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Council Discusses Collaboration with CVFA

By Julie BUTCHER

“Nice fireworks at [La Crescenta Elementary School] on the Fourth,” said Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian who recognized the volunteers of the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association at the beginning of Tuesday’s meeting of the Glendale City Council. He expressed appreciation to the “school district for working with the association to make it happen.”

Mayor Elen Asatryan reported that she received messages from constituents questioning why the city was not having fireworks downtown or at another location. She said she explained this is “actually a city fireworks show.” She wondered if there are better ways of “coordinating with them [the Crescenta Valley organization] and planning with them for the future to highlight that event more.”

The mayor commended the Hayk for Our Heroes organization that put on the Vardavar Water Festival at Verdugo Park on July 7. [Vardavar (or Vartavar) is a festival in Armenia where people drench each other with water.] Asatryan noted that this is the third year the event took place and thousands showed up at the celebration organized by “three or four volunteers.” The mayor hopes there are ways the city can better support this type of event.

Councilmember Dan Brotman raised concerns about the city’s record of pedestrian safety.

“Glendale’s pedestrian injury and death rates are among the worst in the state of California,” he said. “According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, among 60 cities in our size cohort Glendale is fifth from the bottom when it comes to pedestrian injuries and death – and when it comes to pedestrian injury and death rates for seniors, we are absolutely last.”

“I point out this for context to express the sense of urgency I feel about this,” Brotman continued. He noted that of the three

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Goats Dispatched to Prevent Wildfires

By Mary O’KEEFE

Goats were released to eat dry vegetation before it fueled fires.

It is (and has been) hot, and the summer seems to show no signs of cooling. After the rains of recent months, the hillsides have been awash with green; however, as the temperatures now rise, that green is turning brown – and that’s a problem.

“We have a lot more fuels,” said Patty Mundo, Glendale Fire Dept. environmental safety specialist. “[Vegetation] is thick and dry. We have had areas here that haven’t burned in decades.”

There are many areas in the City of Glendale that have brown hills. Dry grass can be seen on many hillsides and it is that grass that is most worrisome for firefighters and residents.

Tall dry grass is an extreme fire danger. The grass dries fast and burns quickly. It is this dry vegetation that was the focus of a recent event in



Photos by Mary O’KEEFE

Goats were released onto the hillsides of a Buckingham neighborhood to clear thick and dry vegetation. This is the second time the city has used goats for brush clearing. Last year the goats cleared 15 acres; this

the Buckingham area of Glendale. the very steep terrain in local neighborhoods. The goats came from the company Ventura Brush Goats.

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Proposed Kroger-Albertsons Merger Could Sell Off Local Stores

By Mary O’KEEFE

As if going to your local grocery store is not enough of an exercise in economic frustration, now comes word of a possible mega merger and local stores being sold.

Kroger Company, which includes Ralphs supermarket, proposed a major merger with Albertsons Companies.

In February the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sued to block this proposed supermarket merger, which would be the largest in U.S. history. FTC alleges Kroger’s \$24.6 billion acquisition of Albertsons is anticompetitive.

“The FTC charges that the proposed deal will eliminate fierce competition between Kroger and Albertsons, leading to higher prices for groceries and other essential household items for millions of Americans. The loss of competition will also lead to lower quality products and services, while also narrowing consumers’ choices for where to shop for groceries. For

see MERGER on page 7



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
 Selling off local stores, including Vons located at 3233 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, are part of a proposed merger of Kroger and Albertsons.

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Time to Relax

It's been a busy couple of weeks. First the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce (of which I'm president) held its annual Hometown Country Fair at CV Park on June 22. It was a Herculean effort to put on our annual Fair and I'm so grateful to the many volunteers who stepped up to make sure it went well (see my article on page 18, in the Business section).

I barely caught my breath before hosting The Finest party in the courtyard of St. Luke's of the Mountains on June 27. What a great way to celebrate those who were named by readers of the CV Weekly as the finest in their field. I applaud my staff that worked so hard to make the courtyard at St. Luke's look especially beautiful. I also applaud my son Danny, who owns Bonners Event Rentals (named Finest Party Rentals), and his worker Christian who supplied us with tables, linens, etc. that added to the beauty of the courtyard of St. Luke's.

The following week was Independence Day. Husband Steve was one of several members of the CV Fireworks Assn. that made the event such a success. I stayed at home with the skittish pups but heard that the event was super. (I'm sorry I missed it.)

On Friday, I climbed inside my convertible, popped the top and headed to – you guessed it – Cambria.

Cambria, San Simeon and Paso Robles are truly my favorite places. As most readers know, I love a good glass of wine and there are plenty up north to try. But it's also that it's hard to get a hold of me in Cambria. Cell service is sketchy at best – which is fine with me. I like being unavailable.

This past weekend I went up north with three "newbies." I had the pleasure of introducing them to wines and wineries and the beauty that is Cambria. I'm happy to report they had a great time and are hoping to return with me. (They won't have to ask me twice!)

Temperatures in the Paso Robles area were comparable to those here in the Crescenta Valley – around 105 degrees! Yikes! It was fun, though, to see the car's thermometer dive to the mid-60s as we went over the hill from Paso to Cambria. And I drove up to Cambria and back home via the Highway 101 and Pacific Coast Highway so I was comfortable ... even a little chilly when I hit a fog bank.

I'm already counting the days/weeks/months when I can return to my favorite place – to collect my wines (I'm a member of three wineries), to sip some new ones and to just be *away*.

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Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Microplastics are small plastic pieces less than five millimeters long. On numerous occasions I have written about microplastics and how it is a kind of "reap what you sow" moment as scientists find these tiny pieces of plastics in everything – including our food.

Let's get in our "WABAC" (or "way back machine" for those who remember Mr. Peabody from "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle") and look at how we arrived in our plastic world.

It was 1907 when Belgian chemist Leo Baekeland pioneered the first fully synthetic plastic. As is in most discoveries there were good and bad elements. Prior to synthetic plastics, animal horns [and shells] were used to create items like cutlery and jewelry. The comb-making industry was one of the biggest applications of the horn in the 19th century. As fate would have it, the demand for natural animal "plastics" was greater than the animal kingdom could provide. In fact, the demand for elephant ivory was so great it was causing the elephant to come dangerously close to extinction. That fate was looming over some turtles as well.

So science was turned to and Baekeland was the first to pattern the synthetic plastic. Now the elephants were safe (well not really because there were still people who absolutely needed ivory to decorate their hair and homes, but at least a slight break was extended to these majestic creatures).

Synthetic plastic was perfect. It was inexpensive and could be designed in a variety of ways.

Then in the early 20th century, those scamps in the petroleum and chemical industries began to form alliances within companies like Dow Chemicals, ExxonMobil, DuPont and

BASF. These companies are today still the major producers of raw material resins for the plastic industry, according to Science Museum UK.

Again, the good flip of the oily coin was these companies wanted to make use of waste material from processing crude oil and natural gas. So, hooray for recycling? Oh, wait....

One of the most prolific of these companies was Imperial Chemical Industries, which beat out both German and U.S. competitors to make a plastic form.

"The following year, a team at ICI's plant in Winnington, England was attempting to combine ethylene and Benzaldehyde under great pressure and heat. The experiment failed. Instead, due to a leak of oxygen into the vessel, they found a white waxy substance in a reaction tube. This was found to be a polymer of ethylene. Now the world's most abundant plastic, polyethylene was a wonder material: strong, flexible and heat-resistant," according to Science Museum UK.

This plastic was first used in the insulation of radar cabling during WWII; but then the plastics boom happened and plastic was in everything from artificial hips to nylon stockings.

Oh, happy days were here again as plastics replaced just about everything in modern society – but no one was questioning the waste it was creating.

Around the world, one million plastic bottles are purchased every minute, while up to five trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year. In total, half of all plastic produced is designed for single-use purposes – that is, used just once and then thrown away, according to the UN Environment Programme in an article titled, "Our planet is choking on plastic."

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High Temps Don't Keep Away Car Lovers

By Clare BUCHANAN

For the 22nd consecutive year, the Montrose Shopping Park Association hosted its annual car show. This year may have been the largest attended show yet with people eager to see cars up and down Honolulu Avenue ranging from the early 1900s to the 1970s. Families arrived early to beat the summer heat with many stopping at local shops to get a treat to cool down. The antique car owners arrived much earlier to snag optimal spots, parking their passion projects with precision before the event opened to the public. The antique cars covered a wide array of interests, including vintage law enforcement vehicles, hot rods, pickup trucks and Volkswagen beetles.

Chris Rodriguez attended the show for the first time to show off his 1974 Bronco, although his father has been coming to the car show "for years." His father's car – a 1955 turquoise colored Chevy Bel Air with two doors and a hard top – garnered a lot of attention.

Another vintage car owner, Eddie, brought his daughter's

car, a 1946 red Chevy truck, to the show. Eddie's favorite memory associated with vintage cars is being able to drive his grandkids around in them. He has been coming to the car show for about five years and noted throughout the years he's noticed "more people have come."

