

Glendale Green Lights Ambitious Bike Plan

By Julie BUTCHER

"As a city, we are better than this," Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian at Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council admonished about the hotly debated proposed Bicycle Transportation Plan.

The plan calls for developing more than 90 miles of various bike lanes and bicycle infrastructure across the city over the next 20 years, including approximately 46 miles of protected bike lanes. When the Council last debated the plan - including hearing hours of comments from the public - the body deadlocked on moving forward. With his vote, Councilmember Kassakhian authorized city staff to move forward and develop more detailed plans for environmental review. Before adoption, plans would need to come back to Council for approval.

Quoting Kevin Durant, basketball star and Olympic gold medalist at the recently concluded Paris games, Kassakhian said, "A lot of B.S. happens in our country but a lot of great things happen too."

"I watched all of the hours of testimony on this," Kassakhian reported. "One caller asked if any of the councilmembers actually rode a bicycle. One of my colleagues responded that he rode his bike to that meeting. Another is an avid rider. I used to ride a bicycle in Glendale. I learned to ride a bicycle in Glendale, after my parents moved here, when I was in fourth grade. Kids used to ride their bikes all over Glendale. We were a city of bike riders."

Councilmember Kassakhian

American Legion and VFW Host Annual Bingo Event

By Hayden FRANKLIN Held at Healy Hall, the annual event will boost the coffers of local veteran groups.

n Friday night, American Legion Post 288 will hold its 12th annual community bingo fundraiser. Bingo night will take place at Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Church, 2361 Del Mar Ave. in Montrose. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. with the first game at 6 p.m. The event will include a total of 15 bingo games, an opportunity drawing with exciting prizes, and food and beverages available for purchase.

The admission fee is \$25, which includes the purchase of 10 bingo cards (four games per card) including the Each game pays a prize of \$100 cash. A bonus "icebreaker" game (which is ex- or by paying \$1 for an extra card. intermittently throughout the numbers marked on their card/s. pected to be called by Rep. Judy Chu) is available for players who bring in a will be available for purchase final game of the night, will be

File photo final "blackout" game of the evening. Daubers at the ready, players at the 2023 bingo event hosted by the American Legion and VFW hope to call out bingo and take home a cash prize.

coupon (found on page 6 of this paper) for \$1 per card and are played won by the player/s who has all

Three additional bonus games evening. The blackout game, the That prize is \$250.

The evening also features an see BINGO on page 5

Kases for Kids Donation Event Coming Up

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is collecting backpacks for foster children at its annual Kases for Kids event alongside Los Angeles Dept. of Children and Family Services.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 24, the Lions will collect backpacks that will be filled with toys and practical supplies and given to foster children. This year, the Lions hope to give away 250 packs. The Kases for Kids donation event will take place at the Ralph's parking lot on Foothill Boulevard and Raymond Avenue. The community is asked to donate items including toothbrushes, toothpaste, facial tissues and washcloths as well as "back to school" supplies like pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books and markers. Kases for Kids collects and distributes suitcases, duffle bags, backpacks and similar carrying cases to children about to enter the foster care system. While they



asked several clarifying questions about the Bike Plan: regarding the cost estimates, Community Development director Bradley Calvert responded that the report was in error in stating that the cost estimates only covered the costs of the actual bike lanes.

"Our philosophy is 'dig once," he said.

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see KASES FOR KIDS on page 22 given to youth in need.

File photo At a previous Kases for Kids event, students remove donated items that will be used to fill backpacks that will be



» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER The Dog Days of Summer

Thankfully the weather has started to cool down – a little. The tremendously hot days of this summer will not soon be forgotten, though ¬- especially when looking at our electric bills.

I'm reminded of the hot days of July when I was watching my 2-year-old granddaughter Aubrey. Her mom, dad and mom's mom (Grandma 1.0) left Aubrey in the care of grandpa ("Pop-pop"), grandma (me - Grandma 2.0) and mom's friend Celeste while they went on a trip.

Aubrey was so much fun! She's definitely a water girl and her grandma's pool at the house where Aubrey lives was perfect for water play. I picked her up weekdays from the Center for Children where she attends daycare (she's very social and loves it there!) and we'd swim before dinner. Celeste drove up from where she lives in Orange County to watch over Aubrey during the weekends giving me a little bit of a break. Aside from a standoff Aubrey and I had when it came to dinner one night, I had no difficulties just a lot of fun.

In addition to Aubrey, I was in charge of watching their dog and cat. Having three dogs of our own I wasn't worried about taking care of the animals. However, my son (Aubrey's dad) asked that I put the dog in his "house" (aka crate). I wasn't keen on that idea so I decided to let him roam the house when I was at work.

Imagine my dismay when one night after Aubrey was in bed and I was watching TV, I looked across the couch and noticed one of the decorative pillows was gnawed and torn.

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Oh, no! The darn dog must have gotten

to it! I found the manufacturer's tag and got the pertinent information off of it so I could order a replacement pillow. I found ordering a replacement was easier said than done.

The manufacturer was no help. I could buy a whole new couch but when it came to just one pillow - well, they didn't offer those.

After much scouring of the internet I found a replacement pillow - on eBay. Not the cheapest but my choices were pretty slim. I bought the pillow with the hope that it would arrive prior to the trio's return. Alas – problems prevented it from arriving until after they returned from their trip.

So I took the damaged pillow and put it in my car in case the replacement didn't match and I'd have to take it to a seamstress.

The pillow finally arrived and matched the couch. So my son came over to my house and I handed him the pillow, explaining to him that his dog ate the original. He looked at me and said, "Mom, he ate that pillow months ago."

Oh, well - at least Grandma 1.0 got a new pillow.

Hopefully that will offset the high electric bill she got for the amount of time I had the a/c on.

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» WEATHER WATCH Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

I think you can call yourself a true Californian if after an earthquake you speculate its magnitude with people around vou.

"I think it was a 4.3."

"No, it felt stronger maybe even 4.8."

And heaven forbid someone adds it was a beat. a 6 or 7 magnitude when it was a smaller tumbler! Those people obviously haven't been in California that long; they are novice earthquake scorers.

Maybe this is why Californians, for the most part, pay such close attention to the environment because every once in a while actually in charge.

I have been lucky enough to hear Dr. Lucy Jones, called the "Earthquake Lady" by Smithsonian Magazine, speak on several occasions. When I first started writing for newspapers she would come to small gatherings in La Cañada Flintridge. Her warnings of what a large earthquake would be like if it was centered on the San Andreas fault were enough to make anyone sit up and take notice. Prior to establishing the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills, Jones spoke of the nightmare scenario of a strong earthquake striking at the same time as a Santa Ana wind event and wildfires. Once the Great ShakeOut drill was organized, and is now an annual event, there should be no doubt people need to get ready for "not if but when" a strong earthquake will occur.

Luckily, Mother Earth continues to remind us we must be vigilant; for example, on Monday when a 4.4 magnitude earthquake was felt by people from as far south as Chula Vista to north of Bakersfield, according to USGS.

Monday's earthquake was centered south/ southeast of Highland Park. So in answering "Did you feel it?" (another Californian native question), I was in Pasadena on Lake Avenue when my ShakeAlert app went off. Immediately I felt the earthquake. I was in

my car at a stoplight and it was weird. There was a bounce, then it felt like all four tires were low on air. I looked around to the other drivers and we all seemed to know at the same time what happened. We looked at each other and just smiled. Some people on the street seemed to stop for a second, analyzed the situation and then kept going - others didn't seem to miss

There is something about an earthquake, no matter the size, that brings Californians together. As I walked into the building where I had a meeting everyone was sharing stories of what they thought of the earthquake and of course adding their guess on the magnitude.

According to USGS, the Earth has four it kicks us in our butts to remind us who is major layers: the inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. The crust and the top of the mantle make up a thin skin on the surface of the planet.

> "But this skin is not all in one piece – it is made up of many pieces, like a puzzle covering the surface of the earth. Not only that, but these puzzle pieces keep slowly moving around, sliding past one another and bumping into each other. We call these puzzle pieces tectonic plates, and the edges of the plates are called the plate boundaries. The plate boundaries are made up of many faults and most of the earthquakes around the world occur on these faults. Since the edges of the plates are rough, they get stuck while the rest of the plate keeps moving. Finally, when the plate has moved far enough, the edges unstick on one of the faults and there is an earthquake," according to the USGS.

> Okay - so that's the science; but to be honest I heard the myths of earthquakes long before I heard of the science. One myth is earthquake weather.

> Nope, according to USC San Marcos, this misconception of earthquake weather dates back to ancient Greeks but they were wrong. Earthquakes can happen anytime and in any weather.

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A 'Mew-velous' Experience: CatCon 2024

By Hayden FRANKLIN

arlier this month, the annual CatCon was held at the Pasadena Convention Center. According to its website, "CatCon is the biggest cat-centric, pop culture event in the world dedicated to all things feline, with a community of cat lovers that spans the globe."

