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## GCC Adopts Budget, Celebrates PRIDE Month

By Julie BUTCHER

"People did not know that the plan for reconfiguring La Crescenta Avenue included taking out traffic lanes and parking," said Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian as he continued to advocate for the reconsideration of the "road diet" of the road previously approved by the Glendale City Council. While the Council voted to accept funding for projects like what is proposed for La Crescenta Avenue, on Tuesday night June 25, the body balked and agreed to review the overall project at the Council's July 16 meeting.

"Can't we have our cake and eat it too?" Gharpetian questioned, hoping for a new proposal to make the street both safer and friendlier for pedestrians and cyclists, suggesting a bike lane on only one side of the street.

Also on the night of June 25, the entire Glendale City Council finally adopted its FY 2024-25 budget, an overall spending plan of \$1.2 billion. According to city manager Roubik Golanian, the proposed budget is balanced with an estimated surplus of \$591,000 and a reserve of 38%. Mayor Elen Asatryan refused to support the proposed updated fee schedule and insisted the subsidized fee for an appeal of a planning decision remain at \$2000 rather than the proposed actual cost of \$4600. There has been one such appeal filed this year, staff reported.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian said that the city "needs to be honest about what it actually costs to deliver services."

In the coming months the Council will review the other 1500 or so fees the city charges for various services.

In other financial actions, the Council approved the temporary rehiring of Michele Flynn as the city's interim finance director.

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## Celebrating America's Independence

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

*From parades to fireworks, the Crescenta Valley offers plenty to celebrate Independence Day.*

There are plenty of things going on around town for folks to do to celebrate Independence Day. All events are free to attend unless otherwise noted.

*Sunland-Tujunga July 4th Parade* Iconic actor Danny Trejo is set to join this year's July 4 parade in Sunland-Tujunga. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, "The Magic of Sunland-Tujunga" is this year's theme for the popular summer event. Continuing the celebrity magic, local performer, poet, producer, community supporter and business owner Joe DeCenzo has been selected as the 2024 grand marshal.

Included in the parade are classic cars, drill teams and baton twirlers, horses and street performers. Fans can also look forward to such perennial favorites as Sunland-Tujunga's

File Photo  
A patriotic arrangement of flags was on display on a previous parade route of the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary. The Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary parade kicks off a variety of fourth of July activities.



"Oldest Rock." The parade is set to begin with an LAPD flyover as well as a synchronized ground performance by the LAPD motorcycle drill team.

Starting at 10 a.m. sharp on

Thursday, July 4, the parade will launch from the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Summitrose Street, proceeding down Foothill and ending at Sunland Park.

*Americana 2024* This concert of

patriotic and Americana music features the Foothill Brass Septet directed by Noel Collins. It will take place on Thursday, July 4 at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of La Crescenta

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## Community Meeting to Address Rockhaven Property

By Julie BUTCHER

It is time – again – to demonstrate to the City of Glendale that the communities of the Crescenta Valley care deeply about the future and preservation of Rockhaven by showing up at a community outreach meeting organized by the city and its consultants.

The meeting is set for Wednesday, July 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Montrose-Crescenta Library at 2465 Honolulu Ave. On the agenda is hearing plans from the SWA consultants to seek community input on plans to convert the Pines Cottage to a museum and overall plans to upgrade the property to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) so it is fully accessible to the public.

Next on the agenda is a question-and-answer period, followed by the opportunity for community members to share their visions for the property.

On Oct. 28, 2021, Community De-



This drawing reflects the Rockhaven property. A meeting is planned on July 10 at the Montrose Library to determine future plans for the site.

velopment Director Bradley Calvert summed up for the Glendale City Council background history: "Rockhaven opened in 1923 as a private women's mental health facil-

ity that provided specialized care in beautiful, gated surroundings ... one of a handful, perhaps three now, left in the county. It has made its way onto the national historical

register. The city bought the property in 2008 for \$8.25 million.

"The site has been in 'mothballs' for 15 years lacking more

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

# A Flag Waver

I've long loved Independence Day. I love the fireworks, the patriotic music and the chance to step back and say, "Hooray, America!" because I am truly a Yankee Doodle Dandy, though born on Memorial Day and not the fourth of July.

I remember years ago Steve and I were at a dinner party. We were talking about politics or places to live ... something along those lines. At one point I said something like, "Well, wouldn't you want to live in America? I mean, it is the best place in the world."

The couple we were talking to did not agree.

That was the very first time I realized that not everyone loved America like I did. A sobering moment, to be sure.

I'm not an idiot; I know our politics at times can be cringe-worthy. Inflation is staring us square in the face – and let's not even talk about homelessness. It can make people question loyalty to their country.

But we are also a land of possibility. I started the CV Weekly back in 2009 and, though I'm not known as Miss Moneybags, I value the chance the CV Weekly gives me to give back to my community.

I'm on the boards of the Kiwanis of Glendale, the Supervisory Committee of the Glendale Area Schools Credit Union and am president of the CV Chamber of Commerce. Husband Steve is a member of Montrose Search & Rescue and on the board of the CV Fireworks Assn. Giving back to the community through volunteering is an essential part of who we are. It does sadden me when I look around and see that there are few younger people willing to step up and take over the responsibilities of many non-profits. When looking at today's fireworks, put on by the CV Fireworks Assn., consider what the future will look like if no one steps up.

So as not to end on a sad note, I want to share some history of fireworks.

According to the American Pyrotechnics Assn.,

many historians believe that fireworks originally were developed in the second century B.C. in ancient Liuyang, China. Sometime during the period 600-900 AD, legend has it that a Chinese alchemist mixed potassium nitrate, sulfur and charcoal to produce a black, flaky powder – the first "gunpowder." This powder was poured into hollowed out bamboo sticks (and later stiff paper tubes) forming the first man-made fireworks.

Fireworks made their way to Europe in the 13th century and by the 15th century were widely used for religious festivals and public entertainment. The Italians were the first Europeans to manufacture fireworks and European rulers were especially fond of the use of fireworks to "enchant their subjects and illuminate their castles on important occasions."

Early U.S. settlers brought their love of fireworks with them to the New World and fireworks were part of the very first Independence Day – a tradition that continues every fourth of July when it is celebrated, as John Adams had hoped, "with pomp, parade ... bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other." Americans' spirit of celebration continued to grow and in the late 18th century politicians used displays to attract crowds to their speeches.

While July 4 is still the "big day," Americans continue to use fireworks year-round to celebrate at festivals, special events and sporting traditions such as the Olympics and Super Bowl.

When people think of fireworks, it is hoped they think of the fourth of July and the celebration of our country's independence. Fireworks have been with Americans since our nation's beginning.

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## » WEATHER WATCH

### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

blows across the skin, it is cooling. When people stop perspiring they can quickly move from heat exhaustion to heat stroke. Heat can also affect the brain; people can get confused and in some cases lose consciousness.

"Heat stress is the leading cause of weather-related deaths and can exacerbate underlying illness including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, mental health, asthma and can increase the risk of accidents and transmission of some infectious diseases. Heatstroke is a medical emergency with a high case fatality rate," according to the World Health Organization.

Every part of your body can be affected by the heat, including your circulatory system and central nervous system.

Scared yet? Well, it is going to be hot for the next few days – really hot – and although we have dealt with the heat before I think, if you are like me, we have been lulled into a kind of weather bliss with the cooler temperatures of spring. It does seem it was only a few days ago that I was complaining about the constant May Gray and June Gloom ... oh, wait – it was just a few weeks ago. The weather seemed to go from rain and clouds to "Wow, it's hot" without any time for "What a lovely cool day."

We have seen those movies where overheated people walking through the desert imagine all kinds of things including an oasis. We see how just a little water cures everything; however, that is not always the case, especially if you don't drink throughout the day but wait until you start seeing the non-existing oasis.

There is a great website at <https://digital.weather.gov> where you can track the heatwave across the nation. Today's high temperatures will stretch across the southern states.

It is important to continue to hydrate throughout the day. If you start drinking water too late you may not be able to drink enough to catch up with your body's needs.

According to a New York Times article updated on July 3 titled "Tracking Dangerous Heat in the U.S.," about 83.6 million people across the U.S. live in areas expected to have dangerous levels of heat during the next few days.

One thing that is really important is to drink water before you feel thirsty. This is one thing I seem to forget. I wait until I feel a little lightheaded then try to remember when was the last time I drank anything. By then I am already so hot and tired I really can't remember anything ... and that is when my kids bring water to me and remind me to drink.

One of the first things that can happen if a human body is exposed to extreme heat is the inability to sweat. Sweating is actually the human body's swamp cooler. We sweat so when there is some air that

And according to the CDC, it is better to drink fluids at shorter intervals and not to drink more than 48 ounces in one hour.

Drinking too much water or other fluids (sports drinks, energy drinks, etc.) can cause an emergency because the concentration of salt in the blood becomes too low.

Water is still the best liquid to

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### OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The offices of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, will be closed today, July 4, in observance of Independence Day and tomorrow, Friday, July 5.

We will reopen on Monday morning, July 8.

### STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPS NOW OPEN

Applications for student commissioner are now open! Ex officio student commissioners are active, non-voting members of the Arts and Culture Commission of Glendale. Duties include promoting art activities and education, serving as an advisory group on the arts to the Glendale City Council and city boards and commissions, and more.

Applicants must be students under the age of 25 who live in Glendale and must be able to attend meetings on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon. The application deadline is Monday, July 15 at 5 p.m. PST.

To apply, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yk3mtytb>.

### 29TH ANNUAL GLENDALE CRUISE NIGHT EVENT

The City of Glendale is having the 29th annual Glendale Cruise Night event on Saturday, July 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The event takes place on Brand Boulevard between Doran Street and Broadway in Downtown Glendale.

This free event will include a display of over 300 classic and modified import cars and bikes parked along the street. This year's featured entertainment will be Tambourine Man, a tribute to Bob Dylan, China Grove (a Doobie Brothers tribute) and The Springsteen Experience, a tribute to The Boss. The event will conclude with a fireworks display at the main stage beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Hosted by City of Glendale, Community Services & Parks

### ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, July 6. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

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

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

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

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

For further information, contact the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve at [RosemontFriends@gmail.com](mailto:RosemontFriends@gmail.com).

### RECREATION AREA CLOSED

California State Parks announced the temporary full closure of the Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) in Southern California due to extensive damage caused by the Post Fire. The closure went in effect on June 17. The wildfire, which started on June 15, burned through large swathes of the park in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, impacting the SVRA's infrastructure and resources and leading to hazardous conditions. State Parks strongly advises the public not to enter the park, which will remain closed until further notice.

For information and updates on the Post Fire, visit [www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/6/15/post-fire](http://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/6/15/post-fire).

### PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING ROCKHAVEN

The City of Glendale is holding a meeting for the public on Wednesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. at the Montrose-Crescenta Library at 2465 Honolulu Ave. when they will present how they intend to spend the \$8 million grant from the state.

There will also be time for questions and comments. The grant needs to be spent by February 2026.

The community is encouraged to attend so the City can see how the Crescenta Valley cares about its historic park!

### SCE PLANS MAINTENANCE ON LOCAL LINES

Routine maintenance will soon be performed on the electrical equipment in the local area. To keep crews safe, it is necessary to temporarily turn off power so upgrades can be installed or repairs made to the grid.

Acknowledging that having power shut off is inconvenient, SCE is attempting to isolate outages to the smallest area possible in order to complete the work safely and to promptly restore power.

# Crescenta Valley PRIDE Celebration Held

By Clare BUCHANAN

On Saturday, June 29, the County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation held a family friendly LGBTQ+ PRIDE (Personal Rights in Defense and Education) event at Crescenta Valley Park. In attendance were community members, a DJ, and members of local churches, local law enforcement and non-profit organizations distributing resources for LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors.

Della Razjouyan has been organizing the event for two years with the County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Razjouyan expressed how she wanted to show community support for the LGBTQ+ population in a way that was a "subtle step forward." Razjouyan noted she aimed to "be the change" she wanted to see in the community.

While this year marks only the second year CV Park has been hosting an LGBTQ+ PRIDE event, the park's community center was decorated extensively to attract visitors. A rainbow balloon archway welcomed families inside the community center where non-profits were handing out flyers and free trinkets. It was a hot afternoon, but a staff member with the County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation helped to cool off visitors with free ice cream. For those so inclined, popcorn was available. There was also a craft table where attendees made beaded bracelets as well as a bouncy house for smaller kiddos. Razjouyan planned the event to be "family-friendly, interactive and enjoyable" for all who attended.

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Photos by Clare BUCHANAN  
ABOVE: County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation staff, the main organizers of the CV Pride event at CV Park.

BELOW: The entrance to the CV Pride event was inviting to everyone.



