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Varied Topics on Council Agenda

By Julie BUTCHER

"There was an item on the agenda regarding La Crescenta Avenue," noted Councilmember Ara Najarian during the Glendale City Council meeting of Tuesday, July 16 that provides time for comments from councilmembers. "Then it was taken off the agenda. I don't think items should be removed like that, without discussion. It just disappeared."

The topic will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Elen Asatryan stated she wants to have future conversations about obstacles to the building of condominiums. Additionally, she urged staff to organize advocacy days in Sacramento with city partners and lobbyists.

The Council unanimously approved a resolution amending the city's investment policy divesting direct and indirect city investments in Azerbaijan.

According to the staff report, "on January 30, 2024, the Glendale City Council adopted a resolution recognizing Azerbaijan's ethnic cleansing and genocide in Artsakh, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh. At its May 7, 2024 meeting, the Council, while acknowledging that moneys in the City of Glendale's general fund are not invested in any foreign securities, nonetheless directed staff to investigate other city investments, such as CalPERS, and determine whether any city funds are invested in Azerbaijani securities. Staff raised concerns about CalPERS' approximately \$170 million investment in Azerbaijani securities, which contradicts its Environmental Social Governance (ESG) policies, especially given Glendale's significant Armenian American population. The report emphasizes the risks posed by such investments given Azerbaijan's potential for

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Calling All Car Enthusiasts

By Clare BUCHANAN

Brand Boulevard will be the place for folks to check out a variety of classic vehicles.

On Saturday, July 20, the City of Glendale invites the community to its annual Cruise Night. The event will take place on Brand Boulevard from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and will spotlight over 400 vehicles ready to be checked out. The city has been hosting this show for decades; this year marks the 29th annual event. Trophies in several categories will be awarded to car owners and decided upon by a panel of judges during the event. For the first time, this event will feature modified imported and exotic cars that will be showcased alongside the classic cars. Cruise Night is a family-friendly event and admission is free. The festivities are proudly presented by this year's largest sponsor, BMW. Platinum sponsors include the City of Glendale and the historic (and iconic) Alex Theatre. Local sponsors include Porto's, Crescenta Valley Weekly and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Three tribute bands will be playing throughout the evening followed by a fireworks show as the evening wraps up at 10:30 p.m. Visitors will have the chance to see live music from The Springsteen Experience, a Bruce Springsteen tribute band. A Doobie Brothers tribute band, China Grove, will also be performing

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File photo
 All types of cars will be on view during Cruise Night in Glendale, sponsored in part by the Alex Theatre.



Future of Rockhaven Discussed at Meeting

By Julie BUTCHER

"Let me say first how nice it is to see the city doing something beautiful in North Glendale," one participant said during a packed, two-hour community meeting held on Wednesday, July 10 at the Montrose-Crescenta Library concerning immediate and longer-term plans for the former Rockhaven site.

Nurse Agnes Richards opened Rockhaven Sanitarium in 1923 as an innovative place for the treatment of mentally ill women. At the time, the Crescenta Valley was a popular place for treatment facilities. In 2008 the City of Glendale bought the 3.4-acre property, located at 2713 Honolulu Ave. and composed of 15 buildings built between 1920 and 1972 surrounded by lush, serene gardens, and has made numerous failed attempts to develop it. In July 2021, Senator Anthony Portantino secured \$8 million in state funds "to renovate and preserve the historic Rockhaven

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Renderings by SWA Consultants that were shown at the Rockhaven community meeting on July 10 displayed possible plans for the property.

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Telling the Truth

When I was little I was told by my father that he wouldn't abide having in his house a thief or a liar. I thoroughly absorbed that message and I remember telling my dad only one lie in my life: something involving an incident with the neighbor kid when I was a child (I don't even remember what the situation was). And as far as "stealing" anything from my parents I never considered it (well, except for cigarettes – in the early '70s I'd help myself to my mom's Pall Malls).

Over the years here at the offices of the CV Weekly I have hit two cars. I was understandably mortified and, though my offenses weren't witnessed, I went to the offices where the car owners were located to confess my misdeeds. Ugh. (Thankfully both people were kind and understanding.)

Perhaps that's why I have such a problem with the out-and-out lies told to us by politicians. It isn't limited to one political party; no matter with whom they're affiliated lying seems to be part and parcel of their behavior ... like part of their DNA. It makes it nearly impossible to believe anything anyone says.

Yesterday morning I was listening to the radio and heard about something the CV Weekly reported over a year ago. People pull up in a car to a house where someone would be outside (probably the homeowner) and they would walk to the homeowner with their arms outstretched looking for a hug. If the receiving person reciprocated, they'd soon

discover that they had been robbed of their necklace, watch, rings or whatever else the thief could get their hands on. How sad!

I don't know about you, but I think to myself that I'd never fall for something so blatant. But consider this: if someone pulled up to your house and approached you with their arms outstretched, especially in response to needed directions for example, would you allow yourself to be hugged? I'm such a pushover that I'd probably fall for it. And end up minus my jewelry.

But when it comes to politics I do consider myself more savvy. I just don't believe anybody. If I had such skepticism in everyday life my jewelry (and my dignity) would be safe.

In this week's paper, you can read an article by Mary O'Keefe of comments she collected regarding the attempted assassination of presidential candidate and former president Donald Trump. These comments came from local representatives, like Judy Chu, and representatives from local political clubs.

Even for a cynic like me I know that trying to kill someone – even a politician – is unacceptable. Sad state of affairs in which we live.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Over the weekend I had to stop watching the news. Now anyone who knows me understands this is a monumental decision because I am and have always been obsessed with the news. I read the Des Moines Register and Oskaloosa Herald every day from kindergarten well into my young adulthood. I couldn't wait for "60 Minutes" to air and, as a family, we would sit, watch and learn. I am lucky enough to remember listening to Walter Cronkite's "CBS Evening News." Now the way we get news, and those sharing the news, has changed. It seems like the same thing is being reported over and over with the focus being on one or maybe two subjects. And honestly – it has been more difficult to read or tune into the news lately, but this weekend I just had to step away.

I decided to turn to "The Twilight Zone." I know it may seem weird to escape into this series but I really enjoy great writing and there is nothing like "The Twilight Zone," especially the episodes written by creator Rod Serling.

I watched "No Time Like the Past" written by Serling and starring Dana Andrews. The plot was centered on a scientist, portrayed by Andrews, who developed a time machine.

"We live in a cesspool, a septic tank, a gigantic sewage complex in which runs the dregs, the filth, the misery-laden slop of the race of men: his hatred, prejudices, passions and violence. And the keeper of this sewer: man. He is a scientifically advanced monkey who walks upright, with eyes wide open, into an abyss of his own making. His bombs, fallout, poisons, radioactivity ... everything he designs as an art for dying is his excuse for living. We live in an exquisite bedlam, an insanity ... made all the more grotesque by the fact that we don't recognize it as insanity."

That was how Andrews' character, Paul Driscoll, stated why he wanted to take a time

trip to the past to correct what he considered were its the errors.

That speech honestly took my breath away. Serling did not hold anything back. Many times in his writing there were a subtle messages of societies' shortcomings but boy this was not subtle ... and I loved it.

Driscoll first traveled to Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945 in an attempt to convince local police the public needed to flee the area. He tried to warn them of the bomb that would be dropped and he wanted to save lives; however, no one believed him. Then he traveled to 1939 Germany and attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler, but he was interrupted by a housekeeper who supported Hitler's movement. She became suspicious and contacted the SS; however, when officers arrived Driscoll was gone –back to the future. Hitler continued his speech ... and his reign of terror. Then Driscoll traveled to the Lusitania on May 6, 1915. He begged the ship's captain to change his course to avoid the German U-boat torpedo before it slammed into the side of his ship. But again – he did not persuade anyone to change course.

Granted, Andrews' character was not the best candidate to send back to the past. He seemed to be under the assumption that people would just believe him and change their process; maybe that is what scientists think. They present facts and people should just believe them. They warn and often they are ignored.

Driscoll had given up trying to change the past and went to a small Indiana town in the 1800s. Here he planned to live a simple life, ignoring the future; however, it turned out not only can people not outrun their past, they can't outrun their future either. His actions caused a devastating fire that injured children so he went back to his own timeline.

He found that the past can't be changed and told his colleague, "Do something about

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NEWS

The Chance to Experience the Films of a Bygone Era



File photos

By Hayden FRANKLIN

October 16 of this year would have marked the 100th anniversary of the Montrose Theater. Though barely remembered, the theater was at one point the centerpiece of the downtown Montrose area. Fashioned in the Spanish Revival style the theater hosted vaudeville shows and silent films in its early days; then as cinema progressed the theater would progress as well, showing talkies and eventually films in color. The theater unfortunately burned down in 1987

due to suspected electrical issues. Today all that remains of the theater is the parking lot in the 2200 block of Honolulu Avenue between Pho 22 and Andersen's Pet Shop.

However, the spirit of the early days of the Montrose Theater reflecting the era of the silent movies with stars like Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd and their goofy antics has been brought back to life by The Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and the LA County Parks Dept. in the form of Silent Movie Night at Two Strike Park.

Attendees to the July 27 event

at Two Strike Park will be able to experience what it would have been like to go to the Montrose Theater 100 years ago or attend one of the many public film screenings that were popular during that time. On Saturday night, the films will be screened by Joe Rinaudo of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley (HSCV) and his vintage 1909 Power's hand crank motion picture machine with a Magic Lantern sliding attachment that will project the vintage 35mm film onto a screen provided by the historical society. Along with Rinaudo the show will feature Gary Gibson from the

HSCV, piano music by pianist Cliff Retallick, and sound engineering by Mike Dooley.

The event has a very special and exciting lineup of films for guests to enjoy. Silent comedy films from Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy and Harold Lloyd, and very rare comedy pieces from comedian and director Larry Semon, will be screened. Rinaudo has recently introduced the rare films into the Library of Congress.

Attendance to the event is free and will be held on Saturday, July 27 with the first screening at 8 p.m. There will be treats and refreshments

LEFT: Joe Rinaudo dressed in period garb when showing films at the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar.

RIGHT: On Saturday night, July 27, Joe Rinaudo of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley will bring his vintage 1909 Power's hand crank motion picture machine with a Magic Lantern sliding attachment to project vintage 35mm films at Silent Movies in the Park.

available for purchase. Those who attend are encouraged to bring blankets and or lawn chairs for comfort. Prepare to experience the films from yesteryear; for more information visit CVHistory.org.

Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

IN BRIEF

CVCA TO MEET JULY 25

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, July 25. This month the meeting is in person in the community room at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. The CV Water District will give a presentation at 7 p.m. on PFAS, an emerging water quality issue.

Beforehand, at 6:30 p.m., the District's quarterly question and answer session will provide an opportunity for residents to share ideas, comments, questions and interact with CVWD staff.

Also on the agenda, Friends of Rockhaven will update the group on current project proposals.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome.

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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Changes Proposed to the LA County Board of Supervisors

By Mary O'KEEFE

Depending on what voters determine in November, Los Angeles County may be facing some major changes.

LA County Supervisors Lindsey Horvath and Janice Hahn proposed a measure that would increase the current five member board to nine members and create a countywide elected executive position ... a county mayor.

At present, the board of supervisors represents about 10 million residents – about two million for each supervisor. LA County Charter was adopted by voters in 1912 when Los Angeles County's population was a little over 500,000. As the County has grown the supervisor position, according to the motion, has not kept up with that growth.

"If the County were a state, it would be ranked as the 11th most populous, just below Michigan and above New Jersey. Economically, Los Angeles County has a larger Gross Domestic Product (GDP) than all but five U.S. states (California,

Texas, New York, Florida, and Illinois). Yet our governance structure, established before women had the right to vote, has remained unchanged," according to the motion.

The motion also states a "countywide official, elected by and answerable to the voters, is best positioned to consider the common interests of the entire County population and to be held accountable for their implementation."

This type of motion has been presented before; in fact several times from 1962 to 2023. However, not all LA County supervisors are in favor of the motion. Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Holly Mitchell abstained.

"This reform proposal isn't a panacea. Whether our Board stays at five members or grows to nine or more, our elected body has a responsibility to lead responsibly, effectively and transparently. Bigger government doesn't necessarily mean better government – but the matter will be in the public's hands so they

can decide that for themselves come November. I will say that, regardless of size, our Board's decisions repeatedly get stuck in bureaucracy and an unwillingness to make tough decisions," Barger stated in a released statement. "A prime example is Men's Central Jail. Despite our Board's unanimous vote to close it, we're nowhere closer to shuttering its doors than we were 12 years ago. This is because there is a lack of political will to approve a plan to securely rehabilitate incarcerated individuals who cannot be legally diverted despite several studies that have all concluded that is the path forward.

"I believe we should concentrate on improving the transparency of our decision making. The votes and directives issued by our board of supervisors are largely personality driven instead of being guided by process, expert input and transparency. I wholeheartedly support creating an Ethics Commission now so we can immediately tackle improving both transparency and Board accountability. I will introduce a



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motion at our next regular Board meeting to accomplish that. If we're serious about reforms, let's enact those now. There's no need to wait."

The two ordinances are proposed to be on the Nov. 5, 2024 ballot. The two include "to establish an office of County Executive to be elected by

voters countywide." This would go into effect in 2028. Voters will also be asked if they want to expand the number of supervisor members from five to nine and that would follow the 2030 "decennial census and reapportionment process."

Summer Speaker Series Continues

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition/CV Cares is continuing with its Summer Speaker Series. The first part of the series began in June with a presentation by Carmela Tunzi, founder Sherman Oaks Hypnosis. Tunzi gave a demonstration of how hypnosis can be used in everyday life and pointed out that many people, including athletes, practice a form of self-hypnosis as they prepare to go onto the field or court.

She was also able to demonstrate, with an audience member, how to

take a negative feeling and move it into a positive realm.

On July 23 at St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church's Sadler Hall the speaker series will continue with Glendale Police Detective Guillermo "G" Jimenez and Sona Hovsepian, clinical program director for Glendale's Substance Abuse and Wellness Resource Program.

The presentation will focus on the dangers of fentanyl use, narcotic awareness and the dangers of narcotic use. Also discussed will be Glendale's Wellness Resource Program and how its resources are set to support individuals and

families.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CV Coalition is a project under the Chace Taylor Malone Impact Foundation LA (IFLA), which was founded by Chace's friends and his mother Victoria Malone. IFLA created a Resource Partners Catalog of Professional Services including services that include psychiatry, therapy and hypnotherapy as well

as well-being services addressing subjects like yoga, acupuncture, nutrition and much more. Malone lost her son Chace to an accidental overdose involving fentanyl. Her mission through IFLA is to honor her son's memory and to do everything she can to help individuals and families so they do not have to face the tragedy she has faced.

"The speaker series offers professionals who are speaking on topics that are important to understand and be informed about. We hope that the community gets answers to questions they may have for these very serious topics. Most importantly they get answers and guidance from legitimate resource professionals," Malone said.

She added children are welcome to the speaker events, hopefully with the permission and guidance from their parents.

"We encourage families to attend these events together. Families can hear from the professionals and hopefully this will open up opportunities for family dialogue around these topics," she said.

Fentanyl use and overdoses are a concern for all communities. According to the Los Angeles Dept. of Public Health, accidental fentanyl overdose deaths increased 1,652% from 109 in 2016 to 1,910 in 2022. From 2016 to 2021, fentanyl overdose Emergency Dept. visits increased 621% from 133 to 959 visits, and fentanyl overdose hospitalizations increased 225% from 102 and 332 cases.

Malone said she feels this talk is important for all to hear.

"My personal opinion is that it is important for teens and young adults to hear this information,"

she said. "From our personal family experience, we spoke about what we knew, which at the time had its limitations. Our family was not aware of all the ways in which a person's well-being affects and is affected by their physical experiences. We did not have resources, let alone local resources, that might have guided us through struggles Chace was going through. And we did not have the various resources to learn from, get good sound guidance nor help for him and those in our family who were being affected in ways we could not see."

Part of IFLA and the Coalition includes a youth sector called ambassadors. During a recent meeting, high school students shared their concern about vaping. Det. G and Hovsepian will also be covering vaping during the July 23 event.

The Summer Speaker Series is free to the public. Sadler Hall is located at St. Luke's of the Mountains at 2563 Foothill Blvd. Parking is on the street or the parking lot can be accessed off Cross Street. The event begins at 6 p.m.

Future speakers for the series include: Aug. 27 – the speaker will be Dr. Annie Varvayan, licensed clinical psychologist and co-owner of Couch Conversations in Montrose. The title of her conversation is "Do Your Thoughts Affect Your Life? A Psychologist's Take on How to Overcome Unhelpful Thoughts." Then on Sept. 24 Kristen Gilliland, PhD. in organic chemistry and CVHS alumna, will be speaking. The title of her talk is "The Impact of Stress on Substance Use on the Developing Brain."





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Reactions on Attempted Assassination of Former President Trump

By Mary O'KEEFE

"The FBI continues to investigate the shooting incident at the July 13 rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, as an assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump and potential domestic terrorism," according to an updated release by the FBI on July 15.

For a brief moment, both sides of the aisle put down their campaign rhetoric to express their outrage at this act and shared prayers for Mr. Trump, his family and the victims including Corey Comperatore of Sarver, Pennsylvania who was murdered during the rally by the attempted assassin.

Two others who attended the

rally were injured, according to Pennsylvania State troopers.

Lois Lee Brand Billings, president of the Glendale, Burbank, La Cañada, La Crescenta, Montrose, Sunland-Tujunga Republican Assembly stated: "Glendale-Burbank-Crescenta Valley Republican Assembly (GBRA) is praying for former President Trump, his family and the unfortunate victims and their families. We hope this tragic event serves to ameliorate rhetoric on all sides, and brings the country back to 'one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.'"

Susan Matrodemos of the Cañada Crescenta Democratic

Club: "The Democratic Party does not condone violence as a form of political protest.

AR-15s should be restricted to police & military use." [It has been reported the gunman had an AR-15 in his possession.]

Rep. Judy Chu stated on social media X: "Political violence and gun violence never have a place in America – never. My thoughts are with the innocent victims' families, and I'm wishing a swift recovery to Donald Trump and everyone impacted in Pennsylvania."

Rep. Adam Schiff stated on X: "The assassination attempt on former President Trump at his rally in Pennsylvania was horrifying ... And it must be

condemned by all Americans. Unequivocally."

Former President Trump has been active on social media since the attempted assassin's bullet struck his ear. He has made an appearance at the Republican National Convention that convened this week where he received enough delegate votes to officially become the Republican Party's nomination for the November 2024 election.

There have been calls by both Republicans and Democrats to investigate how the attempted assassin, a 20-year-old Pennsylvania resident, was able to carry a firearm onto a rooftop near the rally platform.



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GUSD Announces Impasse in Negotiations with GTA

By Mary O'KEEFE

At the July 9 Glendale Unified School District's school board meeting it was announced that the board had decided to call an impasse with the Glendale Teacher's Association (GTA) regarding contract negotiations.

"I was shocked that the district called an impasse," said Taline Arsenian, GTA president.

GUSD had a bargaining date set in June which, according to Arsenian, was unusual to have since school, and teachers, was on summer break.

Teachers who are part of the negotiation team made arrangements to be at the negotiation table, she added.

The district entered negotiations at the June 3 meeting and told the GTA negotiators that this was its "last, best and final" offer. There was still a gap in what the association wanted and what the district was offering; however, Arsenian stated she was under the impression that there was still room to talk.

The latest offer was sent to the GTA members for a vote, however not all voted because of the summer break. Of those who voted 70% did not want to accept the offer and to keep negotiating.

Arsenian said GTA members were in communications with the GUSD negotiation team after the vote and was told by GUSD's lead negotiator "Let's touch base the week of July 8." She assumed this meant both sides would return to the table. Then came the July 9 GUSD school board meeting and the impasse announcement.

"We hadn't had an opportunity



During the GUSD board meeting in January 2023 GTA rally members held up signs stating that striking was not their desired outcome of contract negotiations.

to discuss this and calling an impasses in the summer is a low blow," she added.

GUSD has a different opinion on the impasse notification.

"The District bargaining team made it very clear to GTA's bargaining team at their last negotiations session on June 3 that the current wage proposal is a last, best, and final offer. The offer will necessitate substantial budgetary reductions of both personnel and non-personnel expenditures districtwide to maintain financial solvency. In their message to members on June 3, GTA stated, 'Proposing a 'last, best, and final' offer is a prerequisite for GUSD declaring impasse,' and that a vote to continue negotiations would make an impasse likely,"

stated a GUSD spokesperson. Because an impasse was announced, an outside source, the California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), will now have to work with both parties to come to a final decision – or not, depending on how each entity receives the offer. PERB has agreed to the impasse and will move forward with the mediation process, according to GUSD. But moving forward is not that easy as both sides must agree to a PERB mediator. A PERB agent has already contacted GTA and GUSD. "PERB will take over the negotiations. There is a list of mediators, [mostly] retired superintendents," Arsenian said. "It is a process of elimination. The mediator will be flown down here and

[housed]."