That seemed to be the case on Sunday as vintage cars were stacked like sardines along Honolulu Avenue, from Pepe's Mexican Restaurant to Trader Joe's. Visitors packed the street taking pictures of the antique cars and asking the owners questions.

Marie Johnson and her husband Ron are lifelong California residents and have been coming to the Montrose car show since its first year. Marie brought her 1956 yellow Chevy to the show. Ron had built and fixed it up for her. Marie and Ron will be celebrating 52 years of marriage in February and are actively involved in the community. Ron said he has been showcasing his vintage cars in the local 9/11 Motorcade for years.

For more photos, visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.



Photos by Clare Buchanan
TOP: Marie and Ron Johnson with their 1956 yellow Chevy.
BELOW: Eddie with his daughter's 1946 Chevy truck.

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 13 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

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 RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

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>.

SILENTS IN THE PARK

The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley presents hand-cranked silent films at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave., on July 27 at 8 p.m.

Attendees should bring a low-backed chair, blankets and picnics to enjoy a summer evening experience! Professor Joe Rinaudo will personally hand-crank several comedic shorts accented by Magic Lantern slides from Gary Gibson. The films will be accompanied by Cliff Retallick on the keyboard. Get there early to save a good spot!

Popcorn and baked goods will be offered for donation by the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and Friends of Rockhaven.

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Lutheran Church to Host Events

Lutheran Church in the Foothills sprang into action to support neighbor Rod Clure after a fire broke out at his residence on June 23. Thankfully, Clure escaped unharmed but his house sustained significant damage. LCIF immediately opened its doors. Mark Anzelon, the church's music minister, and Pastor Rick offered a haven from the heat for their displaced neighbor, providing water and snacks. Clure is known for his friendly and helpful nature, readily assisting families on the street and the church itself. In response to his misfortune, the church community continues to lift him up in prayer. Additionally, a GoFundMe page titled "Let's Lend Rod a Hand!" has been established to help him with the financial burden of repairs.

The church is hosting a pool party on July 17. Those interested can contact the church office for further details including time and place. This is a perfect opportunity to beat the heat, relax, connect with friends or make new ones. LCIF welcomes everyone to join the fun. Food will also be part of the festivities with pizza and beverages available to keep everyone fueled for a day of swimming and socializing.

For more information on the pool party or how to help Rod Clure, visit the church's website lcifoothills.org. Visit lcifoothills.org for information on small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoothills.org or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Youth Fundraiser Rummage Sale at CVUMC

Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church is having a rummage sale on Saturday, July 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All money raised will go to the youth for their trip this summer to Oregon with Sierra Service Project. For sale are furniture, collectibles, baby and dog items, books, movies, dishes, clothing and lots of other goods.

The purpose of Sierra Service Project is to build strong connections and resilience among communities by equipping volunteers in home repair skills and community-based projects. Inherent in the purpose is the specific involvement of youth and young adult volunteers. SSP's mission is to "Build faith and strengthen communities through service to others."

CVUMC is located at 2700 Montrose Ave. in Montrose.

How to Assist in Medical Emergencies

The Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills is having a free two-hour short overview presented as a service to the community on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m.

Eric Smith, an emergency room registered nurse, will go over vital things everyone should know ... good information to have in case of a big earthquake or other disaster. (Note this is not a certification class.)

The overview is at the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills, 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (enter at the back of the building, south side, where there is also free parking above Broadview Drive near Ocean View Boulevard). For more information or to reserve a spot, call (818) 957-1500.

'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



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two or more children. Call (818) 248-4253 or email office@molc.org to register by Aug. 2.

Mt. Olive Offers Community Breakfast Bible Study

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church reminds the public that all are invited to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Dr., Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Book of Ephesians is currently being studied.

All are invited.

ICF Hosting Summer Mass and Champagne Brunch

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 374 is hosting a summer Mass with Father Jim Bevacqua at Lakeside Golf Club (see note below) on July 14. Mass is at noon and the champagne brunch is at 1 p.m.

The menu is coffee, iced tea, lemonade, classic Caesar salad, cheesy bread, pasta primavera (vegetarian), butternut squash ravioli with kale (vegetarian), chicken parmesan and Italian cookies (gluten-free meal is available; please advise at the time of reservation).

Reserve a spot for this memorable event. Send an email to Kris@harbandco.com. Please make reservations no later than Thursday, July 4. The cost for ICF Members is \$60; for non-members it's \$70.

Make checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and

mail to Mark Mannarelli, 771 Forest Green Dr., La Cañada 91011. Checks must be received by Friday, July 5.

Note: When using MapQuest, drivers must put in the address for the Smokehouse Restaurant, 4420 W. Lakeside Drive in Burbank. Pass the Smokehouse restaurant and proceed along the same street until it dead-ends into a guarded gate. Let the guard know you are there for the Harb party and the summer Mass.

Walk and Word

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on July 14, 21 & 28. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

Participants are asked to bring something to write with, anything wanted to eat or drink, and a chair to use for the writing part of the morning. Because people will be outdoors and social distancing will be practiced, masks will be optional.

Those with questions can email Jeanne@jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

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Patriotic Parade Takes an Unexpected Turn

By Clare BUCHANAN

Sunland-Tujunga residents came out in droves on the morning of the Fourth of July for the annual parade sponsored by the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary. Donning patriotic T-shirts and American flag memorabilia, the folks who lined Foothill/Sunland Boulevard fought the heat to find a spot along the parade route, setting up lawn chairs and umbrellas along the boulevard. Kids kept cool by spraying each other with water and cheering for the cars as they passed by.

The parade started with a brigade led by the Los Angeles Police Dept., whose officers performed a synchronized motorcycle routine for families watching on the sidelines. After LAPD officers came war veterans, followed by an assembly line of local politicians including the California State Senator representing the 20th District Caroline Menjivar, who rode a bike down Foothill while distributing popsicles. Following closely behind was local poet laureate Kathleen Travers, and Joe DeCenzo, who was honored as the parade grand marshal. Representatives of Bolton Hall Museum were also in the parade, advocating for the preservation of local rock buildings.

Perhaps the highlight of the parade was the presentation of the oldest rock in Sunland-Tujunga, which was hoisted upon a pedestal and protected behind a sheet of plexiglass. It was driven down Foothill with great reverence. Verdugo Hills High School's baseball team also made an appearance, spraying the crowd playfully with water misters as the temperate morning turned to a sweltering afternoon.

Automobiles were not the only form of transportation at the parade. Many strolled down Foothill on foot, on horse, or even on mule.

A pedestrian sitting with her family noted her sense of connection to Sunland-Tujunga during the parade, finding enjoyment in "coming out and just being involved in the community." Another parade watcher beamed with pride and noted how he appreciated that everyone seemed to have a favorite car to watch out for and wave to.

However, the parade took an unexpected turn when a fight broke out between actor, author and restaurateur Danny Trejo, who had been invited as a special guest of

the parade, and some of the parade audience members. According to Michelle Fisher at ABC 7, the fight presumably started because an audience member supposedly threw a water balloon at Danny Trejo and his vehicle as he passed by. Trejo became perturbed and entered the audience where tensions rose and, as seen through a video on ABC 7 that was captured by an eyewitness, punches were thrown between Trejo and audience members. According to KTLA, Trejo has since commented on the incident saying he heard someone yell that the water balloon was acid, thus eliciting his startled response. KTLA also reported Trejo said he felt his Mexican descent might have made him a target for the incident.

A statement released on social media by the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary stated in part, "It was disheartening that this year's parade was marred by disruptive events that took place between some participants and spectators. We do not condone this type of behavior. The unfortunate actions by a very small group of people, who chose to break parade rules and disrespect personal safety, incited an incident that caused harm to both parade spectators and participants, alike. ... We would like to apologize to both Mr. Trejo and his associates that their show of good will was marred by the disrespectful actions of some of those along the parade route."

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Photos by Clare BUCHANAN
The grand marshal of the parade was Joe DeCenzo.

Obituary Marcy Carlson



Feb. 28, 1928 – July 5, 2024

On Feb. 28, 1928 Marcy was born to Abe and Mildred Filas in Spokane, Washington. As a youngster her family moved to Butte, Montana where she was often seen toddling behind her two older sisters Beverly and Adele. They found her to be an annoying little sister. As a teen, Marcy's parents divorced and she and her father moved to Southern California. They eventually moved to Glendale where Bev and Adele were living. Marcy graduated from Glendale High School.

Marcy dreamed of being a nurse and since money was tight she decided to enter the military to

pursue nursing. When World War II ended she went to work at a local industrial Urgent Care Center. Here her soon-to-be husband came to the facility after gashing his hand with a linoleum knife. Marcy was the assistant who helped tend to the wound. Rudy and Marcy were married on Jan. 28, 1949 at city hall in Glendale.

Postwar housing was hard to find but Rudy had a friend from his home town in Minnesota who owned some small units. They lived there a short time until they could buy their own home in Glendale. After a few years, the state bought the house for an off-ramp for the Golden State Freeway. Marcy found a newly built house La Crescenta where they moved in December 1954. They now had two young daughters, Sherry and Karen.

