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## Bill Introduced to Help People Navigate Housing System

On June 28, Rep. Adam Schiff and Rep. Sara Jacobs introduced the Housing Navigators Act to create a new program through the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) to provide direct housing counseling for renters and people experiencing homelessness to connect with critical services and housing placement opportunities.

“California is experiencing a homelessness crisis and we need to ensure that people have the resources and support they need to navigate the complex housing system and find long-term housing,” said Schiff. “The Housing Navigators Act will help reduce the burden on people experiencing homelessness who are struggling to find affordable, stable housing. We must support, promote and expand strategies that help individuals and families find housing and remain housed.”

“Escaping homelessness is incredibly challenging – and that’s partly because those experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness often don’t know where to turn for support and resources,” said Jacobs. “That’s why I’m proud to co-lead the Housing Navigators Act to help individuals and families navigate the complicated housing system and secure transitional or permanent housing that meets their needs. San Diego County’s homeless population grew 22% last year and has the largest population of veterans experiencing homelessness in the country – and this legislation would help them and millions of others across the country get off the streets, out of their cars, or away from doubling-up and into housing that’s safe and affordable.”

OCH’s current Housing Counseling Program primarily assists homeowners in need of help with issues such as

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## Classic Cars, Motorcycles and Dragsters at Annual Montrose Car Show

By Peter EMERY

*Thousands turn out for annual event.*

Despite the heat on Sunday, the Montrose Shopping Park was packed throughout the day as nearly 15,000 people turned out for the 21st annual Montrose Car Show. Over 300 vehicles registered for the event, filling the 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue. Though most of the cars were classics, there were a few newer models on display as well as motorcycles.

An awards ceremony was held in the early afternoon, recognizing autos in a variety of categories. Among the winners was Ted Saraf who entered the car show with his 1968 Dodge police car, which displayed Pasadena police decals on the doors. It was also fitted with the old lights and sirens.

“Working on a car is something else,” Saraf said. “This was a project car ... I basically started from having the car in a garage, it had been there for 20 plus years with chickens in it,



Photos by Peter EMERY

The roar of the cackle cars drew a crowd eager to hear the revving of the nitro and alcohol-fueled engines.

to getting it home and taking it apart.”

Mike Welty, owner of a 1969 Camaro Super Sport, said he’d been coming to the Montrose

Car Show for “about 10 years now.”

Also present at the event were the cackle cars, classic drag cars fueled by nitro and

alcohol. A lot of people crowded around the cars to hear their engines revved – sounds that could be heard blocks away.

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## Questions Raised During Mayor’s Talk

By Mary O’KEEFE

Last week the Crescenta Valley Meher and Satig Der Ohanessian Armenian Youth Center held an “Evening with Glendale City Mayor Dan Brotman.” The event began with an introduction by Harry Leon that the evening would be conducted in a “dignified” manner and, for the most part, it was. However, there were some people who identified themselves as Glendale residents and Glendale Unified School District parents who had concerns about a recent social media post by the mayor that commented on the violence of the recent GUSD school board meeting, which ended with the arrests of three people. Parents at the meeting said they did not like how they had been characterized as being the issue when, in their points of view, it was antifa members who had caused the violence.

Brotman said he did not state it was GUSD parents who were at fault and wanted the words he had written to be quoted directly and not paraphrased, which some of the parents did instead of using direct quotes. Another parent had spent over an hour with the mayor at another event. Both the parent and Brotman said they learned something from each other’s point of view.

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Photo by Mary O’KEEFE

From left, Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian, Mayor Dan Brotman and City Manager Roubik Golanian took part in “Evening with Glendale City Mayor Dan Brotman” at the Crescenta Valley Meher and Satig Der Ohanessian Armenian Youth Center.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER



# From Miles Away Came the Booms

For the first time in years I wasn’t able to attend the annual CV Fireworks Association display. I was stuck home in bed fighting a nasty head cold. I originally had planned to attend the pre-dusk festivities then head home to be with the dogs during the big booms of the fireworks. (If you remember from last week’s column, we have a new dog – Molly – and we weren’t sure how she’d react to the fireworks. Turns out she was fine.)

But I was sick on Monday and Tuesday, better on Wednesday, and didn’t feel well enough to make it to Crescenta Valley High School to see all the pre-fireworks fun on Tuesday. I know a highlight of the day was the presentation of scholarships to deserving Prom Plus individuals. Mary O’Keefe made those presentations, with support by State Senator Anthony Portantino, and knowing the recipients as I do I know they were well deserved. Congratulations to those CVHS graduates!

I know the music was terrific with Lucian Kugler and his CV Brass band starting the show earlier in the day before the main attraction: the Mary Dyer Band.

Steve and I listened to the Mary Dyer Band often during the days of COVID. The Mary Dyer Band provided what I call “concrete concerts” on Sunday evenings during the pandemic. They played at the intersection of (you guessed it) Mary and Dyer streets in La Crescenta. Over time the number of attendees to those concerts swelled to the point that Los Gringos Locos

was on-site selling Mexican fare and a dance floor was set up (complete with disco ball!) for experienced dancers. On Dyer Street, there was always a crowd of listeners and some dancers who’d take to the asphalt, ready to do the Electric Slide or some kind of free form dance, enjoying the sounds of these experienced musicians. Steve and I would either grab dinner from Los Gringos or bring in Subway, settle in our canvas chairs and just listen. We saw many folks there who we knew; it really was a community event. I’m forever grateful to the Mary Dyer Band for bringing some joy during uncertain times.

And kudos to the CV Fireworks Association. Like the Mary Dyer Band, its members (all volunteers) work hard to bring joy to our community. (Full disclosure: my husband Steve has been a member of the CVFA for years and this year was president of the non-profit.) Admission to the annual fireworks is kept super-reasonable and ensures future events. (As an aside I know – not information from Steve – that some people questioned the need to buy tickets. Seriously? How do they think this event is put on every year?)

To me events like the fireworks display and the concrete concerts reflect the sense of community that we share in the Crescenta Valley and are just more reasons why I like to call CV home.

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» WEATHER WATCH

## Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

I have been thinking a lot about our democracy lately, not only how fragile it is but also how amazing that it was even conceived. It wasn’t that everyone agreed, “England and the king are bad so let’s all start our own country.” There were extreme views from every angle. Patrick Henry and George Washington were friends but viewed the role of the new government differently. Henry opposed ratification of the Constitution, for example, and although they disagreed at one point in 1799 Washington reached out to Henry for help as he was concerned about the direction Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were taking the country.

According to John Ragosta, a historian at the Robert H. Smith Center for Jefferson Studies in Monticello and quoted in an article in governing.com, Ragosta had come across a letter from Washington to Henry that asked him to “come out of retirement to save the nation.” His concern was that “these people” (Jefferson and Madison) were putting party over country and could destroy the Union.

The country started with debates, mostly between the Federalists who supported the U.S. Constitution and the anti-Federalists who opposed it. There were debates – really heated debates – that at one point pushed the country to the brink of a civil war before it was even united. However, through reasonable debate a compromise was found and the Constitution was enacted and a democracy was born.

But what is also very interesting is how the weather played a vital role in the Revolution.

“Listen, my children, and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,” reads a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1860.

This is a great poem that many of us read as kids and, as I have stated before, many great stories of fiction, and in this case poetry, begin with a tinge of truth. Paul Revere, according to historians, did exist and he was tasked with warning the Continental Army that the “British

were coming.” But the fact is Revere and his fellow riders William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott were all captured the night of the warning and if it weren’t for rain Longfellow’s poem would be a tragic one.

On April 18, 1775 there were some heavy rains in the areas of Boston, Lexington and Concord. The roads were soggy and muddy. Revere rode from Boston to Lexington and met with Dawes and Prescott on the way to Concord but they were intercepted by a British patrol. Dawes and Prescott escaped and went on to warn the colonists in Concord. Revere returned to Lexington. But that’s not the end of the story; because of the rain the British didn’t have the firing power they had wanted.

“The British had planned to bring their small cannons with them to teach the rebels a lesson,” said AccuWeather Chief Operating Officer Evan Myers, host of the podcast This Date in Weather History.

Even though the sun was out it was cold and the roads remained wet. The cannons got stuck in the mud on the road from Boston and were left behind. By the time the British made it to Concord the militia outnumbered the British thanks to the early warning by Dawes and Prescott.

I understand how Longfellow had to take poetic license; after all, “Listen children and you shall hear the midnight ride of William Dawes, Dr. Samuel Prescott and Paul Revere, who were captured in the rain” just doesn’t have the same ring to it.

But that is what art is supposed to do. Many times art highlights feelings more than facts. Art is an important tool that can be used to lift spirits, to create a sense of pride and, in this case, to remind us that brave souls were willing to put their lives on the line to build and protect this idea of democracy. This American tradition continues to be carried forward by those who have served and are currently serving in the military. But it is important to not only know the artful prose but the reality as well.

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– Huw Christopher, CSC Participant



NEWS

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 8 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be working on the trail, weeding the demonstration garden and removing invasive plants posing a fire danger to the Preserve!

Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. and not in front of neighbors' homes. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EVENT PLANNED

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station will be hosting a disaster preparedness event on July 20 at La Cañada High School from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The goal is to educate the public on how to prepare for a large-scale disaster. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be displays from all LASD station teams including members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Montrose Search and Rescue, volunteers, Disaster Communication Service (DCS), uniform reserve deputies, and Explorer Program. There will also be a mobile command post display from the LASD Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB).

From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be a town hall segment of the evening. Sheriff Robert Luna is scheduled to attend and give opening remarks.

The event will be free to the public to attend. For those who are unable to attend, the event will be streamed on LASD social media platforms.

BEYOND THE BOX – MURAL ART PROGRAMS APPS ACCEPTED

Applications for this year's Beyond the Box – Mural Art Program are now open. The deadline to apply is Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. PST.

Beyond the Box extends public art to new areas in an inventive way while creating an attractive environment. The theme for this year is "Celebrating Inclusion." This year's theme intends to uplift and strengthen the voices of Glendale's diverse community.

Artists are strongly encouraged to incorporate this year's theme in their design. The Arts & Culture Commission (ACC) will fund \$1,000 per utility box and anticipates selecting artwork for up to 15 utility boxes. Artists are responsible for prepping, priming and painting the utility boxes, and are encouraged to incorporate volunteers in the painting process.

Beyond the Box is open to all local and regional artists. The ACC encourages both new and established artists to apply. Artists may apply as an individual artist or as a group at <https://www.glendaleartsandculture.org/beyondthebox>.

Beyond the Box is supported by the City of Glendale and the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission.