As the name suggests, CatCon celebrates all things feline and brings together a community of cat lovers who want to learn about, share and celebrate their love of cats. Capitalizing on the event, the Pasadena Humane Society set up an adoption center in the convention that allowed guests a cat's environment to reduce captivating entertainment the to interact, play with and adopt chronic illness. feline friends.

Inside the convention center two showrooms were filled with hundreds of booths full of cat products, cat merchandise, cat-themed games, cat-themed merchandise and, in the case of the Pasadena Humane Society. even cats!

Also included was a catthemed puppet show from Bob Baker's Marionette Theater called Bob Baker's Meowionettes. In addition, workshops on cathealth included "Cats May Have 9 Lives – But Why Stop There?" presented by EveryCat Health Foundation and "The Cats Meow: Understanding The Feline Health Journey" by Solensia and Revolution Plus and "Cats Are The Most Toxic Pets," featuring The Two Crazy Cat Ladies, on how to clean up



Other informative workshops included "CAT-oure, Cosplay and Furrocious Fashion," which examined and explored the world of cat-themed fashion, "My Cat Ate My Plants!" a workshop designed to teach cat owners how to integrate catfriendly vegetation into their home, and "AConversation with the Heroes of the Australian Firefighters Calendar" where audience members got the chance to know and ask questions of the Australian firemen who often appear scantily clad holding cats and other cute animals in annual calendars. After the show guests had the chance to take pictures with the featured firemen and purchase a calendar.

However, of all of the booths fascinating and

star of the convention was The Pasadena Humane Society's cat adoption center, which was available to all guests regardless of whether they wished to adopt a cat. With wait times to enter the exhibit reaching nearly 30 minutes, the adoption center was by far the most popular part of the event. After entering, guests were able to interact and play with the many cats available for adoption

using toys that were on top of the cages.

President and CEO of the Pasadena Humane Society Dia DuVernet said the purpose of having the adoption center at CatCon was to get the over 200 cats and kittens adopted – a goal that was almost reached at the end of the two-day event with only a handful of cats remaining.

"Adoption numbers like this are unheard of anywhere else," said a Humane Society employee.

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"So many people love kittens," said DuVernet. "I'm excited to see kittens going to loving homes."

The atmosphere of the convention and participation from attendees were part of the entertainment.

"It's really nice to see people get excited about this kind of stuff," said attendee Justin T. "You see all these people dressed up in costumes ... they do it because they want to, because it makes them happy to be a part of [the convention]. The convention is a community."

"I like to be around people who love cats just as much as me," he added. "I'm going to come back next year."



Photos by Hayden FRANKLIN

TOP LEFT: Musician and comedian Shiadanni leads "A Conversation with the Heroes of the Australian Firefighters Calendar.

TOP: Fresh Step Litter launched the world's first "sommelittier experience.

ABOVE: Hundreds of booths at the convention featured all types of items geared toward felines.

IN BRIEF

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

on Aug. 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Perkins Plaza behind city hall. This event will showcase reusable, compostable and recyclable materials in compliance with the City's proposed plastic waste reduction

ordinance. Attendees can learn about sustainable alternatives and connect with suppliers who offer eco-friendly products.

Perkins Plaza is located at 141 N. Glendale Ave. in

organizations to the Beyond Plastic Vendor Fair Duties include promoting art activities and education, serving as an advisory group on the arts to the Glendale City Council and city boards and commissions, and more.

Applicants must be students under the age of 25

who live in Glendale and must be able to attend meetings on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. https://tinyurl.com/yk3mtytb.



purchase, a raffle and other surprises. The doors Glendale. open at 4:30 p.m. with the first game starting at 6 p.m.

Vendors will be present with their products,

6th to secure their spot.

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The bingo games are limited to 250 players. allowing businesses to Tickets are available from members of the test, feel, and try out these American Legion Post #288 and VFW Post #1614. alternatives. Engage with Tickets are also available at the office of Crescenta staff to learn more about Valley Weekly at 3800 La Crescenta Ave., Suite the proposed ordinance #206, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and provide feedback.

CVCA TO MEET AUG. 22

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include discussion on local issues as well as an opportunity for Foothill area residents to bring their own concerns. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleycommunityassn@ gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information.

All are welcome.

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New Discovery on Mars



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NASA's Perseverance Mars rover used its Mastcam Z instrument to capture this 360 degree view of a region on Mars called Bright Angel where an ancient river flowed billions of years ago. The panorama was captured on June 12, 2024, and is made up of 346 individual images that were stitched together after being sent back to Earth. The color has been enhanced to bring out subtle details.

By Mary O'KEEFE

scientists and engineers. Recently CVW published an article about JPL, brought scientists a little closer building life - carbon, hydrogen, the discovery of pure sulfur on the to that finding. surface of the Red Planet.

exploration because it is close by in our solar system, but there are found "fascinating traits that may form of energy that it can harness many more reasons to explore the Red Planet. The scientific reasons for going to Mars can be [summarized] by the search for life, understanding NASA. the surface and the planet's evolution, and preparing for future human exploration," according to the named Cheyava Falls. European Space Agency.

Scientists are searching for for life beyond Earth, we can think ancient life on Mars and recently a of the three keystones for life as Mars is always surprising discovery by NASA Perseverance, we know it. Life requires liquid which was built by and managed by water, it requires the elements for

Recently a "Mars is an obvious target for caught the eye of the JPL/NASA 54 elements from the periodic Perseverance science team that table. And then life needs some bear on the question of whether from the environment," said Kevin Mars was home to microscopic life in Hand, JPL principal investigator the distant past," according to JPL/

was in the area scientists have frame our search for life beyond

"When we think about the search

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oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, vein-filled rock sulfur and a smattering of roughly of the instrument SHERLOC. "Those three elements - the water, The discovery made by the rover elements and energy – are how we Earth."

> SHERLOC (Scanning Habitable Environments with Raman and Luminescence for Organics and Chemicals) is an instrument on the Perseverance rover that is mounted on the rover's robotic arm and uses cameras, spectrometers and a laser to search for organics and minerals that have been altered by watery environments and may be signs of past microbial life, according to NASA. SHERLOC was one of the instruments that found the area that appears to contain organic compounds.

> Like early explorers on Earth, scientists at JPL have named areas on Mars. Here are some of those names in the area of the most recent discovery: the rock where the discovery was made is in the Cheyava Falls area. Apollo Temple is the name of the abrasion that was on the Cheyava rock. Sapphire is the name that was given to the core sample the rover got from the

within the Bright Angel region of Mars' Jezero Crater. As Perseverance was rolling

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towards the rim of Jezero Crater scientists could see a valley that was carved by an ancient river on Mars.

"And that river cut through the Jezero Crater rim and fed into [an] ancient lake that once filled Jezero Crater," Hand said. "Throughout the mission we've been quite excited to see what's in this dry riverbed, in this ancient riverbed. From afar we could see these light-toned rocks."

The rover got to go into the valley, checking the first box of elements needed for life – the need for liquid water.

"We know that the environment in which we are investigating – this dry river valley - once had liquid water flowing through it," Hand said. "These bright deposits that were left behind may well have been fine-grained sedimentary deposits left behind in this ancient river."

As far as the elements' portion Cheyava rock. The rock was found needed to maintain life, instruments like SHERLOC have been able to investigate the mineralogy chemistry and have determined that the chemistry of the Bright Angel deposit has a lot of the elements needed for life, Hand added.

That checks the second box needed for life. Now what is needed is the third keystone - energy. A clue regarding needed energy may be found in the leopard-type spots on the rock that are being examined.

"On the one hand, we have our first compelling detection of organic material: distinctive colorful spots indicative of chemical reactions that microbial life could use as an energy source, and clear evidence that water - necessary for life - once passed through the rock. On the other hand, we have been unable to determine exactly how the rock formed and to what extent nearby rocks may have heated Cheyava Falls and contributed to these features," stated Ken Farley,

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Ruby Alice Geragos transitioned into eternal rest on July 23 wrapped in prayer and in the loving presence of her family and friends near and far at her home in Glendale.

She was a "gal around town" in Montrose and known well throughout her school years in GUSD public schools, benefiting from its excellent special education services. She attended The Center for Children at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church and was a beloved worshiper. She was also embodied in the St. Gregory Armenian church family and one of the original Hrashq Homenetmen athletes. Lanterman Regional Center, Kaiser Permanente and Providence Trinity Palliative Care were exceptional partners in her complex care throughout her short but complete life of 17 years.

Ruby was "small but fierce," always seeking connection with people, and loved babies and dogs. She was "Papa's little gem" (Paul Geragos) and Grandma BJ's playmate during the sunset of their lives. Her maternal grandparents, Sarkis and Ruth Bedevian of New Jersey, enjoyed many visits throughout the years and became Ruby's upstairs neighbor for the last few. Michael Geragos ("Daddy") and Peggy Bedevian ("Mommy") were blessed beyond measure to be her favorite people.

