm interested in life - long life - and on the Montrose Search & Rescue team. A side note regarding the Montrose Search & Rescue team: There have been more than a few nights that he's missed one event or another due to being needed at a rescue. He truly believes in the power of volunteerism.

As most know, I've been with Prom Plus since 1999 having risen to the position of president some years ago. I've actively stepped back from Prom Plus, though, because young parents need to step up and I used to smoke a pack a day until 1997 or I want to give them the opportunity to do

> That doesn't mean that my spirit of volunteerism is extinguished, however. I am on the boards of the Glendale Kiwanis and the Salvation Army and serve on the Supervisory Committee of the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union. Recently (and unexpectedly) I assumed the role as interim president of the CV Chamber of Commerce.

> Of course, I'm also a wife, mother, grandmother and small business owner. So while my time is precious I've also discovered the truth in Tim Fargo's quote, "Who you are tomorrow begins with what you do today." ." I applaud those who step up where – and when – they are needed. I hope those people who are reluctant to leave their couches will reconsider and become part of this dynamic community. After all, this is the time to create your legacy.

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#### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Saturday I went to my daughter's home at the beach about 3 a.m. to pick up her dog. She was on her way to La Jolla with Life Rolls On/They Will Surf Again. As I went to the car, I realized how really dark it was. The streetlight was on, along with a few porch lights, but it was still incredibly dark. When I looked to the sky all I saw was the marine layer - no moon. It was a long drive to the beach so I had a lot of time to think about there being no moon.

I thought it must have been a new moon; but nope – on Sept. 23 the moon was in the phase called Waxing Gibbous. This is when the moon is over 50% illuminated but not quite a full moon; that next occurs on Sept. 29. But because of the really thick marine layer the sky was a dark blue glow. I had a lot of thoughts while driving; one, of course, was this was perfect weather for an alien force to land. Humans who might be awake at the time would just talk about the weird bouncing lights they saw that morning in the sky; however, no one would really think it was an alien invasion unless they were, well, someone like me with science fiction brain turned on at all times.

Other thoughts that danced across my mind included trying to figure out where the moon actually would be in the early morning sky, how pleasant it was to have the 2 Freeway to myself and then where the heck were all these people going on the 5 Freeway? As traffic increased and I went around the bend onto the 110 Freeway through downtown I realized how absolutely beautiful downtown LA was with its buildings reflecting the soft glow of all the city lights.

The soundtrack to all of these thoughts was "No Moon at All." This 1947 song, written by David Mann and Redd Evans, is my goto melancholy tune. There have been a lot of artists who have covered this song but I am always torn between the Diana Krall and Julie London versions.

As I continued my drive those words -"No moon at all, what a night. Even lightnin'

bugs have dimmed their light. Stars have disappeared from sight. And there's no moon at all" - stuck with me. The song goes on about the perfect night for "parking" and that you can "fall in love" even with "no moon up above." So that is a nice statement - people don't have to go with stereotypical scenes and can just "go with it" - but for me I started thinking what would happen if there was actually no moon at all.

"The brightest and largest object in our night sky, the moon, makes Earth a more livable planet by moderating our home planet's wobble on its axis, leading to a relatively stable climate. It is this that causes tides, creating a rhythm that has guided humans for thousands of years," according to NASA in an article titled "Earth's Moon."

Earth's moon is the fifth largest of the more than 200 moons orbiting planets in our solar system. Earth's only natural satellite is simply called "the moon" because people didn't know other moons existed until 1610 when Galileo Galilei discovered four moons orbiting Jupiter.

If there was actually no moon at all the Earth would survive but it would be a very different place. According to the Royal Museum of Greenwich in the United Kingdom, Earth's oceans would have much smaller tides, about one-third the size of what they are now.

Tides allow coastal ecosystems to thrive. Animals in these environments, like crabs, mussels, starfish and snails, rely on tides for survival. And as we all know, or should know by now, when one of us fails to thrive it affects

This would not only affect sea animals but land animals as well and that could cause mass extinctions. In addition, tidal movements help stabilize the Earth's climate. If you thought we had wacky weather recently, that's nothing compared to what would happen to us without

"Temperatures could potentially be more extreme on the Earth without this [moon's] influence," stated the Royal Museum.

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#### **CVCA TO MEET TONIGHT**

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda includes discussion on local issues including 2432-2434 Foothill Blvd. (at Sunset), 2413 Foothill Blvd. (at Briggs); 3013 Frances - U Matter Luxury Resort, Twelve Oaks, Rockhaven - Friends of Rockhaven vs. Glendale lawsuit (annual meeting of the members on Oct. 14), Verdugo Hills Golf Course - Court of Appeal oral argument in Snowball case held on Sept. 15, Canyon Hills, former site of Denny's hearing held on Sept. 28, 3411-3437 Foothill Blvd. There is also the opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail. com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

#### FALL 2023 HYBRID IN-PERSON/ ONLINE BASIC CERT TRAINING

The Glendale Fire Dept. is hosting a free hybrid in person/online basic CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training on Oct. 4, 14, & 21. The CERT program educates volunteers (ages 16-plus) about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

To sign up, visit https://bit.ly/GlendaleCERTFall2023.

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Oct. 7. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park (not in front of neighbors' houses) at 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

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

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

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

## PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AT LUC MEETING

AttheregularmonthlymeetingoftheLand Use Committee on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m., held at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., a presentation will be made by a representative of the developer for the proposed multi-story project at the northwest corner of Briggs Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

After the brief presentation questions can be asked by members of the committee and members of the public.

## Emelia Lagousis Achieves Eagle Rank

By Mary O'KEEFE

melia Lagousis received her Eagle rank on Sept. 16 at a ceremony at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall (American Legion Post 288, 4011 La Crescenta Ave.). It was hosted by American Legion Post 288, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 and Glendale Moose Lodge #641.

Lagousis is a sophomore at Mayfield Senior School, a three-time recipient of the Carson Scholarship, has earned 33 merit badges, is lifeguard certified, has achieved the National Outdoor Award in cycling, camping and aquatics and recently finished on staff as a troop guide for Boy Scouts of America's National Youth Leadership Training. And yet she still had time to go through the extensive steps to earn her Eagle rank. She is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 360 out of San Marino.

"I was trying to find an Eagle project and my grandpa [is with] the [Verdugo] Hall," said I ABOVE: Emelia Lagousis, right, with her mother Kendra.

Her grandfather, Dan Thompson, is a ment that is housed at the Hall so when it came time for her to plan her Eagle project he knew exactly what she could do.

Lagousis's project was to construct a railing at the Legion Hall that improved accessibility and safety for veterans.

"Sounds like a small thing to just add a handrail but it's a Godsend to some of us," said Mike Baldwin of American Legion Post 288.

Originally it was not something she was "super passionate" about. She admits that, prior to this project, she did not consider herself a "builder."

"At first I didn't think it would make a difference but people started telling me what it meant to them," she said. "I am really proud. I think it turned out really well."

Lagousis has been in Troop 360 since she was 11 years old – a little over four years. She chose BSA as opposed to Girl Scouts because of what the organization offered.

"Nothing against Girl Scouts – Girl Scouts is an awesome program. Boy Scouts has more opportunities and more camps," she said.

She said she felt BSA focused more on camping and hiking.

 $\hbox{``I never thought I would get to Eagle," Lagousis said.}\\$ 

She shares the success of the project with all of the Scouts, friends and family, and specifically her mom, who helped guide her.

"So many people helped me get through Scouts," she said.
During her Eagle project ceremony she was able to show
her gratitude by giving BSA pins to her mother, father and
grandfather, along with adult mentors including veteran
Chuck Hughes.

During the ceremony her grandfather read a letter to Lagousis written by Will Harrison from Moose International.

"On behalf of one million members of the Moose International it is my privilege to congratulate you on

## Strike May Fade to Black

By Mary O'KEEFE

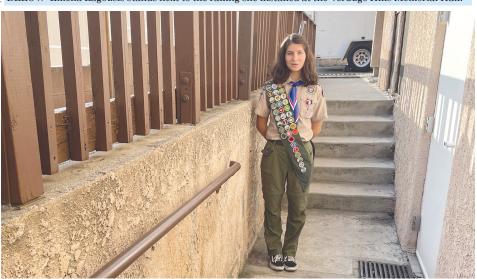
The Writers Guild of America (WGA) reached a tentative agreement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television producers on a three-year Minimum Basic Agreement. On Sept. 26, the Negotiating Committee, the WGA West (WGAW) board and WGA East (WGAE) council all voted unanimously to recommend the agreement. It will now go to the memberships at both guilds for a ratification vote. Eligible voters will be able to vote on the agreement from Oct. 2 through Oct. 9, and will receive ballot and ratification materials when the vote opens.

The WGAW board and WGAE council also voted to lift the restraining order and end the strike as of 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27. This allows writers to return to work during the ratification process, but does not affect the membership's right to make a final determination on contract approval.



Photos by Mary O'KEEFF

Her grandfather, Dan Thompson, is a memi BELOW: Emelia Lagousis stands next to the railing she installed at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall.



have led you to this pinnacle of scouting. You have remained loyal to the ideals and principles of the Eagle Scouts of America and have stood by the oath you agreed to when you first joined your troop."

She thanked all of those who mentored and supported her through her journey, including an emotional thank you to David Wolf who was a Boy Scout mentor who died earlier in the year.

Now that she has received her Eagle rank her next challenge is a backpacking trek through New Mexico at Philmont High Adventure Camp with BSA Venturing Crew 288.



# U Matter Luxury Resort Focus of CVTC Meeting

By Mikaela STONE

Tensions September Crescenta Valley Town Council meeting as constituents packed the La Crescenta Library community room, leaving it standing room only as over 80 citizens anxiously waited for Citizen Concern portion of the council meeting. Concerns arose from the presence of an alleged "detox spa" soon to be installed on Frances Avenue in the unincorporated portion of La Crescenta on a street largely populated by families. The primary concerns voiced were the safety of having type of establishment alongside homes as well as the conflicting information given by representatives of the U Matter Luxury Resort. After being assured that the treatment center involved no medicallyassisted withdrawals, neighbors referenced U Matter's website and its contradictory "who we treat" listing that included abuse disorder/ substance addiction and sex addiction, much to locals' dismay.

