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City Requests Proposal Seeking Operators to Lead Startup Growth Programs

Since the adoption of the Glendale Tech Strategy in 2017, the City of Glendale has implemented highly effective programs focused on advancing its local startup and innovation ecosystem.

The most recent opportunity, a \$1 million grant procured by State Senator Anthony Portantino, was received from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to continue supporting the development of tech-focused initiatives. The request for proposal (RFP) invites qualified respondents to submit a proposal for the operation and program management of a tech startup accelerator, incubator, startup studio or similar tech-Startup Growth Program to be located in the city. The grant funding of \$1 million will be awarded to the top one or two applicants.

"This RFP is a powerful opportunity to attract more high growth startups to Glendale. We've been focused on contributing to and building out an ecosystem that creates, attracts and retains a diversity of tech jobs and tech talent in Glendale," said Bradley Calvert, director of Community Development.

In 2019, as a result of an initial \$1 million grant from GO-Biz to fund a startup accelerator, the City of Glendale supported the launch of two tech-focused programs: Hero House and KidsX.

"Hero House and KidsX have successfully nurtured a pipeline of startups in the region. They have set the stage for what we can accomplish with this new level of funding. Now we can build upon their success by broadening the support structure available to founders and startup teams. Introducing additional growth programs will make for a healthier, more attractive and more vibrant innovation hub," said David Crawley Delgado, senior economic development coordinator.

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Memorial Day Recognized Locally

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Mary O'KEEFE

Memorial Day services held locally as part of national observances.

Memorial Day was observed around the nation on Monday. The U.S. Proclamation from the White House, issued each year, calls on the "people of the United States to observe Memorial Day by praying, according to their individual religious faith, for permanent peace."

At Forest Lawn Glendale, nearly 1,000 American flags were installed and displayed by the Glendale/Sunrise Rotary Club from May 21 - May 27 culminating with a ceremony on May 27 at 11 a.m. The Field of Honor is a tribute and reminder of the sacrifices made by fellow citizens, including active duty military, veterans, law enforcement and firefighters. The keynote speaker was Glendale Community College superintendent/president Dr. Ryan Corner followed

Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY Taking part in the Two Strike Park Memorial Day observance is Johnie McDowell (left) and Mike Baldwin with members of the CVHS JROTC.



by a special Service Above Self Award presented to Patricia Larrigan.

Locally, the observance of Memorial Day began early at the Vietnam War Memorial at the northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose. Bagpiper Bobby Kilgore played "Amazing

Grace" as the ceremony began. The raising of the American flag was performed by American Legion Post 288 led by Chuck Hughes. Allen Brandstater, former 2nd Lt. U.S. Army, led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Before he began the pledge, Brand-

stater shared a brief history of the Vietnam War Memorial, which was the idea of Don Carpenter, publisher and editor of The Ledger, the local newspaper at the time. Carpenter asked the community to help fund the balance of the memorial.

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SCE Tree Maintenance in Question

By Mikaela STONE

On Tuesday morning a Southern California Edison (SCE) contract team answered a call by a Briggs Terrace resident regarding an oak tree growing too close to a leaning power pole. Within the SCE tree replacement program, this house call also included the removal of a fast growing jacaranda tree beneath a powerline on the property of La Crescenta local Brian Portzel and the installation of an ornamental plum tree. Though Portzel is happy with these services he harbors frustrations regarding another tree on his property, which SCE cut on Wednesday.

California policy requires six to 12 feet of clearance around a tree but the pine on Portzel's property stretches up around a set of wires connected to an electrical pole that Portzel believes is itself a safety hazard. Standing on the street, one can see the many holes in the pole's wood as well as two thinner pieces splinting the pole upright. Portzel has made three requests of SCE to replace the pole, which he ex-



Photo by Mikaela STONE A Briggs Terrace resident watches as an SCE subcontractor cuts back a tree on his property.

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Memorial Day Memories

Memorial Day, the *real* Memorial Day, is today, May 30 – my birthday.

Originally known as Decoration Day, the designation of May 30 was made by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in 1868. The GAR order placed the ceremonial observation on May 30 to ensure availability of “the choicest flowers of springtime” all over the country, according to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Effective in 1971, Memorial Day was designated a national holiday and the day of remembrance was moved from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

My birthday, however, has remained the same.

The earliest birthday memory I have is from 1970 when I turned 10 years old. My parents let me invite three friends for a sleepover. May Gray was as prominent then as it is now and I remember having to bundle up when we went outside.

My dad was a character and on the night of the sleepover, he had us sit in a circle as he told a scary story about the making of a man. As he told us about the eyes, he passed around peeled grapes; for the innards, cold cooked spaghetti in a bowl that we put our hands into. Unfortunately, one of the little girls I had invited over – Gina – was scared out of her mind and threw the grapes in the air, screaming. I remember my parents having to calm her down.

She did not return to the circle.

Surprisingly, I don't remember a lot of birthdays though, of course, there are a few that stand out. In addition to my 10th, I remember spending my 50th birthday at Prom Plus. I was working the event and one of the ladies I was working with – Lisa – had the Prom Plus Club members present me with a giant decorated glass. I really appreciated it since I had originally planned to spend my 50th in Tahiti. However, I started the paper the year before and there was absolutely no money to send me to Tahiti. (I have yet to go.)

That's not to say that this past Monday's Memorial Day observances weren't memorable. I had the chance to attend the observance at Two Strike Park. Organized by American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614, the morning included the moving POW/MIA table ceremony. I first became acquainted with the ceremony when Lt. Col. Dave Worley introduced it. Everything on the table represents an aspect of the POW/MIA. Whether it's salt on a plate on the table that represents the tears shed or the lemon slice that signifies the bitter fate of those missing or killed in action, the ceremony is poignant and a reminder of just how lucky we are to live in this country.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

My daughter and I were recently discussing how to get rid of all the clutter my husband and I have acquired over our lifetimes. My mother and father were very organized; however, when they passed going through their household items was a bit overwhelming. My mother specifically never liked holding on to things but toward the end of her life, when she was dealing with dementia, we noticed a lot of repeat buying that included boxes and boxes of scarves.

While I do not want to leave my children with this type of a conglomeration of things to go through, I also don't want to get rid of everything. My grandmother had handwritten notes placed in the crystal that came from England or Ireland as well as the beautiful plates that she had saved up forever to buy. My uncle was a carpenter and I have the desk, picture frames and rocking chair he made. Each one of these things has a story that has been passed from one generation to another.

I really feel that in some cases the story is more important than the things. My Bobby [what I called my grandma] and I would have afternoon tea and she would share the most amazing stories that included when she moved to Southern California when her father worked on the railroad, her return trip to Iowa and, of course, her many adventures with her cousin in Chicago in the '20s. When I hold these items, it gives me a connection to her and to my ancestors.

Everything my family left to me was made with such care, and each item can be (and many have been) repaired.

The art of repairing things has been lost. It is so much easier to just toss and buy again. It is truly amazing how many things we throw out.

“The U.S. represents 5% of the world's population, yet consumes about a quarter of the planet's resources. Much of this is a result of our ‘throwaway’ lifestyle, whereby many products

are used once and then thrown away forever. This started in the 1950s when the plastics and chemical industries sold the American public on the convenience of single-use disposable items. Decades later, the throwaway lifestyle has led to packaging waste [mostly plastic] making up 30% of American household trash. In 2011, the average American produced 4.4 pounds of household garbage per day, twice as much as in 1960. This linear approach to resource consumption has big impacts for our communities, the marine environment and even how our taxpayer dollars are spent,” according to cleanwater.org in “The Problem – Our Throw Away Lifestyle” published in 2012.

“Generation of furniture and furnishings in MSW (municipal solid waste) was 12.1 million tons in 2018 – up from 2.2 million tons in 1960. Wood was the largest material category in furniture, and ferrous metals was the second largest category. Plastics, glass, textiles and other materials were also found in furniture... A significant proportion (19.5%) of furniture and furnishings was combusted for energy recovery in 2018, but the majority of this product sector was landfilled (80.1%),” according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

To see this “throwaway” mentality in action all you have to do is go to a beach, a walking trail or street cleanup. You will find all kinds of items, from baby beds to sofas, and smaller items like clothing and plastic cups.

It really does seem like items are made to be thrown away; they are not made to be repaired. I remember my dad repairing everything, from televisions to cameras. My uncle taught me how to repair furniture and yet it is so easy just to get rid of things and start anew.

But there does appear to be a movement to stop this tossing trend. My daughter-in-law is part of a few “buy nothing” groups. The mission of this Buy Nothing Project states: “Give, see WEATHER on page 19

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FIREWORKS TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets to the July 4 CV Fireworks Extravaganza are now on sale at the following locations: the offices of Bob Smith Toyota, Crescenta Valley Insurance, CV Weekly, CV Chamber of Commerce and J's Maintenance.