She will be laid to rest in a private graveside service at Forest Lawn Glendale with a celebration of life at St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Pasadena on Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. Picnic to follow at Tournament

BINGO from Cover

opportunity drawing. Tickets can be bought for \$1 each. Among the prizes is a special one that will be sure to excite the racing enthusiast: an authentic NASCAR helmet signed by Dale Earnhardt Jr.

American Legion Post 288 and VFW Post 1614 support numerous non-profits in addition to their main focus supporting veterans. of Every year the American Legion and VFW send gift cards to active service military. Their members also provide meals for some of the elderly local veterans who are homebound and they also help those in need. They also provide support for Operation Gratitude, a

program that has distributed about 3.5 million care packages containing items to boost the morale of service members, giving them reminders of home. This is in addition to the youth organizations they support including the Crescenta Valley High School JROTC, Prom Plus, Girl and Boy Scout organizations and the Fire House youth center.

The funds raised through bingo will go toward these many organizations and programs that the veterans support.

For more information on the American Legion's charity and service efforts visit www.vetspost288.com.

BLOT¹

Aug. 10

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a suspect described as a White adult male wearing a black baseball cap, black jacket, blue shorts and white shoes entered the store and stole two boxes of Jameson Whiskey, which totaled 24 bottles. The suspect was observed leaving the scene in a white pickup truck.

The incident occurred at 9:50 p.m.

5500 block of Godbey Drive man parked his vehicle at the location on the second-tier of the parking lot. He left his driver's side window open about an inch due to the heat, locked and left the vehicle. He returned to the vehicle and drove to a nearby gas station. When he went to pay for the gas he found his debit and credit cards, which he had left in his vehicle, were missing. He called his credit card providers and found that several unauthorized transactions had been made.

The theft occurred between 2 Aug. 6 p.m. and 3:07 p.m.

Aug. 8

2600a bald head in his 30s, 6' tall, 6 and Aug. 11.

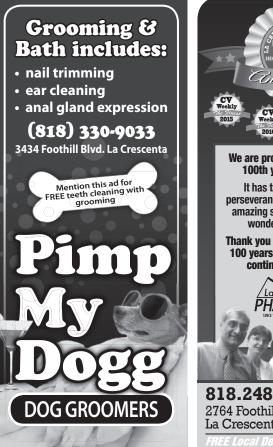
weighing 250 lbs. and wearing a blue Dodger's shirt, black shorts and red-and-white tennis shoes entered the location and stole a bottle of champagne and food items. The informant reported the suspect had been recognized from previous shoplifting incidents. The suspect placed the stolen items into a black backpack and exited the store without attempting to pay.

The theft occurred between 7:28 p.m. and 7:40 p.m.

2300 block of Florencita in La Cañada Flintridge, a Avenue in Montrose, a man reported that he parked his truck in the rear of the parking area of his property with the windows slightly down and doors locked. He reportedly saw the suspect on his "Ring" surveillance camera, described as a White male wearing a white long sleeve T-shirt and blues jeans. About 15 minutes later he went to his truck and found that his tool set had been stolen. The theft occurred at 12:20

p.m.

4600 block of La Crescenta Avenue in La Crescenta, the window of the front right block of Foothill passenger side of the vehicle Boulevard in La Crescenta, a was shattered; nothing was suspect described as a man with reported missing between Aug.





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Emma and Duncan Lestina took the CV Weekly along with them to Dresden, Germany. They are standing in front of the 335' long frieze called the Procession of Saxon Rulers made of 24,000 Meissen porcelain tiles.

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WEATHER from page 2

And then there is the myth that earthquakes happen in the early morning hours. Well that was true of the Northridge Earthquake but it is not a hard and fast rule. The 1940 Imperial Valley Quake was at 9:36 p.m., the 1989 Loma Prieta Quake was at 5:02 p.m. and the one on Monday was at about 12:20 p.m.

"California could fall into the sea because of an earthquake." This is a myth I heard even as a kid in the Midwest.

"The San Andreas Fault System is the dividing line between two tectonic plates. The Pacific Plate is moving in a northwesterly direction relative to the North American plate. The movement is horizontal, so while Los Angeles is moving toward San Francisco, California won't sink. However, earthquakes can cause landslides, slightly changing the shape of the coastline," according to the CSUSM.

And one of the myths that can be traced to photos from past earthquakes is standing in a doorway for safety during a quake.

If you live in an unreinforced adobe home then yes this is good place to stand other than finding a big table to get under. Photos from the earthquake in Imperial Valley in the '40s showed houses that had crumbled after the quake. In many structures the only thing standing was the adobe doorway – hence the assumption, the incorrect assumption, was all doorways are the place to stand.

The one thing that is not a myth is the best time to prepare for any disaster is before it happens. Like preparing for a wildfire people should make an emergency plan that includes a communications plan with family members.

Protect your home by securing heavy items like bookcases, refrigerators, water heaters, televisions and objects that hang on the wall. During the Northridge Earthquake in 1994, my cousin's cabinets opened and all of her cooking oils flew across the room and shattered on the floor. Cleaning that oil up took forever ... just saying maybe secure your cabinets as well.

For a complete guide regarding what to do before an earthquake visit https://www. ready.gov/earthquakes.

The weather this week will be pretty much like days past with highs in the high 80s or low 90s but then on Tuesday we will see a jump to 97 degrees, according to NOAA.

GCC from Cover

The costs, Calvert explained, would cover everything done to improve the street, including potential paving, sidewalk improvements and curb cuts.

"It's not \$500 million up front; it's not \$100 million up front. This is a phased plan, over 20 years. Plus a lot of these projects would be eligible for outside funding, from the state or feds," Calvert said.

Regarding questions raised about the consultant used, Calvert said that while the representative who spoke at the July 30 Council meeting is from New York City, the consulting firm Buro Happold has a local office and has done similar work locally including for Los Angeles County transportation agencies. The Council voted to allow Buro Happold to do work on the city's Vision Zero Plan to eliminate pedestrian deaths.

"I see no reason to oppose the bike plan," said Councilmember Kassakhian who also advocated a return to drivers' education in Glendale's public schools as he cast the deciding vote. "I remember when the police department came out and did bicycle safety training for school kids," he noted. "We should widen sidewalks and allow safe bike riding on them; we should make it easier for neighborhoods to get traffic calming measures like speed bumps and speed humps. We need to slow traffic and slow speeders; it's not okay to be a city where pedestrians - and some cyclists - are just mowed down in the street." Councilmember Ara Najarian voted no, citing his intent to be accountable to the public.

these tired arguments about building bike infrastructure," bemoaned Councilmember Dan Brotman. "We're not passing a bike plan tonight. The Verdugo Wash is not part of the bike plan as it's a separate project. The BRT is a separate project."

Brotman continued, "It's about the nationalization of this issue, the MAGA-fication of what should be common sense local decisions. It's part of an attack on our school system, anti-LGBT bigotry, the localization of rightwing social media hate. I'm tired of it – and if the last school board and Council elections are any indication, the public at large is tired of it too."

Plans to move forward with environmental reviews of the proposed plan passed on a vote of 3-2.

Also at the very long Tuesday night meeting, the council debated an ordinance proposing to require existing and new drive-through businesses be subject to new, more restrictive regulations.

An attorney for In-N-Out Burger addressed the Council, raising concerns about the proposed measures.

"First, let me say that In-N-Out appreciates the opportunity to serve the Glendale community. Our business at 310 N. Harvey has been there for nearly 25 years and is successful and popular," the attorney said. "That's why we're concerned to hear about these new rules that would apply retroactively to existing businesses." Ultimately the Council voted to move forward with new rules for new businesses, limiting drive-through food businesses to certain planning zones and grandfathering existing businesses. Earlier in the meeting, the Council agreed to accept federal funds to plant 104 new trees in thecity's Glenwood neighborhood. According to urban forester Loren Klick, the \$100,000 grant is fully reimbursable and also covers the cost of a new digital canopy assessment. Neighbors will choose new trees from 20-30

possible species, Klick explained. "We believe in planting the right tree in the right place," he told the Council.

Councilmember Kassakhian urged the city to reconsider its enforcement of measures enacted to regulate sidewalk vendors as he reported brickand-mortar businesses are being cited for illegal sandwich board type signs "while vendors take up entire swaths of the right-ofway."

Glendale police department representatives reminded the public about a traffic townhall set for Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. in the community room of the Glendale police headquarters at 131 N. Isabel St.

At a special meeting of the City Council during the day on Tuesday, funds were allocated "to enter into an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with Kassia Rico in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 dispersed from the Urban Art Fund to design, fabricate and install a public art piece entitled 'Our Garden Spot' for the Montrose circular benches."

Principal Arts & Culture Administrator Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones detailed the process of reviewing 230 applications. The board of the Library, Arts & Culture selected Rico's work in June and the board of the Montrose Shopping Park Association agreed with the recommendation at its most recent meeting. Local artist Kassia Rico explained her designs harken to Montrose's past, "a fusion of art, architecture and history," including references to the Montrose Railway.

