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Council Votes to Move Forward with La Crescenta Avenue Rehab

By Julie BUTCHER

On Tuesday night, Glendale City Council voted 3-2 to move forward on plans to rehabilitate La Crescenta Avenue as it previously discussed, eliminating travel lanes and adding bike lanes aimed at slowing traffic and enhancing the safety of the street.

Councilmember Ara Najarian voted against the project.

"La Crescenta Avenue is deemed a major arterial in Glendale's general plan – it's just not the right street for this," he

Joining Councilmember Najarian in voting against the was Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian who noted that the project was approved while he was out of office.

Mayor Elen Asatryan attempted to keep the discussion on topic, questioning whether or not to include a "quick-build demonstration project" financing options while not having an overall discussion of the previously approved project.

Public comments nonetheless centered on the project.

"I am not a cyclist. I do not own a bicycle, a skateboard, a scooter," Melissa Church told the Council. "I am a driver and I love my car. And I'm still in favor of the La Crescenta Avenue project." Church noted that she lives near one of the dangerous intersections "this project will address." Her daughter attends Fremont Elementary; staff that works the areas of drop off and pick up share stories of cars that "fly up La Crescenta - a caution sign was put in the road but had to be removed because it was hit so many times."

"This project is about improving the safety of a residential street near an elementary school, but the conversation has been hijacked by a group of people who have time to attend these meetings that the parents of the young children at Fremont do not have," she said.

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Patriot Day Motorcade Comes to an End

During the start of a

previous 9/11 Patriot Day

Motorcade, a sign on one of the participating cars

By Mikaela STONE

After a decade, the 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade comes to an end.

't is the end of an era. The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Dwight Sityar, Jean Maluccio and Steve Pierce, founded the 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade 10 years ago. Community members and students across the valley gathered each year to see first responder vehicles, classic cars, muscle cars, and hot rods drive past to honor the fallen of 9/11/01. The purpose of the motorcade was to draw attention to first responders and add an emphasis to the American mantra of "Never Forget."

While the cancellation of the motorcade is sad news for the community, in many ways the beloved event has reached its natural conclusion. The motorcade

celebrated its 10th birthday in 2023, a bittersweet milestone due to Maluccio's passing. Several of the original motorists have also passed away or retired from the event. Due to these events, and that 9/11 falls on a Wednesday this year, the weekly banking day for Rosemont Middle School, Monte Vista Elementary school and other schools in the district, the Chamber of Commerce made the de-

Steve Pierce assures the community that only the motorcade is canceled and other areas will continue the remembrance and respect for the day.

During previous motorcades, Sityar expressed that the event's

reminds observers why the motorcade was held. goal was to honor history and to cision to discontinue the motorprepare for the future, as those

who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

The attack on the Twin Towers in New York claimed nearly 3,000 lives and continues to affect survivors. Many first responders and survivors now suffer cancers from breathing in the toxins from the

burning and collapsed buildings.

As a veteran, Pierce is proud of the Crescenta Valley area's record for remembrance, referencing both the motorcade and the Montrose Vietnam War Memorial at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue.

Though the CV Chamber of see MOTORCADE on page 8

All Invited to an SCE Tree Talk

By Mary O'KEEFE

CVW has received many inquiries throughout the years concerning the tree trimming practices of Southern California Edison. Several residents have seen their trees trimmed repeatedly by SCE and its subcontractors and have shared their concerns for the health of

In response to the concerns from residents, CVW has asked Southern California Edison to Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd.

Most residents support, and understand, the need for SCE to trim trees near power lines as a protective effort against fire; however, the inconsistency of the trimming seems to be where residents have issues.

For years SCE has been responsible for clearing limbs and removing trees from power lines but in 2017 the state standards for clearing

tree limbs from power lines changed from a distance of four feet to a recommended 12 feet. This prompted SCE to create its Grid Safety and Resiliency Plan in order to meet this new

In 2012, AB 2556 was introduced to help residents with their issues of extreme trimming; this was prior to the 12-foot recommendation. The bill would have required each "electrical corporation and local publicly owned electric utility to avoid excessive tree trimming that participate in a community meeting, Tree Talk, threatens the health of a tree, to make a good to discuss these concerns. The meeting with faith effort to implement good forestry practices residents and members of the Crescenta Valley and vegetation management practices and to Town Council takes place on Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at preserve the health of the mountainous lands, St. Luke's of the Mountains Episcopal Church's forest-covered lands and brush covered lands," according to the bill.

> It would have also required utility companies to obtain written confirmation by an arborist of the need to remove a tree. The bill died in com-

> Some of the issues that have been shared by residents include private arborists who seem to be at odds with SCE arborists at what is best for

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

A New Year

Crescenta Valley Weekly. Unlike the rest of the world, our new year doesn't begin on Jan. 1 but on Sept. 3. I started the paper back in 2009 and the first CV Weekly was distributed on Sept. 4, 2009. That was the only time the paper was distributed on a Friday but, due to the Station Fire, many of our distribution points were inaccessible on Thursday, Sept. 3 and we had to wait a day. In addition to Sept. 4, 2009 being the only Friday that the paper was distributed, it is the only CV Weekly paper that has ever had a photo-prominent cover. (I still have about 10 copies available of that first issue; stop by the office and we'll give you one.)

Mary O'Keefe, Charly Shelton and I are the only ones from those early days who remain part of the CV Weekly staff. Over the years, we've had several office managers, writers, photographers and delivery people who were part of CV Weekly. I had a chance to look over some of the names of our previous workers and I'm ashamed to say that I didn't even recognize some of their names! Yet each one contributed to the success of this community newspaper.

In preparation of the launch of the newspaper I knew I had two choices: either make a "big deal" of its upcoming

launch to generate a buzz, an excitement, of its coming; however, the downside of that theory was other papers could pay more attention to our area and make the CV Weekly less relevant. The

We're ringing in a new year here at other choice was to keep my mouth shut (not an easy thing to do!) and not "alert" anyone of my plans. I chose option 2.

> On Sept. 4 the first issues of the paper landed in the driveways of local residents. Most were surprised to find the CV Weekly staring up at them when they headed out!

> Over time I reduced the number of "free" papers I delivered, then withdrew free delivery altogether although people had the chance to have the paper delivered to them weekly for a subscription fee. From day one, people were signing up for home subscriptions (thanks, Jerry and Mary, for being my first subscribers!). As time went on and the number of subscribers and advertisers increased I was assured that this venture wasn't just "my dream" but an important part of the Crescenta Valley ... and Glendale, Sparr Heights and even Toluca Lake! I'm reminded (and pleased) when I think of a comment by State Senator Anthony Portantino's district representative Declan Floyd: "If it isn't in CV Weekly, then it didn't

> As we enter our 16th year, I want to thank my designers, sales people, writers, photographers, proof reader and office manager for their hard work. They make the CV Weekly the incredible paper

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

For most of us in the U.S. getting water is as easy as turning on the tap. It's so easy in fact that we tend to take water for granted. As Californians, I think we are more aware of water than depend so heavily on other states for our

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, the Colorado River supplies roughly a third of all water for Southern Californian cities and suburbs. And we share this resource with Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah plumbing. and Colorado as well as Mexico.

And as we all know the amount of water in the Colorado River is low. Climate change models indicate the river's volume will continue to decline.

I went searching for how much water we use and, according to the Metropolitan Water District, it delivers on average 1.7 billion gallons of water per day to a service area of 5,200 square miles, which serves about 18 million people.

Here are some interesting facts about how much water we use in a normal day: Filling a bathtub takes about 36 gallons of water.

A toilet uses, on average, about three gallons of water per flush. Multiply that by six to eight flushes a day to reach a total of 18 to 24 gallons of water.

gallons per minute for a total of 20

An average washing machine utilizes about 15 gallons of water per load.

Depending on the efficiency of a four to 10 gallons of water per use.

And washing your face, brushing your teeth and other hygiene practices use about two and a half gallons according

to the Philadelphia Water Dept. (a great website by the way).

As we go about our lives we don't often think about how much water we use, we just assume it will be there when we turn on the tap or flush the toilet.

My grandmother and her family those in a lot of other states because we moved to the L.A. area when she was very young, so the early 1900s. Her dad worked on the railroad. She lived in a home without indoor plumbing. She told me stories of going to a nearby stream to get water and having to carry it back home. She was very happy to move back to Iowa where their home had indoor

> I have family who lived on farms where water was pumped for the animals, and using an "outhouse" was normal. I guess because of the stories I heard from my grandma (I can still remember the burn in my muscles from pumping water and having a few nightmares from outhouse visits), I have always had an appreciation for that easily accessible tap water.

> I take this luxury, which we all consider a necessity, for granted. That's why the upcoming A Day Without Water will be a good awakening for us all.

> A Day Without Water actually started 10 years ago by the U.S. Water Alliance, which focused on all things water including the aging infrastructure throughout the nation.

"In fact, a water main breaks every A 10-minute shower uses about two two minutes somewhere in this country. We increasingly feel the effects of climate change through water, whether it be scarcity or overabundance. And, though not well known, over two million Americans still lack the dignity of access dishwasher, it will use anywhere from to water and wastewater services," according to the U.S. Water Alliance.

> In a 2024 Value of Water Index, 88% of American voters polled believe that

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» NEIGHBORHOODS OF GLENDALE

The Railways of Glendale

By Eliza PARTIKA

owntown Glendale is now known for its shops, eateries and cars, but in the early 1900s Glendale's commercial center was mostly citrus fields, railroad tracks, new developments and new businesses.

The fields, farmed by locals and owned by wealthy landowners such as W.C.B. Richardson and L. Brand, yielded fruit renowned for its beauty; so rich was the scent of oranges and strawberries that it wafted for miles. The land, converted almost overnight from dense, coarse brush to sprawling orchards, was advertised often in pamphlets encouraging people to move out to the idyllic hills.

"Once these hills were but sagebrush and desert, but now the productive esthetic orchards and gardens, flower areas, ornaments highways and lovely homes are here to bless and enrapture," wrote a pamphlet advertising Tropico Beauties, Glendale's most popular strawberry, in 1923.

And the railroads were the way to get there – and the way Glendale supported businesses with lumber and freight. The trains and trolleys ran from Glendale to Burbank to Montrose, and another on to Los Angeles. The bustle of the streets supported general stores, restaurants, the Glendale Hotel and hardware stores. Capitol Records had a pressing plant in Glendale that was supported by the rail.

It took many rail lines to support the industry in Glendale. In 1906, there were 2,000 people but in 1930 there were 30,000 - making Glendale the fastest growing city in California for its time.

Michael Morgan, member of the Glendale Historical Society and rail enthusiast, said landowners had a few choices with land as arable as that found in Glendale.

"When you have all this land, what are you going to do with it? You're either going to make it agriculture, or you're going to build houses," said Morgan. "And the way to lure people out West, railroad."