They also worried that the treatment plan listed on the website included Neuro Restorative Procedures and community integration. Neuro According to the Restorative Procedure website, its procedure is designed to help people with "brain, spinal cord and medically complex injuries" to have increased independence, and may involve a clinical evaluator, medical behavioral analyst, neuropsychologist, speech and language pathologist, and other therapeutic staff, involving reteaching ambulation, problem solving, and memory-something a spa is ill equipped to provide, the neighbors believe. There was also concern regarding "community integration" portion of the treatment plan.

These items were removed - LA County has suggested an U Matter. The site then softened "who we treat" listing the to those who "have past or passive substance use disorder or addiction" and foregoing entirely the mention of sex addiction. This change aroused suspicions in neighbors who felt they had been blindsided. Frustrations only flamed further when spokesperson Prescilla Cardenas reiterated that U Matter was a detox spa with no medical aspect and claimed that she personally had been unaware of public upset until she saw it on social media.

Attendees of the CVTC asserted meeting had extended an informal invitation to the owners and representatives of U Matter to defend themselves at the council meeting but received no response.

Street neighbors Frances provided screen shots of the changing website and spoke about concerns regarding how the business would change real estate value, the difficulty of parking on the narrow street, and whether the public would be better served by renting the building to an actual homeowner. Regardless of whether there is an innocent answer to the public's fears, the decision by U Matter representatives to quietly change their website rather than addressing the reasons for their inconsistencies has broken the trust of their neighbors. Locals presented the Crescenta Valley Town Council with a petition signed by over 500 voters to block the business from moving in.

While the reason for the meeting's large turnout was the U Matter facility, though it was not an agendized item, it was not the only concern of the Town Council. The board of supervisors and Treasurer and Tax Collector

from the website after locals ordinance to address public the asked for an explanation from concerns regarding short term rentals (STRs), such as AirBnB, in the county's unincorporated area. Tax Collector Monica Allen asserted that citizens "should know who [they] live next to." They seek to impose the same transient opportunity tax that is already included in hotels, as well as restricting which structures can be rented. To prevent corporations from buying houses that could rented to prospective homeowners, the ordinance would require the owner of the property placed on a third party short term rental website be that person's primary residence. Other features of the ordinance would include restricting stays in which the host is not present, requiring renters to stay for more than one night to avoid single use "party house" rentals, and a complaint hotline six months after passing as a ordinance. grace period for outreach and demand and relieve pressure on genasys.com consumers.

> its introduction, short term rentals have increased by 70%, a number expected to grow. Whether this ordinance is the answer, though, remains up to debate. The CVTC decided to



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to prevent public nuisances. speak to the negative effects of Should this law go into effect, STRs, but expressed concerns it would not be enforced until about the enforceability of the

Another plan that has been staff hiring. Multiple citizens multiple years in the making showed up to speak in defense has finally come to fruition for of the ordinance, including the the fire department. The Los Better Neighbors LA affordable Angeles County Fire Dept. housing advocation nonprofit used the Crescenta Valley Town and the united hospitality Council meeting to announce workers of the Unite Here! the unveiling of its partnership Local 11 labor union subset. with Genasys Protect, a safety Unite Here! asserted that the notification app and website. It local renter has to make on splits the Crescenta Valley into average \$42.25 an hour to afford three evacuation zones to be Crescenta Valley rents. It is notified in the case of potential their hope that regulating short emergency situations. Having term rentals would alleviate the Genasys Protect app on artificially increased housing one's phone or checking protect. citizens with a color coded The ordinance has been on notification system to make the books since 2019; since them aware of the level of danger in the case of wildland fires. The department assured those present that this system "doesn't replace anything [they have] been doing for years" and instead enhances public knowledge of whether evacuation warnings or orders have been sent out.

The California Highway Patrol spokesperson also talked about the numerous citations issued in August. These included a driving under the influence citation that led to a residential search warrant. (See the full story on page 6 "CHP Arrests Local Resident on Gun Charges.")

Many of the issues discussed in the CVTC meeting will be revisited in the future. The Town Council encourages community members come to the meetings so they have a voice in the decisions that will affect them.

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Surrounding Areas

## City Council in Far North Glendale Neighborhood

By Mary O'KEEFE

Glendale City Council in Your Neighborhood is having its next meeting at the Sparr Heights Community Center on Oct. 3 beginning at 6 p.m.

The neighborhood visits were

put on hold during the pandemic but in January the City Council was on the move once again. The request to bring the meetings back to the neighborhoods was inspired by then-Mayor Ardy Kassakhian.

"We know that no one better than those who live there, and we'd like to hear from you," stated the City of Glendale.

Many times it can be difficult for residents to get to city hall, where meetings are generally held. These local meetings are a way to

reach those in the neighborhoods who normally would not attend the general meeting.

Sparr Heights Community Center is located at 1613 Glencoe Way. For more information or suggested topics please contact (818) 548-4844, Option 1.

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## Visioning Workshops Outreach Planned

The community is invited to join Dept. of Regional Planning for workshops concerning the visioning workshops on the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP).

"Join us to share your ideas, priorities and community history. Resources available and other county departments

will be present to answer held on Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to questions at the start of the workshop. Refreshments will be provided," according to the WSGVAP.

This is for residents who live in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including la Crescenta/Montrose.

The first meeting will be at the Altadena Library, 600

12:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. Other meetings include: Oct. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pamela County Park, 2236 Goodall Ave. in Duarte in South Monrovia Islands; Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

E. Mariposa St. in Altadena; Oct. 21 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Temple City Library, 5939 Golden West Ave. in E. Pasadena/E. San Gabriel; and Oct. 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will be a virtual meeting on historic preservation. Meeting details at planning.lacounty. gov/wsgvap.

## LASD Awarded Grant to Help Fight Organized Retail Theft

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Chair Janice Hahn and Supervisor Hilda Solis securing a \$15.6 million grant to fund the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.'s response to organized retail theft.

"These shameless smash-andgrabs need to be stopped," Hahn said. "These are not petty thefts - these are organized violent operations that rob businesses of thousands upon thousands of dollars in merchandise, physically damage stores and traumatize retail workers. This is a priority and, with this \$15.6 million grant, the Sheriff's Department will have new resources to prevent these

smash-and-grabs and root out our Major Crimes Bureau is the criminal organizations behind them."

Hahn's motion secures a \$15.6 million grant awarded by the State to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. to fight organized retail crime. LASD will use this funding to support the department's recently created Organized Retail Theft Task Force.

"These brazen organized retail theft sprees are hurting business communities across the county and retail companies are losing billions of dollars annually," said Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna, who joined the meeting of the board of supervisors. Retail Theft Task Force through focused on reducing these crimes by targeting these crews aggressively pursuing not just those who commit the theft, but everyone in the criminal chain. This Organized Retail Theft Grant will allow us to continue to investigate retail theft crimes and provide dedicated staff and equipment necessary to continue to combat these thefts."

A recent survey from the National Retail Federation found that organized retail crime has increased by 26% since 2000. Unfortunately, this trend holds true in Los Angeles County and includes an increase in smash-and-grab crimes that have alarmed business owners and the public.

In response, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's partnered with neighboring law enforcement organizations to create the Organized Retail Theft Task Force. Within LASD, this task force will consist of one lieutenant, three sergeants, and 30 detectives who are dedicated to preventing and addressing organized retail theft, including smash-andgrabs, catalytic converter thefts and cargo theft. The Task Force, which will also be supported by civilian professional staff, will be divided into three geographic teams and they will collaborate with other law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office and local businesses.



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## CHP Arrests Local Resident on Gun Charges

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Sept. 16 at about 11:33 p.m., California Highway Patrol (CHP)-Altadena area officers were traveling eastbound on the Foothill (210) Freeway, west of Ocean View Boulevard. The officers reportedly observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and braking erratically. An enforcement stop was made on the vehicle.

During their initial contact

with the driver, later identified as Oshin Marksian, 34, the officers allegedly observed signs and symptoms of intoxication. An officer conducted a series of field sobriety tests on the suspect.

Officers determined suspect was under the influence of a controlled substance and he was placed under arrest for DUI.

While taking an inventory of the vehicle, the officers reportedly located narcotics,

small plastic bags, a scale, several loaded handguns -one being classified as a "machine gun" - an undetectable firearm (which refers to a gun made of plastic or ceramic), highcapacity magazines and nearly \$8.00 in cash.

Due to the nature of the arrest and statements made by the suspect, it was determined necessary to write a warrant for his residence.

On Sept. 20 at about 7

a.m., CHP Southern Division Investigation Services Unit's Major Crimes Task Force executed the warrant.

The search of the residence yielded a large amount of illegal firearms (about 20), thousands of rounds of ammunition, illegal gun manufacturing parts and conversion kits along with nearly \$18,000 in cash.

The suspect is being held on \$40,000 bond. His next court date is on Oct. 5.

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## Obituary





Jan. 17, 1927 - Aug. 16, 2023

Our beloved mother, Mary Mable Moss, peacefully departed this world on Aug. 16 in her home in La Crescenta. She graciously lived with a calm sense of dignity, courtesy and purpose to an impressive 96 years of age.

Mary was born on Jan. 17, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Blanche and George Fox. She grew up during the tough times of the Depression with her older sister Dorthea in Houston, Texas, and triumphed over adversity to realize her dreams of becoming a registered nurse and a dedicated caring mother. Together with her devoted husband Hubert Moss they enthusiastically raised their five children in Eau Gallie, Florida and La Crescenta.

Mary was an active parishioner in the St. James Church community for more than 50 years. She also loved serving the patients in her care at Glendale Adventist Hospital, exercising with her friends at YMCA water aerobics, and being a proud member of the P.E.O. sisterhood. With a spirit of adventure, she also shared a passion for trying new international travel experiences with her grown children.