FINAL SOLAR & ENERGY STORAGE PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

Glendale Water and Power is hosting its final Solar and Energy Storage Plan community meeting today, Thursday, May 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale 91208. Participants will be updated on the plan progress and have a final opportunity to give feedback.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, June 1. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

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

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. and not in front of neighbors' houses. 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.

NEW BILLING OPTION FOR GWP CUSTOMERS

Customers of Glendale Water & Power are advised to look for a new video engagement tool that helps customers view and pay their bills. GWP videos through SmartVX is fully integrated with customer information and billing system to give them customized information regarding billing, payment options for overdue bills, energy conservation tips and more.

Each video is interactive, featuring embedded links that direct users to useful GWP resources where they can manage payments, set-up outage management alerts and access a customer self-serve portal. The customized videos contain only the account holder's information and the embedded links are safe to click and take users to GWP secure payment portal that asks customers for log in information.

Customers will receive these videos through text messages and emails. To get a glimpse of what SmartVX offers, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4x3mpyx9> to watch a sample video.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The history of what Jews went through during WWII has been shared since the end of the war by survivors of the concentration camps and of German occupation. Many who survived the concentration camps wanted to share their stories, to be the voice of history for future generations; however, many of the survivors of that era of hatred have died.

David Meyerhof has made it his mission to bring the voices of history to high school students.

"It helps keep history alive," Meyerhof said. "[It is] more relevant when you put a face to history."

The last week of April Meyerhof brought Holocaust survivors to Burroughs High School in Burbank.

"Burbank was the first school district in [Los Angeles] County to have a Holocaust program," he said.

The program was actually started by Sylvia Sutton from Temple Beth Emet in Burbank. Meyerhof took it over when she retired. This year Meyerhof received the proclamation recognizing Jan. 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the day of liberation for Auschwitz-Birkenau, the concentration camp, in 1945.

"You are the last generation to hear from the survivors," said Harry Davids, one of the speakers, to a group of Burroughs High School students.

Davids' story about surviving the Holocaust actually began when he was still in his mother's womb. He did not know his connection as a Holocaust survivor until 1949, two years after the end of WWII.

"I was 6 years of age at the time, growing up in faraway South Africa. It was my first year at school when one day my parents came up and asked me if I was aware that they were not my 'real' parents," he said.

He was told that the man he thought was his father was actually his uncle and that he had been brought to South Africa, where his uncle and aunt lived, when he was 4 years old. He was told this happened because his biological parents, and several family members, had been killed during WWII.

His uncle and aunt didn't tell him any more than that.

"That conversation took place 74 years ago. I am now 81 and I actually have no recollection of any of the experiences I had in Europe. So why am I here?" Davids asked.

He told the students he had done research for years to find out what had happened to his parents, how he survived when they did not. He drove home the point that the Holocaust did happen; he felt the need to add this because of those who have denied this fact.

Davids found that his birth parents had moved from their native Germany before

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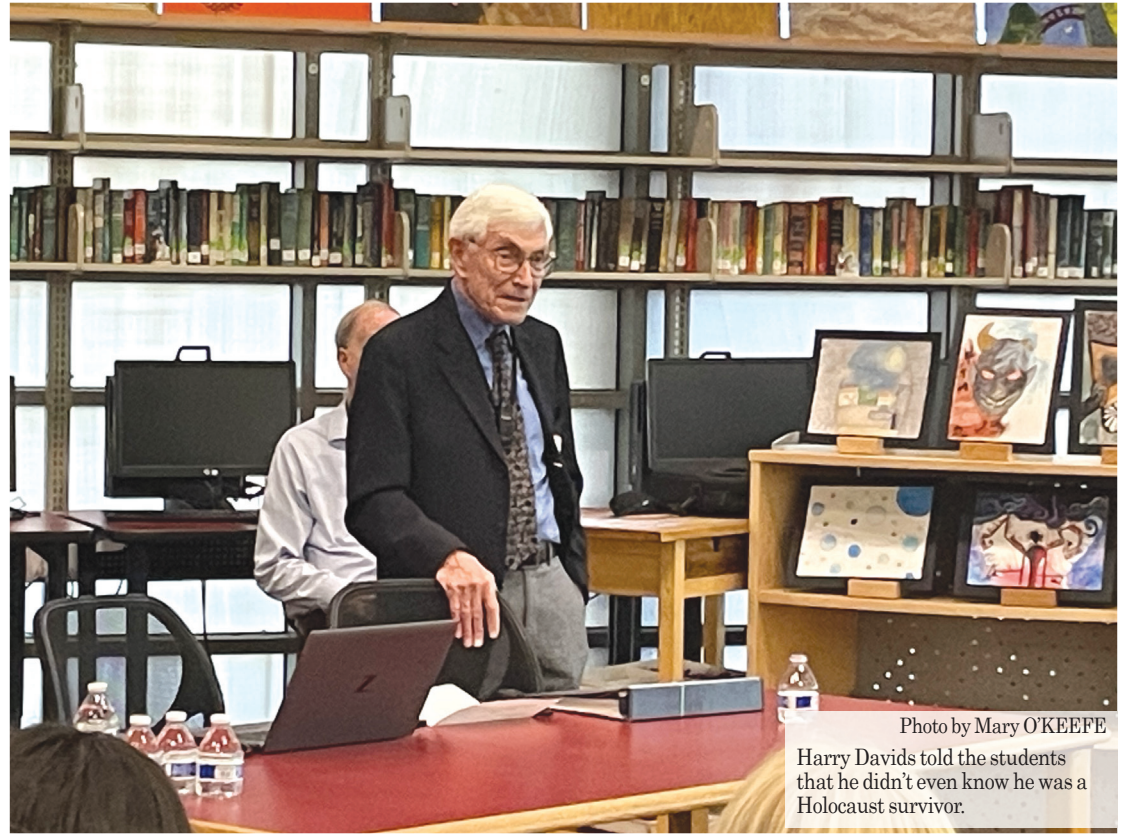


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Harry Davids told the students that he didn't even know he was a Holocaust survivor.

WWII began.

"Germany had been hit very badly by the Great Depression that began in the United States," he said. "There was mass unemployment."

This is the time his uncle, who later adopted him, decided to move to Africa to find work. Many other members of his father's family traveled out of Europe to find work.

"That was a very smart move. They would all be alive when the war was over," he said.

His father came from a large family; other brothers and sisters, as well as his parents and grandparents, stayed in Europe.

His birth parents moved for work to the Netherlands.

"This is where they were living when WWII began. It started with the invasion of Poland," he said. "That was in September of 1939."

The Germans continued their invasion, which included the Netherlands. It didn't take long to take over the country and the Germans began expelling Jews from their jobs. At the beginning

they didn't harm the Jews but they did put a lot of restrictions on them, Davids said.

"But that all changed in the middle of 1942," he said. "That was the year that the Nazis began implementing a program they called 'The Final Solution to the Jewish Question.'"

Davids explained all of this to set the stage as to what happened to him as a baby. He showed a photo of his parent's apartment, which was just a few yards from where Anne Frank and her family lived before they went into hiding.

His mother was pregnant with him when the Germans began raiding the areas where Jews lived. She could no longer hide her pregnancy and because of that no one would protect her or hide her. The Germans allowed his mother and father to stay until the birth of Davids. During this time his father found members of the Dutch resistance who helped him find a family to take the baby boy.

"[My mother] was still nursing

me; I was only 2 months old at the time but they realized the only chance we had to survive was to separate," he said.

He was given to a family who cared for him but soon they were discovered. They never found out for sure but thought a neighbor had turned them into the authorities. The Germans arrived to arrest and interrogate the family who had been protecting him. A niece happened to arrive just then and there wasn't enough room in the vehicle to take them all. The soldiers told the niece to stay and care for Davids, and they would be back.

The mother and daughter in the family were eventually returned to their home; they found the niece had been tied to a chair and Davids was gone. Another neighbor, who was a member of the Dutch resistance, had witnessed the arrest of the family and knew the Germans would be back. He took Davids to another family where he was protected ... for a while. He continued to be with

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LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST EVENTS

Small but mighty – that's how Lutheran Church in the Foothills describes its choir. Now this dedicated group is about to receive special recognition from the congregation on Sunday, June 9 during the 10 a.m. worship service with Pastor Rick Hall.