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"I've received thousands of emails from people opposing bike lanes," he said.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian reiterated his intent to vote against any bike lanes that reduce traffic lanes or remove parking.

"No one talked to the businesses along these corridors," Gharpetian said. "Stop going to outside special interest groups."

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER The Long Lost Montrose War Memorial Our valley, like many small various conflicts. Their names are know when (or why) it was removed. flag, guarded by local veterans

communities across the nation, proudly commemorates the locals who have served in the armed forces. We have the big Heroes of Freedom wall up at Two Strike Park. It was first installed in 1959, but was recently expanded and updated by local citizens and chapters of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We have the Vietnam War Memorial in Montrose, located by the flagpole on the northwest corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard. This edifice carries the distinction of being one of, if not the, very first Vietnam War memorial in the country, having been put up in 1967 when that conflict was still ramping up.

Over on the La Cañada side we have Memorial Park at Foothill and La Cañada boulevards. It commemorates locals who died in mounted on the bandstand.

A couple of smaller more specific memorials are scattered about. One honors the two Zwick brothers who died within a month of each other in WWII. It's mounted in the courtyard of Zwick's Plaza in the Montrose Shopping Park. The other commemorates the graduates of Clark Junior High who died in WWII. It is mounted at the entrance to Clark Magnet High School.

But there was a larger memorial in Montrose that is no longer around. It had been located on the east exterior wall of a pharmacy at Honolulu and Ocean View, which is now FroYo Life frozen yogurt. The memorial was specifically to honor the local men and women who had served in WWII. It was dedicated in the summer of 1944, 80 years ago. It's no longer there and we don't

The honored names were displayed in four glass cases mounted on the wall, four feet high and 16 feet across. There were 1500 names of locals serving in the armed forces. Thirteen of the names had gold stars next to them, indicating they had died in the war. Four names were designated as missing in action. Above the name-cases was a large bas-relief eagle with banners on each side spelling out "Crescenta Valley Service Roll." The unveiling of the memorial and the dedication ceremony in 1944 was beautifully facilitated by local residents.

Three local women, then serving in the Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps, in full uniform did the unveiling while color bearers from each branch of the service stood by at attention. Above the memorial on the rooftop was the American at attention, with guns and fixed bayonets.

A full complement from the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the auxiliaries, along with the Civil Defense force also stood by at attention. The invocation was made by Father Healy from Holy Redeemer and Reverand Harris from St. Luke's.

A local congressman and local assemblyman gave speeches and a Lt. Colonel from the Marine Corps also gave a talk. The Marine Corps officer finished with "Our boys are growing up fast, they will come home with different standards. They are men and will expect to live in a man's world." Taps was sounded and a volley of three shots rang out as the names were read aloud of the local men who had died in the conflict.

After that somber note the

entertainment portion of the ceremony was emceed by film star Anita Louise (she competed with Vivian Leigh for the part of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind"). The talent was mostly local. Piano selections by a local boy in the Coast Guard, a talk by a pilot from the Flying Tigers and another local guy playing accordion. Local Kiwanis Club members sang "Here Comes America," an original song penned by a Montrose songwriter. The event was wrapped up by the Crescenta Cañada Rotary Club singing "Auld Lang Syne."

No trace of the monument exists today, not even a clear photo, and no stories of when it was removed. It remains another Montrose historical mystery

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NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER FRIEDMAN Key Legislation Moving Closer to Governor's Desk

This has been a very interesting year in the California Legislature. Our work began in January with a massive budget deficit and the introduction of hundreds of bills. Over the course of the year, we've worked to balance the budget while protecting school funding and critical programs, and we've refined legislation on topics big and small as bills have worked their way through both houses. Many of these bills will have an outsized effect on California's future. Several of them are mine.

At the top of every Californian's mind is housing. Millions of Californians grapple with housing affordability and, in markets like our region, the problem is even more pronounced. While we certainly need to expand our housing stock by building, there are other steps we can take to help residents, especially tenants in our rental market.

when the unit was restored to its their rights are protected as well. original state. Deposits in the will ensure tenants receive their deposits back with transparency on any fees charged by a landlord.

What most people do not realize is that the law says so long as your apartment is as clean as it was upon move in, with no damage besides the expected wear and tear, your deposit should be returned to you in full. We all know that is rarely the case. AB 2801 will ensure that your deposit is returned in full or your landlord

Most of us have at some point must show you photographic proof environmental landscape. in our lives been renters. If you've of why your deposit was withheld. been a renter, you probably also My office worked with the California know the frustration of seeing Apartment Association on the bill to your deposit docked upon moving add needed guidance and clarity to out for various cleaning fees, even apartment owners to ensure that wildlife habitat, flood protection,

Over the course of my years in the rental market can be a significant Legislature, I have been a dedicated hurdle and many renters depend to strengthening environmental on a refund of the deposit in order protections in California. This more than half of U.S. wetlands to move into their next home. This year, I have two bills that will year I have a bill, AB 2801, that make massive differences in the it left our ecosystem vulnerable

AB 2875 will reinstate key protections for our wetlands. Wetlands are valuable for water quality improvement, plant and groundwater recharge, shoreline erosion control, recreation and aesthetics. When the United States Supreme Court stripped of federal protections last year,

to catastrophic threats. AB 2875 will restore protections to those wetlands here in California.

The second bill is focused on one of the biggest dangers to our biodiversity and environment today: the casual poisons that enter our food chain, kill our wildlife and sometimes even our pets and humans.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protests 'Dysfunctional' Meeting

I was present Tuesday night, July 30, at the Glendale City Council meeting. It was perhaps the worst city council meeting I have ever heard (and I have heard many).

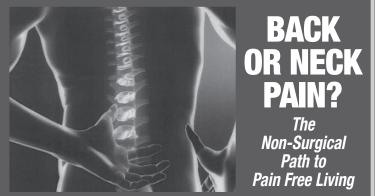
One councilmember acted as if the city's contractor and city staff were criminal suspects and he (the council person) was the prosecuting attorney. These actions in turn set off some audience

members to follow suit in screeds against staff, contractors, other city councilmembers and the city clerk. Councilmembers need to be civil to each other and staff and set a good example of behavior, not act as bullies.

The meeting was completely dysfunctional. No decision was reached on either the building electrification or the bicycle plan due to 2-2 votes (one city councilmember

was absent). The meeting lasted more than eight hours. Speakers were granted three minutes to talk (which was well-intentioned) but because of the huge number and late hour, many ended up not talking because they did not want to stay up until 2 in the morning.

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YOUTH/SPORTS

Assisteens Registration Remains Open



It's not too late to join philanthropic endeavors Assisteens. League of Flintridge volunteer program for students in grades seven through 12. Since 1967, the local communities have greatly benefited from the

» YOUTH NOTES

CVIM Holding Clothing Drive

Crescenta Valley Instrumental Music Dept. is having a clothing drive fundraiser.

It is on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations accepted of gently used clothes, shoes, accessories and linens. Collection will be at the CV Band parking lot (off Ramsdell Avenue).

For more information, email 1stVP@falconmusic.org.

Lions to Hold Kases for Kids

On Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the local Lions Club is having its annual Kases for Kids. Collection will be at the Ralphs Marketplace parking lot (in the 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard at Raymond Avenue).

the Assistance the student-governed group. engage in community service and to develop a sense of personal responsibility, self-reliance, public speaking and leadership

of skills.

The new season of Assisteens The goals are to uplift youth to will run from August 2024 to May 2025. The group will meet one day a month to work on projects with opportunities on other days as they come up.

the Bargain Box Thrift Shop on are welcome to join. Saturdays. Meetings are held at Assistance League of Flintridge, on Monday, Aug. 26. For more 4607 Oakwood Ave. in La information, visit the ALF Cañada Flintridge. Students website at ALFlintridge.org or from La Cañada Flintridge and call (818) 790-2211.

Assisteens also sign up to staff the nearby foothill communities

Registration will be closing

5K Run At Pasadena Rose Bowl **Promotes Healthy Living**

The sun was shining down on Pasadena on the morning of Saturday, July 20 where nearly 100 people of all ages participated in a 5K run, hosted by secular nonprofit organization "The Way to Happiness," and sponsored by the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills in Montrose. The purpose was to promote health and longevity.

"The Way to Happiness' is a nonreligious common-sense moral code containing 21 basic principles for a better quality of life written by Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard. Of its 21 precepts, the first is titled 'Take Care of Yourself' where the author states, "People who do not eat properly are not of much help to you or themselves. They tend to have a low energy level. They are sometimes ill¬-tempered. They become ill more easily." Case-in-point: per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, more than a million Americans die every year from diet-related diseases like cardiovascular disease, diabetes and certain forms of cancers. In 2020 alone, an estimated 800,000 people died from cardiovascular disease, a number even greater than the horrific toll of COVID-19 during that same year.





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And per the World Health Organization, worldwide adult obesity has more than doubled since 1990 and adolescent obesity has quadrupled.