Businesses built in Glendale thrived because of the allure of the railroad, one of the first running into Los Angeles from that location. The current Glendale train depot was built by the Southern Pacific Railroad in the Mission Revival Style in 1923. It had replaced an older depot dating to 1883. W.C.B. Richardson donated part of his

land for the rails to be built; the rest of his land was sprawling fields of citrus. The original railroad, which either came up through Brand Boulevard or Glendale Avenue and along the Forest Lawn Cemetery entrance on San Fernando Road, can still be seen today, peeking out of the concrete in front of the far side of the cemetery.

Edgar Douglas Goode of the Glendale Improvement Association convinced Richardson to run a rail line through Glendale. At the time of the original founding in 1883, Glendale was not an officially incorporated city but shared by the cityofTropico. E.D. Goode's addition of a railroad, as well as the City of Glendale's control of resources like water to run its city, contributed to the dissolution of Tropico in 1917. Goode, originally from Illinois, moved to Eagle Rock and then to Glendale in 1881. He negotiated the Pacific Electric Railway's Los Angeles Inter-Urban transit, bringing trolleys to Glendale in 1904. The trolleys ran down Brand Boulevard and up to Glenoaks Boulevard where another line, which Goode also helped found, ran down Glenoaks to Eagle Rock. Between 1909 and 1933, Glendale was the fastest growing city in California. The Glendale-Burbank line, founded by Goode in 1904, took down Pacific Boulevard where, following Glendale Avenue and passing over the Verdugo Wash, the line continued with stops at crossstreets from Doran Street all the way to Maple, Chevy Chase and even San Fernando Road. As they rolled down Chevy Chase, residents and tourists alike would have seen fields of citrus that stretched almost from the rail line to the train

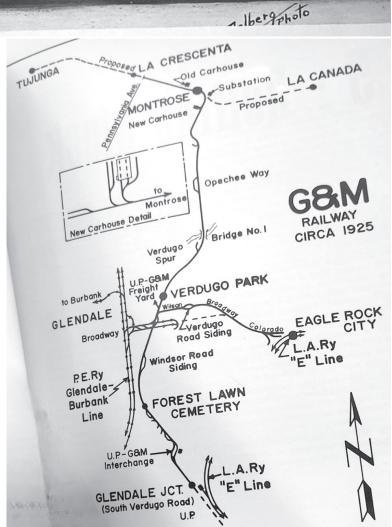
depot. The line continued until 1955 when automobiles replaced public transportation in Glendale.

One of the famous residents who was lured to the Glendale-Pasadena area was Henry Huntington. His uncle, Collis Huntington, was in charge of the Southern Pacific Railway and told Henry about the vast opportunities out West. Other notable railway contributors included Eli Clark and Moses M. Sherman, architects of the Pasadena-Los Angeles railway, and J.W.M Burton, who helped build the railway to Montrose.

It was a big deal to go to Montrose in Glendale. Burton's daughters, Zelma and Emma Burton, would often take their friends to Montrose from Glendale. In 1915, a few years after Montrose was founded, a picture of them and their friends was put into the yearbook.

Sightseers, business and pleasure seekers coming from Los Angeles would take the line from below Tropico down Riverside Drive and would arrive at Brand Boulevard where they would encounter a bustling Brand Boulevard, hemmed by the original six-story bank building on Brand and Broadway, which still stands today. They would see and smell the citrus for miles. And many who immigrated from states like and move all these people, was the residents from the Burbank area Iowa, where the luxury of growing lemons or oranges was rare, would decide to put down roots. A company called Mission Pack made it possible for residents to send to their relatives in the Midwest or the East Coast packaged lemons, oranges, and strawberries to enjoy.

> Some of the citrus trees and the grandchildren of those original trees can be found in yards around Glendale.



TOP: By 1930 Glendale was the fastest growing city in California for its time. ABOVE: A railway map.

BRIEF

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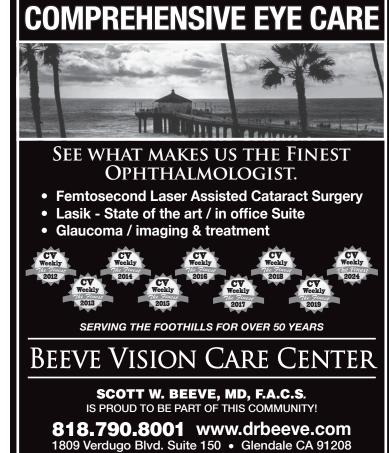
The Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California has

announced that the inaugural Armenian American Museum Festival on Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Glendale Central Library backlot, located outdoors directly across from the museum's construction site. The festival is a tribute to the community for its long-standing support and a celebration for the progress of the museum's development.

The Armenian American Museum Festival is a free, family-friendly event that welcomes the public to enjoy a day of food, games, live entertainment and cultural enrichment.

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Changes Coming to USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Labor & Delivery



By Mary O'KEEFE

According to a statement by USC-USC Verdugo Hill Hospital will VHH, "This decision is based on a close its labor and delivery services careful and thorough examination of including its Neonatal Intensive Care the hospital's services and the shifting Unit (NICU). The last day will be Nov. demographics and needs of the

community it serves.

The median age for La Crescenta-Montrose is 42.1 years, and for La Cañada Flintridge it is 45.1 years, according to several reports Santa Clarita. including Data USA.

The Labor and Delivery Unit reputation," she said. of USC-VHH has been a hospital center of service for a long time and feedback.

The state-of-the-art NICU at hospital service continues. USC-VHH opened in March 2018. that are equipped with technology including a camera that is mounted on top of the incubators. This allowed family members to view their new addition; for example, the area could download an app and monitor the progress of their

The NICU, at the time, had a staff of 12 nurses and five respiratory therapists in addition to occupational therapists. However, the NICU, Perinatal Unit and Labor and Delivery Unit will all be of the total 18-bed unit and will affect about 70 staff.

When asked if staff will be VHH was able to offer the education transferred to another USC Keck statement: "The hospital is working to support affected staff in their

Rebecca Fletcher has been an educator at USC-VHH since 1990 and is sad, and a bit surprised, that this decision was made.

"I was [am] the unit educator for new mothers," she said. "For years I facilitated the new mother's forum."

Numerous classes were offered by USC-VHH on a variety of subjects and moms from other hospitals attended, Fletcher said. She said felt her role in the unit was small compared to the nurses and staff who work in labor and delivery, and said she will miss

Losing this aspect of woman's health in the local area is going to be felt by many. Although demographics in the area reflect an aging population, there are patients who come from outside the Crescenta Valley and La Cañada

Fletcher added she has seen moms from all over including from

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For her, the focus of providing education for new moms, and dads, is for decades has received positive key to what USC-VHH has been doing. She hopes the education portion of

"It's nice to keep women's [support] It is composed of six private rooms in the neighborhood," she said, "so you don't have to make a long drive to keep maternity [services]."

She does hope that, taking demographics into consideration, the hospital not only keeps but also offers of middle school age.

One popular class Fletcher has taught for years is a babysitting class.

"The babysitting class is filled for months," she said.

She understands that USC-VHH may not have a large number of births at times and hospitals do need to make difficult decisions. But the small, closed. This will include the closure intimate feeling of the unit is why people liked it here, she said.

She appreciates the years that USC-

classes for new parents.

"I have run into mommies years [after the class] who now have [grown] children," she said of the community feel of the unit and the classes. "I hope they don't continue to lose family education in lieu of the [closure] and the hospital will continue to support families."

Her last day and her last class will be on Nov. 20. Fletcher is sad to see the program go and will miss the nurses she has known for decades.

The hospital administration is also working with patients and their grandparents who may not be in classes for older kids like those who are families so they can receive "highquality obstetric care close to home."

"We are honored to have played an integral role in the lives of so many growing families for more than 50 years and look forward to continuing to provide the Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge and Foothills communities with world-class medical care," according to USC-VHH.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE The state-of-the-art NICU at USC-VHH, which opened in March 2018, is due to shut down in November along with the Labor and Delivery Unit.

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medical facility or simply laid off, USC-VHH referred to its statement: "The hospital is working."



My name is buddy. My mom calls me something embarrassing I would rather not repeat myself. I am about 18 months old and I have a brother that is teaching me fortnite and basketball. I can't get the ball in my mouth, but the game controller is the right size. Sometimes I get to sleep on the bed, and a grandma visit leads to joy followed by some stomach issues. My mom does not like the clean up afterwards. I am small. But I am mighty.

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets! Send a pic and small caption to steve@cvweekly.com to share your lovable pets with the community!

Everyone's a Winner at AL/VFW Bingo





By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 held their highly anticipated bingo game on Friday night, Aug. 16 at Healy Hall at Holy Redeemer Church in Montrose. Over 170 players showed up, plunking down McGinnis proceeds will be split at least \$25 for 10 game cards; each card had four possible winners on it giving the cardholder 40 chances to win pots that were worth at least \$100 upwards to \$250. In addition, extra games were available to buy into. Cards for these were \$1 each

Years ago, former veteran Andy Gero, who has since died, was the included an appearance and person who came up with the idea certificate presentation by Rep.

of holding a bingo event to raise money to benefit the American American Legion Post 288 and Legion and Veterans of Foreign

> Though the amount of money raised at the Aug. 16 event has yet to be calculated, according to veteran and member Lynn between the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"We are still waiting for several donations," said McGinnis. "We split the funds raised between the Legion and VFW. [This] allows us to more fully cover all veterans and and paid a minimum of \$100 per active duty needs in the Crescenta Valley."

Highlights of the evening

Judy Chu. Chu was elected to the the Legion and VFW would be held U.S. House of Representatives in next year.

July 2009. She represents the 28th Congressional District, which includes Pasadena and the west San Gabriel Valley of Southern California that embraces La Cañada and La Crescenta. After making the presentation, Chu called the first game of the night.

Another highlight was a presentation to the veterans by Declan Floyd on behalf of State Senator Anthony Portantino. Floyd can often be found at community events, especially when the senator is unavailable.

McGinnis confirmed that another bingo event benefitting

a certificate to Jack Wunderlich and Johnie McDowell on behalf of State Senator Anthony Portantino.



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Twelve Oaks to Shut Down



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Buildings on the Twelve Oaks Senior Living property, including the individual bungalows, are expected to be torn down as part of a complete remodel.

By Mary O'KEEFE

To say Twelve Oaks Senior Living on Sycamore Avenue has had a rollercoaster history would be an understatement – and the ride continues.

Residents, and their families, have received notification that area with individual rooms and Twelve Oaks will be closing on throughout the property small Feb. 28, 2025.

Twelve Oaks executive director, built from the ground up. in an interview with CVW. "Everything will be torn down."