## Hollywood Museum honors LGBTQ+ contributions to the entertainment industry

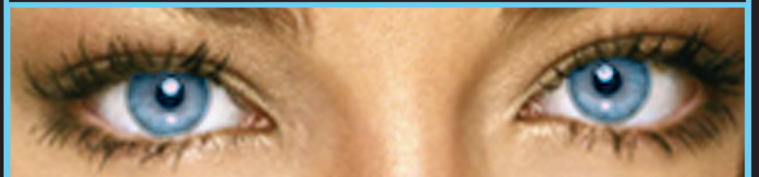
"Real To Reel" is the newest exhibit at the Hollywood Museum at the historic Max Factor building recognizing LGBTQ+ contributions to the entertainment industry. Now open, the retrospective showcases 100 years of iconic LGBTQ+ images in film and television including costumes, props and photos. A preview party on June 25 honored late actor Leslie Jordan. Pictured are singer/actress Cassandra Carroll in a hand sewn, beaded gown with beaded wrap and custom-designed wig by Hollywood's Outfitters Wig and Emmy-winning makeup artist Glen Alen in a custom-made unicorn costume.

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# PRIDE Flags Stolen

By Mary O'KEEFE

Several PRIDE flags and one banner were stolen from the area during the month of June, PRIDE month. One flag was taken from St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church; the banner was stolen from Crescenta Valley Park; other flags were stolen from local homes.

On June 23, a little after midnight, a man climbed the pole that holds St. Luke's of the Mountains signs inviting all to come and celebrate its 100th anniversary. Church members know it was a man who climbed the pole because he is on the church's surveillance footage. The footage revealed a white vehicle driving westbound on Foothill Boulevard. It drove past the church at 2563 Foothill Blvd. The vehicle turned right (north) onto Rosemont Avenue, slightly outside the frame of the surveillance camera. Then a man appeared to get out of the vehicle and walked toward the church's banner signs. He looked

around briefly to see if anyone was watching, then climbed the pole and struggled to rip down the PRIDE flag, which had been secured at the top. The white car drove southbound on Rosemont Avenue, turned left (east) on Foothill Boulevard, passed the church as the suspect continued to struggle to get the flag off the top of the pole. The same white vehicle then appeared again driving slowly westbound past the church then again turned right (north) onto Rosemont Avenue. The suspect finally was able to pry the flag from the pole and took off running, apparently getting into the white vehicle.

"I think [the theft] signals that the LGBTQ community being accepted by our church is upsetting to some individuals," said Father Guy Leemhuis of St. Luke's about the theft. "Some think they get to dictate God's love only for the few. But God's love is extended to everyone."

The theft was reported to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's

Dept. (LASD) and has been assigned to Det. Aaron Gonzales.

At present the incident is being investigated as a theft; however, the detective is looking at all angles and if it is determined this was an act of potential bias against the LGBTQ community it could be considered a hate crime, said Sgt. Gilbert of the LASD-CV Station.

The LASD CV Station is asking the public for any information regarding this incident. Those with information are asked to call Det. Gonzales at (818) 236-4014.

A PRIDE banner was also stolen from the front of Crescenta Valley Park at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. The incident was reported to the LASD Parks Bureau. The incident is being investigated by the detective bureau and is being investigated as a hate crime until it is determined that it is not, according to a LASD Parks Bureau spokesman.

But the thefts were not limited to public locations. PRIDE flags were also stolen from private homes.

A La Crescenta resident said a PRIDE flag was stolen from the front porch of his/her house on the same night the flag was stolen from St. Luke's. CVW is not sharing the resident's name due to concern for privacy and safety.

The family replaced the flag but it was stolen again.

"[On Tuesday] my husband was in the kitchen and heard a commotion outside," the resident said.

The husband went outside and saw what appeared to be a few high school kids who had torn down the flag. He confronted them but they ran away.

"They came back later and returned the flag [although damaged] with a note that said it was done on a dare and they would not do it again," the resident said.

It does bother the family that these teens felt emboldened to commit this act and perhaps didn't understand what it meant. The flag, for the family, shows its support for the LGBTQ community.

"We fly the [PRIDE] flag because we believe in supporting all people," the resident said, adding that being on a route to Crescenta Valley High School the family felt showing this support meant even more to those students who may be part of the LGBTQ community.

"We know of members of the Gay Straight Alliance [club at CVHS] were targeted in specific ways last year," the resident added.

There are about four houses in the neighborhood that have PRIDE flags. The concern remains that a person came onto the family's front porch to take the down the flag.

Throughout June there was an increased number of reports across the nation of PRIDE flags being torn down, stolen, destroyed and burned. According to reports, online extremists during June were sharing a



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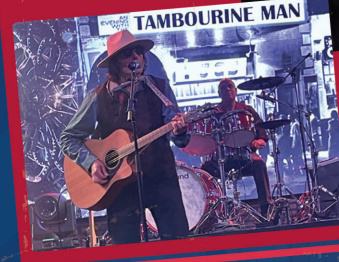
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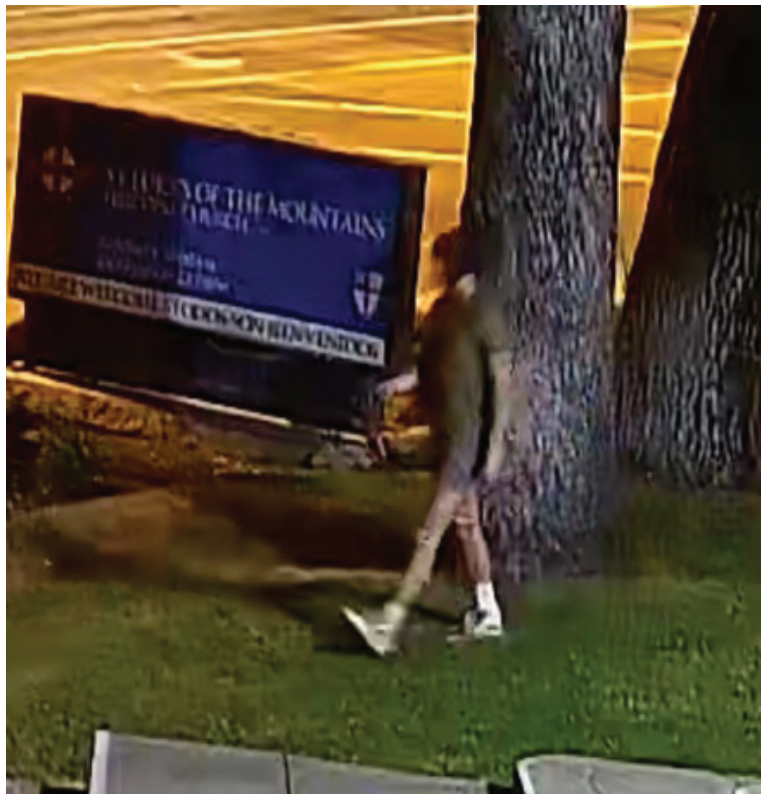
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Surveillance footage provided by St. Luke's

TOP: This person was seen climbing the pole at St. Luke's of the Mountains and stealing a PRIDE flag that was on display.

ABOVE: The thief was seen climbing into this vehicle, which had traveled back and forth in front of the historic church.

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hashtag that encouraged the theft and destruction of PRIDE flags. The online challenge was titled "capture the pride flag."

This may be a movement to intimidate; however, those in the area who had their flags stolen said they will continue to support the LGBTQ community.

"Our congregation is best described as annoyed by the incident but not deterred in our message of being the love church where all are welcome. We pray for these young men who stole our flag and hope they rethink such behavior in the future," Leemhuis said. "The flags will fly all year long."

The church is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Leemhuis said the church will continue to model "God's



# It is Going To Be Hot

By Mary O'KEEFE

The County of Los Angeles Fire Code, Title 32, Section 5601.3, states that it is illegal to store, manufacture, sell, use or handle all forms of fireworks without a valid permit in the unincorporated areas of LA County. All fireworks, including safe and sane, are illegal.

All fireworks are illegal in the City of Los Angeles, SEC 57.55.01 (A) LA Municipal Code.

All fireworks including "safe and sane" are illegal in the City of Glendale

All fireworks including "safe and sane" are illegal in the City of La Cañada Flintridge

All fireworks including "safe and sane" are illegal in the City of Burbank.

Even with all of this information that all fireworks are illegal they are readily available to the public. Every fourth of July local residents shoot off fireworks – even on the side of nearby mountains, which raises fire risks.

Each year, usually during the first week of July, fire departments see an increase in the number of calls they respond to.

"Typically, during a July 4th holiday, the GFD (Glendale Fire Dept.) responds to an increased [number] of calls as residents are a little more concerned [about fire risks]. They are on a heightened level of awareness/

alert. For instance, if residents hear what they believe are fireworks going off, they will call it in or if they see smoke, they're more likely to report it," stated Cheryl Getuiza, spokeswoman with GFD. "The [calls] are more evident for folks living on the hillsides or in the high or very high fire hazard severity zones."

This summer's fire season has already begun with a total of 2,934 wildfires reported thus far. Southern California saw a lot of rain during the spring, which adds a lot of vegetation that is drying out as temperatures rise.

This fourth of July is going to be hot and the heat will continue past the date of the holiday.

"We are looking for temperatures to go upwards of 90 to 100 degrees [Fahrenheit] in many areas [including Crescenta Valley, Glendale and Burbank]," said Ariel Cohen, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

Cohen stated in the local area the temperatures on the fourth of July may be a little lower but still quite warm – from 85 to 95 degrees.

NOAA has issued an excessive heat warning and an air quality alert.

An extreme heat event is a series of hot days, much hotter than average, lasting for a particular time and place. Extreme heat is deadly and

kills more people than any other weather event.

Climate change is making extreme heat events more frequent, more severe and lasting longer, according to the American Red Cross.

Safety tips from the American Red Cross include:

- Drinking enough water to prevent heat illness. An average person needs to drink about 3/4 of a gallon of water daily. Everyone's needs may vary. Check that enough water is being taken in by noting urine color. Dark yellow may indicate that not enough water is being drunk.
- Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
- Those who are sweating a lot should combine water with snacks or a sports drink to replace the salt and minerals lost in sweat.
- People should talk to their doctor about how to prepare if they have a medical condition or are taking medicines.
- They also advised to make an effort to stay cool by spending a few hours each day in air conditioning. This can help prevent heat illness. Those who do not have air conditioning should find a cooling station.
- People should make sure they have plenty of lightweight loose clothing to wear.

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Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. The show features music by Bagley, Rossini, Anderson, Dvorak, Denver and more.

The CVHS fireworks show will be viewable following the concert so attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for comfort.

Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association hosts the 17th annual event on the grounds of La Crescenta Elementary School (entrance on Prospect Avenue west of La Crescenta Avenue). Food available for purchase and tickets for rides also available for purchase.

The field will open at 4 p.m. and ticketholders can place blankets and chairs on the field, but nothing can be staked into the field. Water is the only thing allowed on the field; however, a large seating area will be available where food from the food trucks can be enjoyed. GUSD rules apply

including no alcohol, no smoking, no gum, no loud music, no glass products and no animals allowed. Live music will be performed by the Mary Dyer band this year and it will play until the show begins at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Tickets are available at the site. Cost is \$10 per person; active military and children 7 and under are free.

Starlight Bowl in Burbank A professional fireworks show, hosted by the Burbank Parks and Recreation Dept., is being held at the Starlight Bowl following a concert by Billy Nation and Mirage. For tickets, visit www.StarlightBowl.com.

The Burbank Police Dept. reminds the community that possessing or using any fireworks is illegal in the City of Burbank, drone (UAS) operations are unlawful within the city limits under federal law, with limited exceptions, and it is unlawful to fire guns into the air.

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drink during a heat wave. Some energy drinks contain more caffeine than coffee, which can raise caffeine levels enough to affect your heart. Some energy drinks also contain more sugar than soft drinks. Alcohol can cause dehydration and drinking alcohol within 24 hours of working in the heat can increase the risk of heat illness.

The amount of caffeine in tea, coffee and soft drinks probably will not have an effect on overall

hydration, according to the CDC.

I would say all of this would come down to common sense but a lot of times heat issues sneak up on us. We are at a fourth of July event, for example, and feel the heat but are not paying attention to how much we are drinking. Then things get a little hazy and we just take a little drink and continue on; then we get a headache and another drink of water seems to make a person feel more ill than better. So remember

that it is important to drink water but it is equally important to monitor when we drink and how often we hydrate.

Stay cool, find a cooling station and just stay hydrated.

According to NOAA, temperatures are going up from today's highs of upper 80s to 90s to even higher temperatures over the weekend. And the trend will not end soon as high temps will continue into next week.

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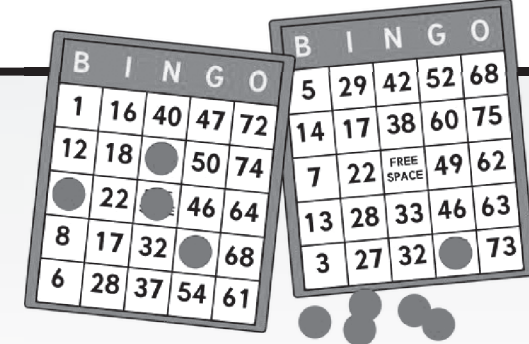
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# Standoff on Metro in Glendale

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Monday Los Angeles County deputies, with support from the Glendale Police Dept., responded to a report of a person with a gun on a Metro bus, according to LASD.

