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Council Approval Results in Confusion

By Julie BUTCHER

Early in Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council, staff and members of the public were confused by the process by which the Council approved "a professional services agreement with Architectural Resources Group for preparation of the East-West Glendale historic context and survey, the North Glendale historic context update and survey, and surveys for the proposed Cleveland Knoll historic district for a not-to-exceed amount of \$323,470" without allowing the public to comment on the implications of creating the new historic neighborhood districts.

"I'm very disappointed," Allan Durham addressed the Council. "Many people were here to speak on Cleveland Knoll, and it got pulled and then it did not get pulled. This has been on the agenda for days. Everyone left, including the new president of The Glendale Historical Society and eight residents of Cleveland Knoll. I wondered why this was on the agenda prior to being heard by the HPC (Historical Preservation Commission)."

The authorization of funds moves the evaluation process forward. The Council did not act on the creation of historic districts and will review criteria for considering properties for inclusion as "historic."

The Council took final action changing the method it utilizes to appoint members of the city's boards and commissions.

"All members of all boards and commissions have been (technically) removed," city attorney Michael Garcia explained. Council members will interview in two-member panels candidates who complete an application. The agreed-upon nominees will then appear on the Council agenda for approval. The Council also acted to add a process for filing complaints

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CVTC: Looking for a Few Good Residents

"In local government, it's very clear to your customers – your citizens – whether or not you're delivering. Either that pothole gets filled in or it doesn't. The results are very much on display and that creates a very healthy pressure to innovate." – Pete Buttigieg

By Mary O'KEEFE

Part of the Crescenta Valley is in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County located in sections of La Crescenta/Montrose. According to LA County Planning, there are about 120 to 125 unincorporated areas throughout LA County.

These unincorporated areas are governed by the LA County Board of Supervisors; the Crescenta Valley area is represented by the county's fifth district supervisor Kathryn Barger. Decades ago then-Supervisor Michael Antonovich created specific neighborhood councils to act as liaisons between the supervisors' offices and local communities.

For the unincorporated area of LA County, La Crescenta/Montrose, the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) is that liaison between locals and the office of the fifth district supervisor. The members of the CVTC are elected, voted on by registered voters within the local unincorporated area. Applications are now available for the CVTC's next election on



File photo
LA County's supervisor for the fifth district Kathryn Barger administered the oath to the 2024 council.

Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. There are six seats open; three regular seats are each for three-year terms and three alternate seats are each for one-year term. Applications can

be found on the CVTC website, thecvcouncil.com. The application is accessed by clicking a yellow banner at the very top of the website homepage.

"Applications must be returned and postmarked by Oct. 8," said Frida Baghdassarian, CVTC president. "[Applicants] must live in

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Residents Share Concerns at 'Tacos with a Cop'

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Tuesday residents of the Sunland-Tujunga area met with their community Los Angeles Police Dept. officer at a monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting.

The event is a twist on "Coffee with a Cop." "Tacos with a Cop" meetings are held at Joselito's Mexican Food in Tujunga. They are a chance for S-T residents to talk to LAPD Officer Alvarado about the area and share their concerns.

"I'm open to questions ... so let's go around the room," Alvarado said as she began the meeting.

The residents were well informed and it was obvious this was not their first time meeting, and sharing, with police.

The discussion began with the problem of homeless people living in abandoned or closed businesses. One of those locations was the former Crow's Nest Sports Bar in the 7200 block of Foothill Boulevard. The Crow's Nest was a well-known business in

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Photo by Mary O'KEEFE

LAPD Officer Alvarado talks with residents about local concerns during "Taco with a Cop" on Tuesday.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Reviewing the History of the CV Weekly

On Monday night I had the pleasure of sharing the story of the Crescenta Valley Weekly with members of the Evening Section of the La Crescenta Woman's Club. The ladies (many who I know) were so welcoming and it felt very easy telling them about the CV Weekly then staying to hear some of their club business.

First off, I want to tell you that though the La Crescenta Woman's Club is over 100 years old (established in 1911) the clubhouse will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2025. The Woman's Club plans to host a community affair early next year to invite in the public to share its history and show off its lovely clubhouse.

This dynamic group of ladies is a quiet but strong organization from which many in our community benefit. For example, its October 13 fundraiser – Soles4Souls – is not only a chance for folks to drop off shoes that will be recycled. Soles4Souls, according to its website, "turns shoes and clothing into opportunities for education and employment so [people and communities in need] can have a more hopeful future." By supporting this organization it can better reach these goals.

In addition, the LCWC also provides scholarships to local high school seniors who hope to attend college or trade school. I invite you to check them out at <https://lacscentawomansclub.org/>.

On Monday I talked about the CV Weekly. I love talking about the paper – how it came to be, the response by advertisers and the community, and what the future may hold.

I thought I'd share a little bit of that history with you.

I started the CV Weekly in 2009 after the local paper I worked for closed. I went home and said to my husband Steve that we needed to start a newspaper. He said we had enough money set aside to either start a newspaper or redo the kitchen. (Hint: I still have the ugliest kitchen in La Crescenta.)

I didn't create any "buzz" about the paper being launched because my primary competition was the Glendale NewsPress – which was owned by the deep pockets LA Times – and I didn't want competing resources – whether financial or personnel – poured into the Crescenta Valley.

Thankfully Mary O'Keefe came aboard the newly launched Crescenta Valley Weekly.

I wasn't sure what to put on the front page of the paper, which I planned to launch on Thursday, Sept. 3. Then the Station Fire broke and I knew what would be on the front cover.

Next week I'll share some more details about my talk at the LCWC.

Robin Goldsworthy is the publisher of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She can be reached at robin@cvweekly.com or by calling (818) 248-2740.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Have you seen the reports of the Greenland rockslide that shook the entire Earth? There have been several articles written about this and I actually read the journal Science report on how the aspects of this rock/ice slide were calculated. I am always fascinated by how Mother Nature shows us how everything on Earth is connected.

According to Advanced Science News, the landslide of Greenland caused a megatsunami that "sloshed back and forth" across a fjord for nine days creating seismic waves that caused seismometers to hum across the globe.

The article was published on Sept. 13 and titled, "A rockslide in Greenland caused the Earth to vibrate for nine days."

This happened on Sept. 23, 2023 and the shaker that lasted for nine days was a scientific mystery ... at first.

"Seismologists around the world detected the unusual and long-lasting vibrations of a very different pattern to the rumbles of earthquakes," according to the article.

An international team of researchers used every method imaginable to try to find the reason for the weird pattern.

The study in the journal Science found that although not witnessed by humans there was the collapse of a "1.2 km-high mountain peak into the remote Dickson Fjord beneath, causing a backslash of water 200 meters in the air, with a wave up to 110 meters high."

By the way, 1.2 km is about 1,312.24 yards – a football field is 120 yards; 200 meters is 656.168 feet.

By using models, scientists predicted that the "mass of water would have moved back and forth every 90 seconds, matching the recordings of vibrations traveling in the

Earth's crust all around the globe," according to a press release from University College London.

"When I first saw the seismic signal, I was completely baffled. Even though we know seismometers can record a variety of sources happening on Earth's surface, never before has such a longlasting, globally traveling seismic wave, containing only a single frequency of oscillation, been recorded. This inspired me to co-lead a large team of scientists to figure out the puzzle," co-author Dr. Stephen Hicks of UCL Earth Sciences, stated in the press release.

He added, "Our study of this event amazingly highlights the intricate interconnections between climate change in the atmosphere, destabilization of glacier ice in the cryosphere, movements of water bodies in the hydrosphere, and Earth's solid crust in the lithosphere."

So a few things: first, climate change. Even if you don't see climate change in your neighborhood, though I believe if you are observant you will see signs of it – climate change affects us all. Something that occurred in Greenland vibrated the Earth – that's the entire planet, not just the ground others are standing on.

But another thing – how exciting it must have been for scientists to have a mystery like this to solve. There is this illusion that society knows everything it needs to know but no ... not when the Earth vibrates for nine days.

"This is the first time that water sloshing has been recorded as vibrations through the Earth's crust, traveling the world over and lasting several days," stated lead author Dr. Kristian Svennevig of the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/NEWS



This recently rebuilt English Tudor in Glendale's sought-after Adams Hill neighborhood boasts stunning panoramic views. Nearby amenities like a family-owned mini-mart, Palmer Park, and local coffee spots offer convenience and charm. Minutes from Downtown LA, Eagle Rock, and Pasadena, residents enjoy a variety of dining and entertainment options. The four-bedroom, four-bath home is situated on a triple lot and includes modern living spaces and the potential for an ADU. State-of-the-art amenities elevate comfort and sophistication. \$1,850,000

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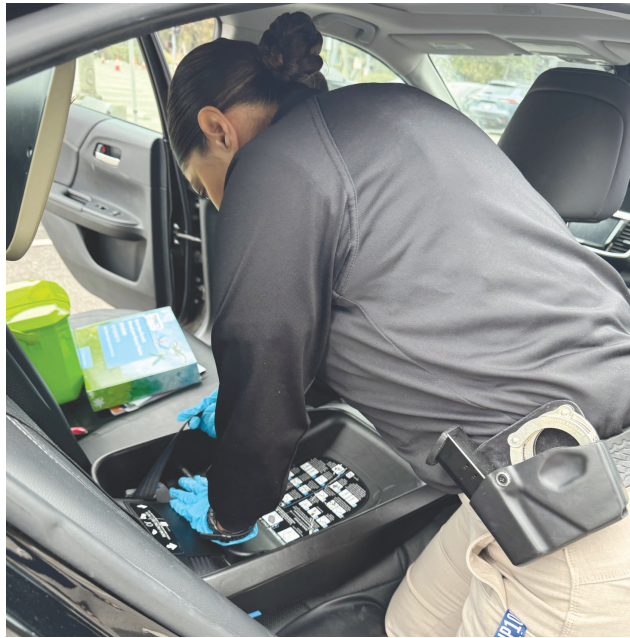
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Don't Miss Next Week's Q&A – Phyllis discusses "Selling Income Property"

NEWS

Friedman Partners with CHP for Child Passenger Safety Week



LEFT: Assemblymember Laura Friedman (in front in white blouse), with members of the Glendale City Council, Glendale Police Dept. and CHP, held an information event for Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 15-21). MIDDLE: A CHP officer looks over a child's car seat. RIGHT: Assemblymember Laura Friedman talks with a constituent at the information event.

By Mary O'KEEFE

In recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 15-21), on Saturday Assemblymember Laura Friedman partnered with California Highway Patrol (CHP) to educate people on the correct way to install child car seats in vehicles. Spots for installing seats at the event quickly filled up with a total of 36 installations requested.

Each installation is for only one car

seat that is inspected and installed, according to CHP Officer Shanelle Phillips.

"Assemblymember [Friedman] reached out to the Altadena CHP Area Office to collaborate on this event," Phillips added.

She worked closely with Friedman's team during the planning of the event.

"Every installation takes at least 30 minutes, so we can go over both the car seat and vehicle manual for detailed instructions. Each child must also

be measured in height and weight to confirm they meet the requirement for the car seats we were installing," she added.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for children. In 2020, 1,093 children 14 and under were killed in motor vehicle crashes, according to Injury Facts.