In the name of promoting health and longevity, "The Way to Happiness" LA Chapter and the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills hosted the 5K run at the Pasadena Rose Bowl for local families.

Stacy Kitchens, executive director of the Mission, stated, "Getting

exercise is part of taking care of Mission of the Foothills is also hosted to Happiness.' This 5K run promotes this precept, as well as just being a good family activity."

Some ran, some walked, some little ones in strollers and some even rode their scooters. No matter how they participated in the 5K, all who participated ended happy at the finish line.

Best known in the community for and other family-friendly community events, the Church of Scientology

yourself, which is a part of 'The Way a free first aid seminar on Saturday, July 27 to help residents prepare in the case of a medical emergency.

The Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills has been part of the rollerbladed, some pushed their Montrose/Glendale community for over 40 years. The Mission offers communication and study courses for children, plus 20 life improvement including courses parenting courses, relationship courses and personal finance courses, as well as its annual Halloween Haunted House counseling for adults. In addition to free informational seminars and other activities open to the public,

Photos courtesy of Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills -Montrose TOP: All in all it was a great day for families at the Pasadena Rose Bowl.. LEFT: Some youngsters opted to rollerblade or scooter ..

RIGHT: People of all ages participated in the name of health and longevity.

the Mission also supports various community outreach programs including "The Way to Happiness," The Foundation for a Drug Free World, and Youth for Human Rights International.

For more information, call (818) 957-1500 or visit the website at www. scientology-montrose.org.



FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS

By Mary O'KEEFE

Every single student in Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) is entitled to a free breakfast and free lunch, regardless of economic status, as part of the California universal school program.

In the 2022-2023 school year, California became the first state to provide free school meals to any child regardless of whether they were eligible for the free or reduced-price meals as defined by the federal government. Since then, seven other states have passed similar policies, according to the California Budget & Policy Center.

All students have to do is go to the cafeteria or café kiosk on their school campus, punch their meal card and one breakfast and one lunch per day is provided at no cost.

It used to be that parents had to apply and, depending on their economic standing, they would either get the two meals a day free or at a reduced price or they may not have qualified for reduced cost or free meals. But now, with the state's universal meal program, the only qualification is that the person is a registered student.

Parents and guardians of GUSD students will receive information on the free breakfast/lunch program, as well as everything they need to know for the 2024-2025 school year, at the parent portal when school begins.

fill out the forms concerning household income, the district encourages them to do so.

"We ask all families to fill out the forms to find out if they qualify for other programs," said Jizel Kazangian, GUSD senior administration secretary.

There are several Los Angeles County and City of Glendale programs dedicated to help people from different economic backgrounds. Some of the programs include discounts for utilities, free or discounted Advanced Placement (AP) tests and access to the free bus system to Clark Magnet High School, just to name a few benefits available.

In addition, just filling out the form will help support the district, and the school, by providing more funding for free and reduced cost programs for the schools.

For additional information, contact (818) 552-2677 or email JCGonzales@gusd.net.

The free breakfast and lunch meal program has also been implemented in the Burbank Unified School District. All students are eligible for one breakfast and one lunch per school day, with no further action needed by parents or students. Burbank offers a second meal in limited quantities for students in kindergarten to 5 years old. A second meal for breakfast is \$1.90, lunch is \$3.10 and milk is \$.60 cents. For questions, contact (708) 496-0500.

LEARNING TREE PRESCHOOL OFFERS INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FUN FOR YOUNG STUDENTS



The Learning Tree Preschool, located at the Verdugo Hills Family YMCA, offers students an accessible playground, swim lessons, gardening, fitness fun and education. Families in the Foothills have enjoyed their experience at Learning Tree for over 30 years.

According to a mom whose

9-year-old daughter attended the preschool, "It's been years since Sam went but she was so happy at the preschool. I loved that she learned how to swim there with the free weekly swim classes. It was so convenient!"

The Learning Tree Preschool is a fully licensed facility that offers a warm, safe and nurturing environment. It provides a wide variety of age-appropriate activities aimed at promoting social, intellectual, physical and emotional development. The goal is to help students build independence and self-esteem by learning the importance of respecting others, developing positive relationships with peers and adults, and discovering the benefits of making healthy choices. After graduation, students are prepared for kindergarten and beyond. When a family enrolls at Learning Tree, they become part of the school family.

Parents can volunteer at the annual trike-a-thon and various holiday events and join the Parents Council. Working families can rest assured that their child is in a safe space cared for by highly qualified early childhood educators who address the unique needs of preschool-age kids.

Learning Tree Preschool is now enrolling students as young as 18 months with financial aid assistance available to qualified families. The new 2024-2025 school year begins Monday, Aug. 19th. Schedule a tour today and learn more at ymcafoothills.org/preschool.



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Immaculate Heart's Catholic identity is rooted in service to others and social justice. Last year, students contributed more than 14,000 hours of community service. Additionally, students participate in retreats and liturgies, theatre, visual arts and more than 30 clubs and organizations, including the student newspaper, literary arts magazine, Mock Trial, and speech and debate teams. Approximately 73% of all high school students also play at least one IH sport. Immaculate Heart fields teams in basketball, cross country, diving, equestrian, fencing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball, including beach volleyball. Starting in September, prospective students can attend "Shadow" visits and other admissions events, including Immaculate Heart's open house on Sunday, Sept. 29. Students in eighth and seventh grades can also sign up for Academic Playday on Saturday, Nov, 16. Learn more at www. immaculateheart.org.

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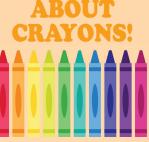
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In preparation for the new school year, St. Bede faculty and staff is being trained in Character Counts, a research-based charac-

ter development and education program that focuses on building students' character, social-emotional and academic skills while shaping a positive school culture, all aligned with the teachings of the church as well.

Pastor Fr. Jim Bevacqua expressed his excitement in starting the new school year under Ms. Riggio's leadership.

"I am thrilled to welcome Annette to the St. Bede School team. From her very first day, she has embraced the culture and values of our St. Bede community. She deeply values the education of mind, body and spirit consistent with St. Bede's mission and will be a great fit and addition to our community."

"I am honored and thrilled to join St. Bede School and Parish," added Ms. Riggio. "It is a privilege to join such a dedicated and dynamic community committed to nurturing and educating the whole person and providing opportunities for students to serve and grow spiritually, academically and socially."

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August 15, 2024

BETWEEN FRIENDS Poets Rick Smith, Carol V. Davis Headline at Village Poets

ummer is in high gear at then later with Frank Polite, Carol V. Davis at Bolton Hall Museum in Tujunga on Aug. 25. Two segments of open mic will be blues harmonica, a lifelong available and refreshments will be served. Poets are encouraged to bring their best poems for the open mic. The reading starts at 4:30 p.m. and goes till 6:30 p.m.

Rick Smith was born in New York. His father was artist William A. Smith whose work is in the National Portrait Gallery, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Library of Congress. When Smith was 8 years old, his father took him to live in Austin University Press, 2023, post-World War II Paris. There, Because I Cannot Leave This he experienced the devastating Body (Truman State Univ. Press, aftermath of war, which features 2017) and Between Storms in poems his new collection (TSUP, 2012). She won the 2007 entitled Ear to the Rail. The T.S. Eliot Prize for Into the Smiths settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania where thev were once snowed in with Carl Sandberg, a close family friend. Smith began writing during high school at Solebury then honed his craft at Bard College, studying with Anthony Hecht

Village Poets with two at University of Iowa, and Sam features, Rick Smith and Eisenstein, at Los Angeles City College. During college,

Smith taught himself to play passion. He played "basket houses" in Greenwich Village and roadhouses in Duchess County, earning his chops with Big Joe Williams, Steve Mann, Van Dyke Parks, and others. Smith recorded with the Rick Smith Band, the Hangan Brothers, and currently The Mescal Sheiks, for whom he is the lyricist.

Carol V. Davis is the author of Below Zero, Stephen F. Arms of Pushkin: Poems of St. Petersburg (TSUP, 2007). Her poetry has been read on National Congress and Radio Russia.



Carol V. Davis

Santa Monica College and Antioch University, Los Angeles. She was awarded a Fulbright Public Radio, the Library of Specialist grant for Siberia in 2020. Her poems have recently Twice a Fulbright scholar in been used by Donna Sternberg Russia, she taught in Siberia, and Dancers in dance concerts winter 2018 and teaches at at the Skirball Cultural Center

Rick Smith

with the theme of ancestors' voices.

Village Poets upcoming features: on Sept 22, Judy Kronenfeld and Lee Rossi and on Oct. 27, Lory Bedikian and Mary Torregrossa.

More about the poets can be



found at: https://villagepoets. blogspot.com/.

Bolton Hall Museum is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Bolton Hall is a Los Angeles Historical Landmark built in 1913.