The well-known senior living facility is a unique oasis in the community surrounded by trees and pathways. There is an cabin-type residential buildings. "[We are] closing for a complete All of the buildings will be

remodel," said Denise Gatto, knocked down and a new facility

"The City [of Glendale] wants all utilities underground," Gatto

Due to this requirement, and other safety requirements, the buildings need to be demolished rather than simply remodeled.

According to correspondence between Gatto and families and see TWELVE OAKS on page 6



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CRIME BLOTTER

3100 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported that a person driving an older model gray Ford F-150 pulled into the underground parking lot at the location. The male suspect, wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans, exited the vehicle. His face was covered with his jacket. The man walked with a shopping cart to the storage lockers where the propane tanks are kept locked and secured. The man attempted to spray or cover the surveillance camera. He then removed the lock on the locked storage locker and stole six propane tanks using a shopping cart to transport them to his

He then got into his vehicle and drove away from the area

Aug. 23

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a store employee reported witnessing a suspect, described as a White male, enter the store, walk directly to the alcohol aisle and begin to fill up his shopping cart with two boxes of alcohol. The suspect then walked out of the store without attempting to pay. The suspect was reportedly the same man who stole alcoholic beverages three times in the last month.

The suspect is described as 6' tall and weighing about 200 lbs. At the time he was wearing a black shirt with black pants and a black hat.

The theft occurred at 11:50 p.m.

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported witnessing a suspect, described as a female adult wearing a pink shirt, pink pants and silver boots, about 5'5" tall, 160 lbs. with red hair and wearing a black medical facemask, enter the store, grabbed a shopping cart, walked to the women's handbag aisle, selected a handbag and placed it into the cart. She continued to shop and pick up more items, placing them in the cart.

She then walked out of the store without attempting to pay

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staff, there was a plan several years ago to demolish the older buildings; however, due to the city's requirements that plan was put on

Gatto insisted this is a positive move forward as organizers want to build to the future. By the time the building is complete the facility will be able to house 120 residents. It currently has a capacity for about 45 residents.

But the residents currently living at the facility, and their families, will have to start looking for a place to live during the construction. Gatto estimated that construction will begin in early 2025 and will take at least two years to complete.

This closure has been handled in a much different manner than the last time Twelve Oaks was to close its doors. Although according to law residents must be given a 60-day notice to move out, Twelve Oaks and its affiliate, Episcopal Communities and Services (ECS), has given residents six months to find a new home. Gatto also stated there is a wait list for many residents who want to return once construction is

In 2013 residents and families at Twelve Oaks got a gut punch of a notice that the facility was for sale and residents had to leave. This sent not only residents but also neighbors into a tailspin as they attempted to find out what would be done with the property. Twelve Oaks, at that time, had been operated

by the be.group, formerly Southern California Presbyterian Homes. Rumors quickly spread about the facility being closed and developers coming in to build homes.

CVW extensively covered the potential sale as more and more community organizations joined to save the senior living facility. It was discovered that the be.group did not own the facility but only managed it, and therefore did not have the right to sell the property.

In the 1970s the National Charity League (NCL) of Glendale managed the facility through the Verdugo Hills Sunshine Society, whose name was later changed to Twelve Oaks Foundation (TOF). The charity league helped manage the facility until the late 1990s when Southern California Presbyterian Homes/ be.group was brought in to manage it for NCL.

Once the possible sale was announced, NCL took be.group to court in 2015 and the management and control of Twelve Oaks Lodge [senior living] was given back to NCL. Management was then transferred to TOF.

In 2020, TOF entered into an affiliation with the ECS that is headquartered in Monrovia.

"We're enthusiastic that this union will result in great synergies that allow for the enhancement of the Twelve Oaks community and the creation of more moderately priced housing and service options for seniors in the Glendale and

San Gabriel Valley areas," James Rothrock, president/CEO of EOC stated at the time. "Twelve Oaks and ECS are nonprofit senior living communities, which ensure that surplus resources are reinvested in their campuses."

The senior living facility has a rich history in Crescenta Valley. The property was originally owned by James and Effie Fifield, who were from Minnesota but spent their winters in Crescenta Valley in a 13room house surrounded by oak trees on the property where Twelve Oaks stands today. The couple became involved with The International Sunshine Society, a charitable organization. The Fifields started a local chapter in the CV area and dreamed of turning their home into a low-cost living facility for the elderly. When James passed away in 1933, Effie began the process of donating the house and property to the Verdugo Hills Sunshine Society. That was completed in 1935. The cottages on the grounds were built by Sunshine Society volunteers. Later The Sunshine Society merged with the Glendale National Charity League.

The new construction is nothing like what residents and neighbors feared with the mid-2000 proposal. The EOC plans to rebuild Twelve Oaks Senior Living to update the facility and expand the capacity for

"It is all positive," Gatto said.

GPD Searching for Additional Victims After Child Abuse Suspect is Arrested

On Wednesday, Aug. 21 Glendale Police Dept. detectives for those charges and the arrested Stephen Nathanial Risdon (aka Nate or Nathan) for three counts of lewd acts with a for any additional victims of minor. The incidents occurred in 2015 and 2016 and involved three elementary-school-aged

Risdon is currently in custody related to Glendale Police

Dept. is actively searching similar crimes committed by

The Glendale Police Dept. is to a GPD spokesman. urging anyone with information

the identification of additional victims to contact Glendale Police Assaults detectives at (818) 548-3106.

The suspect is not connected to any school system, according

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Obituary Alfred Terry Sexton



Alfred Terry Sexton passed away on Monday, July 29 in Sunland at the age of 86.

Terry, as he was known, was born in Virginia, had a great love for the Lord, and was a postal carrier in the Sunland-Tujunga area for 35 years. He had a sense of humor that brought smiles to those around him. He will be greatly missed.

Terry is survived by his children and grandchildren. The graveside service and burial will be held at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Sylmar.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Akes Family Funeral Home in Riverside.

Correction

In the Aug. 22 article "Council the street referenced should Okays Plans for Rockhaven," have been Pleasure Way.

Correction

In the Aug. 22 issue, photos Smith Toyota should have been of the Mike Smith event at Bob attributed to Donna Libra.

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Parent Ed Makes Donation to The Oasis of Hollywood

On July 29, LCPC Parent Education presented a check for \$12,314 to the executive and program directors of The Oasis of Hollywood. In keeping with the Parent Ed founders' directives, LCPC Parent Ed tithes 10% of its fundraising proceeds to a non-profit organization that supports children and families. The Parent Ed board voted on The Oasis of Hollywood as its 2024 tithe recipient for the year.

The Oasis of Hollywood is a multi-faceted, faithbased ministry in the heart of Hollywood that has been blessing families for 45 years. It is passionate about reaching and serving the next generation and its families by resources that God has given. and Oasis Youth and grocery The Oasis serves as a haven



meeting spiritual and practical It provides several weekly delivery to families and grocery of hope in the community of needs and fully utilizing the outreaches including Kidz Klub outreach to local neighbors. Hollywood. Anyone who would

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Update on Murder Charges for La Crescenta Man on Trial

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Aug. 22 a competency hearing for La Crescenta resident Vahan Keshishyan was held in the Hollywood Courthouse, Superior Court of California, County of Los

He was not present inside medication and

Keshishyan "is not presently continues to be held in Twin who was working as a pool man mentally competent to stand Towers Correctional Facility at a La Crescenta residence. trial."

remain adjourned until Aug. recommendation hearing for the LA Coroner's Office. 22, 2025.

court found

the courtroom. The court found treated while in custody. He murdered Ordean Neva, 63, on a \$2,020,000 bail. The The victim died of "multiple The criminal proceedings court has set a placement sharp injuries," according to

Keshishyan needs psychotropic District Attorney's Office, on according to a Glendale police will be Feb. 14 the suspect allegedly spokesman.

The weapon allegedly used According to the LA County by Keshishyan was a machete,

Suspicious Activity – on the Ground and in the Air

By Mary O'KEEFE

Over the weekend a very highflying drone was seen over a Crescenta Valley neighborhood. It looked like a bird but was at an extreme altitude. With the surge of residential burglaries LA throughout County, he said. including the recent burglaries Palisades and Westwood, police aware of this tactic. have warned residents to be aware of suspicious behavior including being on the lookout and more technology including for drones, according to reports.

Drones have not been used surveillance footage. in burglaries in the area, according to Sgt. Retamoza will surveil a house for four, or of the vehicle descriptions and of LA County Sheriff's Dept. more, days to look for patterns license plates. Crescenta Valley Station.

"Drones being used is not [something] I have heard here ways for residents to protect neighborhoods. but it would not surprise me,"

in the areas of West Los Angeles drones used in any residential windows and doors, prior to video or audio recordings of including Brentwood, Pacific burglaries in their area but are leaving. 2. Install motion lights individuals engaging in

> Retamoza burglary crews are using more jammers that affect home

"Sometimes we see [burglars] of the residents," he added.

LASD does have a list of any themselves and their property from burglary including: 1. 1708:8 prohibits the use of Glendale police have not seen Always lock your residence - drones to capture images, around your property. 3. Be a private activities without their good neighbor and observer; consent. Operating a drone over report all suspicious activity someone's property without [about] trespassers, no matter permission may be considered how insignificant it might trespassing.

seem. 4. Be aware of suspicious vehicles and persons. Take note

And now be aware of flying over drones

California Civil Code Section

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the trees. There are also complaints that subcontractors who conduct the trimming tell residents, "This will be the last for a while" yet the next day another subcontractor contacts residents informing them of more "needed" trimming. In addition there is the practice of trimming only the part of the tree that is near the utility wires, which often creates trees with an "L" shape. In at least one case this caused the tree to be top heavy. It began to lean, which caused the root system to move closer

to the surface, causing cracks in a nearby wall.

For its part, SCE feels it is following the protocols notifying residents of upcoming tree trimming and is doing the trimming in accordance to the California ordinance.

"At Southern California Edison, the safety of our customers, employees and communities is our number one priority, and managing vegetation around equipment is one of the ways we help mitigate the potential risk of a significant wildfire. We

take the health and well-being of each tree seriously when considering the best way to keep them a safe distance from high voltage power lines and other electrical equipment," said Reggie Kumar, SCE spokesman, in a previous CVW interview. "Recently, contractorsperforming tree maintenance with overhanging branches that posed a significant risk to power lines. It is our practice to communicate with property owners regularly when we perform vegetation work on

their property. We understand some customers have concerns about this type of work but it is important to maintaining the safety and reliability of our system. We encourage all our customers to schedule an inspection by calling SCE at 800-655-4555 if they have concerns about vegetation near power lines."

SCEwillhaverepresentatives at Tuesday night's meeting who can answer questions from the public.



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Commerce has no official plans to honor the day, the board members hope that conversations surrounding 9/11 and its effect on America will continue to take place, both at home and in classrooms. Pierce hopes that students born after 2001 will ask those who do remember that day to share their stories.