The costs of that flight and housing will be split between the district and GTA.

It is a process of discussion, mediation and hopefully finding a result that both sides can agree upon. However, if GTA members do not vote to accept the offer, they can organize to strike.

"The Board of Education's priority is to swiftly come to an agreement so our educators can receive their much-deserved wage increase. The Board hopes that a mediator's transparent review of the wage proposal will bring our negotiations to a timely and positive resolution," said a GUSD spokesperson.

The last, best and final offer included a total compensation increase of 4% and GTA's counter of an increase of 9%.



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CRIME BLOTTER

July 13

700 block of Angeles Crest Highway in Angeles National Forest, a couple parked their vehicle in a parking lot at the location and left for a hike. When they returned they discovered the driver's side door lock cylinder was missing and several items from inside their vehicle had been stolen.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

July 10

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a woman reported that while she was backing her vehicle out of the parking spot, she heard a man, described as an older male, shouting and cursing at her. He accused her of almost hitting him. He punched the rear driver-side door of her vehicle several times with his fist and then struck the same door with a full soda bottle. She drove away as the suspect

was still standing in the area. She returned to the parking lot and began filming with her cellphone. The suspect began to drive erratically through the parking lot.

The incident occurred at 5:30 p.m.

July 11

4300 block of Encinas Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the brother of a resident who was away from the area received a burglary alarm notice. He looked at the surveillance footage and seeing no sign of burglary canceled the alarm. Several hours later he checked the surveillance footage again and saw two suspects running away from the residence. A window was broken on the second floor; however, nothing appeared to be stolen.

The burglary occurred at 2:32 a.m.

3000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported after viewing the surveillance footage shortly after midnight a black BMW X7 with dealer plates parked directly in front of the liquor store. A male adult, Suspect 1, stepped out of the passenger side of the BMW and to the metal security gate. Suspect 1 walked out of the camera view and appeared to be using an unknown tool to cut the pad locks of the metal door. Suspect 1 walked back to the vehicle, got in and it drove out of the parking lot. It appeared the vehicle was only occupied by a driver, Suspect 2.

Later a black BMW 3301 with temporary plates parked in front of the liquor store. Suspect 1 and 2 got out of the vehicle and attempted to lift the metal security door. Once the security alarm sounded, Suspects 1 and 2 got back into the vehicle and drove out of the parking lot. As the two suspects walked back to the vehicle the second time, a third male, Suspect 3, stepped out of the rear passenger door.

The incident occurred between 12:52 a.m. and 4:44 a.m.

July 2

900 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that while she was shopping inside the location someone had taken her wallet from inside her purse, which was in the shopping cart. Surveillance footage revealed that, as the woman turned away from her shopping cart to take items from the produce section, a male described as White, wearing a grey hat, grey vest with a black T-shirt underneath, grey shorts and black shoes, reached into her purse and took her wallet. He then exited the store.

The theft occurred at 10:40 a.m.

Obituary

Gregory Paul Sheehy



Dec. 24, 1951 - June 18, 2024

Gregory Paul Sheehy, 72, died peacefully at home in La Crescenta a few months after a diagnosis of liver cancer. Greg was the beloved husband to Alice (Lissy) Ziesing, loving father to Edward and Kathleen Sheehy, favorite youngest brother to Maureen Sheehy and John Sheehy. He was one of many Sheehy family cousins who laughed, worked and played together throughout their formative lives.

Greg was born to John Francis and Grace Kenmir Sheehy and raised in the City of South Gate with many lifelong friends from that community. He graduated from Pius X High School in 1970, UCLA with a major in history in 1975 after also attending Loyola Marymount University and San Francisco State University on his academic and cultural adventures.

Post grad, Greg studied architecture at Los Angeles City College and apprenticed with his cousin architect Patrick Evan Sheehy in Palm Desert.

Greg and Lissy met at Gensler Los Angeles, then in Century City and married in 1988. They raised Ed and Kathleen and lived ever after in the La Crescenta house they designed and built in 1996.

Greg worked for many years with Dan Dworsky and other esteemed colleagues at Dworsky Associates. After a few years at other firms, he opened his own practice, Sheehy Consulting, in 2001. Greg enjoyed "work from home" long before COVID, providing rides to kids, and shopping for and preparing family meals. He loved his home, Sheehy and Ziesing families, his friends, Dodgers, Bruins, PBS, golf, newspapers, Rogers and Hammerstein, stories of characters and good times.

Close friends and family gathered to remember Greg at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club in early July.

For those who wish to honor his kindness, gratitude and good humor, his family invites you to contribute to Planned Parenthood, The Salvation Army or The Midnight Mission.

Obituary

Ruby Ann Derksen



Feb. 2, 1930 - May 21, 2024

Ruby Ann Derksen was a beloved great grandmother, grandmother, mother and wife during her incredible 94 years of life. She went home to be with her Lord and savior on May 21.

Ruby was born on Feb. 2, 1930 to Frank and Marian Janzen in Hillsboro, Kansas. She grew up among her three brothers John, Donovan and Joel. She married her true love Carl Derksen on June 23, 1951 at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church and celebrated 72 wonderful years of marriage. Together they raised four boys – Steven, Mark, Chuck and Brent – who brought so much pride and joy to Ruby's life.

Ruby walked in faith and was a testimony to her family and friends. She asked Jesus to come into her heart at the early age of 8. She was a member of Chevy Chase Baptist Church and La Crescenta First Baptist Church.

She had many hobbies; among them were sewing, quilting and baking for the family, especially German dishes. She also had a love for board games, which she was very good at and won most of the time. Music had always played an important part of her life over the years, including singing in the church choir, handbell choir and community chorus. Both Ruby and Carl had a passion for travel and they visited all 50 states and many of the continents.

Ruby rejoins her recently late husband Carl in eternal peace. She is survived by her children Steven and Dale Derksen, Mark and Lisa Derksen, Chuck and Ann Derksen, Brent and Gina Derksen; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. We will always feel her presence in our hearts.

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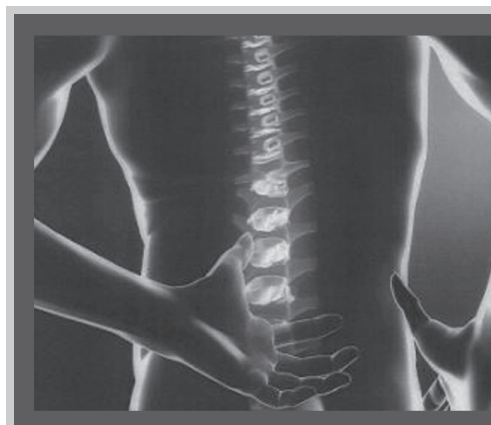
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the tomorrows. They're the ones that count."

Not surprisingly this is exactly what I needed to hear. First, to remember that America has been through some very tough times in the past and we survived. We tend to think "This is the end" because of our political differences, new science like AI, Internet cruelty that seems to be spreading to our everyday life, and our climate being attacked. But this episode of "The Twilight Zone" made me examine empathy toward those who lived through WWII. The fear the public must have felt when the world went to war again, that "the war to end all wars" was not true. Then learning about the Nazis plans – not only of world domination but of the Holocaust and how humans could be so cruel and ruthless. Then the bomb that took us into the unknown nuclear future and the unchecked pollution that seemed to be destroying our air, lakes and oceans.

That last statement from the time traveler – "Do something about the tomorrows. They're the ones that count" – made much more sense to me. This runs alongside what I had been taught by my parents, which aligns with Mahatma Gandhi's guidance of "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

So go clean a beach, learn about what companies are Earth-friendly and support them, speak up against injustice and be kind to others – even when others are not brave enough to be kind to you.

The weather is going to be hot, above normal temps of low 90s. We won't be seeing the highs of 110 degrees like other areas of the southwest but we will get up to 100 and the upper 90s.

Friday through Sunday will be our hottest days, according to Mike Wofford, NOAA meteorologist. But wait – there's more. We may also get another surprise thunderstorm later this week.

"There is some indication more moisture [may come] from the southeast," Wofford said.

The storms typically come over Arizona and NOAA has "low confidence" that a thunderstorm is in our future; however, there is a possibility.

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for audiences. And for Bob Dylan fans, the Tambourine Man tribute band will be rocking out at Cruise Night as well.

According to Gabrielle Goglia with the City of Glendale, the show is expected to draw in 35,000 - 45,000 people throughout the evening. The City of Glendale's economic and community development teams have been working to bring in the crowds for this event. Goglia noted the city wants to "include everybody as much as possible." For families that want to avoid the traffic rush in Downtown Glendale, they can go online to glendalecruisenight.com and find information on valet bike parking as well as information on car parking. Also, listening devices are available to anyone who may need them. Requests for listening devices must be made 24 hours before the event by calling (818) 548-6464. Visitors can also call that number or visit the website glendalecruisenight.com for additional information.

Independence Day Celebration



By Hayden FRANKLIN

The Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association once again brought to the Crescenta Valley an exciting and fun Independence Day celebration. This Fourth of July celebration included the Condor Squadron, which consists of four WWII North American AT-6 airplanes, flying in formation over La Crescenta Elementary School at the beginning of the Crescenta Valley fireworks show to commemorate the nation's birthday. The annual celebration was held at the nearby elementary school

instead of Crescenta Valley High School where it is usually held.

"Due to ongoing construction on the field at the high school this year we moved the viewing area to the elementary school," said past president Steve Goldsworthy. "We expect to return to the high school in 2025."

Moving the event to the elementary school did cause changes to the setup and presentation of the show, but since the fireworks launch from the same area the viewing pretty much remained the same, he added. Event-goers



to the annual community event enjoyed an afternoon of rides, food and music, featuring 5 Feet Under Band and Mary Dyer Band, culminating in the fireworks show.

Bringing the community together is an important aspect of the event according to Steve Pierce, a member of the CV Fireworks Association.

"There's no alcohol or anything like that," he said. "We want to keep it family oriented."