Retiring Superintendent Reflects on Her Time with GUSD



File photos  
ABOVE: Dr Vivian Ekchian took the reins as GUSD superintendent in 2019.  
TOP RIGHT: Dr. Ekchian (holding plaque) was named Educator of the Year by the CV Chamber of Commerce.  
RIGHT: During the pandemic, Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian (in red), with then CVHS Principal Linda Junge, distributed diplomas outside the school.

By Mary O'KEEFE

After 38 years in the field of education, Dr. Vivian Ekchian announced her retirement from the district on June 20 at the last Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) board meeting of the year.

Ekchian is a Glendale resident who took the reins as GUSD superintendent on July 1, 2019. She immediately began to reach out to students, staff and parents and created a district-wide open door policy. She brought with her over three decades of experience in education and it would be an understatement to say she made education her priority.

Prior to coming to GUSD, Dr. Ekchian was deputy superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District, a district that serves over 600,000 pre-K through adult students. Throughout her career she has been a teacher's assistant, classroom teacher, principal, director of instruction, chief of staff to the superintendent of schools, chief human resources officer, chief labor negotiator, local district

superintendent, associate superintendent and interim superintendent.

Ekchian is the recipient of a Distinguished Educator Award from California State University, Los Angeles, and Women in Educational Leadership - Outstanding Contributions to Education Award. She was honored by LA City Councilmember Paul Krekorian for her dedicated service and immeasurable contributions to the Armenian community. In 2022 she was recognized as the 2022-23 Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year.

Throughout her time at GUSD she reached out to all students including those who felt their voices may not have been heard or were marginalized.

"I think it is really important in education and any other setting to pursue your passion and my passion was to close the opportunity gap for students who were further from the center of the conversation," Ekchian said in an interview with CVW. "Students who are [seen] the most are those who feel supported at the school site and know that school is a safe place for them to

learn and to thrive."

She added that to do this, the district needs to have that support as part of its infrastructure in order for all students to feel safe and that they belong and can achieve their goals.

Ekchian continued to work on achieving the infrastructure goal, which was made challenging when the pandemic hit and schools were closed, and then later when they reopened and students and staff wore face coverings.

"Our goal was always to have every student graduate and be college, career and life ready. Now I would say college, career and community ready," she said. "The pandemic was a surprise. I was still in my first year as superintendent and required laser-like focus in making sure that every family and every student, even though they were learning from home, received the support they needed. We spent every dollar that was provided to us from state and federal levels on our students, and safety was our priority."

During Ekchian's leadership the

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# Emergency Preparedness Event Planned

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From 6 p.m. to 7 pm. CV Sheriff's representatives will have displays from all station teams. Opening remarks are scheduled to be made by LASD Sheriff Robert Luna.

"At 7 p.m. we are having several guest speakers including Mike Leum and other members of Montrose Search and Rescue (MSAR)," said Sgt. John Gilbert.

Leum was among the MSAR team who went to Turkey to help in the rescue and recovery efforts after the February 2023 earthquake. They will be sharing stories of what they saw and what people went through after the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake.

There will also be displays and speakers from the LASD Emergency Operations Bureau on what emergency responders will do if and when such an earthquake hits LA County.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) coordinator Paul Dutton will speak on preparedness including a short question and answer period.

The Disaster Communication Service, uniformed deputies and members of the LASD Explorer program will also be on hand. Visitors will also be able to visit the CV Station mobile command post.

Gilbert said the inspiration for the event came from Dutton who had invited MSAR members who responded to the Turkey earthquake to speak to his CERT members.

"I thought that was a good idea and maybe we should do it on a larger format, to reach out to the public and invite the sheriff to join," Gilbert said.

He added this event is to drive home the point that "if we think what happened to Turkey, that level of humanitarian crisis, can't happen here – well it can."

The event will be free to the public to attend. It will also be streamed online on LASD social media platforms.

La Cañada High School is located at 4463 Oak Grove Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.



File photos  
ABOVE: MSAR members responded to the devastating earthquake in Turkey.  
BELOW: MSAR team members had to go into tight spaces during rescue operations.



# Burbank PD Investigates Suspicious Item

A suspicious item found by homeowners has been examined and safely removed, according to the Burbank police.

The incident occurred on June 29 at about 12:40 p.m. Burbank police responded to a home in the 1800 block of North Maple Street regarding a suspicious item. The homeowner was cleaning out his/her garage and found a metal box containing what s/he believed to be old dynamite belonging to his/her deceased father who worked as a miner.

When the officers arrived, they examined the item and could not

determine what it was other than it was extremely corroded.

The officers took a picture of the item and notified the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Arson and Explosives Detail, which assists with possible explosive-related incidents in the City of Burbank.

Due to the densely populated area and the uncertainty of the found item, the surrounding neighborhood was cordoned off as a precaution and several residential units were evacuated in the interest of safety.

Investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Arson and Explosives Detail

responded expeditiously and examined the item. Investigators determined the box contained corroded road flares and they were safely removed.

At about 5 p.m., the surrounding area was re-opened to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and the affected residents were allowed to return home. No injuries were reported.

The Burbank Police Dept. reminds members of the community to remain vigilant and not touch, move or handle any suspicious or unknown item, but immediately notify local law enforcement.



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# Artist, Musician Speaks at STARC

By Katie O'BRIEN

Local artist and musician Sheri Garwood was invited to be the guest speaker at the STARC (Sunland Tujunga Arts, Recreation and Cultural) Committee meeting on June 27, which turned out to be the largest in-person turnout STARC has had. In a screen video from her studio, Garwood offered narrated slides and videos demonstrating several tips on how to turn a warehouse into an art and music studio; these tips can be applied to organize any space. They included:

1. Find a regular place to always keep things like keys, remotes, purse. Otherwise they can easily get lost in the craziness of a project.
2. Use baskets, plastic containers and drawers to keep things out of sight that are not in immediate use.
3. Find ways to store small objects so they either serve a purpose or look decorative while in place.
4. Have as much furniture (tables, chairs, etc.) as possible be foldable or on wheels so space can be altered easily according to a project.
5. Allow yourself at least one thing in the studio that doesn't



have to serve a purpose but is just there for the beauty of it or enjoyment.

6. Recycle and reuse jars, vitamin bottles and takeout containers for paint, mediums, brushes and other supplies.
7. Hooks and hangers everywhere to keep items off the floor.

Garwood received her certificate from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise, as well as taking art and other related subjects privately and from other colleges. After working in the

fashion design industry for 18 years, Garwood switched to fine art and began teaching ceramics and art classes at McGroarty, including drawing (figure and costumed) and creating wine and watercolor events there and classes in watercolor, acrylic painting and fashion design. She displayed her paintings at McGroarty and participated in various art show organizations throughout the Tujunga and Sunland areas, with a few solo art shows at Backdoor Bakery



in Sunland.

After opening a local studio in the Tujunga area, and playing ukelele with a band in Montrose, she purchased a boat and switched her workshop to Ventura Harbor where she also found a musical venue and pursued music and songwriting while maintaining permanent residency in Tujunga.

Gerado Barrintos, who created the mural on the walls of the

Pinewood School, will be lending his artwork to bench ads in the local area and called for other cultures, like Latinos and Korean, to become a part of the cultural expansion STARC would like to create.

Photos provided by Katie O'BRIEN

LEFT: Sheri Garwood was the main speaker for the STARC meeting.

RIGHT: Gerado Barrintos also spoke at the meeting.

## CVTC Holds Outreach



On Saturday members of the Crescenta Valley Town Council held an outreach event at Ralphs Marketplace in La Crescenta. They spent the morning introducing themselves to those who they had not met before and greeting friends. They spoke to community members about issues that

those were facing in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County/La Crescenta Montrose.

From left are Kerri Lewin, corresponding secretary, DeDe Mueller, Elizabeth Ahlers and CVTC President Chris Kilpatrick.

By Mary O'KEEFE

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# Suspects Arrested in Catalytic Converter Theft

A man and woman were arrested for stealing a catalytic converter in Burbank.

The incident occurred on June 27 at about 3:25 a.m. Burbank Police responded to the 1400 block of North Naomi Street regarding a report of a catalytic converter theft in progress.

When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim who said he was inside his home and heard what he believed to be the sound

of grinding metal. The victim opened his front door and saw a man standing next to the hood of his Toyota Sequoia as well as a second person underneath his vehicle, which led him to believe the suspects were in the process of stealing his catalytic converter. The two suspects quickly fled in a vehicle. The victim looked under his vehicle and confirmed his catalytic converter had been stolen.

Officers searched the surrounding area and apprehended the two suspects in the described vehicle as they made their way toward the freeway.

During a search of the suspect's vehicle, officers located a reciprocating saw, a cut catalytic converter and evidence further indicating the two were involved in the crime of stealing catalytic converters.

The suspects have been identified as Nancy Guevara-Lopez, 18, and Guillermo Martinez-Fabian, 27, both residents of Los Angeles. Guevara-Lopez and Martinez-Fabian were arrested and booked for grand theft, a felony, and were each held in lieu of a \$20,000 bond.

Formal charges are pending review by the Los Angeles County district attorney.

## Obituary

Carl W. Raggio



July 28, 1928 – June 20, 2023

Carl W. Raggio, 94, born on July 28, 1928 in Los Angeles, passed away on June 20. He resided in Valencia at the time of his passing.

Carl graduated from Alhambra High School in 1946 and went on to attend John Muir College until 1949 where he met his future wife, Marilyn "Lynne" Lloyd, whom he married on June 9, 1951. He became associated with the California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) the same year when the Lab only had three buildings and approximately 300 employees.

During his 39 years at JPL, Carl was instrumental in the design and deployment of several landmark space crafts including Explorer 1, the first satellite launched by the United States into space in 1958, as well as Pioneer, Ranger, Mariner, Viking, Voyager and Galileo.

Carl and Lynne moved to Glendale in the early 1960s where he served as a board member for the Glendale Unified School District from 1973-1985 and the Glendale City Council from 1985 to 1993. During his council service, he served one-year terms as mayor in 1988 and 1992.

Carl was a staunch supporter of good government and believed the universe was "marvelous," unquestionably designed by God, and that all citizens have a responsibility to give back to their community and to take care of those less fortunate.

Carl was a ninth generation Californian and a beloved and exemplary husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and teacher. He is survived by his wife of 72 years Lynne; his two sons, Carl Raggio III and his wife Mary and Paul Anthony and his fiancé Natalya; daughter Lisa and her husband Greg Patterson; as well as 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom will continue to live out his powerful legacy.

Funeral services will take place at Holy Redeemer Church, 2411 Montrose Ave. in Montrose, on July 21 at 1 p.m. followed by a celebration of life outdoor reception at the Museum Patio at Forest Lawn Glendale, 1712 S. Glendale Ave. For more information about the service, to read his full bio or to share a message, please visit <https://obituaries.forestlawn.com/obituaries/carl-raggio>.