The incident began just before 10 a.m. at San Fernando

Road and West Los Feliz Road. Passengers had exited the bus and the bus driver was apparently getting ready to exit when he noticed a man asleep on one of the bus seats with a gun.

The Special Enforcement Bureau, Transit Mental Evaluation Team and crisis negotiators arrived on the scene

to provide support.

It was a barricade situation that lasted about three hours, according to an LASD spokesman.

The only information released about the suspect was that he was a "male Hispanic."

"He [apparently] had fallen asleep on the bus," said the

LASD spokesman.

The suspect woke up and agreed to step out of the bus and was taken into custody without further incident, the spokesman added.

# Pedestrian Fatality in Burbank

A pedestrian died after being struck by a suspected DUI driver.

On June 28 at about 4:30 p.m., Burbank police and paramedics responded to the area of Olive Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard regarding a traffic collision involving a pedestrian. When police officers and paramedics arrived, they located a female

in the alley of the 400 block of East Olive Avenue who was suffering from serious injuries. The 76-year-old pedestrian was ultimately pronounced deceased by paramedics.

Police detained the driver and a DUI investigation was conducted.

The male driver of the vehicle

was a 64-year-old resident of Burbank who was allegedly determined to be under the influence, arrested and booked into the Burbank City Jail for vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. He has since posted the \$100,000 bail. The driver is due to appear in court on Wednesday, July 24 in Burbank.

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

This collision remains under the investigation of Burbank Police Dept. Traffic Detective Ryan Murphy. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Detective Murphy at (818) 238-3103.

# CRIME BLOTTER

## JUNE 30

3000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, deputies responded to a possible burglary at a business. They performed a search but found nothing disturbed outside of the business. A witness reported that he heard the sound of glass shattering and saw a black "Infinity-style sedan" parked eastbound on Foothill Boulevard. He also saw two males, wearing all black, enter a business. About two minutes later he saw two suspects exit the business, get into the vehicle and drive away. When the owner arrived he found cash stolen from the cash register.

Video surveillance revealed a dark sedan parked in front of the business. Suspect 1 was wearing a white sweater, black facemask, dark pants and dark shoes. Suspect 2 was wearing a gray sweater, black facemask, dark pants and white shoes. Suspect 2 walked to the trunk of the vehicle, grabbed a crowbar and reciprocating saw. Suspect 2 shattered the glass door.

Both suspects entered the business, opened the cash register and took the cash. Suspect 2 went through the business' cabinets but nothing was taken.

The two exited the business, got into the vehicle and left the area at 3:35 a.m.

## JUNE 27

2700 block of Starfall Drive in La Crescenta, the brother of a resident came to check on his brother's home and found the garage door slightly open and a piece of cardboard slid underneath holding it open. The door was not locked. He then found numerous items from the garage missing. The home is under construction. The surveillance footage revealed a white minivan backed into the driveway of the home and two male adults exited the vehicle and one of the males opened the rear hatchback. The males were seen entering the side door of the garage. The two suspects are seen entering the side door of the garage,

taking items out and loading their vehicle with the items. Suspect 1 was described as a male with a real bushy moustache; there was no description of the second suspect.

The burglary occurred at 2:10 a.m.

## JUNE 26

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a man reported arriving at his business and discovering the front door had been damaged and was open. Surveillance video revealed a silver minivan had backed into a parking spot in front of his business. Two suspects exited the vehicle and approached the front door of the business. Suspect 2 used "picking tools" to open the door and they both entered the premises.

The suspects exited the building without any items at 3:06 a.m.

5700 block of Freeman Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident got an alert on his surveillance camera system. He observed a heavysset male,

wearing a black hoodie with gray sleeves, gray shorts and white Nike shoes, in the front passenger seat of the resident's vehicle. The resident immediately exited his home to confront the suspect but found the suspect had moved to inside his neighbor's vehicle. The resident yelled at the suspect. The suspect replied something and the resident went into his home to call the sheriff's station. He then viewed the suspect walk to a parked vehicle, get in and leave the area.

The incident occurred at 3:58 a.m.

## JUNE 25

1300 block of El Vago Street in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident returned to her home and discovered a glass door in a bedroom had been smashed with an unknown tool. The room had been ransacked and items were stolen.

The burglary occurred between 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

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Inside the community center, several organizations including the County of Los Angeles Public Health, the Los Angeles LGBT Center, and the Youth Pride Association were distributing materials for visitors. The Youth Pride Association provides support groups, peer support and educational information to local LGBTQ+ youth.

St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church was also present at the event. The church was invited to attend because of its welcoming LGBTQ+ flag that hung outside the church. St. Luke's has shown its support for the LGBTQ+ community at a number of other PRIDE events in the area, including Foothills Pride 2024 earlier this month.

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# City of Glendale, County of LA Open Cooling Centers

In anticipation of the upcoming heat wave, the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. is activating four community centers throughout the city as cooling centers from Friday, July 5 through Saturday, July 6.

The City of Glendale is highly encouraging those who do not have a cool place to be during the hottest time of the day to come to one of four community centers located throughout the city to beat the heat and cool off. Pets are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times. For more information and translations on how to beat the heat, visit [GlendaleCA.gov/BeatTheHeat](http://GlendaleCA.gov/BeatTheHeat).

There are also various options to keep cool through water play. The splash pad at Cerritos Park is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; wading pools are open to the public on alternating days at Dunsmore Park, 4700 Dunsmore Ave. in Glendale/La Crescenta, Brand Park, 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale, Glenoaks Park, 2531 E. Glenoaks Blvd. in Glendale, and Palmer Park, 620 E. Palmer Ave. in Glendale. The Pacific community pool is open daily for recreation swim. Learn more about each of these options and the hours of operation by going to the aquatics' website [GlendaleAquatics.org](http://GlendaleAquatics.org).

*Cooling Center Dates, Hours*

*of Operation, and Locations - Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6:*

Adult Recreation Center, 201 E. Colorado St. in Glendale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Glendale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Maple Park Community Center, 820 E. Maple St. in Glendale; and Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The County of Los Angeles is also opening the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd. in Lake View Terrace, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Monday, July 8.

Those who plan to be outdoors should take precautions to protect themselves from the sun and heat.

- Avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Reduce physical activity.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when outdoors.
- Avoid hot, heavy meals that include proteins.
- Set your air conditioner between 75° to 80°. Those who don't have air-conditioning should take a cool shower twice a day.
- Drink plenty of fluids, even

if not feeling thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 if exposed to the sun.
- Stay in shade whenever working outdoors.
- Don't forget about pets; they need plenty of water and shade.

Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps and increased thirst. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention or call 9-1-1.

The County of Los Angeles also reminds residents of the Summer Beach Bus to Santa Monica Beach. It is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. It leaves Two Strike Park (at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta) at 9:15 a.m.; the County Library (at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta) at 9:25 a.m.; at the southeast corner of Montrose Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard at 9:35 a.m.; at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and La Cañada Boulevard at 9:45 a.m.

The return bus to Two Strike Park arrives at 4:30 p.m.; arrives at the County Library at 4:35 p.m.; arrives at the southeast corner of Montrose Avenue and Ocean View

Boulevard at 4:45 p.m.; arrives at the northwest corner of Foothill Boulevard and La Cañada at 4:55 p.m.

This program is coordinated by Los Angeles County Public Works. Make a reservation at [www.LAGoBus.com](http://www.LAGoBus.com) up to 10 days in advance, but no later than 10: a.m. one day prior to traveling. Senior citizens ages 60 and over and individuals with disabilities pay only \$1.50 per round-trip; children and adults pay \$3 round-trip.

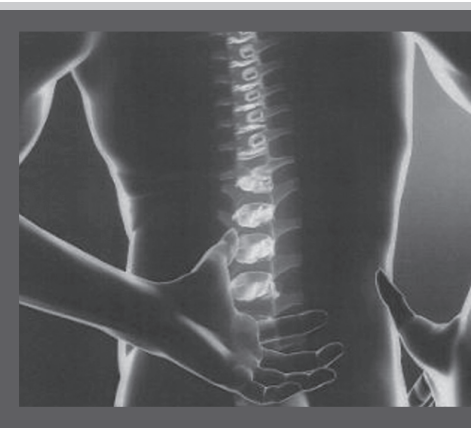
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- Drink plenty of fluids, even if you are not thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
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## Burbank Police Advises to Celebrate Responsibly

The Burbank Police Dept. reminds drivers to be the "real heroes" of the night by prioritizing the safety of everyone on the road this fourth of July. Plan ahead and celebrate the holiday responsibly.

Beginning Monday, July 1 through Sunday, July 7, the Burbank Police Dept. will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

In 2022, 487 people were killed in crashes throughout the country during the fourth of July holiday period. Of those deadly crashes, 40% involved alcohol. In California, 68 people

were killed in crashes during last year's Independence Day holiday period. In addition, California Highway Patrol officers made nearly 1,224 arrests for driving under the influence – an average of one DUI arrest every five minutes.

Choosing a sober driver is not just about following the law; it's about saving lives. For those who plan on celebrating the fourth of July with a drink, the Burbank Police Dept. advises them to make a plan to go safely with a sober ride home.

While some festivities may include alcohol, driving under the influence also includes impairment from prescription

drugs, over-the-counter medications and marijuana. People should research first and be informed about how certain drugs may affect their driving ability.

Those who are hosting friends and family for barbecues and watching fireworks shows are advised to offer nonalcoholic drinks for designated sober drivers and monitor who is drinking. If people who have been drinking are seen leaving, offer to have them stay the night or make arrangements for them to take a sober ride home.

Those who see someone who appears impaired or driving recklessly should call 9-1-1.

## Supervisor Asks Residents to do their Part

As the fourth of July holiday approaches, accompanied by dangerously hot temperatures and excessive heat warnings in portions of Los Angeles County's Fifth District, Supervisor Kathryn Barger is reminding residents to do their part to lessen the threat of wildfires.

She issued the following statement on Wednesday:

"Summer heat is here and we all need to do our part to

lessen the likelihood of wildfires. As temperatures soar, everyone should keep in mind that even the smallest firework spark or tossed cigarette butt can ignite a big wildfire and have disastrous consequences. Don't put your family, neighbors, or community at risk. Play and relax responsibly and safely this fourth of July holiday.

"I also urge all residents who live in wildfire prone areas to

remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings. The best way to stay safe is to sign up for your local emergency alert systems and listen to your local news broadcasts. If you receive an evacuation message from local law enforcement officials, follow their directions and don't hesitate. Prioritize safety this holiday."

More emergency preparedness safety tips in various languages can be found at [ready.lacounty.gov](http://ready.lacounty.gov).



# Anti-Hate PSAs Presented by TAAL, LA County, LA vs. Hate

The Truth And Accountability League (TAAL), in partnership with the LA County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) and LA vs. Hate, launched five anti-bigotry public service announcements (PSAs) titled, "Stand TAAL to Hate."

The PSAs, produced by TAAL, feature actress and comedian Margaret Cho, Glendale

Police Chief Manny Cid, Glendale Community College Superintendent and President Ryan Cornner, businessman Rick Caruso and Criminal Defense Attorney Mark Geragos.

The objective of the PSAs is to educate the public to report hate acts, incidents and hate crimes to LAvsHate.org or by calling 2-1-1. TAAL's campaign

creates awareness not only about anti-Armenian racism and Armenophobia but also about all communities subject to hate acts, incidents and hate crimes. The PSAs empower people to report such incidents proactively and get help.

"In the face of rapidly rising bigotry, discrimination and hate incidents, our latest PSA

campaign is a crucial step in the right direction," said Vic Gerami, TAAL's founder and chair.

Launched by the LA County Commission on Human Relations in 2019, LA vs. Hate is a community-centered program designed to mobilize all residents of Los Angeles County to unite against and report hate, as well as to empower those who have been

victims of hate-motivated acts.

TAAL's previous projects with the Commission on Human Relations and LA vs. Hate included a town hall to address the rise in anti-Armenian hate crimes in LA County, an Armenians Against Hate poster and PSAs featuring Armenians who were victims of hate-related incidents.

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permanent safeguards to protect the integrity of those structures. To ready it for 'limited public use' will cost an estimated \$3.2 million."

When the city purchased the property in 2008, its stated intent was to build a public park to celebrate and honor the unique history of the special place. Over the years since, the city has explored numerous proposals for development. All of them have failed. In February 2016, the site was being considered for "adaptive reuse" and later that year as a mental health facility or a shopping center. In 2019 Glendale cut ties with Gangi Development after two years of work. In July 2021, State Senator Anthony Portantino helped secure \$8 million in state funds to turn the site into the Rockhaven Mental Health History Museum for "the City of Glendale to renovate and preserve the historic Rockhaven property for the public to enjoy and appreciate as a museum." The museum must be opened by February 2026 to take advantage of the state grant.