When the hour of 9 p.m. struck, people throughout

have a special grand finale; you think it's going to end then it keeps going. People appreciate that."

In the future, the way Independence Day is celebrated may change. Due to changing interests, and future environmental concerns, the fireworks show may be including drones or other non-explosive lights.

"Having a hybrid show is something we're looking at for future events," said Goldsworthy. "But it's very expensive ... but so are fireworks."

Donations are still being accepted. The Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization; donations can be made at their website (www.cvfireworks.com), then click on the Donate Now button) or by mailing a check to CVFA, 2629 Foothill Blvd. #179, La Crescenta, CA 91214.

"I think people enjoy the show," said Pierce. "We

Photos by Hayden FRANKLIN

TOP LEFT: Fireworks burst over the field at La Crescenta Elementary School.

TOP RIGHT: Ticket buyers crowded the field at La Crescenta Elementary School eager to watch the fireworks show.

ABOVE: The Mary Dyer Band was the main entertainment at the annual show.

LEFT: Members of the Crescenta Valley High School Falcons robotics team displayed their robotics.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Condor Squadron, which consists of four WWII North American AT-6 airplanes, flew in formation over La Crescenta Elementary School.



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Village Poets Welcomes Kathleen Travers, Poet Laureate of the Foothills, with Veteran Poet rg cantalupo

Village Poets presents Kathleen Travers and rg cantalupo on Sunday, July 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum. In addition to the featured poets, two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will be served. The Bolton Hall Museum is at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

Kathleen Travers was crowned the first poet laureate of the Foothills on May 19 at the historic McGroarty Arts Center. A fourth generation Angeleno, Travers has lived in her 100-year-old historic home in Sunland (which she restored) for more than 20 years. With graduate degrees in art history, Victorian studies and professional writing, she has been the recipient of fellowships to the Prague Writers' Festival and for post-graduate study at Cambridge University. Formerly a high school and university educator, she is a historic restoration expert, specializing

in architectural ceramic. A preservation advocate, Travers authored the successful Historic-Cultural Monument applications for the Hills of Peace Cemetery and Cross of San Ysidro. She served as docent at Bolton Hall for 10 years where she co-curated the Foothill Moderns exhibit and lectured on local artist Margaret Morrish. She has read her poetry at venues as diverse as Maddingley Hall, Cambridge, England, and Gasoline Alley, the L.A. Times Festival of Books and the Iguana Café. She served on the board of the Los Angeles Poetry Festival in its glory years and was a founding director of the Poetry Society of America in Los Angeles in the time of The Act of the Poet at Chateau Marmont.

rg cantalupo is a poet, playwright, filmmaker, novelist and director. His work has been published widely in literary journals in the United States, England and Australia. He



Kathleen Travers



rg cantalupo

graduated from UC Santa Cruz where he studied under such luminaries as George Hitchcock, editor of Kayak, Gregory Bateson, and Norman O. Brown, and received his MFA in poetry and non-fiction from Vermont College of the Fine Arts. His books of poetry include "The

Endurance: Journey To Worlds End" (a lyric novel), and "Private Entries, You Don't Know Me" (a five book young adult series), "The Light Where Shadows End," "The Shadows In Which We Rise" (memoirs), "Surviving Covid" and a number of others. He is the founder and artistic director

of Stages in Santa Monica, a performing arts center. He served in the 25th infantry division as an RTO, radio operator, for an infantry company from 1968-69 and received three Purple Heart awards and a Bronze Star with a Combat V for valor under fire.

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property for the public to enjoy and appreciate as a museum."

At the July 10 meeting, city officials and representatives of various consultants narrated and visualized plans for remaking the property's Pines Cottage into a museum and ensuring that the entire site be made accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"None of this is carved in stone," city historic preservation planner Jay Platt said introducing the meeting to the large crowd. The city's Historic Preservation Commission will hear a similar presentation at its meeting tonight, Thursday, July 18 at 5 p.m. in the city's Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway, Room 105; following input from the commission, the Glendale City Council will give final approval to

move forward, likely in August, on what is being considered Tier I of the plan.

Friends of Rockhaven (FoR) summed up its organization's immediate response to the presentation and plan.

"Overall, we are pleased that plans are moving forward with Rockhaven Historic Park," said FoR president Joanna Linkchorst. "There are nit-picky things (use of keywords to convince us of their awareness of our concerns, lack of knowledge of certain historic elements), but also concerns (altering the Pines to create a slick, modern, electronic museum) and full on dread (no plans to open our park as a park, but still seeking 'someone' to monetize it)!"

"Rockhaven is already a museum," continued Linkchorst. "We have had people come from all over the world

to tour the property and see these buildings. No changes need to be made to make this an attractive museum. As a matter of fact, the less changed the better! Keep it more like a house museum and let people see displays in the original rooms and layout, just as Agnes Richards wanted. Please make it accessible to all [and] air conditioned; keep it as original as possible and stabilized. Don't touch the tiles in the bathrooms! Please make new public bathrooms away from the museum itself. They could make new, fully accessible bathrooms in the garage right next to the museum, right along the proposed path. If they still want a kitchenette that could be made in the Gardener's Office behind the garage."

City representatives repeatedly explained that they could not

talk about "past disappointments because of ongoing litigation." FoR filed a lawsuit in April 2023 alleging the city harmed the historical location via "Demolition by Neglect."

"Demolition by Neglect' means the process [by] which the owner of a building or structure allows its ongoing deterioration over a period of time as a result of lack of maintenance, failure to secure it from pests or vandals, and/or failure to take reasonable measures to prevent ingress of water or wind through the roof, walls or apertures, leading to deterioration and/or structural failure constituting a threat to public health and safety," according to the City of Glendale's Municipal Code 15.20.020.

"The lawsuit is simply to get them to follow their own laws," Linkchorst explained. "If the city

wants the lawsuit to be gone, they should follow numerous requests to have them 'look into' finding the money to do some of the work. If we saw movement toward caring for the buildings then this case would vanish. Not tarps! Jay [Platt] claimed the buildings are 'watertight' due to the tarping, but changed that to the 'roofs are watertight' because broken doors and windows are not keeping anything out. One building has a failing foundation that is going to cause a wall to collapse on their fancy new chair lift. And even if doing the tarps is enough, there is still a building without a tarp! One [building] 'staff determined was not part of the historic fabric,' we were told. They have since learned staff isn't allowed to determine that.

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VIEW FROM THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Frank Lanterman – Grandfather of Modern Vehicle Emission Regulations

The name Lanterman runs deep in the history of La Cañada. It was Jacob and Amoretta Lanterman who came from Michigan in the 1870s and, with a partner, bought the entire Crescenta Cañada Valley. Their son Roy Lanterman built the Lanterman House in La Cañada in 1915, which now serves as a museum to the family's local legacy. Roy's two sons, Frank and Lloyd, lived on in the house and when they died they willed the house to the community.

But it was Frank who made the most enduring history as a long-running state assemblyman. In 1950 he was elected and his first mission was to solve the water problems of small but growing communities like La Cañada and La Crescenta. He then took on the treatment of the mentally disabled. But few know that he also championed the first laws fighting the then new phenomenon of smog.

Julie Yamashita, the archivist for the Lanterman House Museum, recently alerted me to an article in Road and Track magazine about Frank Lanterman's fight against smog. The article by Brett Berk is titled "Mr. California: Meet The Man Who Put The State On The Map As The Leader In The Fight Against Vehicle Emissions."

It should be no surprise that Frank Lanterman took on the fight against smog. His grandfather Jacob had come to the valley as a health-seeker to benefit from the clean dry air of the foothills. Selling land to others attracted by the clean air had

made the family's fortune. But by 1950, when Frank entered politics, the local air had become foul with car exhaust. Not only that – a planned freeway (today's 210) promised even worse pollution.

In January 1955, Lanterman co-sponsored AB 3574, which stated "no motor vehicle shall be operated upon the highways unless it is equipped with a muffler of a type approved by the department as being sufficient to remove air pollutants in a manner consistent with reasonable air pollution control practices." This bill was the first law proposed in the nation that would address air pollution. Sadly, the bill did not pass.

But Lanterman was nothing if not relentless. He continued to champion the science behind pollution controls, often finding himself at odds with the automotive and petroleum industries. By the mid-'60s, Lanterman was supporting a similar bill that did pass, the first state law that would regulate tailpipe emissions. In 1967, he proposed a centralized state board to standardize air pollution controls. (Ironically, Lanterman had entered politics as a staunch government deregulator.)

In the 1970s, Lanterman redoubled his anti-air pollution efforts. Although not always successful, he introduced bills that would have increased registration fees for higher polluting engines and went after industry efforts to slow down anti-pollution legislation. He went after some sideline pollution

sources, such as gasoline fume evaporation, and even pollutants from agricultural waste. He successfully introduced measures for more stringent inspections and testing of tailpipe emissions. But he failed at a measure that would require new cars to be fuel-injected and to remove lead from gasoline. (That particular law was later successfully passed.)

Lanterman even got into non-polluting alternative power sources, oddly enough aligning himself with steam power. He introduced legislation that would fund studies on steam-powered cars and buses.

Frank Lanterman continued on this path until he retired from politics in 1978. He had been an incredibly prolific legislator, garnering the nickname "The Workhorse of Sacramento." Throughout his political career, Lanterman had fought a losing battle against the 210 and 2 freeways. In a case of complete irony, the state named the 2 Freeway the Frank Lanterman Freeway. But as we drive up the 2 Freeway – the Lanterman Freeway – we can see clearly the Crescenta Valley, a view much improved over the dark smoggy days of the 1960s when the valley was hidden in a grey haze. And that is directly tied to the efforts of Frank Lanterman, one of the earliest smog fighters.

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

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

College is a Place for Learning, Not Hate

Over the past few years, the United States has seen a staggering increase in antisemitism. The three months following the Oct. 7 Hamas terror attacks on Israel saw a 360% increase in anti-Semitic incidents. From November 2023 to February of this year, 34 anti-Semitic incidents were reported every single day. Assaults, vandalism, written or verbal threats, and harassment targeting Jewish people were happening in communities across

the nation. So precipitous was the increase that during those four months we saw as many anti-Semitic incidents as there had been the entire year proceeding the attacks.