"Studies have shown that parents can be overconfident in their ability to select and install the right seats for their children," she added.

AAA and the National Safety Council (NSC) worked with the National Digital Car Seat Check Form (NDCF) database that found "nearly three-fourths of all car seats inspected by Child Passenger Safety Technicians in 2023 were improperly installed and used. Yet a general consumer survey revealed only one in five parents and caregivers seek expert help installing a car seat or securing a child in a car seat."

The study also found there were three common misuses when installing a child's car seat including the car seat is too loose; the car seat's tether was not used when installing a forward-facing car seat using either the car's lower anchors or seat belts; or the harness is too loose when securing

a child in the car seat.

"When installing any car seat, parents should read the instructions. Read both the car seat instruction manual and the vehicle owner's manual. These documents contain critical information about correct car seat installation in your vehicle. California law states that all children must ride in appropriate car seats or boosters seats up to age 9," Phillips said.

"Children are often transitioned out of the appropriate car seats before it is safe to do so — 24.9% of children are moved to booster seats too soon, and 93.6% of children are transitioned to a seat belt too soon. Parents and caregivers are good at getting expert help when children are less than 1-year-old or before the child is born, but they do not always come back for adjustments as the child gets older. Or they change car seats [and/or] add [the number of] children to the vehicle. Child Passenger Safety Technicians inspect about five times [the number of] rear-facing car seats than they do forward-facing car seats ... and 83.5% of forward-facing seats were not used correctly.

"Parents and caregivers who make an error are more likely to make other

errors. These errors can compound each other from a safety perspective. On seats with at least one harness-related error, 71.5% also have at least one installation-related error as well (tether, seat belt and/or lower anchor error)," according to NSC.

"Parents can go to their local CHP area office regardless of their child's age. We highly encourage if any parent has any question to speak to an officer for guidance. Also, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides helpful resources online to make child passenger safety easier for parents and caregivers. Visit www.nhtsa.gov/Carseat to learn more about car seats," Phillips advised.

Phillips added that children under 13 should travel in the back seat of cars because riding in the front seat is not safe.

"Air bags in the front seat are not safe for kids; [the airbags] are designed for adult passengers," she added.

For those who missed Saturday's event, the Altadena CHP Office offers free car seat installations every Wednesday. Appointments are required. The Altadena CHP Office is located at 2130 N. Windsor Ave., Altadena. To contact the office, call (626) 296-8100.

IN BRIEF

GENERAL MEETING OF CVTC

The Crescenta Valley Town Council next meets tonight, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

Reports will be given by representatives of local civic organizations and a presentation will be given by the LA County Office of Cannabis Management.

All are encouraged to attend.

FRIENDS OF ROCKHAVEN ANNUAL MEETING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of Rockhaven is having its annual meeting/ice cream social on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rockhaven property (enter through the gate on Pleasure Way). RSVP by calling (747) 688-0311 or email friendsofrockhaven@gmail.com.

FINAL PRESENTATION IN SPEAKER SERIES

The final presentation in the CV Cares Speaker Series will be on Sept. 24 when Kristen Gilliland, Ph.D. presents, "The Impact of Stress on Substance Use on the Developing Brain."

This free event will be at Sadler Hall of St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd. at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit TheImpactFoundationLA.org/CVcares.

CVCA TO MEET SEPT. 26

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, in person this month, in the community room at the La Crescenta Library. Glendale Community College representatives will give a presentation at 7 p.m. on the details of ballot Measure GCC and the fall activities on campus.

Also on the agenda are updates on project proposals in the valley. The library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome.

CVTC ACCEPTING CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

CVTC acts as a liaison between local community and local government. CVTC communicates the direct concerns and thoughts of local residents and also relays information to the local community from local government.

The CVTC is accepting candidate applications for a seat on this important community body.

For more information and to download an application visit www.thevcouncil.com. Deadline to submit is Oct. 8; the election is Nov. 8-9.

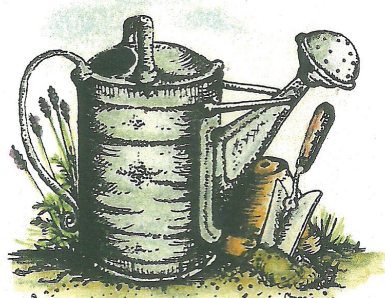
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Applications are open through Sept. 30. Groups with diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply, visit: BrandLibrary.org/Dance-Series-Application.

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Lesley Pitts, practitioner of Christian Science healing and international speaker, will present her talk, "Finding Trust in a Changing World," on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Birch Room at Descanso Gardens.

The talk will focus on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus' life and teachings, showing how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science. The talk is free, open to the community and co-sponsored by Third Church of Christ, Scientist, in Glendale and First Church of Christ, Scientist, in La Cañada Flintridge.

"God's love, goodness and intelligence never change and are always available," said Pitts.

"When we discover God's love and care for us, we can confidently turn to this divine presence and find our lives transformed and healed – and our families, communities and the whole world benefit, too."

Sharing examples of healing from her own life and professional practice of Christian Science, Pitts will explain why Christian Science is both Christian and scientific, meaning that people can prove its effectiveness for themselves, as fully described in the book Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, written by Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science movement.

Pitts will also touch on the life of Mary Baker Eddy, who came to understand, confirm and teach what she felt was original

Christian healing. Eddy said she was especially inspired by Jesus' demand, "He that believes on me, the works that I do will he do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go unto my Father" (found in the Gospel of John 14:12 in the Bible).

For over 150 years, people around the world have worked to follow Christ Jesus in this practice of Christianity and continue to do so today, experiencing healings of physical ills and personal difficulties.

Lesley Pitts has been a Christian Science practitioner for many years, helping people on a daily basis through this scientific approach to prayer. Originally from the UK, she travels from her home base now near Boston, Massachusetts to speak to audiences around the world as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.



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NOTES & NODS

Lutheran Church to Host Events

It's a new season of harmony at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. The

Anthem Chorale returns from summer break on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. Led by music director Mark Anzelon, the choir welcomes singers of all levels, regardless of prior experience.

As the church points out, the benefits of singing are well documented. Researchers at the University of Oxford found that singing improves mental health and exercises the body as well as the mind. Choirs, in particular, are known for their ability to foster a sense of community and belonging. LCIF holds rehearsals for Anthem Chorale every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the church's

sanctuary for the songs presented that day. An additional rehearsal is held at 11:30 a.m. for songs planned for the future. The only requirement for joining is a love of music and a desire to have fun.

Also coming up this Sunday, LCIF will host an informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith and joining the congregation. The meeting will take place in the church's Fellowship Hall following 10 a.m. worship with Pastor Rick Hall. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the traditions of the Lutheran Church. They will also gain insight into the sense of community and belonging that LCIF provides.

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

UUCVH to Host Discussion with Glendale Paramedic

On Sunday, Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills invites the public to attend the "Medical Crisis

Response" service with a special guest speaker – a Glendale Fire Dept. paramedic. S/he will share insights on how to react during a medical emergency including tips on what should and should not be done and how we can all prepare.

UUCVH is located at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

To join via Zoom visit the UUCVH website to learn more: <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>

Center for Spiritual Living Announces The Eclectic Mini Marketplace

The Center for Spiritual Living will be having an event on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring artisans, vintage, antique and collectibles sellers and intuitive readers. As a special treat there will also be a sound bath healing practitioner.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Admission is free to the public. Parking is available on the lower level for the general public.

For more information please contact: Myrna at earthcreationsbym@aol.com.

The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. (at the corner of Santa Carlotta Ave.) in La Crescenta.

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.

Mt. Olive Offers Community Breakfast Bible Study

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

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. 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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Wage Increase Subject of Recent Rally

By Mikaela STONE

Over 300 members of the Glendale Teachers Association gathered in front of the Glendale Unified School District office on Sept. 10 to demand wages that progress at the same rate as the cost of living. The 2024 U.S. News and World Report ranks the GUSD above average in academic success, with 20 elementary schools ranking best in the range between 111 and 1717 out of 5534 ranked Californian schools, four middle schools ranked between 148 and 667 out of 2319, and four high schools ranked 45, 92, 591 and 934 out of 1,652. The teacher's union argued that competitive wages is the only way to attract quality teachers to the Glendale Unified School District.

According to the GUSD and LAUSD websites, a GUSD teacher with a bachelor's degree must have 11 years of teaching experience to make the same amount as the lowest entry level salary of a LAUSD teacher. A GUSD teacher with a master's degree must work for six years to surpass LAUSD's entry level wage.

With the GUSD first level monthly teacher's salary at

\$4845.85 and the rent for a one bedroom apartment in Glendale averaging \$2113, as reported by Zillow, the district may face issues attracting talent as veteran teachers retire.

Even experienced teachers feel the strain of expenses. Over 10 years of teaching experience and a higher education degree have netted Crescenta Valley High School's Susan Smith a higher salary than some of her peers, but she is still paying off the student loans that helped her get this far – while celebrating a graduated child of her own.

Beth Akiyama is a third generation GUSD teacher, inspired as much by her parents' teaching careers as the teachers she looked up to while attending schools within the district. Like many middle school teachers, Akiyama teaches what is known as 6/5ths, in which she takes on an extra period for 20% extra pay. With this extra period, she teaches math to 196 seventh graders: a task she admits is "more than 20% more work." She often stays late to complete all the necessary work, resulting in decreased time to answer parent emails and grade assignments.

For her students to succeed, she hopes GUSD will "support teachers through pay and health insurance so teachers can pour as much as they can into students without burning out." Akiyama noted that the teachers at the rally were not only there for themselves, but for new teachers without tenure who may fear retaliation.

Middle school English and drama teacher Janet Welsh also teaches 6/5ths – even though she is one year away from retirement. During her years teaching, she sent her own children through the GUSD school district. Welsh hopes for respect for teachers during the coming negotiations. She remembers a time when such discussions were not always so fraught.

"When the district and union worked together ... there was



Photo by Mikaela STONE
On Sept. 10, members of the GTA marched outside the GUSD offices to demand higher wages.

an understanding that everyone has to live," she said.

As special education elementary school teachers, James Godwin and Heather Hickman-Tcheng put extra effort into customizing curriculum for individual learning needs. They pointed out that the

current GUSD salary had forced some of their peers to take a second job, leading to struggles with balancing time and energy.

Hickman-Tcheng said, "When [teachers] can take care of ourselves, we can take care of our kids."

Permit Process Outlined

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Crescenta Valley Town Council Land Use Committee held a meeting to discuss the Area Plan and a request from a resident for street expansion on Canyonside Road and Briggs Avenue.

Inquiries were made by the developer, a La Crescenta resident, to build on land bordering the canyon but the developer had not moved forward with the permitting process, according to engineers present at the meeting. Representatives from the County of Los Angeles were invited to explain the need for a 20 ft. widening of a public access road for the resident to access his property.

The developer ended up withdrawing the proposal to vacate an adjoining street easement.