At its June 20 meeting, Glendale's Historic Preservation Commission heard from the city's historic preservation planner Jay Platt on details about the July 10 meeting. The purpose of that meeting is two-fold. First is to

share what the project team has been looking at regarding the determination that the Pines Cottage would be best suited for use as the museum. Platt emphasized that no decisions have been made. Secondly, SWA consultants have prepared a full ADA accessibility plan for the entire site, utilizing funding from the state grant. Once the site is accessible, it will be open to the public. What happens to the rest of the campus is uncertain, Platt reported.

The question-and-answer portion of the meeting will give the public the chance to get answers to the myriad questions that remain outstanding. Then there will be time for visioning, to understand the hopes and dreams and thoughts of the community for the future of Rockhaven.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is expected to review the immediate plans on July 18; the recommendations of staff and the HPC will then go to the full council, likely in August.

Platt told the HPC that these plans are moving along "fairly quickly" due to the timelines associated with the grant and that there would "definitely be future community meetings." A commissioner noted that as a result of recent commissioner visits to Rockhaven, the determination has been made

to preserve the Nurses Cottage, which has been identified as a contributing historic resource.

HPC commissioner Cathey Jurca weighed in on the overall plans.

"Thinking about the future of Rockhaven and the role housing people might play there because it was a medical and rehabilitation facility that housed people and was dedicated to women who needed help," she said. "I know that prospect [of developing the property] has been often controversial with the local community; I don't know what the city has planned for the open space and I don't know the degree to which development there—hopefully not a five-story building—could be leveraged against the money that's needed for the preservation. My concern is that one tenant or multiple tenants with the funds to do this—because it's not Glendale [that will pay for it]—I would like housing to not be written out."

Platt responded, "I don't think [housing] ever has been."

There have been multiple proposals for utilizing the existing buildings and for new construction, he explained. For instance, the idea of using the site as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility is "a perfect reuse in the spirit of Agnes Richards."

Community members raised concerns about these ideas. The city contemplated moving the Montrose Library to Rockhaven, both when the city first purchased the property and more recently when considering using existing buildings—but that "didn't fly in terms of how libraries work these days."

"The city is going to go on searching for a user, but we expect that someone is going to have to provide the funding that is going to help restore the site and help maintain it on an ongoing basis, whether it's educational—which would be a great use, lends itself so nicely—the commission has been through this before," Platt said concluding that there would likely be another round of RFPs or RFQs seeking proposals for developing "this extraordinary property."

"It may sound small, but the neighbors who live on Hermosa Avenue are wondering why public access is planned for their street solely, as parking is reconfigured on Honolulu Avenue and more business is encouraged in the area," observed Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkchorst.

Why was it necessary for the city to hire a museum consultant? How much of the \$8 million has been spent? Is a park any part of the city's thinking? These were some of the questions asked with several other questions remaining unanswered.

The Friends of Rockhaven have been advocating for preservation of the Rockhaven property as a public treasure

since the inception of the non-profit. Its stated mission is to "work with the City of Glendale to rehabilitate Rockhaven and open it as a public park and community center."

In a recent newsletter, the Friends of Rockhaven noted that it is "interesting that the meeting will be led by the Economic Development team and the director of Community Development should be there. I hope the director of the Community Services and Parks Dept. will be there since they are the department operating the property and it was bought in 2008 to be a park. They seem to still be trying to monetize our park."

"The Friends of Rockhaven have always hoped to have the historic building filled with programs that focus on healing. We have interest from the National Alliance for Mental Illness, the Glendale Arts Alliance, the Southern California Medical Museum, yoga teachers, a female restaurateur and all sorts of people who want to continue wellness and healing for everyone."

"We keep hearing their plans that would 'honor Agnes Richards,' but Agnes was a giver," said Linkchorst. "Her focus on healing was being found by being outside and active in award-winning gardens."

Linkchorst emphasized the importance of showing up for this meeting to demonstrate the continuing commitment of the Crescenta Valley community for the future of Rockhaven.

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# VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

## The Day The Fireworks Died

Imagine paying to see a professional July 4th fireworks show but, as darkness falls, no fireworks. That happened here in CV in 1992, and here's the story.

In 1989, the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce kicked off a yearly Fourth of July community fireworks show held on the athletic field of Crescenta Valley High School. It would be its big fundraiser of the year and fund the activities of the Chamber, plus funding several local organizations such as CV High's ROTC program, the La Crescenta Library and the local YMCA.

It went off okay for three years, but the quality of the show was declining. In 1992, a pyrotechnician from a Utah-based company approached the Chamber with an offer, so they signed a contract with him. On the 4th of July, 1992 he showed up in the morning and set up the fireworks to

go off at 9 p.m. In the afternoon, the pyrotechnician told organizers that he was exhausted and feeling a little sick, so he was going home to rest and would be back later to set off the show.

But in reality, he hit the road and went to Saugus where he had booked a second fireworks show. He got his fireworks set up there for an 11 p.m. show. He figured he could make it back to CV by 9 then return to Saugus at 11, doubling his money for a day's work. After setting up there, he gave the Saugus show organizers the same story – he was going home to rest.

However, things fell apart for the double-dealing pyrotechnician when a Saugus fire inspector refused to let him leave, citing safety concerns over leaving the fireworks unattended. The pyrotechnician was forced to call in sick to the CV

organizers telling them he had food poisoning and was too sick to set off the show.

Imagine the panic the CV show organizers must have felt at that moment! Even worse, someone had to face the crowd and tell them there would be no show that night! The crowd actually took it fairly well – no torches and pitchforks. The attendees, 5,000 strong, were offered a refund, either at the ticket booth (which soon ran out of cash) or at the chamber office later in the week. It was a disaster!

The Chamber had lost a whopping \$25,000 on the event. It was now flat broke. Fortunately, a couple of community angels stepped up and funded the Chamber with their own money, so the Chamber survived. The Chamber had to sue the pyrotechnic company to get a refund and, after a couple of years

in court, it got back a fraction of the money. The fireworks shows were able to continue only because a local resident who was a professional pyrotechnician volunteered to put on the show for the next few years.

Finally in early 2006, the Chamber regrettably, but understandably, stepped back from doing the annual fireworks show. After the announcement, two community activists, Steve Pierce and Dave Meyers, were lamenting the end of what had become a community tradition. Over pizza at Dominic's, they were trying to come up with a plan to keep the shows going.

At that same restaurant was Montrose merchant John Drayman who overheard their plans. He approached them and asked how much money was needed to kick off the effort. An estimated \$10,000, they replied. Drayman stepped

outside, called a (presumably rich) friend, and secured a short-term loan for the full amount. It looked like the 2006 fireworks show would happen after all!

A non-profit was formed – the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association – and the usual cast of community volunteers stepped forward. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich eagerly pitched in another \$5,000. The 2006 fireworks show went off without a hitch and has been going every year since, all run by volunteers.

And so, as you enjoy the 2024 fireworks show, be sure to silently thank the spirit of volunteerism that permeates our community. We live in a great town.

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

VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

## In This Together

As it is Independence Day, I would like to acknowledge the patriots who fought hard to establish this great country. We need to remember their dedication to working together for the greater good, their forethought in crafting our guiding documents and the sacrifices they made for our freedoms. For today let's put aside our differences and honor their efforts.

It's easy to get caught up in national politics when everything

around us seems out of whack. It's been quite a ride over the last four years and surely there are more bumps to come. Sometimes, I need to pull myself away from all the chaos and do something fun. Last weekend, I did just that by attending the Hometown Country Fair at Crescenta Valley Park. The CV Chamber of Commerce does a great job every year bringing the best of the community together, the old-fashioned way. There are always

competitions like the pie-eating contest, a water balloon toss and my favorite, dogs on parade. There was so much going on that I didn't have much time to check out the Early Rodders, the first responders, and all the great vendors on-site. But I did buy a few things and chit-chatted along the way.

The best part of the fair for me was to talk to the local organizations that contribute so much to our see SUSAN BOLAN on page 23

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Call to Action

The euphoria experienced when you are finally inhabiting the same space as your beloved artist is like no other. You find yourself in a special happy place! Unfortunately, you also fall victim to the economics of greedy corporations like Ticketmaster! Concert promoters partner with Ticketmaster to create demand and drive ticket prices up by manufacturing complicated presale categories and mandating presale dates and time. No one knows how many tickets are being released and sold in any given

presale dates. Fans are at its mercy. Fans first? Not so much.

Even if you happen to qualify for one of the presale categories, such as cash card holders or Spotify super fan, you could still be left without a ticket after waiting in a virtual queue for hours. It is a time honored marketing trick: By creating scarcity and chaos, whatever product you are trying to sell would become instantly more desirable. Word on the street is that tickets are selling fast! The problem is that at the end of the see LETTERS on page 23

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# YOUTH

## Day Campers Work Hard, Donate to Worthy Cause



Photos provided by Pat CHAMBERS  
LEFT: Preparing to squeeze the lemons.  
MIDDLE: Outside the Marine Mammal Center.  
RIGHT: Mixing up the homemade lemonade.

The Center for Children day camp recently worked on a project in which the kids made their own lemonade by squeezing a lot of lemons. The next day they set up a lemonade stand outside the CFC office selling cups for \$2 a piece along with a

few snacks. At the end of the day they made about \$175. The next day they went to the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro where they were given a lesson in marine animal care and ecology and got to visit the animals.

It was a free experience; however, the children donated the \$175 made from the lemonade stand to the care center. The center workers said the CFC kids were great and to come back any time.

## Youth Wanted for Explorer Academy

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorer Academy is a 15-week program where young adults learn more about the sheriff's department. The next academy will be held at STARS Center in Whittier starting Saturday, Sept. 7. The academy is held every Saturday. Once the recruit graduates, the recruit will be assigned to the CV Sheriff's Station station.

In order to participate in the academy, the recruit must:

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The Crescenta Valley Station Explorers also assist with numerous community events

such as the La Cañada Fiesta Days Parade, La Cañada Turkey Trot, National Night Out and our Haunted Jail.

Meetings are usually held every second and fourth Monday of each month excluding holidays, school commitments, family obligations, etc.

Over the years our Explorers have gone onto the Naval Academy, Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard. Several of our Explorers have graduated from the Sheriff's Academy and become Los Angeles County deputies, San Diego County deputy sheriffs, Glendale police officers, and Los Angeles police

officers.

Those who are between the ages of 14 and 19 and law enforcement interests them,

contact the Explorer Coordinator Deputy Marcelo Ruiz at (818) 236-4026.

## PET OF THE WEEK



Puff Puff and Tia say: Come visit us at Sparr Heights Assisted Living and Dementia Care community in Montrose. We are a pet friendly senior living community and these beautiful dogs come to work with me.

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# Congratulating The Finest 2024

CV Weekly held a celebration at St. Luke's of the Mountains on Thursday, June 27 to honor the winners of The Finest.

The June 27 event celebrated the return of The Finest, which was postponed for five years due to the COVID pandemic. The Finest are chosen by the tallying of ballots received in person and online by readers of Crescenta Valley Weekly. The Finest gives a voice to readers who want to

share those who excel in business and service.

The Finest magazine, which was distributed in the June 27 issue of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, introduces the community to the winners and showcases why they were voted The Finest.

This year's Finest will be on the CV Weekly website soon; previous issues are already available online at [www.cvweekly.com](http://www.cvweekly.com).



From the YMCA Kat Carona-Pilgram with CV Weekly sales diva Sonya Marquez.



From left are Dr. Scott Beeve, Dr. Greg Beeve, Dr. JD Speas and Romeo Rahman.



Sandy and Mike Kobeissi from Kobeissi Properties, voted Finest Real Estate Company.



CV Weekly sales professional Lisa Stanners, in black (left), talks to Kat Carona-Pilgram at The Finest party.



Ryan Lopez and Steve Elliott on the C shift at Station 28, voted Finest Fire Station.



CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy with office manager Rachelle Miller.



CV Weekly publisher Robin Goldsworthy, left, says hello to guests at The Finest party held at St. Luke's of the Mountains.



Kelly Sinagh from Divina Cucina, voted Finest Italian Restaurant, with publisher Robin Goldsworthy.



# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## FCSF Hails 60th Anniversary Scholarships & Service Awards Ceremony

Over 100 attendees celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Foothills Community Scholarship Foundation (FCSF) of La Cañada Flintridge at the FCSF Scholarship, Distinguished Person and Exemplary Service Awards ceremony. An event highlight was the recognition of 13 graduating high school students from six local schools who were awarded scholarships totaling \$27,500.

The 2024 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Reverend Chuck Osburn, associate pastor of the La Cañada Presbyterian Church, for his many years of dedicated service. He ignited the group with his keynote address. In addition, Sister Carolyn McCormack, O.P., president of Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, was bestowed an Exemplary Service Award for her decades-long service to youth and the community.

As a special tribute, FCSF named a one-year commemorative scholarship on behalf of Reverend Osburn and Sister McCormack that they presented to a student.