# Flock Safety System Leads to Arrest

By Mary O'KEEFE

Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept. deputies out of the Crescenta Valley Station were alerted to a felony suspect using the Flock Safety system.

The suspect was wanted on felony charges out of Monrovia regarding an attempted kidnapping and human trafficking case, said Sgt. John Gilbert of the CV Sheriff's Station.

The male suspect's vehicle was located by Deputy Gorgyan who requested back up.

According to LASD, when additional units arrived the vehicle was stopped near La Cañada Flintridge City Hall, One Civic Center Drive and the suspect was detained without incident. Monrovia law enforcement

responded and took the suspect into custody.

The Crescenta Valley Station, the City of La Cañada Flintridge and Flock Safety entered into a partnership in 2020 in which numerous Flock Safety cameras were deployed throughout the City of La Cañada Flintridge. The cameras use automatic license plate recognition technology that can read the plates of passing vehicles, according to a LASD release.

"It can read license [plates] during the day or night, at any speed," said

Sgt. Gilbert in an earlier interview with CVW.

The plates are read and if the car has been reported stolen or if the vehicle plates are connected to an owner who has an outstanding warrant for arrest it will notify the station within 30 seconds to a minute, Gilbert added.

He said the system is not intended to be used in locating minor crime offenders, like those with overdue tickets.

"It's only for serious felonies," Gilbert said.

## CRIME BLOTTER

### July 1

4700 block of Glenwood Avenue in La Crescenta, a driver parked his vehicle in the area and left the location. When he returned he found several pieces of gardening equipment had been stolen from the unsecured bed of his truck.

The theft occurred between 10 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.

### June 29

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, a business was burglarized. Surveillance footage revealed a Dodge Charger with paper plates reversed into a parking space in front of the business. Suspect No. 2 used an

unknown object and shattered the front entrance of the door. Suspect No. 1 entered the business, jumped over the front counter and began searching underneath the counter. Suspect No. 1 then grabbed what appeared to be a box and handed it over to Suspect No. 3. At the same time, Suspect No. 2 disabled the wires and grabbed the register from the top of the counter. Suspect No. 1 then jumped back over the counter and a few minutes later all suspects exited the business, got into the Charger and drove away from the area.

Suspect No. 1 is described as a male adult about 5'9" tall and weighing about 160 pounds. At the time he was wearing a white hoodie, white pants and white shoes. Suspect No. 2 is described as a male adult, about 5'7" tall and weighing about 150 pounds. At the time he was wearing a white hoodie, black pants and black shoes. Suspect No. 3 is described as a male adult, about 5'7" tall and weighing about 150 pounds. At the time he was wearing a black jacket with white hoodie underneath, black pants and black shoes. Another suspect was in the driver's seat of the Charger; there is no description.

The burglary occurred at 2:56 a.m.

### June 28

5400 block of Arroyo Summit Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a resident reported that an oak tree was stolen from the front entrance of Arroyo Summit Drive. The resident said he is part of the homeowners association for the neighborhood and that none of the neighbors had scheduled the removal of the tree. He had stated he saw the oak tree on

June 28 and the next morning it was missing. There was a hole in the ground where the tree once stood. The theft occurred between June 28 at 4 p.m. and June 29 at 8 a.m.

700 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the front door's glass window was shattered and cash was missing from the register.

The burglary occurred overnight.

### June 22

400 block of Knight Way in La Cañada Flintridge, gardening equipment was stolen from the bed of a truck. Surveillance footage revealed a dark colored SUV driving past the victim's truck then turning back and stopping near the vehicle. Two males were seen to exit the vehicle with a driver remaining inside.

Suspect No. 1 lifted the rear hatch of the truck while Suspect No. 2 took wooden side panels off the truck. Both suspects took equipment from the truck, placed the equipment into the waiting vehicle, got into the car and drove off.

The footage showed Suspect No. 1 as a White male in his 30s wearing a white T-shirt, grey shorts and a dark backward-facing baseball cap. Suspect No. 2 appeared to be a White male had either bleached hair or something light colored on his head and wore a long sleeve black shirt and black pants. The suspects' vehicle appeared to be a black 90s Ford Explorer with a chrome rear bumper, gold front bumper and side paneling over the wheel wells. The rear windows were tinted.

The theft occurred at 1 p.m.

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# CV Fireworks: Better than Ever

By Mary O'KEEFE

The Crescenta Valley Fireworks event on Tuesday was a success and even bigger than last year, according to organizers.

"We are still counting the numbers but it looks to be the largest attendance ever. We estimate well over 3,000 [in attendancel]," said Steve Goldsworthy, president of CV Fireworks Association (CVFA).

CVFA is the non-profit organization that raises money throughout the year to put on the fireworks show at Crescenta Valley High School.

There were student representatives from CVHS Falkons, the robotics team 589, and Prom Plus Club, which held a fundraiser by selling parking spaces at the school.

The music started at 4 p.m. with the Crescenta Valley Brass quintet and ending with the Mary Dyer Band.

Several dignitaries stopped by including Congresswoman Judy Chu, former LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Glendale Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian.

State Senator Anthony Portantino entertained the audience as the master of ceremony.

CVFA member Steve Pierce said the crowd was difficult to estimate exactly but the fireworks tickets sales appeared to be more than in years past, although actual numbers have not yet been calculated; however, the event revenue was up 26% from last year.

There were several food trucks at the event, Pierce said adding many of the owners told him this was the best event they have had this year. The blow-up toys, slides and jump houses also saw a lot of traffic.

Photos by Steve Goldsworthy and Mary O'KEEFE



Thousands attended the fireworks show, filling the track and field at CV High School.



Members of the CV Brass Band warmed up the crowd early in the afternoon.



The 4th of July Fireworks were shown at CV High School on Tuesday.



The Prom Plus Club members who received scholarships.



There was a variety found in the food trucks that lined Ramsdell Avenue



Outside the high school, tables were set up to accommodate diners

## Burbank PD is Seeking Information Concerning Sex Crimes Against Children

Artur Suslow, 54, was arrested in December 2022 following allegations of having inappropriate sexual contact with minors dating back more than a decade, according to the Burbank Police Dept.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed two counts of committing lewd or lascivious acts with a child and one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14, all felonies. Suslow has been remanded to the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's

Dept. in lieu of a \$1.55 million bond. Suslow is due to appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Aug. 9.

This investigation is ongoing and detectives believe there may be additional victims of Suslow's actions. Additional victims or anyone with information is asked to call the Burbank Police Dept. - Domestic and Family Crimes Unit, Detective Dustin Rodriguez, at (818) 238-3210.

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# GCC Professor Earns American Chemical Society Teaching Award

Glendale Community College Chemistry Professor Dr. Asmik Oganessian has been awarded the 2022-23 Teacher-Scholar Award from the Silicon Valley Section of the American Chemical Society (SVACS.)

Oganessian became a full-time instructor at GCC in 2008. Within the first year, she started the Organic Chemistry Independent Research program with nine aspiring students. Soon the value of undergraduate research was recognized, and funds were granted by Title V and the GCC Foundation to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, supplies and chemicals. Since then, Oganessian has trained over 230 students who are now pursuing careers in Ph.D. programs and medical, dental

and pharmaceutical fields. Her students presented their research outcomes at multiple local, regional and national meetings. The experience they gained while conducting research during intersessions served as invaluable learning opportunity that many of them have expanded on in their professional careers.

In 2018, Oganessian was awarded a GCC Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Award for excellence in teaching and contributions to the chemistry programs. She published a textbook, “Organic Chemistry at Your Fingertips,” which was adopted at the college and is available free of charge to the students at GCC. She is a coordinator of the Bridges to the

Future program at CSULA, which gives qualified GCC students guaranteed transfer to CSULA and guidance to the nation’s most prestigious Ph.D. programs.

The SVACS Teacher-Scholar Award honors community college faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching, mentoring and scholarship and/or who make impactful contributions to their communities through outstanding leadership and service.

On receiving the award, Oganessian said, “I am grateful to teach these talented students the beauty of organic chemistry. It takes a village to receive this honorable award, and I am humbled and honored to represent our college to the largest scientific community of the world.”

*BILL from Cover*

financing a home, undergoing home repairs, and securing foreclosure assistance.

The Housing Navigators Act would fund a Housing Navigator Program specifically to assist people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness. The Housing Navigator Program would provide funding to states, local governments, and housing nonprofits to assist people and families with navigating homelessness services, securing transitional housing and permanent housing placements, and assistance with completing applications for housing assistance programs. The Housing Navigators Act would provide an additional

\$50 million to HUD’s Office of Housing Counseling to support the work of housing counseling agencies and hire additional staff working to end the nation’s homelessness crisis. It would increase the capacity for housing casework and eliminate barriers faced by unhoused individuals and low-income tenants.

The legislation is endorsed by Acenscia, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), LeadingAge, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, National Housing Law Project (NHLP), National Housing & Rehabilitation Association, National Leased Housing Association, and U.S.VETS.

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district and her cabinet reached out to community partners, like

hospitals, the YMCA and the City of Glendale, to make certain that COVID-related turnaround was quick. There was COVID testing five days a week on campuses for almost two years so students would not have to go with their families to search for testing sites, she added. The district had 38 vaccination clinics and a number of opportunities for students to receive food support. Forty seven percent of GUSD students receive free or reduced cost meals and one of the highest traffic areas for free meals was the Crescenta Valley.

GUSD school board meetings have become volatile lately, as reported in the media, both locally and nationally; however, Ekchian wants to keep the focus on students.

“We have to continue to focus on what’s best for kids and not be pulled into any adult agendas that may not align with the best interest of students,” she said.

Ekchian and other staff members have spoken and met

with hundreds of parents over the years she has been at GUSD.

“I do think schools are the center of our community. Schools belong to our community and [I] have always had an open door policy,” she added. “I am proud of that fact.”

She is not yet certain what her retirement will look like but said her first priority is to make sure the transition to the interim superintendent will be done well.

At the last GUSD board meeting goals were approved for the next school year.

“I know I will be involved [in education], maybe from a different perspective but I will always be an advocate for Glendale children and families,” she said.

When asked what message she would like to leave with students she said, “I would like them to know they have a voice and they have agency. And schools belong to them so they need to be thoughtful and organized, to engage in civil discourse to continue to improve learning and teaching conditions.

“And I love them and everything I’ve done has been for them.”

*MAYOR from cover*

That parent stated that her issue was how one-sided she thought the events at GUSD had been portrayed in the media. She felt it was not just one side that caused the violence. She put most of the blame antifa antifa adherents who were present at the June 6 school board meeting. She felt the focus had been too much on parents being part of the violence.

“We feel that our voices are not being heard,” she said.