Some of the big permits needed by the developer would be for the placement of a fire hydrant a

certain distance from the property and the need for firebreaks in addition to other environmental requirements. To build on this site, engineers with the County said the developer would be required to be approved by 15 different permitting agencies. The County was first approached about the property in 2021. The three-story house planned for the area had reportedly been worked on since 2014.

Neighbors who attended the meeting voiced concerns that the addition of a driveway would impede access to a public road that could pose a risk during an emergency, such as a fire or earthquake; they also expressed concerns about the instability of the hillside on which the road expansion and the house are proposed to be built. Some residents said sections of the canyon have been known to crumble unprompted, and urged

the County representatives to go to the site before making any final decisions on plans for the site.

"That hillside is very, very fragile," said one resident. "It's made up of rocks about the size of our heads, and tons of them stacked on top of each other, held together by soil and roots. Now with this developer building caissons and going 50 feet down, my concern is that this is going to get disturbed."

"You are putting all of us [on the hill] in danger," said another.

At the end of the meeting, residents agreed to make one person the liaison for communications between the County and the affected neighborhood.

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Obituary

Chad McQueen



Dec. 28, 1960 – Sept. 11, 2024

Chad McQueen, 63, the actor best known for his role as Dutch in the films "The Karate Kid" and "The Karate Kid Part II" died Wednesday morning, Sept. 11, at his home in Palm Desert, said his mother Neile Adams McQueen.

Born Chadwick Steven McQueen on Dec. 28, 1960,

McQueen was the son of Broadway, television and film performer Neile Adams, and her late first husband, the iconic actor, Steve McQueen. Aside from acting, Chad McQueen was also a film producer, martial artist and racecar driver.

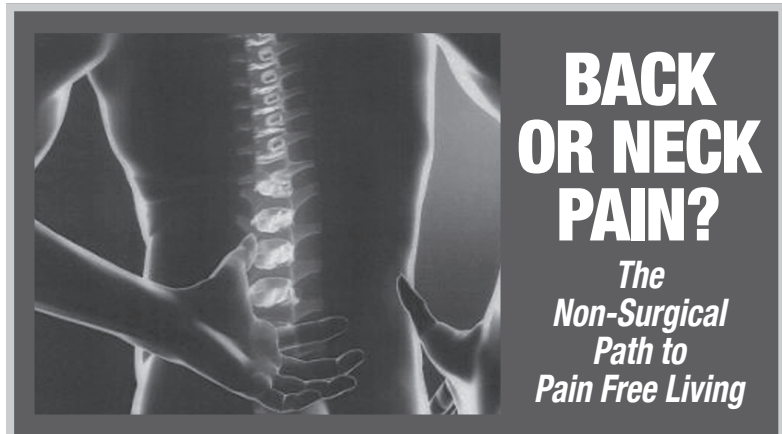
As an actor, Chad McQueen's film credits included: "Martial Law," "New York Cop," "Red Line" and "Death Ring." As a producer, McQueen won a Telly Award for his documentary "Filming At Speed." McQueen appeared on numerous television programs, including "Hot Rod TV" and "Celebrity Rides."

From an early age Chad became an avid enthusiast of automobiles, motorcycles and racing, following in the footsteps of his father Steve McQueen, with whom at age 9 he rode dirt bikes near their home in the desert in Palm Springs.

Chad began auto racing at the age of 10 winning his first race, the mini Le Mans event, a children-only track created on the set of his father's 1971 film, "Le Mans." By the age of 12, Chad won his class in the World Mini Grand Prix. A lover of Porsche cars, his professional racing career started with Sports Car Club of America. Chad later started his own company, McQueen Racing, LLC.

In addition to his mother, Chad is survived by his life partner of 31 years Jeanie McQueen Galbraith and their children: Chase and Madison; son Steven R., from a previous marriage; grandson Michael Carriles; and son-in-law Mitchell Carriles. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his sister Terry.

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Obituary

Patrick Thomas Woodburn



Jan. 18, 1941 – Sept. 28, 2022

On Sunday, Sept. 1 Patrick Thomas Woodburn passed away at a hospice center in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was surrounded by family and Ruth, his current partner.

Pat was born in Akron, Ohio in 1942 to Clifford J. Woodburn & Helen Elizabeth Lowe. He attended Hammoncton High School in New Jersey while working in his father's grocery store. He spent a short time in the U.S. Army Reserves, eventually landing a job in D.C.

with The World Bank.

Patrick was a pioneer in the computer and data processing fields in the early 1980s, which led him on a journey of entrepreneurship with his then-partner and wife Karen May Lambert. After moving from Henderson, Nevada to La Crescenta, Pat and Karen established Woodburn & Associates, their own computer programming consultancy.

They lived an active and exciting life there while raising their three children: Dayna, Matthew and Rebecca and engaged deeply in the local church and community. In 1989 the family moved to Louisville, Kentucky in correlation with the acquisition of their family business by a subsidiary of Humana Healthcare. From there, they developed a new company, Healthcare Recoveries Inc., which flourished from five employees to 500 in under five years.

Pat retired from HRI in 1996 to enjoy his life with Karen in hopes to travel the world. That same year, Karen was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and Pat turned his caring

and loving attention to become a caregiver.

In 2000, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona where Pat was called to assist the City of Phoenix with conversion of computer systems in anticipation of Y2K.

In 2008, Karen lost her battle with cancer and Pat relocated to Henderson, Nevada where he had started his career almost 40 years prior.

There he met Ruth May, a fellow widow, who he has lived a loving life with through his final days.

Pat was a model of a hardworking, dedicated and compassionate man with a deep sense of integrity. He passed these traits to his children, brought them into each and every business endeavor, and held them high for all that knew and loved him. He will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, loved ones and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

He is survived by his brother Timothy James; eldest daughter Dayna Leigh; son Matthew James; daughter Rebecca Elizabeth; and partner Ruth May.

Obituary

Leon Mayer



1926 - 2024

Leon Mayer was born in 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio. At the age of 10, his mother placed him in the care of Bellefaire Orphan Home for Jewish children. He lived there until his graduation from Glenville High School. He enlisted in the Navy soon after.

In the Navy, he was a radio operator and served in the South Pacific at Peleliu during WWII. Leon was awarded the Victory Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

Leon went to UCLA as an undergraduate followed by USC Law School where he received his

Juris Doctor. The GI Bill helped pay for some of his law school tuition. He began to practice law in 1953 when he joined the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and later became deputy district attorney for the Glendale area. He then became a criminal defense attorney for an LA firm. During that time he met and married his first wife Margaret who was his secretary. Leon later opened his own practice and became a personal injury attorney.

Leon married Margaret in 1963 and they had four children. They lived in the Mt. Washington area until Leon and his family moved to Glendale in 1975. Leon was active in community affairs including as a columnist for the Glendale NewsPress, program chairman for Kiwanis, and then 12 years as director of Friends of the Library Author Series. In promoting the series, he appeared over 500 times at city council meetings, which was a primary factor in his representing Glendale at the County of Los Angeles 47th annual "Older Americans Recognition Day" for which he received an award.

Leon loved his two grandchildren and spent quality time swimming, playing chess and telling them

stories. He enjoyed retirement in his Glendale home and spent days reading his many books, watching the news and sports, walking around the pool to stay fit, eating chocolate and drinking Coke – his favorite drink.

Leon passed away on Sept. 5 at the age of 98. He lived a long, full life. He will truly be missed.

He is survived by his second wife Yolanda, his four children, and two grandchildren. He will be laid to rest with his predeceased wife Margaret Mayer at Forest Lawn Glendale.

The funeral service for Leon Mayer will be on Friday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Reformation in Forest Lawn Glendale.

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Local Church Offering Movies in the Park

For the third year, La Cañada Congregational Church is hosting Movies in the Park at Memorial Park in La Cañada. The movies will be shown on Saturday evenings from Sept. 21 to Oct. 26. These free screenings will feature family-friendly films and free popcorn with flavors that mirror the films, according to church pastor Kyle Sears.

Us – celebrating all the ways we find family. Building community is the purpose of the Movies in the Park, according to Sears. “Community is essential to a vibrant life, so creating space where families can come together to meet up, have fun and enjoy a common experience makes sense for our church,” said Sears. “I think that stories shape us in meaningful ways, and movies are

a great way for us to see others’ perspective and reconsider our experiences. So in addition to screening the films on Saturday nights, I will be joining them in conversation on Sunday mornings during our worship service at 10 a.m. It’s another way of making sense of the stories we live and tell one another.” La Cañada Congregational Church is located directly across

the street from Memorial Park so in the case of rain, the screening will move inside to the church sanctuary. In addition to movies, crafts and activities begin at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at sundown. This Saturday’s movie is “Barbie” and a food truck – “Barbie-Q” – will have food available for purchase. In addition, there will be a station so participants can make their

own Weird Barbie, and a pink VW convertible will provide photo opportunities. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for the viewing. Memorial Park in La Cañada is located at 1225 Foothill Blvd.; La Cañada Congregational Church is located at 1200 Foothill Blvd. at the corner of Verdugo Boulevard/ La Cañada Boulevard. www.lacanadachurch.org

CVTC from Cover

the unincorporated area of La Crescenta and Montrose.”

CVTC meets on the third Thursday of each month in the La Crescenta Library community room at 7 p.m. There is an executive committee meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

“It is essential for everyone to be available for these meetings. Additionally, due to outreach events and other activities such as the [CVTC] pancake breakfast and various committees needing assistance, we adopt an ‘all-hands-on-deck’ approach,” Baghdassarian said.

Baghdassarian decided to run for the CVTC because she knew the importance of community involvement and wanted to make a positive impact in local neighborhoods.

“I want to help address local

issues, listen to the concerns of residents and work collaboratively to find solutions that benefit everyone,” she said. “By being part of the council, I aim to contribute to that growth and well-being of our community while ensuring that all voices are heard and represented.”

She said she likes engaging with community members and hearing their perspectives on local issues.

“It’s rewarding to be involved in initiatives that promote community development and foster a sense of connection among residents,” she added.

Some of the issues CVTC has worked on in the past and continues to work on include traffic problems throughout the Crescenta Valley but particularly around schools; new buildings in the area including concerns surrounding U Matter Luxury Resort, a business in a local

neighborhood that residents had and continue to have issues with.

“Although CVTC members do not have direct power to create laws or ordinances, their role as a community liaison to the board of supervisors is significant. They serve as a vital link between the community and local government, facilitating communication and ensuring that the concerns and needs of residents are conveyed effectively,” she said. “This liaison role allows CVTC members to advocate for community interests, provide feedback on proposed policies and collaborate with county officials to address local issues. By fostering this connection, they help ensure that the voices of Crescenta Valley residents are heard in the decision-making processes that affect their lives.”

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CRIME BLOTTER

Sept. 15

2100 block of La Cañada Crest in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported hearing a “loud sound” coming from outside her home. She witnessed two male adults near her vehicle. The first man was lying underneath her vehicle while the second man was standing near the rear of her vehicle as an apparent lookout. The victim knew immediately the suspects were stealing the catalytic converter from her vehicle so she called the CV Sheriff’s Station. The victim witnessed the two suspects entered a silver SUV; there was a third suspect who was driving.

The theft occurred at 5:38 a.m.

