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Cars or Safety: What's More Important to Glendale?

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, the Glendale City Council heard from 95 speakers in person and 24 callers commenting on the city's tentative Bicycle Transportation Plan during a council meeting that ran until 2:15 a.m.

"Anyone who wants to bring a sleeping bag ..." joked Mayor Elen Asatryan as she introduced the Bicycle Transportation Plan item before hearing nearly five hours of public testimony.

The mayor expressed her concerns about the lack of information shared by the city in advance of the deliberation.

"Misinformation and misleading information," Asatryan observed adding that info on social media moves at the speed of sound. "When you leave a void as a city and are not engaged in meeting the community where they are at, you are leaving a void for others to fill."

"The amazing thing is the awakening of the community speaking out against losing traffic lanes and having anything like what's going on on Brand Boulevard," commented Councilmember Ara Najarian. He received more than 550 emails on the topic, more than on any other council agenda item or any single issue before the Metro board, an agency covering more than 10 million people, Najarian shared. "And it's organic, not organized by any interest group, not like the bicycle riders. I think I saw every one of Glendale's bike riders here tonight."

Najarian was not done. "After you said to ignore the cost estimates in your report because they're wrong, it makes me mistrust every word that comes after. It'd be a dereliction of my duty as a council member to ignore the strong and vocal outcry against these bike lanes and the Bicycle Transportation Plan from the public. The silent majority isn't silent anymore."

Councilmember Najarian also see GCC on page 8

HALA Holds Shopping Spree

By Hayden FRANKLIN

Getting kids ready for school is just one thing HALA is known for.

On Saturday Home Again LA and the Kiwanis Club of Glendale partnered to hold their fourth annual shopping spree event. The shopping spree provides underprivileged children and their families the tools needed to prepare for the upcoming school year. This preparation includes money to shop for school supplies, backpacks, clothing and whatever else is needed in anticipation of the school year.

According to HALA CEO Albert Hernandez, the youth who participated in the shopping spree currently living in HALA's emergency shelter and from HALA's low-income housing programs.

As in years past, the event was held at the Target department store in the Glendale Galleria from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. An estimated 20 families who had registered for the event online lined up outside the Target entrance. The kids and their families (although parents and/or guardians were not required to attend) were then paired with a Kiwanis Club volunteer who was armed with a \$100 Target gift card to spend with the youngsters. Once inside the store kids and their Kiwanis volunteers were free to shop keeping within their \$100 spending limit. The volunteers helped the kids make decisions about what kind of supplies they might need. Many came prepared with back-to-school lists of their own prompting one volunteer to note,

see HALA on page 19



Photo by Hayden FRANKLIN Home Again LA CEO Albert Hernandez, left, with Kiwanis volunteer Joseph Rodriguez (right) and a shopper prepare to hit the aisles at Target.

MSAR Responds to Fatal Traffic Accident

By Mary O'KEEFE

Montrose Search and Rescue team members responded on Sunday to the recovery of a person involved in a fatal traffic accident in the area of Bear Divide Ranger Station on Little Tujunga Canyon Road. The Los Angeles County Coroner has identified the victim as Jack Kidd, 60.

Kidd was last seen by his family on July 25. Friends and family searched for any signs of Kidd or his truck.

A family member/friend found his white Dodge pickup truck with the use of a drone on Sunday about noon, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Josh Greengard.

The vehicle was found over a steep embankment.

The investigation by CHP is ongoing as to the cause of the accident.

The Office of the Coroner has stated the cause of death was blunt traumatic injury.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

You Just Never Know

I think I've shared with you before that sometimes I write this column and I don't think anyone cares. I was pleasantly pleased, therefore, when I received a note regarding my July 18 editorial regarding lying.

In that article I targeted politics and though the standards I outlined can be applied in any circumstance the fact is that it is typically not okay to lie.

What about to soften a blow to a friend or loved one? Yes, I understand that reasoning. But not when it comes to electing our nation's leaders – as I said then, it doesn't matter on which side of the aisle you sit: the voters should not be lied to.

It'll be an interesting election come November.

As I get older I realize how important and valuable are family and friends. Last week I had the chance to meet up with a friend for dinner. We went over to Divina Cucina (voted Finest Italian Restaurant) and settled in for some delicious food and drink.

I had the chance to listen to her concerns regarding a change in her life and some decisions she has to make.

On Tuesday of this week I was talking to a friend of mine (we grew up next door to each other) and we'll be having dinner together later this month.

In July, my son, his wife

and mother-in-law took a trip to Europe. They were gone for 10 (hot) days and I had the opportunity to look after my baby granddaughter. My son's wife has some really good friends and asked one to come up from Ontario and "spell me" for a couple of days. I was grateful to have my attention redirected.

On Friday I'm heading to San Diego to visit a friend and her family. Her eldest daughter is having a birthday and asked that I be there. I couldn't say, "Yes!" fast enough.

On Monday night this week, Steve and I hosted dinner for a couple of our kids and their families. It was Steve's birthday dinner and at one point I sat back and just watched the interaction with the kids. Though we were missing two of the boys the treasure that is family was evident.

One thing I'm grappling with is learning the expectations one may have of their friends and family may be out of reach – either expectations are too high or those family members and friends can't be those people I was hoping for. It can be a tough pill to swallow but one that is important to ingest.

I think I'll just be thankful for who I have in my life.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

This week residents in the Portuguese Bend community of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes had to deal with not only the loss of natural gas utilities but electric service as well.

On July 30 the City released an update stating, "This evening [Tuesday] Southern California Edison (SCE) issued a notification to customers in the landslide area to advise that Southern California Edison's service to [their] property may be discontinued if conditions warrant."

It continued to state that the City continued communication with SCE to get advanced notice of any "de-energization" in the landslide area.

"Potential utility shutoffs would impact not only residents but also City services. We are making every effort to be prepared for a range of scenarios, and you should, too," the statement continued.

Around 2013 a publication was released by Robert Douglas titled "The CREEPY (Slow Moving) Landslides of the Portuguese Bend Area." This publication spoke of the landslide at the time and warned of similar future events.

According to terranealife.com, this area of Rancho Palos Verdes experienced a major landslide in the 1950s that was triggered by nearby roadwork. Since then the "land has moved more than 400 feet and continues to creep toward the ocean today, requiring constant repair and maintenance."

On June 24, LAist reported that the massive landslide is moving at a rate of one foot a week. This landslide was made worse by the last two years of heavy rains.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula is landslide prone, in part because of a thick layer of volcanic ash that's morphed into impermeable clay, called bentonite, over millenia. The clay keeps water from draining through the steep hillsides and can easily give out when wet, according to LAist.com.

"With land moving one foot each week, Rancho Palos Verdes take big steps to try to slow a dangerous landslide," reads laist.com.

Building in areas with historic landslides or in wildland-urban interface, areas where houses meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildlife vegetation, is something that city planners need

to review more closely especially with climate change.

Areas that might never have flooded or only experienced 500-year flooding are now experiencing, sometimes, annually flooding.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of Florida the land surface is also sinking.

"If the oceans and atmosphere continue to warm, sea level along the Florida coast is likely to rise one to four feet in the next century. Rising sea levels submerge wetlands and dry land, erode beaches and exacerbate coastal flooding," according to the EPA.

We may not be at the point where Snake Plissken ("Escape from LA") will surf down the streets of LA, but we have to be ready for that extreme weather. And being ready means getting our homes in order and no longer just hoping for the best but preparing for the worst.

There are some who are working toward building structures that will survive our present climate change. A Texas company called Icon is using 3D printers to create homes that, it says, will survive fires and hurricane-force winds. The homes are made of concrete.

And so this is what we will be seeing more of in the future and what we as humans do best: when a challenge is presented we spend a lot of time creating technology to get around the problem, which will give us temporary relief; however, in the case of climate change we will need more than just a work around.

For our weather, we will still be seeing above normal temperatures of low to mid-90s for Thursday through Tuesday. There is a 20% chance of thunderstorms from Thursday night into Friday afternoon with gusty winds of 45 to 60 mph.

According to NOAA, predicting where these thunderstorms will strike is not easy. They could be in Altadena and not reach the Crescenta Valley, or in CV and not in Tujunga.

These storms and winds are dangerous regarding wildfires because if there is no rain but only lightning, a fire can start.

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Crowd Ready for Silent Movies at Two Strike Park

By Hayden FRANKLIN

On Saturday night at Two Strike Park the Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley partnered to bring to the folks of La Crescenta a silent movie night.

Much like the silent movie nights of old, the films were projected onto a screen by a 1909 Power's 6 Motion Picture Machine provided and operated by Joe Rinaudo of the historical society. The Motion Picture Machine projected some of Rinaudo's vintage 35mm films, some of which are over 100 years old.

Saturday's event was similar to how silent movies used to be shown; people gathered together in a public space with a temporary rig set up, sitting in chairs and lying on blankets enjoying the movies. There were several films screened including cartoons, comedies and a rare film from director and actor Larry Semon (Feb. 9, 1889–Oct. 8, 1928) who was an American actor, director, producer and screenwriter during the Silent Film era. Semon has been largely forgotten by those living in today's modern age, but he returned to the screen on Saturday night for audiences at Two Strike Park to enjoy.

The films shown, despite many being nearly a hundred years old, were enjoyed by everyone in attendance and elicited laughter from the

audience.

"There is something about being able to see the masters of comedy, the foundation layers, on a screen bigger than your TV, with live accompaniment," said Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkchorst. "And [pianist] Cliff Retallick is so good! He doesn't know what's going to be playing! But he watches the screen and knows what song to play to add a little whimsy, or sound effects to help you feel it! It's amazing to see the 115-year-old hand-crank machine, and the lantern slides and imagine what it was like in early theaters – or out in the rural areas before they had theaters. Guys like Joe Rinaudo would bring this gorgeous machine and their black-and-white short films and project them onto the sides of barns or what have you!

"One of my favorite things is to try and figure out where these movies were made—Santa Clarita? Culver City? Edendale? Glendale! And the stunts are so impressive. You get jaded with all the computer graphics and green screens clogging up the images so you don't even know what's supposed to be going on. Then Buster Keaton stands on one spot and the face of a building falls perfectly over him, he doesn't flinch or dodge or move. It's seamless.

"Joe's favorite thing is when kids come. He loves the sound of kids' laughter! [And they are] able to experience the exact same films that their great

grandparents watched – and loving it!"

Also available for audiences were popcorn and snacks as well as drinks. Mike Lawler of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley, who also coordinated the event with the Los Angeles County Dept. of Parks and Recreation, manned the popcorn machine and Kate Linkchorst oversaw the rest of the concessions. Live ragtime piano music, which usually accompanied the silent movie night, was unfortunately unavailable; however, recorded audio of the piano music accompanied the film to the satisfaction of the audience.

"It was a wonderful night. The weather was glorious, our little section of the park was packed with neighbors and film buffs," said Joanna. "At least two people were just playing at the park and came to ask what we were doing! On the way back home one dad had to explain to his kids what silent films are ... and we are able to share this history with them! We are so incredibly lucky to have Joe Rinaudo in our community, our own living treasure."



Photo by Donna LIBRA
TOP: Joe Rinaudo brought his 1909 Power's 6 Motion Picture Machine to Two Strike.

Photo by Donna LIBRA
BOTTOM: Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkchorst and Mike Lawler ran the concession area.

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Aug. 3. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

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

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

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

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

please.

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

PROM PLUS MEETING

A planning meeting for Prom Plus parents will be on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Fire House, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (xst Rosemont).

BINGO FUN

On Friday evening, Aug. 16 in Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2361 Del Mar Road in Montrose, American Legion Post #288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1614 will host the 12th Annual Community Bingo Night starting at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit veterans' programs in the local community.

Admission is \$25 per person, which includes four bingo cards per game for 10 games. The prize for each bingo game will be a minimum of \$100. In addition to the bingo there will be food available for purchase, a raffle and other surprises. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the first game starting at 6 p.m.