Special guest Congresswoman Judy Chu gave empowered remarks and provided resolutions to all the recipients. She thanked FCSF for its years of support in helping youth, which she noted fueled her selection to award FCSF as her Congressional Volunteers of the Year in 2023. To further celebrate the scholarship recipients, district representatives attended and provided certificates on behalf of State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember Chris Holden and from the Los Angeles County Board of

Supervisors Kathryn Barger. The student scholarship awardees from Crescenta Valley High School were Christine Chung, Erin Kim, Alexander Awni, and Hannah Ng; from Flintridge Preparatory School was Mia Moore-Walker; from Flintridge Sacred Heart was Pia Costanzo; from Hillside School & Learning Center was Ella Liu; from La Cañada High School were Joseph Whooley, Cameron Hong, Kaylee Kim and Logan Byun; and from St. Francis High School were Anthony Anderson and Kennedy Mitchell-Egbo.

In gratitude for their support in helping FCSF thrive, Commemorative Service Awards were presented to Barbara Marshall, Karen and Marshall Mathison, and Wendy Wyatt, with Phil Wyatt posthumously recognized. In addition, FCSF member Dr. Michael Leininger accepted the award on behalf of Melinda Thompson, with William Thomas Scherkey posthumously acknowledged. FCSF also named a one-year commemorative scholarship on behalf of each service award recipient, which they presented to a student.

Others present included LCUSD Board of Education Governing Board Vice President Caroline Anderson, Board Clerk Octavia Thuss (both FCSF members), and Governing Board Member Joe Radabaugh, in addition to La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Dr. Michael Leininger,



Photo courtesy of Ainslie COVINGTON  
TOP LEFT: FCSF 2024 Scholarship Recipients: Front row from left Alexander Awni, Pia Costanzo, Erin Kim, Mia Moore-Walker, Kaylee Kim, Hannah Ng. Back row from left Kennedy Mitchell-Egbo, Anthony Anderson, Ella Liu, Logan Byun and Joseph Whooley. Not pictured: Christine Chung and Cameron Hong.

Photo courtesy of Alice PEREZ  
RIGHT: FCSF President Trish McRae with 2024 Distinguished Person Award recipient Reverend Chuck Osburn, associate pastor, La Cañada Presbyterian Church; Congresswoman Judy Chu and Exemplary Service Award recipient Sister Carolyn McCormack, O.P., president of Flintridge Sacred Heart.

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ABOVE: The FCSF Board of Directors are (from left) Treasurer Brenda Gant, President Trish McRae, Vice President Alice Perez, Fundraising Director Mary Gant, Scholarship Director Linda Evans, Membership Director Caroline Anderson and Board Secretary Kaitzer Puglia.

Photo courtesy Alice PEREZ  
LEFT: FCSF President Trish McRae and FCSF Scholarship Director Linda Evans strike a pose.

and La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Pat Anderson.

“We look forward to this event all year,” said FCSF President Trish McRae. “It’s truly a labor of love as all our volunteers work to make this a special day for everyone. It is gratifying to know we can help these amazing students continue with their higher education goals.”

FCSF Scholarship Director Linda Evans added, “Whether

on or off the stage, each student gave heartfelt testimony about what the scholarship means to them and why FCSF is an important part of the community. We invite the public to help us make a difference in students’ lives as they are the future!”

To get more information about FCSF, visit [www.fcsflacanada.org](http://www.fcsflacanada.org) or email FCSF President Trish McRae at [Presidentfcsf@gmail.com](mailto:Presidentfcsf@gmail.com).



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# USC Verdugo Hills Hospital ICU Nurses are Nationally Recognized for Quality Care



The Intensive Care nurses of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital have earned a prestigious distinction: a Gold Beacon award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

The award, given to just 8% of hospitals in the state of California, is a national benchmark distinction that measures continual improvement among a team of critical care nurses.

"This is a recognition of excellence from AACN," said Raffi Boghossian, MBA, BSN, RN, PHN, clinical director of ICU, telemetry, the respiratory department and wound care services at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. "The Gold Beacon award represents outstanding care in a unit that prioritizes patients."

Patient outcomes were a

chief measurement assessed by AACN, which recognized the nurses of the USC-VHH ICU for their careful attention to patient safety, their proactive approach to resolving patient issues and the evidence-based initiatives that increased safety and quality of care for everyone admitted to the unit.

"It brings me immense joy as a leader to witness the incredible accomplishments of our nursing staff and how these achievements positively impact patient care," Boghossian said.

While the ICU nurses at USC-VHH are proud of their Gold Beacon distinction, they have no intention of slowing down. In the year to come, they'll continue to seek out new, original ways to provide their patients with the best outcomes possible.

# Glendale Elks Raise Funds to Help Disabled Youngsters

More than \$1.7 million this year has been contributed by members of Elks Lodges throughout California and Hawaii to treat children with disabilities. Exalted Ruler of Glendale Lodge 1289 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ruth McNevin said, "We are pleased and proud that members of our local Elks Lodge 1289 were so generous with their dollars and time in this

important undertaking."

Since 1950, the 94,155 members throughout California and Hawaii have turned over more than \$140,000,000 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., which administers the non-profit charitable corporation.

All of the funds are devoted solely to providing vision screening and therapy treatment to children with a broad range

of disabilities. Without the Elks-supported donations many of these children would not receive treatment.

The raising of funds to aid children with disabilities is just one of the many philanthropic and patriotic projects, which mark the Elks' contribution to our community.

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# Local Non-Profits Benefit from Foundation

The Buffalo Wild Wings Foundation is dedicated to giving back to its communities across the country. Throughout 2024, it will donate more than \$3 million to organizations that support various youth initiatives that help kids thrive, compete and belong to a team. Of the total donation amount, \$1 million is earmarked for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the remaining \$2 million will support more than 300 local youth-

serving non-profits throughout the U.S.

In Burbank, the Buffalo Wild Wings Foundation donated \$10,000 to Legacy Philanthropy Inc. and \$2,600 to The Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley, Inc.

"Strengthening our local communities through our local grants program is core to the Buffalo Wild Wings culture," said Tristan Meline, Buffalo Wild Wings CMO and Foundation

Board Chair. "We're honored to partner with our local operators to help kids in their communities play sports. We invite our guests to join us by simply purchasing a sauce bottle at their local Buffalo Wild Wings, with \$1 of every bottle being donated to support access to youth sports."

To learn more about the work the Buffalo Wild Wings Foundation is doing throughout the year, visit [foundation.buffalowildwings.com](http://foundation.buffalowildwings.com).

## Questions About Today's Real Estate?

### Ask Phyllis!

#### The Value of a Home Warranty

Dear Phyllis,  
My godson purchased his first home three months ago. As part of the purchase, he obtained a home warranty. He was doing some major remodeling before he moved in, and when the walls were opened, he discovered numerous issues with the Romex wiring. The contractor working on the home gave him an estimate to replace the wiring. He contacted the home warranty company, and it took four days for them to come out. Because he feared a fire, he already had his contractor start the work. The company won't reimburse him for any of his contractor's work. I am asking for your input on the value of a home warranty?

Jenna

Dear Jenna,  
A home warranty is a service contract that covers repairing or replacing some home systems and

appliances. Unlike homeowners' insurance, which typically covers damage from external events like natural disasters, a home warranty focuses on the mechanical components of a home. Depending on your policy, these may include heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical, and major appliances like refrigerators, ovens, and washing machines.

The homeowner can contact the provider when a covered item breaks down or malfunctions. They will arrange for a service technician to assess, repair, or replace the item. It's important to note that these policies have a lot of coverage limitations and exclusions.

As your godson learned, the home warranty company does not provide reimbursement for work that has already been completed. They have specific contracts with tradespeople and negotiate pricing

with them. These policies involve a trade-off between time and money. Dealing with the process, which includes gatekeepers and multiple steps, can be inconvenient, especially in situations requiring an immediate fix, as seen in your godson's experience.

The value of a home warranty lies in the potential for patience to pay off. They do often prove effective in dealing with repairs over time. This trade-off becomes a crucial consideration for homeowners who must balance the convenience of quick fixes against the potentially smoother resolution these policies offer when time permits.

You didn't ask but your godson should get his Realtor involved. There is a small possibility that his Realtor can intervene on his behalf. Because of his valid fear of an electrical fire, perhaps the decision will be reversed.

Phyllis

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# CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Mark "Red Thunder" Miller took along the CV Weekly when he and Dr. Bill enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend in Polebridge, Montana. CVHS class of '74.

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GLOBAL LUXURY





# Glendale Latino Association Named a 2024 California Non-profit of the Year



Photos by Ruth SOWBY

ABOVE: GLA officers and board members were busy behind the scenes at the 2024 Annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast. VIPs include (first row from left) Treasurer Miryam Finkleberg and President Anita Quinonez Gabrielian (hand on shoulder). Back row from left are former Glendale Mayor Frank Quintero and GLA President Elect Guillermo Garcia.

BELOW: GLA president elect and current secretary Guillermo Garcia holds up photos of 2023 GLA scholarship winners.

By Ruth SOWBY

The Glendale Latino Association (GLA) is one of 117 non-profits acknowledged this year by Assemblymember Laura Friedman of the 44th Assembly District.

“This honor recognizes [GLA’s] outstanding commitment to educational excellence and community improvement for Latinos in Glendale and beyond,” said Friedman.

Founded in 1990, GLA’s mission is dedicated to “promoting educational excellence, civic engagement and activities that enrich the lives of Latinos in the community.”

“Annual scholarships support Latino students who excel academically and demonstrate extraordinary citizenship,” said GLA President Anita Quinonez Gabrielian.

Fulfilling its mission, GLA held its annual scholarship breakfast on June 20. Early birds arrived at Glendale’s Glen Arden Club before 8 a.m. Minutes later, a scrambled egg breakfast with all the trimmings was served. The program moved quickly after that.

In total, 23 students from CVHS, Hoover High School, St. Monica Academy and Glendale Community College received \$30,000 in funds. That’s the largest amount of scholarship money ever awarded by GLA. CVHS had 16 scholarship

winners, the largest number of scholarship recipients. Another “largest” was the attendance – 160 supporters were in attendance, representing the highest number of attendees at any of the annual breakfasts.

CVHS deserved another shout-out since one of the

keynote speakers, Sarah Benitez, is an alumna of CVHS and a past recipient of a GLA scholarship. Proud mother, Christine Benitez, is the principal of CVHS.

Proceeds will benefit the GLA Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded every year.

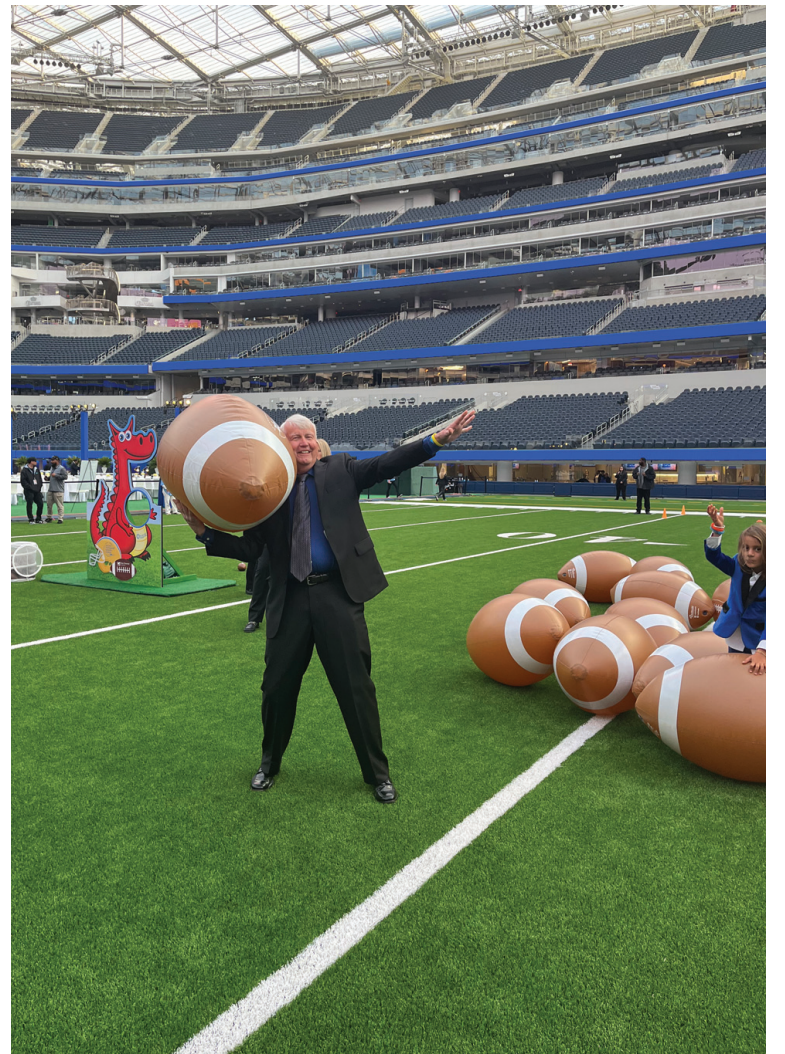


# Big Donation for Orthopedic Institute



Photos provided by Danette ERICKSON

Among those who attended the gala were Matt Bogen, Nicole Bogen, Danette Erickson, Kerry Erickson, Hartwell Long, Jeanne Long, Chris Wright Roper, Ginney Pruitt, Marie Baker, Rita LaFace, Alan LaFace, DeeDee Nuanes, John Nuanes, James Nuanes, Caryl Pettit and Alicia Thompson.