Marcy continued to work in the medical field doing both front and back office work. When the girls were in school, she became active in the local PTA, youth organizations, bowling leagues and the medical assistance professional organization. She never lost her goal of becoming a nurse and at the age of 50 she enrolled in the nursing program at Glendale Community College. She graduated from the program

as a licensed vocational nurse (LVN). She worked as a nurse at La Cañada Medical Group (Dr. Purdy) and later for a cardiologist (Dr. Stark).

Marcy and Rudy made life-long friends on Third Avenue. They began to travel and loved Las Vegas, Laughlin and cruises. Marcy's favorite trips were to Sweden to visit Rudy's relatives.

Rudy died in 2003 and Marcy was determined to continue to live on Third Avenue. Unfortunately her mental capacity diminished and she was no longer safe in her home. She moved to a facility in Pasadena that housed patients with Alzheimer's and dementia. She was a resident there for nearly 13 years until death took her at 96 years old.

She is survived by her two daughters Sherry Taylor and Karen Carlson; four grandchildren: Dr. Tammy Taylor, Christy Taylor (Michael Aguilera), Jens Fischer (Christine Kenney), Rio Fischer (Andreean Breton-Carboneau); and five wonderful great grandchildren: Aliana, Paxton, Aceson, Brixon Taylor Aguilera and Fallon Fischer.

She died in Pasadena on July 5, 2024 a strong but vulnerable woman. She was cremated and her ashes scattered.

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Glendale Police Search for Victims of a Deadly Robbery Attempt

The Glendale Police Dept. is searching for two victims of a potential robbery attempt, which occurred at about 10:40 p.m. on July 7 in the 200 block of East Dryden Street in the City of Glendale. Glendale police was called to the scene after receiving multiple 9-1-1 calls of gunshots heard and a man lying in the middle of the road. Upon arriving at the location, officers determined the man had sustained a single gunshot wound. Medical aid was immediately rendered; however,

the individual was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Glendale police detectives were called out to the scene and immediately began investigating the incident. The preliminary investigation indicated the unidentified shooter, and his passenger, were driving a white colored SUV, when they were the victims of a possible armed robbery attempt committed by the decedent. The decedent was also found to have been in possession of a loaded firearm, which was recovered at the

scene.

The shooter and his passenger fled the scene in their white colored SUV prior to being contacted by police. The Glendale Police Dept. is currently attempting to locate the outstanding individuals.

Involved parties are urged to come forward and anyone with information about this incident can contact the Glendale police robbery/homicide detectives at (818) 548-3987 or the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-4911.

Glendale Police Arrest Suspect in Affordable Housing Scams

The Glendale Police Dept. has arrested a suspect responsible for a series of scams perpetrated on vulnerable residents interested in affordable housing in Glendale.

In April 2024, staff of the Glendale Housing Authority and the Glendale Police Dept. learned of a fraud scheme where Sima Karapetyan, age 47 of North Hollywood, approached elderly people at public aid offices and local non-profit support agencies while falsely presenting herself as an employee of the Glendale Housing Authority. She gained their trust and promised the victims access to low-income housing units and improved status on the Section 8 Housing Voucher waiting list in exchange for cash payments.

Detectives of the Glendale Police Dept. learned Karapetyan also used social media sources to

attract more victims. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Karapetyan took money from at least 11 victims since 2021.

On May 23, Financial Crimes detectives of Glendale Police Dept. arrested Karapetyan. Karapetyan remains in custody on \$450,000 bail.

Karapetyan was arraigned on seven counts of theft by false pretense and four counts of elder abuse in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The City of Glendale and Glendale Housing Authority actively pursues allegations of fraud. Anyone approached by someone promising low-income housing assistance in any way in exchange for money should ignore the request and report the activity to the Glendale Housing Fraud

Hotline (818) 548-6442 or via email at section8fraud@glendaleca.gov.

If approached, please keep in mind the following advice:


Do not pay money in exchange for the promise of any kind of Section 8 or low-income housing.

Do not release personal financial information to strangers promising to provide low-income housing.

Do not believe that low-income housing assistance can be purchased on the street from strangers.

The Glendale Housing Authority has supported the development of over 1,200 units of affordable housing for both low-income renters and homeowners since its inception in 1975. Currently, the Housing Authority has four projects totaling 575 affordable housing units in construction. These housing projects provide new affordable rental housing for seniors, families and special needs populations, as well as home ownership opportunities for first time homebuyers.

For those interested in future affordable housing opportunities, visit the City of Glendale Community Development Dept. web page at <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/community-development/housing/affordable-housing-development> and sign up to be placed on the City's Affordable Housing interest list. When future opportunities for affordable housing become available, those interested will be sent information as to how to qualify and apply for these projects. This is a free service.



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» LEARNING ABOUT LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS

The History of Adams Hill

By Eliza PARTIKA

The city of Tropic, first established in 1897, once bisected the hills encompassing what is now Glendale's Tropic neighborhood, South Glendale, Adams Hill and parts of Atwater Village, from Forest Lawn-Glendale to Brand Boulevard all the way to San Fernando Road and Cerritos Avenue. Tropic had its own post office, bank, police and fire departments, train depot, and baseball team and boasted artists that included seminal American photographer Edward Weston who began his career in his small Tropic studio on Brand Boulevard.

Tropic grew alongside rival city Glendale thanks to the development boom in the late 1880s. As the freshly minted Southern Pacific Railroad depot facilitated the expansion of Glendale and Tropic with trains and trolley cars to bisect large swaths of land leading to and from Los Angeles, settlers in the area sought to make the area desirable for home ownership and development.

The name Tropic first appeared in 1887 when the Southern Pacific Railroad named its first train depot north of Los Angeles after the small but prosperous town it ran through. Tropic became known for its agriculture and for the artists, architects and influential business people who settled there. Tropic became an independent municipality in 1911, but struggles with basic infrastructure led Tropic to dissolution in an annexation with larger and more developed Glendale, just seven years later, in 1918.

The house of William C.B.

Richardson, one of the first developers of Tropic, still stands today in the Adams Hill neighborhood at the intersection of Mariposa and Cypress streets. In the original location of the house, approximately at the current 1713 San Fernando Road address, Richardson grew citrus and other fruits, including Tropic's famous strawberries, the "Tropic Beauties." Richardson built the Southern Pacific Railway's train depot that connected Tropic to the rest of Los Angeles and nearby Glendale. After many years of prosperity and commerce that heavily relied on trains and tram cars, the station was replaced in 1924 by the current Glendale rail depot.

Richardson had been one of the first to parcel out land grants in Glendale in the 1870s. After the Tropic-Glendale merger in 1918, the 1920s saw a large commercial and entertainment boom in Glendale. With the movie stars came desirable home locations just outside of Hollywood and real estate developers created neighborhoods with all the glitz and glamor to attract new residents.

Exclusivity was the prime concern of developers at that time. The streets of Acacia Hills, the precursor to Adams Hill, were named after the most elite Ivy League colleges of the time such as Berkeley, Stanford and Dartmouth. The community was guarded by towering letters in gleaming white denoting the name of the exclusive hills community with an archway entrance to Adams Square that was reminiscent of the yellow brick road.

In the hundred years this community has watched over Glendale from above, the character of the neighborhood has always been that of eclectic artistic

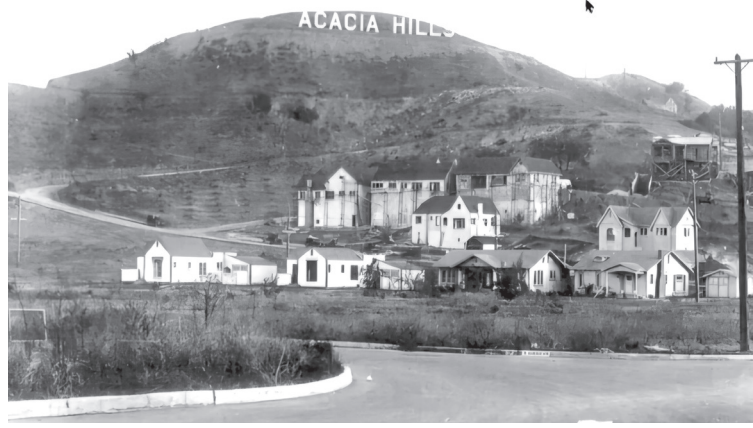
and architectural interest. Adams Hill appeared as early as the 1920s on maps of Glendale, and developed into the neighborhood we know today with the erection of the Adams Square Building where the Glendale Branch Library and Neighborhood Legal Services sits today. In the later 1920s, the Adams Square Building included open air shops and a ballroom. The Richfield gas station was built in 1936, and the first Baskin Robbins ice cream shop became an anchor in the 1940s. A 1924 advertisement even called Acacia Hills "the coolest place to live" emphasizing the cool ocean breezes Glendale received from nearby Los Angeles. Famed architects constructed magical houses, many with the air of a fantasy novel.