The bingo games are limited to 250 players. Tickets are available from members of the American

Legion Post #288 and VFW Post #1614. Tickets are also available at the office of Crescenta Valley Weekly at 3800 La Crescenta Ave., Suite #206, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LEAF BLOWER DEMONSTRATION

On Sept. 1, the City of Glendale will start enforcement of its gas-powered leaf blower prohibition. This new ordinance prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers and holds homeowners and property owners within the City responsible for compliance. To help residents, landscapers and businesses comply and transition to zero-emission landscaping alternatives, the Office of Sustainability is hosting an event with the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to showcase electric landscaping equipment with professionals before enforcement and citation begins.

The demonstration is on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at

Verdugo Park, 1621 Cañada Blvd. in Glendale.

Electric landscaping equipment manufacturers and landscaping professionals will be available for attendees to test equipment

and learn about zero-emissions landscaping. Staff will also be available to answer questions about the ordinance and obtaining rebates.

For more information on the gas-powered leaf blower prohibition and the event, visit GlendaleCA.gov/LeafBlower.

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Bailey Care Center Still Needs Help



Several local organizations, like the Lions Club (pictured are members of the youth arm the Leos), collect food that is donated to the Bailey Care Center.

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Bailey Center food bank at the Tujunga United Methodist Church continues supporting those in need and continues looking for donations and volunteers.

For years The Bailey Human Care Center has supported the community. The program offered is a free community outreach service of the Tujunga United Methodist Church and has been providing services to the community since 1981.

The Center's program feeds hundreds of families and individuals on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; however, to say these volunteers only work on that one day of the week to help others is an understatement.

Volunteers gather donated food, clothes and other items throughout the week. They separate the items into bags that are then disbursed to the ever-growing population of those in need. And they have seen the need increase every week.

Volunteers like Loretta Cole have been working with the Center for years. They have seen many unhoused individuals and families who had suffered a tragedy, like the loss of a head of household or those

who had lost their jobs. In addition volunteers have seen seniors who simply could not make it on their Social Security benefits or pensions, according to a previous CVW article.

However, during the pandemic the need for assistance grew at an unprecedented rate. The Center went from serving about 300 individuals to about 1,000 every week. Even after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, Bailey Center volunteers did not see the need return to pre-pandemic numbers. The need has remained at elevated levels.

Although many people have returned to work they are still struggling with food insecurity. Reasons are varied and include the rising cost of groceries. Some families have to make the difficult decisions of paying their bills or their rent or purchasing medication above buying groceries. The Bailey Center tries to make life a little easier for those families and individuals.

In addition, the Center has clothes volunteers collect and then share with those in need. Some of those who come to the Bailey Center for food or other items are there for the first time in their lives. The volunteers at the Bailey Center know many of those who come to them on Wednesdays, and even

those who are there for the first time are treated with respect and understanding.

The Bailey Center continues to collect donations of non-perishable food items, including canned goods. Pasta and spaghetti sauce are always in need. Other items like diapers, paper towels and toilet paper are also in demand.

In addition, volunteers are looking for men's and children's clothing. The Center is also always looking for volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer visit <https://www.tjungachurch.com>.

Anyone who would like to donate can do so by bringing donations to the Bailey Center at 9901 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga. Volunteers are there to receive donations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Items can also be dropped off at the CVW office, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta/Glendale. Donors can call the office at (818) 248-2740 during regular office hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to be directed where to drop off donations.

Anyone who is dealing with food insecurity can go to the Bailey Center on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glendale Seeks New Retailers for Artsakh Creative Retail Pop-Up Accelerator

The City of Glendale is ready to build on the success of its award-winning Artsakh Creative retail program, which helps small business owners grow into brick-and-mortar stores. The program provides free rent to qualifying retail businesses for six months in City-owned units located on the Artsakh Paseo. The benefit for the City lies in qualifying retailers enhancing Glendale's vision for an Arts & Entertainment District, with Artsakh Avenue at

its heart, featuring a concentration of arts, cultural and entertainment venues, retailers and programming.

"We're looking for a diverse and vibrant mix of product and artistic-based businesses who want to test their concepts and new products. It can be challenging for entrepreneurs to attract new customers and build market share, as well as deal with all the costs associated with building a business. By offering free rent and promotional support,

these businesses gain an advantage creating their success," said Soua Vang, deputy director of Economic Development.

The program was founded in 2021 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when many small businesses were struggling to survive. Since then, it has been recognized by the California Association for Local Economic

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PET OF THE WEEK



This is Leela a 6 year old female Maltese mix with a poodle. This is my official submission for her to be La Cañadas pet of the week. She loves getting her photo taken and this would be a very special and heartfelt moment to see her on the newspaper pet of the week. I read the newspaper once a week and I will continue to read in hopes of seeing her on the pet of the week.

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

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‘Jungle’ Found at Adams Square Mini Park

“Jungle,” an exhibit on display through Aug. 16 at the Adams Square Mini Park, is made of lightweight textiles and yarn hung from the ceiling. The piece creates a jungle-like environment within the gas station resulting in a colorful and dynamic view from all four sides. The work of Anli Tico spans multiple mediums and focuses largely on location, taking special interest in the expansiveness and intricate details of the natural world. Using pattern, repetition and abstraction of shape, she attempts to create work that captures the broadness of nature in a way that is playful and inviting to viewers. Tico often uses textiles and found materials to capture nature’s softness, fluidity, color and vibrancy. This temporary art installation is sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and



Parks and the Adams Association. The Adams is located at 1020 E. Hill Neighborhood Square Mini Park Palmer Ave. in Glendale.

Barstow Earthquake Felt Locally

By Charly SHELTON

A moderate earthquake, magnitude 4.9, struck just outside Barstow on Monday afternoon causing minor disruptions and

shaking across the region.

The earthquake, which occurred at 1 p.m. PT, had its epicenter approximately 22 kilometers (13.7 miles) east-northeast of Barstow. According

to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the quake originated at a depth of 7.9 kilometers (4.9 miles). Shaking had been reported as far away as 173.2 kilometers (107.4 miles). As

of 1:30 p.m., two aftershocks of M3.5 and M2.7 were recorded in the same vicinity. <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/ci40675215/executive>

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Development (CALED) and the American Planning Association (APA) for its innovative approach to helping launch new businesses. Glendale’s Economic Development Team has provided best practices and toolkits to economic development teams in Long Beach, West Hollywood, Santa Clarita, and Ontario that are looking to replicate this program in their communities.

The City has two 975-square-foot vacant storefront sites available at 117 and 131 N. Artsakh Avenue as part of its accelerator program. The new businesses would join existing businesses such as The Glendale Room comedy club and Paperback Brewing Company. Paperback celebrated the opening of its Artsakh

tasting room earlier this summer, marking their second location in the community.

According to The Glendale Room founder, Sean Casey, the Artsakh Creative program provides an amazing opportunity to develop a unique arts and nightlife destination for the community.

“The support and guidance from the City is instrumental in jumpstarting

a full calendar of live events and activations. We are forever grateful to this program and the people running it,” said Casey. “If you’re a

creative entrepreneur you know that all you need is a shot, a chance to bring your vision to life. The Artsakh Creative program provides that in a vibrant retail environment unique across the Southland.”

Paperback Brewing Company co-founder Chris Cesnek added, “The Artsakh Creative program has been a wonderful experience for Paperback Brewing Company. The City’s support in growing local small businesses and raising awareness in the community is an invaluable resource.”

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Prom Plus Meeting Planned for Aug. 8

By Mary O'KEEFE

The organizers of Prom Plus had announced earlier this year that this would be the last Prom Plus event because no one was willing to step up and join the board; however, a few people have reached out with their desire to continue this all-important organization that has been "saving lives one prom at a time" for three decades.

In 1991, Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) senior Berlyn Cosman was 17 years old. She asked her dad if she could go to an after-prom party that was being held at a hotel in Anaheim. In her father's book "A Father's Unraveling: Reflections from Prom Night's Tragedy" Mark Cosman wrote the request was something he and his wife thought about before saying yes. He had stated that his daughter had worked hard and he thought she had never before asked for

anything like this and her parents said yes.

After the CVHS prom, a group of friends, including Berlyn, arrived at the hotel. At one point, according to reports at the time, she decided to go to the "sleep room" while others continued to party. While she slept a former CVHS student entered the room with a gun and fatally shot Berlyn. The former 19-year-old student, who was convicted, reportedly admitted to investigators to being drunk.

The following trial tore the community apart and was constantly painful for Berlyn's family. It was during this time that members of the community began a grassroots non-profit organization called Prom Plus. They wanted to give CVHS high school seniors and their guests an alternative to an unsupervised after-prom party.

The first Prom Plus was in 1994, held at the then-empty Anderson

Clark Junior High School. Since that first event, Prom Plus has continued to offer a safe place for students post-prom and has expanded the event to a party that costs \$25,000 and features a zip line, mechanical bull, full casino, bungee run, bungee jump and many more activities. The event also feeds the students throughout the night and offers an opportunity drawing.

Like most organizations, Prom Plus was affected by the pandemic. Board members stepped down and even after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted it was difficult to get volunteers to join.

Therefore after the May 2024 prom, the organization's board was ready to step away and, unfortunately, was prepared to end Prom Plus.

Since that announcement students had contacted Prom Plus leadership to share their hope that the Prom Plus Club (PPC), which

has been the youth volunteer arm for the main organization since it was founded about 14 years ago, would continue. The students, along with mentor and PPC co-founder Molly Shelton, have continued to volunteer at events like the Hometown Country Fair and the CV Fourth of July.

Adults have also contacted Shelton to ask her how they could get involved with Prom Plus and keep it going. A planning meeting has now been set for Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Fire House youth center, 2563 Foothill Blvd. on the property of St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church.

"This meeting is for the parents and community members who have expressed interest in carrying forward Prom Plus. As the board of the past few decades is stepping away, the organization is reliant on the next generation of parents to survive and grow," Shelton said.

The response from parents has been uplifting as no one wants to see this important institution end. Anyone who has yet to contact Shelton but is interested in helping support Prom Plus is welcome at the meeting.

"As a supporter of Prom Plus for so many years, I am elated to see the support of these parents to step up and help. I am constantly thinking about what would happen if the organization truly had to shut its doors ... all the work the previous board put in to build the organization ... what that would mean for the students who already have been impacted by so much societal stress and a global pandemic while in school," Shelton said. "Prom Plus is the last celebration that parents get to throw for their kids before they have to face the world alone. I can't wait to see how Prom Plus changes and grows to continue that mission of keeping our students safe."



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Investigation Leads to Arrest of Reckless Driver Who Evaded Officers

On the evening of July 19, a Glendale Police Dept. motor officer attempted to stop the driver of an off-road motorcycle for reckless driving in the City of Glendale. The driver failed to stop and recklessly evaded pursuing officers

before officers terminated the pursuit. The Glendale Police Dept.'s newly formed Street Racing Task Force actively investigated the incident and identified Christian Valentino Moreno, 20, as the driver of the motorcycle.

On July 26, the Glendale Police Dept. served an arrest and search warrant in the city of Los Angeles and took Moreno into custody for reckless driving and felony evading a police officer. Moreno's motorcycle, which was at the location, was

impounded as evidence. The City's Street Racing Task Force will actively enforce and investigate all cases of street racing and reckless driving in the city of Glendale to the fullest.

NNO on Tuesday

By Mary O'KEEFE

CVW reminds community members that National Night Out (NNO) is on Tuesday, Aug. 6 in neighborhoods across the nation.

Held since the 1970s, NNO is an annual community-building

campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. According to its website, NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances, according to NNO.org.

Below are some of the local areas where NNO events will be held:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Crescenta Valley Station will host a NNO event at the station at 4554 Briggs Ave. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. In addition to LASD, members will be on-site from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Montrose Search and Rescue, LA County Fire Dept., Angeles National Forest and other community organizations.

There will also be free hotdogs,

activities for kids and classic cars from the Early Rodders.

Sparr Heights will be hosting its NNO event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For five years, Buena Vista Avenue has been closed to vehicular traffic for NNO. Expected at the Sparr Heights event are members of the Glendale Police Dept. as well as members of the fire department. This event is volunteer-run and similar events will be taking place across Glendale.