She added she just wanted to have an equal voice.

Glendale police stated that at the protests at the June 6 GUSD board meeting there were agitators on both sides of the issue.

Although there was some aggression during the meeting at the Armenian Youth Center, members of the Center including Leon maintained a civil tone and allowed for other issues be brought to the forefront that were important to those living in Glendale.

Brotman was joined on the panel by Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian and City Manager Roubik Golanian.

The cost of living in Glendale was one of the more focused issues for those in the audience. One woman, who stated she was retired and receiving Social Security, worried that she would have to move away from the Crescenta Valley/Far North Glendale area that she had called home for years due to rent increases. She had thought she was part of the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County but found her home was actually part of Glendale. She was concerned that the rent increases in Glendale would allow her rent to continue to be raised up 10% annually.

She added that if it was increased by just 5% her Social Security could handle that amount but not up to 10%.

Brotman explained the state increase rate is different depending on when her building was built and that he understood the complicated issue of high rates of rental units but added that rent control is not the answer.

“If [there is] rent control developers will not build,” he said.

He added that housing and high rents are problems throughout the state and it will take many years to deal with the issue because there are not enough houses/apartments being built. For now the City does offer some help through the relocation funds for those who see rent increases of 7% in a year, but relocating is something the woman wanted to avoid.

She countered that the apartments and other housing recently built in Glendale was not affordable housing but more luxury complexes.

Brotman said the state is requiring the City – all cities – to meet certain building criteria over the next six years and City officials are working to follow those rules.

The very next question was from a man who stated he had been a resident of Glendale for the last 55 years. His complaint was that there was too much building.

“Do we need all the apartments on Central?” he asked.


The issue of traffic was another concern related to the increased housing, he said.

Golanian stated the City was working on synchronizing traffic signals throughout the City.

The man continued to say that a trip that used to take him five minutes now could take over 30 minutes due to traffic.

There was another concern surrounding proposed district-based voting in which there would be six specific areas that would each have its own council representation, as opposed to the current citywide elections. This is often referred to as “redistricting,” which is not the case. Redistricting is done every 10 years and is guided by a committee and census reports. What the City of Glendale is proposing is a change in the way councilmembers are elected. Each particular area of the City would be represented by a specific councilmember. Then there would be a mayor who would be elected citywide and representing the entire city as a whole.

*Districting is a complicated issue and will be covered more in next week’s CVW.*



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History is not always pretty; it does not always give us the heroes we thought we knew; however, there are so many unsung heroes and so many stories of bravery, kindness, empathy and intellect that it is our duty to find the true history in every story. To find the facts, even those with which we don’t agree, like George Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin and others of that Revolutionary era, we must find a way to compromise and be the inspiration we want our children to read about through poetry and books.

Enjoy the weekend because after it we will be seeing a lot of extreme heat.

“We are concerned about another heat wave all next week and beyond. And not just in the mountains and deserts but also the coastal valley areas,” said Ryan Kittell, NOAA meteorologist.

The San Fernando Valley will see high temperatures from 95 degrees Fahrenheit to 105. The temperatures will rise beginning on Monday with the peak on Tuesday and Wednesday and through the rest of the week. Tuesday and Wednesday temps will be about 10 degrees above normal, he said.

So, as is normal on high heat days, there are some precautions to take including slowing down and avoiding strenuous work, dressing for the weather in lightweight, light colored clothing, avoiding high-protein foods and meat – eating these can increase your body’s heat production – drinking lots of water (unless you have a condition that is affected by changing how much fluid you drink it’s a good idea to keep as hydrated as possible), finding air-conditioned places to hang out or cooling centers like libraries, avoiding too much sun and being careful in cars, according to NOAA.



VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

# Sophie Williamson - Foothill Land Baron

Over the years, I have heard that properties that come up for sale or development on Foothill Boulevard often have the Williamson name attached to them. In fact, most of the commercial lots along Foothill between La Crescenta and Pennsylvania avenues were owned by Sophie and Will Williamson at one time or another. Before Sophie married Williamson, they belonged to her by inheritance from her first husband.

Here’s Sophie’s story, gleaned from old news articles (so take this with a grain of salt):

Sophie was born before the turn of the century in the Black Forest region of Germany. She was a beautiful young woman and was elected “Queen of the May” in the German town she grew up in. She was sent to Los Angeles in the early teens by her wealthy parents. According to conflicting accounts, it was either because of the fear of the gathering clouds of WWI or because of a tuberculosis diagnosis. She took a job as a governess for the children of silent film star Francis X. Bushman. His home was then on Hollywood Boulevard, about where the Chinese Theater is.

In 1917, she married Reinhold Toschke, another German. He was attracted to the Crescenta Valley like other Germans, along with French and Italians immigrants, because of the Crescenta Valley’s vast vineyards for wine production. Reinhold and Sophie lived in an ancient house surrounded by grape vines at 3008 Foothill Boulevard (today’s Office Depot). According to Sophie, the house had been started in 1888 with railroad ties and hand-forged spikes. It was added onto over the years to create a rambling house among tall eucalyptus trees. Reinhold had a vineyard stretching along Foothill, from Pennsylvania Avenue to La Crescenta Avenue.

An old newspaper article gives a beautiful view of what the valley was like then, and it quotes Sophie: “[Sophie] ... remembers pure air, ever-blue skies and deer grazing in the grape vineyards planted by her husband, the late Reinhold Toschke, her first husband and the owner of the first bonded winery in the area. ‘One school served the entire valley’ she recalls, ‘and the only shopping center was at Weatherby’s, a combination market and post office.’ One of the forms of entertainment available to the early homesteaders was the early ‘movies,’ lantern slides shown in the local schoolhouse.”

On the downside, Sophie remembered “the wood stove she cooked on many years ago, the coal oil lamps that required cleaning every day and the rattlesnakes that lurked in the vineyards.”

Reinhold died leaving Sophie the sole owner of all that property along Foothill. Sophie remarried, this time to W.O “Will” Williamson who owned Williamson Oldsmobile on Foothill. The Williamsons lived in that original house on Foothill. The couple traveled extensively – Europe, Mexico, South America, Asia – but especially to Sophie’s home town in Germany. They filled the house with items they brought back, such as wooden furniture from Spain, antiques from Germany, Asian art and furnishings. The items were distributed through the rambling home in living rooms, parlors and sitting rooms, giving the place the atmosphere of a more gracious time.

Sophie and William were involved in the community. One example is that when Glendale annexed half of the Crescenta Valley, leaving the unincorporated section with no library, the Williamsons used their own money and land to build a library for the community.

Sophie was a fan of Mercedes Benz automobiles and owned four in her lifetime. She even made automotive news when in 1952she bought the first Mercedes 170 imported to the United States.

They enjoyed living near the fine restaurants that Vince Dundee created a couple of doors down from their home, the Kona Kai and Guv’nors, but were less fond of CV’s only disco, Sherlock’s, in the same location.

Sophie died in 1982, followed the next year by Will. Having no children, their estate was apparently left to the Little Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic organization dedicated to serving the elderly poor. Sophie Toschke Williamson had a long and interesting life. She was an early pioneer of CV who dearly loved the valley.



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VIEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

# What Is The Role of Media?

What a politically charged month! So much is happening on the world stage right now that it is easy to get sucked up in the frenzy of it. From criminal investigations to judicial rulings, global unrest, and presidential candidates jockeying for position, the summer is starting off with a bang. Add to that, the local shake-up at the GUSD board and Glendale City Council meetings, plus the abrupt lockout of the Friends of Rockhaven from the property, and many of us are seeking refuge away from all the noise. When I do come up for air, I lament the huge variation in how these stories are being reported, pining for the day when news media just gave us the facts without spin and let us make up our own minds about it.

My husband Jeff and I often play a game we call, “Whose headline is it?” where he reads titles to articles in his newsfeed and I try to guess which media source published it. It’s not that hard. Each news organization has an identifiable business model and a way it reports the news, with many teetering the line between fact, opinion and sensationalism. Often the best way to get to the truth is to follow all the coverage, which is exhausting.

Gone are the days when you couldn’t tell the political leanings of the person sitting in the anchor chair or the reporter writing the story. Legendary broadcaster Walter Cronkite certainly never described an elected president as giving him a thrill up his leg. Back then, I had no idea who he voted for and couldn’t care less. Modern-day reporters feel compelled to enlighten their viewers with their own bias, disregard stories they don’t like, and accuse critics of being uneducated or worse – dangerous.

I haven’t been a writer for very long, maybe a decade or so. When I began with this paper as an opinion writer, I decided that I would write articles using well-researched facts from the perspective of a longtime resident of the foothills. I would share personal stories, a passion for my community and encourage participation for positive change. Although I do enjoy a good political discussion, I thought better of writing about politics. In today’s climate, if you are honest in your beliefs you automatically cut your audience in half creating divide, not unity. I want to focus more on bringing our communities together and to that end my political opinion does not matter.

From my perspective, the role of a reporter is to investigate and state what happened. Period. The goal of an opinion writer is to give people something to think about. Not only has this distinction become blurred over time but news topics are now being downright manipulated. Case in point is a segment I watched this week on a British television channel. It was about a group of activists who had been following a particular social media site and they were complaining that there were too many videos representing “disinformation.” They put pressure on the company to remove the questionable videos and ban the original posters, which it did. The saddest part of this story for me was that the British reporter just accepted this blatant form of censorship because the activists described the content as “outside accepted norms.” What?

Shutting down opposing points of view represents the worst part of modern society and goes against true scientific inquiry and the freedom of speech that we all hold dear. We need more voices to raise more questions, not less, and an honest press to report all sides of a story.

This week, let’s celebrate our freedoms, acknowledging those who came before us and their contributions to our proud nation. Let’s enjoy our time together while we can because time is fleeting and the future of our country is no longer certain.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tiki Love

For years, I attended the annual Tiki Night at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood until the theatre was bought by Netflix and closed for renovation.

Eager for a chance to don a tiki shirt and escape to a tropical paradise, I attended a lecture, sponsored by the Little Landers Historical Society, on June 10 at Bolton Hall in Tujunga.

Tiki historian Sven Kirsten chronicled the pre-World War II dawn of tiki bars and restaurants like Don the Beachcomber in Hollywood and Damon’s Steak House in Glendale, the postwar rise and fall of tiki culture and its 21st century renaissance.

In an article “Is Clock Running On Tiki?” (Los Angeles Times; Nov. 28, 2019), writer John Birdsall fired the opening salvo in a politically correct war on tiki as “cultural appropriation” of Polynesian art (never mind his fondness for mai tais at Trader Vic’s in Emeryville).

Sven Kirsten fired back. “Tiki art was never intended to be taken seriously or to portray the real thing,” he said. “It was always a loving, naïve homage to a culture envied and longed for, and never meant as a parody or patronizing ridicule of another belief.”