Sept. 13

4800 block of Carmel Road in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call of a possible burglary. The citizen reported seeing a suspicious individual wearing a black mask at the side door of the location. LASD-CV Station received another call from an informant who witnessed a suspect with the same description wearing a blue shirt running through his backyard, which was seven houses north of the Carmel Road residence.

The deputy saw the man fitting the description walking northbound on Crown Avenue and detained him. When the suspect was detained he was reportedly out of breath, sweating and covered in dirt and leaves. The suspect reportedly told the deputy that he lived about 10 miles from the burglarized residence. He said his wife had dropped him off at a nearby dog park; however there is no dog park nearby the location. Reportedly his wife had gone off to do laundry and told him she would meet him in an hour at the dog park. He decided to

go visit a friend who lived nearby; however, he could not provide a name or contact information for the friend. The burglarized victim stated he received notification on his cellphone from his security system. The surveillance footage revealed the suspect, who at the time was wearing a surgical mask, black gloves, white sweater and black pants, inside the property by the side gate. An investigation of the property found the rear glass door had been shattered, the master bedroom had been ransacked and jewelry was missing.

The incident occurred at 10:16 p.m.

Sept. 11

2200 block of Maurice Avenue in La Crescenta, residents reported that in June a person unknown transferred money out of his bank account. The victim was able to find details that the wire transfers went through a Turkish bank based out of Istanbul, Turkey. He did not know the person who had received the funds. In July, the victim sent a letter to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; however, the Bureau denied his claim. In August, the victim received notification from his credit card company that there were two attempted transactions at a “Wyndham Hotel and Resort.” He did not give permission for anyone to use his card. Both of the transactions were denied and the account was closed. Then on Sept. 11 the victim received another notification that fraud had been detected on two of his accounts. The victim placed a freeze with three credit bureaus and took other safety measures on his account.

The fraudulent theft was between June 6 and Sept. 11.

4600 block of Daleridge Road in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a possible stalking crime. The informant stated his “ex-girlfriend” was allegedly stalking him. The victim found a GPS device inside the muffler of his vehicle. The informant had reported this suspected stalking behavior to both his father and a deputy, which is when the father found a black plastic box attached to the right exhaust tip of the vehicle. It was after this discovery they called the CV Sheriff’s Station. The victim said he had suspicions he was being tracked because his ex-girlfriend would randomly appear at locations he was at including at his doctor’s appointment. Then he witnessed her in several other areas where he was, including shopping at a local store. The couple parted ways about a month ago.

The incidents were reported at 7:54 p.m.

3000 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, a man reported that he had parked his vehicle on the street in front of the location and left the vehicle running and unlocked with the keys in the ignition. He entered the business to use the ATM machine and then heard a car door slam. He now believes it was his vehicle.

When he exited the business he reportedly witnessed a male, described as an adult Hispanic, enter the driver’s door of his vehicle. The suspect was described as about 5’11” tall and weighing about 160 lbs. The suspect drove the vehicle away from the area. The victim also had a laptop inside the vehicle.

The vehicle theft occurred at 7:35 p.m.

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against members of the civic bodies.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian continued to oppose the change, noting that he will be making his nominations publicly.

“I hope my colleagues will be fair in nominating people who are right for our commissions,” he said. “I think this process is not a fair process in general; I think it’s grossly unfair.”

Next the Council entertained a policy discussion of possible additions to the city’s rental rights portfolio. Following a lengthy PowerPoint presentation, each councilmember offered feedback and input.

“It seems like some of these are solutions in search of a problem,” Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian said. “I don’t believe it’s our responsibility as a city to intervene in legal proceedings.” Kassakhian expressed his support for a permanent Landlord-Tenants Committee “as long as it’s balanced.”

Councilmember Gharpetian wanted the item to be “received and filed” (no action taken) as he believes there is “too much government in everything we do.”

“I don’t know what the city would do with notices of eviction,” Councilmember Ara Najarian weighed in, adding that the courts are “very circumspect” with regard to the details of eviction notifications. Najarian said that he would consider some sort of oversight of evictions resulting from reported renovations; he opposes offering financial or legal assistance to renters. Regarding the creation of a new commission, Najarian indicated that he “wouldn’t want to give any of the authority to make policy to an appointed commission and if you’re not going to give them significant power, having a commission isn’t worth it.”

Councilmember Dan Brotman prefers increased funding to the city’s Homeless Services Team to shore up its homeless

prevention and rapid rehousing programs and favors providing some legal assistance. There is a “fundamental power imbalance” between tenants and landlords and Brotman believes it is a function of government to “try to address that.”

Mayor Elen Asatryan prefers ad hoc committees to a new commission and wants to explore “some kind of legal assistance or partnership with another organization.”

Greg Astorian spoke on behalf of the Glendale Association of Realtors opposing any notification requirements based on privacy concerns.

“We litigated the issue of rent control back in 2018 and that Council set a cap of 7% – in August of 2023, then-mayor Brotman said that he has no interest in rent control.” Astorian urged the Council to remain “committed to what we already have that is working.”

Staff reported on a survey the city conducted among Beeline bus riders regarding improvements to the transit line’s bus stops. Of the 252 survey participants, 96% feel safe waiting for a bus. The bus stop amenities they want most are: improved schedule and route information, hopefully in real time; more shade; more shelters; more benches; better signage, including maps and wayfinding; no smoking signs.

There are currently advertising and city-owned bus shelters at 116 spots; 37 places for potential bus shelters and 226 stops without sufficient space for a shelter. City staff proposed installing 37 shelters at the stops with space for them, purchasing electronic bus route displays for all of the Beeline bus stops, and testing one possible shade source for the bus stops without room for more extensive amenities.

Councilmember Kassakhian shared his San Diego vacation photos showing more creative bus benches and shade umbrellas and urged staff to

explore creative approaches. He also voted to move forward with the plans that were presented.

“I love that we took input from people who actually ride the bus,” Kassakhian said. The \$1,071,000 cost for the new bus shelters and displays can be covered by a state grant and matching local funds.

Councilmember Brotman emphasized the need to plant trees along with building new bus shelters.

Earlier in the meeting, the Council recognized Sept. 27 as Native American Day and proclaimed Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

“We are an awesome and diverse city of many cultures,” Mayor Asatryan beamed. “Glendale is home to the largest immigrant population in all of California ... more than LA. It is something to be proud of. Over 50% are actually foreign-born.” The mayor added that celebrating the city’s diversity means “not only issuing proclamations but figuring out how to work together.”

Mayor Asatryan also announced that she attended the ribbon cutting on Citrus Crossing, a 126-unit affordable senior housing project.

“Tenants were so excited and people spoke about the ease of working with city staff. I’m proud of the city’s investment in affordable housing,” Asatryan said.

City Clerk Suzie Abajian

announced National Voter Registration Day was on Sept. 16 and urged potential voters to go to <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>. The last day to register to vote in California in order to vote in the Nov. 5 election is Oct. 21. Same-day voter registration is available in California and those voters will be given a provisional ballot on Election Day.

Representatives of the Glendale Environmental Coalition told the Council that Wednesday, Oct. 2 is California Clean Air Day (<https://www.cleanairday.org/>) and that everyone is encouraged to take one or more simple actions to clean the air.

The Northwest Glendale Homeowners’ Association announced two events: its annual meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Brand Park Auditorium featuring Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; and its annual Shredding Day event on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Grandview Presbyterian Church, 1130 Roberta Ave. from 9 a.m. to noon. Members can shred three boxes of financial documents for free; others cost \$8 per box.

At a special meeting of the Council, staff presented options for added neighborhood code enforcement services using overtime temporarily and exploring adding staff in the longer term. Community Development director Bradley Calvert reported that a more

detailed action plan will come to Council later this fall but that in the meantime staff wanted Council input in advance of that. For example, according to Calvert, the city’s ban on gas-powered leaf blowers went into effect on Sept. 1 and the city has already received 31 complaints.

“There’s not a lot we can do about it,” Calvert told the Council.

Jackie Gish called into the meeting to encourage enhanced enforcement of the ban.

“The California Air Resources Board says that using a commercial gas leaf blower for one hour produces as much smog-forming pollution as driving 1100 miles in a car” and added “[gas leaf blowers] also pose a large health hazard for the operator.”

Rick Lemmo, president of the Greater Downtown Glendale Association, spoke in favor of more proactive code enforcement.

“Instead of the stick, I think we should be providing a great big carrot,” Mayor Asatryan commented. “We’re passing policies that impact entire industries – whether it’s our restaurants, whether it’s our gardeners, whether it’s our construction workers – without providing the support they need to move into that space. I’m wholeheartedly committed to the end goals of sustainability – but how we get there is where I have an issue.”

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VOICE OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

The Ancient Mariner and Tujunga's Tugboat

Charles grabbed the top of the door to brace himself as the large truck lurched along what is now Foothill Boulevard. Behind him, the vehicle was loaded with lumber from which he intended to build himself a new home. It was 1921 and Charles had previously spent some time here to recover from asthma ... but he had returned and planned to stay.

As he slowly makes his way to the edge of his lot on what is now Samoa Avenue in Tujunga we see that the lumber in tow is not new. In fact, it's quite old. The boards reveal weathered white paint, much of it peeling from the aged sunbaked wood. Who was Charles and from where had he hauled all this old used lumber? For the answers to those questions, we travel back in time.

Capt. Charles Farr was on a mission when he arrived in San Pedro in 1901. He had spent the

last several years in Toledo, Ohio as superintendent of a bethel ship. This was a decommissioned vessel converted into a church for sailors.

Born in England, emigrating in 1881 at the age of 22, he led the life of a hard drinking cursing sailor on the Great Lakes – until a day that changed his life. At the age of 33 Charles stumbled into a Salvation Army meeting, heard the Gospel and had a conversion. Just five years later he managed the Bethel Mission Boat on the Maumee River in Toledo. He married Marie Layton in 1896 and, on the advice of a friend, they headed west in November 1901.

In his pocket he carried a letter from Samuel "Golden Rule" Jones, the mayor of Toledo, who extolled Charles' virtues and skills as a missionary and superintendent. One evening Charles came across

a large, dilapidated ship in San Pedro Harbor. It was 92 feet long and in bad shape, but he could see the possibilities. This was the tugboat Warrior, decommissioned by the Banning Company years before and basically rotting where she sat. In her prime she shuttled passengers to Catalina Island and back.

On the strength of the mayor's letter and with sheer determination, by 1903 Charles was able to build a house of worship within the ship. For 17 years he ran his church on the water, constantly struggling with funding. Finally, in December 1920, the captain announced his retirement. The Harbor Commission had plans for expansion and he was told the old bethel ship had to go. He tried at first to sell it, but there were no takers. He then implemented plan B and began to dismantle the

ship's superstructure, loading the planks of wood onto a large truck. The hull of the ship, massive and worn, was burnt to the ground right there on the shoreline while the captain looked on.

Arriving at his lot in Tujunga, there was a sight to behold. He had built a hull of stone to replace the one that had gone up in flames. The point of the rock bow faced the street and was 12 feet off the ground. Capt. Charles was no stranger to hard work and got busy reconstructing his ship, albeit now on top of stone. When complete, the structure resembled the original ship, with the exception of a stone stairway running up to the deck along the port side.