Pierce's takeaway from the 9/11 event is that being an American can be a uniting force.

"We may disagree with each other, we may get into arguments with one another over political matters or religious matters," he said, "but when it comes to our country being attacked, we all pitch in and work together as one."

The kindness Pierce experienced went beyond America as he and his were traveling in Germany when the news broke of the attack. Empathetic Germans looked after the Pierce family in the midst of their uncertainty.

Pierce said, "Everyone has their moments when they suffer, but we're all human so we all reach out to each other."

CV Weekly contacted various agencies to find out how 9/11/01 will be remembered. Each of the Glendale Fire Dept. stations will be hosting small remembrance ceremonies starting at 6 a.m. involving flags and a moment of silence.

Verdugo Fire Communications will be reciting a message to all 13 agencies via radio.

At 7:15 a.m. GFD and GPD will be hosting a small remembrance ceremony in front of the police department's memorial at 131 N. Isabel St. in Glendale. There will be a short program featuring the honor guard and ringing of bells. Also, GFD will have a truck in front displaying a flag. The ceremony will conclude before 8 a.m.

LA County Fire Dept. has not announced any memorials as of press time.

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Curtis Brown agreed. "Coming out of my driveway is nothing less than a nightmare and I can only imagine what it's like for the kids and cyclists. I have a preteen who enjoys riding her bike and every time she leaves I'm terrified for her safety. I urge you to put in the bike lanes and slow traffic down. Turn our street into a street instead of the speedway it is now," he said.

Several children spoke in favor of the street reconfiguration.

"I fully support efforts to slow down traffic and I'm in favor of bicycle safety," local realtor Susan Broussalian addressed the Council. "However, I'm opposed to removing traffic lanes."

The Council was told there had been no outreach "above Honolulu Avenue."

"I respectfully disagree with the Fremont mother," said one speaker. "It's a 100-yearold road." The speaker also indicated that he would support the plans without the removal of traffic lanes.

At a special council meeting held earlier on Tuesday, members heard a briefing on the impact on the Supreme Court's ruling on homeless people "camping" in the area. City attorney Aaron Israel detailed the history and context of the ruling.

Martin v. City of Boise was decided by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2018 and ruled that "punishing the unhoused for sleeping in public when they have no alternatives effectively criminalizes homelessness and is a violation of cruel and unusual punishment (the 8th amendment to the U.S. Constitution)." That decision invalidated Glendale's ordinance prohibiting "public camping."

Johnson v. City of Grants Pass (9th Circuit, 2023) reaffirmed Martin until the Supreme Court reversed it on a vote of 6-3 earlier this year making GMC §9.28.030 enforceable.

In July 2024, California governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order directing state authorities to develop policies for the removal of encampments from state property and also "encouraged" local authorities to develop consistent policies.

City staff detailed the extensive services the city provides to address homelessness through three private agencies.

Responding to questions from the Council, senior city attorney Aaron Israel reiterated that "Johnson v. Grants Pass did away with that requirement – the city need not provide shelter before enforcing its unlawful camping ordinance."

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian emphasized the importance of reclaiming public spaces, noting that homelessness is a regional crisis.

Councilmember Najarian wants to enforce the existing ordinance, perhaps adding a prohibition against daytime camping.

Also at the special council meeting staff provided an update of sidewalk vending regulations and enforcement efforts.

In 2018, SB 946 was passed by the state legislature. Called the "Safe Sidewalk Vending Act," the measure decriminalized violations of local sidewalk vending regulations and severely limited the way cities enforce these rules.

"Community animus or economic competition is not an objective health, safety or welfare concern," the state law dictates. Local agencies may limit vending, but violations are punishable only by administrative fines. Failure to pay fines is not punishable as an infraction or a misdemeanor. Fine amounts are capped by the legislation and vendors are entitled to ability-to-pay determinations as well.

So far in 2024, 41 locations have been checked for illegal or improper street vending, resulting in enforcement actions in 15 instances. There are currently five active licenses issued for street vending in Glendale.

"There seems to be a double standard between rules for brick-and-mortar establishments and sidewalk vendors," Councilmember Kassakhian said, questioning practices such as using a cooler for meat. "I'm okay with food pods like they have in Portland or the 626 night markets. What I am not fine with is the absolute chaos and bedlam of having vendors all over the city selling all sorts of things, whether it be produce out of the back of a pickup truck or taking up the street and not allowing free passage."

Councilmember Najarian bemoaned the law.

"It's a terrible law and it is written in a very detailed manner which gives cities very little room to maneuver," he said. He expressed concern that the city's "Sacramento lobbyists" failed to highlight the law as it was pending. "I don't think we can take property – we're limited to administrative remedies. Unless there is some legislation involved, I think we're stuck."

At the beginning of the Council's evening meeting, Valley View Elementary School student Christopher Ratavousian was recognized and commended for placing second in the first round of the prestigious international music competition, Music Through the Centuries. Next July Ratavousian will go to France to compete in the next round of the competition.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. the Glendale Police Dept. will share its annual report on the use of specialized equipment at a meeting in the Rick Reyes Community Room of the Glendale Police Station, 131 N. Isabel St.





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access to safe and reliable water is a top priority. This is a bipartisan belief, according to the U.S. Water Alliance.

Nationally, A Day Without Water is being held on Oct. 17; however, locally Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) will be holding an event on Sept. 28.

The day is set aside for people to think about what it would be like without water – to consider not only on a personal level, like bathing or washing clothes, but on a broader scale what would happen if, for example, there was a fire and no water was available.

Some may think this is a scenario that simply wouldn't occur; however, this is a real threat and something people know well who have lived through wildfires and floods when water is cut off.

CVWD will be holding A Day Without Water event on Sept. 28 at the Judy Tejeda Reservoir at 4745 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In addition CVWD is inviting middle and high school students to join is hosting a science fiction writing contest to spotlight what life would be like without water.

"The year is 2050. La Crescenta and the American West face an unprecedented crisis: the complete depletion of fresh water. What does life look like in your community when water becomes the most precious and scarce resource?

How do people adapt, survive and find new ways to thrive?" states the CVWD website in regard to the contest.

You can go to https://tinyurl.com/37b2ernv for details on the requirements. The top prize is a \$100 gift card, second is a \$50 gift card and third place will receive a \$20 gift card. Submissions will be accepted from now until Sept. 15.

We will see a slight uptick in cooler temperatures in the coming days. We will go from the upper 80s to the low 90s over the weekend and then trending upward next week with Tuesday expected at 96 degrees. The skies are expected to stay clear and the evenings will continue to be cool in the mid to upper 60s.

VIEWPOINTS

VIEW FROM THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

KKK Rallies in Glendale in 1924

in the south after the American Park for a picnic followed by Civil War, a reaction against northern governance. But it had a resurgence on a broader scale in the 1920s. It was surprisingly kicked off by Hollywood with the Boulevard for a dramatic nighttime 1915 release of the immensely popular film "Birth of a Nation" by director D. W. Griffith. The overtly racist film glorified the Ku Klux robed men and women marched, Klan of the post-Civil War era and inspired the formation of a new Ku Klux Klan. The White supremist group was popular not only in the southern states but in the north and the western states as well. Glendale had its own chapter of the KKK (called a "klavern") with thousands of members. In the summer of 1924, 100 years ago, it organized a huge two-day rally that included other klaverns from the was played by the Klan's own band, Los Angeles area.

On July 12, 1924 thousands of four hooded Klansmen carried

The Ku Klux Klan had its origins Klansmen gathered in Verdugo the American flag to a huge cross, baseball games between the various Los Angeles area klaverns. At twilight the Klansmen gathered at the south end of Brand parade. Preceded by Klansmen on horseback and Klansmen carrying a fiery cross, columns of whitetheir arms folded and eyes straight ahead. The column continued into the hills above Glendale (possibly the Rossmoyne neighborhood or the hills behind Glendale College) to gather for a solemn ceremony. They were followed by thousands of spectators. The crowd gathered pre-positioned around two spotlights.

> The song "America The Beautiful" followed by a Klan anthem. Then

which burst into flame. Hundreds of Klansmen marched to the flag and cross singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and formed a huge square. In the center was an altar on which stood the "Nighthawk," a black-robed Klansman, who along with the head Klansman, called the "Grand Cyclops," conducted a ritual to admit new members to the Klan. Three hundred "worthy aliens" (those seeking "citizenship in the Invisible Empire") came forward and swore their obligation "to God, their government and their fellow Klansmen." This ended the ritual.

The following day, the thousands of Klansmen gathered for a lecture by a prominent Los Angeles minister and that night they visited several Glendale churches.

A Glendale newspaper, in what I hope was just an opinion piece, lauded the KKK, calling the

members the "white-clad knights of the Klan while a massive crowd liberty." It further named the KKK of 15,000 Glendalians looked on. as "ardent supporters of the law and order, based on the belief that Caucasian American stock should be the dominating power in the United States."

Two months later, Leslie Brand hosted a second rally at his private airport in front of his house (today's Brand Library). In September 1924, 3,000 white-robed members of the Glendale Klavern gathered at Central and Colorado in downtown Glendale for another nighttime march up Brand Boulevard. They were preceded by a squad carrying the American flag and they sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" as they marched. When they reached the top of Brand they piled into cars for the ride over to Brand's estate.

There, under a flaming cross and two bright searchlights, 350 "worthy aliens" were initiated into A center altar displayed the seven symbols of the Ku Klux Klan: the Bible, the fiery cross, the American flag, an unsheathed sword, an urn of water, a Klansman's robe, and the white Klan hood. The ceremony wrapped up with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

In the mid-20s, the KKK was very popular across the U.S., with an estimated membership of up to 8 million. But the KKK began to splinter with internal divisions by the late 1920s. That, along with a highly publicized 1925 conviction of a Klan leader for a brutal rape and murder, caused the KKK to fade away in the 1930s, both in the U.S. and in Glendale.

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NEWS FROM THE CVWD » JAMES LEE

Dear Community,

Without Water?

Most of us probably don't make it a habit of imagining our homes as campsites. As a public utility, it's a part of the daily mission of CVWD to ensure safe, reliable water under any circumstance including emergencies like fires, earthquakes, high winds and other disasters. Our vision is to preserve our sources of water, pursue additional sources of water, keep water quality a constant priority and maintain pipes, wells

and pumps to deliver water and Have you ever imagined a Day collect wastewater. We also plan and coordinate with other first responders to eliminate or minimize interruption of this resource that is essential for human life.

> Come join us on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. for our Imagine a Day Without Water event at the Judy Tejeda Reservoir next to Rosemont Middle School. You'll be able to fill jugs with water to demonstrate what it may look like to visit your neighboring reservoir site to receive potable

water in the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake that has severed pipelines connecting your home to the distribution system. We will have a short program with local civic leaders about emergency preparedness starting at 9:30 a.m.