I often dream of a voyage to Tahiti where I kneel in the white sands, row an outrigger canoe and wade into the turquoise waters of Bora Bora, where F.W. Murnau filmed “Tabu” before his death in 1931. Until then,

I periodically escape to Damon’s Steak House where the bartender serves a classic Trader Vic’s mai tai.

Les Hammer  
Pasadena

**Regarding the CVWD Public Meeting**

I was very disappointed in the outcome of the [CVWD board meeting] on the evening of June 27. The issue of placing a large tax charge on people’s property tax bill is a very contentious one. The water customers/property owners who will be paying this bill showed up in force, irate at this huge charge they are facing. They have every right to be.

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# YOUTH

Competitors lined the track at Lincoln Elementary School on May 26 for the 41st Annual Lincoln 500. The Lincoln 500 is a tradition that Lincoln students look forward to all year long. The Lincoln Dads Club, led by Danny Brown, was in charge of organizing the event.

The Lincoln 500 consists of seven teams that include first through third graders as riders on Big Wheels and fourth through sixth graders who participate as pit crew members. In preparation for the big race dads practiced on three separate lunch recesses with the students chosen for the relay race. A few dads were assigned to each team to make sure transitions ran smoothly.

Each rider must complete two laps and then head back to the pit crew to exchange riders. The



The racers line up to begin the race.



Winning Red Team members.

first team to complete 12 laps is the winner. The entire school, including parents, teachers and

students, all cheered their favorite teams. The winning team this year was the Red Team. Glendale

Police Dept. officers came in at the end of the race to issue speeding tickets to the winning team to

the delight of all the students watching.

Submitted by Nicolas JAMES

## La Cañada Flintridge Community Center Preschool Wins Silver at the 44th Annual Telly Awards

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The LCF Community Center Preschool administration worked with Gary Landry of Tilted Hat Productions to bring their vision to life.

“Our Preschool is such a special place, and we wanted to get the word out about our philosophies, facilities, and amazing staff in an engaging way,” said Betsy Ferguson, executive director. “The video really captures the heart and soul of what we provide for our families.”

The LCFCC Preschool video stood out to the judges, who gave it the 2023 Silver Award.

“The caliber of the work this season coming from creators such as Tilted Hat Productions and the Community Center Preschool has

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# Rare Peek into Museum of Neon Art



Connie Conway, Brown Derby



Corrie Tour Bowl Pep Boys, Connie Conway

On July 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Museum of Neon Art invites the public into its PoMONA Warehouse for the third time in 42 years. Guests will experience 20-minute guided tours of the collection, experience neon demonstrations and receive a free driving map of Pomona Neon with tips for other cultural organizations to visit during their day in Pomona. As

part of their tour, guests will be able to visit Neon Bear Brewery. The craft brewer next door to the MONA warehouse showcases neon signs and artworks from MONA's collection as well as a delicious range of brews. Visitors will view the Museum of Neon Art warehouse, which holds new acquisitions like a 12-foot tall Knotts K, Blue Moon Motel and turn-of-the-century transformer

tester. Also on display are crowd favorite signs like the Brown Derby, Flynn's, Western Motel and many more. Guided tours of the warehouse and brewery are first come, first served and limited to 20 people at a time. Visitors will need to sign a waiver to enter the warehouse. Neon Bear Brewery will donate a portion of sales for the night towards restoration of MONA's neon.

"It is a rare occasion to open our warehouse to the public because it is often filled to the brim with new acquisitions and ongoing projects. Visitors will see a range of beautifully restored signs, objects and artworks as well as those awaiting restoration," said MONA Executive Director Corrie Siegel. Neon Bear Brewery closes at 10 p.m. Pomona Warehouse and Brewery

Tour are on Sunday, July 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Guided tours occur every 30 minutes. It is highly recommended that visitors order their tickets in advance on MONA's website to insure a spot on the tour. Pomona Packing Plant/ poMONA Warehouse/ Neon Bear Brewery is located at 560 E. Commercial St. #21, Pomona. The cost for MONA members is \$15, general admission is \$30.

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# Glendale Arts Turns 15, Moves to New Home



Images provided by Glendale Arts  
The recently inducted board for Glendale Arts: (front row) Lilit Harutyunyan, Chair Marci DeSousa, Michele DiNardo; (second row) Vic Pallos, Miryam Finkelberg, Geri Ulrey, Treasurer Artin Ahounber; (back row) Secretary Sheldon Peregrino, Joel Hoskins and Susan Petoyan.

## Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge Honors State Association Vice President

Rudy Lujano, California-Hawaii State vice president, planned a visit to the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge 2098 as part of his duties as official association vice president. The Lodge is located at 10137 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga.

A resident of San Fernando, Lujano will be visiting Sunland-Tujunga Lodge as part of his tour of the Metropolitan District of the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA). He

presented CHEA President Ted Talbot's goals for this year. Talbot and his wife Jeanie are honored and proud to serve CHEA and to share the positive news about how its members have demonstrated flexibility and sustainability by maintaining steadfast T.E.A.M. ideals and leadership in response to ongoing community challenges.

"Our Lodge gets stronger every month as can be seen by our increase in membership," said Mark Seigel, Exalted Ruler for

the Sunland-Tujunga Lodge. "We were recently recognized as one of the highest gains in membership within the Metropolitan District, which consists of seven lodges."

Sunland-Tujunga Lodge No. 2098 has been in existence for over 74 years and provides support to the local community and veterans.

The visit was held on Thursday, June 29 for members and dignitaries from the Elks Lodges in the Metropolitan District.

By Ruth SOWBY

For 15 years, Glendale Arts has met its mission – to connect artists and audiences. Over one million patrons have received arts and entertainment programming on stage and screen. The jewel in General Arts' crown is the Alex Theatre, currently operated by the City of Glendale and SAS Entertainment Partners.

Since February 2022, the organization has added to its programming the Glendale International Film Festival and Solo Fest. Glendale Arts has also launched SCENE, a new membership program. Scene partners include the Antaeus Theatre, Laemmle Theatres and the Museum of Neon Art. Glendale Arts and its partners will provide discounts and pre-sale access.

Glendale Arts recently introduced its 2023-24 board of

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# Local Dad Receives Surprise Visit

On June 14, local resident George Murphy received a surprise visit from the Helpful Honda crew arranged by his daughter Pat Chambers.

“My 94-year-old, Korean War veteran father is amazing,” wrote Chambers. “He is still volunteering at my non-profit child care program [Center for Children at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church] where he does office work and simple ‘fix-it jobs’ for us. He has spent time touching up our classrooms where kids have left their mark. Over 60 years ago, when my mother ran this program, he did everything for it. He recently lost his second wife and so I brought him to live with me. He no longer drives and boy does he miss that ... I would love to have him come with me on neighborhood walks with our dog. His dad superhero cape is long. He has been a father figure to many.”

Chambers went on to say that her dad taught her to “think for myself and be independent.”

“He and my mom were married for 32 years and the last six years of her life she was very ill. He did everything to make life as full for her as possible including getting a scooter so that she could move around with more freedom. He made sure she stayed at home until the day she passed regardless of the toll it took on him. One of the places she used the scooter was at the La Crescenta Presbyterian Center for Children, a non-profit full day childcare center that they started ... My father built the playground equipment, hung the sunshades and fixed everything from tricycles to tables. Now that I am the director, he continues that support by answering phones, filing and shredding.

Responding to her submission, the Helpful Honda crew provided Murphy with a new mattress, folding outdoor chair, Korean War veteran zip hoodie, tray table for his recliner, 10 booster seats and, perhaps most helpful, an electric scooter.



Chambers was especially thankful for the scooter and the world it will open for her 94-year-old father.

“There are so many places he wants to revisit and to see for the first time. At 94 he is not ready to be housebound and I don’t want that for him,” wrote Chambers. “I am planning on taking him to outdoor concerts, the beach and the lake this summer. This not only [is] an honor for him being recognized at a super dad but help to keep his quality of life.”

## Questions About Today’s Real Estate? Ask Phyllis! Requirements For Disclosing Violent Death

Dear Phyllis,  
My daughter has a home in Valley Glen, which she purchased nearly five years ago. It was disclosed to her that the former owner had committed suicide, and that’s why the home was being sold. The real estate agent that represented her has told her that she must disclose this even though the California disclosures clearly ask only if there was a death on the property in the last three years. Her Realtor said that if she doesn’t want to disclose the suicide, she needs to find another Realtor, as her Realtor knows and will have to make this disclosure. My daughter

disagrees, and I told her I would ask our local real estate expert. Thanks in advance for your reply.

Concerned Mama

Dear Mama,  
I understand your confusion. This requirement is outlined in California Civil Code Section 1710.2. Specifically, the law states that it must be disclosed in writing to a potential buyer or tenant if a death occurred on the property within the last three years (other than AIDS). Although I am a real estate agent and not an attorney, it seems that there is a legal requirement to disclose violent

deaths such as suicide and or murder even if they occurred more than three years ago. For instance, if the death has gained notoriety or has negatively impacted the property’s appeal, the seller may believe it is in their best interest to disclose the information as it could impact the property’s value and desirability.

On page four of the seller’s Property Disclosure, the question reads:

Any past or present known material facts or other significant items affecting the value or desirability of the property not otherwise disclosed to Buyer?

It is generally recommended that sellers err on the side of caution to avoid any legal issues. When your daughter purchased the property, she most likely received a “discount” due to the suicide. I believe if she were sued, it would be difficult for her to claim the suicide was not a material fact at the time of her purchase. It would be hard to make the case that the home would not have sold for more money if it weren’t for the suicide.

If your daughter opts not to disclose the suicide, she really should first discuss this with a real estate attorney.

Phyllis

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directors and its new Chair Marci DeSousa. Terming out is Immediate Past Chair Pam Elyea, having served the organization for 16 years.

Glendale Arts also announced its new home at ace/121 Gallery, an 800-square-foot art gallery in the center of Glendale at the ace/121 artist colony. The property and gallery space, located at 121 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale, opened in 2017.

Glendale Arts will operate and program ace/121 Gallery as a multidisciplinary venue, connecting artists and audiences by staging art exhibits, live performances, screenings, conversations, readings, classes, workshops and special events, receptions and parties. The Gallery will be open to the public and also available for rental use.

“We’re beyond thrilled to have Glendale Arts here to activate the Gallery with year-round exhibits, performances and events,” said Nancy Goodhart, chief operations officer of EngAGE, which curates arts-focused programs for ace/121 tenants. “Our residents at the colony and artists in the community and beyond are gaining a valuable resource and access to opportunities and experiences that Glendale Arts is uniquely positioned to offer.”