The Anthem Chorale is a mixed voice choir that regularly sings a variety of sacred music, both accompanied and a cappella. Music director Mark Anzelon and keyboardist Sun Coe have a combined 20 years of service to the choir. Anzelon and Coe will be recognized for their many years of service, as well as the singers who fill the sanctuary each Sunday with "music for the soul." LCIF invites anyone with a love of singing to participate in the choir. Rehearsals are held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

LCIF also reminds the public that online registration is open for its upcoming vacation Bible school from June 17 through June 21 from 9 a.m.- noon for children ages 4 through sixth grade. According to the church, this year's VBS will include singing and skits, crafts, games and lots of fun, all centered on learning about God in new ways.

LCIF will hold its annual meeting of the congregation this Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

MT. OLIVE OFFERS COMMUNITY LUNCHEON, BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that all are invited to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Dr., Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Book of Ephesians is currently being studied. The church also hosts a community luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month through May. There is "wonderful food and amazing entertainment." Cost is just \$5.

All are invited.

ALL INVITED TO SUPPORT GROUP

Around the Rainbow, a support group for families of LGBTQIA individuals, meets monthly on the first and third Tuesday nights at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose in room 24: church narthex. Gathering is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting is from 7-8 p.m.

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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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Obituary

Sandra Elvira Thompson



July 7, 1941 – May 17, 2024

Sandra Elvira Thompson, 82, passed away peacefully in her home in La Crescenta on Friday, May 17 with family standing by.

She was born on July 7, 1941, in Passaic, New Jersey. Sandy was a licensed hair stylist, an accomplished Avon and Tupperware sales representative and later a licensed Realtor, after raising her two children.

As a resident of the foothills' area for over 60 years, Sandra's life was enriched by her loving family.

She is survived by her husband Donald Thompson, son James, and daughter Kendra, along with her son-in-law Ted and granddaughter. Her granddaughter Emelia achieved a significant milestone, earning her Eagle Scout rank in March 2023.

Sandra's parents, Paul and Elvira Adler of La Cañada, and her siblings, Ron and Barbara, all

preceded her in death.

After graduating from Toll Jr. High then Hoover High School in 1959, Sandy continued her education at Pasadena City College, earning an associate's degree in cosmetology in 1961. She met her husband in 1963 and they embarked on a lifelong journey together, marrying in June 1964.

Retirement brought a new chapter of adventure for Sandra and Don as they traveled extensively throughout the United States in RVs with various RV groups, creating cherished memories and friendships along the way.

She was beloved by all who knew her and will be dearly missed.

CRIME BLOTTER

MAY 25

400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the front window of a business was smashed and a cash register was stolen overnight.

400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a business owner reported that his business had been burglarized. Surveillance footage revealed the legs of two people walking back and forth in front of the business. A male/suspect adult wearing all black used an unknown tool to smash the front entrance glass door. The suspect entered the business and stole the cash register. He then exited the location but came back and entered the business and looked around where the cash register had been. The suspect then walked out of the business and out of sight. It should be noted that the neighboring business was burglarized on the same night.

The burglary occurred at 2:58 a.m.

MAY 24

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported that as he was preparing to close a man entered the store. He was described as a Black male, about 18 years old wearing a black T-shirt and white jeans. He entered the store and walked directly to the liquor aisle. The employee reportedly witnessed the man/suspect pick up a box containing cans of vodka. He walked to the cashier's line and asked where he could pay for the liquor. The employee directed him to the correct area and took the box of vodka to scan it. The suspect approached the employee from behind and forcibly

attempted to grab the box. There was a bit of a scuffle and the employee released the box concerned he would be injured.

The suspect ran out of the store with the box of vodka; however, due to the struggle between the employee and the suspect the box had been ripped and the vodka cans fell to the ground as the suspect attempted to leave. The suspect fled the store, without the liquor, and got into a waiting white sedan. There were two other suspects in the car: a driver, described as a male wearing a black T-shirt and white jeans, about 18 years old, and another person in the vehicle – no description was given.

The theft occurred at 12:40 a.m.

400 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the front window of a business was smashed and a cash register was stolen overnight.

500 block of Princess Anne Road in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she received a notice from her Ring camera that her front door was open and the electric garage door was halfway open. She contacted the CV Sheriff's Station and waited outside her home until the sheriff deputies arrived.

Deputies searched but found no suspects. Surveillance footage revealed three male suspects who made entry through the back French doors of the property. Suspect No. 1 was described as a male adult wearing a grey tracksuit, black T-shirt, blue facemask and a black cap. Suspect No. 2 was described as a male adult, wearing black pants, grey hoodie and blue facemask. Suspect No. 3 was described as a

male adult wearing all black, a blue facemask and black hat.

Suspect No. 2 broke the glass to the rear French doors. All three suspects entered the residence through those doors. About a minute after the suspects entered the residence the alarm was activated. Once that occurred the suspects were seen inside the garage yelling at one another and then ran toward the victim's garage door and exited the area. Before leaving the suspects ransacked two bedrooms; however, nothing was reported stolen.

The burglary occurred at 12:35 p.m.

MAY 23

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a burglary report at the location. The victim stated that he had left the rear window of the business slightly open from the kitchen but when he returned he saw the window was wide open and the screen was missing. The cash register, coin box and safe were all missing.

The surveillance footage revealed a male wearing a hoodie with the hood fastened around his face with a black mask, sweatpants and gloves. The suspect waked from the kitchen area to the front counter carrying a "pickax." The suspect started to swing at the bolted down safe and eventually was able to pry the safe from underneath the shelf. The suspect then grabbed the coin box from underneath the shelf and tore the cash register from the shelf drawer. He then walked out of view.

The burglary occurred between 3:35 a.m. and 3:37 a.m.

PROPOSAL from Cover

According to the RFP, successful applicants should have a track record of success, strong industry network and partnerships, a plan for

financial stability beyond the initial grant and defined and relevant core curriculum/service alignment with the City's Tech Strategy. The

submission deadline is June 28 at 5 p.m. More information can be found at <https://www.glendaletechweek.com/accelerators>.

MEMORIAL DAY from Cover

He asked for help with funds one week and the following week he asked for readers to stop sending in money because more than was needed was raised, Brandstater said.

"That [support] reflects on our community then and today as we reflect on the 24 names of the men who gave their lives in service to our nation," he said.

Dignitaries who attended the morning event included Montrose Shopping Park Assn. president Andre Ordubegian, Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber president Adam Franko, U.S. Representative Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, State Assemblymember Laura Friedman and Glendale City Councilmember Ara Najarian. All spoke of the importance of the day.

The City of Glendale was well represented by Councilmembers Ardy Kassakhian and Dan Brotman, Glendale Police Chief Manuel Cid, Glendale Fire Battalion Chief Andrew Gano and Altadena California Highway Patrol Capt. Mariano Santiago. Many law enforcement officers also attended the observance.

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Revised Zoning Codes and Design Standards Met with Skepticism

By Eliza PARTIKA

The City of Glendale Planning Commission hosted a community meeting at the Sparr Heights Community Center on May 22 to present its updates on zoning codes and design standards. Vilia Zemaitaitis, principal planner for the city, presented the plans hoping they would be more objective rather than subjective in nature.

Zemaitaitis' presentation discussed

new objective design standards for multi-family zoning that will be put before the Design Review Board and Glendale City Council, and invited community feedback on the proposed standards.

Under the current guidelines, the R-1250 standards for high-density residential housing in Glendale allows for the development of a maximum of 1,250 feet of dwelling space in high-density or commercial areas, if all the other standards of

residential living, such as green space and quality of life, are met. Creating new objective standards and eliminating current R-1250 zoning requirements, Zemaitaitis said, would make it easier for developers to build affordable residential housing in high-density zones because they wouldn't need to request as many variances (exceptions) to objective, agreed upon standards.

Some of the standards shown to the community included new designs and requirements for setbacks, vertical and horizontal designs, and window and floor space requirements.

The presentation was met with skepticism and scrutiny by community members in attendance with many raising concerns

about whether the new objective standards would truly help or hinder the City's efforts to build affordable housing. Chief among the concerns of La Crescenta and Montrose residents was the lack of infrastructure to accommodate the necessary affordable housing units and the desire to preserve the character of neighborhoods and support local businesses on Honolulu Avenue.

Some present at the meeting were concerned housing built in high-density areas would not be as affordable as needed in Glendale because of the need for developers and landlords to make up the high costs of land.

"I think the main concern of the Montrose Shopping Park Association is, if you're going to

invite developers into our area, and if you build something that's very expensive on very expensive land and rent it out at a very expensive rate, all the square footage, all the small businesses will go. Montrose will not be the same," said Francesca Smith, director of the Glendale Historical Society.

Andre Oudubegian, president of the Montrose Shopping Park Association, agreed with Smith, expressing concern for the atmosphere the new plans would create, were they enacted as presented.