Volunteers Give Thirsty Trees a



Twenty-five showed up on Saturday, July 27 to water over 100 trees along Foothill Boulevard and Sunland Boulevard in Sunland. This was a project organized by Pat Kramer of the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club with the help of Council District 7 Deputy Ricardo Flores. The volunteers were each assigned four trees to water though some folks watered as many as 10 trees, each volunteer getting 10 gallons of water to deep-water the roots.

During the local hot months

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volunteers the trees get no precipitation, which creates stress for them. In addition, many have agriperm around them, which adds an obstacle to watering as volunteers must find a chink in the pavement to get the water to the roots. For the "lucky" trees that have no agriperm around them (due to its ongoing removal by a team of volunteers), they received a well-needed drink on a day when the temperatures reached over 95 degrees.

Several teams of volunteers showed up the following weekend to water the remaining 35 trees with volunteers as young as 4 years old and some as old as 80, with all ages in-between. In the City of Los Angeles, which Sunland-Tujunga is a part of, trees do not get watered beyond the first three years after

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Starts Monday, August 19 at 4:15 p.m. **Open Rehearsal - try it out for free! Onsite registration available**

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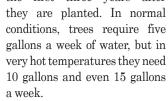
To Register:

We will have box lunches for takeaway at the end of the talk for our in-person attendees. Doors open at 11:45 a.m., and the talk will begin promptly at 12 p.m. Reservations for takeaway box lunches are required 48 hours in advance. Please visit uscvhh.org/doc-talks or call (818) 952-2228 to register.

Mary C. Virgallito RN, MSN, CIC, FAPIC, CPHQ is the Chief Quality Officer at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Mary is a Registered Nurse and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with over 20 years of healthcare experience.

Jessica Laughlin, DNP, RN, CCRN, CENP is the Associate Chief Nursing Officer at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. Jessica has over 20 years' experience in the care of emergency and critical care patients, nursing management, and hospital administration.

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interested Anyone in volunteering to help water, weed or mulch these trees that make the community more welcoming, lower the temperatures by 10-15 degrees, provide a home for different birds and insects and help improve air quality can contact Pat Kramer at: patkramerstnc@gmail.com.

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Photos provided by Pat KRAMER LEFT; Jerry Burnham was one of the volunteers who watered trees along Foothill and Sunland

boulevards. RIGHT: The Schmidt family was

on hand to provide much-needed water.



BETWEEN FRIENDS

Cancer Support Community San Gabriel Valley Named Non-Profit of the Year



Cancer Support Community San Gabriel Valley announced it has been selected as a Non-Profit of the Year by Congresswoman Judy Chu as part of her 2024 Congressional Leadership of the Year Awards. The awards ceremony was held in recognition of outstanding leaders and groups who have contributed to their communities within the San Gabriel Valley through service and leadership. Honorees were selected among numerous nominations submitted from throughout California's 28th Congressional District.

"For more than 30 years, Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley has been a source of strength for thousands of people across the San Gabriel Valley," said U.S. Representative Judy Chu. "Cancer Support Community is one of our Non-Profits of the Year because of its powerful impact on our community and the vital and free psychosocial supportive

Photo provided by Cancer Support Community San Gabriel Valley Dr. Ali Wong with Rep. Judy Chu

care it [annually] provides to over 1,200 cancer patients, their caregivers and families, and cancer survivors."

Cancer Support Community provides psychosocial support and evidence-based knowledge for those impacted by cancer through counseling, community and connection alongside a patient's oncological care at no cost - ever. This support includes group and individual counseling led by mental health professionals, educational workshops presented by medical health professionals, healthy lifestyle classes, social activities and resources for patients, caregivers, survivors, families and those experiencing loss.

"We are proud to be recognized for our contributions to the cancer community by Representative Chu," said Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley CEO Patricia Ostiller. "As cancer cases continue to rise, it's essential to include mental health treatment at the forefront of the healing process as a proven method to enhance patient medical outcomes."

According to the Los Angeles County Cancer Surveillance Program, this year alone there are expected to be over 44,000 new cancer diagnoses. In 2023, Cancer Support Community moved into its new home in Sierra Madre creating capacity to serve more patients and families. Since then, it has been able to serve a record number of individuals and families impacted by cancer.

To learn more about Cancer Support Community, visit www. cancersupportcommunitysgv.org.

Questions About Today's Real Estate? Ask Phyllis! Should I Pay The Buyer's Agent's Commission?

Dear Phyllis,

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My son will be selling his Santa This means they will have to write our local real estate expert. Can the disclosures, as the listing to their Realtor. This limits her

can now opt to be unrepresented. paid until the close of escrow.

My niece is an active buyer in Westlake Village. She and her fiancé struggled with coming up with their down payment. They



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you help answer his question: agent is not representing them, the options and might cause her to Should I pay the buyer's agent's listing agent must be very cautious miss out on potential homes that commission?

Dear Donna,

the compensation structure could always be negotiated, and this has not changed.

Donna unrepresented buyer.

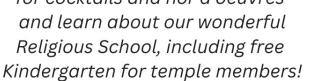
attract more buyers since most priced, which attracts more buyers. To clarify, the seller was never work with agents who expect "required" to pay the buyer's compensation. Buyers might feel Realtor. In California, the former more confident in making an listing agreement specified the total offer on a property if they know commission and the portion that their agent is being compensated goes to the buyer's agent. However, through the transaction rather than worrying about paying their agent out-of-pocket. While an attorney is typically paid by the hour, What has changed is that buyers remember that both agents are not

in answering any questions to an otherwise meet her criteria. So many listings have bidding wars Paying the buyer's agent can because they are aggressively Attracting more buyers leads to higher selling prices. Considering these dynamics and the specific market conditions is crucial when deciding on compensation structures.

I hope this helps clarify the situation for your son. Best regards,

Phyllis

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

'The Music Man' is Marching to La Crescenta

By Jabe BELL

he Music Man," a from the 1950s, is being produced and performed live at Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave., opening this Awards, a Grammy and spinoffs for film and television, "The Music Man" is a musical that has earned its stripes. Legendary songs like "Seventy-six Trombones" will transport audience members to about learning to have hope and music director and Sylvie Gosse River City, Iowa.

Carter Thomas, the director of Highlands Theater LA and this production of "The Music Man," offered his thoughts on preparing for a show of this scale and grandeur.

Thomas is a born and bred La Crescenta native who started his career in musical theatre at the Glendale Centre Theatre.

"I grew up as a child actor and had the opportunity to tour alongside the Radio City Rockettes and Disney's 'Mary Poppins' for years," said Thomas. "Since graduating from CVHS,

I've had the pleasure of writing us to create shows that are fresh and directing musical theater."

in musical His credits Broadway favorite theater are undeniable, and his experience nearly guarantees Highlands is the perfect space to that "The Music Man" will be a show not to be missed.

Friday. Garnering five Tony Music Man" extends to his cast. "The Music Man" is a time as a child actor when he huge production, with 40 cast performed as the play's character members of all ages. Christopher Winthrop Paroo and his love for Showerman and Kate Ponzio the play continues today.

opening one's eyes to the beauty in everyday life," he said. "The characters are fun, entertaining provided Thomas with the and relatable, offering something opportunity to collaborate with for everyone to enjoy."

Highlands Church allows for this director, stage manager and version of "The Music Man" to technical director reflecting that flourish.

"I've been attending Highlands my entire life and love this community so much," he said adding that Highlands is Aug. 16 through Aug. 25 at "beautiful."

unique stage configuration allows the music man-tickets-164204.

and distinctive.

'The Music Man' is a huge production, and I believe perform it."

However a stage means His experience with "The nothing without an all-star star as Harold Hill and Marian "The Music Man' tells a story Paroo. Kara Gibson serves as as choreographer.

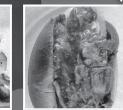
The show's development his siblings Rebecca, Tracey and He added that the venue of Philip who served as assistant in many ways, "The Music Man" at Highlands Theater is truly a labor of love.

"The Music Man" runs from Highlands Church. Tickets range It compares to other great from \$16.88-\$22.13 and available performance spaces," he said. "Its at https://www.simpletix.com/e/ What's Cooking Your Local guide to good food! August 15^H Specials!

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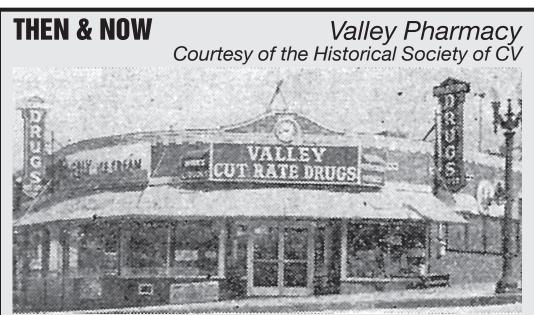


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THEN » Valley Cut Rate Drugs was on the northwest corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. It was the classic pharmacy of that era, which always included a soda fountain and ice cream bar. The decorative brick façade was one of the most beautiful of all the buildings on Honolulu, and the clock at the peak of the sweeping curved front gave the time to shoppers at what was then becoming the "center" of Montrose. The "Crescenta Valley Service Roll" with 1500 names of locals serving in WWII, can be seen on the east wall of the pharmacy, just behind the street light.