Colleges too have been struggling with rising antisemitism. California is home to the third largest Jewish population globally. Yet our campuses have been rocked by a shocking increase in antisemitism that exceeds the national statistics.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, there has been a 2,000% increase in anti-Semitic incidents on California college campuses since Oct. 7. In a national survey, 73% of Jewish college students surveyed reported that they had been a victim of, or witnessed, anti-Semitic incidents while at school. Fifty-five percent said they had not reported the incident due to fear of backlash. As a result, 67% of the students

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opines on Half-Cent Sales Tax for Housing

I believe it is very important for citizens to directly vote on taxes in local elections instead of having the taxes imposed on them by the government. Therefore, I support putting the [half-cent sales tax for housing] on the ballot to have more direct representation for the people in our community.

However, on the question of whether or not I am for the passing of this tax, I am strongly against the tax being imposed on local citizens.

Personally, I am an advocate of free-market capitalism and small government.

Therefore, I believe that this tax should not be imposed because it is taking more money out of the hands of the hardworking American people that they should be able to use for their personal benefit to better provide for themselves and their families. I believe that Americans already pay way too much money towards property, state, federal and other taxes that are way higher than they should be so I believe

raising even more taxes on everyday Americans exacerbates the already disastrous problem of having only a small amount of money to provide for themselves and their families after money from taxes is removed from their monthly income.

Barden Willis

**Barden is a Life Scout in Boy Scouts of America for Troop 319 in La Crescenta. He is 17 years old and a student at Crescenta Valley High School. He will be entering his senior year in the fall.*

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Elephant Parade Burbank 2024 has Arrived



By Ruth SOWBY

The world's largest touring public elephant art exposition is a first for Los Angeles. It includes 25 elephant statues at high traffic

Burbank landmarks. The "herd" is led by Mahua, designed by Los Angeles artist Chariya Bissonnette. Mahue can be found near Ben & Jerry's on the AMC Walkway in Downtown Burbank. Elephant Parade is aimed at

promoting elephant conservation by way of the life-sized baby elephant statues. They have been designed by more than 1,700 artists, each contributing their work. In total, 2,000 elephant statues have been created.

Tours began in 2007 and include locations such as London, Singapore, Hong Kong and Dubai. Elephant Parade reached

Las Vegas in 2022. The exhibition is funded and initiated by "Visit Burbank" and runs through Aug. 31.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: Visitors to Burbank's AMC Walkway find baby elephant statues among their favorite restaurants and movies.

MIDDLE: Elephant Parade Burbank at AMC Walkway "stars" Mahua. The statue is named after the elephant spirit that takes care of all other elephants.

RIGHT: One of 25 baby elephant statues in Burbank has been created to promote elephant protection and conservation. The exhibition runs through Aug. 31.

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Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Trust Sale Disclosures

Dear Phyllis,

My son's in-laws lived in San Diego, and both recently passed. He will be helping his wife sell the family home. Her father passed away about ten months ago, and because her mother was homebound, his wife spent three days a week at the home and hired caregivers for the other four. Needless to say, it's been very stressful for my son and daughter-in-law. She has hired a Realtor to sell the home. My question is that her Realtor is telling her because she spent so much time there, she should complete additional disclosures not necessarily used in a trust sale. I just wanted your opinion so that I could pass it along?

Tammy

Dear Tammy,

Full disclosure is crucial to maintaining transparency and avoiding legal issues when selling a home. Here are some key areas for your daughter-in-law to consider when disclosing information to potential buyers:

• **Property Condition:**

- Be honest about any known defects or issues with the property, such as structural problems, leaks, or pest infestations.
- Disclose any history of flooding or water damage.

• **Repairs and Renovations:**

- If your daughter-in-law knows of any recent repairs or renovations, she should provide documentation and receipts.
- Communicate which parts of the property have been recently renovated or updated.

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I agree with your daughter-in-law's Realtor that the best way for her to fully disclose is to complete the Transfer Disclosure and Seller's Property Questionnaire. She should note that she did not live at this home full time but just three days a week for approximately ten months. While these disclosures are typically not used in a trust sale, your daughter-in-law has more extensive knowledge of the home than the typical trustee.

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Pancake Fundraiser Raises Money for Sunland/ Tujunga Youth Camp



By Ruth SOWBY

The Sunland/Tujunga Youth Camp fundraiser was a sellout at the first event since COVID. Held in the cultural hall of the Sunland-Tujunga ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sunland, close to 200 church-goers and friends enjoyed breakfast. On an early June morning, chocolate pancakes and sausages fit the bill for supporters who wanted to help church teenagers go to camp in San Diego.

The kids helped set tables, chairs and buffet table. They cooked and served the breakfast. They toted live auction items to each winner. A favorite basket had a movie theme composed of a \$50 AMC gift certificate and candy. It sold for \$90. Two homemade banana cream pies raised \$155. A Darth Vader helmet brought in \$105. Star Wars fan "RD" Coronado won the helmet. He plans to give it to his son rather than wear it himself.

A little over \$1,000 was raised from the live auction. About \$100 was added to



fundraising coffers from a silent auction of pies, cakes and cookies.

Sunland Ward Bishop Darren Whitcomb estimated that the morning's proceeds will be about \$3,000 based on past fundraisers.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
TOP: Serving breakfast are, from left, Ben Love, 16; Body Dinnendahl, 16; and missionary Elder Kai Nagahama, 21, from Japan.

MIDDLE: On his way to Youth Camp, Thomas Thatcher holds an AMC Movie Basket that went for \$90 in the live auction at the pancake fundraiser in Sunland.

ABOVE: A pancake fundraiser in Sunland provides money for church teenagers to go to Youth Camp. The fundraiser was sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Sunland/Tujunga congregations.

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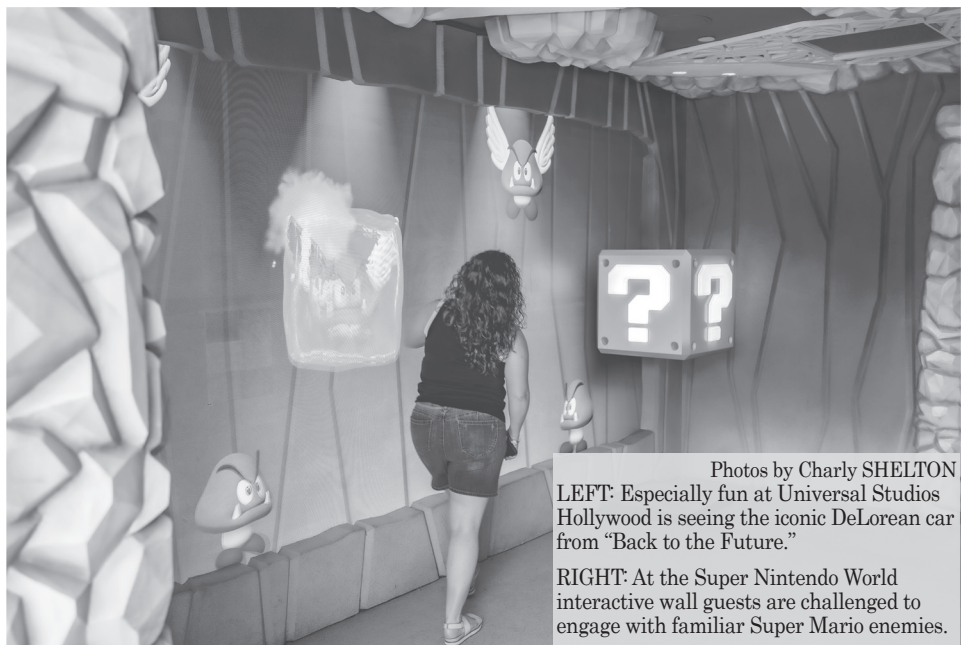
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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Universal Studios Hollywood Debuts Some New and Some Old



Photos by Charly SHELTON
 LEFT: Especially fun at Universal Studios Hollywood is seeing the iconic DeLorean car from "Back to the Future."
 RIGHT: At the Super Nintendo World interactive wall guests are challenged to engage with familiar Super Mario enemies.

By Charly SHELTON

This summer, Universal Studios Hollywood has unveiled two new experiences that promise to delight guests of all ages: an interactive power-up wall at Super Nintendo World and an extension of the special 60th-anniversary tribute to the studio tour up in Universal Plaza.

On June 28, Super Nintendo World introduced an exciting interactive wall within the Frosted Glacier area – the upstairs room filled with icicles that has several blocks to punch and a balcony overlooking the land from atop Bowser Jr.'s Keep. This new feature challenges guests to engage with familiar Super Mario enemies while collecting digital coins and stamps in the Universal Studios Hollywood app. With their Power-Up Bands, guests can punch one block to reveal one of four Power-Up items – Fire Flower, Ice Flower, Super Mushroom or Super Star. By tapping the power-ups, they can get the power of each one and defeat as many spawning enemies or objects as they can. Fire Flower grants the fireball ability to defeat Green Koopa Paratroopas, Ice

Flower grants a freeze touch ability to defeat Goombas, Super Mushroom grants the ability to break brick blocks and Super Star grants star power to defeat a combination of Goombas and Red and Green Koopa Paratroopas all spawning at once. With each enemy defeated – and block broken – guests earn coins and stamps to track their scores on the app.

During my press visit last week, I had the chance to try all four power-ups and, I must say, it's worth the wait to see each one in action, even if you're not the one pushing the block. The interactive wall adds a dynamic layer of fun to the already immersive Super Nintendo World, bringing a video game feel to the land based on a video game franchise.

(Scan the QR code attached to this story to see my full experience at the new interactive wall inside Super Nintendo World.)

Then, on the upper lot, the celebration continues as Universal Studios Hollywood marks the 60th anniversary of the studio tour with a special tribute at Universal Plaza. Guests can enjoy photo ops with Woody and Winnie Woodpecker, fly on bikes with E.T., step inside the

classic ice tunnel from the studio tour's past, and brave the JAWS photo op featuring the iconic Amity Island billboard to meet Scuba George from the JAWS tour stop. There are also opportunities to create mini studio tour trams with paper crafts and explore coloring pages featuring Universal Studios Hollywood properties.

I was particularly impressed by the E.T. photo op which, although not part of the studio tour, beautifully revisits a beloved chapter of the park's history that is so closely tied to my childhood memories. And seeing the DeLorean up close was a treat – the tiny details on the car were fascinating and added to the authenticity of the experience. This tribute serves as a perfect preamble for guests preparing to embark on the 60th anniversary studio tour. It offers a delightful appetizer of the excitement to come, whetting the appetite for the main attraction.