Additional information provided by Glendale Arts.



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE

## Scene in LA - July 2023

By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

It's time again to celebrate the start of summer as well as our nation's independence with backyard barbecues, gatherings with family and friends and, of course, taking in a fireworks show – but don't forget to also spend time catching a couple of these great live shows playing in our local theaters!

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

The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater before definite plans are mad.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month, or are already running:

*"The Pitch"* Tom Allen is a widower, raising his 15-year-old daughter as a single dad. Desperate for money, he grabs at a job in a boiler-room set-up, selling machine parts over the phone. He soon discovers that his job requires him to make ethical compromises, occasionally misrepresenting the products he sells. He finds himself in competition with his co-workers. His tension builds as he discerns that his boss may be under investigation by the authorities, endangering the job that Tom needs so much. Life at home is getting complicated as well as Tom becomes aware that boys notice that his daughter Michelle is becoming a woman. He faces

disappointment as he discovers that his dreams for Michelle's future do not match the aspirations that Michelle has for herself. How many compromises can Tom make if he wishes to remain a moral man and a good dad?

Written by Tom Alper and directed by Louie Liberti, it runs through July 23 at the Madnani Theatre in Hollywood. For tickets, visit [www.events.thestagecrafts.com/projects/10014](http://www.events.thestagecrafts.com/projects/10014).

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Billy Joel. Both hilarious and touching, the musical comedy captures the humor that comes with the path to becoming a pianist, as well as the sense of loss attached with eventually learning to let go of your wildest dreams.

Written by Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt, and directed by Tom Frey, it runs through July 23 at the Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (949) 497-2787 or visit [www.lagunaplayhouse.com](http://www.lagunaplayhouse.com).

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*"Festival of Arts Pageant of the Masters"* Watch art come to life right before your eyes in a star-lit amphitheater. There's nothing else like it. The Pageant of the Masters is a 90-minute theatrical performance where famous works of art are brought

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### THEN & NOW

*View Down Foothill Boulevard*  
*Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV*



**THEN »** This photo was taken in 1917 in the 3000 block of Foothill Boulevard (then called Michigan Avenue) looking west. There is damage to the photo, so it's unclear what German immigrants Sophie Toshke and her husband Reinhold are standing in front of along the boulevard – perhaps a mailbox. Behind them are the stately eucalyptus trees that once lined sections of Foothill. The boulevard stretches straight into the distance and there is nothing between this point and the town of Little Landers (now Tujunga) except for a few scattered ranch houses and some grape vineyards. The Toshkes owned several acres of vineyard along Foothill.



**NOW »** This is the same spot today in front of Office Depot, which was once the site of the Toshkes' home and Reinhold's extensive vineyards. When Foothill Boulevard became a commercial corridor, the several acres of Toshke land became quite valuable. Reinhold died and Sophie married W.O. Williamson, the local Oldsmobile dealer. The Willamsons enjoyed many years together in their home on Foothill Boulevard.

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to life onstage. A live narrator guides the audience through the story of each piece, complete with music by a full orchestra. In 2023 the Pageant of the Masters celebrates the 90th anniversary of the first presentation of “living pictures” at the Festival of Arts with “Art Colony: In the Company of Artists” which acknowledges the deep connections of the Festival and Pageant to the early artists who settled in Laguna Beach. It will also feature other memorable stories of artists assisting one another through cooperation and fellowship in vastly different eras and circumstances around the world. Each night under the stars in the Pageant of the Masters’ outdoor amphitheater famous works of art are re-created with real people posing in elaborate sets. Be amazed by the Pageant’s intoxicating blend of original music, storytelling and stage illusions. Don’t miss this one-of-a-kind, must-see summer tradition!

Directed by Diane Challis Davy, it runs July 7 through Sept. 1 at the Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach. For tickets, call (800) 487-3378 or visit [www.foapom.com](http://www.foapom.com).



“Garden of Alla” The 1920s was the time of flappers, flamboyance and the face of Alla Nazimova. This summer Nazimova – Jewish immigrant from Tsarist Russia, Broadway and silent film superstar, visionary Hollywood director and producer, and LGBTQIA trailblazer – makes her triumphant return to Hollywood when Theatre West presents playwright and performer Romy Nordlinger in the West Coast premiere of “Garden of Alla: The Alla Nazimova Story.” Using immersive video and original music to invoke the Roaring ’20s and create a panoramic, live silent film, Nordlinger brings the life and times of this groundbreaking iconoclast to vivid life.

Written by Romy Nordlinger and directed by Lorca Peress, it runs July 7 through July 23 at the Theatre West in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 851-7977 or visit [www.TheatreWest.org](http://www.TheatreWest.org).



“The Wizard of Oz” Full of brains, heart, courage and special effects – including monkeys that really fly – MTW’s “The Wizard of Oz” is sure to be an instant fan favorite. Step into the world of Oz as MTW brings to life the beloved characters of Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion in a visually stunning production filled with captivating music, stunning choreography and mesmerizing set designs. Ticket holders will be transported along the yellow brick road encountering enchanting landscapes, meeting unforgettable characters and rediscovering the power of courage, friendship, and the pursuit of dreams.

Written by L. Frank Baum with music by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg, and directed by Paige Price, it runs July 7 through July 23 at Musical Theatre West at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach. For tickets, call (562) 856-1999 or visit [www.musical.org](http://www.musical.org).



“In The Heights” For Vanessa, home is something to run away from. For Usnavi, a first generation Dominican-American corner bodega owner, home is this idealized Dominican Republic that he’s barely been to as a baby.

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Performances run 60 - 90 minutes without intermission. Free parking is limited; ride-share is encouraged.

The Brand Summer Music Series began in 2014 and is supported by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission, through funding from the Urban Art Program, with support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks and the Brand Associates.

Blue Breeze Band *Motown/R&B Soul Music*  
Friday, July 7 at 7 p.m.

Maria Blues *Ska/Reggae/Latin Music*  
Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m.

Greg Hosharian & the Armenian Pops Ensemble  
*Armenian Music*  
Friday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

Lizzy & the Triggersmen *Jazz/Swing Music*  
Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

Murphy's Flaw *Bluegrass Music*  
Friday, Au. 11 at 7 p.m.

Alan Chan Moo-sic Group *Big Band/Jazz Music*  
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### GLENDALE KIWANIS

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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.

### STEPHANIE'S ART GALLERY HOSTS HRAIR EXHIBIT

"The Art of Hrair - A Journey into Symbolism," a series of oil paintings, will be presented at Stephanie's Art Gallery through July 15. Through his work, Hrair has significantly contributed to the history of contemporary Lebanese Armenian art.

Stephanie's Gallery hours for the exhibition are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 466 Foothill Blvd., Unit C, La Cañada Flintridge.

### JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, July 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Library, 3301 E. Chevy Chase Dr. in Glendale, (818) 548-2046.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon

of knitting, crocheting and conversation.

For more information, email [susandietel@yahoo.com](mailto:susandietel@yahoo.com).

### COFFEE FILTER ART

The La Crescenta Library is hosting an adult program on Saturday, July 15 from noon to 1 p.m.

Participants will design their own coffee filter art using tie-dye techniques.

All supplies will be provided.

La Crescenta Library is located at 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

### STAMP CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the LA County Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta (at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and La Crescenta Avenue). The next meeting is on July 20 and the meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m., and collectors of all levels of experience and interest are welcome to attend.

At the meetings, fellow collectors have the opportunity to buy, sell and trade a variety of postage stamps. Members of the club are always eager to display their latest finds and acquisitions and to share stories and memories behind their collections. The atmosphere is friendly, welcoming and inclusive, perfect for anyone interested in learning more about stamp collecting or who just

wants to enjoy the company of like-minded individuals.

Free parking is available around the library and refreshments are served at every meeting.

### CPR TRAINING OFFERED

A free three-hour workshop on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is being offered as a public service to the community by the Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills in Montrose on Saturday, July 22 at 9:30 a.m.

The workshop will be taught by Eric Smith, an American Heart Association (AHA) certified trainer; emergency medical technician (EMT) and nurse.

Space is limited, so please call (818) 957-1500 to reserve a spot. The workshop is free, unless an AHA-BLS certification card is desired; then there is a required \$50 fee that goes to the AHA. Trainees are asked to please call in advance and let the AHA know.

The address is 2254 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (enter at the back of the building). Free parking above Broadview Drive near Ocean View Boulevard. All are welcome.

[www.scientology-montrose.org](http://www.scientology-montrose.org)

### GAMELAN MERDU KUMALA

Gamelan Merdu Kumala is an American gamelan which, according to the dictionary, is an Indonesian orchestra consisting of bowed stringed instruments, flutes,

and a great variety of percussion instruments. Anon-profit grassroots organization has formed in the Tujunga area founded in 2014 by the artistic director Hirotaka Inuzuka.

Balinese Gamelan Merdu Kumal rehearsals and workshops have resumed. Anyone wishing to view Balinese rehearsals, attend beginning classes, private lessons, dance lessons and workshops or want to come for a studio visit to learn more about this art contact Wendy at [Wendya@ucla.edu](mailto:Wendya@ucla.edu) or call (818) 951-8996 or visit the website: <https://merdukumala.wixsite.com/merdukumala>.

### CASINO NIGHT CCLCF FUNDRAISER

The 10th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser, hosted by Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge, has been rescheduled to July 29.

### VHHS PLANS REUNION

"Team 74" is planning a 50th

high school reunion in 2024. Friends and graduates of Verdugo Hills High School are invited to attend to trade stories of family, careers, adventures and anything else.

Currently Team 74 is in the planning phase of collecting names and numbers of classmates and putting together a database; emails from classmates can be received at [clsof74reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:clsof74reunion@yahoo.com). Information should include a mailing address, cell number and graduate's name at graduation (if different than now).

A list of frequently asked questions will be provided to keep everyone updated as the reunion plans move forward. Those who belong to various VHHS groups will see redundant information to ensure all classmates are notified and have an opportunity to attend.

At this time the FBVHHS groups will be the reunion information outlet until a more focused site is created.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by [horoscope.com](http://horoscope.com)

July 3, 2023 - July 9, 2023

### ♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

You may feel mellow and tired. This is only to be expected after the nerve-frazzling few weeks that you've been through. It might also be the case that you need to refuel your body and give it a chance to recuperate. You know the drill. Make a commitment to eat well, rest properly, and be good to yourself.

### ♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

There doesn't seem to be too much bothering you. You feel happy and ready for anything. The only problems you might experience stem from your mind. If your brain feels tired, your body may follow suit. If your mind is restless, your body will be, too. You may be more prone to picking up on others' feelings and ailments.

### ♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You could be feeling vulnerable to the moods and illnesses of other people. You may sense someone else's headache but not your own, so you need plenty of space and time to be alone to recharge your batteries. If you can take frequent short breaks and get away by yourself, you should manage just fine.

### ♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

Life looks a lot easier now. You should feel much better all around, too. You might feel tired, but you'll recover soon enough. The cosmos could also create a sense of restlessness, but this, too, will pass shortly. There could be a few intense and physically passionate days, so look after yourself and don't take any unnecessary risks.

### ♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

Whatever you do, you need to preserve your boundaries and not let other people tire you out. This is especially true in relationships, which could be causing more tension than ever now. Get to the heart of the issue so you feel confident and relaxed. Visualize your body filled with strength and vital energy.

### ♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The cosmos may bring up many emotions that put you in a more vulnerable position. Don't try to rationalize away your feelings. Work with them before they have a chance to affect your body. This period could be intense and leave you feeling drained unless you deal with the source of the matter. Keep up your strength by looking after yourself.

### ♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It could be easy to work yourself up into a frenzy now. You might try to use the power of thought to force things to happen, but this approach is tiring for your mind and body. You might want to try to control things without thinking of the consequences. This is like banging your head against a wall. It will surely give you a headache.

### ♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your home seems to be a place of restlessness and change, but it needs to be your sanctuary. It's worth taking any steps you can to transform at least part of it into a place of refuge. You need to do this for your health and peace of mind. You won't regret any changes you make. Keep up any detoxification program to maintain a radiant glow.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Input and output are on the agenda. What goes in will have a significant effect on the way you feel over the weeks ahead. The cosmos could be governing your taste buds and encouraging you to eat everything that looks great, whether it's good for you or not. It's certainly encouraging you to indulge in new and exciting gourmet dishes. Eat mindfully.

### ♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Your body goes through cycles of renewal and rebirth, so don't fight the way you feel. If you need rest, then get it. If you feel the urge to eat certain foods, go ahead. If you sense the need for some kind of massage or complementary therapy to relax and soothe you, get it. Listen to your needs that come from deep within.

### ♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

It's going to be hard for you not to burn out since you're currently geared up to make the most of each moment. But you'll tire out quickly if you don't look after your body. Give it a chance to recover and replenish your energy. If you've been pushing yourself to the limit lately, it's time to give yourself a break.

### ♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Any misunderstandings associated with your health should gradually begin to dissipate. If you've experienced delays in getting test results, you'll soon receive this information. You might need to lighten your schedule and take more time to exercise and relax. Take responsibility for the way you feel.

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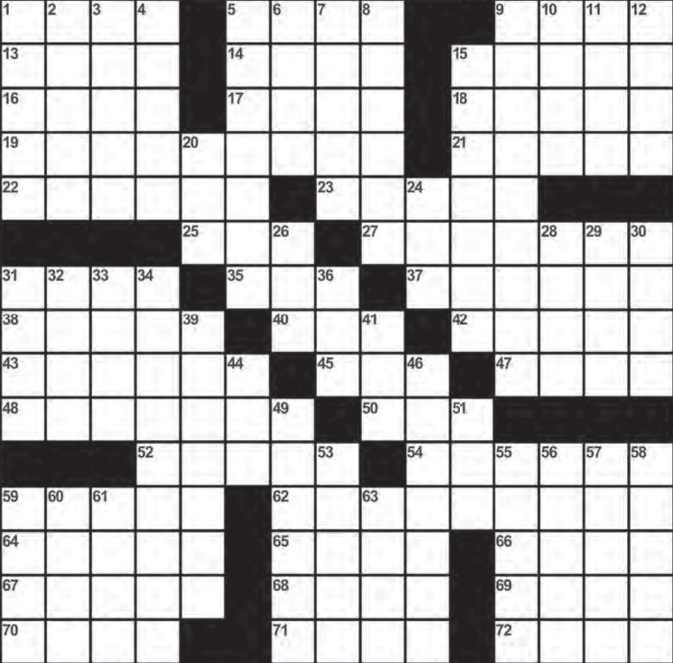
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| 7) Drying ovens                        |
| 8) Introductions                       |
| 9) "We're ___!"                        |
| 10) "Great" lake for sailing           |
| 11) Large holders of wine              |
| 12) "If all ___ fails ..."             |
| 15) Bread, dinero and cabbage          |
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| 26) Like 24-Down                       |
| 28) Alpine lift                        |
| 29) Old Italian money                  |
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| 31) Card game with sevens through aces |
| 32) Long skirt                         |
| 33) ___ Bator, Mongolia                |
| 34) Like an ace pilot?                 |
| 36) Straggle                           |
| 39) Larry, Moe and Curly               |
| 41) Sound on a farm                    |
| 44) Title for John Gielgud             |
| 46) They swing for the fences          |
| 49) Drive of a kind                    |
| 51) To return?                         |
| 53) Commemorative meal                 |
| 55) Butcher's leavings                 |
| 56) Call with a "Polo" response        |
| 57) Like some jackets                  |
| 58) Cleverly avoid                     |
| 59) High-five sound                    |
| 60) High-quality cotton                |
| 61) Breed, as animals                  |
| 63) Thin piece of wood                 |

### AN IDEAL PUZZLE

By Timothy E. Parker



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# Kids, Seniors Take Part in Drum Circle



On June 13, The Center for Children invited senior members of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church to join a drum circle activity that the CFC summer day camp hosted at the campus. About 25 kindergarten students and 25 seniors, ranging in age from 4 years to 94 years, spent over an hour playing on drums and exploring the different sounds they could make. They had a great time making beautiful rhythms together!

The drums were provided by the non-profit The Wahlbangers Drum Circle Organization. Their mission is to build bridges to acceptance, inclusion and wellness through the therapeutic benefits of group drumming. The Center for Children offers a summer day camp experience for children from Kindergarten to entering eighth grade. They provide both on campus and off campus experiences.

Provided by CFC

» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

## Mitsubishi issued a recall for my car. Why won't it pay for the repair?

*A critical part of Jaimin Patel's Mitsubishi Lancer is corroded. Although he pays for the repair, Mitsubishi ultimately recalls the component. Why won't the company cover his costs?*

My 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer had a corroded front cross member. I contacted Mitsubishi in 2019, and a representative suggested I repair the car myself because there was no recall. But he advised me to keep the documents for reimbursement if there is any recall in the future.

Fast forward to mid-2020 when Mitsubishi issued a recall for the same part.

I submitted all the paperwork in early 2021 and have been waiting for my reimbursement. I have called Mitsubishi almost every month to get my status. In early 2022, a representative said the process was "complete" and that I would hear from a case manager soon. But so far, nothing. Can you get Mitsubishi to pay me the \$1,460 it owes me?

—Jaimin Patel, Bartlett, Illinois

It's bolted to the vehicle's underside where it supports the engine and transmission and aids the suspension system by maintaining stability. A rusting cross member can lead to a catastrophic problem with your car.

But wait, wasn't your car out of warranty? Technically, yes. But if a Mitsubishi rep asked you to keep the repair records in case it recalled the part, it means there were other cross member problems – and a recall was likely.

Auto manufacturers like to conduct recall repairs on their terms instead of getting their owners to do the repairs and sending them the bill. That may have delayed your initial payment. You had gone to an outside repair facility (at the recommendation of Mitsubishi), which meant your claim needed to be reviewed and approved manually. There might have been a pandemic delay, too, since this incident happened between 2019 and 2022. But ultimately, there's no excuse for making you wait more than two

years for a check.

I list the names, numbers and email addresses of key Mitsubishi customer service executives on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. A brief, polite email to one of them might have jump-started the refund process. Calling Mitsubishi every month was less effective since it doesn't create a paper trail and a company can easily ignore any promise made by phone.

I contacted Mitsubishi on your behalf. A claim manager called you with some good news: Mitsubishi finally approved your claim. The car manufacturer didn't pay out the entire claim, but it covered the recalled item and repair, which you have indicated you're happy with.

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](mailto:chris@elliott.org) or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. © 2023 Christopher Elliott

## People Making News

Carsten Petersen of La Cañada Flintridge has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Petersen is enrolled in the university's Olin Business School. To qualify for the dean's list in the Olin Business School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Washington University in St. Louis draws students to St. Louis from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands. The total student body is more than 15,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

Daniel Hoffman of La Crescenta, who attends Pennsylvania State University, and Heather Lloyd of Tujunga, who attends San Jose State University, were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Ian Camner and Maxwell Blessinger, both of La Crescenta, achieved placement on the dean's list at Belmont University for the spring 2023 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours (exclusive of audit and pass/fail courses this semester) and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C (inclusive of audit, pass/fail courses and zero-credit courses).

Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tennessee, Belmont University comprises nearly 9,000 students from every state and 33 countries. The University offers more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees.

For more information, visit [www.belmont.edu](http://www.belmont.edu).

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## PET OF THE WEEK

CV Weekly loves to hear about your pets!

Send a pic and small caption to [sonya@cvweekly.com](mailto:sonya@cvweekly.com) to share your lovable pets with the community!



RELIGION

**Q**uestion: I'll begin by saying I'm an animal lover. My husband died four years ago and the one thing that gives me peace is gardening. I have worked diligently at creating a beautiful front yard full of flowers that blossom all year long depending upon the season.

My problem is that folks walking their dogs often let them romp in my flower gardens and the result is I end up with dug up plants, which breaks my heart after all of the work I've put in. I even have two signs that read, "Please Stay Off the Flower Beds" but the signs have been ignored. Any suggestions?

~ Flower Lover

Dear Flower Lover,

I, too, am a passionate gardener and also an animal lover. I recommend putting up decorative fences, easily purchased on line, at a hardware store or at a nursery.

I am also a volunteer gardener at Descanso Gardens. A few years ago we had a problem with visitors going into the flower beds and taking pictures, especially during tulip season. We put up these fences and problem solved. Mostly. Occasionally I have to remind someone to get out of the beds. Check them out a Descanso Gardens.

Carolyn Young, Gardener,  
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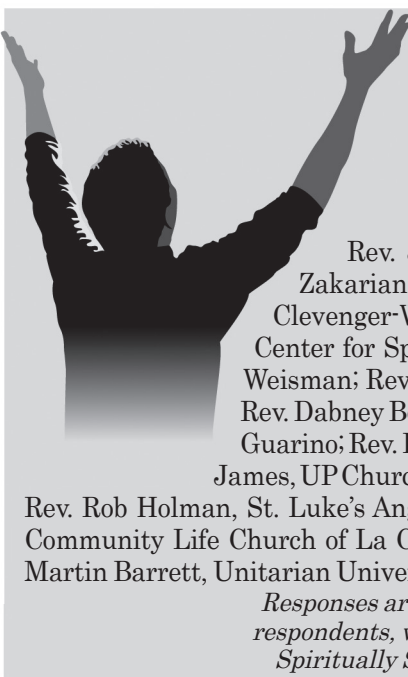
Dear Flower Lover,

First, I sympathize. In addition to your garden being a testament to your hard work, an outlet for self-expression and healing, a

shot in the arm to your mental health and maybe (if you're like me) the source of a single, triumphant strawberry, gardens reduce our carbon footprint and are a welcome and comforting sight in any neighborhood. A garden also happens to be your property and you should feel pride of workmanship in your achievement. So when someone's pet causes a bustle in your hedgerow, it smarts.