NOW » It's still the center of Montrose and the flagpole and several memorials are on the sidewalk in front of this location. The '71 earthquake caused the disappearance of the ornate brickwork on this building and many other beautiful buildings in Montrose as a thick layer of stucco was used to hold together the unreinforced masonry to meet stronger earthquake codes. It's now a popular frozen yogurt shop.



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RELIGION



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church; Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian of Holy House Ministries; Anthony Kelson RScP, Laney Clevenger-White, RScP, and Rev. Dr. Beverly Craig of Center for Spiritual Living-La Crescenta; Rabbi Janet Bieber, Carolyn Young, Sharon Weisman; Rev. Mary Morgan, Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta Rev. Dabney Beck, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Lucinda Guarino, Rev. Karin Ellis, La Cañada United Methodist Church; Rev. Sherri James, UP Church; The Rev. C. L. "Skip" Lindeman, Upland Christian Church; Rev. Rob Holman, St. Luke's Anglican Church; Rev. Sharri Johnson, One Heart Retreat Center; Larry Maib Emeritus, Highlands Church La Crescenta; Rev. Valerie Reeves, Staff Minister, Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living 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.

relationship or find another way of approaching this.

Your guidance is appreciated. ~No Gossip

nswer: Ernest Holmes, author of the "Science of Mind," once said that if we wish to change anything unpleasant that is occurring outside of ourselves, we first only need to change it within ourselves. Now - what does that mean?

It simply means this. Life reflects back to us what we think (i.e. imagine, feel and say) into or about it. This is not to suggest you caused your friend's gossiping. But by believing (thinking) she is a gossip, you are essentially supporting the continuance of that behavior in spite of the change you wish to see and are presently doubtful of seeing. What is required to change this situation is a new way of seeing ... and it begins within you. Let me explain.

Several years ago, a young lady in her early 20s came to me seeking a spiritual mind treatment. She had just emigrated to this country from rich and rewarding, interesting and Eastern Europe and, after some fascinating. Our conversations are difficulty, managed to get her first expansive and illuminating, and we job, which she needed and was very greatly enjoy our time together. And happy to have. The problem was so it is. Amen."

cquaintance who I have that was to begin changing the way *lunch with once a month.* she saw her manager. I said, "Think My challenge is she likes to gossip. of how you want your relationship I've told her many times I don't to be." She said she wanted a need that information and she gets relationship of mutual good will, upset. I've tried often to steer the respect, kindness and consideration. conversation away from gossip and I said "Fine. Here's how you do she just keeps hammering away at that." We worked on crafting an *it. I'm thinking I either give up the* affirmation for her to repeat daily and/or whenever she felt challenged mentally by their relationship. She left and the next day she called me, excited and completely amazed by the transformation of her manager saying they not only had a wonderful but a fun day at work together.

> She continued to work with him for several years afterwards until he passed and considered him a good friend. I once read a meme that said "At any given moment, we have the power to choose how our story is going, or not going, to end." It all comes down to a matter of belief. Choose to believe in the good you desire with your friend and drop the fear belief that is burdening you about her.

> Here's a little affirmation to help you; say it daily and whenever you feel challenging thoughts about your relationship. It will work wonders.

"My friend is a beloved daughter of God. God delights in her and so do I. I know my relationship with her is one of mutual respect, consideration and goodwill. Our talks and time with one another are

estion: I have an dreaded; and the way she could to of their connections to those around them.

> There is a story about a man who spread gossip about a rabbi. After realizing his mistake, he went to the rabbi and begged for forgiveness saying he would do anything to make amends to him.

> The rabbi said to bring the best down pillows he owned. The man brought them immediately thinking that the rabbi just wanted pillows for compensation.

> The rabbitold the man to take the pillows up to the top of the hill. When he got there, he instructed the man to cut the pillows and let the feathers fly to the four corners of the land.

> The man eagerly did what he was told and ran back to the rabbi's house to report that he had done what was ordered.

> The rabbi then told him to go and collect all the feathers and pieces of down that had been released from the pillows. The man responded with wide open eyes in terror, realizing that he would not be able to do what the rabbi ordered.

> "I cannot find all the feathers and down as they have been blown to the four corners of the earth," shouted the man.

Rabbi replied, "The feathers show you what you have done with your poisoned words. They are everywhere and cannot be retrieved."

Gossip cannot be taken back or unsaid as it has flown to untraceable places and has corrupted the truth forever and irretrievably.

The power of words is great and ighty After all God created the world with words: "Let there be light, and there was light." We marry each other with words: "You are betrothed to me for all time." Please share the story with your acquaintance. If she is not moved by the message, she will not change. Also know that she not only spreads gossip about others to you, but probably to others about you as well. Rabbi Janet Bieber jbieber1155@aol.com

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with her manager. He was in his

50s, and they were not getting along. She worked hard at her job but she was unsure she could continue working under him because of their personality clash. After explaining to me in great detail her grievances, I told her, much to her surprise, that none of this mattered. I explained to her what I just told you-that she had the power to change this situation

to connect with friends, old and new.

Anthony Kelson, RScP penworth3@yahoo.com

Dear No Gossip,

I do not know the level of faith that your lunch acquaintance is a follower of but here is what the Bible says about gossip: Gossip is the closest you can get to murdering someone without killing their body. It is a killing of their reputation, to one that she wanted rather than their friendships, their truth and all

The game involves simple rules Lutheran Church in the Foothills that are easy to learn, making it accessible to players of all ages and skill levels. Bunco night is part of LCIF's Wednesday Summer Fun program.

In addition to the Bunco event, and social nature, is a perfect way LCIF is launching a new support group specifically designed for

widows. The Surviving Widows group will hold its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at noon. This gathering aims to provide a supportive space for women to share experiences, offer encouragement and find companionship during this challenging time. A nutritious meal see NOTES & NODS on page 22

JUST FOR FUN

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

A wilderness workday

Deukmejian Wilderness Park is

planned for Saturday, Aug. 17 from

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers will

help water the bigcone Douglas firs

and coast live oaks, assist with trail

repairs and remove invasive species

from the park. Please wear sturdy

shoes, protective clothing, and bring

water. Families, individuals, clubs

and students needing community

service hours are welcome. In case of

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at

Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. This Friday, Aug. 16, EdRoblesofOperation Project Hope will make a presentation.

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

at the Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY BACK WITH REIMAGINED 'GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH'

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey of "The Greatest Show On Earth" fame returns to SoCal with an all-new show at Honda Center in affordable arts education, events and Anaheim from August 16-18 followed by Crypto.com Arena in DTLA from August 23-25. For specific local show information visit: https://www. ringling.com/show/ontario-ca-2024toyota-arena/, https://www.ringling. com/show/anaheim-ca-2024-hondahttps://www.ringling.com/ center/. show/los-angeles-ca-2024-cryptocomarena/.

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

ACROSS

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minimum of \$100. Proceeds benefit CANASTA IS CALLING 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.

BURGERS, BREWS & BLUES The Club meets Friday afternoons **AT MCGROARTY ARTS** CENTER

McGroarty Arts Center in WILDERNESS WORKDAY Tujunga is hosting Burgers, Brews and Blues featuring grilled burgers and craft beer (for purchase) and music by LaRue Sounds on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission!

The event benefits McGroarty Arts Center's mission to provide programs to the community.

McGroarty Arts Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and is located at 7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga. www.mcgroartyartscenter.

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 is performing a series of shows at the Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in El Portal Theatre from his latest solo the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

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

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

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40) Calf, on the range

42) Onetime Missouri tribe

44) Make people look away

45) An American in Paris?

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62) Wal-Mart competitor

63) Irish poet William Butler

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60) Gumbo pods

41) Many sweaters

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TO SOLO COMEDY

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Glendale

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

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- 27) Coastal spray
- 28) Small boys
- 30) Products of Indian looms

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is hosting an open house! From Aug. 19-Aug. 23, the community is invited to the Community Center for a week of program demonstrations. Explore its offerings through live showcases ranging from cooking classes to dance classes, and people can discover how they can engage and enrich their life. No registration required! Call (818) 790-4353 for daily details.

Registration is open for fall I (session dates: Aug. 26 - Oct. 19). Youth, teen and adult programming.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is celebrating its 75th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the CommunityCenterauditorium.There will be passed hors d'oeuvres, an open bar with signature cocktails and a live band. For tickets, visit https://secure. ggiv.com/for/fundraisingevents/ event/75thanniversary/.

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

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/upcomingevents. 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.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com August 12, 2024 - August 18, 2024

ARIES March 21 - April 19

Your focus may not be on your body but rather on reaching your goals. You're likely deeply involved in career matters now. If you really want to succeed, you need to have at your disposal the energy to do what you need to do. It all starts with being fit and healthy in the first place. Make your well-being your

TAURUS April 20 - May 20 Your health seems excellent. You may want take advantage of this by swimming, cycling, or going on a long trail hike. Give your body a chance to enjoy a thorough workout at whatever level suits you best. It may also help to try a gentle two-day detox to give your internal organs a boost.