We will also highlight an innovative approach to fire management in partnership with LA County Fire Dept. and the department's regional strategic plan to drastically augment firefighting capabilities. Part of our responsibility as a water purveyor is to ensure water supply and pressure for fire hydrants, fire engines and air operations, particularly in a very high fire danger area such as ours. The partnership has planned for and is installing hardware that will significantly alter fire management for our community and region (because fires aren't interested in administrative boundaries) by reducing the time between water drops for air operations for the county and other assisting agencies providing the mutual aid that's standard for major events such as

the Station Fire.

And who else is helping us think critically about the future and the challenges we may face? Looking into the future calls for those inheriting the future to have a seat at the table. Thank you to those middle and high school students who've sent their submissions for our science fiction writing contest (accepting entries through Sept. 15). We will feature the winning entries during our event and also in a later edition of this paper.

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YOUTH/SPORTS

Welcoming Students to School at Cerritos Elementary



ABOVE: Betsy Hart, president and CEO of Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, presented students and staff at Cerritos Elementary School with welcome gifts.

BELOW: Betsy Hart with Diana Hill, Cerritos Elementary School



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Leaders from Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) visited Cerritos Elementary School to support staff members in welcoming students back to school. GMHHC brought along special gifts to inspire enthusiasm and positivity as the students start the new academic year.

PET OF THE WEEK

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» FIRST PERSON ACCOUNT

Earning the Gold Award

By Claire KOUKEYAN

he Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve and I had the

opportunity to earn it with the support of the First United Methodist

My name is Claire Koukeyan and my journey as a Girl Scout began in kindergarten. Being a Girl Scout is a unique experience from learning people skills and goal-setting to selling cookies outside of Vons and learning outdoor skills such as setting up a campsite and cooking with limited resources.

For over 11 years, I have built strong friendships in my troop and gained confidence in my ability to achieve anything I set my mind to. These experiences have shaped me; the lessons and impact I've made will stay with me throughout my life.

I've long been interested in nutrition and helping those affected by poverty. At First United Methodist Church, I provided demonstrations on three consecutive Tuesdays at their food pantry and informed their clients of various recipes through pamphlets I developed with the help of my project advisor's expertise in nutrition. These contained four simple, healthy recipes

including yogurt parfait, chili quesadilla, tuna salad and spaghetti a la Vienna. While waiting to acquire their items, clients enjoyed samples of these recipes each week and many were inspired by the variety of recipes they could create. The chili quesadilla samples were so popular that clients returned for seconds and thirds, particularly enjoying the avocado on

The process of creating pamphlets and samples for my target audience was deeply gratifying. I heard people's stories about their planned travels by foot from Pasadena to Monterey and how the recipes would help reduce food waste of commonly distributed



Photos provided by Claire KOUKEYAN

ABOVE: Claire Koukeyan prepares samples of the nutritious recipes she created for clients of the First United Methodist Church food bank.

BELOW: Samples of the yogurt parfait that clients can make with items obtained at



items such as canned tuna.

neighborhood food drive to procure helping others not only impacts their donations through social media to lives but enriches my own.

bring awareness to the program and Additionally, I contributed to its impact. The experience was eyethe program by organizing a opening and led me to realize that

Local Fire Station Benefits from Eagle Project

Honoring the bravery and Glendale Fire Dept. service of firefighters, local Scout chief Greg Fish guided Alexzander Awni (right) built a him to the Park and memorial garden at fire station 29 as his Eagle Scout Service Project.

He estimated a budget of \$9,000 to complete the garden, which included installing a memorial granite stone and landscaping at the front of the

"I learned the significance of communication [and] follow up and the importance of availability," he said of the project in a write-up that he submitted.

To gain support and funding for the project, he attended City of Glendale events and met with local officials and business events. He learned, however, that his efforts weren't enough. He discovered that navigating city hall's bureaucracy, licensing and permits became a "logistical challenge."

 ${\rm ``Ilearned\,the\,value\,of\,collaboration''}$ and seeking help," he wrote.

Recreation Dept. This ensured compliance with city codes and provided plants that are now the model for the city's upcoming beautification projects.

"My service project taught me valuable lessons: working with diverse people, collaborating with city leaders, navigating bureaucratic processes, negotiating contractors, my fellow leading Scouts and building community

relationships," he wrote. "Learning from successes and challenges, I strive to improve and grow."



He now Penn State University aerospace engineering.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Senator Portantino Honored

Anthony Portantino was honored amazing recognition." California School Employees Association (CSEA) for his leadership and Conference in San Jose.

support our public education based to enrollment based. Both system and our classified school employees. From bus drivers to office staff and maintenance workers to a myriad of campus public school graduates. jobs, these dedicated people do so much to make our schools Association is the largest function efficiently," said Senator classified school employee union Portantino. "I have worked closely with CSEA to advocate for a more nearly 250,000 school support equitable school funding system and better campus conditions for

J. humbled to have received this

Senator Portantino has been working closely with CSEA to push forward policies that benefit support of public education. The classified employees, students Senator of the Year Award was and communities, including SB presented to the senator during 98. The measure, authored by the organization's 2024 Annual the senator, seeks to change and modernize California's school "I have always been proud to funding formula from attendance of Senator Portantino's children attended public schools and the senator and his spouse are also

The California School Employees in the United States, representing staff throughout California. CSEA was formed in 1927 and continues with 800 local chapters throughout is the organization's biggest event, from across the state to set the students, faculty and staff. I am to thrive as a member-run union California. The annual conference during which delegates gather course for CSEA's future.



Registration Open for Fall Parent Express Classes

Cañada Church's Parent Ed program is now registering for the popular and faculty in residence at USC. Parent Express classes The Art by Teresa Chiu.

The Art of Fatherhood will meet on Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. with an optional dinner of pizza and beer at 6:15 p.m. Class how technology impacts families. Together, participants explore practical advice on how to manage the challenges related to technology that contribute to support and education. strained relationships, anxiety, of Intercultural Ministries Paul young adults. LCPC Parent Ed

Presbyterian Song and Dr. Broderick Leaks, an associate professor of psychiatry

The Art of Marriage will meet of Fatherhood, led by Matt Allen, on Sunday nights beginning David Lamb, Ron Chiu and Robert Oct. 6 from 4:30-6 p.m. at La Cha and The Art of Marriage led Cañada Presbyterian Church. Led by life and relationship coach Teresa Chiu, The Art of Marriage is a fun and educational four-week coaching group for couples looking to deepen their relationships. Participants will will meet at a private residence leave with new knowledge, tools in La Cañada. In this session, and strategies to deepen their participants will be diving into connection, communication and Jonathan Haidt's new book "The intimacy. This class provides Anxious Generation" and tackling a safe and supportive space for singles and couples on this journey to build healthy and fulfilling relationships, authentic connection with other couples,

In its 46th year of helping addiction. families thrive, LCPC Parent Class facilitators have lined up Ed offers classes for parents speakers including LCPC pastor and grandparents of babies to



offers multiple classes including online options and three evening Parent Express classes. Its reputable program provides quality education, friendships and community. The program attracts

over 500 participants from greater available. Los Angeles. Go to lacanadapc. descriptions, online registration La Cañada. and more. Scholarships, payment plans and affordable childcare are

La Cañada Presbyterian Church org/parented for class listings and is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. in

> Written and submitted by Amanda BAUGHMAN

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Who Pays For Additional Inspections?

estate advice. My daughter's home that there was about \$6,000 in is listed for sale. After the buyer recommended seismic repairs. did their general inspection, the After discussing with her real general inspector and the termite estate agent, my daughter agreed company both had some concerns about the foundation and advised the buyer to get a foundation inspection. My daughter's agent recommended that my daughter obtain a seismic inspection from her suggested company.

I am a loyal reader of your real inspection report, which indicated inspections? they are scheduled to close escrow.

My daughter paid \$350 for the but who usually pays for additional course of more than 30 years of was a smart move on her agent's

Denise

Dear Denise,

Thank you for your readership to credit the buyer the \$6,000, and and your question! You are correct that typically the buyer pays for I am simply curious why, as additional inspections, such as the seller, my daughter should a fireplace, termite, sewer, etc. pay for the buyer's inspection. I However, not being privy to all of thought the buyer paid for their the details of your daughter's sale, inspections. It's not a lot of money I can surmise one thing. Over the

new buyer. It seems your daughter's she got a recommendation from a reputable company she had previously done business with. This

selling real estate, I have learned part. In my experience, I have that some seismic inspectors really seen estimates range from \$14,000 go to the extreme. If the buyers to \$80,000 for the same house. I were to select a company that think your daughter's agent gave would inflate the repairs and then her very sound advice by seeking the buyer cancel escrow, that report out a reputable seismic company would need to be disclosed to any to prepare an estimate. The \$350 spent may have likely saved your real estate agent wanted to ensure daughter thousands - if not tens of thousands – of dollars.

Best regards,

Phyllis



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People Making News

Rochester Institute of Technology conferred nearly 4,500 degrees at all of its campuses in the 2023-24 academic year.

Daniel Di Paolo of Glendale (91208) received a BS in packaging science and Brennan Cohen of La Cañada Flintridge received a BS in biotechnology and molecular bioscience.

Founded in 1829, Rochester Institute of Technology enrolls more than 20,500 students in 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the

With 145,000 alumni worldwide, the university is internationally recognized and ranked for its leadership in technology, the arts and design. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai, and Kosovo.

Sydney Parucci of Glendale has been named to the dean's list for the 2024 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's list students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England Maine's largest private university, with two coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-akind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. UNE is the state's top provider of health professionals and home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. Visit une.

Graceland University announced the spring 2024 graduation list. Graduates from around the country and the world have been recognized for earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Graceland University between Dec. 14, 2023 and April 28, 2024.

Damaris Guardado of La Crescenta graduated with a Master of Science in nursing (psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner).

Founded in 1895 and sponsored by Community of Christ, Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa has campuses in Lamoni, Iowa and Independence, Missouri.

For more information and to see additional student achievements, visit www.graceland.edu.

Rosario LeBrun of Tujunga was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. LeBrun was initiated at California State University, Northridge.

LeBrun is among approximately 25,000 students, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897. Today, the Society has

in the marine sciences, the natural chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines.

> Anna Heur was named to the Siena College president's list for the spring 2024 semester. Heur is from La Cañada Flintridge.

> The president's list requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

> Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 43 degree programs, 80plus minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A studentto-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education for a lifetime.

Sarah Hansen from Glendale, who is majoring in Chinese and psychology, made the spring 2024 dean's list at St. Olaf College. The dean's list is a scholarly award for students who demonstrate academic excellence, have earned a GPA of 3.75 or above, and completed at least three credits for that semester.