Throughout her life's journey, our mother's deep faith in God, love, family and friends gave her the joy and strength to live every day as a gift to be treasured. Her kind and gentle spirit will continue to be an inspiration for all of us and forever shine a warm, guiding light on our paths

Mary Moss is survived by her dauahters JoAnn Mavs and Helen Moss; her sons Stephen Moss and Paul Moss. She was preceded in death by her husband Hubert and two sons, David and Mark Moss.

Her family, relatives and friends celebrated a funeral mass service in her honor on Sept. 13 at Saint James Catholic church in La Crescenta and her ashes were interred next to her late husband, Hubert, at San Fernando Mission Catholic

Rest in peace, dear Mary, for you will always be remembered, always be missed, and forever be cherished.

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## Obituary Helen Scully



July 5, 1925 to Sept. 3, 2023

Helen Scully passed away peacefully at her home on Sept. 3. Helen was born in Lincoln, Nebraska to Dwight W. Holcomb and Lillian Holcomb. She was the youngest of their three children. Her parents and her two siblings, Elaine Godwin and Richard Holcomb, have predeceased

Helen moved to Glendale when she was 12 years old and attended Toll Junior High, Hoover High School and Glendale College.

In 1950 Helen married William J. "Bill" Scully. They were married for 63 years when Bill died. Helen is survived by their four children: William J. Scully (Diane), Daniel P. Scully, Nancy H. Berger (Brad, deceased), and Timothy S. Scully. Helen and Bill have eight grandchildren: Jill Woodman (Nick), Jeremiah Scully (Courtney), Jessica Kozol (Devlyn), Bethany Scully, Gabriel Scully, Paul Marcus "Mark" Berger (Jesse), Nicholas Berger (Erin) and Brooke Gunness (Thomas); and 19 greatgrandchildren: Hugo, Duke and Bodhi Woodman; Sawyer, Ava, Mia, Audrey, Elsie and Quincy Scully; Chase, Charley, Trent and Liza Kozol; Darby, Max and Lyla Berger; Peter (deceased), Lucy and Annie Gunness.

Bill and Helen also had three foster daughters: Lorna Moore (Dan McGilvray), Glynis Moore and Carin Moore.

Helen worked for the phone company as an operator for 15 years, ending her work career as the book buyer for Glendale College.

Helen's life revolved around her church and her family. The members of her church would look forward to her warm smile, her hugs and her fashion sense. She loved clothes and sparkly jewelry. She was at every family function that she could attend even flying back and forth to Oregon well into her 90s. We all loved her positive attitude and happy disposition. We were always in her thoughts and prayers. She will be missed by her family and so many others that she touched along the way. She had a long happy life.

A celebration of her life will be held on Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Descanso Gardens or Habitat for Humanity.

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bill AB 43 that was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in 2021. The law allowed cities to cap or lower speed limits. Friedman said for the last four years she has been working on a bill that would bring a pilot program to six cities, one being Glendale, that would be an additional tool to help reduce traffic issues.

"This is the first time we were able to get this bill through the to governor's desk," she said.

AB 645 is a bill she said that works toward changing the culture of speeding and reckless driving.

"It will allow, under certain conditions, for Glendale and five other cities to pilot the use of automated speed enforcement, meaning using a camera. And before people start shaking their heads, because I would too if someone said [they] remember the old red light camera program, which everybody hated, I will give you a little bit of context," she said.

The cameras would be placed in the most dangerous city corridors or near schools and other vulnerable populations, she said.

A driver would have to be traveling over 11 miles an hour above the speed limit to get a ticket and the first ticket would only be a warning. There is no facial recognition and no points placed on a driver's license record. The fines for a second ticket are \$50, which will be cut in half for those living at low-income levels. None of the money will go into the City's general fund; the revenue raised through citations will be dedicated to the program or to make physical street calming in specific corridors.

Friedman said this bill had a lot of support including from AAA and the National Highway Safety Traffic Board. Both organizations sent letters to the governor.

"States that have done this have seen up to 70% decrease in crashes related to speed," she said.

The pilot will be for five years. Friedman covered several other bills that can be found at www.cvweekly.

Friedman also shared that through the years she had secured \$933,000 for the City of Glendale for its Fremont Park renovation. She also shared her office's 2023 Non-Profit of the Year was the Armenian Relief Society-Western United States.

Artsakh was on the minds and hearts of many at the meeting, including members of the City Council, as the "ethnic cleansing" appears to continue even after the ceasefire was called.

ABBC team saw families crammed into cars, boots [vehicle trunks] overflowing and roof-racks piled high with belongings. Convinced they are leaving their homes for good, people are squeezing as much of their lives as possible into their vehicles, reported BBC.

The City Council voted to extend for a year the ordinance that stops permitting for new or converting drive-through restaurants. A speaker in Glendale who has a drive-through restaurant voiced his concern that this ordinance would affect businesses like his. City Attorney Mike Garcia stated this ordinance did not affect businesses that already had drive-throughs.

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least 21 years of age can experience the taste of Bavaria with domestic beer, German beer or Bud Light Seltzers in mango or black cherry flavors.

Adult patrons can enter the fun contests such as Stein Holding or Mr. and Ms. Oktoberfest. Younger attendees can compete for the Lil' Mr. and Miss Oktoberfest. The contests are free to enter and people can sign up at the Oktoberfest event.

Families can enjoy the fun rides and games that will be across all three blocks from 2200-2400 Honolulu Ave. The Ferris wheel will be near the intersection of Verdugo Road and Honolulu Avenue at the east end. Busy Mind LA, which hosts an arts and crafts activity for kids, will be on the 2200 block of Honolulu from noon to 4 p.m.

While munching on food,

competing in a contest, or playing a carnival game, there will be a variety of live music to enjoy. Past Action Heroes, Honest Family Outlaws and the Mary Dyer Band will be performing as well as German entertainment and an accordionist.

Mavil Aghadjanian, executive director of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, said, "This is the first year that we are offering online presale ticket purchases for games, rides, food and beverages to help with some of the long ticket lines. The online ticket redemption booth will be located on Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in front of Coffee Bean. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/OKTOTIX. Lastly, we will be selling collectable Montrose Oktoberfest bucket hats for six tickets at the MVCC booth located in front of the Glendale Community College Professional Development Center (GCC/PDC) building."

Thousands of people flock to the Montrose Oktoberfest every

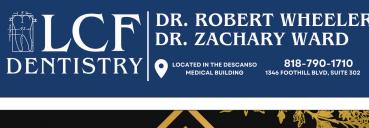
"Montrose Oktoberfest brings people from all over Los Angeles to Montrose who might otherwise not be familiar with this area," Aghadjanian said. "Not only does it create awareness of our Montrose area and businesses, but people gather here to make positive memories bringing them back every year for more fun, shopping and memories. It also serves as a fundraiser for us-the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce - whose mission is to actively support and enrich the community, vitality and pride of Montrose, help preserve the historic district and small town atmosphere, promote economic stability and positive, productive relationships within Montrose and the surrounding communities. The Chamber sponsors events throughout the year to bring businesses and the community together to increase the visibility

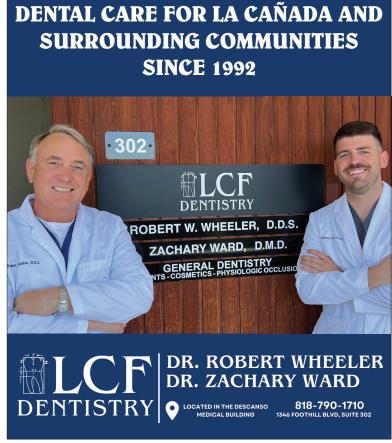
of the area and your local Montrose business."

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to establish the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship Fund and being a founder of the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

Lee described Tejeda as a "local champion of the people" and fellow board member Kerry Erickson said that Tejeda was "eagle-eyed when going over [the CVWD] budget."

She was lauded for keeping

water rates low and for being a "spokesperson for the community," added Erickson.

Former CVWD General Manager Dennis Erdman also offered his thoughts.

"Judy was a dedicated person who would bring material to help the board make decisions," he recounted.

Tejeda's daughter, Linda, one

of her four children, was on hand as well. She thanked the board and relayed how proud she and her siblings were of their mother.

In addition to various certificates of appreciation by dignitaries' representatives, Lee presented Tejeda with an inscribed glass vase.

"I'm honored to have this group," Tejeda said.

#### WEATHER from page 2

Without our moon it would be very dark, which would cause confusion for animals - especially predators that rely on the darkness of night to hunt. This means prey would likely thrive ... anyone thinking of "Willard," because I am. No, thank

"Probably the most worrying, the Earth's seasons could change substantially should the moon disappear. We experience seasons on the Earth – spring, summer, autumn and winter – because the Earth is tilted. Relative to the plane we orbit the sun, Earth's tilt is about 23.5 degrees. It is the pull of the moon's gravity on the Earth that holds our planet in place. Without the moon stabilizing our tilt, it is possible that the Earth's tilt could vary wildly. It would move from no tilt (which means no seasons) to a large tilt (which means extreme weather and even ice ages)," according to the Royal Museum.

According to several studies, it appears that life would survive on Earth but not even be close to what we are used to. And come to find out, this may be something humans might have to deal with in the very, very, very distant future.

"The fact that the moon is slowly moving away means that its effect is slowly shifting over time. So, in the past when the moon was closer, it was causing Earth's axis to process faster, so the Earth has a tilt, but which direction that tilt points changes over

time and the Earth's axis processes every 26,000 years," according to an interview between astronomer Jason Barnes and National Public Radio's Ira Flatow on Nov. 18, 2011.

Yep, the moon is slowly moving away from Earth.

In fact that's the reason the equinox and the solstice keep shifting around the calendar. So it's about one day later every century, Barnes

So it's not quick environmental changes, like human-caused climate change, but still a change.

"And so, as the moon moves further away calculations have shown that, in fact, the moon will, as its influence decreases, Earth sometime in the future, probably about a billion and a half years from now - will enter an unstable phase where the moon is no longer able to stabilize Earth's axis tilt and we'll probably enter into one of these situations where our axis tilt and the intensity of the seasons changes quite intensely over hundreds of thousands of years," he stated.