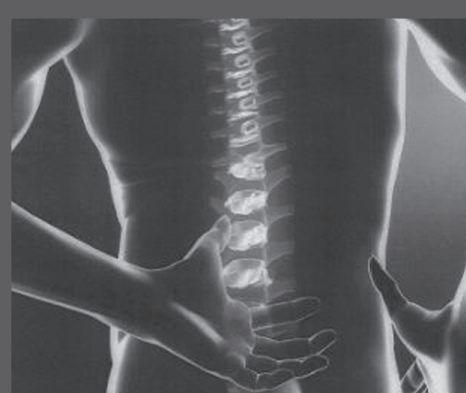
According to Ron Scott, a Sparr Heights homeowner and volunteer responsible for organizing the NNO event, at Sparr Heights there will be four food trucks, DJs, activities for kids and opportunities to meet first responders. In the past three years, Scott said what started out as a block party has grown into a neighborhood event. He added the Sparr Heights NNO event is expecting 200-300 folks to come out and participate. Neighbor tables will be set up at the event so fellow Sparr Heights residents

can learn how to prepare for a number of emergencies.

To find more Glendale neighborhoods hosting NNO nights visit <https://tinyurl.com/42sbxfs6>.

Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga, is also hosting a NNO event on Aug. 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Little Landers Park. LAPD officers and first responders will join neighbors to enjoy live music and food, learn about community service providers and more. Bolton Hall Museum will also be open for visits.

In Burbank, police will also be hosting a NNO event on Aug. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Johnny Carson Park, 400 Bob Hope Drive in Burbank. Over 30 vendors are expected at the event that will include fun games, prizes and giveaways. Burbank Police emergency vehicles and equipment will be on display and there will be the chance to talk with Burbank police officers.



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The News Desert

By Mary O'KEEFE

According to the University of San Francisco, the phrase "news desert" was first coined around 2011 by journalist Laura S. Washington who wrote about a "communications desert." The reporter attributed that phrase to a community organizer in the South Side of Chicago in the article "The Paradox of Our Media Age and What to Do About It" in the In These Times publication.

In that article the author wrote, "In this revolutionary media age our communities are parched for information and news coverage with context and quality."

This article was published in 2011

and since then even more news deserts have emerged as more and more independently owned, local newspapers have closed their doors.

In 2022 the estimated total U.S. daily newspaper circulation print and digital combined was 20.9 million from both weekday and Sunday – down 8% and 10% respectively from 2021.

The phrase "You don't know what you've lost until it's gone" fits for those communities that have found their local voices are not heard as their newspapers are shuttered.

"The loss of local newspapers accelerated in 2023 to an average of 2.5 per week, leaving more than 200 counties as 'news deserts'

meaning that more than half of all U.S. counties now have limited access to reliable local news and information," according to a report by Medill School of Journalism, Media Integrated Marketing Communications at Northwestern University.

The report also found that since 2005, the U.S. had lost about 2,900 newspapers.

More individuals are getting their news online, either on their smart phones or tablets. Some go to "news" outlets; however, they may not be legitimate news agencies and instead provide intentional falsehoods or are intentionally using misleading information. There are

also online news outlets that mimic legitimate news sources.

But more than just receiving news that is slanted with untruths, there is also the loss of the local perspective. Most independent newspapers will report on some national news but the "bread and butter" of local news is the community.

Local newspapers are a place where readers can find out how many hours of community service local high schoolers have served, the new play equipment that is being constructed at a nearby park and the best Halloween decorated houses. It's a place where neighbors are listened to before national politicians, and they often share

more positive stories than negative.

CVW will be reaching out to other independent newspapers that have and continue to survive and talk about the importance of keeping alive the tradition of local news that has been at the foundation of the U.S. since its inception.

"No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, and which we trust will end in establishing the fact, that man may be governed by reason and truth. Our first object should therefore be, to leave open to him all the avenues to truth. The most effectual hitherto found, is the freedom of the press." – Thomas Jefferson

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Kidd was a crewmember on the television program "The Bold and the Beautiful" and a member of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local Union 33.

Several members of the union assisted in the search. The Union released a statement of Kidd's passing and thanked everyone who helped in the search and supported the

family.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the family with expenses. For those who would like to support the family go to <https://tinyurl.com/2f878b7d>.

Public Health Confirms Measles Case in Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health has been notified of one case of measles in a non-Los Angeles County resident who traveled on July 26 to Los Angeles International (LAX) airport while infectious.

This person arrived on Norse Atlantic Airways flight Z0711 at the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) B, Gate 202 on July 26 at 2:18 p.m. and traveled to Orange County upon arrival. The Orange County Healthcare Agency is investigating additional exposure sites in Orange County.

Individuals who were at LAX TBIT and Terminal B from approximately 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. may be at risk of developing measles due to exposure to this traveler. Additional locations where possible exposures may have occurred are being investigated.

In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and the Orange County Healthcare Agency, passengers assigned to specific seats that may have been exposed on Norse Atlantic Airways flight Z0711 on July 26 will be notified of exposure by local Departments of Health. These agencies work together to investigate communicable disease exposures on international and domestic flights to the United States.

Exposed individuals should confirm if they have been vaccinated against measles. If they have not had measles in the past and have not yet obtained the measles vaccine, they are at risk of contracting measles if they have been exposed. Unimmunized persons or those with unknown immunization status who were at this location during the date

and times listed above are at risk of developing measles from seven to 21 days after being exposed. Exposed individuals who have been free of symptoms for more than 21 days (Aug. 16) are no longer at risk.

"Measles spread easily through the air and on surfaces and easily between people who are not already protected from it," said Muntu Davis, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County health officer. "A person can spread the illness to others before they have symptoms, and it can take seven to 21 days for symptoms to show up after being exposed. Measles can lead to severe disease in young children and vulnerable adults. The best way to protect yourself and your family from infection is with the highly effective measles vaccine."

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Barger Issues Statement on L.A. County's Homeless Encampment Strategy

On Tuesday, Supervisor Kathryn Barger issued a statement following the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' discussion about the County's work to address homeless encampments. The dialogue followed the recent City of Grants Pass v. Johnson et al. decision and California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order to remove homeless encampments in California:

"Clearing homeless encampments in a County as big as ours isn't just an issue of money. This is about our capacity to house and deliver a well-orchestrated strategy with several ingredients: sustaining

outreach work, building trust and delivering coordinated social services.

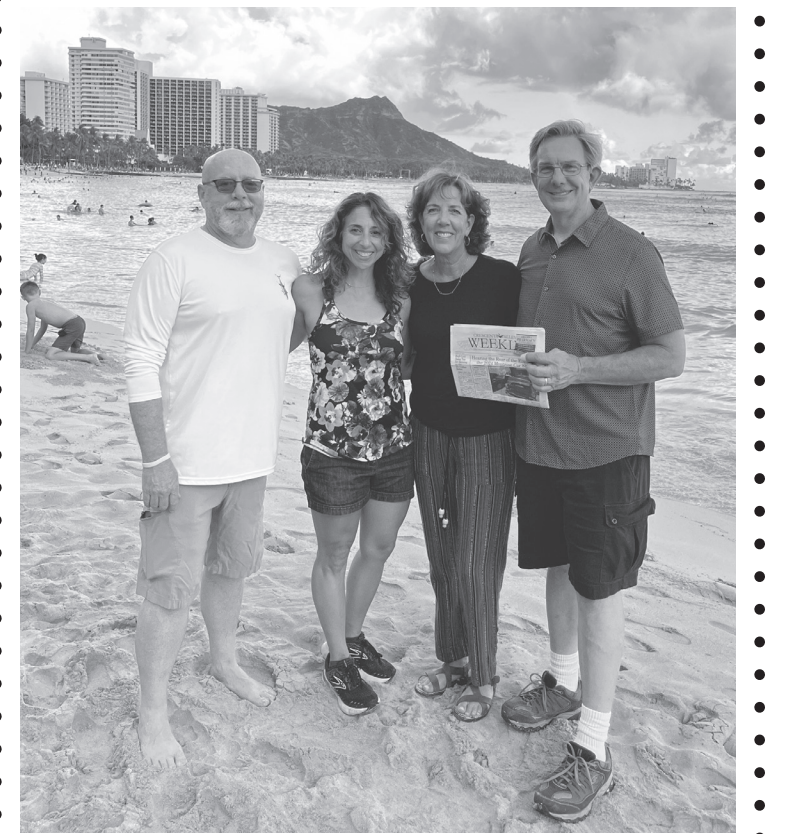
"I stand by that strategy. The testimony we heard today from Sheriff Luna – along with County housing and mental health experts who lead local efforts – reaffirms that Los Angeles County has solid partnerships in place to implement compassionate strategies that work. The Governor's Executive Order means we will have an extra layer of strategic coordination with Caltrans and other state agencies, which isn't new.

"I believe we must continue working closely with city partners to solve homelessness

regionally instead of shuffling people experiencing homelessness around or calling on law enforcement partners to cite them. Those strategies are ineffective because they don't treat the root cause of homelessness.

"I want to be clear: enforcement is certainly an important tool, but it needs to be applied strategically and in a way that sustains permanent change. It will remain a last resort to maintain public safety and public health. Some believe our work to resolve homeless encampments isn't happening fast enough, but fast doesn't always mean successful."

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expressed his concerns about the consultant, Buro Happold, expressing his preference for a local consultant rather than one from New York City and questioning the independence of utilizing the same consultant for the bike plan and for plans for the Verdugo Wash.

"I know a conflict when I see it," he said.

According to Bradley Calvert, director of Glendale's Community Development Dept., the Bicycle Transportation Plan was presented to the council in February 2022 "to shape the next two decades of safe, convenient, inviting infrastructure in Glendale." Calvert detailed "significant levels of community outreach and input" and overviewed the proposed network of 90.7 miles of bike lanes transversing the city.

Glendale is 10 miles across. The plan would next need environmental review and approval before returning to council for final approval, anticipated in November.

Calvert explained the wide range of costs estimated – between \$158,560,000 and \$531,940,000 – would be expended on all street upgrades and repairs, not just for bike lanes.

Representing the consultant, the various types of bike lanes and the overall themes of the project were explained: the importance of safety (people want to feel safe on city streets; people want to feel safe biking); the need for connectivity and the continuity of bike lanes across the city; the desire for usable bike infrastructure throughout the city; and an accessible bike network that people of all ages and all abilities can use.

"A road network goes everywhere; a transit network goes some places; there is no bike network now and this plan sets out to correct that," the Buro Happold consultant told the council.

"I've lived in Glendale for 13 years," said Alex, one of the numerous speakers to address the council, "first

as a renter downtown and now as a homeowner in northwest Glendale. I love how walkable my neighborhood is. But the big problem I have is safety. When I walk to Trader Joe's, just a couple of blocks away, I have to cross Glenoaks. It is genuinely scary. Six lanes of traffic, people drive on it like a freeway. I've seen people racing, running red lights, almost flipping their cars, doing high-speed U-turns in my intersection. This is where I walk my dog.

"That's why I'm so grateful to Councilmember Najarian for bringing the BRT [bus rapid transit] project through Glenoaks – it's going to reduce travel lanes, add a bus-only lane and protected bike lanes. I'm going to feel so much better on my street with less lanes. I'll have the option to take a bus that's rapid to downtown Burbank or to Pasadena. I can ride my bike across the same corridor and feel safe and protected. That's a huge improvement to my quality of life. I love being outside – walking, biking

– in our beautiful weather, and these are family-friendly values. I like to be in a place where kids can be moving around on bikes, not in danger."

Alex added that he had been observing commentary online.

"There's a very vocal group of people, a lot of whom spent the last couple of years harassing Glendale teachers and school board members, who have now turned their attention to this issue for some reason. What is so apocalyptic about bike lanes? What are our values as a city? Is our only goal to move cars through our city as fast as possible?"

Local realtor Susan Broussalian commented on the cost.

"These proposed bike lanes will cost up to half a billion dollars. I can only imagine the multiple types of disaster this will create, not only on major thoroughfares but also tangled up in our quiet residential neighborhoods," Broussalian said.

"Pacific is always backed up and now Central as well because of the circus

on Brand Boulevard. In my opinion, drivers will be losing patience, and more road rage will occur. I travel on Brand daily and not once have I seen a biker using the bike lanes. Not once. It's a complete waste of money. Glendale is already experiencing significant traffic congestion, and this is not a city that has high bicycle usage – we are not a strong culture of cycling advocacy like Davis or San Francisco or New York. We are a small city and we don't have strong cyclists. All we need are more police officers issuing tickets and speeding will stop," Broussalian opined.