Located on 300 Northfield, Minnesota, St. Olaf College is a residential liberal arts institution with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students offering over 85 undergraduate majors, concentrations and pre-professional tracks. Of recent graduates 98% are employed, in graduate school, or engaged in full-time service work. St. Olaf is committed to meeting the demonstrated financial needs of every student with 98% of students receiving scholarships or grants.

St. Olaf is an Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ECLA)-affiliated

Visit stolaf.edu.

Kaylei Ernster of La Crescenta was among those who received degrees from the University of Northern Colorado at the end of the spring 2024

Ernster received a master of arts in marriage/couples/family counseling.

Katherine Festen of La Crescenta was named to Purchase College's dean's list for the spring 2024 semester. Festen is studying theatre and performance, anthropology. Purchase College is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) network of 64 universities and colleges.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programs and 3.75 for Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music Performance programs. They must take a minimum of 12 credits.

Making a Lasting Impact

The YMCA of the Foothills announced that Ballmer Group has invested \$20 million over three years to nine YMCAs in LA County, empowering the facilities to expand their capacity to serve low-income youth through innovative out-of-school programming.

"With this life-changing gift from the Ballmer Group, our Y will have the opportunity to serve the most overlooked and marginalized youth populations within our service area," said Vince Iuculano, CEO of the YMCA of the Foothills.

The collective mission of the

Y is to create safe, nurturing environments where young people can thrive. It offers diverse enrichment programs designed to foster personal growth, academic success and social-emotional development. By collectively investing in youth, the Y is not just changing individual lives - it is strengthening the fabric of the entire LA County region.

"The full belief and trust that the Ballmer Group has in our Y," stated Greg Grande, board chair of the YMCA of the Foothills, "to deploy this \$150,000 grant through programs, services and positive experiences for youth and teens speaks to the great work we have done over our 66-year history and enables us to make a deeper impact on our entire community."

The three-year partnership with Ballmer Group and the California State Alliance of YMCAs exemplifies the power of strategic collaboration to address complex social challenges. Through mentorship, educational support and character-building activities, the Y is instilling values that will shape the next generation of responsible, compassionate, and civic-minded adults.

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



Charlotte and Teddi Giagni took along the CV Weekly when traveling with their family to Niagara Falls, Canada.

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next rip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

LCWC Presents its September Program: 'The Way of the Musician'



On Sept. 11, the La Crescenta Woman's Club will kick off its new year with Emmy nominated Gary Stockdale who will engage the audience with his voice, charming original compositions and alltime favorite song including "Moon River."

The community is invited to have some fun singing great tunes and remembering 9/11 with a tribute to America. Social at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. with the Club's new presidents, Mary and Carol, followed by Stockdale at approximately 11 a.m.

Call Betsy Mortimer (818) 427-5658 for luncheon reservations.

TRAVEL & LEISURE

'A Woman Named Gloria' Coming to Casa 0101 Theater

artistic director Josefina Lopez, directed by Corky Dominguez and starring actress Karla Ojeda as Gloria Molina.

"A Woman Named Gloria" will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m. beginning Aug. 30 and continuing through Oct. 6 in the Gloria Molina Auditorium at CASA 0101 Theater, 2102 E. First St. (at St. Louis Street) in Los Angeles.

In "A Woman Named Gloria" the spirit of Gloria Molina appears to a young woman who is grappling with a personal crisis that will affect her political career. She becomes enraptured by Molina's captivating tale - how she became a woman of firsts in a journey of resilience and defiance against adversity, tracing her path to become a Chicana trailblazer, civic leader and the first Latina elected to three political offices. Through Molina's recounting, she seeks to ignite a spark of inspiration in the young woman's heart to create her own legacy. The play is also a tribute to the life and achievements of Gloria Molina.

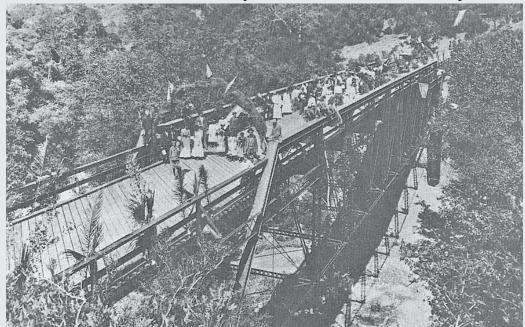
Tickets for the six-week run of "A Woman Named Gloria" are \$25 per person for general

ASA 0101 Theater will present the admission; \$22 per person for students and world premiere production of "A seniors 60+ and \$20 per person for Boyle Heights Woman Named Gloria" by founding residents and groups of 20 of more. This show is recommended for all audiences. Advance reservations are highly recommended. For tickets, call the CASA 0101 Theater box office at (323) 263-7684, email tickets@casa0101.org, or buy online at www.casa0101.org.

> On Thursday evening, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m., in observance of the 54th anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium, a new mural of Gloria Molina created by artist Margaret Garcia, which was commissioned by CASA 0101 Theater, will be officially unveiled at a dedication ceremony in Boyle Heights. The event is free and will be open to the general public to attend. During the dedication ceremony elected officials, members of Gloria Molina's family and other VIPs will speak about the significance of the day.

> Five question and answer talk back panel discussions will be held on different topics following the Sunday matinee performances on Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

THEN & NOW Arroyo Bridge Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN: The Arroyo Seco was a problematic barrier for wagon traffic between Pasadena and the fledgling Crescenta Valley. Wagons had to make their way to the bottom of the deep canyon, ford the stream, and climb back up the other canyon face. When this steel bridge opened in May 1893, it was a major event. The bridge was decorated with palm fronds and vucca blossoms, and a party took place on the wooden boards of the bridge



NOW: The 210 Freeway crosses the Arroyo at nearly the same spot today, providing the same important connection with Pasadena. This is the fourth bridge to be built at this location where the Arroyo narrows at Devil's Gate, so named for a big rock projecting into the canyon that resembled an evil looking face. Perhaps it's an apt name as during the construction of this freeway bridge in the '70s the scaffolding collapsed twice, killing a total of six workers.

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JUST FOR FUN

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon; however, the club is dark on Friday, Aug. 30 in observance of Labor Day. The LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE club will next meet on Sept. 6 when guest speaker Josefina Lopez, Curves," gives a presentation.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Classes are and program, is \$20. All are from 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and welcome.

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

There is live music every in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

refreshments Light water are provided along with socialization and information from Pasadena fire and Police

about other park activities.

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

Sets in Steps Square Dance Club offers 13-week classes on author of "Real Women Have modern square dancing. The first two classes are free!

> The next 13-week course begins CANASTA IS CALLING are held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (new location).

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

FAIR

The Pasadena Kiwanis Club Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon is having a public safety fair on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The community is invited to the Salvation Army campus and parking lot to learn about safety

Dept. representatives. Free food and drinks! Door prize! Free kids safety bike helmets and protection pad kits. Crescenta Valley High School Falkon Robotics will bring some robots to share with families.

Salvation Army is located at 960 E. Walnut St. in Pasadena.

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

WEEKEND OF FUN AT LOL

Our Lady of Lourdes School is having a Family Fun Days carnival on Friday, Sept. 6 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 8 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the school, 7324 Apperson St. in Tujunga.

> Free admission; food,

> > 8.29.24

beverages and games available for purchase.

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Community Center auditorium. There will be passed hors d'oeuvres, an open bar with signaturecocktailsandaliveband. For tickets, visit https://secure. qgiv.com/for/fundraisingevents/ event/75thanniversary/.

The 31stAnnual Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive summer sale continues through Aug. 31. Adults and teens are \$20, children are \$10. Save money and take advantage of this sale.

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

EISENBERG TO PRESENT AT SIERRA CLUB

Join the Crescenta Valley Group of the Sierra Club on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library when David Eisenberg presents his favorite shots from his three-month trip earlier this year in the South Pacific. He traveled through Polynesia, around Australia and along New Zealand's eastern coast. See a sampling of the 43 ports in these locations!

The La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta. The community room entrance is at accessible from the rear parking lot off La Crescenta Avenue.

RICH LITTLE TO APPEAR AT LAUGH FACTORY **COVINA**

Legendary impressionist Rich Little is bringing his popular, long-running Las Vegas show to The Laugh Factory in Covina in a see CALENDAR THIS on page 16

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

August 26, 2024 - September 1, 2024

ARIES March 21 - April 19

If you've been working hard lately, allow your family to help out. Tell them that you'd appreciate it if they could help you relax and take some time off. Once you've had a chance to recuperate, you'll be much better company. Keep up your exercise in order to release tension and stay fit.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

If you're on vacation, you may want to take a break from dieting and sticking to a rigid exercise routine. Time away from this schedule will allow you to relax and consolidate your efforts. It gives your body a chance to recuperate. Stick to easy activities like swimming or walking. You can start the routine again when you return home.

★★ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

If you're feeling emotionally and physically toxic, it's time to take a couple days to look after yourself. Even though you're busy, it's a good idea to eat simple foods that will help cleanse your system. Let go of ongoing issues that may be clogging your emotional self. Doing so will give you a sense of lightness and energy. It's worth the effort!

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You may now be feeling better than you have in some time. It looks like you'll be doing a lot of socializing. If that's the case, look after yourself. Try not to go overboard with too much alcohol. as you're very sensitive to all kinds of influences. Stick with water or fruit juice to stay at the peak of health.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You love good food and wine, but don't let all your hard work go to waste. If you've managed to lose pounds over recent months in your bid to get as healthy as you can, don't spoil your efforts. Relax a little, but not too much. Limit yourself to a few luxuries, but don't go to extremes. The middle way is best if you want to stay fit.

🚵 VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It's important that you pace yourself over the days ahead. Don't try to cram too much into a short space of time. It helps to delegate some of your work to others in order to avoid stress and nervous tension. Take the time to enjoy a relaxing massage, meditate, or go for a yoga session.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You may need to find other ways to recharge your batteries now. It's important that you not burn yourself out. If you do, you'll find it hard to function in your daily life. Think about taking up a practice like tai chi. It can help dissolve blockages and allow your energy to flow more harmoniously. You'll feel renewed.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 € 100 ×

The coming days are especially positive. They will help foster your relaxation. You may also benefit from talking about any difficult issues that may be having a negative effect on your body. It helps to release toxic emotions regularly. Doing so will have a more profound effect on your overall well-being than you may realize.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Now more than ever you need to be firm

in your resolve. This is especially the case if you're going to be doing a lot of socializing. If your diet has been going well, you don't want to put the pounds back on. Try to avoid rich, tempting foods and stick with the nutritious choices instead.

A CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 You may need to take extra care of your

health now, since you could be feeling burned out. Think about taking vitamins and minerals on a regular basis in order to boost your immune system and keep strong and fit. Rather than eating too much rich food, stick with simple, nutritious meals. You'll feel much better if you do.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 Why not treat yourself to a couple

days at a spa? Give yourself a chance to enjoy the luxury of deep relaxation. Allow those knotted muscles to release and let go of any stress and tension that may be keeping you from being as efficient as you'd like to be. If you do this for yourself, you'll be in the perfect frame of mind to give to others.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

One of the things you can do for yourself over the coming days is a luxurious aromatherapy treatment. Allow the scent of lavender, rose, or sandalwood to relax and seduce you on every level. This will do more than heal your body. Aromatherapy oils are also excellent for healing the mind and easing you into a restful night's sleep.

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



ACROSS

- 1) "And another thing ..."
- 5) Clay pigeon tosser 9) Drive forward
- 14) Pro Football Hall of Famer
- 15) Aboriginal Japanese
- 16) Oniony breakfast roll
- 17) First Mickey Mouse cartoon
- 20) Imprints, as in memory
- 21) Cowboy carnival 22) It might rock your world
- 23) The Buckeye State
- 25) "Welcome" bearer
- 28) Toronto-to-D.C. heading
- one's time (waited)
- 31) Volleyball smash
- 33) Baseball miscue 34) Kid in a 1985 Donner flick
- 35) Flying vehicle

- 38) Backless sofas
- 39) Arab prince (Var.)
- 40) British pop star
- 41) Old French money
- 42) Andy Capp's missus
- 45) Female pronoun
- 46) This one and that one 47) Marooned, in a way
- 49) Animated Simpson
- 52) Clever
- 53) Spirited debates
- 57) Small needle-and-scissor cases
- 58) First or second, on a car
- __ out a living
- 60) Joe of the Eagles
- 61) Icelandic epic
- 62) Vega's constellation

INFLAMED By Ella G. Rose

- **DOWN**
- 1) Impose, as a tax Cappuccinos' cousins 3) Coins, collectively
- 4) Moonfish
- on (monitor) Keep
- de Janeiro
- 7) Santa _ winds
- 8) Foul-smelling
- ?" (auction query) 9) "What am 10) 5,280 feet
- 11) Type of horse 12) Connecticut collegian
- 13) Caustic cleaning chemical
- 18) Eardrum, e.g. 19) Try to date
- 23) "Phew!" inducer
- 24) President Hoover
- 26) Related 27) Driving range peg
- 30) Colored eye part
- 31) Bit of nonstandard grammar 32) Far from rich
- 33) And others, for short 34) "Glengarry Ross'
- 35) Try not to be found 36) Completely redo
- 37) Maidservant 38) Morse code dash
- 41) Search for provisions 42) Lackey
- 43) Scrabble unit 44) City on the Black Sea
- 46) Night spot 48) Girder material
- 50) Name on many elevators 51) Go well together
- 52) A psychic may sense it 53) Go chop-chop
- 54) Airport info, initially
- 55) Like many roses 56) about (roam)

see ANSWERS on page 16

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I ordered a nightstand from Amazon. Where is it?

Where's the nightstand Inna Zaychik ordered from Amazon? The company says it has been delivered, but she doesn't have it. Can she get a refund?

I ordered a nightstand on Amazon recently, but it was never delivered. I never even got a confirmation email that it was delivered or an image of the package.

An Amazon representative confirmed in an online chat that the delivery status was changed by mistake to "delivered." Yet an Amazon account specialist now claims that it was delivered and refuses to process a refund, despite the fact that the item is covered by an A-to-Z policy, which guarantees the buyer when buying items from a third-party seller.

I paid \$95 with an Amazon gift card so I can't dispute the charge. It's been three months and several

I ordered a nightstand emails, calls and chats with no result.

I would greatly appreciate your help with getting a refund for the item that was not delivered.

I would greatly appreciate your help with getting a refund for the item that was not delivered.

-Inna Zaychik, Suwanee, Georgia

A: Amazon should have delivered your nightstand as promised. And if it couldn't, it should have processed a prompt refund — or, in your case, returned the \$95 as an Amazon gift card.

Actually, I'm glad you brought that up. That's one of the problems with gift cards: You can't dispute a charge as you would with a credit card. It's just one of many reasons I recommend avoiding gift cards. Simply put, the company holds all the

cards. It can confiscate the money in them or expire the credit. And believe me, I've seen it all!

You kept an excellent paper trail with Amazon. The emails and online chats confirm your story. An Amazon supervisor insists it delivered your package. You asked for proof but Amazon could not send you anything other than an email that it had marked as "delivered." But you also had proof that Amazon made a mistake and had actually not delivered the night stand. How confusing.

Does Amazon's A-to-Z guarantee cover you? Yes, it does. The customer service guarantee specifically says it applies if you haven't received your package.

You did almost everything right. You documented all of your interactions with Amazon. You asked for proof of delivery. You might have also appealed to one of the Amazon customer service executives I publish on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott. org. (Amazon is not happy that I have emails for its executives but they sure come in handy if you have a problem with the company.)

A company should be able to provide you with proof of delivery. Sometimes that includes a picture of the parcel on your front door. At the very least, it's a tracking number through a third party like UPS or FedEx. You can't just take Amazon's word for it that it delivered your

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I contacted Amazon on your behalf. A representative emailed me shortly after that to say that your case had been resolved. He didn't say what had gone wrong, but I suspect your paper trail was convincing. Amazon returned the \$95 to your account. I would spend it quickly before the company changes its mind.

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special event on Sunday, Sept. 8. The multi-media program uses animation technology to depict Little's friends and colleagues like Sylvester Stallone, Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda. The venue is located at 104 N. Citrus Ave. in Covina. For more information call (626) 339-0093 or visit www.tixr. com/groups/laughfactorycovina.

GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY (GAB) WORKSHOPS

Older adults are invited to La Crescenta Library to explore the fabric of their lives in a five-week series focused on writing and sharing stories

ThisworkshopwillmeetonMonday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 9. Participants will be taught in the method developed by Dr. James Birren, which aids in reflection and sharing experiences from each person's journey. This process is facilitated by certified GAB instructors as a service of the USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. People are asked to register every individual in their party, including kids. This will be used to save spots in the program. Availability is not guaranteed for any unregistered attendees.

Registration will close by Sept. 4. La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Cancer Support Community Greater San Gabriel Valley will be hosting a Healthcare Provider Open House at its Sierra Madre Community Center (331 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This free in person event will allow those working in the healthcare field to tour the new community center, learn about Cancer Support Community's free services, and discuss the best ways to support the mental health of both healthcare providers and patients alike.

The event is sponsored by City of Hope and is open to all who wish to learn more about in person and virtual mental health support for caregivers, patients and their families. The event features live music, appetizers, a hosted bar, networking opportunities, and prizes. Register free at www.cancersupport. link/HPOpenHouse2024.

KIWANIS OF BURBANK HOLDING FAMILY FUN DAY

Kiwanis Club of Burbank is having a golf ball drop and family fun day on Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Burbank High School, 902 N. 3rd St. in Burbank. The free event includes music, crafts, food booth, games and classic cars from the Road Kings!

Golf balls can be adopted for \$5 each and the Burbank Fire Dept. will drop them from a helicopter. The owner of the one that lands closest to the pin wins \$5000.

EARLY CALIFORNIA CUISINE AT BOLTON HALL

The community is invited to Bolton Hall Museum for its September 2nd Saturday program to find out what early Californians ate and how they prepared food. None of the cooking methods or popular dishes of the early natives or Spaniards of the Mission period are common today. What foods did they enjoy and why did their cuisine die out so quickly after annexation to the USA?

Richard Foss, journalist, author and culinary historian, is the speaker for this program where attendees will learn some surprising things about early California foods.

This event is free and open to the public and everyone is welcome. The presentation is on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

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

GOLF CLASSIC PLANNED

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

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

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

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CLUB OF GLENDALE HOSTING BINGO

The Women's Athletic Club of Glendale is having a bingo night on Saturday night, Sept. 21 at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

Doors open at 5 p.m.; first game is at 6 p.m. Each winning bingo pays \$100 in cash! Final blackout game is \$250.

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GIFF ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

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

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

This year, GIFF has expanded to 22 submission categories.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY CVTC

The Crescenta Valley Town Council is having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Luke's of the Mountains – Sadler Hall, 2563 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at Rosemont Avenue).

PICKLEBALL FUN AT COUNTRY CLUB

A day of pickleball, camaraderie and community spirit takes place on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club. The country club is hosting the First Annual Posh Pickleball Tournament, a fundraiser for Adventist Health Glendale. An anticipated 250 players, participants

and spectators are expected to take part in matches and activities including food and beverages throughout the day, introduction to pickleball clinics by iPickle, a VIP & Relaxation lounge, physician tips and a Wellness Village.

Purchase tickets at adventisthealthglendale.org/pickleball by Oct. 18.

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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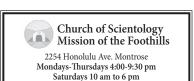
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Rev. Sharri Johnson, One Heart Retreat Center; Larry Maib Emeritus, Highlands Church La Crescenta; Rev. Valerie Reeves, Staff Minister, Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living

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was 8 years old. While he was with us, he was a good father. for him and so he avoids being He's been good about keeping up with them. Remind him that it is with child support payments but so important for the children to not visiting them when he says he spend time with their dad because will. There have been days when it is hurtful to them when he the kids stand at the window disappoints them by not showing waiting for him and he doesn't up. It can have long-term effects show up. He always comes up with a lame excuse. In the meantime the their future. Remind him that he kids are tearful and disappointed.

speak to him that will make him is more difficult for the children to understand and be a better father. Frustrated Mom

Dear Frustrated Mom,

is not uncommon and certainly is challenging to deal with. And there a resolving it.

of your relationship with your exhusband, but looking at it from a perspective that it is or could be my thoughts.

If you can have a time of a "good sit down and let's discuss this" with him, not being angry or accusatory but just letting him know you want to understand why he has not commitment to see his children ...

ather and I divorced to a change. Living in a divorced when Justin was 6 and situation is not easy for anyone.

It might be emotionally painful on them and their relationships in matters to them and, as difficult as Please suggest ways I can it is to not have him in the home, it not see him at all.

Perhaps he just doesn't know what to do with them activitywise. Remind him that just being Unfortunately your situation together, talking and sharing over an ice cream in a park, makes difference. Those heartfelt can be a solution that would be a conversations together can create win win for everyone involved, if lasting important memories. Just everyone is willing to be open to being present can be enough. The time is not costly, but the Not knowing the whole picture togetherness is priceless. Even making phone calls often to talk to them make a difference.

Love is the most powerful amicable where you would work healing agent of all situations. together for a solution, these are And coming from that perspective of approaching things with love instead of fear and anger is a big and important step of healing.