Okay, we still have some time to contemplate the moon. We still have time to look up and wonder, and still have time to take those strolls in the moonlight and marvel at how it reflects on the sea. We still have time to look up ... but time is ticking and although the evolutionary clock clicks kind of slowly we still need to take time to appreciate what we

I agree with Oscar Wilde: "With freedom, books, flowers and the moon, who could not be happy?"

Sept. 29 is not just a full moon it's the last supermoon of 2023. It is known as the Harvest Moon because it's the full moon closest to the start of autumn. A supermoon occurs when the moon passes its closest point to Earth in orbit, according to the Weather Service.

The best time to view the supermoon is around moonrise, about 7:05 p.m. The moment of full moon is 1:59 a.m. As an extra sighting bonus, the moon will be joined by two giants, Jupiter and Saturn.

Saturn is up in the east as the sun sets then rises high in the sky throughout the evening. Jupiter is very bright and rises in the midevening eastward and is easy to see as it climbs higher in the sky as the hours pass, according to the Planetary Society.

There is a slight chance of showers on Friday but the full moon should still be able to shine through. Temperatures will be in the high 80s today but will steadily cool through to next Tuesday with the coolest temperatures on Saturday and Sunday with highs near the mid 60s.

There is a regular seasonal low-pressure front that may bring some moisture along with the colder weather. As of Tuesday, the chance of rain may bring one-tenth to a quarter-inch of rainfall, according to John Dumas, NOAA meteorologist.



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## VIEWPOINTS

# The Beginnings of a Small Community— Highway Highlands Between Boston and Dunsmore Mark Collins was a juggernaut especially since the houses Highlands was far from any grocery store. For spiritual mass transit, a unique sales tool sustenance, two churches were

Boulevard, is a neighborhood that is markedly different from other neighborhoods in the Crescenta Valley. It is typically made up of very small lots and tiny houses. The streets are named differently from the typical street names locally: 1st Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue, and those streets are very narrow. When driving through this area, one seems to be in a different community than the rest of CV. This was the community of Highway Highlands, although the name is largely unknown today. Now it merges into the larger geographic designation MacDonald Auditorium in honor of Crescenta Highlands, and I'm told that some locals call it "The Avenues." Let's look at the had bought was adjacent to beginnings of that particular Foothill Boulevard, which was neighborhood and why it is at that time State Highway different.

experiencing a housing boom. The business plan cooked up by Two local developers, Mark Collins and Rory Q. MacDonald, bought 50 acres of Sagebrush far housing market. Since the land outside of the developing areas they bought was far out of town of La Crescenta, Montrose and and divided into very small lots; Sparr Heights.

avenues, and below Foothill in local development. He had made a fortune in developing real estate in Maine but was forced to move to the Crescenta Valley by chronic asthma, which disappeared soon after he arrived. He built a large home (still there today at 2654 Prospect Ave.) and with his brother and son began a development career here.

> Rory Q. MacDonald was involved in the development of local schools and served on the Glendale board of education and the board of Glendale Junior College. His family was active in the schools as well, and the auditorium at Crescenta Valley High School was named the R.Q. of his service.

Since the 50 acres they 118, the development was In 1923 the valley was named Highway Highlands. Collins and MacDonald would concentrate on the entry-level the lots were very affordable,

would be, by necessity, small mass transit, a unique sales tool as well. One could buy prebuilt "bungalows" or folks could buy a lot and construct their own. Some chose to buy two lots and build larger structures.

The construction tended toward more affordable rock houses and the unique "kit homes." Kit homes, also known as mail-order homes or catalog homes, were a popular way in the early part of the 20th century to build affordable homes with little or no technical skills. A great example of the misadventures of kit home building is seen in the classic Buster Keaton silent film "One Week." The houses came disassembled in a big box from Sears and Montgomery Ward, and were advertised in their catalogs and in the backs of magazines.

Most housing developments of this era followed the railroads and trolley lines as people needed to get to work. Since Highway

was employed. Here's a quote each bungalow the company sells in Highway Highlands, an Aum. automobile will be in the garage ready for carrying the new owner to and from work, or to take the wife and kiddies for that pleasure jaunt on Sunday." That's right – a free car!

Here's more advertising: "Automobile given with each bungalow we sell in our modern town of Highway Highlands. Pretty four room and bath bungalow, all hardwood floors, fireplace, garage. Price only \$2400 including good auto with \$50 down and \$25 a month including interest." A couple of interestinag features of the development were the availability of good clean water and the installation of septic tanks on each lot, rather than cesspools.

Highway Highlands featured its own post office and

sustenance, two churches were there, a Quaker church, and the from their advertising: "With new-age metaphysical church, the Church Truth Universal -

> Today suburban sprawl has overtaken Highway Highlands blurring its boundaries. But with its rock houses and kit homes, it still remains a historically unique community within the larger Crescenta Valley.



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## Bringing Fun Back to the Foothills



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Our Lady of Lourdes School and bringing the church community and the foothill community together for a long weekend of rides, music, food and games and the chance to meet up with friends. Several church ministries cooked up some amazing foods - from Mexican delights,

with debut last weekend at Our Filipino dishes and hamburgers and Lady of Lourdes School in new this year was the addition of Korean specialties. There was delights.

FFD organizers have worked Parish has hosted FFD for 45 years months preparing for the long weekend, committing to the project with love and dedication to OLL.

> Chairperson Anita Domiguez said, "Family Fun Days is all about bringing people closer, nurturing those heartfelt connections, and celebrating each other with genuine

warmth."

Fair-goers enjoyed a giant slide and incredibly fast spinning, tilting and whirling rides. In addition to the rides there were games where people could win everything from a Ramen or a spam-stuffed toy (yes, a can of spam stuffed toy) to the favorite of many: goldfish.

And if dizzying rides were not their thing, folks could enjoy beer or margaritas while listening all night to live music. This reporter's favorite band was the cover band FM Radio.

see OLL on page 19



# 2024 Royal Court Finalists Announced



Before the final round of interviews, the 28 finalists for the 2024 Royal Court presented by Citizens Business Bank took a group photo on the front steps of Tournament House. Applicants from 15 Pasadena area schools participated in the interview process and seven of the finalists will be named to the 2024 Royal Court on Oct. 2.

The Tournament of Roses provides each Royal Court member with a \$7,500 academic scholarship. Additionally,

they partake in development programs designed to enhance their public speaking and presentation abilities, boost self-confidence and refine their etiquette skills.

Volunteer members of the Tournament of Roses' Queen and Court Committee made their selections based on a number of criteria including academic achievement community and school involvement, public speaking ability and youth leadership.

The 2024 Royal Court will ride down Colorado Blvd. on the Royal Court float in the 135th Rose Parade® presented by Honda and attend the CFP semifinal at the 110th Rose Bowl Game®, both on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

The 28 Royal Court finalists are first row, from left, Mia Moore Walker from Flintridge Preparatory School, Giulia Bhatia from La Salle High School, Viridiana Sanchez from see ROSES on page 19



## BETWEEN FRIENDS

# The National Charity League Glendale Hosts Sellebration

By Ruth SOWBY

he Pacific Community Charity League's annual rummage sale, Sellebration. The Glendale Chapter opened its doors from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Throughout the day hundreds of shoppers filled

was up for grabs at bargain basement media and plans to come again. prices. Clothes and home goods were

\$30 worth of merchandise, resulting and Twelve Oaks.

in close to \$10,000 worth of goods up

More than 200 mothers and Center in Glendale was daughters spent some 1,175 volunteer the setting for the National hours planning, preparing, setting up and working at the sale. Dozens of NCL members were readily available to answer questions. The leading question of the day: "How much?"

Many customers come the aisles, picked over tables of Sellebration every year, but this was merchandise and lined up to check the first year for Gabrielle Brayton and 4-year-old daughter Sundy. Many had their eyes on Christmas Brayton said she heard about the sale toys and decorations. But everything from a Mom's Group post on social

Former NCL vice president of the favorites. Many items sold for Philanthropy Joy Asbury estimated the day's profits would top \$15,000. Every mother of the 300-member The funds will go toward NCL's mother-daughter organization was philanthropies such as Door of Hope, charged with donating a minimum of Union Station, Ascencia, the YWCA

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LEFT: Mariam Gdris lines up at check out to pay pennies on the dollar for her haul of Christmas raindeer and other merchandise at the National Charity Leagues's Sellebration on Saturday.

RIGHT: Sundy Brayton, 4, has her heart set on pink ear phones and a dress - only if mother Gabrielle agrees

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Mortgage Preapproval Affects Credit

My daughter hopes to buy a home and she is early in the process. Even so, her Realtor insisted she get prequalified before showing her any homes. The Realtor explained to my daughter that if she found a home she loved, she would need a pre-qualification letter to submit a formal offer. So, taking her Realtor's advice, my daughter got pre-qualified. Because the lender pulled her credit, her score dropped by five points. I have taken great care in helping all of my children establish credit once they turned 18, and my daughter has excellent credit.

Don't you think the lender or her Realtor should have informed her how the mortgage pre-approval affects her credit?

Sally

This is a timely question! It's great that you have taught your children the value of good

To get pre-approved, one must authorize the lender to review their credit report from one or more of the three national credit bureaus (Experian, TransUnion, or Equifax). When the lender requests these credit checks, a notation known as a "hard inquiry" appears

on the credit report. "Hard inquiries" are associated with acquiring new debt and they can cause credit scores to dip by as much as five points. Inquiries have a bigger impact when one has just a few accounts or a short credit history.

FICO scores range from 300 to 850. To obtain the best interest rate for a mortgage, one needs a 740 minimum FICO. Since your daughter has "excellent" credit, defined as 800 or above, a five-point drop would not impact her score in any meaningful way. This is likely why her agent didn't discuss the issue with her beforehand. If the lender only pulled a "soft" credit report, there wouldn't be any impact on her credit at all. However, she couldn't get a pre-qualification letter with just the "soft pull."

In addition, when credit is checked a code is input specifying why. For scoring purposes, any inquiry of a similar kind within a 30-day period will impact the score as if it was only one pull. For example, if her lender pulled credit for her pre-approval and two other lenders did so as well within a 30-day period, it only counts as

Checking credit and getting pre-qualified is a necessary part of the home buying process. Best of luck to your daughter in her home search.