Kerry Erickson tries his hand at football.



Danette Erickson had fun on the 50 yard line at Sofi Stadium.

The La Cañada Flintridge Orthopedic Guild attended the recent Luskin Orthopedic Institute for Children gala at Sofi Stadium. Mario Lopez hosted the Stand for Kids event with nearly a thousand people in attendance. It was a celebration of the young patients and a chance to honor the LA Chargers

for its contribution for orthopedic care to all children regardless of their ability to pay. The \$500 per person gala included a tour of Sofi Stadium.

After 113 years of OIC, the big announcement was from the UCLA class of 1949 and 1953 when the Luskin couple donated \$50 million on the 50-yard line!

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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Family Fun at Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa



By Greg ARAGON

Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa ([www.lakearrowheadresort.com](http://www.lakearrowheadresort.com)) has everything the family and I need for a memorable getaway. The place has a great lakefront location, a gourmet restaurant onsite, a game room for the kids, pool and Jacuzzi, spa and fitness center, a bar and coffee house, its own private beach and much more. All we had to do on a recent visit to the resort was park the car, check into a comfortable room and let the fun begin.

Located at 5,174 feet above sea level in the San Bernardino Mountains, the 173-room Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa sits on the edge of one of California's most beautiful bodies of water. The property resembles a modern alpine chalet and exudes an historic lake atmosphere.

Our deluxe room at the resort was perfect for the family. We had two queen beds, an office desk with complimentary Wi-Fi, a large screen TV, big bathroom with a tub and shower, mini-fridge and microwave, and lots of storage space for our clothes and supplies.

The best thing about our room was the balcony overlooking the lake and private beach. From here we could see birds playing in the tall pine trees, boats bobbing in the water and beautiful lakefront mansions lining the rocky shores.

When not in our room, we were exploring the rest of the resort. One of our favorite spots was the grand lobby, which features timber walls, Native Serrano Indian art and a large stone fireplace, crackling amidst cozy leather chairs

and sofas.

The lobby is a great place for families because every night it offers special programs for kids. During our visit, a real-life "elf," dressed in green clothes and long striped socks, read books, told stories and played games with the little ones. My kids loved it! Besides elves and other characters reading books, the resort also shows kid-friendly movies nightly at 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

Another fun spot is the resort's private beach where guests can relax on deck chairs, play in the water, barbecue on the sand and admire the lake. In winter guests can also frolic in the snow.

A five-minute walk from the resort is Lake Arrowhead Village, a charming little shopping area with numerous unique shops, a McDonalds and a Stater Bros. grocery store. A walking path surrounding the village lets you get close to the lake to see fish and feed ducks. I recommend bringing a piece of bread or a cracker for the ducks because there are lots of them and they are always hungry.

While strolling around the village, we got a good view of how big and beautiful the lake is. Located in the San Bernardino Mountains on Little Bear Creek, Lake Arrowhead is an artificial lake with a surface area of approximately 780 acres, a shoreline covering 14 miles and a maximum depth of about 185 feet. It is surrounded by the unincorporated community of Lake Arrowhead in San Bernardino County. The lake was formed by the construction of Lake Arrowhead Dam in 1922 by the Arrowhead Lake Company as part

of a plan to develop the area into a resort. The private lake is operated by the Arrowhead Lake Association, which maintains the lake for the recreational use of its members.

After touring the village we walked back to the resort for lunch at BIN189, the hotel's award-winning gourmet restaurant, which serves creative "upscale mountain cuisine" accented with Mediterranean flavors. Led by Chef Krista Stone, the menus showcase locally sourced ingredients and expertly crafted dishes.

For lunch we enjoyed blackened shrimp tacos with avocado, garlic aioli, marinated onions and jalapeños on corn tortillas. We also experienced fish and chips with pale ale battered halibut, fries and lemon garlic tartar sauce; and a Bin 189 Burger with bacon jam, tomato aioli and Wisconsin cheddar on a brioche bun.

After lunch we relaxed in the resort's outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, which both overlook the lake. We then discovered the game room where we played Ping Pong, air hockey and foosball.

For dinner we were back at BIN189 for a delicious meal highlighted by boneless, braised short ribs with mashed potatoes; mushroom ravioli with fried basil; and seared miso salmon miso with honey

garlic glaze, jasmine rice and asparagus.

We concluded the day in the lobby with a live show called "Fun with Forest Friends" that was led by a friendly elf, who read books and played games with all of the kids staying at the resort.

Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa is located at 27984 Highway 189, Lake Arrowhead, 92352. For more info, current specials and reservations call (909) 336-1511 or visit [www.lakearrowheadresort.com](http://www.lakearrowheadresort.com).

Photos by Greg ARAGON

LEFT: Lake Arrowhead Village is a great place to shop and feed ducks.

MIDDLE: Lake Arrowhead Resort is a family-fun adventure waiting to happen.

RIGHT: The resort hosts story-telling events for kids.

BELOW: BIN189 offers delicious food for the whole family.



### THEN & NOW



**THEN »** The ornamental streetlights in Montrose were installed for the first time in the late '20s, even before Honolulu Avenue had been completely paved. By the 1950s, those original lights were out of style. Here we see a work crew installing a more modern cement pole replacement on the north side of Honolulu, at Ocean View Boulevard, in front of what was Faye's. Stores in the background are (from left) Kirby Shoes, Mode O' Day, Snowbird Ice Cream (an early incarnation of Baskin-Robbins), JC Penney, The Duchess, Hick'ry Holler Café, and Whelan Drugs. The cement poles were replaced again when the winding, landscaped shopping park we know now was built in the late '60s.

### Montrose Streetlight Installation Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**NOW »** If you keep something long enough, it'll come back in style! The original poles returned, recreated exactly like the old design from the '20s. Here's that same section of Honolulu at Ocean View with the new "old" poles in the process of installation a few years ago. Honolulu is fully lit at night now with a warm glow from vintage streetlights.



# ALFie Players to Perform Disney's 'Finding Nemo, KIDS'

The Assistance League® of Flintridge (ALF) drama program invites young actors in grades three to six to participate in an ALFie Players production of Disney's "Finding Nemo, KIDS."

This fall program promises to entertain and inspire both the cast and audience with its heart-warming story about finding family, adventure and friendship – all while set in the open sea.

Disney's original "Finding Nemo" centers on the relationship between the overprotective clownfish Marlin, and his son Nemo, who dreams of a life of his own beyond the Great Barrier Reef. When Nemo is captured after swimming too close to the surface of the ocean to prove himself, Marlin must set out to find him. Along the way, he encounters a variety of unexpected characters from Dory the blue reef fish to dangerous sharks and goofy sea turtles.

ALF offers this eight-week, after-school drama workshop to students in La Cañada Flintridge and surrounding communities. ALF drama welcomes both beginners and experienced performers to take part in this exciting opportunity. Actors will learn about dramatic storytelling, improvisation and teambuilding. Rehearsals will



A performance of "Frozen" by ALF performers.

culminate in a public performance at Lanterman Auditorium where all are encouraged to attend.

Katelyn Fike will direct this fun venture, leading the young company in song and choreography as well as acting and stage techniques. Fike's many credits include previous ALF productions of "Willy Wonka KIDS," Disney's "The Lion King KIDS," and an adaptation of Disney's "Frozen." Tristan Waldron and Nancy Abbott also return as assistant director and

musical director to round out this dedicated and talented team.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 20 followed by the final performance on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in Lanterman Auditorium. Students will meet at ALF and Lanterman Auditorium on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and Monday through Friday during the week of the performance.

Online registration opens Monday, July 15 at noon. The program fee of \$325 includes production materials, a T-shirt,

and a cast photo. To register programs@alfintridge.org or call or for more information, (818) 790-2211. visit ALFIntridge.org, email

## Comic Tiffany Haddish Tells All at the Ice House

By Ruth SOWBY

"Breakfast With Tiffany" was served Sunday at the Ice House in Pasadena. Each seat (140) in its Legendary Room was filled with fans of Tiffany Haddish who couldn't resist buying a \$40 ticket for breakfast, watch Haddish riff on stage, get her just-released book (for free), have her sign it and ask her any question.

Haddish is the first Black comedian to host "Saturday Night Live" and Shark Week. She was the star of the comedy "Girls Trip" and released a hit stand-up special with Netflix. But before those successes was a childhood spent in the foster care system and a father who was out of her life for two decades.

An author of two previous books, Haddish's new book, I Curse You With Joy, was the free book given out at the Ice House event. It's a book of personal essays that delves into the highs and lows of her life.

Haddish donates money to charities involving children. Her mission is to allow children to live in a nurturing environment that she never had. Through her She Ready Foundation, Haddish donates luggage to foster youth and assists them with housing, internships and life skills.

At the Ice House, Haddish shared with her fans, "Every morning I look in the mirror, and I say 'I love you, I approve of you.'"



ABOVE: CV Weekly writer-photographer Ruth Sowby (left) on stage with comic Tiffany Haddish at the Ice House in Pasadena.

BELOW: Comic Tiffany Haddish is a hit on stage with a sell-out crowd at the Ice House in Pasadena for "Breakfast with Tiffany" on Sunday.



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# Scene in L.A. July 2024

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Summer is here and it's getting hot so why not slip into the comfort of one of our local live theaters where you can cool off for a while? It's time to treat yourself to the magic of live theater by going to see a show!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's

a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater to confirm it before making definite plans. Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month or are already running:

*"Ink & Paint: A New Musical"*

Inspired by real events, "Ink & Paint" follows five women artists at Walt Disney Studios in the 1930s and beyond whose ranks included first- and second-generation immigrants, a single mother and architect, a record-breaking pilot, a concept artist and Disney's first credited woman animator. They tell the true story of the company's first all-women story unit in a madcap mashup of mid-century American history, the golden age of hand-drawn animation, and the wild, wisecracking women who fought tooth, nail and paintbrush for their place in it.

Written by Danielle Moore, with music by Danielle Moore, it runs July 5 through July 6 at the Santa Monica Playhouse in Santa Monica. For tickets, visit [www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/ink-and-paint](http://www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/ink-and-paint).



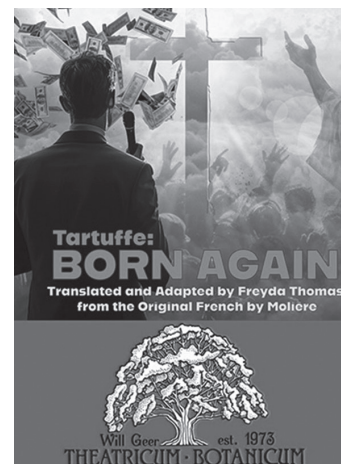
and Part 2: Bauhaus Dessau and Bauhaus Berlin). It looks at the rise of fascism and anti-Semitism in pre-war Germany and its effect on art, as well as at the artists who resisted, or – in some cases – contributed. A group of struggling Southern California art students creates a dramatic presentation on the history of the famous Bauhaus School.

Written by Tom Jacobson and directed by Martha Demson, it runs July 12 through Aug. 18 at the Open Fist Theatre Company at Atwater Village Theatre in Atwater Village. For tickets, visit [www.openfist.org](http://www.openfist.org).



*"The Pitch"* Tom Allen is a widower raising his 15-year-old daughter as a single dad. Desperate for money, he grabs a job in a boiler-room set-up, selling machine parts over the phone. He soon discovers that his job requires him to make ethical compromises, occasionally misrepresenting the products he sells. He finds himself in competition with his co-workers. His tension builds as he discerns that his boss may be under investigation by the authorities, endangering the job that Tom needs so much. Life at home is getting complicated as well as Tom becomes aware that boys notice that his daughter Michelle is becoming a woman. He faces disappointment as he discovers that his dreams for Michelle's future do not match the aspirations that Michelle has for herself. How many compromises can Tom make if he wishes to remain a moral man and a good dad?

Written by Tom Alper and directed by Louie Liberti, it runs July 12 through Aug. 4 at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 or visit [www.odysseytheatre.com](http://www.odysseytheatre.com).



*"Tartuffe: Born Again"* Translator and adaptor Freyda Thomas puts a contemporary spin on the original French play recasting Molière's Tartuffe as a deposed televangelist who takes advantage of his naive and gullible host to rook him and his family of their money. Molière's legendary comedic characters are wonderfully at home in this

present-day version, which is set in a religious television studio in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and written wholly in delightful modern verse.

Written by Molière, adapted by Freyda Thomas, and directed by Melora Marshall, it runs July 13 through Oct. 13 at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga. For tickets, call (310) 455-3723 or visit [www.theatricum.com](http://www.theatricum.com).

*"Here Comes the Night"* When Olivia, a musician's wife and climate science advocate, invites Maggie, an old friend turned social media influencer, to spend the weekend while she has an at-home medical abortion, she doesn't realize that Maggie is about to throw Olivia off course. And actually, these women of different generations are about to alter each other's lives in ways they hadn't expected or imagined. What happens when a woman's right to choose becomes a litmus test for all of her life choices?