Being honest to yourself and to others, like your children, can open the door to a better relationship. been able to follow through on his I'm talking about spiritual love, where one recognizes the spirit,

estion: My children's perhaps that would open the door the Godness and the goodness, in another person regardless of circumstances and personality. When we realize and recognize those components in each other it overpowers the humanness of people ... and healing, compassion, understanding and peace takes

> Blessings for a positive outcome filled with love.

Laney Clevenger White, RScPl laney@ca.rr.com

Dear Frustrated Mom,

Before I share my perspective, I want to let you know that I experienced what your children are experiencing: missed birthdays, shortened phone calls and a sense of abandonment that cut deep and continues to hurt. When I'm feeling generous, I consider how wounded my father must have felt to have such a shift in priorities because I cannot imagine holding a shame so great that it would take me away from my children.

It is possible that your exhusband has such a low opinion of himself that he can't bring himself to show up; if that's the case, "be better" doesn't help (he knows how much he is falling short). Again, being generous, I would suggest a therapist who can help him through his grief and shame. Words of advice from you and pleading from the children will probably not help.

see SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING on

Lutheran Church to Host Events

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community on Sunday, Sept. 8 to help assemble 100 school kits for children. This annual event at LCIF will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall following the 10 a.m. worship service led by Pastor Rick Hall. The kits will be packed with essential school supplies donated by both church and local community members. Once completed, the school kits will be distributed to children in need, providing them with the tools they need to succeed in their education.

In addition to the school kit assembly, LCIF is also launching an early toy drive to spread holiday cheer. Although December is still a few months

away, the church is starting early to ensure they can bring joy to as many children as possible during the festive season. For the month of September, the focus will be on collecting board games with plans to expand the list of

desired toys in the coming months. Donations can be dropped off at the church during Sunday worship or at the church office during the week. An Amazon Wish List has been created for those wishing to donate online.

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

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

Red Cross Blood Drive in La Crescenta

The community is invited to give the life-saving gift of blood at a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to

The blood drive will be held at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. Visit lcpc.net/ giveblood to sign up.

For more information, contact La Crescenta Presbyterian at (818) 249-6137.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice US Storage Centers - La Crescenta Cloud Ave located at 4441 Cloud Ave., Centers - La Crescenta Cloud Ave located at 4441 Cloud Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 9/19/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Jonalyn Lazaro Medina; Sandra Jean McKee; Michele Marie Mootsey. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly August 29, 2024.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

At the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2024, the Foothill Municipa Water District's Board of Directors held a public hearing and introduced for first reading the following Ordinance

[ORDINANCE NO. 13-0824 ORDINANCE NO. 10-0824
ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RELATING TO DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION]. SUMMARY

Following a second reading on August 22, 2024, via publicly held meeting pursuant to the Brown Act and AB 361, the Board of Directors of the Foothill Municipal Water District adopted Ordinance No. 13-0824, approving the increase in the per diem to \$146.16 per meeting for up to ten meetings per month as well as ten meetings a month for the Metropolitan expressed trains. For multiple meetings that occur the same day. representative. For multiple meetings that occur the same day, only one meeting may be compensated. At the August 22, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors adopted the above listed Ordinance by the following vote:

Ayes: Richard Atwater, Garry Bryant, Frank Colcord, LaDrena Dansby Noes: None Absent: John Vrsalovich

This is only a summary of the adopted Ordinance. A copy of the full adopted ordinance is available for viewing in the Clerk's Office, located at 4536 Hampton Road, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 & 818-790-4036, or can be sent electronically by

Secretary of the Foothill Municipal Water District Date:[8/23/24] Published in the Crescenta Valley Weekly August 29, 2024.:

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like to learn more about The Oasis of Hollywood, or volunteer, can visit the website https:// oasisofhollywood.org/.

LCPC Parent Education also announced it is partnering with The Oasis of Hollywood to expand Parent Education to the community of East Hollywood. Parent Ed and Oasis staff hosted a listening session for parents on

the evening of July 29. Parents and children were welcomed with dinner and gift bags funded by the Kim Gilmour-Bowser Outreach Memorial. Dinner was followed by a Q&A session with Parent Education staff members Nanette Brown, Amanda Baughman and Anne Bierling. The Oasis' Parent Ed evenings will begin bi-monthly meetings in the fall for the parents of East Hollywood. Anyone interested in supporting this work by donating to the Kim Gilmour-Bowser Outreach Memorial can contact Parent Ed assistant director Amanda Baughman at amanda@ lacanadapc.org.

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Mount Olive Annual Church Picnic

Come one and all to the annual picnic at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church!

Everyone is welcome at M.O.L.C. for good food, fellowship and fun at 12 p.m. (noon) on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Joining Mt Olive will be friends from both the Korean Presbyterian Church (V.R.I.M.) and from the Armenian Pentecostal Church (C.A.M.) that meet on our church property as well as our friends from the Mount Olive preschool.

Did you know? ...

The acronym V.R.I.M. means "Vision, Regeneration, Instruction and Mission"

The acronym C.A.M. means "Christ Army Ministries"

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

Back To Church Weekend

Bethel Church in Sun Valley is hosting a special "Back to Church" weekend celebration on Sept. 14 15 that the whole community is invited.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, a free pancake breakfast will be offered from 9 - 10 a.m. followed by games, inflatables for the kids and prizes.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, everyone is invited to a joyful worship service at 10 a.m. followed by a free coffee/ lunch fellowship time.

Contact the church at (818) 767-4488 or go online to be the lsunvalley. com for more information.

Bethel Church is located at 10725 Penrose St. in Sun Valley.

Women's Nondenominational Bible Study

Seasons of Life Bible Study offers three classes to choose from: Joy of Living will be studying "The Letters of John and the Gospel of Mark." Women of Faith will be studying "Minor Prophets" and "Living a Purposeful Life." This year, a Women's Coffee Club will be offered along with "Ribbons of Renewal" discussing daily struggles with the stress and anxiety of life.

Studies meet on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 26 and continuing through April 14, 2025 at Highlands Church (4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta).

If interested, contact Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or email lyndahessick@gmail.com.

Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

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But this is also where my childhood experiences can give some hope: I had several father figures growing up, people who embodied an aspect of being that I was able to consider in my personal development. My grandfather, my scoutmaster, my pastor each contributed to who I am. Of course, my mother took on the role of doing everything and doing her best to make our lives feel significant.

It is impossible to replace a father, but I encourage you to consider the adults in your children's lives who can make them feel seen and celebrated. And in the meantime hold out hope that your ex-husband will find a path that leads him back to those he loves.

Rev. Kyle Sears kylesears@lacanadachurch.org

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 Ain La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. The Book of Ephesians is currently being studied.

A weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is located at 3561 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta. www. molc.org

Walk and Word

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road

in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29. 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.

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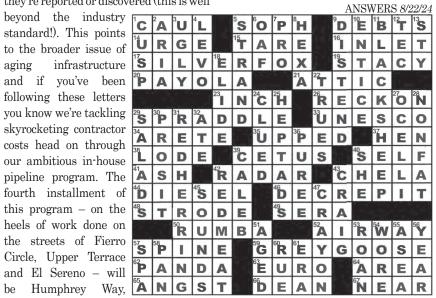
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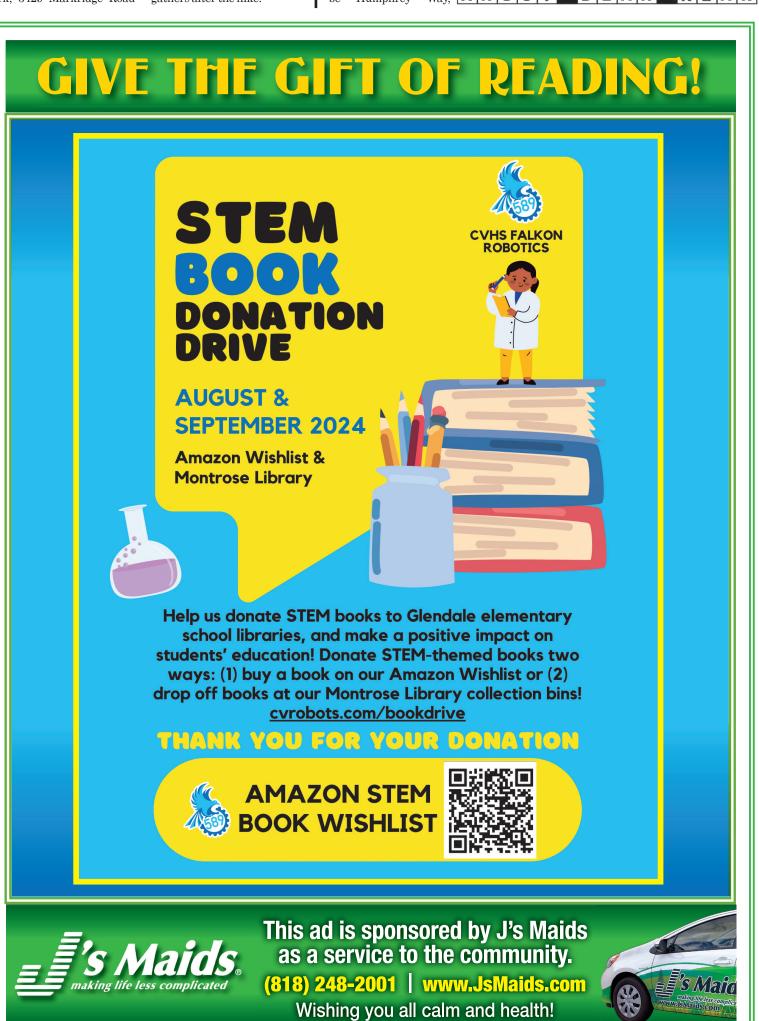
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> James Lee, General Manager CVWD



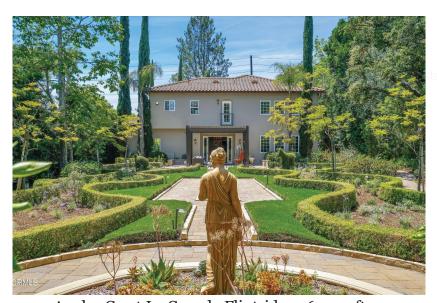




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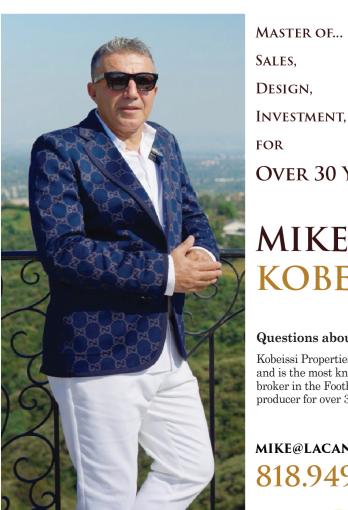
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