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## Prayer Offered on Sept. 11



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Pictured from left are Ray Lepone, Diana Kronfli, Dana Morris, Lois Lee Billings (GBRA president), Elizabeth Wong Ahlers, who read the prayer, Priscilla Ahlers, John Merguerian and Harry Leon, who led the flag salute.

Burbank/Crescenta Valley Republican Assembly with the 44th Assembly District Committee gathered at the Jeffers Estate in La Cañada

On Sept. 11, members of the Glendale Flintridge to offer a prayer honoring the 9-11 first responders, fallen heroes, survivors and families.

Submitted by Lois Lee BILLINGS

## USC VERDUGO HILLS HOSPITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR AGING

## We Meet You Where You Are

For over three years, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's Community Resource Center for Aging (CRCA) has been available for individual consultations regarding home and communitybased services and more. Our Resource Specialists - May Ma Ross, MSW, Finster Paul, III, MPH, and me-have been making our way into the community as well to meet Foothill area residents at wellness-focused events, such as the Crescenta Valley Hometown Country Fair, Pasadena's Older American's Month Fair and La Cañada's Chamber festivities. We regularly participate as a member of the City of Glendale Senior Services Committee and the City of La Cañada Age Friendly Community Project Team.

is offering its six-week support group, Grief and Loss: Beyond Blue. Meeting up weekly at the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital beginning today, Thursday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We make time to connect and share in the journey of losing someone significant in our lives. A sense of community is built together, right when many of us feel most alone. Please call into CRCA to reserve a space and get more details on what is covered.

Agers Club at its Central branch



in Glendale is 222 E. Harvard St. The Montrose branch has hosted Guided Autobiography (GAB) using the James Birren model, which we adapted for five sessions. The Los Angeles Public Library's Sunland-Tujunga branch is also hosting this GAB program. More partners are pending so call us for specific details about these library-based opportunities.

The Crescenta-Cañada Family YMCA partners with CRCA The Glendale Public Library to provide the well-received is hosting CRCA's new Solo Caregivers Night Off on the first Thursday of each month med.usc.edu.

starting on Monday, Oct. 2 from in collaboration with Alzheimer's Back by popular demand, CRCA 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. The location Los Angeles and Home Instead Pasadena. This free two-hour program (from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.) is designed for persons with mild dementia and their care partners by offering light refreshments and various activities that lead to camaraderie and a wee drum of fun. To attend on Oct. 5, please call CRCA to make a reservation.

> Whether we meet up in the community or over the phone, let's connect to discuss your personal journey. Visit our webpage at uscvhh.org/aging-resources call us at (818) 949-4033. The CRCA email is Aging-Resources@

## Community-Wide Adaptive Aquatic Programs Open for All

Tierra del Sol, has launched special adaptive programs to aquatic programming and fitness.

Class will offer teens and adults with disabilities - ages 15 to 80 - the opportunity to exercise in a safe environment while creating friendships. All abilities are welcome and all skills will be adapted and modified as needed. The program is offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-

with differing abilities, ages 5 to 12 years old, a chance to play and learn fundamental environment. This class will be p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

year at the Y and has received by visiting ymcafoothills.org.

In September the YMCA of the high praise from parents in the Foothills, in partnership with community. Kayo Y., mother of a current child participant, said, "The Adaptive Swim Program is benefit all families interested in a great program offered by the YMCA for my son with autism. The Adaptive Aquatic Fitness It's provided me with relief in knowing his swimming skills are improving."

Both of the new programs in partnership with Tierra del Sol -Adaptive Aquatic Fitness Class and Inclusion Splash and Play for All Program - will be offered at the Y Sunland location at 9929 Sunland Blvd. All the classes are free to the entire community The program Inclusion Splash and spots are limited. Visit and Play for All will offer children ymcafoothills.org/adaptivesports to learn more and to register.

The mission of the YMCA of the Foothills is to organize, develop, movement skills in a safe and fun finance and conduct programs for an association of persons of all ages offered Mondays and Wednesdays that will, by putting Christian from 4:15 p.m.-5 p.m. and from 5 principles into practice, enrich the quality of their lives spiritually, Adaptive swim programming for mentally, physically and socially. children was launched earlier this Individuals can support the cause

## Food Drive Benefits Salvation Army and The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints



Photo provided by Salvation Army From left, Jose Sierra, Monica Sierra and Claudia Sysock collected food donations at the Ralphs market in La Crescenta.

By Ruth SOWBY

Pounds and pounds of nonperishable food items were collected from La Cañada Flintridge to Sunland and Glendale on Saturday, Sept. 9. Among the drop-off points were the CV Weekly garage, five LDS church parking lots and several Ralphs market parking lots. This year's donations to the LDS were collected on the honor system with few locations being manned.

At the LDS Stake (congregation) in La Crescenta, church member and "Just Serve" specialist LuAnne

White organized the donations at that drop-off point. All church donations were headed to the Bailey Human Care Center, a free community outreach program of the Tujunga United Methodist Church.

"We hope that we can bring the community together to help with those who need sustenance," said White. White regularly volunteers at the Bailey Center Food giveaway on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations left at the CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave., were earmarked for the Glendale-Burbank Salvation Army.

## TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Poodle Power Found at MobilityDog Poodle Palooza

By Mikaela STONE

entral Park Pasadena found itself with oodles of poodles (and poodle enthusiasts) on Sept. 24 for MobilityDog's Poodle Palooza. MobilityDog is a volunteer run, standard poodle-focused nonprofit that works to normalize disabilities and provide independence for those struggling with mobility issues. This is done by providing service dogs and a welcoming community.

Poodle Palooza helps to introduce the public to MobilityDog as well as to provide education about the importance of service dogs, information on service dog etiquette and fundraise for the dogs. From start to finish, it takes an estimated \$30,000 to turn each poodle puppy into a perfect companion. Donations help prevent the entire financial burden from falling on the service dog's human companion and keep MobilityDog running. Thirtytwo poodles, both service dogs and service dogs in training, are supported through the nonprofit currently, 13 of which showed up for the Palooza with their handlers. Also there to offer support were Pasadena Fire Station 37, the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, NeuroSport Physical Therapy, which led the volunteers in stretches during the pre-event, and Farm Fresh To You, which

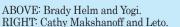
is a disability-friendly shopping option. Those who arrived to support MobilityDog could do so by purchasing merchandise tickets to an opportunity drawing that had prizes that ranged from an electric bike to a box of groceries. For those who missed out on the merchandise but still want a poodle centered T-shirt or tote bag that benefits a good cause, they can be found on mobilitydog.org alongside useful information about the nonprofit and ways to get involved.

At Poodle Palooza the most requested types of donations were that of time and offering one's home as a puppy-raising residence. Puppy raisers keep poodle puppies for the first 15 months of their lives, providing them with socialization and basic training before turning them over to advanced trainers. Kathy Makshanoff, a longtime puppy raiser, has so far raised and given up 17 puppies. She said she has found the experience to be one of the most rewarding in her life and encourages others to follow in her footsteps.

While she acknowledged the emotional difficulty of giving up a puppy after 15 months, she said of puppy raising, "If you think you can, you can." She added the first 10 months are the most important in the lives of puppies and they need good people willing to sacrifice their time and love to make certain that

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someone can have the companion and aid they need.

The Palooza also offered a booth for DIY dog painting complete with multiple masterpieces made by the poodles present. To accomplish these masterpieces doggie painters were given a plastic baggie with a canvas and paint inside and peanut butter on the outside. As they licked up the peanut butter, the paint was spread into unique patterns — an enjoyable experience for dog and

human alike. Brady Helm, who manned the paint booth with his poodle Yogi, was happy to discuss his experiences with MobilityDog. As a tall man concerned with the learning curve involved with relying on a dog, he found that standard poodles were the perfect match.

Struggling with a spinal injury, Helm was tired of falling. After noticing the difference a seeing eye dog made in his brother's life, he turned to MobilityDog. MobilityDog trainers matched Helm with Yogi because of the dog's sturdiness and height. Yogi won his handler's heart in no time; Helm remarked that "poodles bond strongly."

Poodles may not be the first breed one thinks of when considering a stereotypical service dog. However, as the second smartest existing dog breed after border collies with a relatively manageable energy level,

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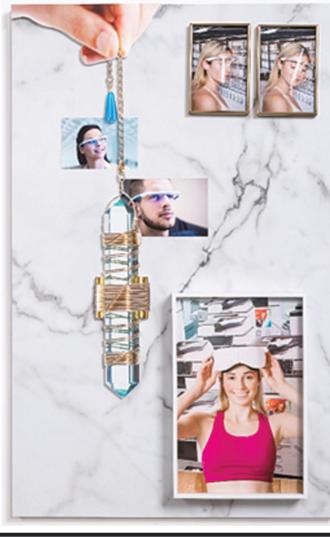
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# Art Talk Tuesday at Brand Library & Art Center This Fall

Art Talk Tuesday features artist talks and discussions at Brand Library & Art Center every first Tuesday at 7 p.m. from September through December. Art Talk Tuesday is a monthly conversation that invites contemporary artists to discuss their work and the issues surrounding it, followed by a moderated Q&A with Brand staff member, artist and writer Jennifer Remenchik. The series will feature Los Angeles-based artists Tin Ying Han, Ian James, Hayley Barker and Ray Anthony Barrett.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. artist Ian James will be speaking.

Ian James is an artist who primarily works in photography. Interested in the metaphysics of objects, James restages new age healing and healing device advertising and places these images in relation to one another atop laminate panels. These images indicate how a device should be placed on the body and how one should feel once the device is in use. In addition, James has been making pilgrimages to photograph pyramid architecture throughout North America and Europe as a form of late capitalist pilgrimage. The images he makes become a material substance for cast frame works, assemblages, sculptures, books, videos, a radio station, and a virtual reality environment.



## Brendan White to Perform at GNC

Glendale Noon Concerts series has returned to live performance at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

On Oct. 4 from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., the Glendale Noon Concerts features pianist Brendan White performing works by Stephen Andrew Taylor, Frederic Chopin, Chen Yi and Franz Liszt/Paganini.