Guests aboard the studio tour will experience features like reissued glamor trams, iconic film props and unique photo opportunities. The highlight of this tribute is the chance to step off the tram and onto the Backlot at Bates Motel where an

original, fully restored 1964 vintage glamor tram awaits. The studio tour experience and the Universal Plaza extension are running now through Aug. 11.

(Scan the QR code attached to this story to see a quick tour of the Universal Plaza offerings, or the studio tour 60th anniversary experience.)

For those looking to maximize their visit, Universal Studios Hollywood offers a special "Buy A Day, Get a 2nd Day Free" ticket option, allowing guests to experience the park's many attractions over two days. This promotion is available

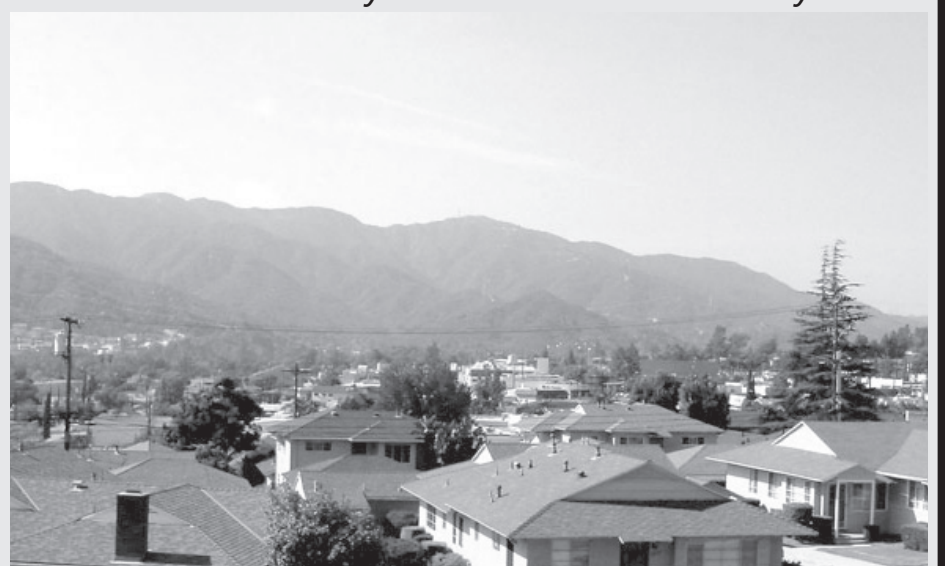
through Oct. 9 with visits completed by Dec. 18, 2024.

Universal Studios Hollywood has brought the fun for the summer. The interactive wall at Super Nintendo World and the studio tour 60th-anniversary tribute at Universal Plaza offer guests a blend of nostalgia, innovation and pure fun. Whether a lifelong fan or a first-time visitor, these experiences are sure to create lasting memories. For more information and to plan a visit, check out Universal Studios Hollywood's official website at UniversalStudiosHollywood.com.

THEN & NOW



THEN » Crescenta Valley at the turn of the century was the destination of health seekers from all over the world because of its clean, pure air. But by the 1930s, Los Angeles' famous inversion layer, combined with a growing population, caused the Mt. Lukens fire lookout tower to have to be moved further back in the San Gabriels because of interference in observations due to smoke from the valley. This shot looking west over Montrose from Vali-Hi was taken in late October of 1967. Ironically, the sons and daughters of those who had moved to Crescenta Valley to cure their lung ailments now suffered through summers with aching lungs, stinging eyes and air thick with ozone.



NOW » This is the same view west over Montrose in late October 2023. Although the air is far from pure, at least we can see our mountains now. Even though the amount of cars has doubled, the air pollution is only a fraction of what it was 40 years ago.

*Crescenta Valley Smog
 Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV*

(Be)Longing Coming to ReflectSpace Gallery

Glendale Library, Arts & Culture and ReflectSpace Gallery present (Be)Longing: Asian Diasporic Crossings, an exhibition that delves into the multi-generational afterlives of war and displacement and East-West Asian diasporic placemaking through maps, sculptures, photography, archives, video and layered materiality. It features artists from Los Angeles, Korea and China.

Anchored by the work of Los Angeles-based artists Annette Miae Kim and Kyong Boon

Oh, (Be)Longing asks people to consider how diasporic histories and spaces are created and narrated. Can borders of belonging be drawn? How can a map be made of a transnational and borderless community? How much do histories of displacement and war enter the contemporary narrative of a community? What is the relationship of a diasporic community to its indigenous lands and history? Kim and Oh have family in South Korea and North Korea, and these fraught familial histories brings a personal and poignant dimension

to their work. They query and challenge preconceptions about diasporas and borders through maps, archives, sculpture and tactile materiality.

Four artists from Korea and China – Sun Siran, Xia Yan, Gil Woong Kim and Donah Lee – meditate their diasporic journeys and relationship to homelands with newly

commissioned video work. Los Angeles-based contemporary ceramicist Jennifer Cheh reflects on her diasporic present by reaching back into traditional Korean forms.

All seven artists in the



Artist Annette Miae Kim, Conversations with My Father, 2024.

exhibition grapple with their diasporic histories and present-day and strive to articulate their own sense of being and belonging.

(Be)Longing is curated by Monica Hye Yeon Jun and Ara & Anahid Oshagan.

(Be)Longing: Asian Diasporic

Crossings will be on view from July 20 through Sept. 22 at ReflectSpace Gallery, inside Glendale Central Library located at 222 E. Harvard St. in Glendale. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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'Blended Worlds: Experiments in Interplanetary Imagination' at Brand Library

The City of Glendale's Library, Arts & Culture Dept. in collaboration with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) an operating division of Caltech and a Federally Funded Research and Development Center for NASA, have announced a new exhibition titled "Blended Worlds: Experiments in Interplanetary Imagination," on view at the Brand Library & Art Center in Glendale from Sept. 21 to Jan. 4, 2025. "Blended Worlds" is presented as part of Getty's regional art event PST ART: Art & Science Collide, which explores the intersections of art and science – past, present and in the imaginable future.

"Glendale is a vibrant and evolving arts destination, committed to finding opportunities to present thought-provoking and innovative programs that serve our broad audiences," said the City's Principal Arts & Culture Administrator Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones. "We're thrilled to collaborate with JPL to present an exhibition of this scale that contributes to the greater PST ART initiative in a meaningful way, examining urgent topics and asking big questions about the confluence of art and science."

"Blended Worlds" explores the landscape of human relationships with the ever-expanding environment. Through a series of art and science collaborations, the exhibition questions how empathy and connectedness can both reveal new worlds and inspire innovative ways to nurture them. "Blended Worlds" includes artists collaborating with a team of JPL scientists and engineers to present a vision of the future that invites the viewer to consider the impact of greater connectedness with nature and its ability to foster a renewed sense of wonder and curiosity with our planet and the cosmos. Spanning a range of multimedia and cross-disciplinary works from 11 artists, "Blended Worlds" features contributions from renowned contemporary artist Larry Bell and cyborg artist Moon Ribas in addition to David Bowen, Darel Carey, Annette Lee, Ada Limón, Bruce Mau, Viktoria Modesta, Shane Myrbeck, Raffi Joe Wartanian and Saskia Wilson-Brown. "As a hub of innovation in Southern



California, we are thrilled with this collaboration, which merges the worlds of art and science," said Laurie Leshin, director of JPL. "This is a unique opportunity to share the awe-inspiring beauty of space exploration, contemplate profound questions about our vast cosmos, and highlight the creativity at the heart of JPL. Together, we hope to inspire curiosity within our local community and foster a deeper appreciation for both scientific discovery and artistic expression."

Exhibition highlights include Larry Bell's sculpture titled Time Machine and a drum solo performance piece by Moon Ribas titled Seismic Percussion. Bell, a central figure in the California Light and Space movement of the 1960s, is known foremost for his refined surface treatment of glass exploring the interplay between light, reflection and shadow. His experimentation with the deposition of thin films on glass surfaces requires technologies similar to those used by JPL in the development of robotic space missions. Bell's sculpture Time Machine invites two visitors to sit on either side of a barium glass mirror that is both reflective and transparent. When seated, the visitors experience a visual merging with one another, inviting visual play as well as reflections on individuality, mutuality, identity and presence.

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The Club meets Friday afternoons at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

CRUISE NIGHT

Car enthusiasts are invited to Brand Boulevard on Saturday night, July 20 from 5:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. to check out approximately 400 classic vehicles. Cruise Night is an annual event hosted by the City of Glendale in the "heart of the city."

In addition to vehicles, there will be live music and the festivities end with a dynamic fireworks show around 10:15 p.m.

Attendance is free.

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting Youth + Teens Summer Camps. During week six (July 15-19) there are 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.

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

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the Burbank African Violet Society is this morning, Thursday, 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.

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, perse, is not required; single persons are welcome.

DINE-IN BENEFITS LCF OG

A dine-in at New Moon benefits La Cañada Flintridge

Orthopaedic Guild. The dine-in is on Wednesday, Aug. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mention LCF OG when ordering and a portion of the total bill will be donated to the Luskin Orthopaedic Institute for Children at no cost to customers.

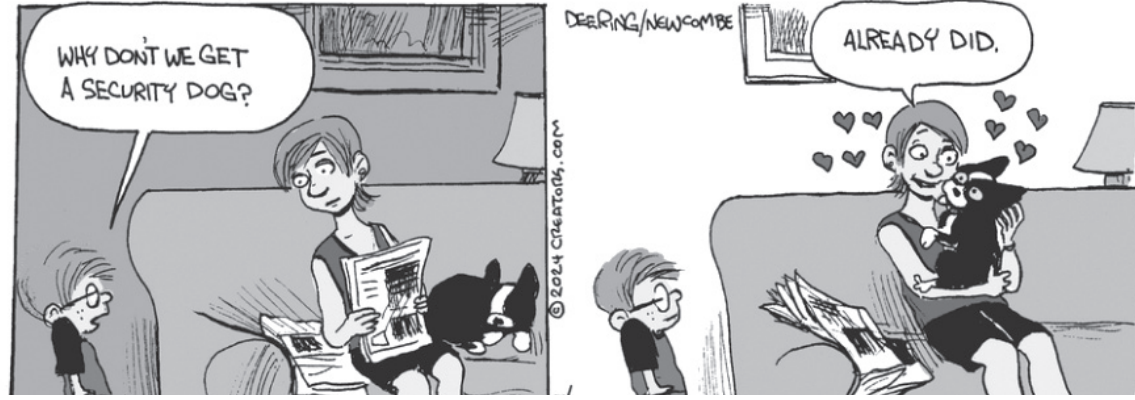
New Moon is located at 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose.