Included in Adams Hill's fantasy was Forest Lawn Memorial Park, now the Forest Lawn Cemetery. Forest Lawn's owner and developer, Hubert L. Eaton, envisioned his land as a place for the living to celebrate the dead and built gardens that reflected the bright colors of the living world rather than adhere to the morose views of cemeteries at the time. Much of the bright colors and varied architectural designs seen in houses built at the time were inspired by Eaton's home and the gardens he grew at Forest Lawn. Famous architects like CL Colburn built castle-like homes, and L. Seldon made Adams Hill's architecture distinctly Los Angeles.

One of Adams Hill's historic neighborhoods, Cottage Grove, was constructed in the late '20s with land the Fox brothers developed. Inspired by Charlie Chaplin Studios, Cottage Grove today consists of 14 homes at the foot of Adams Hill; the buildings are primarily Tudor Revival cottages that provide the feel of an "English village." It also includes the 1901 farmhouse that was the first structure in the neighborhood prior to its subdivision.

Mid-century modern architecture became popular on the hill as more people flocked to Glendale throughout the 1950s and '60s.

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MERGER from Cover

thousands of grocery store workers, Kroger's proposed acquisition of Albertsons would immediately erase aggressive competition for workers, threatening the ability of employees to secure higher wages, better benefits, and improved working conditions," according to the FTC statement in February.

This week Kroger Co. released the full list of stores, distribution centers and plants it is planning to divest in an effort to secure regulatory approval for the proposed merger.

According to Bloomberg, the companies have started notifying staff at the affected locations.

In an email from Rodney McMullen, Kroger's CEO, impacted workers will become employees of C&S Wholesale Grocers after the transaction closes, and will remain as Kroger and Albertsons staff until then. C&S has committed to transferring pay and health plans and assuming all collective bargaining agreements, according to Bloom-

berg.

Kroger and Albertsons released a list this week of 579 stores to be sold off to C&S Wholesale Grocers: 63 are in California and most of those are in Southern California. Several stores are in the Crescenta Valley including Vons at 3233 Foothill Blvd. and 2039 Verdugo Blvd., and Vons at 7789 Foothill Blvd. in Tujunga and 301 N. Pass Ave. in Burbank.

Eight states and Washington, D.C., as well as the FTC, have filed separate lawsuits to block Kroger's merger in federal court.

United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) unions 7, 324, 400, 770 and 3000 released a joint statement in response to the Kroger Albertsons release of the store divestiture list: "[This week's] announcement changes nothing. The merger is not a done deal, far from it. We remain focused on stopping the proposed mega-merger for the same reasons we have stated since it was first announced over

20 months ago – because we know it would harm workers, it would harm shoppers, it would harm suppliers and communities, and it is illegal. The merger proposal was rejected in January and February by the attorneys general from the states of Colorado and Washington and the Federal Trade Commission. We applaud their actions. They have been in possession of this proposed divestiture list, made public [this week] by the companies, for months and that did not change their opposition to the proposed merger. These legal challenges to the proposed merger are moving forward with hearings beginning at the end of July and scheduled to go through September."

The FTC's administrative hearing for this case will start on July 31, said an FTC spokeswoman.

"This case is ongoing litigation," she said. "People should not read into it as a 'done deal.'"

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In 2015, President Obama signed the Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015. This law banned plastic microbeads in cosmetics and personal care products. Microbeads are a type of microplastic that are tiny plastic particles added to cosmetics and personal care products often used as emulsifying agents.

In a study done this year by the University of New Mexico, researchers found microplastics in canine and human testicular tissue.

According to researchers, the study found “significant concentrations of microplastics in the testicular tissue of both humans and dogs, adding to growing concern about their possible effect on human reproductive health.”

Okay, anyone worried now? Microplastics are quickly becoming a focus of study for many and State Senator Anthony Portantino has moved forward with introducing legislation for a California study with SB 116376.2. This bill would require a study by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard and Assessment to study the impacts of microplastics in drinking water, including bottled water, to evaluate and identify safe and unsafe levels of microplastics in those types of water.

The Earth really is a delicate balance between nature and society.

“Climate change and plastic pollution are interconnected global challenges. Rising temperatures and moisture alter plastic characteristics contributing to waste, microplastic generation and release of hazardous substances,” according to nature.com.

In other words, as temperatures rise (Earth’s global average temperature has increased by about 1 degree Celsius pre-industrial levels), polymers, or plastics, deteriorate faster.

“A warmer climate accelerates polymer degradation and thus the breakdown of plastic items into smaller species, substantially [expediting] the generation of secondary microplastics,” according to nature.com.

So again, we continue to trade one problem for another ... and very soon we will have little to trade. From now on, whatever scientific breakthroughs we have we must look at not just the big picture but also the micro effect as well.

For us now, according to NOAA the U.S. had its second warmest June amid several record-setting heat waves. As of Tuesday there was an excessive heat warning through today at 9 p.m. Today we should see temperatures up to 101 degrees with a slight cooling on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with highs in the mid to high 90s. Monday will continue the cooling trend with 90 degrees as a high.

An excessive heat warning means there are dangerously hot conditions possible with temperatures from 98 to 108. Warm overnight conditions are expected much of this week limiting nighttime relief from the heat, according to NOAA.

GCC from Cover

measures suggested in the city’s pedestrian safety plan, two have already been implemented. Pedestrians get a head start in intersections where the walk light turns green five seconds before the light turns green for cars. This effort has been shown to reduce pedestrian involved collisions by as much as 60%, Brotman said. The second measure that has been implemented in select areas (downtown, near hospitals and schools) calculates walking speed at 2.8 to 3 feet per second rather than the traditional 3.5 feet per second. This change in walk phase timing has been shown to improve pedestrian safety.

Brotman hopes the third measure can be adopted: the default walk phase at signalized intersections to ensure that a walk signal occurs every cycle without requiring a person to push the button. Studies show that the longer someone is required to wait for the right-of-way, the more

likely they are to cross illegally. The installation of exclusive pedestrian signal phases has been shown to reduce pedestrian collisions by 63%.

“I brought this item up four years ago after I was first elected to the council – the idea of getting rid of these ‘beg buttons’ – but I didn’t get anywhere. So I’m bringing it back and asking for my colleagues to look at the cost and implications,” Brotman concluded.

Mayor Asatryan asked if it is possible to do something creative to hide the trash one sees along “the 134, coming into Glendale from the 5 – it’s not a pleasant look and not very descriptive of the rest of our city.”

Kassakhian reiterated his previous concerns about ensuring all of Glendale’s bus stops have adequate protection from sun and rain. City manager Roubik Golanian replied that a report on this issue would be coming to council in August.

In response to public criticism,

Mayor Asatryan urged immediate changes to the pilot program operating on North Brand Boulevard, at least “for things that are for sure not working.” Interim Public Works Director Daniel Hernandez responded that changes were being considered and need to be negotiated with the contractor to implement the corrections.

“What’s the earliest we can vote to eliminate the demonstration project?” Councilmember Ara Najarian asked, summing up considerable public outrage over the implementation of this project.

In relatively routine fashion, the Council approved a three-year contract for \$228,000 annually for citywide weed control; plans for design-build fire system improvements at various city facilities; \$539,000 to expand the city’s human resources enterprise software system; and a contract to build a unified data platform for

the police department’s Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC), which is expected to be up and running in the next few months.

The RTIC will be a center for data collection “to provide real time information to officers responding to incidents in the field, as a location for detectives to access historical data to solve crimes and as an incident command hub for planned and unplanned events,” police department representatives detailed. The \$590,000 agreement with Peregrine Technologies, Inc. covers integration, training, maintenance and support; \$100,000 of the amount will be funded from asset forfeitures.

Finally, the Council debated future consideration of Mayor Asatryan’s proposal that the city contribute \$5,000 toward Black in Glendale’s scholarship program.

The next meeting of the Glendale City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16 at 6 p.m.

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VIEW FROM THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

The San Fernando Pass – #17400

The stagecoach rocked back and forth as it made its way north across the San Fernando Valley. A group of businessmen traveling from Los Angeles are in a bit of an argument.

“It can’t be done,” exclaimed one. “I agree, it’s too steep,” said another.

But Harris Newmark, who had organized this excursion, knew the driver sitting up front better than the rest. He remarked, “I wouldn’t bet against Mister Banning.” The coach then came to a stop and the men began to disembark.

It’s December 1854 and, although it’s many years before there would be a Foothill Boulevard, these men were stepping out of this conveyance not far from today’s western extent of the roadway. In this, the first in a series of Historical Footnotes Along Foothill, we find ourselves at 17400 Foothill Blvd. where today’s story

begins.

In 1854 Fort Tejon was established to the north. Mr. Phineas Banning wished to partake in the lucrative enterprise of transporting supplies there. One thing stood in his way: the San Fernando Pass. There had been a Native American pathway through these mountains, crossing at the lowest and most practical spot. Even still, it was steep and treacherous.

Harris Newmark addressed the group: “Gentlemen, you know why you’re here. You’ve pledged \$6,000 [\$225,000 today] towards the improvement of this road.”

Phineas Banning chimed in, “But you haven’t paid it!”

Newmark continued, “Many of you have come to the conclusion that this pass is impassable by wagon train and therefore have only paid a fraction of the funds pledged.”