The program includes music from Stephen Andrew Taylor from Seven Memorials: "Fountain" and "Glacier;" Frederic Chopin: "Ballade No. 4;" Chen Yi:

"Plum Blossom;" and from Franz Liszt's Paganini: "La Campanella" (from Grand études de Paganini).



Born in Jackson, Tennessee

but now based in Los Angeles, pianist Brendan White appears

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THEN & NOW Elementary School Classroom Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**THEN:** This is a typical elementary grade school classroom of the '20s here in the Crescenta Valley. The desks are in neat straight rows with the teacher's desk at the front of the room. The lighting is fairly dim and the walls are hung all around with chalkboards. This particular group of students is a 5th grade class at Montrose Elementary School in 1928 when the school was brand new.



NOW: This is a typical elementary grade school classroom of today. The arrangement of the desks is more freeform, decided by each individual teacher, and vary from class to class. The lighting is bright and the walls are festive with posters and student artwork. Note the row of computers at the back wall. This classroom is a 3rd grade class at La Crescenta Elementary School.

## JUST FOR FUN

### **CALENDAR this**

#### **GLENDALE KIWANIS**

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Sept. 29, the Club is dark following the demotion of former President Lisa Brooks and the installation of President Irma Villegas. On Oct. 6, John Over will be speaking.

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.

#### **GIFF SHOWCASES INDEPENDENT FILMS**

The Glendale International Film Festival (GIFF), a celebration of the cinematic arts spotlighting local and global independent film and filmmakers, is showcasing independent films from Sept. 28 through Thursday,

All screenings and events take place in Glendale; screenings are Laemmle Theatres, 207 N. Maryland Ave.; opening night party is at The Glenmark, 100 N. Brand Blvd.; awards

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night at Glen Arden Club, 357 Arden Ave.; festival lounge at ace/121 Gallery, 121 N. Kenwood St.

Screenings and events are ticketed and open to the public.

For more information visit https:// glendaleiff.org/.

#### **'SUBSEQUENT RETROSPECTIVE' COMING TO** STEPHANIE'S GALLERY

exhibit "Subsequent Retrospective" is scheduled to launch today, Sept. 28 at Stephanie's Gallery, 466 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

"Subsequent Retrospective" is a journey into the fusion of art and architecture expressed the vivid abstract lens of Koko Hovaguimian. The community is invited to witness the seamless harmony of colors, forms and emotions in his captivating creations.

Hovaguimian's garnered praise from art critics and captivated audiences worldwide, making her one of the most exciting contemporary artists to watch.

The exhibit is from Sept. 28 to Oct. 31 with an opening reception on Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### **CAMPBELL CENTER HOSTS 'GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?**

The Campbell Center is hosting the popular "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. This year, there are five dinners and themes hosted at prominent households in Glendale to support The Campbell Center. Tickets are \$100 and can be bought at: https://thecampbell.org/ guesswhodinner/.

The funds raised will support The Campbell Center, which has the mission to partner with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, empowering them to successfully gain independence and attain their desire outcomes through opportunity and choice. It provides services in supported employment, residential services and community integration programs.

Those who are unable to attend but

wish to contribute can call (818) 242-7588 with donation information or email jennifer@thecampbell.org.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD BINGO**

The Knights of Columbus Council 3254, which serves St. Bede's (La Cañada) and Holy Redeemer/ St. James the Less Parishes (La Crescenta), is hosting a bingo event on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church - Healy Hall, 2361 Del Mar Road in Montrose.

Proceeds will be used for appropriate charitable support for the parishes. The cost of the event is \$30 and includes a full book of 10 bingo cards, a dauber, etc. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### **3E EVENT INVITES WOMEN TO AWAKEN THE POWER WITHIN**

HealWithin, a mind-body-soul healing and stress management center, invites women in SoCal and around the world to its 9th Annual 3E Event on Sept. 30 at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Glendale, 800 N. Central Ave. in Glendale. Tickets are on sale now for a super early bird price of just

Visit The3Eevent.com to register and to reserve hotel room at discounted rate.

Hosted and produced by Liza Boubari, clinical hypnotherapist and founder of HealWithin, 3E guest speakers include awardwinning actor Maurice Benard, Nancy Matthews, co-founder of WomensProsperityNetwork.com, Allyn Reid, founder of Woomanity, and co-founder, facilitator, producer and community cultivator of Secret Knock and Lawrence Zarian, Red Carpet fashion expert, lifestyle expert, professional stylist and actor.

#### **AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT BARNES** & NOBLE

Author Patty Paul will be speaking about her new book "Exploring Other Lifetimes-Memoir of a Soul's Journey" at the Barnes & Noble – Media City Center in Burbank on Sept. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Described as "inspiring," Paul relates the stories of more than 30 of her other lifetimes and the living, breathing relationship each one has with the lifetime she is now living. The ties that bind them are the unresolved issues and suppressed emotions they have in common.

Barnes & Noble is located at 731 N. San Fernando Road in Burbank.

#### **CSCSGV PRESENTS ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT OUT**

On Friday, Oct. 6 Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley (CSCSGV) presents its 13th Annual Ladies Night Out, a festive evening to celebrate and honor the courageous women in the community who have been touched by cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This year's theme, "Barbie Bash!" will transform the upstairs rotunda of Paseo Colorado into a Barbie Party, followed by a glamorous evening in Noor's Ella Ballroom. Ladies Night Out begins at 6 p.m. with Muffy Marracco, writer and game show personality, serving as emcee. The evening will include a special presentation from Beckie Bonifassi, the woman who fought to have a bald Barbie made available for all while her teenage daughter was suffering with leukemia. Bonifassi was also helped fight to get the Childhood Cancer STAR (Survivorship, Treatment, Access, Research) Act passed by Congress in

Noor's Ella Ballroom is located at 300 E. Colorado Blvd. #200, Pasadena.

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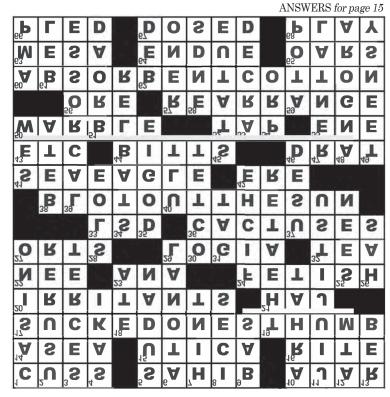
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#### PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Can I get my money back for this Samsung ADT starter security kit?

Samsung offers Joe King a refund for his home security starter kit, but then refuses to pay him. Can it do that?

Kit and accessories from Lowe's last year. A short while later, Samsung ended support for it and offered refunds to customers.

Isubmitted my refund request in April 2022, and Samsung approved box of essential items for a home my refund in August but only after I filed a complaint with the BBB.

Samsung initially denied my claim because it said Lowe's was not an authorized dealer but after I filed my BBB complaint, it said it made a mistake and approved my refund the company's own website, I would

I've returned the devices but I still haven't received my refund. Recently, I got a notification that my refund ticket was canceled. I've contacted Samsung support a few times but I still haven't received my

Samsung keeps telling me it recent requests for help.) will start a new support ticket and someone will be contacting me and email addresses of the key but that never happens. I've been Samsung executives

I purchased a Samsung dealing with this for a year now and consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. ADT I've run out of patience. Can you A brief, polite email to one of them

> -Joe King, Kingsport, Tennessee

The Samsung  $SmartThingsADT\,Home$ Security Starter Kit is a security system. It has just over two stars out of five on the Samsung site and it appears to be out of stock.

I suspect it had the same low rating at the time you bought it. When a product has a low rating on avoid it.

I share your annoyance with being bounced between Lowe's and Samsung. If you purchased the product through Lowe's, the retailer should have helped you return it and obtain a refund. (Lowe's has not responded to my advocacy team's

I publish the names, numbers

might have expedited your refund.

You were more than patient with Samsung and Lowe's. You included the paper trail between you and Samsung, and I could feel my blood pressure rising as I read it. They just kept stringing you along. There's no excuse for that.

I contacted Samsung on your behalf. A short while later, Samsung sent you a full refund.

"I don't know how you managed to get their attention, but whatever you did it got the ball rolling," you told me. "I don't know if this ever have been resolved without your help, short of a lawsuit."

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 or get help by contacting him at https:// elliottadvocacy.org/help/. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

### WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

September 25, 2023 - October 1, 2023

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're changing from the inside out. That's why it's so important to give your body a regular routine to stay grounded and centered. Don't worry if you feel more tired than usual. This may be something that you have to move through and incorporate. Rest when you need to and enjoy life when you can. Your social life is buzzing. Be good to vourself!

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You'll be detoxing naturally on one level or another. It might be a good idea to help the process along by leaving out fatty or sugary foods, drinking more water, and eating more fresh fruits and vegetables. Slow down and try to cut out unnecessary tasks. Focus on the essentials. If you feel under the weather, rest and take things a little easier.

#### **★★ GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

Health matters look good now. You may feel on top of the world and ready for anything, but don't overdo it and tip the balance. Many of your health issues are about keeping your body and inner rhythms in balance. Don't feast and then go on a strict diet. Keep your meals moderate and nourishing. It's important not to burn out. Know when to rest!

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Health issues lie in your body and deep in the recesses of your subconscious. You'll do best if you make daily forays into your inner self. What you're looking for is a doorway that takes you into your processes without the interference of mental noise. Explore any image or fantasy that comes to you. You can learn to follow the energy behind physical symptoms. They have surprising things to tell you.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You're being encouraged to listen to your body and take note of what it's trying to tell you. Don't ignore signals of hunger, pain, or fatigue. Ignoring them can work for a short time, but to what end? There needs to be a harmonious integration so you can learn to pinpoint areas of tension and efficiently release them. Listen to your body's natural wisdom!

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You should be feeling good. You get a chance to develop a strategy to keep your energy level high, but your pessimism may interfere. You can't be bothered at times. Get ready to motivate yourself and get really fit. If you want to achieve good results, you need to alter your mindset and think about the pleasure of feeling really well.