"We have taken great care to cultivate an atmosphere where people feel safe in Montrose," Oudubegian said. "People associate the word 'love' with 'Montrose,' and

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people who wanted to help until they were betrayed and then he would be moved to another family. He was lucky that he was able to go from one family to another. He eventually ended up with a family who took him in and he stayed with them until the end of the war.

In the meantime, his birth parents had been in hiding but they were informed on.

"The Germans came. [My

parents] tried to make a run for it but the Germans fired at them from behind," Davids said.

His father was struck by bullets and his mother stopped running, not wanting to leave her husband. The two of them were arrested and sent to a transit camp not far from the German border.

"They arrived there on Tuesday, March 23, 1943. We know they were shipped out exactly one week later on

March 30. We know from the records kept there that they were shipped to Sobibor, one of the smallest of the six mass extermination camps in German-occupied Poland," he said.

He also found in the records that of the 19 Jews who were being transported with his parents none survived.

Davids continued to stay with the family the Dutch resistance had placed him with until the end of the

war when his uncle discovered he had survived. After a lot of red tape he was taken to South Africa where he was raised.

He shared the story of how brave the families in Netherlands were to rescue him, how so many had risked their lives to help others.

"I played no part in my own survival," he said. "It was people like the family that took me in that are the real heroes of the story."

During his talk to the students he reminded them to read books written by historians about WWII and the Holocaust, and not to just get their information from social media.

Next week, Meyerhof shares the story of the escape from Nazi Germany by his parents and grandparents.

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we'd like to keep that just the way it is. There have been so many different projects where it starts like this, and all of a sudden all those ugly buildings start popping up. We don't want it."

"Each time there's been a [concern and someone has spoken up], it's made the project better," said Zemaitaitis in response to an inundation of resident comments and concerns.

The City of Glendale's Housing Element, published in 2021, mentions the city has capacity for 13,425 housing units, 8,644 of which still need to be built. By changing the requirements for high-density commercial and multifamily residential units, Zemaitaitis hopes the city will be able to increase the capacity to build affordable housing units and meet the City's goal by 2029.

The proposed standards will go through several more rounds of public comment before they are shown to Glendale City Council and the city's Planning Commission. Zemaitaitis encouraged the community to participate in community sessions, attend council meetings and write their council and commission members with any concerns.

The next planned virtual meeting, available on the city's Community

Calendar, was held on May 29.

"This is why it is a public process, because the meetings are open and the public is able to give feedback," said Zemaitaitis in the meeting. "We can take your input after this meeting. We can take your input during the Planning Commission meeting. We encourage you to come to the Planning Commission meeting, to come to the City Council. You have the ability to come before

all these groups, to be heard on what your opinions and concerns are."

Email Vilia Zemaitaitis at vzemaitaitis@glendaleca.gov or Theresa Santilena at tsantilena@glendaleca.gov to subscribe to an email newsletter about progress on the zoning standards, to request information shared at the community meetings or to voice comments and concerns about the proposed standards.

SCE from Cover

plained the electric company has assured they will act on; however, the arborist most recently employed by whom? I called Mikaela said there are no current plans to do so.

Portzel is not against necessary cuts to the tree but fears for the life of the pine, which already shows signs of bark beetle infestation. Instead of regular cuts, another solution would be to raise the poles out of the crowns of affected trees.

"Homeowners do their part," Portzel noted, referencing increased costs in taxes and the recent increase in insurance costs due to fire hazards. It is the area neighbors' hope that SCE helps in ways other than trimming.

Resident Steve Toly shared his frustration in the lack of coordination in those cutting trees, resulting in a single tree being cut back every three to four months. Like many others in the neighborhood, the power pole on his property is beginning to lean due to its age, resulting in the slow erosion of his property. Like his other neighbors, SCE assured Toly that the pole will be dealt with, but there are no results thus far. It is Toly's belief that the cutting of trees is motivated by SCE's "due diligence" rather than care for safety.

To illustrate this, Toly pointed out the recently trimmed tree on his property. With the branches facing the power lines trimmed, the tree remains heavy on the untrimmed side, off-balancing the tree towards his home. Should the tree fall in the wind, it will land in his backyard. This issue is especially pressing as during the most recent windstorm a tree capsized onto a home, resulting in nearly a year's worth of repair. While not against trimming, the neighbors of Briggs Terrace hope that SCE has more solutions up its sleeve rather than just cutting branches.

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Norma Jeane's Favorite Spot

A young man, living in Van Nuys with his mother, prepares himself for his overnight shift at Lockheed Aviation. As he heads out his mother stops him.

"Jimmy, I have a favor to ask. Poor little Norma Jeane, that sweet darlin' young girl, may have to go back to the orphanage. Would you marry Norma Jeane?"

The conversation continued but as Jimmy traversed the San Fernando Valley on his way to work in his 1940 Ford Coupe, he contemplated her words. Norma Jeane had been his next-door neighbor and for a time he had given her rides home from school. She was only 15 at the time, a ward of the state, and her foster parent's health was failing. She faced returning

to an orphanage but if she were to marry at 16 the problem would be solved. He had always found her to be very sweet and extremely attractive, but because of their five-year age difference, marriage hadn't crossed his mind. Now it did, and he warmed quickly to the idea. Soon they were spending time together and romance bloomed. The wedding was set after her next birthday but in the meantime, Jimmy was determined to court her properly.

Her favorite spot was here on the edge of the Crescenta Valley at Pop's Willow Lake. They would rent a boat at sunset, take it down the ramp and paddle out as the moon rose. Speakers wafted the sounds of Glenn Miller across the water and spotlights lit the surface. They

would find an alcove in the shadows and kiss. This was the spring of 1942 and within just years, Norma Jeane would transform into the famed actress and model we all know as Marilyn Monroe.

So, Marilyn was here but where exactly was Pop's Willow Lake? I wanted to know so the history hunt was on.

First, I reached out with questions to all the old timers I knew. The lake disappeared forever shortly after Marilyn's visits, so no one I could find had been there. I was able to get the general sense that it was along the Big Tujunga River between Hansen Dam and the 210 Freeway.

Next, I examined the dozen or so photos I had of the lake, paying special attention to the mountain

ranges in the background. By determining where these mountain views intersect I was able to find an area of interest. After poring over current satellite imagery, I believed I had identified where the parking lot had been. Now for my favorite part: the search in the field.

The hunt began from Orcas Park. I had my overhead photo in one hand and a machete in the other. I knew where I wanted to get to – the only thing in my way was a thick wall of trees and heavy underbrush. I headed in on a straight line, hacking branches and climbing over fallen trees. The going was slow. After 30 minutes I came to a clearing where I could hear a gurgling brook. Soon I was at the edge of the Big Tujunga River, which wasn't big and was

more of a stream at the time.

After moving up the stream a short distance to the north, I saw it. There, in the midst of a forest of 50-foot trees, was the boat ramp of Pop's Willow Lake. While there is no evidence, I believe with all my heart that Marilyn Monroe, or Norma Jeane if you prefer, stepped off this very ramp, perhaps many times.

Jimmy Dougherty, her first husband, said in his memoirs, "No man on earth but I knows the beauty of Marilyn Monroe by her moonlit reflection on the waters of Pop's Willow Lake."

Craig W. Durst, AKA The History Hunter, is a historian of the Tujunga Rancho and President of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. He can be reached at craig@thehistoryhunter.com.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON » REP. JUDY CHU

What an Expanded San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Means for our Communities

In my time representing Southern Californians in Congress, few moments have encapsulated how advocacy powers change as vividly as watching President Biden sign a proclamation to expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument last month. After working side-by-side with so many leaders and advocates for over 20 years to bring resources to the San Gabriel Mountains, I was proud to stand

alongside Vice President Harris, other members of Congress, indigenous leaders and environmental champions in the Oval Office as the President expanded the boundaries of the monument by over 100,000 acres.

I was so overjoyed to continue the celebrations in California a few days later with many more environmental champions and community leaders. This is a fight I have been honored to be a part of for decades. Over the

past year, I joined with my incredible Senate partner Senator Alex Padilla to emphasize to President Biden that, despite the natural treasures right here in our backyard, Los Angeles is among the most park-poor regions of the country. And even though we got President Obama to make history in 2014 by creating this monument, some of the most-visited areas and most significant natural and cultural resources in the western Angeles

National Forest were left out. This meant that some of the busiest areas were left without the resources they needed to keep the park clean and safe for visitors.

We told President Biden that the western Angeles Forest is the most accessible part of the mountains for millions of people in Southern California and that this area includes rich cultural, historical and geological resources and habitats for

endangered species. And we told him about our years-long effort to expand this monument through legislation that passed the House in bipartisan votes multiple times; and about the mental and physical health benefits associated with recreation and the outdoors, which far too many low-income Angelenos miss out on because they don't have access to nature.