BOLTON HALL MUSEUM RUMMAGE SALE

Bolton Hall Museum is having a rummage and collectibles sale Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 and is seeking donation of vintage, antique and contemporary items for the sale. Items can include kitchenware, barware, linens, gently used

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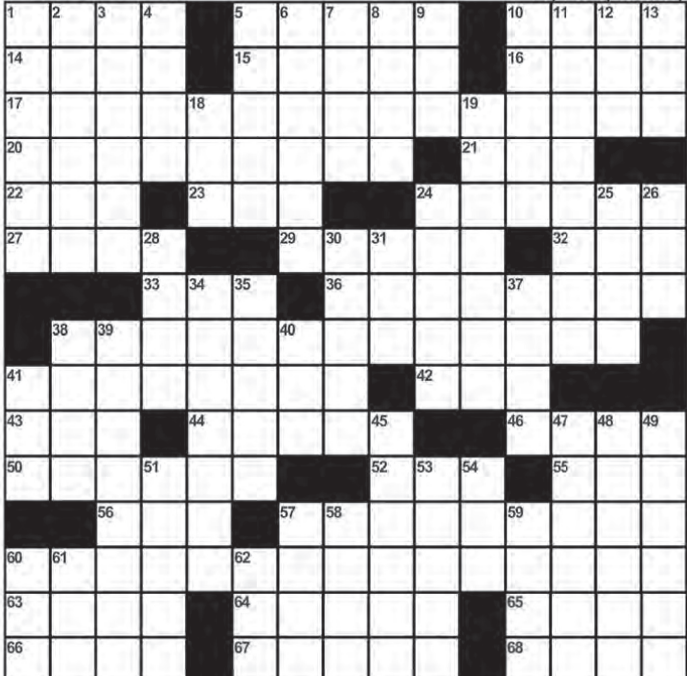
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- 20) Recover a fumble?
- 21) It is in most dialogue?
- 22) End of Jack Horner's boast
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DOWN

- 1) Casablanca VIPs
- 2) Burning
- 3) Grist for "Jeopardy!"
- 4) Word before and after "against"
- 5) Single cell organism (var.)
- 6) Cattle food
- 7) Romantic interlude (var.)
- 8) Not imagined
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- 10) Cupid's boss
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- 19) When the show must go on
- 24) Fizzle (with "out")
- 25) Astin of "The Lord of the Rings"
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- 28) Sip from a flask
- 30) Bach composition
- 31) Letters on a speeding ticket
- 34) Conceived beforehand
- 35) Brenda of the comics
- 37) Whispers sweet nothings
- 38) Quick job for a barber
- 39) Lowered oneself via rope
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- 47) More frilly, in a way
- 48) Flare-bottomed dresses
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- 53) "Come in!"
- 54) Not-shabby link
- 57) Fit of chills and fever
- 58) In perfect condition
- 59) "Not to mention ..."
- 60) Marvelous, in slang
- 61) Blood type letters
- 62) Affirmative action

GOING DOWN?

By Mary Jersey



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 15, 2024 - July 21, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You face a challenge with activity affecting your home and inner emotions. Although the planets perfectly balance the male and female energies inside you, they may also dredge up issues you'd prefer to not deal with now. Try to take them one at a time. Ultimately, this time provides some needed space for new ideas to emerge, many of them lucrative!

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You have the green light to write those letters, send out those packages, and generally launch an all-out offensive with business communication. If you want to make more money, change your career, or let others know you have a new skill to offer, do it. You have all the support you could possibly want from the Universe to get others' attention. Put your best foot forward.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

For you this period is about fielding offers and taking advantage of new opportunities to make more cash. Aspects affect money and values, indicating a time of growth in that sector. You're a fount of ideas now, so make sure to write them down lest you lose sight of a future income stream. If you're overwhelmed, put them into practice one at a time.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You probably have a strong desire for security. For some this can translate into the desire to control, while it's just a wish for others. It's time to speak up for what you want and let your needs be known in business partnerships and the office. You have the communication skills and creativity to do it all well.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

You have some strange energy affecting your work and money picture. Aspects affecting past lives, karma, and institutions show that you may be well served to think about working for a larger company or partnering with someone who's a bit more established in your line of work. Together, you're unstoppable and perhaps able to attract more business than you could on your own.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

As the Zodiac's networking genius, you know how to get it done. Your relationships are important not just for business purposes but also for blowing off steam after work. With a harmonious aspect in your social sector, you're making even more friends and laying the groundwork for future partnerships. You're making deals like crazy, so it isn't a bad time for your bottom line. Beware of overspending on your new friends.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This week you're challenged by an aspect in your house of career and authority. Although it can bring news and additional incentives to this area, you may not feel all that great about what's happening. Or you may perceive it as a blow to your ego. Know that whatever's happening isn't personal and will only enhance your opportunities in the future.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You have an uncanny ability to predict the future when it comes to money. You know when things are going to go well and when they aren't. Now you may be even more psychic than usual. As such, it's a good idea to squirrel away some extra cash for the fun you want to have on vacation with your friends and family or by yourself. Envision the rewards as you save regularly.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Money is like water to most signs, but you prefer to use it to keep active and engaged in the world. This may mean that you spend money on leisure activities like sports and vacations or on keeping yourself healthy and beautiful, as with a gym membership. This week you're more focused on how you can pay down debt and attract new supporters for a pet project. Think about saving 20 percent of what you earn.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You like to have things your way. But stubborn as you are, you can also make a great team player. With a supportive aspect affecting marriage and serious relationships, it may be about personal things now, or it may be time for a serious business merger. The planets bring a perfect balance of action and creativity. Not a bad time to launch a new endeavor, so do it!

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This period is about finding that perfect work/life balance. Love and creativity come together with action and assertion to affect employment and health matters. This may mean that for once you feel you're nailing it - you're not getting too tired or slacking off. You'll likely receive compliments on the work you've finished and be entrusted with even more challenging assignments in the future.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You love to make your workplace as comfortable as home, and this could involve making others at work feel like family. With a harmonious aspect now, you're likely to take this a step further, since it affects the area of your chart governing children, family, romance, and fun. Sounds like a company picnic may not be a bad idea to keep morale high. Cash awards for party games go over big.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I returned my custom outfit to Afrikrea, but they kept my money!

When Alaina Chargois orders an outfit from an online marketplace called Afrikrea, she receives the wrong item. But after she returns it, the merchant doesn't respond – and it won't refund her \$230. What should she do?

Q I ordered a custom outfit from Afrikrea, an online market that sells clothing, jewelry, art and accessories. I received the shipment, but it wasn't the pattern I ordered and didn't fit.

I contacted the seller, who did not respond until I sent an email that the return package was back in their city, waiting to be picked up. The seller asked if I'd like a replacement or a refund, but then stopped responding.

I reached out to the Afrikrea site via email and Instagram and didn't

get any support from them either. Can you help me get a refund for the \$230 I spent on the outfit, please? I've been waiting for three months.

–Alaina Chargois, Washington, D.C.

A: Obviously the merchant on Afrikrea should have sent you the right outfit. Based on what you've sent me, it looks as if you received the wrong dress and the merchant just ignored you when you returned the package.

But there are a few issues. First, it looks as if you returned the outfit

without a return authorization. Typically, a merchant will pay for your return or at least provide a barcode for a FedEx or UPS package so you can return it to the right place. It looks as if you sent the package back to the merchant and then notified the business.

Also, it looks like you didn't contact the platform until after you tried to work out the return with the merchant. I think you should have let Afrikrea know about the problem before – not after – you tried to return it.

I checked with Afrikrea about

your package. It says you reached out to the platform via its customer care email address (yeswecare@afrikrea.com) to let it know that you wanted to return your article. An Afrikrea representative says the company replied the same day asking for the order number in order to process your request.

"With no response from her, we did not proceed with her case," the representative said.

There's a possible explanation for all of this. It's possible that you reached out to the merchant and Afrikrea and that they responded.

But the emails might have gone to your spam folder. You might have also tried to call Afrikrea. The number is (929) 999-5810.

I contacted the company on your behalf. Afrikrea responded quickly and gave you a full refund.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2024

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clothing and much more. No large pieces of furniture or major appliances can be accepted.

Drop off on any Saturday or Sunday through Aug. 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and/or on Monday, Aug. 5 through Aug. 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Drop off at 10110 Commerce Ave. (at Valmont) in Tujunga.

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ART GALLERY OPENING – FREE EVENT

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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>

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.

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 this free outdoor screening in the park this summer.

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.

BINGO PLANNED

The annual community bingo event hosted by American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 is on Friday, Aug. 16 at Healy

Hall, Holy Redeemer Church, 2361 Del Mar Road in Montrose (one block north of Montrose Ave., entrance at Briggs & Mayfield avenues). Doors open and food available at 4:30 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person with 40 chances to win; each game is worth a minimum of \$100. Proceeds benefit veterans in the community.

Tickets are available from the office of CV Weekly, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

For more information about the Glendale International Film Festival, contact Glendale Arts COO Maria Sahakian at msahakian@glendalearts.org or call (818) 243-2611.

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise or dance or are interested in art, theater, or knitting, the Center has something for everyone. Sunland also hosts bingo on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and a movie matinee on the big screen at 1 p.m. on Thursdays; on Mondays and Fridays there is country line dancing from noon-1:30 p.m. The Sunland Senior Center runs programming from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a donations-based lunch served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunland Senior Center is located at 8640 Fenwick St. in Sunland. For further information, call (818) 353-9571. These special events are free.

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



The Erickson family took CV Weekly along with them to their annual family trip to Carpinteria. CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

AWNSERS for page 15

A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in: PATH, AFIRE, SPAS, AFRO, MODEM, ARGO, SLIPPER, YASANEEL, HAVEABALL, ITS, AMI, LAG, PRAISE, SEAS, EMMET, DEE, WAS, OPTICIAN, TRIP, OTHEMOON, DRAGRACE, REO, YIP, IRATE, SLAM, EMP, TOR, VET, ALA, EAR, AMINOACID, FALLING, INTOLINE, ABEL, OUNCE, SEED, BODY, DETER, ORSO.