#### **LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

There isn't too much to worry about. In fact, don't worry at all. Your mind is going to have a significant effect on your body. You may experience highs and lows as far as your overall energy and well-being are concerned. As you're very much aware of your health, this is the perfect time to come up with a few new health goals.

#### **SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may not be eager to try more conventional approaches to health and well-being. You find alternative methods more appealing because they work on holistic and inclusive levels. You may try one of these treatments and find that it really does have something to offer you. You're ready to experiment and discover what works for you.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your energy level is high, especially when you're passionate about your activities. You can expect some frustration to cause tension or increase your blood pressure now. Your health has everything to do with your state of mind, so it helps not to get mad. If you're going out, let your hair down a bit. It will help you relax.

A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

An emphasis on your financial zone may coincide with a renewed interest in spending money on your health. You know your weaknesses and strengths, and you want to improve the balance and harmony of your body. It looks as though you're going to discover some fascinating ideas. Choose the ones that resonate most strongly with you.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Do what you love and enjoy the feelings that result. Your health is associated with your nervous system, ability to breathe deeply, and peace of mind. You may notice that your energy levels fluctuate wildly over the coming days. You could be prone to tension. Take it easy and look after your

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You're dancing to an exciting tune, and your well-being looks dramatically improved. Express your feelings. This will help you stay in great form and give you the inner strength to keep infections at bay. Stick with your goal of finding the best way to stay fit. It will pay dividends later. If you've lapsed, restart and don't look back.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1) Turn the air blue 5) "Sir," in colonial India
- 10) Not fully closed
- 14) Sailing on the ocean 15) Upstate New York city
- 16) Passage ceremony, e.g.
- 17) Engaged in a childish comfort
- 20) Pollen and dust, notoriously
- 21) Trip to Mecca
- 22) Miss-named? \_(California city)
- 23) Santa
- 24) Kinky yen 27) Crumbs from a meal
- 29) Religious maxims
- 32) It's served in spots
- 33) Acid that will make you see 67) Gave cough medicine to things
- 36) Some desert growths
- 38) What an eclipse can do

- 41) Fish-eating hawk 42) Before, long before now
- 43) "You get the picture"
- 44) Vertical ship posts
- 46) Non-offensive expletive
- 50) Sing like a canary
- 52) Water source
- 55) Compass heading, sometimes 56) Rock worth money
- 57) Organize anew
- 60) Swab composition
- 63) Flat-topped hill
- 64) Provide, as with a quality
- 65) Simple wave makers
- 66) Responded in court
- 68) Make good use of recess

# **PICK-UP LINES** By Timothy E. Parker

#### **DOWN**

- 1) Where many deals are made
- 2) Human shark
- 3) Hush-hush
- Author also known as H.H. Munro
- 5) African republic on the Red Sea
- 6) Hard to tap one's toe to
- 7) Clue
- 8) Frosts, as a cake
- 9) Common degs.
- 10) Enlightened one, in Buddhism 11) Japanese martial art
- 12) Convenient wallet filler
- 13) Johnny in gray
- 18) In-flight info, for short
- 19) House of usher?
- 24) "Micro" add-on, in libraries
- 25) Spotted 26) Consumes
- gin fizz
- 30) Santa's reindeer, collectively 31) Gangster's gun, in B-movies
- 34) Legendary QB nicknamed the
- "Snake" 35) Calf, on the range
- 37) Like Salvation Army goods 38) VHS alternative of old
- 39) Sport invented by Native Americans 40) Absolute greatest (Abbr.)
- 41) Emulate a tailor
- 45) Art piece in a park
- 47) Blockbuster event no more
- 48) Sweater material
- 49) Itty-bitty
- 51) Like some humor 53) Like a rainbow
- 54) Athlete with deep pockets
- 57) Where one asks to be hit
- 58) Wraps up 59) Straddling
- 60) Stratocaster attachment
- 61) First half of a swanky California neighborhood
- 62) Fourposter, e.g.

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nestion: I am a widow and in my early 80s. I'm fortunate to have good and a wonderful family. I also have a housekeeper who comes in every other week. What I'm not good at doing is making good meals for myself. Because of this, my kids want me to move into an assisted living facility where all meals are provided. Even though I don't cook much, my health has not been affected. Lately, the kids have become more insistent about leaving the home I've lived in for 50 years and where they were raised. I tell them when I'm ready to move I'll let them know, but they're not listening. Is there a gentle way to tell them I don't want to hear any more about this?

~ Happy Where IAm

Dear Happy Where I Am,

There are two ways we can look at your issue of concern. One of them is practical, the other is spiritual. Both have their place and together they can work very well in addressing your concerns.

Let's first deal with the practical. There are two pillars to be considered as an elderly person remaining in their home. One is mobility, the other is being able to care for themselves. Being able to feed yourself properly is one of the core considerations for the latter. When that becomes an issue, assisted living is one solution ... but not the only option. There is signing up for Meals on Wheels, which is an excellent program designed for people specifically like you. The added advantage is that someone is checking in with you everyday.

If that doesn't appeal to you, then you might also want to speak with your doctor who can run a simple blood test to see if you are getting enough protein and other nutrients and who can set you up with a qualified dietitian to help you come up with simple and easy to prepare meals on a daily basis that meets your necessary nutritional requirements. I have a friend who makes very simple, nutritionally dense meals using only his microwave. Not one of the ingredients he uses are canned or packaged other than using packaged frozen vegetables and fruits. What's more, dinner takes all of 15 minutes to prepare. So with a little professional guidance thought, imagination incentive, feeding yourself properly at home with not a lot of effort may be a very doable option for you that will help address your needs and you family's concerns.

The other approach to this is spiritual. I read a saying recently that goes like this: "At any given moment you have the power to say this is not how the story is going to end." Life is less a happening as it is a creating. First comes the creating, then the happening.

Creation is an ongoing process and we have the freedom to always begin again without limitation. What we believe, what we say and what we think have great power to determine our outcome and experience. The problem is those thoughts, words and beliefs can all be shaped either by a desire for our good or fear. The one that wins is the one to which you give more attention, credence and confidence. You have been dealing with a lot of fear thoughts coming from your family that are based on their care and concern for you but which are contrary to what you consider as your good – namely being able to remain in your own home. There is no need to fight and argue with them over this. It can all be handled creatively and effectively on the inside through affirmative prayer.

When Jesus said in Matthew 17:20-21 that prayer can move mountains, I have discovered through experience he was telling the truth. And, Jesus added, by using the prayer of faith (i.e., a belief that the good you pray for will actually happen) "nothing will be impossible for you." So here is a little affirmative prayer to help you; speak it daily and repeat it whenever you are concerned or feel challenged by fear (either you or your family's); remember it really does have the power to remove this mountain that has appeared in your life. "I know this truth -God is always with me, leading me, protecting me and guiding me in support of my good, my health, and my happiness. I know that I am allowed to remain in my home and all that is needed to support my decision is provided me in easy and miraculous ways without any trauma, drama, stress or strain; and that both me and my family are blessed with perfect peace of mind and harmony on this issue, and that I have their unconditional support for my decision. I give thanks for this wonderful realization and blessing. And so it is. Amen."



Anthony Kelson, RScP Center for Spiritual Living -La Crescenta

Dear Happy Where I Am,

Congratulations on your good health and wonderful family!

I wish I could ask you how long you haven't made good meals for yourself and how long your kids have wanted you to move because of it. And what does "not good meals" mean?

For example, does it mean that you don't have balanced meals with protein, vegetable and starch? As long as you get enough protein for your muscles and bones and vegetable/fiber to keep the system running properly, it doesn't matter if you eat those things at the same meal or spread out throughout the day. You say that your health is not affected by your lack of cooking skills

Perhaps once or twice a week the kids might like to ameliorate the situation by cooking a good meal at your house and leaving you with leftovers. This would be a great opportunity to socialize and spend time together as a family.

see RELIGION on next page

## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

## NOTES & NODS

**LCIF** 

The next time you open a can of soda, soup or any other can with a pull-tab, consider saving the top. A "pull-tab" collection drive is underway at Lutheran Church in the Foothills to help support families of children who have chronic illness. According to Ronald McDonald House Charities, the pull-tabs are a high-grade aluminum that are clean and small, making them easy to store and collect. The tabs collected through LCIF will benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach.

The idea to collect the pull-tops locally is a joint effort between LCIF and the Los Angeles Chapter of African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA-Los Angeles). Over the past 10 years, ADLA-Los Angeles has collected almost 110 pounds of pull-tabs. The aluminum is recycled for cash and helps parents who need the services of the Ronald McDonald House.

Pull-tabs can be dropped off at LCIF, but the church asks that people please be careful removing the tabs to avoid the sharp edge.

Sunday worship 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.

Holy Communion is offered every Sunday. All are welcome. For those unable to attend, services are live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel.

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

#### 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.

## Women's Nondenominational Bible Study

Seasons of Life Bible study offers two classes to choose from, the Joy of Living class will be studying II Samuel and the Book of Job. The Women of Faith class will be studying the books, "Ten Women of the Bible" and "Life Changes in Minor Prophets" by Max Lucado. Classes are on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and began on Thursday, Sept. 21; they continue through April 4 at Highlands Church, formerly First Baptist Church of La Crescenta, (4441 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta).

If interested, contact Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or lyndahessick@gmail.com

#### Walk and Word

In October, Walk participants Word will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Oct. 8, 15, 22 & 29. 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.

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I really dislike suggesting this but is there any chance the kids are looking to sell the house or use the house for something? I am led to ask this because you said it was only "lately that they have become more insistent about leaving the home."

You must stick to your wisdom concerning this. Have they often become insistent when having a differing opinion to yours? Have they often not listened when you tell them things like you will move when you are ready?

Here is a gentle way to tell them: "Thanks so much for your concern. I really appreciate your attention and regard. However, I have told you what is true for me and I expect you to listen and hear my answer. I am not ready to leave my home of 50 years. I will keep you informed if this changes. That must be the end of discussion on this matter."

You cannot let them bully you, no matter what is their agenda.