Andre Ordubegian, who has a business in Sparr Heights, spoke in opposition to the bike plan.

"I don't want to do my grocery shopping on a bicycle. I don't want to live in a 400-square-foot apartment with four other people that costs \$4,000 a month," he said.

"I've lived here for 13 years and this is my first time speaking to council," David explained adding he was "here to advocate for my own and for public safety in support of the Bike Transportation Plan. Glendale is a world-class city – improving mobility for all will make it more so."

Kirsten agreed. "I'm a mom who lives in south Glendale without a car and I actually do my grocery shopping by bike. A safe street for someone on a bike is a safe street for all road users. Glendale has the unfortunate distinction of being the most deadly city in the state for senior pedestrians. The infrastructure recommended by the Bicycle Transportation Plan is proven to reduce fatalities just like those. I've heard a lot of comments along the lines of 'everyone in Glendale relies on cars so we must continue to dedicate 100% of road space to personal vehicles.' Not only is that obviously short-sighted and depressingly unimaginative, it's also not even true. Thirteen percent of households in Glendale have zero [emission] vehicles and if we look at south Glendale, where the bulk of the bike plan would be concentrated, and where the vast proportion of the Glendale population lives, the number is as high as 33% in some census tracts."

"I'll admit, the half billion price tag came as a shocker," stated Councilmember Dan Brotman. The La Crescenta Avenue project, he added, "Love it or hate it, would cost \$15.7 million. Of that approximately \$765,000 is the bike portion of the cost."

Regarding the overall Bike Transportation Plan, Brotman said, "It's a very robust vision of where we want to be over the next 20 years, and I fully support that vision. If we can pull it off – and that's a big if – we'll have a healthier community; we'll have a safer community; we'll have a more sustainable community; a more equitable community; a more prosperous community. The research is very clear: a good bike network benefits all of those things."

Brotman countered what he called the "no one rides" fallacy explaining that many people ride bikes in Glendale and that many more would do so if it were safer.

"We shouldn't build a bridge based on the number of people swimming across the river. If we build a bike network and make it safe, people will ride. We've seen it around the world, in cities large and small. There's no see GCC on page 19

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

La Tuna Canyon Wildfire – 1977

Forty-seven years ago, almost to the day, we experienced a wildfire on the north side of the Verdugo Mountains above La Tuna Canyon Road. It was a fast moving fire, driven by winds, and the event included some dangerous helicopter action.

It was a typically hot late July with temps near 100. As is often the case, several brush fires were going on at the same time. Hillsides in Corona, Ventura and Hemet were all blazing, and fire fighters were stretched thin. Santa Barbara had been particularly hit hard with nearly 250 homes destroyed in a wildfire. Exacerbating the situation was a water shortage and outdoor watering restrictions were in place, making things tinder dry. Southern California Edison was asking customers to cut back on electrical load because of high air conditioning demand. (In other words, things were the same then as they are now!)

At that time the 210 Freeway

was still under construction from Lowell Avenue north. At 12:45 p.m., an unknown source started a brush fire at the intersection of La Tuna Canyon and the unfinished 210, which quickly spread to 500 acres. The fire was pushed along by a mild Santa Ana wind.

The various agencies jumped in immediately. Responding were over 400 firefighters with 70 pieces of equipment from Los Angeles city and county fire departments and Glendale Fire Dept. The fire quickly spread through heavy underbrush on the north face of the Verdugo Mountains. As smoke began to obscure approaches to that area, the California Highway Patrol closed the portions of the 210 that were already open in La Crescenta. As the fire spread it created its own winds, with updrafts gusting to 50 miles per hour.

Some of the first on the scene were cousins and county

firefighters Willie and Danny Sanchez. Because the fire spread so quickly, they were nearly trapped. One of them stated, "We were up there and all of a sudden it came over the hill. We had to be picked up by a truck. The flames were all around us, like an oven. We were toasted!"

Six water-dropping helicopters joined the fight. Two of the helicopters had a near miss when they both approached a column of smoke from different angles. They veered off at the last second avoiding a deadly collision.

Not as lucky was pilot Frank Pinos, piloting a big Bell 205 helicopter, the civilian version of the iconic "Huey" helicopter we are familiar with from the Vietnam War. Pinos had just made a water-drop on a patch of flames. When he went to pull away, the helicopter suddenly lost power and went spiraling down to the ground. The aircraft slammed down hard, fortunately

in an area that hadn't burned. Pinos, who was alone on the helicopter, managed to get the door of the helicopter open and jumped out. He was able to run from the wreckage but he only made it about 40 feet before he collapsed to the ground.

He was rescued by nearby firefighters and transported to the then-new Verdugo Hills Hospital. Pinos was admitted to the intensive care unit with several fractured vertebrae and internal injuries. The \$500,000 helicopter was a total loss.

As the fire spread along La Tuna Canyon, a Red Cross evacuation center was set up for the canyon residents. Fortunately the firefighters were able to keep the flames from consuming any homes. Fire crews quickly established a control line around much of the blaze and by 8 p.m. that night, the fire was declared 80% contained. By morning total containment was achieved.

About 100 men stayed on the scene to mop up and deal with any flare-ups.

Readers may remember that this is the same area that burned in a much larger fire in 2017. That fire consumed over 7,000 acres and destroyed several homes. To my untrained eye, that section of La Tuna Canyon looks ready to burn again. It's a seemingly endless cycle.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Every Four Years

According to NASA, it takes Earth 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to orbit the sun, which makes for messy record keeping if you are trying to track time according to the solar year. To adjust for those pesky extra hours, minutes and seconds, the Gregorian calendar allows for 365 days per year with a "leap year" roughly every four years to corral the extra time fragments into one additional day, making 366. Since its establishment, there have been planned events tied to leap years including American presidential elections and the Olympic Games.

Traditionally, leap years have been associated with

superstitious warnings to be careful, as if the simple act of adding a day to the calendar could evoke tragedy or impending doom. However, the last time we had a leap year before this current year was in 2020 ... and we all know how that turned out. What an awful year. Not only did the entire world suffer terribly under a global pandemic, but it was literally the worst year ever for my family. We lost our son, Ben, from a fentanyl overdose in January 2020 right before the big show began in March. We had to endure the chaos of illness, fear and shutdowns on top of the grief we were already trying to deal with. It was truly unbearable but somehow our

family got through it together.

Here we are again, four years later in 2024 and in the middle of another crazy leap year. In addition to new conflicts in the world, the Presidential election has taken all the oxygen out of the room while we witness each event unfold. We all watched as a current President lost his moxie, a former President was grazed by a bullet, and an up-and-coming contender is now jockeying for position. Throw in a couple of conventions, some investigations and hearings, a debate or two, some media rants, protests and hate speech and I don't expect any dull moments before voting in November. I only pray for civility and calm as we

continue through the democratic process.

Conversely, the bright spot this year is the XXXIII Olympic Games currently being held in Paris, France. I had been planning all year to watch the opening ceremonies that coincidentally just happened to fall on my birthday. I had no plans other than to grab some New Moon Chinese take-out and spend the evening with my family watching the rebroadcast of the athletes parading in. It always fills me with such pride to see the nations come together, this time by boat in the rain down the Seine River. What a delightful, colorful and completely off-beat Parisian-style opening. I love how the host country makes it their own; it was like no other.

The Olympics remind me that although people have faults and don't always treat each other with respect, there is a basic human need to take care of each other. The act of competition can bring out the best in all of us. We root for our teams but feel empathy when someone gets hurt or drops out. The

athletes themselves will pick up a teammate or competitor when they fall and celebrate the wins of another with a big hug or high five. Watching this show of good sportsmanship fills me with emotion, even it's only a commercial playing "Put a little love in your heart."

Let the excitement and renewal of the Olympic Games wash over you and remind you of the reasons we exist here on Earth. Let it linger in your heart. Don't allow politics to fill you with anger and cause you to lash out at anyone who disagrees with you. Think of it as a competition in the game called life. If one falls, we all fall, and we as humans do best when we support and love each other.



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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Santa Comes Early for the Christmas Sale at the Glendale Assistance League

By Ruth SOWBY

Every year the Glendale Assistance League's Christmas sale gets bigger and bigger – more holiday items, more customers and more profits. At its opening on July 25 dozens of shoppers lined up to be among the first to grab Christmas goodies at bargain basement prices. (Holiday decorations, for instance, went for pennies. A few yards of gold ribbon went for 50 cents. Three silver bows were priced at \$1.)

Also up for sale were ornaments, lights, jewelry, silverware, nativities, toys and holiday clothing. A first for the annual Christmas sale was a silent auction. A favorite was a complete dining set of Spode china donated by Christmas sale chair Hermineh Babayan.

Assistance League volunteers save their holiday donations from the past year for the Christmas sale. Hancock resident and League volunteer Yuanitabeth Morgan knew the Glendale League had the best stuff. Willing to drive a few extra miles, she headed for the clothing racks that held non-Christmas ensembles.

Shopping at the Christmas sale, at the ALG thrift shop Thrift Alley, is more than a way to save money. This year's projected proceeds from the three-day sale is about \$5,000. The funds will go toward the League philanthropies such as scholarships for Glendale students, a monthly discounted lunch for senior citizens and clothing for needy children attending local schools.

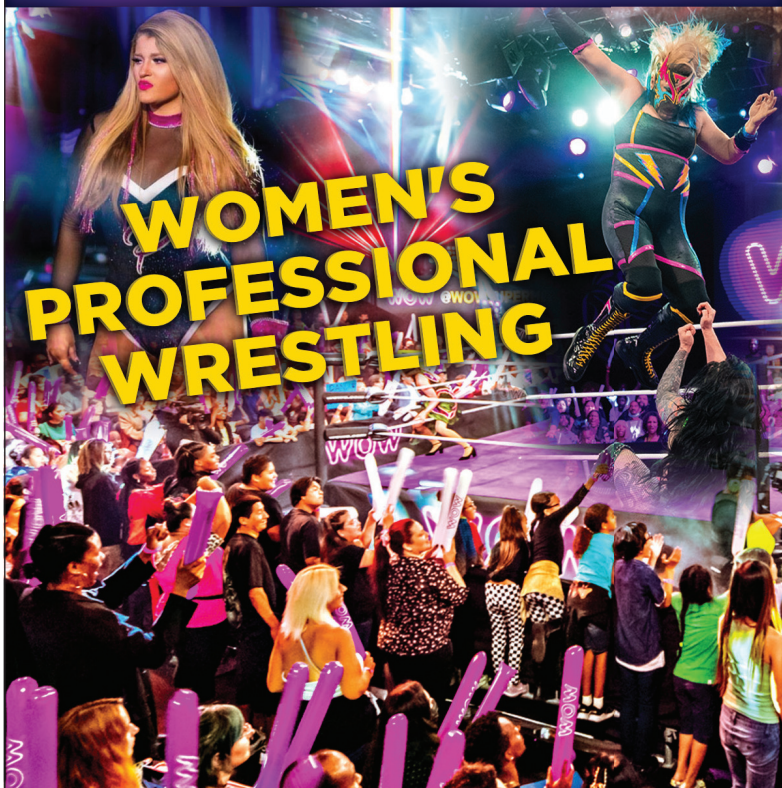
The Glendale Assistance League is celebrating 80 years of community service.



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: Christmas sale chair Hermineh Babayan was kept busy overseeing the sale. Holiday ornaments were popular. (Tree not for sale.)
RIGHT: League volunteer Yuanitabeth Morgan took a break to peruse Christmas sale clothing.

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The La Cañada Thursday Club Welcomes New Board of Directors



The 113-year old La Cañada Thursday Club recently installed its 2024-25 board of directors. Second-term president Joani Bartoli-Porto welcomed the new board.

"I am so excited about our new board moving forward in the year ahead. We are one of the oldest women's clubs in the United States. We are excited to announce that the club is hosting the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce mixer on Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m."said Bartoli-Porto.