Marie had suffered health problems requiring Charles to move her into a board and care facility, so she never lived in the boat house. He was said to

have fit right in with the eclectic community of Tujungans and lived out his days there until his death in 1939. Not long after his passing, Tujunga's Tugboat was condemned and torn down. Nothing remains today with the exception of a photo of the captain in front of his boat house. A faded sign hung upon it reads, "Ancient Mariner."



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

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Exciting Bills Awaiting the Governor's Signature

2024 has been an exciting and bittersweet year for me. It's my last year in the California Legislature. While I'm excited for what Congress will bring, and the real change I will be able to make in those hallowed halls, I am so proud of the things I have been able to accomplish during my time in the California State Assembly.

For the past eight years, I've been able to work on a diverse array of legislation to build a better future for California ... and this year is no different. I've been working on legislation to address sexual assault and antisemitism on college campuses as well as bills on housing, transportation and protections for our state's vulnerable wildlife, wetlands and those facing devastating hospital bills. All of that legislation now sits on Gov. Newsom's desk awaiting his signature.

Throughout my time in Sacramento, I've worked to combat harassment wherever it occurs. This year, I've introduced two bills focused on our college campuses and protections for both students and staff.

Every college and university has a responsibility to protect the safety and wellbeing of everyone who studies, works and competes on their campus, but when it comes to preventing sexual harassment and assault, we're failing. In an egregious practice known as "passing the harasser," professors, coaches or staff accused of these offenses simply resign and go to work at a different university. When investigations substantiate allegations, but don't result in criminal convictions, the violations never appear on a background check. AB 810 closes that loophole. It requires colleges and universities during the hiring process to inquire about substantiated allegations of

harassment, abuse or assault made against the potential new hire.

That obligation to safety includes protecting students from discrimination. California is home to the third largest Jewish community globally. Since the Hamas terror attacks on Oct. 7, 2023, there has been a dramatic increase in incidents of antisemitism on college campuses. Protestors at one point blocked Jewish students from entering the college library during finals. Campuses across the state have struggled with how to respond and what resources, if any, they had for students experiencing discrimination. AB 2925 will better equip college campuses to respond with better training. Utilizing annual hate crime data, campuses will be required to include training to address discrimination against the five most targeted groups as part of any antidiscrimination training or diversity, equity and inclusion training that is already offered by the institution.

Universally on the minds of all Californians these days is housing. Most of us either are or have been renters. We all know how hard it is to save up for a security deposit. We also know how hard deposits can be to get back and how that can impact our ability to move into our next apartment or save for a down payment on a home. AB 2801 requires that landlords return deposits in total, so long as the residence was left as clean as it was upon move-in, minus expected wear and tear. When a landlord needs to keep any portion of the deposit to cover repairs, s/he will need to provide photographs to document the damage and provide a work order showing the cost to make the repairs. It's a common sense bill that protects renters and landlords alike.

Keeping our region moving and connecting communities continue to be top priorities for me. I authored AB 761, a transportation funding bill that makes it easier for communities to invest in key projects. Under AB 761, West Hollywood and the City and County of Los Angeles could secure the necessary funding for LA Metro's K Line extension. The proposed line could add 186,480 jobs to our region and billions of dollars to our economy.

Protecting our environment has always been a central part of my legislative package. This year, I authored AB 2552 to ban extremely toxic first generation anticoagulant poisons that inadvertently kill wildlife and pets and sicken 3,000 people, including 2,300 children each year. Also on the governor's desk is AB 2875, a bill to shield California's wetlands from a Supreme Court decision that would have resulted in half of our state's remaining wetlands being stripped of protection.

And finally, we all know how expensive healthcare can be and the toll that medical debt can take on families. Even with the changes we've made to improve access to affordable health care coverage, medical debt remains a significant driver of bankruptcy, poverty and racial inequities. AB 2297 strengthens patient protections by closing a loophole that has allowed hospitals and debt collectors to place liens on homes to recover medical debt. Home liens should be completely prohibited in the collection of unpaid hospital bills from financially qualified patients.

It was an exciting last year in the California Legislature. Serving in this body has been the honor of a lifetime. In next month's column I'll update you on which bills get signed.



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YOUTH

California Athletic Soccer Club Kicks Off Opening Weekend with a Focus on Youth Development and Community Engagement



Team being coached for an upcoming game.

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The California Athletic Soccer Club (CASC) announced the 2024 opening weekend of league games, marking a new chapter in the club's storied history. Founded in 1991 in La Crescenta, the club, previously known as CV Soccer Club, has grown to become a pillar of the soccer community. It has grown to 25 teams, including seven teams in the San Fernando area.

Due to the recent sizzling high heats in the 100s, some of the mid-day games were postponed. However, six teams were ready to play in the early morning. Over the last few months, most of the teams have been playing scrimmages and tournaments; however, there is always excitement in the air when league begins.

Since 1991 Crescenta Valley High School has been the "home base" of the league. But due to the construction currently being done at the school on the stadium lights and seating this year home games are being played at LA Valley College.

New club director Chad Borak replaces previous director Kurtis Millan, who has taken on an opportunity to coach a professional youth team in Sweden. Borak has stepped in seamlessly to carry on the proud tradition of soccer leadership in the community. The coaching staff includes coaches with top soccer licenses and educational degrees in the country as well as coaches with

high-level playing experience, such as Sean Franklin with the LA Galaxy, Tanya Samarzich with the Mexican national team, and Sydney Vermillon with the Armenian National team. Like Borak from CSUN, many coaches grew up in the area and want to give back to their communities.

Along with building a strong soccer program, Borak is looking for ways to strengthen ties with the local community. He can be reached at cborak@athletic.com. People are encouraged to send an email to say hi or to offer any partnership opportunities in the community.

In Southern California, there are over 4,600 teams with over 90,000 players in the league, the SOCAL Soccer League. Over 26,000 games are scheduled over the next three months. With many competing clubs, CASC seeks to distinguish itself from other clubs through a unique blend of dedication to youth development, being community focused and bringing a personalized approach to player growth.

The community is invited to come out and support CASC this season. Explore the youth programs, meet the dedicated coaches, and see firsthand how CASC is shaping the next generation of soccer stars.

For more information about the club, upcoming matches and how to get involved, visit <https://athletics.com>.

Fremont Celebrates Newly Refurbished Main Entry with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Students, staff and families at Fremont Elementary in the Glendale Unified School District celebrated the unveiling of a newly refurbished main entrance that features outdoor seating and a native plant garden with a ribbon cutting on Aug. 27.

The project is in anticipation of the school's 100th anniversary in 2025. The event, named Face of Fremont, included remarks from special guests and the burial of a time capsule (which included a copy of the CV Weekly newspaper).

Parent volunteers organized the project to beautify the main entrance at Fremont Elementary in honor of the school's 100th anniversary. The project was completed with support from the Glendale Unified School District and the Glendale Parks and Open Space Foundation. Additional support for the project came from the Fremont Foundation and PTA, as well as the local Glendale branch of NY Life. The finished project includes a new outdoor lounge, drought-tolerant landscaping, updated lighting, and a new dry creek with raised wooden platform walkways donated by Descanso Gardens. Fremont's sixth grade class, with support from Kiwanis



ABOVE: Seth Caplan received a mayor's commendation from councilmember and former Glendale Mayor Dan Brotman.

Photo by Steve DAVIS

BELOW: Fremont School Principal Vickie Atikian cuts the ribbon as community members, including GUSD superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson, City Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian and GCC Board President Desiree Rabinov, and look on.

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Kids and Glendale Sunrise Rotary, enshrining the school's mascot in funded a "Brownie the Bear" statue golden bronze.



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Korean Harvest Festival is Free For All



LEFT: Korean music, led by conductor Joon Kim, greeted visitors at the Korean Harvest Festival in La Crescenta on Sept. 14. MIDDLE: Pasadena resident Yuri Na plays the Korean changku at the festival. RIGHT: Burbank residents Elin Choi and sister Gloria Choi, 7, enjoy the Hanbok Booth of traditional Korean clothing.

By Ruth SOWBY

It appeared that half of the community turned out for the Korean Harvest Festival, held 2 p.m. through 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14. The hot weather kept all 500 visitors inside the cooler cultural hall of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in La Crescenta.

Steve Park, president of the Korean American Federation of North Los Angeles, greeted visitors as they entered the hall. "We strive to build lasting connections and share the richness of Korean culture," Park said. To that end, festival admission and food were free.

Booths ringed the perimeter of the hall. Korean cultural artifacts and descriptions of

Korean and Korean American history were on display. The most colorful was Hanbok Booth that was full of traditional clothing from years past. Visitors enjoyed trying on the gowns and having their photos taken in the formal ware.

A highlight of the afternoon was a small Korean band of four musicians playing percussive instruments and led by conductor Joon Kim.

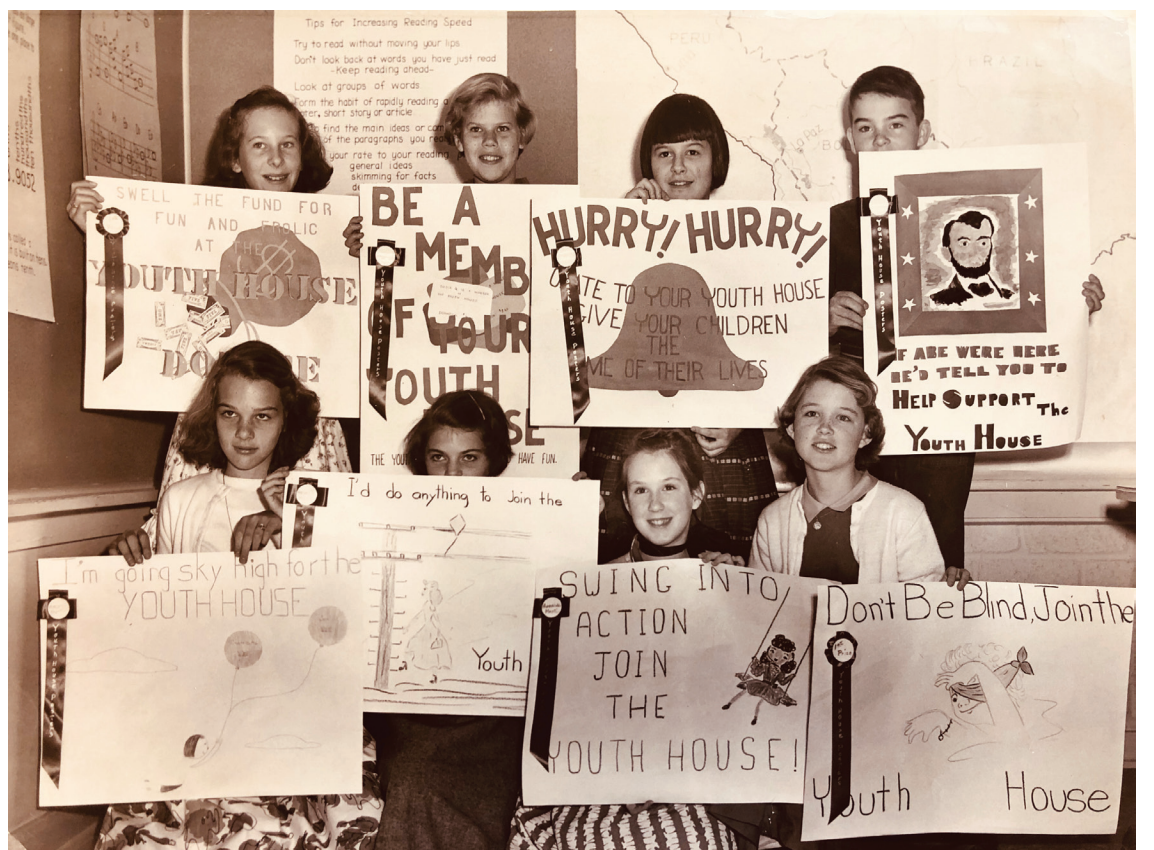
Clothing and music notwithstanding, food was the order of the day. Buffet tables of rice cakes, glass noodles, dumplings and kimchi sated guests. Many went back for more! One guest was spotted dumping dumplings in her own "takeout" bag.