Rabbi Janet Bieber

iestion: My beloved vife of 56 years and I were recently traveling in Israel when she died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Along with the shock of her passing, I had a very difficult time having her body returned to the United States, which I feel has traumatized me. My kids have accepted my wife's passing but I am experiencing inconsolable sorrow. I cannot seem to get over the loss of my wonderful wife.

 $\sim Depressed$ 

Dear Depressed,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. For lack of space, here are some brief thoughts: 1) Grieving is a process, not an event. It takes up to a year or more to heal because of special events without your wife (birthdays, anniversary, holidays). Give yourself time. All grief victims heal at different

2) Seek out a grief recovery group (check out griefshare.com for a group near you. You need to interact with others who have also experienced a loss.

3) Look to the Bible for new strength and encouragement (see Psalm 34:18 and other uplifting verses).

Be assured, I am praying for



Rev. Larry Maib Senior Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church, Canoga

Member, Highlands Church, La Crescenta lrmaib@aol.com

Dear Depressed,

Losing your wife after more than half a century together leaves a huge void. Not only are you experiencing depression and deep sorrow, but also you live in a home where you are reminded daily of your wife's absence. The impact of all this, along with the trauma surrounding the circumstances of her death, can be overwhelming.

So give yourself permission to be "inconsolable" for a bit. Even Jesus did. He expressed his sorrow this way: "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me." (GNV Mt. 26:38) He

allowed himself to experience the deep grief of his emotions and eventually came to an acceptance of his circumstances.

The grieving process is a season and a journey, not an "event" to put aside and move on from. With your wife's recent death, you're just beginning this journey. One of the best things I can see from your letter is that you are not trying to minimize your emotions or the significance of your loss. You are acknowledging and expressing them, which is one of the signs of "healthy grieving."

Having experienced the death of my spouse almost three years ago, I've found it therapeutic to be able to bare your soul with a few close friends who will just listen and won't try to "fix" things. The more we're able to share our feelings, our memories of our spouse and our relationship, the more we will heal and be able to grow through our grief.

You might consider grief counseling, as I did, or join a grief support group such as griefshare.com where you will find others who are walking out the journey and have many of the same emotions and challenges you have.

When it comes right down to it, each of us must grieve in our own way, according to our own personality and style, taking the time we "need" to heal and move forward, as you will eventually.

Knowing the journey, I'm praying for the healing of your heart.



Pastor Dabney Beck Church On The Way, Van Nuys Timanddabney@gmail.com

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of MARTHA JUNE MILLER (aka JUNE MILLER)

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A Petition for Probate has been filed by DARIN MILLER in the Superior Court of California, Country of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION for Probate requests that DARIN MILLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 19, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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#### **ADAMS HILL ARTS FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS GO LIVE**

The second annual Adams Hill Neighborhood Association Arts Festival will be held Oct. 8 on Park Street in Glendale and will feature local artists, vendors and musicians. In anticipation of the event, the application for musicians and artists has been released.

All Glendale residents are welcome to apply.

Here is the application link: https:// forms.gle/N1dWr33tjrgnYXRA8.

#### **TGHS GALA & BENEFIT**

The Glendale Historical Society's Gala & Benefit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This year's celebratory and fundraising event will be held at Barker House, a 1958 Mid-century Modern home with breathtaking city views. Designed

by architect and builder Edward A. Kirtlan, Barker House is listed on the Glendale Register of Historic Resources.

The evening under the stars will include classic cocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction fundraiser (live and online). Proceeds benefit TGHS's preservation efforts.

Tickets for the Gala & Benefit are \$150 for TGHS members and \$175 for nonmembers.

RSVPs are due by Sept. 29. Event address will be provided to confirmed attendees a few days prior to the benefit.

Tickets can be purchased tickets online through the TGHS website at GlendaleHistorical.org/events. To order tickets by mail, please send a check to TGHS, PO Box 4173, Glendale CA 91202.

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In 1835, when her people were removed from Haraasnga (San Nicolas Island), a lone indigenous woman was left behind. She lived alone on the island for 18 years. At the Oct. 14 program at the Bolton Hall Museum, attendees will learn about the circumstances of her abandonment, her subsequent rescue and more recent discoveries made on San Nicolas.

The presenter for this program is local historian Craig Durst who will share his research on San Nicolas' indigenous people and their relationships to local Tongva, founders of the village of Tehunga. An abbreviated screening of the film "Island of the Blue Dolphins," based in the story of the Lone Woman, will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome.

The presentation is on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, home of Little Landers Historical Society, 10110 Commerce Ave.

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

#### **CV HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 PLANS 50TH REUNION**

CVHS class of '73 is planning a 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Clearman's North Woods Inn in San Gabriel. Reservations are required. Menu choice includes steak, chicken, cod or vegetarian. The event begins at 5 p.m. Make out checks to Luanna (Koury) Lindsey and mail to 2210 San

Gorgonio, La Cañada, CA. 91011 or send payment via Venmo to Laurie (Huber) Garcia @countrychick55. Additional information available at 'CVHS Class of '73' Facebook page, or email luannalindsey@me.com or laurieahgarcia@gmail.com.

Clearman's North Woods Inn is located at 7247 Rosemead Blvd. in San Gabriel.

In addition, the class is holding a mixer on Friday night, Oct. 13 at Gus & Andy's Kitchen & Bar, at 2201 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose at 5 p.m. All CV alums from any year are invited to mix and

Gus & Andy's offers a full menu and full bar. This event is in addition to the formal 50th reunion dinner being held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Northwood's Inn, which requires pre-paid reservations.

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hypoallergenic hair that does not shed, and a sweet temperament, poodles for many are the perfect

The poodles' correlation with adoration by French nobility and pampering, most notably King Louis XVI who converted his billiards room into a bedroom for his poodles and named the breed the national dog of France, have given the dog the stereotype of being prissy and precious about their hair; however, they started their existence not as

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Longtime OLL parishioner and family member of the school Linda Huffman has been involved with FFD for 35 years and said it's all about teamwork, community and fun. Helping the school and parish are her goals. Even though Linda's daughter and grandsons have all long graduated, she said, "I've thought of quitting many times but when the planning starts, I get hooked again!"

Dominguez added, "While the definition of 'family' may differ from person to person, at its core it's all about a loving and supportive community of individuals who share deep bonds."

Deep bonds were found in abundance. Being stationed at a gate near the food booths and tables this reporter saw so many friends new and old and of every age. It was an incredible weekend.

FFD is the event all of OLL looks forward to every year. For those who have never been, mark the calendar now for next September and keep eyes open for signs announcing this big event.

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Rosemead High School, Kendall Cuxil from La Cañada High School, Phoebe Ho from South Pasadena High School. Gabrielle Trujillo from Pasadena High School, Payson Dillon from La Cañada High School, Kayla Dumas from EF Academy and Naomi Stillitano from Arcadia High School; second row, from left, Halo Byrd from The Waverly School, Elizabeth Trinh from Mayfield Senior School, Cornelia Halferty from Mayfield Senior School, Evyn Ableson from La Salle High School, Mira Emamaullee from San Marino High School, Olivia Bohanec from La Salle High School, Clara Ortega from John Marshall Fundamental High School, Anna Shore from Temple City High School and Trinity Dela Cruz from John Marshall Fundamental High School; third row, from left, Danielle Workman from Arcadia High School, Niyat Haregot from Arcadia High School, Allison Ingrassia from La Cañada High School, Jessica Powell from Flintridge Preparatory School, EllaRyley Fortich from John Muir High School, Asha Morgan-Joseph from The Waverly School and Maya Dingle from La Cañada High School; top row, from left, Emmerson Tucker from Blair High School, Shivani Wadhwa from Arcadia High School and Marissa Cotte from Flintridge Preparatory School.

lap dogs but as hunters. In fact, the specialized functions necessary for was to leave poofs of hair around the poodle community. dog's joints and vital origins - and functionality.

Though a poodle's cut now remains will affirm poodles work and play just as hard as any other dog. Anna Gilnetz, MobilityDog's lead trainer, added that "poodles are fun and great but when it's time to work, it's time to work."

chief complaint against the poodle is their susceptibility to boredom should they not be provided with the proper stimulation; however, becoming a working breed eliminates boredom almost entirely.

cliché "poodle haircut" originates being mobility companions before from their original classification as placing the dogs with their forever a sporting breed. They were first person once they reach the necessary bred to hunt ducks in frigid German maturity of 2 years of age. Part waters, specialized with webbed of the purpose of Poodle Palooza paws and thick hair to keep them was to honor crucial members of warm. Too much hair, however, risks MobilityDog like Gilnetz and puppy dragging the dog down. The solution raisers for their work in the service

The community built around thus the poodle cut was born out of MobilityDog is close-knit, as Helm confirmed. Members talk regularly over Zoom and meet up once a up to the owner, as any poodle owner month in person. A common meeting spot is Huntington Beach where they bring their dogs to meet up with members of Ramp It Up who provide handcycles for those with better mobility in their arms. With puppy raisers needed, they are Poodles are inclined to agree; the hoping to expand that community even further.

As volunteer Aiko Tan said, "In the middle of the word 'community' is unity." Fighting disability stigma is a job that needs everyone on board, regardless of ability status. What Gilnetz's job is to teach the poodles better tool to do so than poodles?

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frequently in solo recitals and chamber ensembles and as a soloist with orchestra. soloist, White has performed with Musica Nova (Eastman School of Music), Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Symphony of the Verdugos, Crown City Symphony, Delta Symphony Orchestra and Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

As a recording artist, White was featured on Danaë Vlasse's Grammy Awardwinning album Mythologies. White's collaborations in Southern California have included the Mühlfeld Trio, which won the prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions, the Speakeasy Society, and Eighteen Squared. He is an original member of the Sunset ChamberFest in Los Angeles. White's repertoire spans many centuries and genres and he has worked with well-known composers

such as Thomas Adès, Stephen Cohn, Donald Crockett and Danaë Vlasse.

White is also a composer of original music. Local recital appearances include Piano Spheres Emerging Artist Series, Soundwaves in Santa Monica, Silicon Beach CO Recital Series, Glendale Noon Concerts, Pasadena Presbyterian Music at Noon, Music@Mimoda and Mason Concerts. He attended the Eastman School of Music and the Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California.

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