Founded in 1912 by Elizabeth Knight, the club upholds its roots as a social, cultural and philanthropic club assisting non-profit organizations and helping local youth further their education. Through the modern debutante program, the club promotes and instills grace and skill

for debutantes as they serve and influence the spaces in which they will inevitably flourish and nurture relationships. To further help the local youth, the club also awards annual scholarships to local high school seniors, based on academic achievement and community service. The club also supports the Hillside Moving On program, Journey House, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Elizabeth House.

For its almost 200 members from varied backgrounds, cultures and professions, the club offers monthly teas and luncheons with engaging and informative speakers. The club further engages and offers its members several activities. Programs offered are Bridge and Mahjong groups, book club,

contemporary interest gatherings, and monthly courtyard social hour.

For more information about the club, go to www.lacanadathursdayclub.org.

Submitted by
Rose Linda GONZALES

New board members installed for the La Cañada Thursday Club include: (front row, from left) Alice Ryan, Pat Gennaro, Joani Bartoli-Porto, Rose Linda Gonzales, Verna McElderry and Michele Brown. Second row, from left are Trice Hamlin, Brenda Pieroni, Penny Ledbetter, Marcie Haug and Kaitzer Puglia. Back row, from left: Karey Spidell, Lisa Phelan, Jane Workman, Nancy Antonoplis, Alison McQuay and Linelle Vincenti. Missing are Kathy Seuylemezian, and Carolyn Stamper.

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People Making News

Jake Schaffer of La Crescenta earned a bachelor degree in business administration from the University of Dubuque.

The University of Dubuque (UD) is a private, coed university founded in 1852 that offers undergraduate, graduate and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person.

Sam Cook of La Crescenta was among 1,276 Trailblazers earning dean's list honors at Utah Tech. To qualify, students had to attain a 3.5 to 3.89 GPA and complete at least 15 credits.

Utah Tech offers 293 programs, including a diverse offering of 11 graduate programs, 57 bachelor's degrees, 76 certificates, 51 minors, 76 emphases, and 23 associate degree programs.

Utah Tech University is an open-enrollment teaching institution that offers nearly 300 academic programs at one of the lowest tuition costs in the Western United States.

For more information, visit utahtech.edu.

Alexandra Apy of La Crescenta and Adam Burnstine of La Cañada Flintridge were among the students at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania who attained dean's list in spring 2024. This status is granted to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. Lehigh's five colleges—College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science

—provide opportunities to 7,000-plus students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

The following students received scholarships as part of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). NMSC announced over 2,900 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution.

Austin Hong from Arcadia, whose probable career is medicine, attends Flintridge Preparatory School, La Cañada Flintridge; Nathan J. Lee from La Crescenta, whose probable career field is mechanical engineering, attends Crescenta Valley High School; Siddarth K. Pillai from La Cañada Flintridge, whose probable career field is medicine, attends La Cañada High School.

Caleel Shulman of Glendale, who attends the University of Wisconsin — College of Letters and Science, earned placement on the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Thea Stefan from La Cañada Flintridge was named to the Miami University spring 2024 president's list.

Miami University was established in 1809. It is located in the college town of Oxford, Ohio with regional campuses in Hamilton and

Middletown, a learning center in West Chester and a European study center in Luxembourg. Miami serves more than 22,600 undergraduates across more than 100 areas of study, and more than 2,200 graduate students through 78 master's and doctoral degree programs.

For more information, visit MiamiOH.edu.

Dane Grey of La Cañada Flintridge was named to Fort Lewis College's dean's list for the spring 2024 semester. Grey's major is criminology & justice studies.

To be eligible for dean's list, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or better in no fewer than 15 credit hours of graded college-level work and have completed all work for which they are registered by the end of the semester.

Fort Lewis College, located in Durango, Colorado, is the Southwest's leading undergraduate institution with its low student-to-faculty ratio and one-on-one, affordable instruction. FLC is one of the country's most diverse campuses with over half of its students identifying as people of color. With more than 55 majors to choose from, students become industry professionals, community leaders, and cutting-edge academics.

Kami Shaunt Arabian of Montrose graduated from Dartmouth University in Hanover, New Hampshire on June 9 as a salutatorian and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his bachelor's degree in government with a minor in environmental studies. Arabian held Congressional internships with U.S. Reps. Brad Sherman and Adam Schiff, as well as at the U.S. Dept. of State. He will attend Harvard Law School following work as a Supreme Court practice researcher under former Acting Solicitor General Neal

Katyal.

Aidan Milanese of Glendale graduated from Hofstra University in May 2024, earning a degree in marketing.

The primary mission of Hofstra University, located in Hempstead, New York, is to provide a quality education to its students in an environment that encourages, nurtures and supports learning.

Sienna Arrobio from La Cañada Flintridge was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2024 semester.

To achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality point average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Aleksandr Davtyan, Class of 2025, majoring in neuroscience and Jackson Greninger, Class of 2027, majoring in computer science and engineering and management for engineers — both from Glendale — and Hanan Phillips from La Cañada Flintridge, Class of 2026, majoring in economics, have earned spots on the Bucknell University dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the

2023-24 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Riley Center of La Crescenta was named to the Western Carolina University spring 2024 dean's list and the spring 2024 chancellor's list.

Center was among more than 1,400 students to achieve the honor of being named to the chancellor's list. To qualify for the chancellor's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.8 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Center was among more than 1,000 students to achieve the honor of being named on the dean's list. To qualify for, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

As the westernmost institution in the University of North Carolina System, WCU attracts students from around the globe for its nationally ranked programs, affordability through NC Promise and exceptional student support. Offering residential, hybrid and online programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees at its main campus in Cullowhee, WCU in Asheville is located at Biltmore Park, and wherever students are through distance learning.

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Open House Etiquette

Dear Phyllis,

I read your column and respect your experience and knowledge. My neighbor had her home for sale last month and I was out on a walk. I thought I would pop in to see her home and compare it to mine. I am always curious about what my home would sell for, but I don't want to bother having a realtor come over if I am not serious about selling. I had my dog with me and didn't want to leave her outside. She is a cockapoo, and when I entered the realtor told me I couldn't bring the dog inside. My dog is potty trained and I don't understand why this would be an issue; my dog goes to the market and many public places. Since when are their open house rules?

Jane

Dear Jane,

Thank you for being a loyal reader!

It's important to remember that when attending an open house, we are guests in someone else's home. As a hosting agent, I must prioritize the homeowner's wishes. Some of my clients have allergies to dogs, while others have recently invested in new flooring. In these cases, it's crucial to respect the homeowner's open house rules, even if they seem strict.

As real estate agents, our primary duty during an open house is to ensure the security of the home. This is a significant responsibility, especially when many people are coming and going. While it's not our home, we must always respect our clients' wishes and maintain a safe environment

for everyone. This commitment to safety reassures you about the professionalism and dedication of the agent.

These rules aren't made by the agent hosting the open house but by the owner. Keep in mind that since COVID, it's been a new world. Many clients prefer that open-house visitors use hand sanitizer before entering their homes. This makes sense as potential home buyers are opening drawers and cabinets, and the homeowner should feel safe when returning home. As far as open house rules are concerned, I think it's simply accommodating the owner's wishes. I hope this clarification helps you understand some homeowner's concerns.

Phyllis



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By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

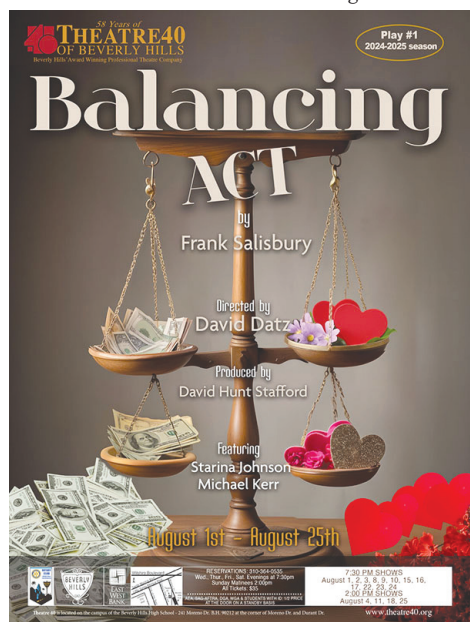
There seems to be no end to this heat, so why not slip into the comfort of one of our local live theaters where you can cool off for a while? It's time to treat yourself to the magic of live theater by going to see a show!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue, so bring a facemask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to check with the theater before attending a show to find out what is their current policy.

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

"Balancing Act" is about an accountant who plans to escape with a large amount of embezzled money but is visited at his New York apartment on the eve of his planned departure by a shy once-young lady from his accounting department who suspects there may be foul play afoot and ostensibly seeks his advice. He tries every way he can think of to "keep her quiet" including escorting her to his bedroom.

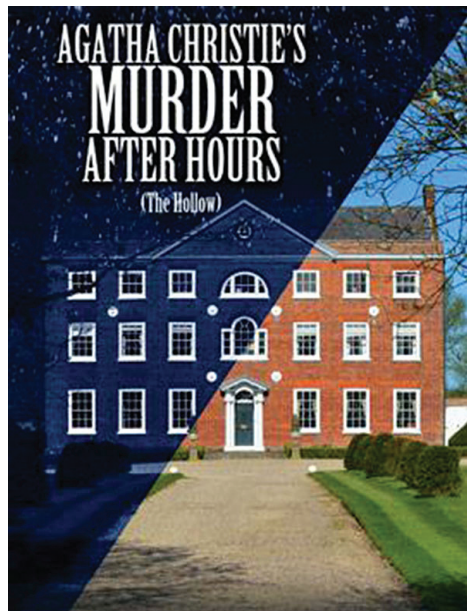
Written by Frank Salisbury, and directed by David Datz, it runs Aug. 1 through Aug. 25 at the Theatre Forty in the Mary Levin Cutler Theatre in Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 364-0535 or visit www.theatre40.org.



"Honeymoon Suite (with Apologies to Neil Simon)" There are certain obvious parallels to "Honeymoon Suite" and three of the late Simon's plays: There are three couples and each of them will experience pivotal moments in their relationship that will affect their marital destiny. The stories in this show, however, are all new. Evy and Oscar have eloped. One of them is a soldier who is about to be deployed. Evy and Oscar will have to cram a honeymoon into a severely restricted amount of time. Mike is with his new (and second) wife Katie. Mike isn't sure whether or not he had carnal relations with another woman at his bachelor party. It's all a haze now. Did he or didn't he? The answer comes from an unexpected quarter. Becca's besties are there to console her as it looks like Jeff jilted her at the altar. But is that what happened really?

Written by Kelli Bowlden and directed by Jenna Hoffmann, it runs Aug. 2 through Aug. 25 at the 905 Cole Theatre in Hollywood. For tickets, visit www.onstage411.com/newsite/show/play_info.asp?show_id=7138.

"Murder After Hours" Part "Downton Abbey," part Noel Coward, this is Agatha Christie at her champagne-escapist-mysterious best. A weekend in the country leads to long-hidden love revealed, a lover's triangle exposed, movie star confessions and – of course – deadly deeds. An impatient, cantankerous Scotland Yard inspector puts a wonderful froth to the investigation and wild-mouse-ride of unravelings. Miss Christie felt that this was her best play and it differs from the book substantially.



Written by Agatha Christie and directed by Jules Aaron, it runs Aug. 2 through Sept. 8 at the Lonny Chapman Theatre Main Stage in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 763-5990 or visit www.thegrouprep.com.

"Chicken Stories" A collection of hilarious and at times biting vignettes that examine the culture and times through the unexpected yet undeniably relatable (and historically relevant) lens of chicken. Some of the stories are fictitious. Some of the content is based on real events. Folmar is African American and his show to some extent is about the important place that chicken occupies in considerations of Black American cuisine, in terms of its history and its centrality in Black culture. The vignettes that comprise the "Chicken Stories" lean in the direction of humor, yet deal substantively with significant themes like Black entrepreneurship and empowerment, the generational shifting of values, loss, cultural appropriation, modern dating and more. Chicken brings people together: families, friends, neighbors, schoolmates, coworkers. It is comforting, nourishing and delicious. It can also spark tensions (e.g., "My mother's chicken is better than your mother's chicken." "Which local establishment makes the better wings?")

Written and directed by Marcus Folmar, it runs Aug. 3 through Aug. 18 at the Broadwater Main Stage in Hollywood. For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/chicken-stories-at-the-broadwater-mainstage-world-premiere-%0Dtickets-910734420167?%0Daff=oddtcreator&utm_source=email&utm_medium=sparkpos.