Members of the Korean American Federation of North

Los Angeles, established in 2011, organizes the festival annually and appealed to a broad number

of local residents. More non-Koreans visited the fest than Koreans, according to Park.

Community Center Celebrates 75 Years



The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) is celebrating 75 years of service to the foothills community with a celebration on Sept. 21 in the CCLCF auditorium. The semi-formal event will feature live music by The Laurel Canyon Band, passed hors d'oeuvres, an open bar with signature cocktails and a slideshow looking back over the last eight decades. The evening will also include an auction of original artwork by esteemed artist and former LCF resident Kay Snodgrass. Tickets are \$75 per person.

"The evening will be a tribute to our past and a toast to our future," said executive director Betsy

Ferguson. "Every participant, staff member, instructor, board member and volunteer over the past 75 years has helped make us who we are today and lay the foundation for what we will become in the future. The evening is a tribute to them and to those we will welcome in the coming decades."

The Community Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1948 and housed in a building erected entirely by

volunteers between 1949 and 1951. Its mission is to enhance the well-being of the community by bringing people of all ages together for enrichment, recreation and social programs. It has provided a wide variety of programs and services for youth, teens, adults and seniors in the Crescenta-Cañada Foothills area for over 75 years.


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The ALG - Scholarship Program awarded eight students each with a \$2,500 scholarship to support their academic journey.

Assistance League's scholarship program embodies the company's broader mission of promoting unity, understanding and progress through education. By supporting talented and driven students, Assistance League Glendale is helping to build a more equitable and prosperous future for all.

Assistance League of Glendale is

celebrating 87 years of service in Glendale. Its seven philanthropic programs have assisted over 5,000 individuals last year from children to seniors. Programs include scholarships to local Glendale students, monthly discounted lunch for senior citizens and clothing for needy children attending local schools. ALG also works alongside Ascencia, a locally based center providing housing and services to the homeless, on two programs that assist unhoused individuals starting their journey toward permanent housing. Additionally, the Thrift Shop trains associates from Tierra Del Sol, a center that empowers people with development disabilities.

Assistance League of Glendale is always looking for help – whether donating household items that could be sold at the thrift shop or those who are interested in becoming a volunteer. Additional information can be found at alglendale.org or reach out to info@assistanceleagueglendale.org.



Photo provided by ALG
1st row: Serlee Masihimadi (Hoover High school) and Ani Konarki (Glendale Community College)
2nd row: Isis Gaitan (Verdugo Academy), Romina Sahebalfosul (Clark Magnet High School), Amelia Knur (Glendale High School), recipient of the Leni Richardson Scholarship, Danica Martinez (Glendale High School), Ani Gevorgyan (Glendale Community College). Not pictured: Chloe Schroeder (Crescenta Valley High School)

Village Poets Welcomes Rossi, Kronenfeld at Bolton Hall Museum

Village Poets presents two poets in September. Lee Rossi, formerly of Los Angeles, will be returning to the Southland from northern California to read from his new book, *Say Anything*. Judy Kronenfeld's new chapbook, *Oh Memory, You Unlocked Cabinet of Amazements!* was recently released by Bamboo Dart Press in June. In addition to the features, two segments of open mic will be available and refreshments will be served. Attendees are encouraged to bring their best poems for the open mic. The reading starts at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m.



Judy Kronenfeld

Lee Rossi describes himself as a "vertically integrated poetry conglomerate." He writes poems and reviews, and has interviewed poets such as Robert Pinsky, Carolyn Forché, Edward Hirsch, D. Nurkse and many others. In addition to several Pushcart nominations, he is the winner of the Jack Grapes Poetry Prize and the Steve Kowitz Prize. He has published five volumes of poetry, most recently, *Say Anything* from Plain View Press. Individual poems have appeared in *The Southwest Review*, *Rattle*, *Spillway*, *The Chiron Review* and *The Southern Review* and many other venues. His reviews and interviews can be found at Pedestal.org, *Rain Taxi*, *Rhino Reviews* and *Poetry Flash*. He is



Lee Rossi

lightness, and surprising illumination in Rossi's poetry 'whose only motive is joy.'

Judy Kronenfeld's six full-length books of poetry include *If Only There Were Stations of the Air* (2024), *Groaning and Singing* (2022), *Bird Flying through the Banquet* (2017), and *Shimmer* (2012). Her third chapbook, *Oh Memory, You Unlocked Cabinet of Amazements!* is just out from Bamboo Dart Press. Her poems have appeared in such journals as *Cider Press Review*, *DMQ Review*, *Gyroscope Review*, *MacQueen's Quinterly*, *New Ohio Review*, *Offcourse*, *One* (Jacar Press), *One Art*, *Rattle*, *Sheila-Na-Gig*, *Valparaiso Poetry Review* and *Verdad*, and four dozen of them have appeared in anthologies. She is a four-time Pushcart Prize nominee, and has also been nominated for Best of the Net.

Kronenfeld has also published criticism, including *King Lear* and the *Naked Truth* (Duke, 1998), short stories, and creative nonfiction. *Apartness: A Memoir in Essays and Poems*, will be released by Inlandia Books in early 2025. Kronenfeld is Lecturer Emerita, Creative Writing Department, UC Riverside.

Bolton Hall Museum is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

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Fright Fest Falls Flat

By Charly SHELTON

There are some nightmares in the fog at Halloween time. Some are pleasant nightmares, like a fun time at a theme park with your friends, visiting haunted houses and taking in some creepy shows. Others are logistical nightmares, like trying to navigate through “California’s Largest Haunt” with no signage, uninformed employees and lackluster houses once you find your way through the fog. This is Fright Fest Extreme.

Six Flags Magic Mountain opened its Fright Fest Extreme on Sept. 7 despite some houses not being ready. Members of the media and influencers were invited to see all the houses open by the following weekend – CV Weekly among them. What followed was, unfortunately, a difficult and disappointing night.

A few things to mention overall – I wanted this to be good; so badly did I want to have a good time and write a glowing review. Six Flags is an amusement park, a regional park, so it shouldn’t compete with Universal or Knott’s Scary Farm. They’re playing in different leagues. That said, Six Flags has significantly invested in licensed intellectual properties this year, bringing well-known themes like “Stranger Things,” “Trick ‘r Treat” and “Army of the Dead” to its lineup. These IP-based houses should have been the showstoppers; however, instead

they felt sparse, as though much of the budget went into securing the licenses rather than building out the mazes.

The original haunts that were returning from previous years, like “Willoughby’s Resurrected,” “Vault 666: Unlocked” and “Condemned Forever Damned,” had noticeably higher production values, likely due to the years of iterative improvements made over time. Meanwhile, the new IP-based houses often felt lackluster in comparison.

In all houses, there seemed to be a decision from the top down to ignore storytelling, to minimally staff houses with scaractors who had no consistent training or performance standards, and to go for exceedingly basic set decoration and build out. This isn’t the fault of the scaractors, who were poorly trained, or the build team that had little to work with. This is an operational decision that was misguided and I assume likely due to budget constraints. It’s a decision that comes from the same team that approved an event map with no labels so guests can’t see where the houses are, and the same team that thought an 8.5x11” black paper sign on a tall stick (against a dark sky) would suffice for the house entrance to help guests wayfind through the event. Fright Fest Extreme is plagued by poor choices, lack of communication and lackluster mazes throughout.

That said, there were still



occasional bright spots to be found. The “Stranger Things” maze was the highlight of the night. While the maze could have benefited from more character appearances (it featured just one Demogorgon and Eddie, and none of the rest of the cast), the overall atmosphere was immersive due to a particularly cool effect involving floating particles that felt right out of the Upside Down. This maze stood out as the best execution of a licensed property when compared to the others.

Unexpectedly, another high point of the evening came from the

food. In a sea of chicken fingers and hamburgers, Fright Fest’s specialty offerings surprised me with their creativity and quality. The Zombie Nachos, featuring braised beef birria and white queso sauce, absolutely killed it (no pun intended) and was a bright spot in an otherwise dark night.

Tickets are available now (and are between \$6 and \$12 more expensive than any of the other theme park haunts, depending on the night) for select dates through Nov. 3. While we can’t advise that this is a good haunt for someone who enjoys them, it is a great

starter haunt for people who don’t want a lot of scares. There were lots of younger kids populating the night – at least on the night I was there because there isn’t a lot to be afraid of.

For a full in-depth review with peeks inside each maze, or for a full review of the foods and cocktails that were previewed for the media, scan the QR code attached to this story.

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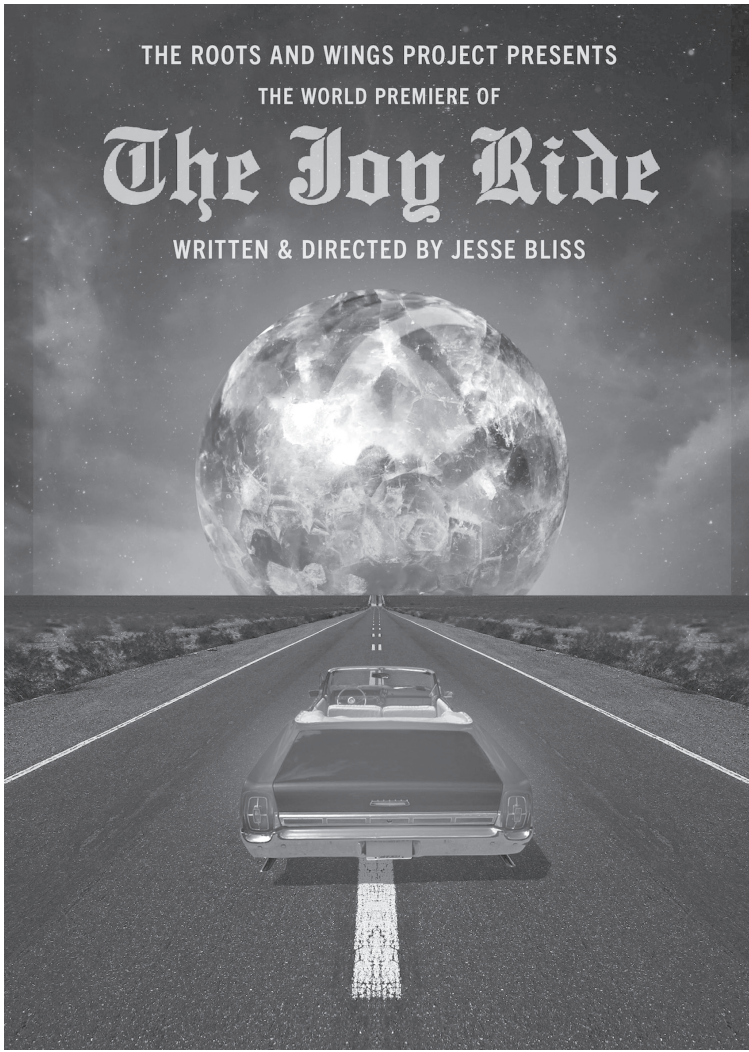
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'The Joy Ride' Coming to the Arts District



The Roots and Wings Project (RAW), with founding artistic director Jesse Bliss, will present the world premiere production of "The Joy Ride," an immersive site-specific touring production that will be performed in Southern California in the Arts District of Downtown Los Angeles from Sept. 20 – Oct. 12, and in northern California in the Bay Area from Oct. 18 – 20.