It’s easy to understand the misgivings of the group. Up until this point, no coach had been driven over the pass, but Banning had come prepared. He had recently taken delivery of the very first Concord Coaches in Los Angeles and he sat atop one. These were the finest of the day. They were built tough and their hull-like construction allowed them to take the shocks of the road like a ship rides the waves of the sea.

Up on his box, holding the reins of his six strongest horses, Banning began his ascent. To those left behind to lighten his load he exclaimed, “Watch we men!”

As the coach climbed the strain upon the horses became apparent. They snorted loudly as their muscles fought against gravity, lifting the heavy vehicle ever higher. Banning was a master driver and he guided

them upward with tremendous skill. Amazingly, they reached the crest of the hill and the horses were pulled to a stop.

In just moments, the men caught up from behind and peered over the edge upon an even steeper, zig-zagged, boulder-strewn path to the bottom.

They began to warn Banning: “You must give up this idea of freighting over these mountains. It’s obvious that no passable road can be made here!”

With that, Banning cracked his whip and his loyal horses lurched forward. Down they went, crashing from side to side, sometimes the wheels lifting off the ground. The men groaned in fear as they watched from above. But Banning guided his hands and the feet of his team with the expertise of a modern-day racecar driver. They saw him

with his foot pressed hard against the brake, slithering down that wild hillside until he disappeared in a cloud of dust. The yelling and crashing sounds continued. They came to a stop and as the dust cleared, Banning was at the bottom, his arm raised high in triumph.

Within days the rest of the funds arrived. Soon hundreds of workers came to cut the roadway down and improve it in every way. On Feb. 28, 1855, five fully loaded freight wagons, each pulled by a team of 10 mules, successfully made their way through the pass enroute to Fort Tejon.

And all of this happened just off Foothill Boulevard.

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NEWS FROM THE CV TOWN COUNCIL » FRIDA BAGHDASSARIAN

Town Hall Meeting Planned

An upcoming town hall, a pivotal event that will address the changing residential landscape of our community, will take place on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. We are thrilled to have a panel of esteemed guests including representatives from the offices of Assemblymember Laura Friedman and State Senator Anthony Portantino and members from the County offices who will share their insights and updates

on critical issues such as SB 8, SB 9, SB 10, multifamily housing and residential rehab centers impacting our community. Your presence and participation are not just welcomed but crucial to the success of this event.

This town hall is an excellent opportunity for residents to stay informed and engaged in discussions about our town. Whether you have concerns about development, infrastructure or

any other topic related to changes in our community’s environment, this event is the perfect platform to have your voice heard. We strongly encourage all residents to RSVP to kerri@thecvcouncil.com as there is limited seating. By coming together as a community, we can work to find solutions that benefit us all. Let’s shape the future of our town together.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

California Drowning in Red Ink

It’s easy for termed-out lawmakers to play musical chairs in a one-party state like California. Just ask Governor Gavin Newsom, who is running a shadow campaign for the presidency. Better yet, ask Assemblywoman Laura Freidman.

“This is my last year in the Assembly,” she recently told the Pasadena Star-News. “I’m looking back at years of legislation and what I might be able to work on in Congress.”

Friedman and her fellow

legislators — including termed-out Assemblyman Chris Holden and Senator Anthony Portantino — cling to their “progressive” social agenda while the state drowns in red ink.

In two years, a budget surplus of \$95 billion dissolved to a budget deficit of \$46 billion — never mind that the non-partisan legislative analyst posted a loss of \$73 billion.

Where did the money go? Democratic lawmakers appropriated \$3.4 billion to provide health care for illegal immigrants.

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas...



With the help of Santa's elves, the Assistance League of Glendale (ALG) will be holding its annual Christmas sale on July 25, 26 and 27 (Thursday to Saturday). The ALG saves its holiday donations for the entire year for this huge Christmas sale at surprisingly discounted prices. There is no better time to discover

unique treasures and incredible bargains. Ornaments, clothing and holiday décor, including snowmen, reindeer, garland and lighting can be found – every Christmas-related item. Shoppers may even find the “ugly sweater” needed for the holiday office party. The proceeds from the sale go towards helping the local community.

ALG is celebrating 80 years of service in Glendale. Its seven philanthropic programs have assisted over 5,000 individuals last year – from children to seniors. Programs include scholarships for local Glendale students, monthly discounted lunch for senior citizens and clothing for needy children attending local schools. The ALG also works

alongside Ascencia, a locally-based center providing housing and services to the homeless, on two programs that assist unhoused individuals starting their journey toward permanent housing. Additionally, the thrift shop trains associates from Tierra Del Sol, a center that empowers people with development disabilities. ALG is always looking for help

so keep it in mind when donating household items that could be sold at the thrift shop or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. Additional information can be found at alglendale.org or reach out to info@assistanceleagueglendale.org. ALG is located at 314 E. Harvard Ave. in Glendale. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Glendale Memorial Hospital Receives LGBTQ+ Equality Leader Recognition in 2024 Healthcare Equality Index

In celebration of National Pride Month, Dignity Health - Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center announced it has been recognized as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index (HEI).

“We are deeply honored to receive this award during Pride Month, a time when we celebrate diversity and reaffirm our commitment to inclusivity. As a mission-driven

organization committed to health equity, we prioritize providing everyone with a welcoming and safe environment to receive quality care,” said Jill Welton, Hospital president. “This recognition from HEI is a testament to the dedication of our compassionate care teams, who are committed to helping make sure that our LGBTQ+ patients feel welcome, heard and safe in our care sites every day.”

The HEI is the nation's foremost benchmarking survey of healthcare

facilities on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of LGBTQ+ patients, visitors and employees. The HEI evaluates and scores on detailed criteria falling under five central pillars: non-discrimination and staff training; patient services and support; employee benefits and policies; patient and community engagement; responsible citizenship.

In the 2024 report, a record 1,065 healthcare facilities actively participated in the HEI 2024

survey and scoring process. Of those participants, 384 received the top score of 100, earning the LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader designation. LGBTQ+ patients have historically faced significant and long-standing challenges to accessing the care they need, and Glendale Memorial Hospital is committed to providing welcoming, compassionate care for LGBTQ+ patients and their families. There is a legacy of responding with urgency to the AIDS epidemic, supporting LGBTQ+

causes, expanding services for these patients and the commitment to equity and inclusion in order to provide everyone with a welcoming and safe environment to receive care.

As part of the HEI process, Glendale Memorial Hospital underwent a comprehensive review of LGBTQ+ care policies and practices within the organization. For more information about Glendale Memorial's commitment to LGBTQ+ care, visit dignityhealth.org/glendalememorial.

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Las Candelas Celebrates End of 2023-24 Year of Service



Las Candelas members wrap Christmas gifts for the young clients of Didi Hirsch. Photo provided by Cathy KEEN

The members of Las Candelas recently held the final meeting of their 2023-24 term at Oakmont Country Club. After the business of the day was conducted, the 2024-25 slate of officers and chairwomen were installed. Leading the group again as president next year will be Karen Swan. Incoming Officers are 1st Vice-President Cathy Keen, 2nd Vice-Presidents JC Byer and Carol Ann Burton, 3rd Vice Presidents Nancy Stone and Laurel Patric, 4th Vice-Presidents Lynne Naeve and Pauline Beebe, 5th Vice-President Margaret Cline and 6th Vice-President Nancy Stone. Serving as business treasurer will be Ellyn Semler, Philanthropy Treasurer Patti Baker, Corresponding Secretary Rosina Maize, Recording Secretary Debbie Hinckley and Parliamentarian Rosina Maize. Las Candelas celebrated its 70th anniversary last year as a non-profit organization made up of women whose purpose is to give volunteer service and financial assistance to help improve the lives of children in vulnerable situations

and to support awareness of their mental health needs. The philanthropies of Las Candelas are Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services in Glendale, Ascencia, Hillside's Youth Moving On (for transitional age youth), YWCA Glendale and Pasadena, and Sycamores in Altadena. Some of the projects and services the women of Las Candelas provide during the year include funding for art therapy for the children living at Ascencia and providing guest chef dinners; providing dinners and support for the transitional age youth attending career planning classes at YMO; having educational and fun programs for the boys at Sycamores including holiday and year-end parties, and funding for YWCA's Camp Rosie and its Domestic Violence Program. The group will launch its new year of service with an Italian-themed summer party on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Oakmont Country Club. To learn more about Las Candelas, visit the website www.lascandelas.org or check out the Las Candelas Facebook page.

The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada Celebrates TERRIFIC Kids and Scholarship Recipients



Photos courtesy of Alice PEREZ ABOVE: Among the attendees at the TERRIFIC Kids celebration were (front row from left) Paradise Canyon Elementary School Principal Carrie Hetzel with TK recipients Niko Valassidis, Michael McCoy, Victoria Willes, Emmy Zanotto, Diana Lamb and Isabella Yang. Middle row, from left are Palm Crest Elementary School Principal David Santiago-Speck with TK recipients Ivan Eyzavoff, Lucas Lin, Katie Lee, Gabriella Evans, Delilah Moore and Alissa Danilova with Kiwanis President and LCUSD Governing Board Member Joe Radabaugh. Back row from left are LCUSD Superintendent Wendy Sinnette and La Cañada Elementary School Principal Kelly Duncan with TK recipients Daniel Nelson, Jayden Kim, Daniella Khorozian, Priyana Tandon, Evelyn Han and Anton Ortiz Luis with LCUSD Governing Board Vice President and Kiwanis member Caroline Anderson.