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YOUTH

Lincoln Elementary Robotics Team Sweeps GUSD Tournament with Outstanding Performance

In a display of talent and innovation, the robotics team at Lincoln Elementary School was triumphant at the recent Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) robotics tournament. Held on April 6 at Roosevelt Middle School in Glendale, the tournament proved to be a momentous occasion for the team as they clinched top honors and cemented their reputation as formidable competitors.

Under the expert guidance of their coaches, fourth grade teacher Cindy Rovello, third grade teacher Heather Vales, and computer lab instructor Tony Ohanian, the Lincoln robotics team delivered a solid performance across all facets of the competition. The team's achievements culminated in a stunning first place overall finish, marking a crowning achievement in their journey toward excellence.

The Lincoln robotics team's success was underscored by their

domination in key categories, including two first place wins in the presentation and robot design rounds. Additionally, their performance in the robot performance segment earned them a commendable second place, showcasing their technical prowess and attention to detail.

The roster of talented students behind the award-winning robots includes fourth grade students Jeremy Bardens, Lia Mikaelian, Leela Johnson, Leon Ko, Vivian Moreau, Alyazin Ayad and Luca Lafaurie, alongside fifth grader Jason Yim, and sixth graders Evan Choi, Elise Dermovsesian, Ryan Kam, Aileen Kim, Logan Moreau and Anais Bedikian.

The contribution of each student played a vital role in shaping the team's victory, highlighting the dedication and



collaborative spirit of its members.

Written by Katy MKRTCHYAN

CVHS JROTC Team Secures Place in National Academic Bowl Championship

Following two online rounds of rigorous competition against teams from all over the world, Crescenta Valley High School's JROTC academic team, composed of Vela Benedicto, Rohan Gopala, Marin Jeong and Emma Oh, has secured a coveted spot in the championship event to be held in Washington, DC for the third consecutive year. The 2024 U.S. Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl Championship is scheduled to take place at The Catholic University of America campus from June 21-25. This prestigious event is sponsored by the U.S. Air Force JROTC and organized by College Options Foundation.

The CVHS JROTC team emerged

with top honors among the 676 Air Force JROTC academic teams worldwide. The team's achievement places its members among the elite 16 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl teams in the nation, earning team members an all-expense paid trip to the championship event in DC. Last year, the CV team finished third in the Air Force Division.

The preliminary rounds, marked by their intensity and speed, assessed cadets on a range of subjects including core curriculum such as math, science and language arts, along with evaluations of their grasp on current events, citizenship, leadership skills and financial literacy. Notably, financial literacy videos sponsored by

the USAA Educational Foundation were integral to the competition, with questions derived from these videos featured in Levels I and II of the online rounds.

The JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl stands as a nationally recognized competition tailored exclusively for JROTC students. Through participation, cadets imbibe the values of citizenship, engage in academic rivalry and explore avenues for college opportunities. This platform provides an avenue for JROTC cadets to demonstrate their leadership and academic prowess.

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This is a notice that the District will consider renewal of the capital charge implemented in 2023 at the same level as last year. A report containing a description of each parcel receiving water service and the amount of the charge for each parcel for the fiscal year 2024-25 is available for inspection at the District office and on the District's website at www.cvwd.com/updated-property-tax-roll-information

If you would like to transfer the capital charge to your utility bill please contact us or visit our website to complete the required form. Forms must be submitted by July 15, 2024. If a form was submitted last year, it will remain in effect.

There will be a public hearing held on June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the District's main office at 2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA. You can file a written protest at or before the hearing.

We invite you to review this information and contact us at (818) 248-3925 or feedback@cvwd.com with questions, comments or concerns.

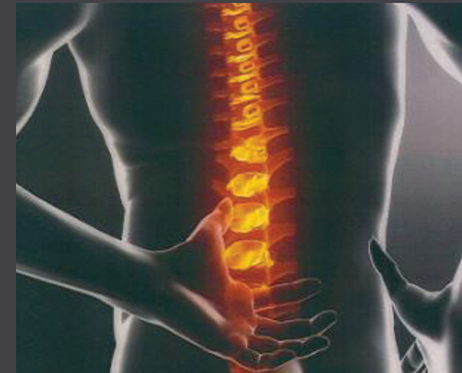


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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Glendale Community College Awards Scholarships

By Ruth SOWBY

Dozens of Glendale Community College (GCC) students received thousands of dollars in scholarships on a chilly early evening on Friday, May 24. Adding to the scholarships that were delivered earlier, a total of \$348,000 in scholarships was awarded to 526 GCC students. Over 200 donors, students, parents, GCC teachers and administrators were seated in the outdoor Plaza Vaquero on campus for the GCC 2024 Honors & Awards Banquet. Since the weather turned out to be chilly, heaters were rushed in at the last minute. But that didn't stop the applause as each scholarship recipient was announced.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

Elin Gharibian, president of the Associated Students of GCC, one of the event's sponsoring

organizations, welcomed her audience. Introductions were made by Dr. Ryan Cornner, GCC superintendent/president. Although Student Affairs dean Dr. Tzoler Oukayan asked the audience to hold their applause until all scholarship sponsors and recipients had been announced, supporters couldn't contain their enthusiasm and applauded after each name.

Filmmaker. The recipients were Hayk Atshemyan and Anna-Kath Vasak. The John and Gael Davitt scholarships were given to Alexa Mirzaian and Askanaz Sahakyan. Dr. Davitt was GCC superintendent/president for many years.

The Geraldine Manus Anson Memorial Scholarship was presented to Aleksandr Sushentsov, a second year student from Russia. He is majoring in business administration and plans to transfer to a four-year university followed by law school. Sushentsov won a green card in the

lottery to live in the U.S. He, his wife and 2-year old daughter have lived in Glendale for two years.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, in partnership with YMCA of the Foothills, presents:

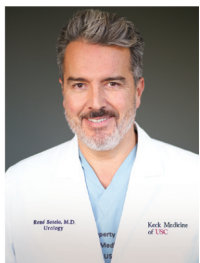
Hybrid Doc Talks

Men's Health

Dr. Rene Sotelo

Tuesday, June 11th
12 - 1 pm

Crescenta Cañada YMCA
1930 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada



To Register:

We will have box lunches for takeaway at the end of the talk for our in-person attendees. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the talk will begin promptly at 12 p.m. Reservations for takeaway box lunches are required 48 hours in advance. Please visit uscvh.org/doc-talks or call (818) 952-2228 to register.

Dr. René Sotelo is a pioneer and international leader in robotic and laparoscopic surgery, with over 20 years of experience using these techniques to treat urological and benign diseases. He is on the medical staff of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and the Keck Medical Center at the University of Southern California, a professor at the School of Medicine, and a Medical Director of the USC Department of International Medicine, from which he directs regional and international projects. Dr. Sotelo has received 34 international awards from scientific and governmental associations for his outstanding work. His passion for educating has led him to train more than 86 physicians. Dr. Sotelo's experience in laparoscopy and advanced robotics exceeds 4,000 personal cases, placing him among the most experienced surgeons in the world.

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
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LCPC Celebrates 2024 Shining Stars



Photo by Amanda BAUGHMAN

Gloria Hill and Michael Bonner with the sign bestowed to them by LCPC Parent Ed. (Not pictured is Celso Amador.)

LCPC Parent Education announced Celso Amador, Michael Bonner and Gloria Hill as its 2024 Shining Star Award recipients. The recipients exemplify Parent Education's commitment to strengthening families, both locally and globally. The Shining Star Award is presented to a person who "has had a significant impact on the community – especially its families and children." Cards to honor these individuals may be sent to LCPC Parent Ed, 626 Foothill Blvd., La Cañada, CA 91011.

Director Anne Bierling noted that each recipient has provided tremendous support for the Parent Ed team.

"Celso has been blessing LCPC for over 17 years with his authentic servant's heart, diligent work ethic and Godly biblical wisdom that inspires others," she said. "Michael has been blessing LCPC for over 16

years with his infectious positivity, gentle, patient spirit, and amazing prayer cover for his colleagues. And Gloria has been blessing LCPC for over 30 years with her administrative brilliance and masterful multi-tasking making her the glue that holds LCPC together." Senior Pastor Ross Purdy praised the three stars as "excellent, dedicated and caring people who never seek recognition for their work yet continue to inspire everyone along the way. They are the true Shining Stars who make us all shine."

Pastor Chuck Osburn added, "Michael is faithful, helpful, grateful and fun ... always quick to serve others before himself."

Of Gloria Hill, Pastor Chuck said, "In many ways, Gloria is the heart of LCPC ... she's at the center of most all our ministries ... keeping a steady pulse on everything

surrounding our community, our members and our staff with kindness, care and prayers.