Written by Lisa Kenner Grissom and directed by Hailey McAfee, it runs July 16 through July 20 at the Zephyr Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, visit [www.bit.ly/HCTN\\_SheLa](http://www.bit.ly/HCTN_SheLa).



*"Fools"* is the comic tale of Leon, an enthusiastic young schoolteacher who seeks to cure the Ukrainian village of Kulyenchikov from the curse of chronic stupidity from which they have been suffering for 200 years. Hired to educate Sophia Zubritsky, the daughter of the town doctor, Leon falls in love with her at first sight, even though she just recently learned to sit down. Dr. Zubritsky is hopeful that this teacher will be the one to break the curse since the vendor sells fish instead of flowers, the shepherd is always losing his/her sheep and the postman keeps all the mail while the townspeople sweep dust from their stoops back into their houses and milk their cows upside-down to get more cream.

Written by Neil Simon and directed by Jeremy Palmer, it runs July 19 through Aug. 10 at the Westchester Playhouse in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 645-5156 or visit [www.kentwoodplayers.org](http://www.kentwoodplayers.org).

*"Irish Goodbye"* In a small New Jersey pub, across the train tracks from the back of Saint Gertrude's Catholic cemetery, a disgraced cop and ex-beauty queen take shelter from a frigid storm, forming an unlikely bond one lonely Christmas Eve. It will be a Christmas Eve that neither will ever forget.

Written and directed by Tom Dugan, it runs July 19 through Aug. 4 at Dugan's Backyard Playhouse in Woodland Hills. For tickets, email [dbtickets@gmail.com](mailto:dbtickets@gmail.com).

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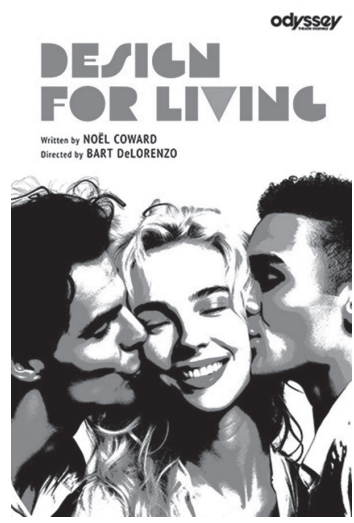
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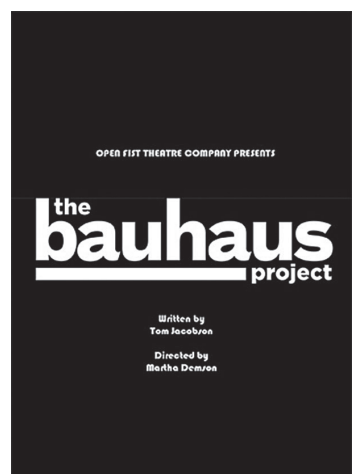
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*"Design for Living"* is a witty and charming romantic comedy by Noël Coward that was banned in 1930s London for its risqué content and bawdy themes. Otto loves Gilda. But ... so does Leo. Gilda loves Otto ... but she also loves Leo. And what's going on between Otto and Leo? Filled with Coward's scintillating dialogue, "Design for Living" is an emotional, dramatic, hilarious and scandalous love triangle. Or as the threesome's longtime friend Ernest Friedman calls it, "A three-sided, erotic hotch-potch." It's a revolving door of passion, treachery and never-ending champagne. Can love prevail against the norms of society?

Written by Noël Coward and directed by Bart DeLorenzo, it runs July 6 through Aug. 25 at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 477-2055 Ext. 2 or visit [www.OdysseyTheatre.com](http://www.OdysseyTheatre.com).



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**Q**uestion: Our 10-year-old son Tim left his bike in the front yard when he came in to have lunch. Just when he was going back outside, the little boy Jason from next door was riding the bike back to our house. He had taken it without permission.

Jason's dad left him and his mom when Jason was only 18 months old. We get along great with his mom Joan. We think Joan should know that Jason took the bike without permission and we will tell her. However, when this all came about we thought it'd be a good idea to get Jason a bike. And then it became somewhat complicated. Tim said why should he have a new bike? You can give him mine and get me a new one. What do you think we should do?

of sight. Fifteen years later, she remembers how she felt: grateful for what she had (more toys than she needed) and happy to share with others. It goes against all of our instincts to have our children feel disappointment or envy when someone gets a new bike or toy. But that emotion can also be turned toward thankfulness and contentment.

Perhaps your son can help choose the bike to be given as a gift? Maybe help him consider how a neighbor with a bike means more adventures for them both? And, as parents, you can take note of what your son chooses – there's always a birthday or holiday to surprise him.

In the meantime, consider the gift you are giving your son – consideration of others, generosity that goes above and beyond and a small act of self-denial. These are practices that take practice and as children the lessons learned can become a lifelong memory.

permission at any other time? Is it usual for him to ride your son's bike even with permission? Or is this the first time he has taken and ridden it?

If he has never ridden it, then it is concerning that he would just take it because it was available in the front yard. Jason should be made to understand what is and is not allowed in the situation.

But if I go by the general direction of your description, I surmise that you have a pleasant neighborly relationship with "Joan." Also that the boys have played together many times before. If that is true, it would be a good first step to talk with her and give her a summary of events.

After you bring her up-to-speed on what has happened, tell her that "Tim" suggested to give his old bike to Jason. This is assuming that it would be okay with her to accept your gift. Then buy your own son a more grown-up bike as he must have aged some since he got the one you will give away. Then they can ride together!

Be sure to speak to Joan first in any case. Tell your son to store his new bike more carefully as the next time it may be actually stolen.

**Undecided**

Dear Undecided,  
 When my oldest daughter was 5, I began leading a Christmas toy drive for children in need. Each year during the first week of December we would take her to the toy store to choose a toy that she really wanted – and then have her place it in our donation bin. She would stand on her tiptoes as a Barbie convertible or plush Disney princess doll fell out

Rev. Kyle Sears  
 La Cañada Congregational Church

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## NOTES & NODS

**Lutheran Church to Host Events**  
 Lutheran Church of the Foothills is calling for all hands on deck for a workday on July 13. Volunteers will converge on 1949 Tondolea Lane in La Cañada from 6 a.m. to noon to prepare the parsonage. Tasks for all ages and abilities; treats and drinks provided!

On Wednesday night, July 10 take part in Summer Fellowship – Walk at the Rose Bowl. Meet at the Brookside Golf Club, 1133 Rosemont Ave. in Pasadena, at 6 p.m. Participants are invited to walk, run, jog, bike or even skate the 3.12-mile loop.

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is also taking sign-ups for Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium. Join the church community for an exciting evening of baseball on Friday, Sept. 6 at 7:10 p.m. The LA Dodgers will be facing off against the Cleveland Guardians, followed by a spectacular drone show with fireworks. Tickets for Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium are \$35.

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

serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcfoothills.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.

**'SCUBA,' a Vacation Bible School at La Crescenta Presbyterian**  
 Kids from age 3 to incoming seventh graders are invited to a weeklong deep-sea adventure at "SCUBA," a Vacation Bible School at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church taking place Monday through Friday, July 15-19, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Kids will dance, sing, craft, explore, play and more as they learn to thank God for his loving kindness. The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$60 for one child; \$100 for two children; \$140 for three or more children. T-shirts are included. Register at LCPC.net/VBS

"SCUBA" will take place at the La Crescenta Presbyterian campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, contact

Jesiah@lcpc.net or call (818) 249-6137. To register, visit lcpc.net/vbs.

**Vacation Bible School at Mt. Olive**  
 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, will be hosting its 2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS) for K-sixth grade children over the week of Aug. 5-9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. It will be packed full of fun, spiritual growth and memories. Joyful music, worship and games will introduce the "Moving Mountains" theme centered on Psalm 121. Age-based Bible studies will help VBS participants grow in their understanding of God and community. Lessons learned and friends made will reach way beyond this one week of day camp at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church!

The cost is \$20 for the entire week for one child, or \$15 each for two or more children. Call (818) 248-4253 or email office@molc.org to register by Aug. 2.

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### GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This Friday, July 5, the Club will be dark in honor of Independence Day.

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.

### CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting Youth + Teens Summer Camps. During week five (July 8-12) Coach Andy Flag Football Blitz for ages 7-12, Kids Ceramics for ages 5-8, Preteen Ceramics for ages 9-12, Hands on Science, Coding & Games for ages 6-10, Dungeons and Dragons for ages 8-17, Spark Lacrosse for ages 6-12, and Professor Egghead: Mega Machines for ages 5-10.

Ten weeks of summer camp is available for registration.

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

### AMERICANA 2024 AT LA CRES PRES

Americana 2024, a free concert of patriotic and Americana music, features the Foothill Brass Septet directed by Noel Collins, will take place today, Thursday, July 4 at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. The show features music by Bagley, Rossini, Anderson, Dvorak, Denver and more.

The CVHS fireworks show will be viewable following the concert so attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for comfort.

### 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.

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A Reiki 1 class is offered on Saturday, July 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in La Crescenta. The class is being facilitated by Heather Parker. Text (678) 568-9009 for more information. www.skeh.org

### FRITZ COLEMAN RETURNS TO SOLO COMEDY

Legendary comic Fritz Coleman is performing a series of shows at the El Portal Theatre from his latest solo comedy show "Unassisted Living," now airing on Tubi.

Coleman will be at the El Portal Theater, 5269 Lankershim Blvd. in North Hollywood, on July 21 and Aug. 18. Tickets are \$35 and \$45.

<https://www.elportaltheatre.com/fritzcoleman.html>

### 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.

See CALENDAR THIS on the next page

### ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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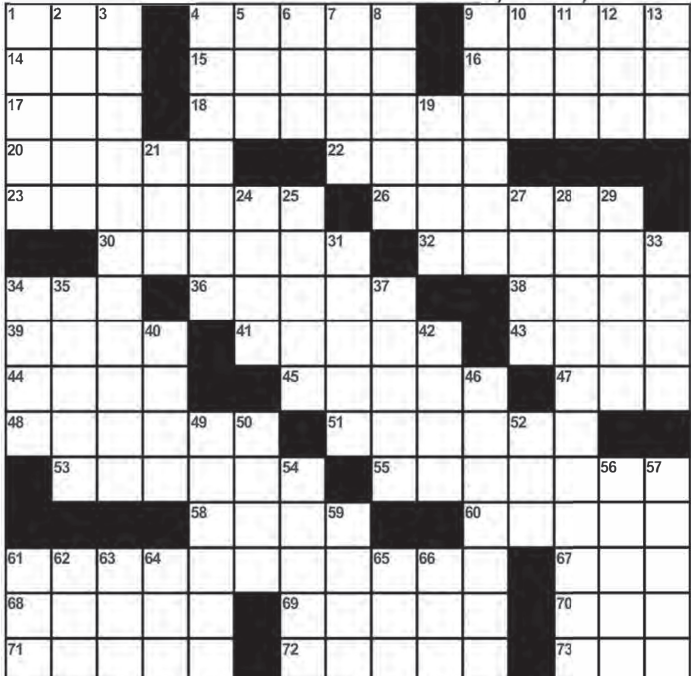
### ACROSS

- 1) Bird known for thievery, briefly
- 4) Soft-palate attachment
- 9) Not appropriate or suitable
- 14) Roth plan
- 15) Banking expert?
- 16) Workplace for some clowns
- 17) Nothing at all
- 18) Preparing for Thanksgiving dinner?
- 20) Like an improperly hung picture
- 22) Gin-flavoring fruit
- 23) Female inheritor
- 26) Professor's job security
- 30) Nervous \_\_\_ (worrisome person)
- 32) Plays a guitar
- 34) Clothing attachment
- 36) Yoga position
- 38) Agitation
- 39) Bonneville Flats locale
- 41) Wearing a hidden microphone
- 43) Poker payment
- 44) Investment firm T. \_\_\_ Price
- 45) Spectacular stars
- 47) "Vandal" suffix
- 48) Damaged
- 51) River through Wales and England
- 53) Bobcats' relatives
- 55) Backs out
- 58) Bit of this and a bit of that
- 60) Campaign manager?
- 61) Declining to draw
- 67) Become mature
- 68) Middle Eastern rice dish (Var.)
- 69) Wear away
- 70) Ball prop
- 71) Barks sharply
- 72) Uses an acetylene torch
- 73) Botch something up

### DOWN

- 1) Washington the blues legend
- 2) Questions do it
- 3) Rudely implying "forget it"
- 4) Abrupt increase
- 5) Seven on a grandfather clock
- 6) Consultants' center?
- 7) A great deal
- 8) See 20-Across
- 9) Like some requests
- 10) Silent assent
- 11) Hue and cry
- 12) Sermon seating
- 13) Tare factor
- 19) "Nay" and "uh-uh"
- 21) Before, poetically
- 24) Like a snail's pace
- 25) Play a set with the band
- 27) \_\_\_ Major ("Big Bear" constellation)
- 28) Biden, to Obama
- 29) Gives off
- 31) Common Market money
- 33) Part of a plant
- 34) Artificial grass
- 35) Coral island
- 37) Dissolve, as ties
- 40) Felled, as a small tree
- 42) Mr. Letterman
- 46) Government upper houses
- 49) Book of Moses
- 50) Place for cold cuts
- 52) U.S. flag color
- 54) Muscular "swine" anagram
- 56) Like beavers, it's said
- 57) Look with a curled lip
- 59) Grimm villain
- 61) Undercover infiltrator
- 62) Bit of men's formalwear
- 63) What a monopolist wants
- 64) Brief lie-down
- 65) D.C. dealmaker
- 66) Do simple math