"The Joy Ride" is written and directed by Jesse Bliss.

The story follows four friends who gather to ride out together but quickly realize they have much to reckon with. How, in a time of deep grief, do they dare to claim joy?

This touring production is delivered out of a vintage convertible. The show contains strong language and content and is recommended for those 18 years of age and older. Performances will be outdoors, so attendees should dress accordingly.

Performances in Southern California will be presented

outdoors on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m., Sept. 20 – Oct. 12 at the Graff Angeles Gallery (Arts District), 1100 Fifth St. (at Seaton Street) in Downtown Los Angeles. There will be a Q&A following the performances on Friday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Oct. 12. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Street parking is available. Learn more at <http://graffangeles.com>.

Tickets for all performances, whether in Southern California or the northern California Bay Area, are

\$25 per person for general admission, \$20 per person for students and seniors with ID and \$20 per person for groups of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased at <https://thejoyridetour.eventbrite.com>.

For additional information and to order for groups of 10 or more, email therootsandwingsproject@gmail.com.

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Art Talks at Brand Return This Fall



Amie Sillah, I Hope To See You One Day (six), 40 x 40 inches, archival inkjet print.

Brand Library & Art Center announced its fall Art Talks at Brand, formerly titled Art Talk Tuesday. Art Talks at Brand invites contemporary artists to discuss their work and the issues surrounding it, followed by a moderated Q&A with Brand staff member, artist and writer Jennifer Remenchik. The fall series will feature Los Angeles-based artists Kira Shewfelt, Amie Sillah, Edgar Bryan, and Carrie Cook. The series is sponsored by the Brand

Associates, is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. – Visual artist Amie Sillah is featured. She was born in the Bronx, New York, now living and working in Los Angeles. Sillah's practice is lens-based and includes sculpture, performance and video work. Her work centers on her family's lived experiences immigrating from The Gambia to New York, and her relationship with photography as a medium to

explore the complexities and diversities of Black diasporic life. Currently, in her practice Sillah centers on topics of memory, performance and erasure as an act of care. Sillah has presented her work at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art and has shown at thematic group exhibitions at the New Wight Gallery (2024), Black Box Gallery (2023), and the Black Image Center (2023).

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‘Blended Worlds: Experiments In Interplanetary Imagination’ at the Brand Library & Art Center



David Bowen, tele-present wind (Mars wind studio test), 2024. Provided courtesy of the artist.

The City of Glendale’s Library, Arts & Culture Dept., in collaboration with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), an operating division of Caltech is pleased to present a new exhibition titled “Blended Worlds: Experiments in Interplanetary Imagination” at the Brand Library & Art Center in Glendale, opening Sept. 21. “Blended Worlds” is presented as part of Getty’s regional art event PST ART: Art & Science Collide, which explores the intersections of art and science – past, present and in the imaginable future. An opening reception will be

held on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 7 – 9 p.m., welcoming guests to view the exhibition for the first time.

Through a series of art and science collaborations, “Blended Worlds” explores the landscape of human relationships with the ever-expanding environment. The exhibition includes artists collaborating with a team of JPL scientists and engineers to present a vision of the future that invites the viewer to consider the impact of greater connectedness with nature and its ability to foster a renewed sense of wonder and curiosity with the planet and the cosmos. Spanning a range of multimedia and cross-disciplinary works from 11 artists, “Blended Worlds” features contributions from David Bowen, Darel Carey, Ekene Ijeoma, Annette Lee, Ada Limón, Bruce Mau, Viktoria Modesta, Shane Myrbeck, Moon Ribas, Raffi Joe Wartanian and Saskia Wilson-Brown.

Some works on view incorporate publicly accessible data from missions that JPL manages for NASA while others allow visitors to experience Earth’s wonders through

scents, utilize sound to convey the vast distances between our planet and those beyond our solar system and blend heartbeats and other Earthly sounds with sonified data from Europa’s magnetic field. David Bowen’s installation tele-present wind features grass stalks attached to tilting mechanical devices that move in response to Martian wind data previously collected by NASA rover and lander missions. For Seismic Percussion, Cyborg artist Moon Ribas creates an interplanetary drum score by translating seismic data from Earth and Mars, the latter via NASA’s now-retired InSight lander.

As part of PST ART, a number of public programs and community events will also accompany the “Blended Worlds” gallery exhibition including

“Blended Worlds: An Evening of Art, Theater and Science” is hosted by Reggie Watts at the Alex Theatre in Glendale on Oct. 5. The evening features a number of special guests from JPL, artist talks and performances. More information on events to be announced soon.

THEN & NOW

Devil’s Gate

Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



THEN » The Devil’s Gate was named in 1858 for this unusual rock formation that vaguely resembles a devil in profile, including the horns. This narrow spot in the Arroyo Seco on the border between Pasadena and La Cañada later became the site of a large flood control dam appropriately named Devil’s Gate Dam.



NOW » The devil of Devil’s Gate is amazingly still there despite the construction of the dam, the Oak Grove Drive Bridge and the 210 Freeway Bridge nearly on top of it. The devil’s profile is now flanked by a true gate, an iron gate on an outflow tunnel for the dam. Perhaps because of its name, the site has become the setting for several urban legends regarding the occult.

Projecting L.A. Coming to ReflectSpace

Glendale Library, Arts & Culture and ReflectSpace present Projecting L.A. 2024, a unique photographic project that presents an intimate and kaleidoscopic view of Los Angeles, its diverse communities and unwieldy streets.

The brainchild of Julia Dean – photographer, educator, writer, and founder of the Los Angeles Center of Photography – Projecting L.A. brings together a vast spectrum of photographers to tell the story of Los Angeles through photojournalism, documentary and street photography. The project cuts across cultural, gender, socio-political, generational, community and physical boundaries and offers an often chaotic but colorful panorama of the city as seen through the lens of some of its best image makers.

The photographs in the project are as varied as they are compelling and span an incredible array of Los Angeles sites and stories: from the region’s fentanyl crisis to Hollywood behind-the-scenes to a doctor treating COVID-19 patients to the legacy of Marilyn Monroe to wild Venice Beach to underground wrestling, Latino street gangs, a midwife-led delivery unit and the joys of childhood.

Projecting L.A. 2024 was

screened on April 27 in a one-of-a-kind outdoor projection screening in Chinatown on the side of a three-story building for over 2,000 spectators. The ReflectSpace iteration of Projecting L.A. will present a more intimate indoor experience.

“What better way is there to show off powerful street, documentary and news stories about Los Angeles and its people than on the street and through projection?” said Dean, director of Projecting L.A. “The work is outstanding. Prepare yourself to be inspired.”

The roster of photographers includes Pulitzer Prize winners and acclaimed photographers from the Associated Press, Los Angeles Daily News, Los Angeles Times and Reuters, in addition to war photographers, Emmy Award winners and other accomplished documentary and street photographers.

Projecting L.A. is co-curated by Julia Dean, Daniel Sackheim, and Ara & Anahid Oshagan. It will be on view from Oct. 5 to Dec. 8 at ReflectSpace, located inside Glendale Central Library at 222 E. Harvard St. in Glendale. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 4 from 7 – 9 p.m.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. The club will next meet on Sept. 20 for the demotion ceremony of current president Irma Villegas.

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

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

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

There is live music every Friday (note new day) from 10 a.m. to noon in the Park's building at 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

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

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

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

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

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

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

CANASTA IS CALLING

Canasta – an activity that will brighten your day with fun and relaxation. Those who have not played before – don't worry; you will be taught! 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.

CCLCF HAS SEVERAL EVENTS

Fall registration for classes at the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge continues. Fall registration

II opens Sept. 18 (session dates are Oct. 21 to Dec. 14).

CCLCF celebrates 75 years at its anniversary gala on Sept. 21. Tickets are available.

Early bird registration takes place through Sept. 30 for the Thanksgiving Day Run and Food Drive. Adults are \$30 and children are \$15.

Senior activities include MUSE/IQUE Encounters, Bingo & Brunch.

Artwork auction on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Visit the CCLCF website at cclcf.org or call (818) 790-4353.

BURBANK AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

The Burbank African Violet Society will be having its next club meeting this morning, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at The Little White Chapel Christian Church, 1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank.

The program will be presented by vice president John Hershey on "An A.V.S.A. Judged Mini Show." The three certified A.V.S.A. judges will be club president Chris Hedberg, vice president John Hershey, and club

member Luis Pineda. All members are to bring blooming African violets and their cousins to the meeting to participate in the show. There is always something new to learn about growing America's favorite houseplant the African violet.

There are raffle and silent auction tables, refreshments are served, and friends are made. There will be a learning lab about African violets and show and tell.

Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. For more information, telephone (661) 940-3990 or reference the website:

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TAYLOR DAYNE CONCERT IN ARCADIA

Grammy nominated pop/dance singer Taylor Dayne performs at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center on

Saturday, Sept. 21. For tickets visit ArcadiaPAF.org.

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 signature cocktails and a live band. For tickets, visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/fundraisingevents/event/75thanniversary/>.