The three recipients will be honored in a private celebration in May. Past Shining Star recipients include Parent Ed Founders Gail Hanson, Annie Latta Krach and Claudia Zentmyer (2014), Gary Demarest (2015), Sandy Ravana (2016), Nanette Brown (2017), Kathy Kovalcik (2018), Lynne Graves, Joanna Hurst and Eileen Young (posthumous) (2019), Anne Bierling (2020) and Sloan Walsh (2023).

Go to lcanadapc.org/parented for class listings, staff bios and online registration. Scholarships, payment plans and affordable childcare are available. La Cañada Presbyterian Church is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in La Canada.

Submitted by Amanda BAUGHMAN

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YMCA of the Foothills Wins Gold in its Annual Support Campaign



Staff and volunteer campaigners celebrated at the Y during the Victory Dinner.

This year, the YMCA of the Foothills embarked on an Olympic-sized challenge: aiming to meet a fundraising goal of \$100,000. Thanks to the support of its staff, volunteers, Y members, board members and the entire community, the Y not only met this goal but surpassed it.

The 2024 Annual Support Campaign raised a staggering \$120,409 as of Friday, May 17. Every dollar raised was a testament to the collective commitment to the Y's mission and will support its financial aid efforts, ensuring that everyone can access its programs and services, regardless of their financial situation.

"This year, we had some fun with the campaign theme inspired by the Summer Olympics," said Joanne Pingry, director of Mission Advancement at YMCA of the Foothills. "Our Y staff came together and implemented creative ways to fundraise [including] Ball for a Cause, Zumbathon, paint night, pancake breakfast, etc. Everyone came

together for this and I'm proud that 100% of our staff contributed to this year's campaign. Such support shows that we're all genuinely behind our mission, ready to serve."

Donations to the annual support campaign are more than just financial contributions. They are life-saving swim lessons, they are the building blocks of teamwork in youth sports, they are the adventures of summer camps, they are the leadership skills taught in the Y's Youth and Government programs. Most importantly, the donations are opportunities made available to the entire community.

The YMCA of the Foothills is driven by a mission to organize, develop, finance and conduct programs for an association of individuals of all ages. By putting Christian principles into practice, its aim is to enrich the quality of lives spiritually, mentally, physically and socially. Continued support is crucial in helping the Y fulfill this mission. Visit ymcafoothills.org/donate now to contribute.

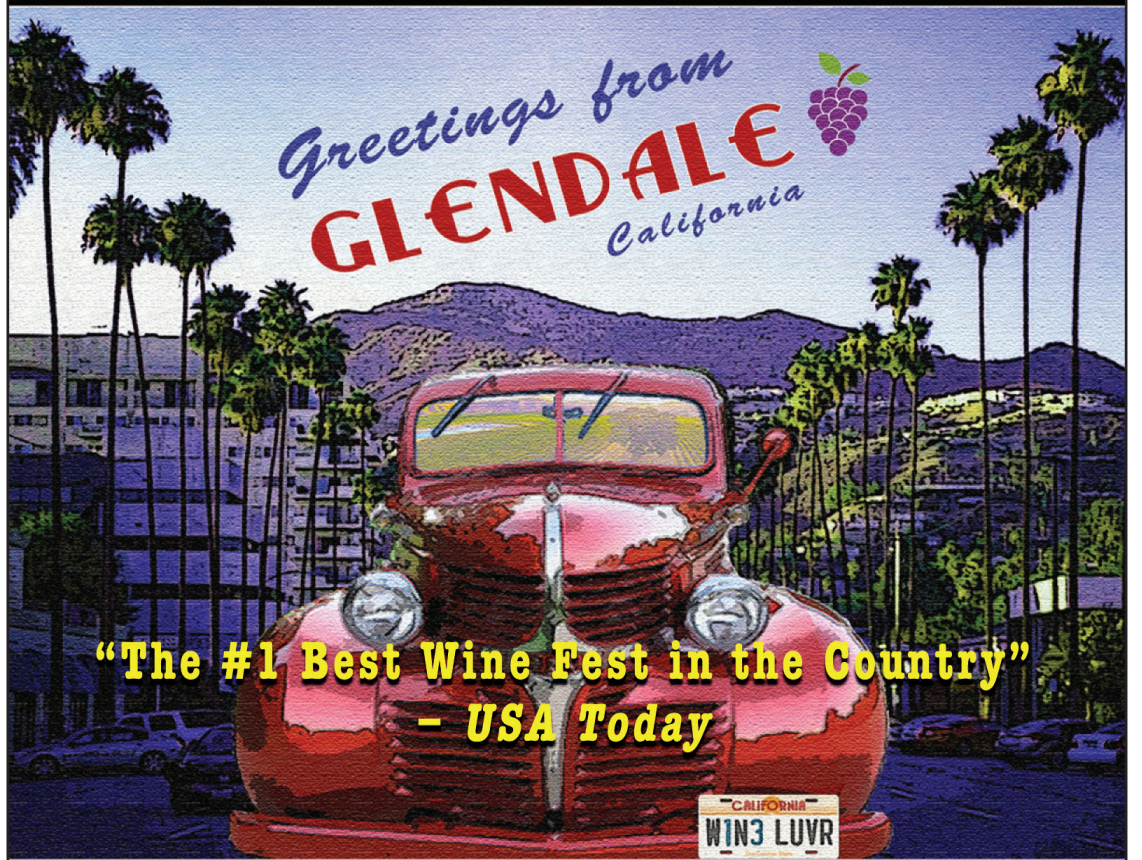
Foothills Pride 2024 Celebrates Third Anniversary with a Community Festival

ST Forward presents the third annual Foothills Pride Festival on Saturday, June 1 at Sunland Park, 8651 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland from noon to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for the foothills community to come together to celebrate LGBTQ+ neighbors.

The festival VIP lineup includes State Senator Anthony Portantino, Senator Caroline Menjivar, Assemblymember Laura Friedman and Councilmember Monica Rodriguez as well as representation from the office of Congressman Adam Schiff. The event will feature talented artists such as spoken word artist Jade Phoenix, musicians Ryan Cassatta and Tya, Calypso (winner of HBO's "Legendary")

and The Village Poets. The Caroline Menjivar Scholarship will be awarded to an LGBTQ+ senior graduating from a foothills public high school.

The event will include resources and booths, including the Los Angeles County Dept. of Mental Health, El Proyecto del Barrio, La Vida Care, Council District 7, the Los Angeles Public Library and Theodore Payne Foundation, among others. Food will be provided by King Tut, Sreyvegan and El Mariachi Loco. For a complete list of presenters, speakers, vendors, resource organizations, sponsors and more, visit the event's website at [FoothillsPride2024 | STFORWARD](http://FoothillsPride2024.STFORWARD).



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Award-winning Plays Reflect on LA Riots

By Mikaela STONE

A set of theater firsts celebrate Angelinos as plays “Pang Spa” and “Two Stop” open in the Atwater Village Theater.

The plays, both written by David Johann Kim about the 1992 LA riots, became the first two plays written by the same playwright to win the LA New Play Project Award when the selection committee could not agree which dramedy deserved the award more. The sister plays are currently playing beside one another, with the location-based Chalk Rep company putting on “Pang Spa” and the Ensemble Studio Theater LA performing “Two Stop.”

Crescenta Valley residents can appreciate another first – “Pang Spa” is the world premiere of local resident and actor Hahn Cho. Cho portrays aging father Tae Pang who is struggling with dementia alongside his wife, which is dredging up old trauma from the LA unrest 20 years ago, the Korean War and WWII. Tae Pang’s son Daniel, portrayed by Ben Carroll, left his acting career to take care of his parents, employing increasingly creative ways to keep his family happy.

In reference to his plays, David Johann Kim noted, “The riots happened and went away for most

people but for some people it never did. It changed prosperous lives into desperate lives in the course of five days.”

With families and businesses destroyed and no help from first responders, following the riots the suicide rates in Koreatown were the highest in Los Angeles. Kim consolidated these threads of history in the creation of the Pang family and their community, living in a typical LA apartment complex. To keep the spirit of its location, scenic designer Justin Huen and the crew of “Pang Spa” dressed the theater as an apartment courtyard, complete with drain pipes on water damaged stucco and potted succulents resting on cinder blocks.

The relationship between “Pang Spa” and “Two Stop” is unique in that both plays share the same crew. Set in the same world as its sister play, “Two Stop” brings audience members directly into a Korean-owned convenience store on the night of the riots as three characters are forced by proximity to confront their history.