### MOVING RIGHT ALONG By Timothy E. Parker



see ANSWERS on page 5

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 1, 2024 - July 7, 2024

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

It would help to take extra care this week while out and about. You're more likely to take a risk this week. If you're going to be doing anything like parachute jumping or any other dangerous sport, check your equipment and listen to your intuition. If you feel angry, don't drive. Wait until you've calmed down. Be good to yourself.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You may be tempted to indulge in all those things that aren't really good for you. The stars' dominant powers make it hard to resist, especially if you've been feeling the need for comfort foods lately. Be careful that you don't fall prey to minor accidents, especially on Friday when you may be feeling quite reckless. Whatever you're doing, take your time.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Don't let the pressure and stress of daily life get to you. You may be very busy at work, where problems are causing you to feel more tense than usual. Add to this some powerful influences that could cause you to take unnecessary risks and you can see why it's better to remain calm and not do anything potentially dangerous if you're in a hurry or feeling emotional.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Become your own authority concerning the level of fitness it's possible for you to reach. Don't think too much. Instead, leap on the bandwagon and get moving. This is the perfect time to jettison old patterns of thought that tell you that you can't and adopt new ways of being that are encouraging you to see that you can. You can be more fit than you previously dared think.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You're in a daredevil mood and ready for anything. Due to the power of the newest planetary transits, you may find that certain emotions rise to the surface and encourage you to take action and more risks than usual. Don't do anything dangerous, especially if you're angry or overreacting to events. Be especially careful on Friday. You may suffer a minor accident if you aren't careful.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It's time to think about taking supplements on a more regular basis. It's especially important this week as you may be prone to picking up colds or other infections. Try zinc, vitamin C, or Echinacea to keep problems at bay. You tend to have a very hit-and-miss approach to staying well. This time, determine to develop regular health habits so that you can reap the rewards further down the line.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

If you feel out of sorts and are wondering why, try taking a break and doing something different. You may be prone to infections or to the moods and illnesses of others. Yes, it's a fact. A big dollop of star power can give you someone else's headache, since you're more open to other people's vibes. This overwhelming sensitivity should pass in a day or so, so just bear with it.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

There seems to be a lot happening in your health zone, which is great because it means progress is now possible. The stars are helping you clear out blockages and toxins that are keeping your energies from flowing as harmoniously as they might. If you're just starting an exercise plan, begin slowly and give your body a chance to adjust. This way you won't end up damaging muscles.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're still in the process of changing your beliefs about your health and about how fit it's possible to be. Sometimes the watery nature of your being may put out the fire inside you and cause you to feel unenthusiastic about exercise and health issues. This is the time to balance both elements and allow the fire in you to revitalize your desire to exercise and reach a state of good health.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Be extra careful if doing any DIY projects at home. You may be tempted to take a risk and could suffer a slight accident as a result. If you're working on plumbing or wiring, make sure you know what you're doing. If not, it may be best to call in the experts. Apart from this, your health looks pretty good. Keep up the good work.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

The only problem you seem to be facing at this time is a possibility of mental strain. Your thinking processes are especially intense right now. This makes it even more important for you to relax on a regular basis. Make time each day to walk in nature or exercise in any way that suits you best. Any of these measures will help you settle down and give your brain a rest.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This is the perfect time for changing your life. Think about starting with your health and well-being, as this is a major resource. Without your health, you can accomplish nothing. So if you don't already have a diet or exercise routine, start one now. Make it fun and interesting so you'll stick to it. Once you get into the swing of it, you'll find it worthwhile!



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

# Citibank credit card dispute problem: Did they just short me \$550?

Steven Tabet cancels his timeshare but doesn't receive a full refund as promised. Why won't Citibank help him? And is there any way to appeal Citibank's decision?

**Q**uestion: I purchased a timeshare while I was on vacation in Mexico. I stayed at the resort for two extra days and received a spa package with the understanding that I would be charged for the value of those items if we rescinded the purchase agreement. I signed the "Membership Activation Letter" that listed the incentives and the associated value.

When I returned home, I decided to cancel the agreement. The resort sent a rescission letter indicating charges of \$1,325 for the two nights in a hotel and a spa treatment I received. However, I had only agreed to pay the amount noted on the Membership Activation Letter, which came to \$775.

I disputed the entire \$1,325 bill on my Citibank credit card, but Citibank

sided with the timeshare company.

I have escalated this case to an account supervisor and manager at Citibank. On my last call, the account manager told me the dispute team had researched the case and that there was nothing more they could do. I was responsible for the \$1,325 and my only other recourse was to send a letter to the office of the president of Citibank. Can you help me get a refund from Citibank?

—Steven Tabet, Lithia, Florida

**A**nswer: You're a smart man to back out of the timeshare. I get more complaints about timeshares than I have time to advocate for, which has turned me into a timeshare skeptic.

You know what I love about your case? You have everything in writing, including the timeshare's promise

not to charge you for the hotel room if you changed your mind about buying the timeshare. It's unclear why Citibank's dispute department would not credit you.

I have a detailed guide on how to file a credit card dispute on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. I also list the names, numbers and email addresses of the Citibank executives in charge of customer service.

Your case is a cautionary tale about promises made in the heat of the moment. Your timeshare company really wanted to make a sale and it offered you something it wasn't prepared to give you.

You escalated this by the book — in writing and up the ladder at Citibank. I'm impressed. But I'm not so impressed by the way the bank

kept turning you down.

The last manager was correct, though. You could have appealed this to Citibank's office of the president. I'm not sure it would have made much of a difference. Credit card disputes are highly automated and rely on artificial intelligence, so you probably would have just gotten another form rejection written by an AI.

If I can find fault with anything you did, it was that some of your interactions with the bank were by phone. Those can be helpful for getting a question answered, but you really need something in writing when you're dealing with a credit card dispute.

I contacted Citibank on your behalf. A representative reached out to you by phone.

"I spent about 30 minutes

discussing the situation with her," you said. "Eventually, we got to the point where she acknowledged that their dispute investigation team had made a mistake."

Citibank agreed to credit you for \$550 over two billing periods, which it did.

"I fought this battle for about six months, and you were able to get through the logjam in just a couple of days," you said.

*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/. © 2024 Christopher Elliott*

CALENDAR THIS from previous page

On July 13: "Crime Wave" (1954) and on Aug. 3: "Bye Bye Birdie" (1963).

Glendale's Community Services and Parks will again provide its 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.

### BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY MEETING

Will be The next meeting of the Burbank African Violet Society is on Thursday morning, July 18 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The learning lab will be member participation when members bring a sample of the fertilizer they use for watering their African violets and cousins. This will include a short description and discussion.

Vice President John Hershey will also provide a program — "Survey Results From the Questionnaire" — in planning future learning labs and programs.

The meetings include show 'n' tell, raffle and silent tables, questions and answers; plants and supplies are available for sale. Refreshments are served and friendships are made. Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings.

For more information, telephone (661) 305-0205 or

reference the website: www.burbankafreicanviolets.weebly.com.

### GOLF CLASSIC PLANNED

The 33rd Annual Golf Classic is planned for Sept. 16 at Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale, to raise funds for USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH). The classic will begin at 9 a.m. The proceeds of this year's golf classic, Around the World in 18 Holes, will be used to support the construction of a new IR/Cath

Lab for diagnosis and treatment of cardiac conditions.

This year's tournament is in loving memory of long-time foundation board member John Taylor.

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SUSAN BOLAN from page 9  
community – many of which I have worked alongside. I was happy to see the folks from the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley who love to share their old photos or tell stories from days gone by.

The CV Town Council was there, representing the unincorporated LA County portion of La Crescenta. They will be hosting a town hall meeting on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. The meeting will focus on the changing landscape of the CV as a result of new zoning laws and recently proposed health facilities in residential neighborhoods.

The Friends of Rockhaven also had a booth and was pleased to share the history of Rockhaven, the last existing sanitarium in the CV. Established in 1923 by Agnes Richards, a female entrepreneur, Rockhaven found success in treating residents with mental health issues in a home-like setting. In 2008, the City of Glendale purchased the property after Rockhaven's closure and planned to reopen the facility as a community park and museum space to tell the story of the ladies who lived there. To date, the property still hasn't been rehabilitated and the community is increasingly fearful that it will be lost to demolition by neglect, especially following severe rainstorms. In 2021, Senator Anthony Portantino was able to secure state grant funds to begin the process of protecting the historic buildings and to open the museum. Three years later, the Friends of Rockhaven is still waiting for these projects to move forward. On July 10 at 6 p.m., the City of Glendale will host a community meeting at the Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave., regarding Rockhaven. New plans will be presented for the museum and landscaping concepts but may also include affordable housing on-site, an element not generally welcomed by the community but certainly embraced by Glendale staff, commissions and council. I will have a lot of questions about the housing, the funds spent to date and the ever-expanding timeline to 2026.

In addition to the Fair activities, I was proud to staff the booth of the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA that, this year, brought together a coalition of people to create CV Cares. In short order, CV Cares has been able to participate in school assemblies and get involved with the "WellNEST" center at CV High School, and also create a new ambassador program and speaker series. At the Fair, representatives demonstrated how to use Narcan® for opioid overdose and collected surveys on drug use in the foothill communities. I joined the parent sector of the coalition as someone directly affected by drug and alcohol misuse. CV Cares has resources to help those who are struggling. Feel free to reach out to me for more information.

Susan Bolan

LETTERS from page 9  
day we do not know how many tickets are still available for the general public. Case in point: On the day when the general public was allowed to purchase tickets for Sabrina Carpenter's November concert, the only tickets left were "verified resale tickets." Fans were left with pricey tickets. All the original tickets were purchased during the presale dates, and a good [number] of the tickets were purchased with the intention of reselling them!

To top this off, how is it not illegal for an entity like Ticketmaster to act as an intermediary for both selling and reselling the same concert tickets? We love our artists. We want to see them performed in person. We want to be in that happy place ... but at what price? "Verified resale tickets" are at least doubled if not tripled the original price. By the way, if you could stomach the cost of the overpriced tickets, you are slapped with an additional hefty processing fee of \$70 per ticket at checkout!

So fans: are you outraged? Make some noise today and show your support for the Justice Department's suit against Live Nation-Ticketmaster for monopolizing markets across the live concert industry!

Amy Ho  
La Crescenta

GCC from Cover  
Flynn retired from the city in 2021 following a 22-year career. Jason Bradford has been serving as both finance and IT director since then. The city is now in the process of hiring a new finance director; Flynn will fill in until a permanent director is hired.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Council unanimously approved a resolution recognizing June as PRIDE (Personal Rights in Defense and Education) month.

"Thanks for showing up," Councilmember Dan Brotman addressed those in attendance for the proclamation. "It's a beautiful crowd. We've stood up to the haters in our community. The more hatred that got thrown at the community, the higher we have to fly the PRIDE flag. With this we celebrate a community that had to hide in fear of losing their jobs, losing their homes, being imprisoned, being killed – for many, many years until a group of people at Stonewall said, 'Enough is enough.' At PRIDE events starting in 1970, the LGBTQ+ community said, 'We're here, whether you like it or not, and we deserve to be treated as equal human beings.'"

"The Commission on the Status of Women stands in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community and groups doing the important work of raising consciousness and creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ people in our city," said chair

Diane Lambillotte, noting that "the concept of human rights is that people have equal rights."

Councilmember Kassakhian said that in "more than 60 countries in the world, homosexuality is considered a crime, a punishable crime. We are not one of those countries; we are very fortunate to live in a free country and the freedoms and rights afforded by the Constitution apply to all Americans."

"Hate is not welcome here. There is no room for discrimination in Glendale. Fifty-six different languages are spoken here. It is a welcoming city," Councilmember Gharpetian added.

The Council also issued a proclamation recognizing Juneteenth. Tasha Jenkins accepted the resolution on behalf of the organization Black in Glendale.

Councilmember Brotman acknowledged the grand opening of Paperback Brewery tasting room at 123 N. Artsakh Ave. He also commended the city's sustainability team for its support of the city's fourth repair café, explaining the idea: People bring in whatever they have that is broken and people at the event, called "tinkerers," help fix, sew, sharpen, repair – whatever is needed. At this event at the Pacific Park Library, Brotman reported, 42 items were repaired, resulting in items not dumped into a landfill.

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Local celebrity Joe Rinaudo, with his 100 year old hand-cranked projector, will show some of his favorite silent movies, under the stars, accompanied by a live keyboard player. **Bring a blanket or lawn chair.**

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Mike Kobeissi would like to thank the community for their votes and their continued support of Kobeissi Properties.

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