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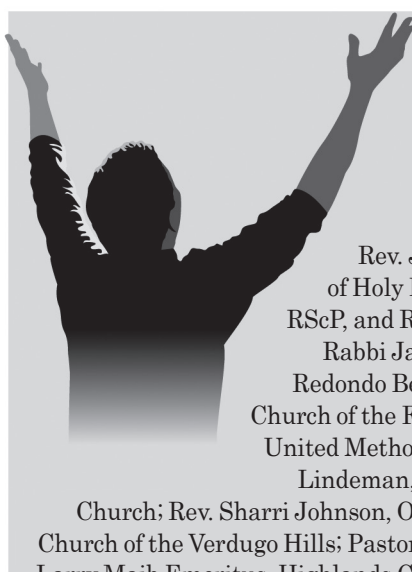
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: We recently found out that our son who is 16 has been smoking marijuana. Quite frankly, this is a major concern and we're very upset. We've been talking to our son and his sister, who is 3 years younger, about drug use since they were in grammar school. We've told them both about the dangers and pitfalls about drug usage. We don't want him to grow up to be a pothead.

Is there anything we can say to him to really convince him to not use drugs?

~ Devastated Parents

Dear Devastated Parents, You are right, of course. Regular marijuana use adversely affects the developing brains of teens and pre-teens to a greater degree than it does adults, and that is why we have imperfect and sometimes arbitrary regulation.

No doubt you can quote peer-reviewed studies on the effects of various controlled substances on the teenage brain. I am amazed at how the sale and consumption of pot-related products has proliferated since I was a kid when the only people in possession of marijuana were literally criminals by virtue of the law and often behaved that way as a result. Today I can have a discussion with septuagenarian church ladies about their favorite dispensaries on Foothill Boulevard.

So, with the understanding that in two years your son can

purchase marijuana legally with a doctor's note or in five do the same thing with pot and alcohol with nothing but an I.D. card, your mandate remains to lead by example and to underline the fact that he is to abide by your rules until such time as he has flown the coop. You will say this with love because you love your kids, and the conversation might change if they are still at home past 18 or 21. You can acknowledge that this means they might sneak, and that will be disappointing to you, but you can do nothing beyond establishing good boundaries for them and following them.

Marty Barrett
fogelfoot@gmail.com

Dear Devastated Parents, As a parent myself, I understand that it is shocking and upsetting to find out that your teenager is using drugs and/or alcohol. When my kids were teens they went through an experimental phase with drugs and alcohol. We talked about it, set boundaries for their safety and I made sure they always knew I loved them and was here for them, no matter what. It can be a very serious and life-threatening behavior that needs to be addressed with honesty, compassion, knowledge and trust.

How did you find out about his marijuana use? You don't mention that you have had any communication with him so I am wondering if you smelled it on him, if he behaved strangely or if you secretly searched his room

causing a trust issue between you? Teens have been experimenting with mind-altering substances since the dawn of time; however, the truth is most teens move past it fairly quickly because their life goals don't support being high or drunk. For some, there is a genetic predisposition to addiction and you don't know yet if your child falls into that category. I can't stress enough here that being open, non-judgmental, compassionate and clear with your son is crucial. In my experience as a minister, and a mother, there is usually a spiritual emptiness, or lack of a personal understanding, of God at the heart of it.

Are there family issues at home? Has he been through a romantic breakup or is he having trouble in school? Does he have a group of friends who are bad influences? Is he addicted or just curious? If he is addicted and can't stop, or won't stop, using there are 12-step groups for your son and for you. There are professional counselors who specialize in addiction and can help him get to the bottom of his weed usage while showing you how to best support him.

The Bible says, "Let love guide your life" (Colossians 3:14), and your son needs your love and healthy support now, more than ever.

Here are some resources for you:
www.marijuana-anonymous.org,
www.al-anon.org.

Rev. Karen Mitchell
revkarenmitchell@gmail.com

NOTES & NODS

Lutheran Church to Host Events
Lutheran Church in the Foothills is kicking off a backpack drive to support students in need. The church welcomes donations of new backpacks, which will be filled with essential school supplies and distributed to children this fall. To help ensure the backpacks are stocked with the most needed items, LCIF is encouraging community members to keep an eye out for back-to-school sales. A comprehensive list of school supplies will be posted on the church's website in the coming weeks. New backpacks can be dropped off at LCIF during Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. with Pastor Rick Hall or at the church office Monday through Friday

between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. In addition to the backpack drive, LCIF is hosting a special guest during Sunday worship on July 28. Luther Richert of Mental Health LA will discuss the critical need for mental health services in Los Angeles County and how the community can contribute to addressing this issue. Richert will share insights into the organization's vital ministry and the work it does in supporting Angelenos facing mental health crises. The importance of Mental Health LA's work is further emphasized by the recent \$2,000 grant it received from the Lutheran Church in the Foothills Endowment. This financial support will empower the organization to continue providing crucial services

to those in need. 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.

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.

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"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.

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surveyed reported that they do not feel safe while on campus.

Dealing with antisemitism is not easy when hate speech is largely protected in the United States, which has left colleges and universities struggling to address antisemitism on their campuses. So, after a precipitous rise in antisemitic incidents on their campuses, California's colleges and universities looked internally, asking what training and educational materials they had ready to address antisemitism.


Unfortunately, most of our campuses have neglected to include antisemitism in their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion trainings and campus climate programs. This meant that there was no one trained to recognize antisemitism when it occurred and no one had experience in combatting it. In fact, one study

showed that only 18% of anti-discrimination trainings done on college campuses included training about antisemitism.

Earlier this year, I introduced AB 2925 to help rectify the situation. AB 2925 is a very simple, straightforward bill that requires California's colleges and universities to combat discrimination by offering anti-discrimination training for the five most hate-targeted groups in the state. To do that, campuses will refer to the annual "Hate Crime in California" publication released the attorney general, which reports hate crime data required to be submitted to the attorney general by law enforcement agencies from across California.

AB 2925 has received broad, bipartisan support in both the Assembly and the Senate. It is currently pending in the Senate

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Appropriations Committee and will hopefully move to a vote before the full Senate later in August.

Campuses should remain places where students can speak their minds and share their thoughts but colleges and universities have a duty to ensure that their students and staff are protected from hate and that schools are welcoming of our

diverse population. I very much look forward to AB 2925 becoming law in the months ahead.

What are your thoughts on AB 2925? As always, I'd like to hear your thoughts on our budget, legislation or any general comments or concerns. You can reach my district office at (818) 558-3043, or by email at Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

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sanctions, urging a policy review to align with community values and uphold ESG principles.”

City treasurer Rafi Manoukian assured the Council that the city has neither direct nor indirect investments in Azerbaijan and that he wholeheartedly supports the proposed policy of divestment. He added that the focus should be on urging CalPERS to divest.

“Even if it’s just performative, when a city the size of Glendale goes on record urging CalPERS to adopt the ESG investment standards, it may be the first domino to fall,” said Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian acknowledging progress on the issue. “Last year, the U.S. Senate unanimously voted to stop military aid to Azerbaijan. In terms of political momentum on this, the wind is in the sails of justice and we ought to be on the right side of that.”

Edgar Mkrtchian addressed the Council, representing the Investments Committee of the Armenian Bar Association.

“This has been a team effort over several months,” said Mkrtchian. The divestment policy [under consideration] prohibits very specific and discrete investments. This is an opportunity to show solidarity with our sister city as that city experienced ethnic cleansing. The City of Glendale can go on record saying that is something that does not comport with our values. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to justice; your decision today reaffirms Glendale’s commitment to ethical investments and global responsibility.”

The Council conducted an extensive debate regarding Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian’s motion to remove former mayor and councilmember Frank Quintero from the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission before the end of his term in May 2025 and replace him with himself. Councilmember Dan Brotman advocated keeping Quintero on the commission (“He’s done a good job”) through the end of his term and added that he (Brotman) is also interested in the seat when it becomes vacant and had expressed that interest when the appointment of Quintero was made. Councilmember Kassakhian noted that if Gharpetian’s motion is adopted the city would be represented by three councilmembers on the airport commission. Neither of the other two cities (Burbank and Pasadena) involved in operating the regional airport seat three councilmembers to fill the three seats allocated to each city. Both cities have appointed a former councilmember to the board.

“It’s not just the appearance of violating the Brown [Act], it’s important for ensuring a diversity of perspective. It is not an entitlement for a councilmember to serve on this body,” Kassakhian said.

(The Brown Act refers to the Ralph M. Brown Act, also known as California’s open meetings law, which guarantees the public’s right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. It was authored by Assemblymember Ralph M. Brown and passed in 1953 in response to concerns about local government officials holding secret meetings.

The act is pivotal in making public officials accountable and allowing the public to participate in the decision-making process.)

Gharpetian noted that “perhaps ‘removing’ is too harsh a word” for what he was suggesting.

On a vote of 3-2, Councilmembers Kassakhian and Brotman and Mayor Asatryan prevailed in keeping Quintero on the commission, taking no immediate action on his removal. Regarding the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport, applications for a new citizen advisory board will be open with recommendations coming back to Council for the appointment of three Glendale members.

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) reported on the use of “advanced technology” to engage customers through a series of personalized videos using SmartVX, an “innovative solution designed to revolutionize utility customer engagement” platform developers describe.

Police chief Manny Cid announced

two community events. First, Glendale will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. with gatherings in at least 19 locations across the city, an opportunity “for residents and business owners to come out and engage with your police officers, in most locations to eat some amazing food, partake in games and good times.” Details and more information on city activities starting at dusk on Aug. 6 can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bddrxut5>.

Then on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. in the community room of the Glendale Police headquarters at 131 N. Isabel St., the Glendale Police Dept.’s motor officers will host a Traffic Townhall to: 1) understand the scope and severity of traffic issues and review current traffic collision data; 2) explore the Vision Zero framework, how it’s been applied and other proven strategies to reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities; and 3) collaborate on

identifying and prioritizing practical steps that can be implemented to enhance traffic safety.

Councilmember Kassakhian commented on the attempted assassination of former president Donald Trump over the weekend.

“It speaks to what’s wrong with some of our political discourse when a very disturbed individual believes they can change the course through violence – there is no place for violence at any level in our system of governance in the United States. We fight battles with each other at the ballot box and perhaps on this dais. We agree to disagree. And then we go about our days collectively trying to make our country the greatest nation on earth.”

Early in the Council meeting, July was recognized as Parks Make Life Better month.

There is no Council meeting scheduled for next week. The next meeting of the city council is set for Tuesday, July 30 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

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