“Pang Spa” director Reena Dutt observed, “Everyone had some connection to the LA unrest.” She added that the parents of Maria Hong, the plays’ costume designer, had owned a similar store, giving Hong firsthand knowledge of the

repercussions Koreatown faced.

Hahn Cho’s portrayal of Tae Pang brought “Pang Spa” comedy and deep emotion in equal measure. With a father around Tae Pang’s age, Cho felt he had the tools to bring the character to life, acting much of the play by bending his body to emulate a hip issue, allowing even the audience of a small venue to believe he was a much older man.

The casts of both shows brought a great deal of talent to the stage. Especially attention grabbing were the moments between Ben Carroll and Jasmine Kimiko, who plays a community newcomer with baggage of her own. Kimiko’s moving moments surrounding womanhood, expectations and circumstances outside one’s control made many audience members misty-eyed. She, too, felt seen by Kim’s words due to her quarter Asian heritage – a part of the Korean diaspora she had rarely seen discussed, once again reaffirming how much representation matters. Carroll, Kimiko and Cho all lauded the rehearsal process working with Kim and director Dutt. Cho summed up the experience as “nothing but positive energy.”

For Dutt’s part, the feeling is mutual. Her mission statement “is finding the right collaborators to tell the stories fairly and honestly.” She is a child of immigrants but



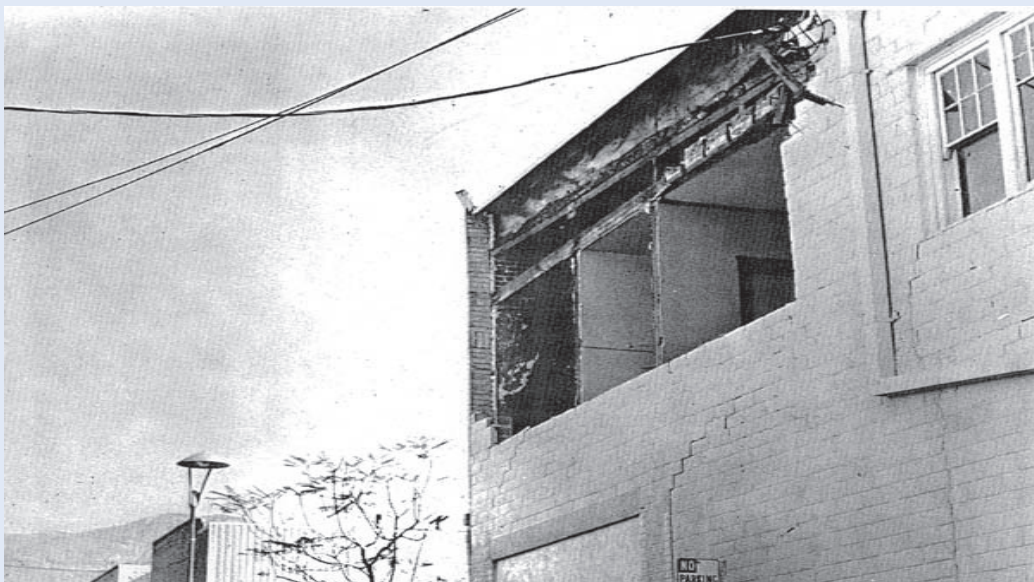
The cast of ‘Pang Spa.’

not raised with a strong cultural background, leading her to relate to Kimiko’s character. A true believer in “the serendipity of theater and art,” Dutt chooses plays to work on based on the dreams they inspire.

Even in the midst of struggles and dreams not turning out the way they

expect, the characters of “Pang Spa” and “Two Stop” have the communities and families they choose. Amid heartbreaking circumstances and forever changed lives, Kim couches in his dramedies a core of familial love with bonds born both of blood and choice.

THEN & NOW Earthquake Damage in Montrose Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » Meldon’s Shoe Store had a second story made of small apartments that had once been the rooms of the Montrose Hotel, built as a two-story, rooms above, retail below, building in the ’20s. The 1971 Sylmar Earthquake destroyed that second story, spilling the brick walls into the alley between it and the Montrose Theater.



NOW » Andersen’s Pet Store now occupies the surviving ground floor. The shattered second story was removed and the remaining brick walls were covered with stucco. If you look at the ceiling of Andersen’s you can see the outline of the structure of the second floor, which featured an interior balcony.

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RESIDENT ART SHOW AT SPARR HEIGHTS MEMORY CARE

Sparr Heights Memory Care, located at 2640 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose, will host a special art show in honor of National Creativity Day. The show takes place today, Thursday, May 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and features resident artwork created through Sparr Heights' creative art programs with pieces ranging from vibrant paintings and pastels to intricate weavings and 3D sculptures.

The artwork on display will highlight the diverse talents and imaginative spirits of the Sparr Heights residents. Visitors can expect to see vivid acrylics, delicately blended pastels, multi-textured folk art pieces, and sculptural works that bring new perspectives to life through three-dimensional form.

The Resident Art Show will take place in the assisted living lounge area from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On May 31, a presentation of scholarships will be held.

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.

FOOTHILLS PRIDE FESTIVAL

The third annual Foothills Pride Festival is on Saturday, June 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at Sunland Park, 8651 Foothill Blvd. in Sunland. Last year's event featured more than 500 attendees.

The event will include performances, vendors, resources, food, music, art and more. Attendance is free.

'JELLY'S LAST JAM' AT PASADENA PLAYHOUSE

The life and times of Jelly Roll Morton, the self-proclaimed "inventor

of jazz" from the back alleys of New Orleans to the sparkling stages of New York, is a display of song, dance and music. It is being performed now through June 23 at The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave. in Pasadena.

For information, call (626) 356-7529 or visit pasadenaplayhouse.org.

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is having beginner glass beadmaking workshops with Ethan and Amanda Stern continues through June 12 on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There are a limited number of spots available.

The cost is \$250 plus a non-refundable \$20 materials fee.

Included in this introduction to beadmaking are the basic skills of heating rods of glass, applying glass to a mandrel and shaping it with tools.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/JUSTFORFUN

To register, visit cclcf.org or call (818) 790-4353.

A book club, in collaboration with Flintridge Books in La Cañada, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the auditorium at CCLCF. The book is free with registration to the club. To register, visit or call cclcf.org, 818-790-4353. The next meeting is Aug. 22 (no June or July meetings).

The Book Club is sponsored by a grant from the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

Finally, the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge and CS Productions present "Mean Girls: High School Version" based on the 2004 film. Showtimes are Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$15 for students. Opening night tickets are \$30, which includes admission to the reception.

Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES AT DOCTORS HOUSE

The Glendale Historical Society is partnering with the Alex Film Society for its 2024 Classic Film series at the Doctors House in Brand Park. Film fans: bring your chairs, blankets and picnic dinners and enjoy these free outdoor screenings in the park this summer.

On June 8: "Pinocchio" (1940), on July 13: "Crime Wave" (1954) and on Aug. 3: "Bye Bye Birdie" (1963).

Glendale-based animation producer/director and AFS board member Frank Gladstone will introduce the June 8 "Pinocchio" program with insights into the production and the artists that worked on the film, several of whom lived in Glendale.

Glendale's Community Services and Parks will again provide it 17x10-foot LED projection screen.

Gates open 5:30 p.m., program begins at 7 p.m.

The Doctors House is located in Brand Park, 1601 Mountain St. in Glendale.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

Dancing As Exercise is a free ongoing weekly event sponsored by the Los Angeles County Park program for seniors (50 plus) as a form of staying healthy.

There is live music every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Light refreshments and water are provided along with socialization and information about other park activities.

Dancing, per se, is not required; single persons are welcome.

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta – an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before – don't worry; we will teach you! Come on Tuesday afternoons to play canasta from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

AWH'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DEMONSTRATION & FUN DAY

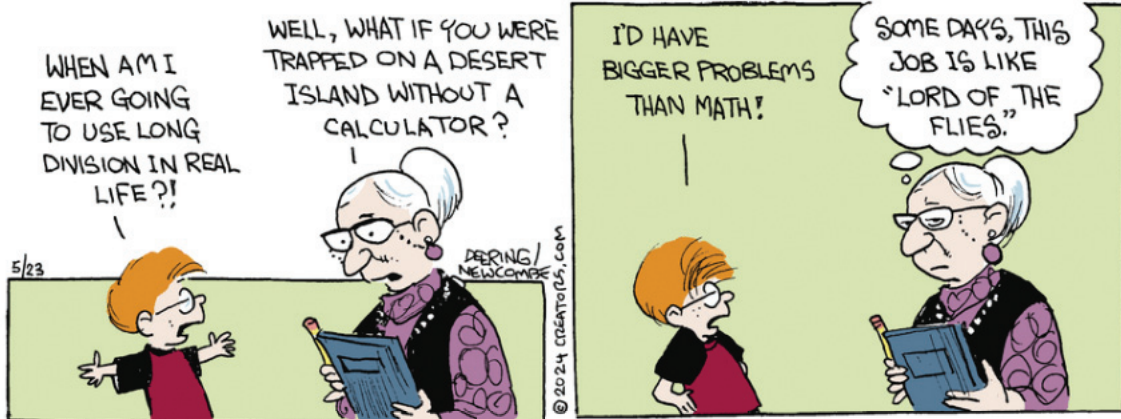
On Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ahead With Horses will be holding its 43rd Annual Children's Demonstration and Fun Day. This special event provides an opportunity for each child in the AWH program to showcase all the wonders they have accomplished while riding a horse – with friends and family cheering them on. Achievements can range from being able to lift one's head, use one's hands and arms, move one's legs, walk, speak or perform other communication methods.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids and include lunch.