BELOW: Kiwanis member and scholarship liaison to LCHS Dr. Michael Leininger is pictured with Kiwanis scholarship recipients Sam White, Rosalie Ahern, Jack Driscoll, Payson Dillon and Kiwanis President Joe Radabaugh.



Bolstered by its mission of "Serving the Children of the World," the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada held two luncheons honoring local youth through its TERRIFIC Kids program and the annual scholarship awards presentation. Kiwanis Club of La Cañada President Joe Radabaugh said, "This is one of my favorite times of the year! It is great to acknowledge so many local 'terrific' kids as well as further the education of deserving, graduating high school students." With over 80 attendees, including civic and educational leaders, the TERRIFIC Kids luncheon recognized a total of 18 students. Selected from the sixth-grade classrooms of La Cañada Elementary School, Palm Crest Elementary School and Paradise Canyon Elementary School, the students were singled out for demonstrating such qualities as

good citizenship and being helpful to others. Spearheading the TERRIFIC Kids program is coordinator Nancy Leininger, assisted by Dr. Michael Leininger and Tom Slaughter. The kickoff began as students introduced their family members, followed by words written about each student by their teacher. "It's wonderful to have the children from all three schools come together," said Nancy Leininger. "We applaud them for making such a positive impact in their classrooms." The acronym TERRIFIC stands for a student being Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable, and is a worldwide youth program of Kiwanis International. In a separate celebration, the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada hosted a scholarship awards luncheon. Four recently graduated seniors

from La Cañada High School were presented \$2,500 each for a combined total of \$10,000 in scholarships awarded. The recipients were Sam White, Rosalie Ahern, Jack Driscoll and Payson Dillon, who were joined by their family members at the ceremony. The program was orchestrated by Kiwanis member and scholarship liaison to LCHS, Dr. Michael Leininger, who rallied club members to raise the needed funds. The students were initially recommended by high school counselors with the final college-bound awardees selected by the club based on a criterion, which included doing community service. Those interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada and would like to attend a meeting that includes featured speakers, email president@lacadanakiwanis.org or visit <https://www.lacadanakiwanis.org>.

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Steve Goldsworthy took along a copy of the CV Weekly when he recently traveled to Greece.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Camp Snoopy Reopens at Knott's Berry Farm



By Charly SHELTON

Knott's Berry Farm has breathed new life into Camp Snoopy with a series of cute thematic upgrades and some new attractions designed to delight visitors of all ages. Officially reopening on June 27, the reimagined Camp Snoopy invites families to step into the whimsical world of the Peanuts Gang and join in on the Beagle Scout Jamboree.

The highlight of the new

Camp Snoopy is the brand-new family coaster, Snoopy's Tenderpaw Twister Coaster. This kiddie-coaster offers an exciting yet approachable ride experience making it the perfect introductory coaster for little campers (or those big campers who turn into bigger chickens on rollercoasters). Riders are treated to a double dose of fun as they embark on two trips around the coaster track, up a lift hill and through a mini roller launch, circling a fishing pond

and encountering Woodstock and his bird pals along the way.

Another fun little attraction is the newly rethemed Beagle Express, a scenic mini train ride that takes guests through the heart of Camp Snoopy and beneath the towering supports of the roller coaster track of Silver Bullet. Along the way, passengers enjoy charming scenes of Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang preparing for jamboree activities, such as decorating cabins for a "Best Cabin" contest and gearing up for

potato sack races. This retheme beautifully captures the essence of summer camp, making it a delightful experience for kids and adults alike.

The theme throughout Camp Snoopy is consistent, weaving together the land decorations and the attractions' themes in a narrative centered around the Beagle Scout Jamboree. This creates a cohesive and immersive environment, more than a random collection of flat rides with Peanuts names.

However, not all areas are equally impressive. Beagle Scout Acres, intended as a large green space for relaxation and play, currently feels underutilized with its simple picnic tables and plain wooden cabins. While it provides a quiet(ish) spot for families to take a break, it lacks any engaging elements seen elsewhere in the park. Also, the stage that used to occupy the land Beagle Scout Acres now sits upon seemed to be a better use of space.

In addition to the new attractions in Camp Snoopy, the fan-favorite Ghost Town Alive! returns for the summer, bringing the town of Calico to life with an all-new interactive storyline that lets guests become part of the action. This award-winning experience offers new roles, secret missions, characters and adventures for this summer. So even for those who enjoyed

Ghost Town Alive! in previous years there are new surprises awaiting. This is a must-see for anyone visiting Knott's Berry Farm and always one of the favorite offerings of the year.

As we look forward to a summer filled with exploration and excitement, the new Camp Snoopy will grow even more engaging with additional activities planned for Beagle Scout Acres and the upcoming attraction Sally's Swing Along, set to open sometime later this year.

Whether riding the Tenderpaw Twister, exploring the Beagle Express, or immersing in the bustling streets of Ghost Town Alive!, there's something for everyone to enjoy at Knott's Berry Farm this summer.

So pack your bags, don your Beagle Scout hat, and get ready to embark on a summer adventure like no other. For more details on Camp Snoopy and other exciting attractions, visit Knotts.com.

Photos by Charly SHELTON
 TOP LEFT: Visitors are welcomed at the rethemed Camp Snoopy at Knott's Berry Farm.
 TOP RIGHT: Riders on the Snoopy's Tenderpaw Twister Coaster are treated to a peek at Woodstock and some of his bird friends.
 BOTTOM LEFT: Snoopy's Tenderpaw Twister Coaster is a kiddie-coaster that offers an exciting yet approachable ride experience.
 BOTTOM RIGHT: Beagle Scout Acres.



2024 SUMMER SALON EXHIBIT AT WHITE'S FINE ART

Opening Reception: Saturday July 13th, 2024
 5:00pm - 8:00pm 2414 Honolulu Ave. Montrose, CA 91020

Featuring local artists: Agapeh Allahverdi, Mariko Bird, Diane Carter, Renata Dolezal, Kathryn Hansen, Richard Heimbald, Carol Lewis, Ann Hopkins, Elizabeth Shahenian, Duane Stroh, and Loraine Veeck. On view until July 27, 2024.



CV WEEKLY IS ONLINE!

Classic Films Under the Stars at Doctors House

By Mary O'KEEFE

There is nothing like seeing a movie under the stars ... and that is exactly what is happening at the Doctors House in Brand Park, 1601 Mountain St. in Glendale, with Classic Films Under the Stars on Saturday, July 13.

"This is the second season," said Randy Carter, one of the founders of the Alex Film Society.

The first film shown was the 1940 Disney Classic "Pinocchio" and it was a huge success, according to Carter.

This Saturday it will be screening "Crime Wave," a

1954 film noir classic produced by Warner Bros.

The tagline reads "Every mugger-nest, creep-joint and dim-lit dive busts wide-open in the year's bullet-riddled cops vs. killers sensation!"

The film is shown on the lawn at the Doctors House at Brand Park. Seating is first come, first served.

"Bring your own chairs or blankets," Carter suggested.

He added movie goers can feel free to bring a picnic basket to enjoy and arrive early to enjoy the evening before the film.

There is also a Glendale angle to "Crime Wave."

"There are a lot of locations that were shot in Glendale," Carter said.

The event's special guest is well-known historian Marc Wannamaker who will be making a presentation on the Glendale locations used.

The event will open with a Bugs Bunny cartoon, "Bugs and Thugs" a great partner to "Crime Wave."

The outdoor film event is in partnership with the Alex Film Society, Northwest Glendale Homeowner's Association, The Glendale Historical Society and Brand Associates. The technical facilities are provided by Glendale Community

Services and Parks. Event sponsor is G&C Properties.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m.

The event is free to the public.

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THEN & NOW

Spike Jones Market
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THEN: Spike Jones Market on the southeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and La Crescenta Avenue is a fond memory for most CV natives. Although it was only open for a couple of decades (the 1950s and '60s) it is considered an icon of La Crescenta due to its warmth and community spirit, and its quirky neon sign featuring a caricature of the popular band leader Spike Jones. This view is looking west down Foothill. Note the phone booth.

NOW: The brick building housing Spike Jones Market was demolished in 1971 after it was damaged by the Sylmar Earthquake. A newer retail building has been built on the site at 2772 Foothill Blvd. and now houses Catalina Paints.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This Friday, July 12, filmmaker John Newcombe will present his film, "Carl Howell - Witnessing History." 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 six (July 15-19) Sportz Blitz for ages 5-12, 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, and Professor Egghead: Rocket Camp for ages 5-10.

Ten weeks of summer camp is available for registration.

Programming in: Dungeons & Dragons, Sports, Art, Ceramics, Cooking and S.T.E.M.

"Advanced Directives" is on July 13 at 10 a.m. and is part of a speaker series for seniors.