₩ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Your health may be affected by your mental state now. Try not to get too obsessed over issues that have the potential to knock you off balance and cause tension. It really helps if you can cells will register a sense of relief. Try

If you're going to be doing a lot of

If you feel you need some kind of structure to enable you to get the best from your diet and exercise routine, you may want to call a personal trainer. If you work in partnership with him or her, you'll be able to devise a program that takes into account your metabolism and specific needs. There is no offthe-shelf strategy that will complement your needs as well.

11 LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

CARE SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You may be wrestling with an issue that

may have been causing a subtle adverse effect on your health. Don't hold on to it. Be prepared to let it go. If you can release it completely so you feel at peace with the situation, then you'll notice a corresponding increase in your overall energy level. You'll feel better.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 You seem to be in a very hearty mood. Although you may feel well, don't undo all your hard work by eating the wrong foods after you exercise. If you're hungry after your exertions, try to eat more protein and other foods that are satisfying but don't add pounds. If you must indulge, enjoy it and then get back on track.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Although you may be thinking about getting fit and reading all the right books about diet and exercise, you may not actually be doing anything about it. It's time to put the books aside and go to the gym. If you need help, get a personal trainer or a competent friend to give you some tips to get you started.

main priority.

learn to let go instead of getting involved. Your body will thank you, and all your it and see!

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socializing, it may be time to begin pacing yourself. If you're going to be eating out a lot, much of the food will probably be rich, more so than usual. Try to be discriminating when you get to that buffet table or face that menu. Choose foods that contribute to glowing health, if possible.

LEO July 23 - August 22

With such a fiery health zone, you may need to cool off now and again. Try swimming, and make it a regular habit. Every muscle in your body will get exercise and you won't break out in a sweat. If you have aches and pains, swimming will also help ease muscles and release joints.

👪 VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Don't let the stress of creating a successful career get to you. Aspects suggest that you may be so focused on getting ahead that you temporarily forget that you have a body. You may forget to eat and exercise. You are your own best resource. It really does pay to look after your body, so make it a regular habit.

🚵 AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't let mental tension negatively affect your body. This period may bring challenges that cause you some stress. It's nothing too worrisome, but you could suffer from stiff muscles, a headache, or back pain. You need to relax and loosen up. Some kind of stress management program would also be helpful.

* PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may have a tendency to stiffen up more than usual now. As part of your daily exercise routine, you may find it helpful to include yoga or tai chi, which help the body relax as well as stay supple and healthy. If you can keep this up, your well-being and overall level fitness will get better.

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Help! The seals on my window blinds are melting!

Carolyn Allen's window seals are melting and now her door handles are corroded too. Can she get them replaced? And if so, how long should it take?

Q: I'm having a problem with a local company, FAS Windows & Doors. In April 2013, I hired the company to install double-paned, hurricane-resistant windows and doors throughout our whole house. But in 2022, we noticed that the seals in the inset mini blinds were melting.

I contacted the service department and spoke to a representative, who said the windows only had a five-year warranty.

Then I noticed that the handles on the doors were corroding. I called a few months later and sent photos. There is a 10-year warranty on the doors.

After multiple emails and phone calls, FAS Windows & Doors replaced the handles on the front in 2023. But they did not have handles in stock for the three doors at the back of the house. I continued to periodically call and email for updates. After over a year of waiting, I saw one of your articles and decided to ask for the supervisor's email. I emailed her twice and have never heard back.

I have been exceedingly polite in both my emails and phone calls. These doors have unique handles that I can't find at Lowe's or Home Depot.

I would like to have the corroded door handles replaced, as promised. I wish I could get the inset mini blind panels replaced, but I recognize that the seal failure was discovered beyond the five-year warranty. Can you help? \neg -Carolyn Allen, Saint Cloud, Florida

A: Did you say the seals on your blinds were melting? That's pretty serious. I would get that taken care of right away, warranty or not.

I lived in Central Florida in 2013, and I also replaced my windows. I remember there had been several active hurricane seasons and there was also a tax deduction for installing more energy-efficient windows. And wow! What a difference the new

CONTACT US

Robin Goldsworthy Robin@CVWeekly.com 818.248.2740 windows made! My electric bill dropped because my A/C was running less. And another bonus was that I no longer heard the street noise.

But if my seals in your blinds started melting, I would have been the one to have melted down! I reviewed the emails between you and FAS Windows & Doors and, to your credit, you were exceedingly polite.

There are two things you could have done to avoid this. First, you want to research any windows and doors carefully before buying them. Look for a longer warranty and pay close attention to what is – and isn't – covered.

A good warranty will last between 10 and 20 years. Some manufacturers may offer lifetime warranties that cover all parts of the window, including the frame, glass and hardware. High-quality window manufacturers allow you to transfer the remainder of the warranty to a new homeowner and have a minimum of exclusions for issues such as natural disasters, improper installation or wear and tear.

The other issue was the difficult-to-replace door handles. It's nice to have a unique door, but

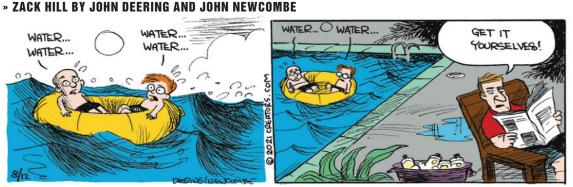
she get them replaced? And if so, h paper trail and you were polite but also also persistent. Nice work! Now

After you contacted my advocacy team, I reached out to FAS Windows & Doors. A representative confirmed your story – to a point. It turns out your windows only had a one-year warranty and didn't cover color change or finish. The company offered to replace the windows as a customer service gesture.

The door is a little more **HN NEWCOMBE**

also installed the handles for you. Now that's what I call an open-andshut case!

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will be provided to nourish both body Walk and Word

KASES FOR KIDS from Cover

never meet the kids they help, our extended family. It's never ensuring kids get what they

and soul. Interested individuals can RSVP by contacting the church office. The gathering will take place at a private residence.

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

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 participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian

Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Aug. 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 jnlavieri@earthlink.net.

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

Lions Club member Stephen Mack said the impact of each donation is always greatly felt and appreciated.

"Many foster kids are caught in the transition from home to home. Often, this means that the only possessions they have is what the Lions Club - and their generous community contributors - can provide," Mack said in an email to the CV Weekly.

Local non-profits like the Lions Club are in a position to address the needs of the most vulnerable, said Mack and as a result community organizations can often do work that states and local governments cannot do.

"All of us - all kids, and especially kids in need - need to know that our communities are enough, of course, but we hope to play a small but important role alongside our other community partners," he said.

The target number of backpacks the Lions Club aims to deliver is always dependent of how many filled backpacks are donated by the community. The Lions face a yearly challenge to gather enough materials to put inside the backpacks, such as school supplies, small blankets or stuffed animals, as well as collecting enough backpacks. To meet the challenge, the Lions began collecting money to assist in purchasing needed goods while leaning heavily on high schoolers from the Leos Club who help sort and pack bags. Mack wants the community

to know it plays a big part in

need and they have a "tangible connection to people who care."

"One more indication to them, we hope, is they are not alone," Mack said.

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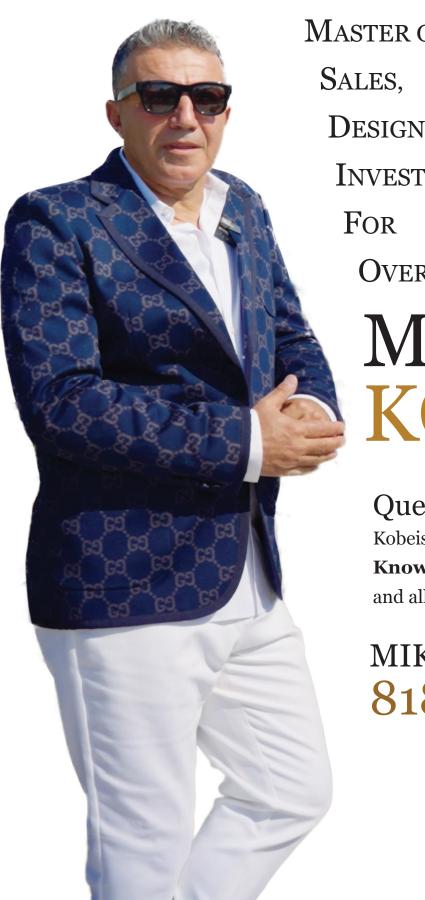




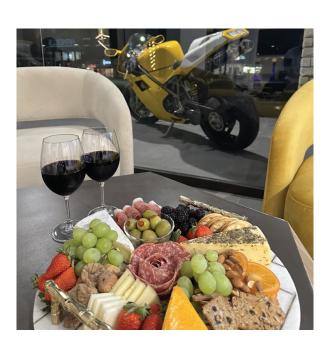
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