"Grease" Get ready to rev up your engines and slick back your hair because TACFA and GiveKidsPanto are producing "Grease!" Join us for a high-energy, electrifying journey back to the 1950s where romance, rock 'n' roll, and teen rebellion collide in this timeless classic. With unforgettable songs like "You're the One That I Want," "Summer Nights" and "Greased Lightnin'" and dazzling choreography, this production promises to captivate audiences of all ages. Don't miss out on the excitement – grab your poodle skirts and leather jackets, and get ready for a night of fun, laughter and pure entertainment.

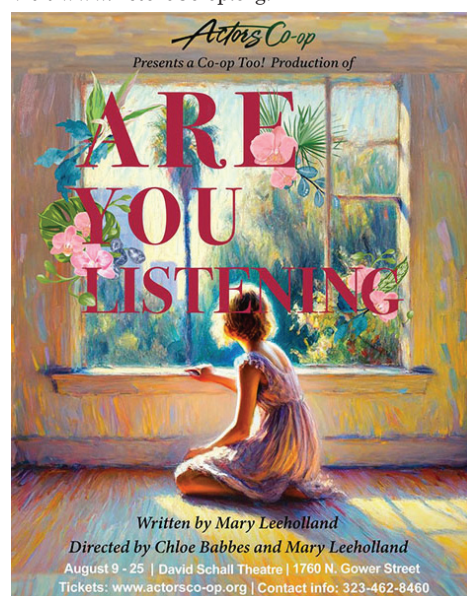
Written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, with music by Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey, and directed by Barry Pearl, it runs Aug. 6 through

Aug. 10 at Peppertree Park in Tustin. For tickets, visit www.tacfa.org.



"Are You Listening" Follow Ruth, a determined aspiring actress from small-town Mississippi, as she faces the challenges of loneliness, failed relationships and identity crisis while pursuing success in Los Angeles, finding solace and guidance through prayers whispered from her small apartment window.

Written by Mary Leeholland and directed by Chloe Babbes and Mary Leeholland, it runs Aug. 9 through Aug. 25 at the David Schall Theater in Hollywood. For tickets, call (323) 462-8460 or visit www.actorsco-op.org.



"No Desire to Suffer Twice" Two brothers dream of going to Harvard Business School. Brendan was accepted but Cedric, the better student, was rejected. When Cedric learns that Brendan has been hiding his acceptance letter and the truth of how he was admitted, the brothers must face a betrayal from which they may never recover.

Written by Cris Eli Blak and directed by Matt Lorenzo, it runs Aug. 9 through Sept. 1 at the Loft Ensemble's Sawyer's Playhouse in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 452-3153 or visit www.loftensemble.org.



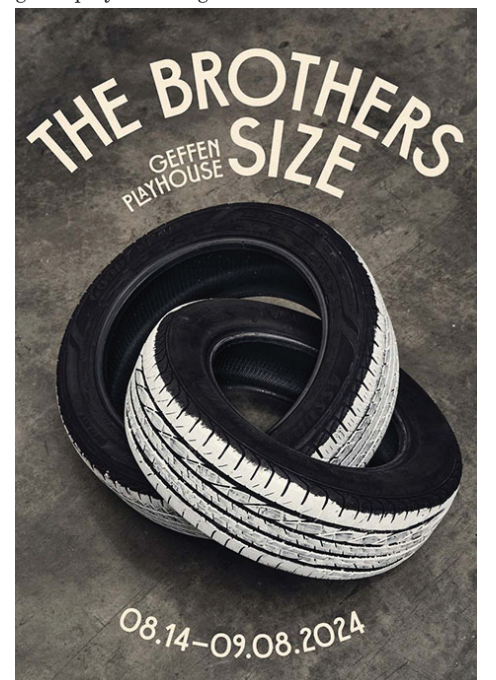
"Human Error" Madelyn and Sameer are NPR-listening, latte-sipping blue-staters who are planning a family. Or they were until they learn that because of a mix-up at the fertility clinic, Madelyn's embryo was accidentally implanted in another client's uterus. That news is hard to take; fostering a relationship with the other couple, NASCAR-loving NRA cardholders, is even harder. Can these polar opposites make it through nine months of gestation without killing one another?

Written by Eric Pfeffinger and directed by Joshua Bitton, it runs Aug. 10 through Sept. 8 at the Matrix Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (855) 585-5185 or visit www.roguemachinetheatre.org.



"The Brothers Size" Drawing from the rich tradition of the Yoruba people of West Africa, "The Brothers Size" is a modern-day fable about two brothers in the Deep South. Ogun, the elder brother, embodies hard work and reliability while Oshoosi, formerly incarcerated, is seemingly carefree and unpredictable. Their relationship is tested when the charismatic Elegba arrives, tempting Oshoosi back to his old habits. As the brothers wrestle with loyalty, freedom and duty, their humanity is revealed through a raw and heartfelt exploration of the bonds of brotherhood.

Written by Tarell Alvin McCraney and directed by Bijan Sheibani, it runs Aug. 14 through Sept. 8 at the Geffen Playhouse Audrey Skirball Kenis Theater in Westwood. For tickets, call (310) 208-5454 or visit www.geffenplayhouse.org.



"Mourning Song" Musical epilepsy caused by a stroke uncovers a voice from Brigid's forgotten past. Born in Ireland and brought to America after her mother and father died Brigid, now in her 70s, has no memories of her childhood until a haunting Irish melody awakens visions of the lost lineage of her fragmented family.

Written by Brent Beerman and directed by Mareli Mitchel-Shields, it runs Aug. 15 through Sept. 15 at the Lonny Chapman Theatre Upstairs Stage in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 763-5990 or visit www.thegrouprep.com.

"Patient 13" Chronically single, Gail has always been good at staying busy, setting boundaries and avoiding intimacy. That is until a scary diagnosis makes her realize that she might just need to slow down, chill out and get some help. But who can she trust?

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

2024 Artist's Choice Exhibition presented by the Pasadena Society of Artists

The Pasadena Society of Artists presents its Artist's Choice Exhibition opening Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Whites Fine Art Gallery located at 2414 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. The exhibition closes on Saturday, Aug. 31. Concurrently the exhibition can be viewed at ISSUU.com or the PSA website, www.PasadenaSocietyofArtists.org. A printed catalog will be available for purchase.

PSA has been presenting Artist's Choice exhibitions since 2009. This is the 11th exhibition in this ongoing series. Artwork in this exhibition has been created and selected by the artist. Many are new works not previously seen by the public. Artwork is available for purchase.

Fifty-three members are exhibiting 90 artworks. Media includes acrylic, pen & ink, photography, watercolor, ceramics, oils, fabric collage, assemblage, etchings, collage, cotton thread on fabric, colored pencil, graphite pencil, alcohol

ink, welded metal, gouache and pastel.

Participating artists are Vibiana Aparicio-Chamberlin, Julianna Aparicio-Curtis, MariBeth Baloga, Cyndi Bemel, Barbara Lai Bennett, Michele Benzamin-Miki, Mariko Bird, Katy Bishop, Anya Cherrice, Chuka Susan Chesney, Liz Crimzon, Jean Cunningham, Adeola Davies-Aiyeloja, Marion Dies, Karen Duckles, Lore Eckelberry, Martin Ehrlich, Mims Ellis, Maryellen Eltgroth, Sandy Fisher, Judy Frisk, Steve Graziani, R. Rene Hoffman, Sharon Jeniye Cohen, Jeffry Jensen, Saon Kashem, Nora Koerber, Joanna Kos, Patricia Lee, Tommy Lei, Warner LeMénager, George Paul Miller, Christopher Moore, Richard G. Murphy, Tom Oldfield, Victor Picou, Mike Pitzer, Rebecca H. Pollack, Rhonda Raulston, Jean Richardson, S.A. Smith, Robert Michael Sullivan, Kathleen Swaydan, Laurel Termini, Barbara Thorn, Cecilia Torres, Suzanne Urquiza, Tsvetelina

Valkov, Ken Weintrub and Sean Yang.

Founded in 1925, the Pasadena Society of Artists is one of the area's original professional artist groups. The Society is noted for its vigorous, active membership, wide diversity of artistic statement, and high professional standards. Membership is by juried submission.

PSA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to present the works of its many talented and creative artists to the community of Pasadena and surrounding areas. Combining an active tradition of community participation and partnering with local community arts organizations, as well as philanthropic, humanitarian and educational institutions, PSA endeavors to enhance public awareness of art and the enriching qualities it brings to people's lives.

For more information about PSA visit www.PasadenaSocietyofArtists.org.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This Friday, Aug. 2, is a Key Club Take Over when Key Club members from Hoover, Glendale and Eagle Rock take over the Kiwanis meeting!

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$20. All are welcome.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

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

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

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

TOUCHSTONES EXHIBIT CURATOR'S TOUR

On Saturday, Aug. 3, exhibit curator Marsha Perloff will be at Bolton Hall Museum at 2 p.m. offering "Touchstones: Our Rocky Beginnings." Learn how and when the local community's Arroyo Stone homes were built and what is being done to help preserve those that remain.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of the Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. (at Valmont) in Tujunga.

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

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting Youth +

Teens Summer Camps. During week nine (Aug. 5-9) there are Flag Football Sportz Blitz for ages 7-12, Professor Egghead: Detective Camp for ages 5 - 10, and Dungeons and Dragons for ages 8-17.

There are two more weeks of summer camp available for registration! Registration is open for fall I (session dates: Aug. 26 - Oct. 19). Youth, teen and adult programming.

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

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 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can donate unneeded household items, books, clothing and more by dropping them off at Bolton Hall Museum any afternoon from Aug. 3-8 from 1-4 p.m. Items for sale can include kitchenware, barware, linens, gently used clothing and much more.

Bolton Hall Museum, home of the Little Landers Historical Society, is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. (at Valmont) in Tujunga.

Additional information is available from Little Landers

Historical Society, (818) 352-3420 or BoltonHall.org or email llhs@boltonhall.org.

CANASTA IS CALLING

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

CLASSIC FILM SERIES AT DOCTORS HOUSE

The Glendale Historical Society is partnering with the Alex Film

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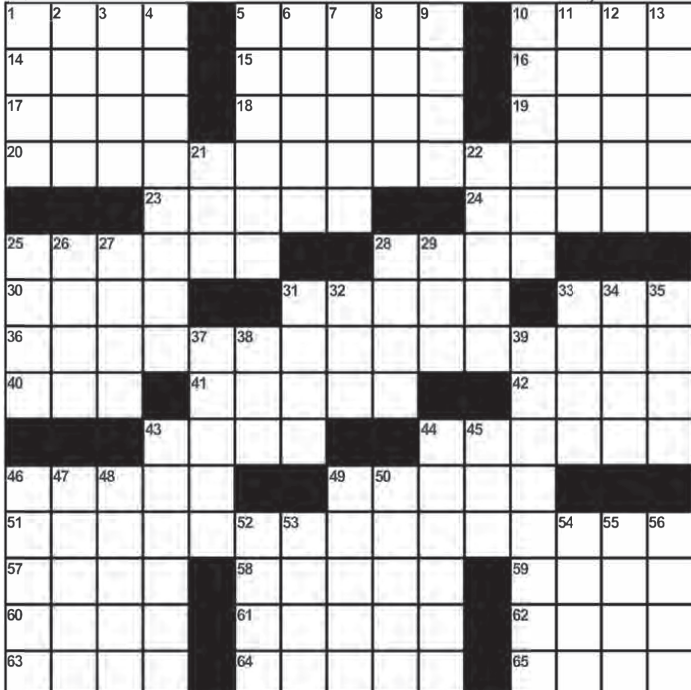
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- 19) 1997 role for Peter Fonda
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- 23) He took two tablets
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- 25) Like a tough teacher
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- 30) Camera diaphragm
- 31) "___ and sometimes Y"
- 33) Tennis play
- 36) Thing on an office desk, often
- 40) "Get it?"
- 41) Words after "deaf as" or "dumb as"
- 42) Hideous
- 43) Cut with quick strokes
- 44) Gets on the nerves of
- 46) Broke off
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- 51) Bad thing to do on an application
- 57) Got an A+ on
- 58) Some batters protect it
- 59) Honeyed drink
- 60) Infamous emperor
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- 62) In desperate need of rain
- 63) Bit at the bottom of the barrel
- 64) Works as a stevedore
- 65) ___ contendere (defendant's plea)