Learn about the crucial role advanced directives play in ensuring senior wishes are honored during challenging times. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights into the importance of keeping directives up-to-date for peace of mind and security.

This speaking event is brought to attendees by a local Girl Scout of 8 years, Madison Hunt, and another local to the community, Dr. Woo, who is a specialist in palliative and geriatric care.

Attendance to this is free, RSVP CCLCF.org or call (818) 790-4353.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

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

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

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

CANASTA IS CALLING

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

REIKI CLASS OFFERED

A Reiki 1 class is offered on Saturday, July 13 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

FLOWER LANTERN FUNDRAISER

KNAXCLAWSSY LA is having a fundraiser on Saturday, July 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. benefitting the Chace Taylor Impact Foundation. The event begins with a sound bath guided by Jannah Alchemist, followed by a craft event where participants will create their own flower lanterns. All necessary supplies will be provided.

The cost is \$70 per person; snacks and beverages will be

provided.
KNAXCLAWSSY LA is located at 3156 Foothill Blvd. Suite 'B' in La Crescenta.
www.knaxclawssyla.com

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

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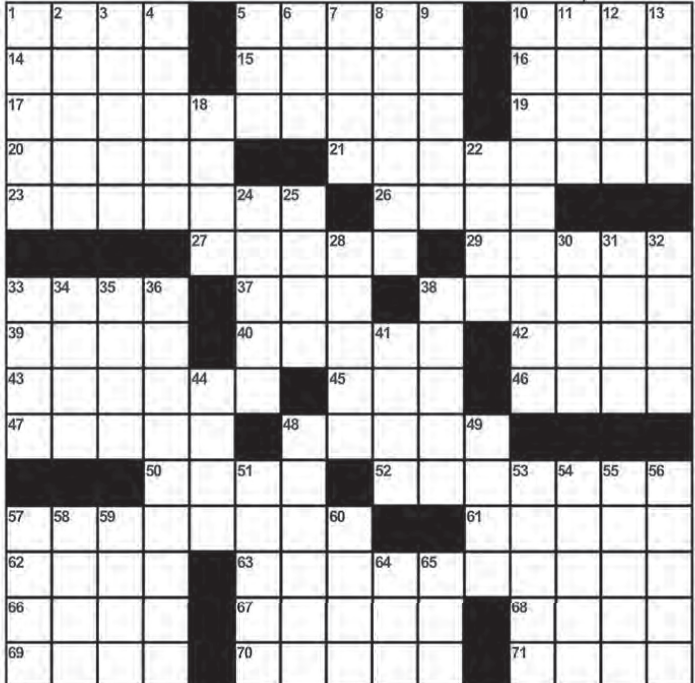
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- 16) Infinitesimal amount
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- 19) Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 20) Send to city hall
- 21) A bona fide quality
- 23) Film a second time
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- 27) Accordion fold
- 29) One of a biblical 150
- 33) Fodder holder
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- 38) Coast Guard operation
- 39) Anytime now, old-style
- 40) Make laugh
- 42) At one time, at one time
- 43) Skull caps?
- 45) Highlands hat
- 46) ___ new world's record
- 47) Asian hub
- 48) Launch
- 50) First word of "The Raven"
- 52) Cork, e.g.
- 57) Maidenhair trees
- 61) Brink
- 62) Certain woodwind
- 63) Grandstand group
- 66) Ethiopian money
- 67) Metronome settings
- 68) Act as lookout, e.g.
- 69) Distinctive doctrines
- 70) Opera solos
- 71) Permits

DOWN

- 1) Internet prefix
- 2) "According to" rules guy
- 3) Gaelic dialects
- 4) Game played with Fido
- 5) Exact payment from
- 6) "___ be an honor"
- 7) Swerve
- 8) Slap the cuffs on
- 9) Strong rope fiber
- 10) They may be called in court
- 11) Firefighter's accessory
- 12) JFK times
- 13) Repairs a road
- 18) Above
- 22) Bound
- 24) Clay pots
- 25) Sports unit
- 28) Type of angle
- 30) Land measure
- 31) A deadly sin
- 32) "I ___ man with seven wives"
- 33) Miss Universe's wrap
- 34) Andean civilization
- 35) Certain bank transaction
- 36) They want to see the action
- 38) Send, as payment
- 41) Droops
- 44) Engine knock
- 48) Obsolescent summoner
- 49) Extra-bright star
- 51) ___ del Sol
- 53) Flower component
- 54) Surgical instrument
- 55) "Snowy" bird
- 56) Takes a time-out
- 57) Arid Asian area
- 58) Leggy wader
- 59) George on "Cheers"
- 60) 18-wheeler
- 64) Bean counter, for short
- 65) "___ the season ..."

SO WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE

By Alex Cole



see ANSWERS in next week's issue.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 8, 2024 - July 14, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your health becomes an inside job this week and into the next. It's time to reflect on your overall fitness and how you're doing with the goals you've set for yourself. One way to work on these is to use your imagination and see yourself just the way you want to be in your new body. Feel what it's like to be lighter and stronger. Go for it!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Going out and socializing seems to either help or hinder your overall state of health. If you're a member of a sporting club, it looks like you're going to be very active. On the other hand, you may be out clubbing, and this isn't going to do you too much good if you keep it up night after night. The key to feeling great is balance. Get this right and you'll have no problems.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Don't worry too much if you feel less than wonderful early in the week. The planetary transits may coincide with a sinking, low-energy feeling. If you happen to be on vacation, you can just take it easy. If you're in a busy period, try and delegate some of the work. You'll feel much more energized and ready for anything by the weekend.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Your overall health looks pretty good. But you may still be itching to get away and relax deeply, so that you can take a break from the stresses and strains you've endured lately. With a focus on your travel zone, this is the best time to take a break. Spending a couple of weeks doing your own thing will restore your balance and bring a smile back to your face.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Ongoing partnership issues may take their toll on your health if you aren't careful. The early part of the week looks the most trying, so do what you can to minimize problems before they really get to you. Talking heart to heart and admitting your true feelings to each other can have a very liberating effect on your overall health, especially if you make it an ongoing habit.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Slow down and take a reduced schedule if you feel tired early in the week. The planetary energy may take the wind out of your sails. However, it's only a temporary phase. With a power-playing cosmic energy influencing your health and well-being for the foreseeable future, you'll thrive if you determine to take responsibility for your well-being. The more you do so, the better you'll feel all around.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The cosmos brings you the perfect opportunity to get in peak condition. If you want to get fit, make a start by checking out the facilities available in your area. Research ways of eating or exercising and look out for diets or fitness regimens that appeal to you. Joining a group or club may help you keep your resolve intact, or you could team up with a buddy and cheer each other on.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Get sports-minded and get outside. This is an excellent time to try something new like golf, baseball, or any other activity that gets you excited. You'll not only make new friends, you'll also feel great without having to put in hours of training, unless you want to, of course. You may be thinking of buying some equipment so you can exercise at home whenever you need to.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Take a rest if you find yourself suffering from headaches or mental strain during the early part of the week. Most of all, try to get away from the computer and not do too much reading or writing. You'll feel so much better if you can give your brain a rest. Despite this, you seem to be in a positive mood and keen to get out and about. Be good to yourself!

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You begin to see the benefits of the hard work you've put into looking great. It may take you some time to get into the discipline of daily workouts, but you'll enjoy it once you do. You're just about to reach that point where you can see results in terms of your trim, fit, and toned body, and you can look forward to making further progress.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Take it easy early in the week, as you may not be at your most energetic due to some sapping cosmic energy. It may be best to take a reduced schedule if you can. Other than this, the rest of the week looks fairly good. But if you want to reach peak fitness, you need to organize a regimen that you can fit into your busy daily routine.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

The focus is on you and your overall state of well-being. If you haven't been feeling so great lately, then it's time to take action. The stars are encouraging you to put yourself first. If you need the advice of a doctor, go and get it. If you want to firm and tone your body, talk to someone who can set you on track. It really is worth it.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Overbilled for my closet repair! Should I sign this release agreement?

After Laurence Bauman's closet collapses, he hires Beltway Builders to fix it. But soon afterward, the closet collapses again. Now the company wants him to sign a nondisclosure agreement. What's going on?

Question: I recently found a contractor on Angi to fix my bedroom closet. I reached out to the recommended company, Beltway Builders, and they sent a man named Texas Greg to give me an estimate.

Texas Greg quoted me a crazy price of \$1,350 for the job. When I asked why it was so expensive, he said it was the day rate for two handymen. I accepted it because my wife was freaking out that her clothes were all over the floor.

Only one person showed up for the job. He took four hours to finish. I complained to Beltway and told Texas Greg that I should get a \$500 refund for getting only four hours of labor while being charged for 16 hours. Texas Greg said I was wrong and that they undercharged me. He said my bill should have been \$1,650.

Shortly after the work was finished, the shelves in the closet collapsed. This time I fixed it myself. Beltway Builders offered me

a \$100 gift card to Outback Steakhouse and made me sign a nondisclosure agreement that I couldn't disparage them or their work any further.