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

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CLUB OF GLENDALE HOSTING BINGO

The Women's Athletic Club of Glendale is having a bingo night on

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» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



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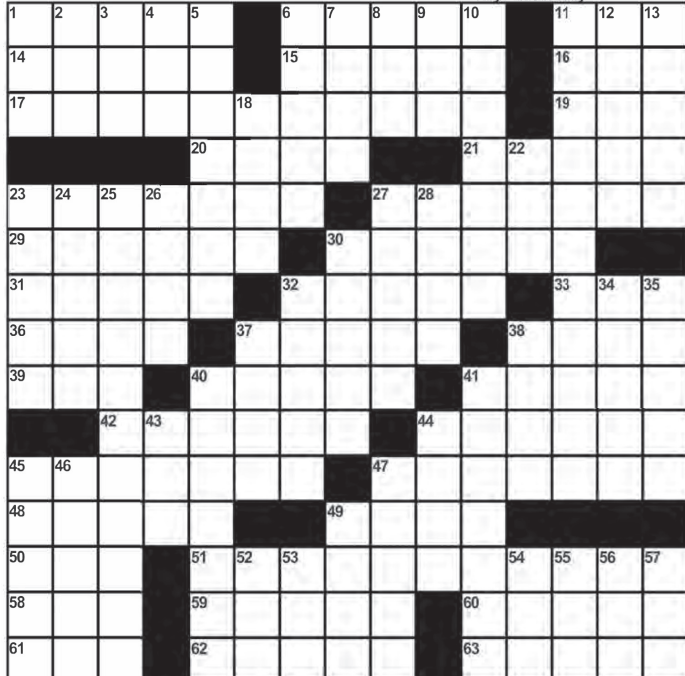
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- 6) Montezuma, for one
- 11) Dashboard abbreviation
- 14) Key in Florida
- 15) ___-cotta
- 16) "I can't believe my eyes!"
- 17) Prepare to stop crying
- 19) Charged particle
- 20) Bank heist units
- 21) Indian social class
- 23) ___ oblongata (brain part)
- 27) Simple shelters
- 29) Humiliates
- 30) Martin with an Oscar
- 31) Easy wins
- 32) Audacity
- 33) Backstabber
- 36) First-rate
- 37) Ratty or flea-bitten
- 38) Booby trap component
- 39) Leave white tracks
- 40) Dude kin
- 41) Certain mast (var.)
- 42) Arrange tidily
- 44) Mum
- 45) Some socks
- 47) Vast frozen expanses
- 48) Runway figure
- 49) Andean land
- 50) Busy bother
- 51) Be seductive, in a way
- 58) Use a needle and thread
- 59) Come to mind
- 60) Spooky
- 61) Member of the family, often
- 62) Marina sight
- 63) All-out attack

DOWN

- 1) Way past voting age
- 2) Wide's partner
- 3) Swelter
- 4) Teamwork inhibitor
- 5) Computer attachments
- 6) Baffled on the Pacific?
- 7) Zorro's marks
- 8) "Don't give up!"
- 9) Before, in poetry
- 10) Rush down in vast quantities
- 11) Certain skin cream
- 12) Quick snap
- 13) Fine-tunes
- 18) Slithering sea creatures
- 22) "Santa" tail
- 23) Convenient places to shop
- 24) Digital novel
- 25) Discouraging or dissuading
- 26) They often deliver good news
- 27) The "L" of XL
- 28) Jealousy
- 30) He's there late in Red Square
- 32) Directory contents
- 34) "Gladiator" setting
- 35) Army shelters
- 37) Bit of dust
- 38) Uncontrolled
- 40) Bedroom separator, often
- 41) Some simple math signs
- 43) CBS logo
- 44) "Certainly!"
- 45) Accumulate
- 46) Event with lots of bucks
- 47) Article of faith
- 49) Fancy-schmancy
- 52) Victorian, for one
- 53) First syllable of a simple game
- 54) Hawaiian giveaway
- 55) Anger
- 56) County fair animal
- 57) "Comprende?"

ON CONDITION

By Timothy E. Parker



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com September 16, 2024 - September 22, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're taking a few more risks in your money life now. Someone close not only has the keys to your heart but may also provide some key information about an investment opportunity. The Universe makes it possible for you open up a new line of communication. Do your research for best results, but invest in something you've never supported before.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You're famous for being organized, if only in your mind. Now you may stumble across the perfect situation at the perfect time for you. How's that for organized? The Universe brings opportunity while signaling a kind of soul-mate connection between you and your work. Don't question where it comes from. Just follow up or be sorry later.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

A harmonious aspect affects your communication sector in a new and perhaps dramatic way. A lot of action, meaning letters, e-mails, texts, and phone messages, combine with plenty of talking. It's like a double dose. Money comes when you access your communication skills in writing, speaking, acting, or something else. Give it your creative spin!

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

You have a wonderful opportunity now, like a little explosion in your house of money and values. It brings new ways to earn and save money (new job, anyone?) and new ways to see money's role in your life. You decide how important it will be, not your boss, the bank, or anyone else. That's pretty empowering when you think about it.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Now you get an extra dose of energy. You'll be doing plenty of communicating, since aspects affect your house of style and putting yourself out into the world. If you've wanted a makeover of sorts, this is the week to start. People perceive you as someone to take seriously. Get up your courage and put on that suit. It's time to ask for a raise!

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may be on the verge but not quite where you want to be. This is because of aspects affecting your house of past lives, karma, and institutions. Activity here can sometimes make you accident prone in your desire to get ahead. Right now it's about planning and getting those final pieces of the puzzle in place. You'll be able to move closer to your goals soon.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You're enjoying a fortunate aspect affecting social groups and politics. Use the forward momentum to learn about open positions with better benefits, if you're seeking a new job, or investors who might be interested in your business idea. If you reach out to existing contacts, you'll find what you need.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You have changes coming to your career sector. The Universe brings communication and creativity. You may need to explore a new career avenue in order to stay fresh in what you do. Tons of new energy and opportunities could result. You may experience a career boost now, which definitely means more money. Don't downplay your achievements. You deserve what you earn.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

With a harmonious aspect now, you have a unique opportunity to make your closest relationships pay off in a big way. The Universe makes you all the more lovable, which only makes your friends and family want to amp up your contact. Getting a better job shouldn't be hard. It's all about who you know and how you interact that determines your future.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Now you face a time of serious changes. Aspects affect your career sector, making it doubly important to dream big and keep your eyes open for anything that seems too good to be true. Chances are it is. But don't let that stop you from striving for what you want regarding money. You're the favorite now. Make it pay off.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have positive aspects accelerating the mental energy in your chart, making it easier to think, plan, or solve complex problems. The Universe touches on your house of romance, fun, and family, and colors your travel, educational, and spiritual picture. Money tends to come when you combine forces with someone to appeal to as many others as you can.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

With activity in your house of home and inner emotions, you may be getting in touch with all kinds of memories and past reflections. Part of you may wish to start a new business from home or bring your work home occasionally. It's easier to attract money from outside investors if you're starting something new, or pay off existing debts if you just need to get caught up.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I returned my iPhone, but Amazon is charging me for it. Is that fair?

Leah Davidson returns her iPhone 11 to a third-party seller on Amazon. But the seller claims the box is empty. Does she still get her money back?

Question: I recently bought an iPhone 11 through a third-party seller on Amazon. I returned the phone via UPS and I have a receipt that verifies the package was delivered.

The seller claims it received an empty box. I've shown the seller my receipt, which says there was a phone in the box. The third-party seller keeps asking Amazon to intervene. But Amazon says it is unable to take further action, so my request keeps getting tossed back and forth.

Can you help me get my \$319 back?

—Leah Davidson, Sunnyvale, California

Answer: Amazon should have refunded your \$319, even if you were dealing with a third-party seller. How do I know that? It says it right here in Amazon's A-to-Z guarantee.

Specifically, Amazon states you can get a refund if your returned item, sent with a label provided by the seller, is lost. I'm surprised Amazon didn't immediately take responsibility for your iPhone.

Instead, it looks like the seller ultimately didn't accept your return when it received your box, claiming the package

was empty. But you had written evidence from UPS showing it weighed over a half pound when it was delivered. As I understand it, the correct procedure would be for the seller to file a claim with UPS rather than to recharge you.

Your case is a little unusual. A few months after your attempted return, Amazon stated your credit card covered the loss – except the card paid the third party, not you. I didn't even know a card could do that and I'm going to have to look into that maneuver. It's new to me.

So the reseller was made whole, but you were still out \$319. It looks like Amazon's records showed that it had already refunded you and didn't recharge you for the phone. But your bank states Amazon recharged you, so it was a matter of connecting your credit card

with Amazon and the third party to clear up the matter.

A brief, polite email to one of Amazon's executive contacts should have fixed this. But alas, it did not. Amazon kept bouncing you to a lower level of customer support. It looks like the representatives you dealt with didn't have a clear understanding of your problem or how to fix it.

Like other big companies, Amazon relies on artificial intelligence to handle some of its customer service functions. As I reviewed your case, it seems AI might have handled – or maybe it's more accurate to say mishandled – your refund issue. It's always helpful to have a set of human eyes on a tricky refund case like this, so I hope Amazon can fine-tune its

processes to ensure this doesn't happen again.

No question about it; this case needed a person who could look at all of your correspondence with Amazon at every level and with the third-party seller. So I contacted Amazon on your behalf.

Amazon reviewed your case and gave you a full refund but did not explain what went wrong. Perhaps it outsourced the explanation to an AI.

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

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Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. The national event highlights the value of open access to information and brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists,

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Tujunga but it closed earlier this year after new owners purchased the building and the bar's owner lost the lease. At present the location is empty and is a location where transients are known to live.

Residents voiced their concerns about the issue and asked what could be done. Alvarado said police had sent the owner of the building a trespass letter.

"It's private property and [the police] can't do anything until the owner signs the trespass order," she said. "I am just waiting on that."

The owner of a private property needs to be the one who contacts the police to make a trespassing report before law enforcement can arrest someone for trespassing. A lot of times these owners do not live in the area.

This particular location was the

site of a recent transient-on-transient stabbing. One transient was arrested and the other was taken to the hospital, but has been released.

Alvarado added the best way to approach this problem of transients or others moving into empty buildings is to work with the LA Dept. of Building and Safety (LADBS). She spoke of working with LADBS in the past on other locations.

The residents then listed several other empty homes and businesses that have a transient issue.

"There's too many to keep track. They show up and then they leave, and another [group] moves in," said one of the residents.

Another resident added that he noticed an increase in the number of transients in the area.

Some of the transients are well

known to residents while others are new.

Residents said they call the LAPD about an issue but by the time officers get to the location the transient/s are gone. And that brought up another point – calling 9-1-1. Many residents shared stories of seeing suspicious behavior, like a man riding a bicycle down the street with a bat in one hand and a hammer in the other.

"I am certain he was not going to play baseball or do construction," said a resident.

A resident had called the suspicious activity in to police but waited on the phone for over two hours before finally giving up and leaving for work.

Getting law enforcement to respond to a "non emergency" call was a major issue, according to the residents.

Calling 9-1-1, even for non-emergency situations, could be a "Catch 22" situation where calling without an emergency could put a strain on the system; however, not calling could allow a dangerous situation to build.

Alvarado told residents to call and report if they think something could be a possible burglary or another crime that was about to occur and to make sure and share that information with the dispatcher.

One of the issues in the area, according to Alvarado, was burglary – both residential and vehicular.

She told the residents that Sunland-Tujunga had seen the same type of burglaries that were occurring in other areas. Those suspects are a group that can be traced to Chile. They use technology to help with the burglaries. Some suspects even place cameras in bushes so

they can watch a home for several days to learn residents' patterns, Alvarado said.

In the end, the residents shared their appreciation for the LAPD officer taking time to listen to them and Alvarado shared her email and contact information with the residents letting them know they can contact her with any issues.

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