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- 2) Asian female domestic
- 3) Scrambled note?
- 4) Minor scrap
- 5) Where the wealthy live, briefly
- 6) Degrade
- 7) Fills to the gills
- 8) Decorate differently
- 9) "___ Brockovich"
- 10) Hollandaise and cranberry
- 11) Window parts
- 12) Halloween option
- 13) "What ___ to be the problem?"
- 21) Elephant-snatching bird of myth
- 22) "This ___" (shipping label)
- 25) Drinks gently
- 26) Not false
- 27) Ascend
- 28) Prison outbreak
- 29) A positively charged atom
- 31) On the peak of
- 32) Aliens, briefly
- 33) Apple's apple, e.g.
- 34) "For Your Eyes ___"
- 35) Overtime Turkish governors
- 37) Alternative to a hotel, briefly
- 38) AP rival
- 39) Title character in a 2012 film with Snow White
- 43) Old salt
- 44) Dido's lover
- 45) Born, in bios
- 46) Largest living antelope
- 47) More pleasant
- 48) John of tractors
- 49) Sedately dignified
- 50) Lenya or Lehmann
- 52) Certain gemstone
- 53) Bone in the arm
- 54) Sleek, for short
- 55) Olympics star Devers
- 56) Root of the taro plant

6,000 POUNDS

By Bill Bobb



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 29, 2024 - August 4, 2024

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may have been trying to figure out a way to raise money for a new venture, and now it may well be possible. This is a great time to clear up any final payments you may need to make while also finding ways to connect with possible investors. Fundraising efforts should include an online and e-mailing component.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

A feeling of expansion and sudden insight could give you an idea that simply can't be contained now. Since there's activity in your house of serious relationships and marriage, the best moneymaking notions may come from these areas. Brainstorm around marriage and family issues and you could come up with an idea for a book, coaching program, or other helpful product. Selling it won't be hard.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You have a healthy dose of support from the Universe as you try to make more money and establish more structure in your life. Aspects affecting your money and values make it a good time to not only make more money through increased opportunities but also research how to invest it in the future. Do your due diligence and start cautiously, then branch out when you feel more comfortable.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You have the go-ahead to change the way you look and act. That, in turn, will help you move up the ladder and make more cash. If you've wanted to change your wardrobe, look, or manner, this is supported and even encouraged now. Emulate a trusted mentor or forge your own path. The Universe brings beauty, attraction, and a kind of healthy assertion of your needs. Together they increase your power on the job.

LEO July 23 - August 22

This period is about aspects affecting past lives, karma, and institutions. You may suddenly be seized with a desire to change jobs, start a charity, or develop a new business. Do some research when you can and then create a business plan that looks at least five years into the future. It's possible to make it work.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Creative works, action, and assertion come together now. This will change the way you connect with social groups, and it may start you thinking about becoming self-employed in the near future. This aspect says your ideas are solid. All you need is the gumption to make this transition and see it through. Money comes when you follow up on what you've been fortunate enough to create.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Now you have a good news/bad news situation on your hands. The good news is that your house of career and authority figures is positively affected, indicating a time of better opportunities and greater access to cash flow. The bad news is that you may not believe that you should have to change. Try to move forward by cooperating, not fighting.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The Universe brings your money life into a delicate balance. Your creative ideas and focus are admirable now, and they'll directly affect travel, learning, and metaphysics. If you feel you need to augment your education, don't hesitate to spend the money on a class or seminar. It's all for your future betterment, and it will yield monetary fruit before long.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

For you, money may be more than a reward for work well done. Now money may become a way to connect to past lives, dreams, and the ephemeral parts of life. If you've been harboring an idea for something you'd rather do for a living, this time may provide just the impetus to make it happen in your "real" life. Dreams can come true under these conditions.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This period is about groups, politics, and self-employment. If you've been seeking ways to earn more and create added stability, the Universe gives you the luck and chance to make this happen. Turn to friends and networking groups to help build your clientele while you transition from your current employment. Make sure to protect your ideas and products with copyrights and trademarks to ensure your future profits.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You're poised to take advantage of a new moneymaking endeavor. Luck and expansion come together with opportunity, meaning that you'll need to be ready to accept offers from employers or investors who want to make sure your ideas and products will succeed. The window of opportunity could be small, so have everything prepared. Update that resume and print out that business plan.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

With a harmonious aspect now, you may be tempted to celebrate first. But with all the lucky energy around, it's best to find a way to profit from it first. The astral activity will affect travel, learning, and spirituality, indicating a time of looking for ways to broaden your market. If you offer a product or service that could be sold abroad, make it happen now. Consult a sales agent if you need help.

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 Avenue, 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.

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 Aug. 18. Tickets are \$35 and \$45.

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

PARENT INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION NIGHT

The "Musical Kids, Happy Parents!" Suzuki Music information night will be hosted over Zoom by the Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) on Monday, Aug. 19 from 8 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. All adults are invited to attend. To register, go to https://www.suzukimusicofla.org/upcoming-events. For more information, visit www.suzukimusicofla.org/video.html.

The Suzuki Music education philosophy and method, child development issues, and the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail.

The Suzuki Method is renowned for helping children develop musically, especially from a young age, and SMPLA offers music education in violin and guitar. Early musical education significantly enhances a child's brain development, motor coordination and speech, and also increases a child's level of discipline, awareness, and character. Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method of music education is invaluable for children of all ages.

For more information, contact Robin Johnson at info@SuzukiMusicofLA.org.

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

Sets in Steps Square Dance Club offers 13-week classes on square dancing. The first two classes are free!

The next 13-week course begins on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Classes are from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and are held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (new location).

For more information, visit www.setsinstep.org or www.facebook.com/SETSINSTEP or call Ileana at (818) 395-4482 or email illi313@yahoo.com.

GOLF CLASSIC PLANNED

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

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

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

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

Gazelle lost my iPhone. Can you help me find it?

Where is Joan Cassell's iPhone? Gazelle says it sent it back to her, but there's no evidence it was delivered. Whose responsibility is this lost phone?

Q I sent in an iPhone XR to Gazelle (ecoATM), a company that recycles used electronics. Gazelle had offered \$120 for my iPhone if it was in good condition.

But when Gazelle received the phone, it claimed it had scratches (which is untrue). Gazelle reduced its offer to \$105.

I declined the offer and asked Gazelle to return the phone. Gazelle claims it mailed the phone to me and said it would arrive in 10 days. I never received it.

Gazelle says the phone was delivered but stolen and asked me to file a police report. I requested a tracking number from the company and it shows the phone was sent, but there's no evidence that it was delivered.

Can you help me get my phone back?

—Joan Cassell, St. Louis, Missouri

A: Gazelle should be able to show you a tracking number with a confirmed delivery. If it can't, then the phone is still the company's responsibility.

I see this kind of thing constantly. Companies are quick to blame their customers when a package gets lost, and are slow — often painfully slow — to take responsibility themselves.

Gazelle's site has information on

what constitutes a "good" condition for a device. According to section 9 of its Terms and Conditions, "If you elect not to accept the recalculated offer price, your product will be returned to you." (The terms do not specify how Gazelle will send it back, but in your case it was via USPS.)

By the way, Gazelle is hardly the only company to make its offers on old electronics contingent on an inspection. When I return my old Pixel phones for a trade-in credit, they always say the credit depends on what they find. So I'm always nervous for a few days while Google decides what to do with my old phone.

I highly recommend a durable case. I've used OtterBox products on my last few phones and they have protected my device so well that I always pass my inspection with flying colors.

You might have appealed this to a Gazelle executive. But I'm not sure if it's worth it over a \$15 price difference. In fact, I think it probably cost Gazelle more than \$15 to return your phone.

I contacted the company on your behalf. It investigated your claim and determined that USPS was at fault for losing your device after it left Gazelle's facility.

"We investigated the matter with USPS to the best of our ability in order to retrieve her property, but

unfortunately they were unable to recover it," a representative said.

"We also recognize that there was a delay during this process in getting Ms. Cassell the answers she needed," the representative added. "As a way to make up for this shortcoming, Gazelle has issued Ms. Cassell a total payment of \$170 representing the original quoted value of her phone (\$120) plus an additional \$50 as a means of apology."

The Gazelle representative said the company is committed to honest pricing at no risk.

"When we receive a customer's item, if it's in better condition than expected, we increase our original offer. If we need to lower the offer, our customers can always have it returned," he said. "Unfortunately, in this case the item was lost due to circumstances out of our control. We regret the loss and hope that we were able to do right by Ms. Cassell and settle this matter in the most satisfactory way possible for everyone involved."

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

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 filmfreeway.com/ 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.

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PET OF THE WEEK
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to share your lovable pets with the community!



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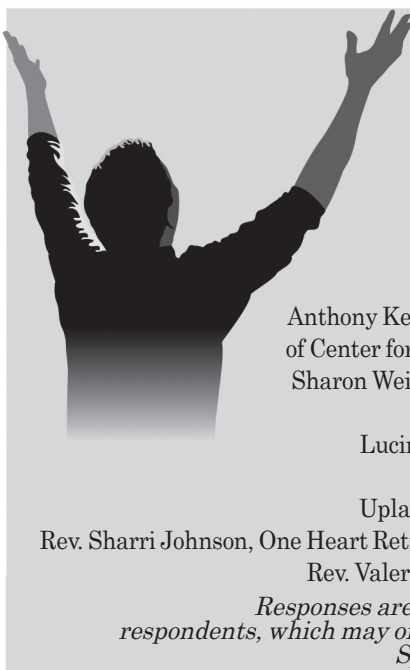
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: I'm planning to retire soon and move to Spain to live out my retirement. My wife and I had no children, and she passed two years ago. Now friends are trying to discourage me from the move. Whenever we meet for lunch or coffee they keep bringing up the subject.

My mind is made up. How can I let my friends know this (although I've tried) without alienating our friendships? I told them I plan on coming back every couple of years to visit and plan to stay in touch with them in the meantime.

~ Spain Destination

Your friends are concerned about you so that's why they keep bringing it up.

I want to share a little story with you. My husband died four years ago. We used to travel together throughout Europe.

This past spring, I decided to go on a river cruise through Amsterdam with a friend. When I got on the ship, I suddenly missed my husband so much that I had a panic attack and the ship's host had to call a doctor to medicate me. That's my story but perhaps you could consider a long visit to Spain before making it permanent.

Carolyn Young, LCSW

Besides, didn't you say that you're coming home every two years anyway?

I realize you are going alone and that your wife has died. Maybe you'll find a new senorita in Espana!

Seriously, I can speak from experience, sort of. I have a younger brother and he and his wife are planning to move to Mexico City for a year to be with their new grandson who was recently born. (Their daughter is married to a European, and they met and married in Mexico.)

I realize that you are going solo, but if you want to do it, good for you! "Vaya con Dios," which means "Go with God!"

The Rev. C. L.

"Skip" Lindeman

lindeman.skip@yahoo.com

NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST EVENTS

Lutheran Church in the Foothills is inviting the community to enjoy a night under the stars with a campfire and s'mores on Wednesday, Aug. 6. As part of its ongoing Wednesday Summer Fun program, the event will feature marshmallow roasting and a sing-along of classic camp songs. For location and time details, please contact the church office at (818) 790-1951.

Continuing the summer festivities, LCIF will host a potluck on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The gathering will follow the church's worship service with Pastor Rick Hall, which begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome to bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with the congregation. To ensure a variety of delicious options, attendees can choose to bring their favorite dish or follow a suggested guideline: those with last names beginning with A-F can bring dessert, G-P can contribute a salad or side dish, and Q-Z can provide an entrée or hearty side.

In addition, LCIF invites anyone with a love of singing to participate in its summer choir. Those interested should meet at 9:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary to learn the song of the day. LCIF's Anthem Chorale will return on Sunday, Sept. 22.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MT. OLIVE

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, will be hosting its 2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS) for K-sixth grade children over the week of Aug. 5-9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. It will be packed full of fun, spiritual growth and memories. Joyful music, worship and games will

introduce the "Moving Mountains" theme centered on Psalm 121. Age-based Bible studies will help VBS participants grow in their understanding of God and community. Lessons learned and friends made will reach way beyond this one week of day camp at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church!