I would like a refund for the second repairman who did not show up. Can you help me?

— Laurence Bauman, Pikesville, Maryland

Answer: A contractor should do a competent job at a fair rate. So much went wrong with your experience—I don't even know where to begin.

When you research a contractor, you can certainly use Angi as a resource. But you don't want to rely on it exclusively. Ask around and get a good word-of-mouth recommendation from a friend or relative.

Also, if someone quotes you a rate that's too high you're under no obligation to say "yes." (As it turned out, you finally decided to install the shelves yourself for free.) I realize your wife was upset about the closet

and you needed to get the job done quickly. But you didn't have to go with the Texas Greg estimate.

Texas Greg really gave you a Texas-sized estimate for the closets. I might have requested several estimates for the job.

I see from your correspondence with Beltway Builders that there was some additional communication with the company and that you involved the BBB. That probably irritated the company, leading it to send you the gift card offer with the nondisclosure agreement.

A nondisclosure agreement is a legally binding contract that prevents you from revealing certain things about a business relationship—in your case, it would be anything relating to the job Texas Greg had quoted you. It would include your comments on the closets and the images of the collapsed closet that you sent me with your complaint.

Again—no one was forcing you to sign the contract. You can walk away from a

nondisclosure agreement and do whatever you want, including complaining to a nationally syndicated consumer advocate.

I reviewed the job and I don't think you should have had to pay \$1,350. I would have asked another contractor for an estimate or just fixed the closet myself.

I contacted Beltway Builders on your behalf to see if I could negotiate a truce. A manager called and apologized. He said both of the people involved in your repair have left the company. And he agreed to refund you the \$500.

As for the nondisclosure? Well, the \$100 gift card turned out to be worth \$50 so I would say your agreement is probably voided.

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/>.

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CLASSIC FILM SERIES AT DOCTORS HOUSE

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

On 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.

CAMPBELL CENTER HOSTING SUMMER SOCIAL

Staff, associates, families and all community friends of the Campbell Center are invited to celebrate the merger of The Campbell Center and New Horizons. Funds raised will go towards supporting the services

provided for associates at TCC. The summer social will be held at New Horizons' campus and include a full afternoon of food, games, live music and prizes.

The event is on July 27 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 15725 Parthenia St. in North Hills. Registration deadline is July 19; for more information oramaz@newhorizons-sfv.org or call (818) 894-9301, ext. 333.

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.

To learn about sponsorship

opportunities or to sign up, email Barbara Jordan, Foundation Systems specialist, at Barbara.Jordan@med.usc.edu or call (818) 952-2226.

GIFF ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS


The Glendale International Film Festival is now accepting film and screenplay submissions for its 10th anniversary edition. GIFF 2024 is produced and presented by non-profit Glendale Arts and will be held from Sept. 26-Oct. 1.

Filmmakers and screenwriters from all over the world are invited to submit their projects via FilmFreeway at <https://filmfreeway.com/GlendaleInternationalFilmFestival>. Films, student films, and screenplays will be accepted until the final submissions deadline on July 12. Selected films will be screened during the festival at the Glendale location of the Laemmle Theatres.

This year, GIFF has expanded to 22 submission categories.

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GOATS from Cover

year the Glendale City Council approved an expansion and the goats are expected to eat 30 acres of vegetation.

Mundo added that more municipalities have chosen to use goats for clearing vegetation as opposed to other methods, like using gardening equipment. Using equipment like trimmers can actually cause a fire if the machine strikes a stone, which

can spark.

"The goats work long hours, can climb steep hills and they fertilize and restore the native plants," Mundo said.

"Goats eat about 4% of their body weight each day. Without the use of toxic chemicals or fuel intensive machinery, our goats effectively clear land of noxious invasive weeds, often for less money than other methods,"

according to the Ventura Brush Goats' website.

The company states that goats can consume up to 85% of existing vegetation. They also renew and fertilize the soil without disturbing native wildlife.

"Their hooves gently incorporate surface organic matter and the microbes in their gut inoculate the rhizosphere (the narrow zone of soil surrounding the roots of the plant)

via their manure. Often this is the most effective and ecological method of restoring fertility," according to the website.

The goats were very busy climbing and eating the weeds and vegetation throughout the Buckingham neighborhood. On Saturday, they were working for the City of Glendale but earlier four Buckingham neighbors realized how successful the clearing

had been in other areas and worked together to hire the goats for their own properties.

Resident Leticia Gonzales said it was really a joint effort between the neighbors and the city. The goats cleared about five acres of property and the neighbors were delighted with the results.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS

BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CVCOC » ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY

Hometown Country Fair Review and Looking Forward

There's no denying it – the day was hot on June 22 when the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual Hometown Country Fair at CV Park. Regardless of the high temperatures we saw a lot of local folks come out for a day that offered lots of fun.

A petting zoo? Yup, we had one. First responders including representatives from California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept., Montrose Search & Rescue and Glendale Police Dept. and even Smokey Bear from the U.S. Forest Dept.? Yes, they were there. A pie-eating contest and water balloon

toss? Yes indeed – plus students from the Crescenta Valley High School robotics team and members of the dynamic Charismatics, who opened the festivities. And let's not forget that Supervisor Kathryn Barger stopped by and presented a certificate to the chamber. Representative Judy Chu was also on hand to say hello to many of her constituents plus present a certificate to the chamber as did Declan Floyd from the office of State Senator Anthony Portantino. Guests also enjoyed the inflatables and food trucks. Classic Mustangs were also on display. It was a banner day.

I have to give a shout-out to the many volunteers who pulled together this mammoth event. From directing traffic to making arrangements for placement of the numerous vendors, the Hometown Country Fair volunteers went above and beyond to make sure this year's event was one of the best. Thank you!

CV Chamber of Commerce is growing! We welcome our newest members Carrie Grochow of Engle & Voelkers Real Estate, Marcelo Poisl of New Your Life Insurance, Anthony Chiropractic, Global Sanitation Services, The Nahle Group, ServPro,

Animus Grappling. Remember chamber members when you're in need of a business or service.

Looking ahead, our next business mixer is on Aug. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the offices of the Crescenta Valley Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta. Mixers are a great way to acquaint yourself in a relaxed setting with our local residents and businesses. Calendar the Aug. 13 event! The cost to attend is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. You'll enjoy an evening of good food, beverages and fun.

If you are a Chamber member we are available to help your business

plan a ribbon cutting, a grand re-opening of your business, or even help you organize promotional opportunities. For those of you who are not business or residential members there are numerous advantages of a CV Chamber of Commerce membership. For details simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto, "Our Business is Your Business."

*Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce*

NEWS FROM THE MVCC » SARA DARBY

MVCC June Recap & July Preview: Celebrating Community and Anticipating Exciting Future Events

The Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce has enjoyed a fantastic month, continuing to strengthen our community through recent events and exciting plans for future events. We kicked off the month with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Animus Grappling, a new business that promises to be a cornerstone of our community. The turnout was fantastic and their space is truly beautiful. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and showed their support. The enthusiasm and community spirit at the event was palpable, and we are confident that Animus Grappling will help our community flourish by providing a great place for fitness and camaraderie.

As we move forward, we are eagerly anticipating the Jenkins 40th Caribbean Bash Mixer and Scholarship Awards on July 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jenkins Properties, 2626 Honolulu Ave. This tropical-themed evening promises to be a memorable celebration as we honor the remarkable achievements of Jenkins Properties over the past 40 years and recognize the outstanding MVCC scholarship winners. Guests can look forward to delicious food, refreshing drinks and excellent networking opportunities. The night will culminate with exciting opportunity drawings. Our scholarship grand prize will be awarded to Violet Bandek and our second tier prizes to Alexzander Awni and Kayleen Yang. This event is not just a celebration but also a testament to the ongoing commitment of Jenkins Properties and the MVCC to support and uplift our community.

We are deep into the preparations for our annual Oktoberfest. This much-anticipated event is a staple in our community, bringing together residents and visitors for a day of fun, food and festivities. We invite everyone to mark their calendars for Saturday, Oct. 5 from noon to 10 p.m. at 2200-2400 Honolulu Ave. in

Montrose. Join us for this exciting celebration! For more information and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website at www.montrosechamber.org/montroseoktoberfest/.

The Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and connected community. Our recent events have showcased the incredible support and enthusiasm within our community and we look forward to continuing this momentum with upcoming celebrations and initiatives. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the area, we encourage you to join us at our events, engage with local businesses and be an active part of our thriving community. Together we can achieve great things and make Montrose an even better place to live, work and play.

As we reflect on the successes of this month and look ahead to the exciting events on the horizon, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our members and the broader community. Your participation and enthusiasm are what make our events special and our community strong. Thank you for being a part of the Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Meet the newest business members of the MVCC:

Soniaz Boutique – A new baby and lingerie store in Montrose. Discover a curated selection of products from all over the world, mainly from the USA and Europe. <http://soniazboutique.com>

Sean Doorly Photography – "Sean Doorly is a family, event and music photographer offering photography services in Los Angeles and Glendale." <http://www.seandoorlyphotography.com>

...and welcoming back renewing members:

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