Formoreinformation, visit <https://givebutter.com/AWHFunDay2024>. For more information about AHEAD With Horses (AWH), call (818) 767-6373 or email info@awhla.org.

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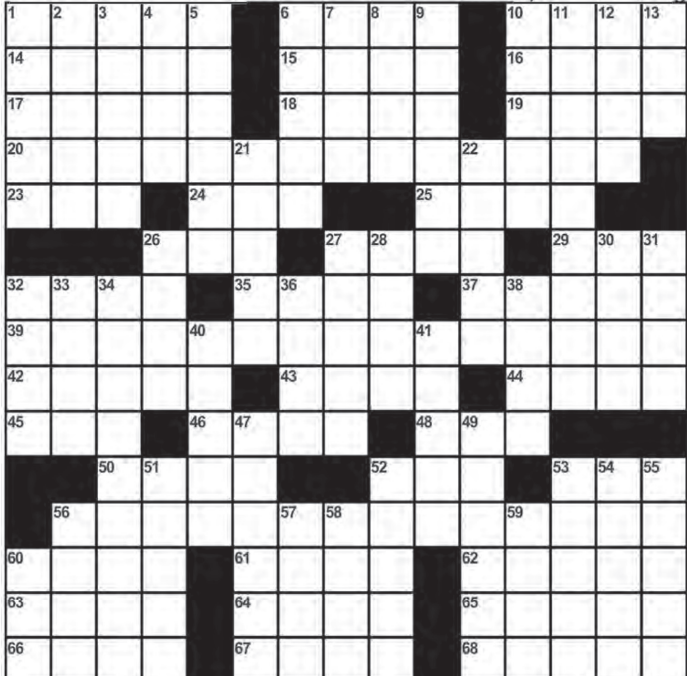
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- 6) X-rated reading
- 10) Israel's Barak
- 14) Herculean types
- 15) Expensively furnished
- 16) Lo-cal word
- 17) Bad stuff
- 18) Ad infinitum
- 19) Shot-in-the-dark guess
- 20) Made good on a promise, say
- 23) Cloak-and-dagger sort
- 24) Square dance lass
- 25) 2000 Subway Series stadium
- 26) Q and A part (Abbr.)
- 27) Have a yearning
- 29) Mr., in Calcutta
- 32) Place of retreat
- 35) "Star Wars" surname
- 37) Slapped the cuffs on
- 39) Returnee's comment, often
- 42) Firebug's action
- 43) Barbie, for one
- 44) They may clash
- 45) Like crunchy carrots
- 46) Moscow-based news agency
- 48) Uffizi display
- 50) "Zounds!"
- 52) "Push-up" garment
- 53) Heathrow visitor, once
- 56) Linkletter-hosted TV show, 1954-60
- 60) A good deal
- 61) Native Peruvian
- 62) Monastery figure
- 63) Sunblock additive
- 64) Tourney draws for some top seeds
- 65) Emcee's lines
- 66) When following the last words of 20-, 39- and 56-Across, Reba McEntire's list of what's needed to succeed in life
- 67) Scout's accessory
- 68) Dummkopfs

DOWN

- 1) Puck, Lagasse et al.
- 2) Race, as an engine
- 3) One of the Brontes
- 4) Ill-gotten loot
- 5) Coast Guard rank
- 6) Witch's work
- 7) Pull up stakes
- 8) From the thrift shop
- 9) Give a whipping to
- 10) Bovine advertising icon
- 11) Runs into an unforeseen problem
- 12) Segó lily state
- 13) Belle of the ball, for short
- 21) Dogie snagger
- 22) A journalistic question
- 26) Jason's craft
- 27) Voices above tenors
- 28) Even-tempered
- 30) "Little Caesar" gangster
- 31) Seals, as a deal
- 32) Bull artist
- 33) Gillette razor brand
- 34) Likes a lot
- 36) Tote board listings
- 38) Act as a lookout, e.g.
- 40) Ready to pour
- 41) Trumpet sound
- 47) Ditches the script
- 49) Basket-making fiber
- 51) "Look for yourself"
- 52) Loudmouthed
- 53) Fits of pique
- 54) Game snagger
- 55) Newbies
- 56) Pullover shirt
- 57) "Orinoco Flow" singer
- 58) Rickenbacker et al.
- 59) Servers with spigots
- 60) Hunting dog, briefly

LIST FOR SUCCESS

By Victor Fleming



see ANSWERS on page 4

CELEBRATE PRIDE 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Pride in the Park • 12pm - 2pm
Memorial Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Community Hike • 10am - 12pm
Hahamongna Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Author Lecture
Sarah and Ian Hoffman
5pm - 7pm • LC Congregational Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
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NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: DOMINIQUE GERALDA PIERRE-VIL. Case number 24VECP00124. Superior Court of California, Van Nuys Courthouse East, 6230 Sylmar Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91401 To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner DOMINIQUE GERALDA PIERRE-VIL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: DOMINIQUE GERALDA PIERRE-VIL to Proposed Name: DOMINIQUE GERALDA PETITFRERE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: a. Date: JULY 18, 2024, Time: 9:00 AM Dept.: 107 Room: 107. b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION RESOLUTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of Foothill Municipal Water District adopted resolution number 959-0524 changing its conservation stage from Stage II to Stage I effective May 20, 2024. For questions, please contact Michael Le at 818-790-4036 ext. 104. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly May 30, 2024.

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta located at 4454 Lowell Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagecenters.com on 6/20/2024 at 10:00 AM. Nizarya Nalah Eubanks; Eugene A Diaz; Robert Joseph Ananian; Christine Irene Boswell; Nora R Ontiveros. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly May 30, 2024.

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receive, lend, share and show gratitude in hyperlocal gift economies where the true wealth is the connections between real neighbors."

So if you need something you communicate that need; if you have something you no longer need you share that, too. This attitude of sharing had been part of our national practice for years when items were not so easily delivered to our doorstep. I have benefited from this sharing with the Fire House youth center where every item, including pool tables, air hockey and sofas, has been donated. My grandsons' room at my home is full of toys, a bed and strollers that have been donated by moms, grandmas and friends.

Now we are still a society of consumers and I am not saying that we should not buy anything from stores; I will add that when you buy look first at local small businesses.

"Shopping local" is another way to help our community; however, when you can reuse, repair or share.

In addition I think the art of repair has been lost along the way. One of my favorite shows is "The Repair Shop." It is finally streaming back on BritBox. It is set in England and I think what I like about the show is how there is this atmosphere of respect, both by those who do the repairs and those who bring in their items. The audience watches as these incredibly talented artists repair everything from 100-year old cradles to toys from the 1800s. When the repair people reveal the items, there is such emotion, though subdued (remember I said it was English) when the owners see their prized possessions brought back to their original life.

Repairing and sharing items is not just good for the soul but good for the planet.

In 2018, about 146.1 million tons

of MSW were landfilled. Food was the largest component - about 24% - but plastics accounted for over 18%, paper and paperboard made up about 12% and rubber, leather and textiles over 11%, according to the EPA.

So maybe to help the Earth and reduce the landfills we need to trim down the items we have by offering them to others and repair first before buying something new. And then share with your family memories associated with some items.

Heading into June we will see a different weather pattern than in May. There will still be some clouds in the morning - "June Gloom" - but they should be burning off during the midday, according to NOAA.

The weekend will have more morning clouds with next week seeing more of sun. Temperatures will be pretty consistent with highs in the mid to high 70s.

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Community member Bronwyn Schramm shared the names of those on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, and then shared the poem "The Wall" by Catherine Anne McNeill.

At 8 a.m. American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post (VFW) 1614 held their traditional remembrance at Two

Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., La Crescenta, in front of the Two Strike Park Memorial Wall.

Opening remarks were made by Mike Baldwin followed by a welcome by Vic Bustillos to the nearly 100 people in the audience.

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