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

MT. OLIVE OFFERS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

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

All are invited.

WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Aug. 11, 18 & 25. Participants will walk for the first hour and then gather to read a selection of Scripture. About a half hour will be spent journaling about what was read and then there will be conversation, sharing thoughts.

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

Those with questions can email Jeanne at jlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CVCC » OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS

It's unbelievable to think many of our local public schools are back in session this mid-August! That means increased traffic around schools during drop off and pick up times, so drivers: be cautious! Give yourself some extra time when traveling so you won't get uptight when coming across these delays.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce will be saying goodbye to summer (and increased temperatures)

with a couple of upcoming mixers. On Aug. 13, this paper – the Crescenta Valley Weekly – is hosting a business mixer outside its business offices at 3800 La Crescenta Ave. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., plan to come and get to know some local business people.

In October, our friends at Restokleen are hosting a business mixer at their fabulous offices at 3600 Foothill Blvd. Glendale/La Crescenta. Plan now to come and meet the folks

at Restokleen.

Mixers are a great way to acquaint yourself in a relaxed setting with our local residents and businesses. Calendar the Aug. 13 event and plan to attend the October mixer (date to be confirmed). The cost to attend is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. You'll enjoy an evening of good food, beverages and fun.

The CV Chamber of Commerce is growing! We welcome our newest

member Julius Baradas, an insurance agent who lives in the area. Remember Julius when you're ready to navigate the maze that is Medicare. Visit www.65ishere.com. Welcome, Julius!

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Remember our Chamber motto: "Our Business is Your Business."
Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE VERDUGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE»

MVCC July Recap & August Preview

The Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce had another fantastic month filled with memorable events and exciting announcements. We celebrated the 40th anniversary of Jenkins Properties with a lively Caribbean Bash mixer. It was a night to remember, complete with opportunity drawings, refreshing margaritas, a delicious taco truck and live music that kept everyone entertained. The event was a true testament to the community spirit and camaraderie that defines Montrose.

One of the highlights of the month was awarding the MVCC scholastic scholarships. It was a heartwarming experience to celebrate these exceptional students and their remarkable achievements. We are honored to support their educational journeys as they head off to college and beyond. We look forward to seeing the incredible contributions they will make to our community in the future.

We also want to thank everyone who helped us raise funds for our 2025 MVCC scholastic scholarships at the dine-out fundraiser held at Alissa's Ocean View Bar and Grill last week. Your generosity and support are much appreciated as we continue to grow and give back to our community.

Additionally, we celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony the new ownership of 321 Acting Studios.

It was a great event with small bites and drinks for guests. It was wonderful to see their space and learn about all of the valuable services they offer.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the 15-year anniversary ribbon-cutting ceremony for Back Office People, scheduled for Aug. 15 at noon. This milestone event is a great opportunity to celebrate a business that has been an integral part of our community for over a decade.

As we continue our preparations for the annual Oktoberfest, we want to remind everyone that sponsorship opportunities are still available. This beloved event promises to be a day filled with fun, food and festivities. For more information and to explore sponsorship options, please visit our Oktoberfest website.

The Montrose Verdugo Chamber of Commerce remains committed to fostering a vibrant and supportive community. We are grateful for the unwavering support of our members and the broader community, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Thank you for being a part of our events and initiatives, and we hope to see you at our upcoming celebrations!

Meet the newest business member of the MVCC:

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MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:

On Thursday, Aug. 15 at noon: Ribbon cutting for the 15-year anniversary of Back Office People, 2953 Honolulu Ave #4 in La Crescenta

On Saturday, Oct. 5 from noon-10 p.m.: The 45th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest in the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue <https://www.montrosechamber.org/montroseoktoberfest/>

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE all interested persons are invited to attend and provide written and oral comment. Dated: August 1, 2024, by Nina Jazmadarian, Secretary. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly August 1, 2024.

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reason to think that Glendale residents are genetically different from people around the world. The same thing will happen here. We just need to have the vision and the courage to start planning," Brotman advocated.

Ultimately, there were not enough votes on the council to move the plan forward. It will be discussed again at an upcoming council meeting.

Similarly, the council punted on determining the future of plans to require new buildings to utilize electrical power. In November 2022, the council adopted a building electrification reach code requiring all new construction to be all electric. Since then, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit struck down a Berkeley ordinance outlawing new gas construction. Many jurisdictions, including Glendale, suspended enforcement.

"People need to have a choice," Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian expressed. "Developers are smarter than me. If it makes economic sense to

build all-electric, they will."

"My concern is the lack of coordination among city departments," she said.

Earlier in the meeting, the council adopted a resolution recognizing Disability Pride Month and one acknowledging Korean Comfort Women Day.

"It's important to remember this atrocity so that it won't happen again," urged recipients of the recognition.

The International Memorial Day for Comfort Women falls on Aug. 14, the day when the late Kim Hak-sun, a former comfort woman, first publicly testified about Japan operating an organized military brothel program during the war in 1991. According to historians, up to 200,000 women, mostly Koreans, were coerced into sexual servitude in front-line Japanese brothels when the Korean Peninsula was a Japanese colony. The City of Glendale dedicated a Peace Monument replica statue in its Central Park in 2013 to commemorate the events.

HALA from Cover

"[My child] was really prepared; he came in knowing exactly what he needed and then he went and got it."

Hernandez is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Glendale. He was one of the creators of the shopping spree and spoke on the creation of the event, which started in 2020 during COVID when many families were struggling due to lockdown restrictions.

"The idea is that Kiwanis helps kids prepare and choose things that will help them in school," he said. He added the youth are referred by the many case managers HALA has on staff. "We try to identify the 25 youth from the families who are facing the most difficulty with finances, perhaps recently unhoused with no household income."

On Saturday, with any leftover money they had some of the children chose small gifts for their parents.

When talking about the impact of the shopping spree on families

Hernandez said that aside from the obvious material aid it gives kids they also get to build relationships with the Kiwanis volunteers as they go about shopping and talking together.

"It builds positive reinforcement for them," Hernandez said.

This was apparent as by the end of the event kids were laughing and obviously enjoying their time with the volunteers. As they began to check out many of the children hugged their volunteers goodbye.

The positive effect of the event on the parents was also evident. Gabby, a parent of one of the shoppers, expressed the gratitude she and her son had for the shopping spree. She explained she was in the process of moving and the shopping spree served as a welcome reminder that the school year is approaching and she needed to prepare her son. The shopping spree not only was a welcome reminder but also helped with the rising costs of preparing her

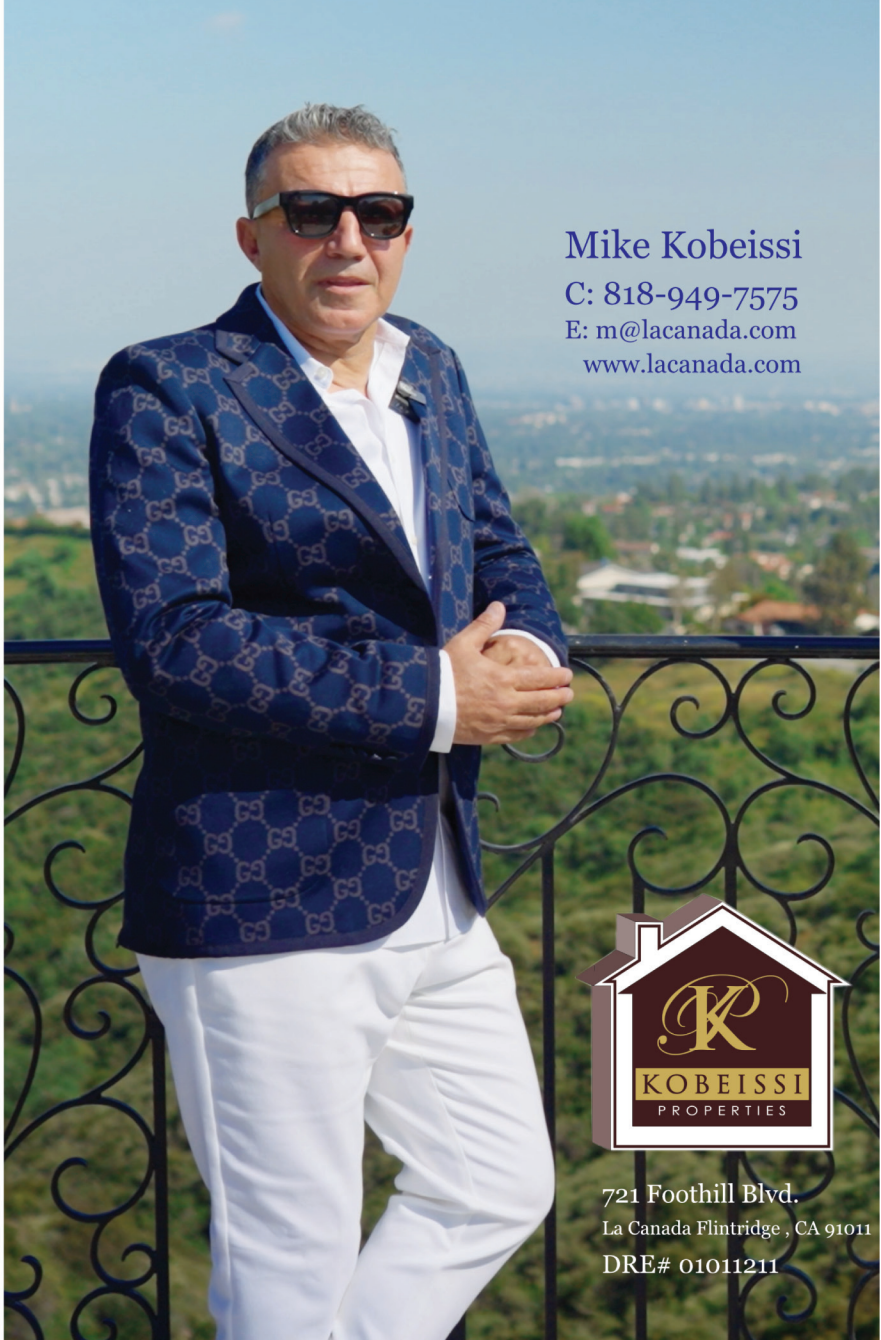
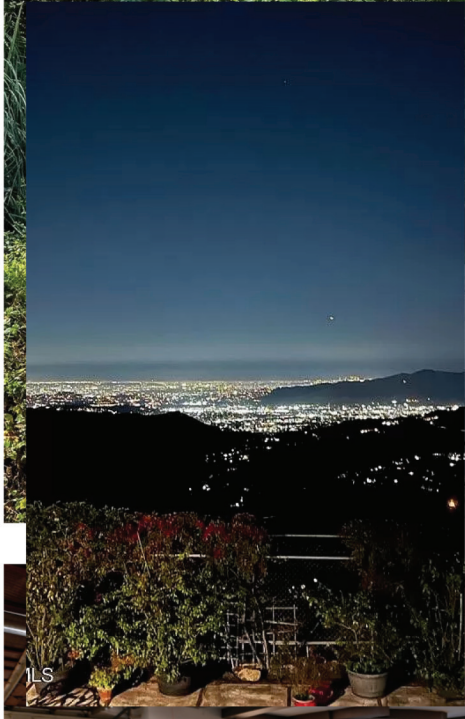
child for school.

For the past four years Home Again LA has asked the Glendale Kiwanis to subsidize this program through its Glendale Kiwanis Foundation. Thankfully each year the Kiwanians have approved this request.

"We hope to continue this event for many, many years," said Hernandez. "It's a great event that brings together the volunteers from Glendale Kiwanis and the children from low-income families in Glendale for a morning of shopping. The premise is that Kiwanians spend quality time with their students, go shopping and during that shopping actually motivate and inspire the children to do well in school this new year. These are children who have recently or are still experiencing homelessness so this hour or two is magical. It brings two groups together to lift the spirits of the children and remind them that the sky is not the limit ... it's just the beginning."

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