Furthermore, we also see marauding pets as an extension of their owners. If you had a chicken coop, you'd build it in such a way that coyotes and other predators wouldn't get in; you'd prune your palm trees in such a way that they'd be less susceptible to blight. But a dog tearing up your pea patch is clearly something that its owner has some control over, so why don't they have some consideration for your hard work? It seems to me that keeping dogs out of the neighbor's yard on their walks and cleaning up their waste is just a simple part of the social construct; as simple to understand as restricting the blowing off of holiday fireworks to professionals at set times.

But because, on my worst day, I can feel a little misanthropic, I won't try to tell you that people just don't know how special a garden is. On such days I would say that people know but don't care, and perhaps only having a garden themselves would they feel the need to keep their pets away from yours. But, as the owner of an occasionally rambunctious dog in a residential area, I'll say that



SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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

I always try to keep him away from gardens. I am especially relieved when those gardens are in raised beds or behind low fences where he can't get to them and only the birds, raccoons and coyotes can.

One of the Unitarian Universalist principles is an understanding of the interdependent web all living things share, but some people come to that understanding in their own time. In the meantime, to paraphrase Robert Frost, "Good fences make good dogs."

Marty Barrett  
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**Q**uestion: Our 6-year-old son returned from camp using swear words as though they are everyday language. We are shocked! Between us, we sometimes say a word or two, but never in the presence of our son and 4-year-old daughter. Our son said all the kids at camp swear and they told him never to swear in front of those

directing the camp. We told him swearing is inappropriate and there are other better ways to express ourselves. Although his language has toned down a bit, he forgets and lets out a swear word once in a while. We also told him to not swear in front of his friends because we don't want him influencing them.

Is there an effective way to talk to him so that he really understands?

~ Dismayed Parents

Dear Dismayed Parents,

So your young children are in the early terms of their age of discovery and they have discovered a "Pandora's Box" within language. The question is: now what?

First I would like to mention to not worry too much. Just as they have discovered foul language and "curse words" they will also discover better words as you develop a nomenclature within your household. You can rest assured of that fact. For the time being and since your children are 4 and 6, their love, admiration and trust in you as parents fortunately have a lot of pull with them ... and hopefully always will.

I would say after you have explained to them the whys and why nots and the respect factors within healthy communication, I strongly suggest leading by example. By that I mean talk with them a lot about anything and everything appropriate in their exciting little lives – and do it a lot. By practicing more speech without foul language, the less they will use those types of words and be more geared to use the preferable language they are used to practicing. After all, we are creatures of habit and, keep in mind, the more fun and positive the experiences are the more they will enjoy and like developing these habits.

Also reading with them and using books with their favorite characters and heroes could

help tremendously by pointing out they do not use that type of language, either. So stay strong, be flexible, lead with love and everything will be just fine. You are doing a great job as parents.

Good job! Be proud of yourselves.

Devin Gilliland,  
Practitioner-in-training  
dgilliland81@gmail.com

Dear Dismayed Parents,

I know this is disheartening. I'd like to reassure you – this has happened to many children and parents over the years, even to myself as a parent who was a pastor. And if it's the first time this has happened to you as a parent, it's extremely worrisome!

As a young mom, my first child went to a Christian preschool. Her very first friend invited her to a birthday party. It was when we were driving home from the event that my child uttered a non-sequential poem that included a profane word. Now I identified what the word was, but she had no idea it was inappropriate. That is until she saw my shocked eyes – my emotions – as I asked her where she had heard that (her friend's older brothers) and I then told her not to say that word. But her eyes gleamed because she had gotten a reaction out of me, though she did not really know why.

When she later said it again, when she was strapped into her car seat and we were driving, I remember thinking, "I am not going to react. I'm going to ignore it." Sure enough, it lost its power and she forgot the word, which brings me to some effective tools I now know as a psychotherapist. Keep a poker face. This is the number one thing we can do when a young child uses a cuss word. With younger children, when any behavior gets a big reaction from a parent they are likely to test us. Parents are perfect to infants and very young toddlers. As they grow to attain independence, it's quite thrilling to see your parent overreact. This does not mean your children need help; they are in a perfectly normal

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behavioral stage. When a child reaches around 18 months to 3 years, they are in the autonomy versus shame stage. As they strive to individuate as a little person, they will test us. Redirection, staying calm, sometimes ignoring bad behavior can make their new rebellious acts calm down in many circumstances. As children turn 3, 4, and 5, they enter into the initiative versus guilt stage. Here is where they are affected socially and learn what they do or say has an impact on others; but they are also a bit more open to learning to take control and lead. This gives parents many opportunities to guide their children to lead in a positive way, help others and make positive choices. At this stage, to become fully functional, confident members of society we must successfully complete each stage and resolve two conflicting states; for example, those of trust versus mistrust and autonomy versus shame.

I'm the initiative versus guilt stage; you can explain deeper ways of thinking that words can hurt others, provide alternative



Carolyn Young



Devin Gilliland

words for children to express themselves and even create and follow through on consequences.

Children in this age group and beyond are able to begin seeing others' points of view, choose alternatives over the behaviors and words that cause "shock value" and truly desire to initiate good behavior rather than feel the guilt of being reprimanded.

This incident with your son lies within the norm. It happens



Marty Barrett



Rev. Kimberlie Zakarian

to good parents and good, developing children. Keeping a poker face, redirecting, staying calm, ignoring behavior if it helps to extinguish the actions, providing alternatives and introducing consequences are all helpful tools to guide a child away from undesirable behavior.

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## NOTES & NODS

### LCIF News

Lutheran Church in the Foothills will begin a four-week program this summer for anyone interested in learning more about the Bible. No prior knowledge is necessary. The Bible study, led by Pastor Rick Hall, will be held on Sundays from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. starting July 24.

LCIF's Book Club returns on Aug. 21. The club will meet every third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. in the church's conference room. The club will be reading "The Cooking Gene" by Michael W. Twitty. All are welcome.

Summer worship at LCIF continues to include programming for young children. Children's Church is offered during 10 a.m. worship. Families should meet in the church's sanctuary. After a message for the children from Pastor Hall, the kids head to the Youth Room for games, crafts and study. Visit lciffoothills.org for event details.

For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lciffoothills.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.

### 'Twists and Turns' – a Vacation Bible School at La Crescenta Presbyterian

Join La Crescenta Presbyterian Church for a week of "Twists and Turns," a Vacation Bible School taking place Monday through Friday, July 10-14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

All children from age 4 to incoming sixth graders are welcome at this week of games, crafts and singing, all focused on the message that "Following Jesus Changes the Game!"

The cost of this weeklong adventure is per family unit: \$50 for 1 child; \$85 for two children; \$120 for three or more children. T-shirts are included.

"Twists and Turns" will

take place at the La Crescenta Presbyterian campus at 2902 Montrose Ave. in La Crescenta. For more information, contact Jesiah@lcpc.net or call 818-249-6137. To register, visit lcpc.net/vbs.

### Summer Adult Christian Education

Confirmation class (aka catechism class) is an educational ministry of the Church for baptized Christians to equip them with the essential principles of Christianity for the purpose of helping them personally affirm the baptismal covenant God made with them, personally confirm their faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, personally identify more deeply with the Christian community, and personally commit to participate more fully in Christian life and mission.

This week's topic, on July 12, is "Who wrote the Bible?"

### Walk and Word

In July, 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 July 9, 16, 23 & 30. 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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BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER  
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# Being Part of the Chamber and the Community

Hello, Crescenta Valley and Happy Birthday, America! I hope everyone had a happy and fun-filled 4th of July celebration. Why not keep the celebration going by getting involved with what’s happening in your very own community?

That is what the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce is all about. We are here to support business in the Crescenta Valley – for sure – but also the Chamber is involved with many community enrichment programs. We offer residential memberships to individuals who are looking to support the community by participating in Chamber events. And membership in the Chamber, whether business or residential, is essential right

now. By becoming a member or making a donation, the future of your Chamber and community is assured. Give the Chamber office a call at (818) 248-4957 or visit [crescentavalleychamber.org](http://crescentavalleychamber.org) for more information on how you can make a difference.

As this country seems to get more divided in our beliefs and affiliations, we cannot forget the commonality that we all live in this area together regardless of any other consideration. I encourage everyone to get involved with our community. Only together can we create and ensure the freedom of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in our own backyard. The only thing around here that should be polarized are sunglasses.

This month we are spotlighting a new member: The Unitarian Universalist Church of La Crescenta. This Christian organization is a small progressive congregation that is making a footprint as a community service provider in the Crescenta Valley. They hold events throughout the year for the enjoyment of everyone in addition to holding regular church services. So while this is exciting what’s more exciting is they are hosting our next business networking mixer on July 13. The address is 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta just south of Foothill Boulevard. Beginning at 6 p.m. there will be live music, food, “signature” beverages and the opportunity to learn firsthand what a great

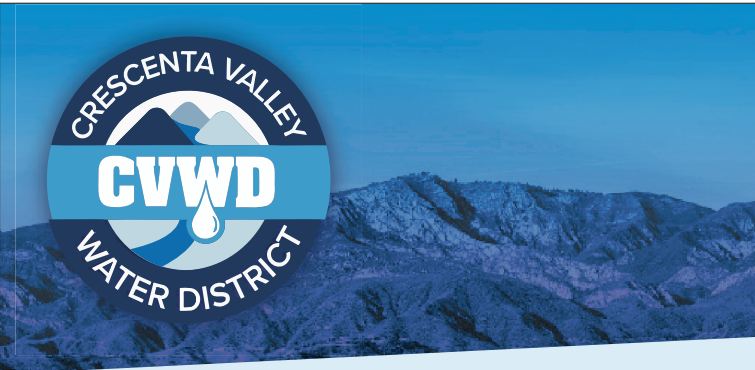
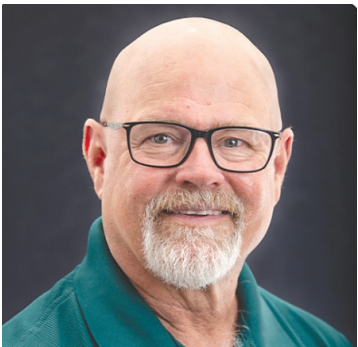
organization we have in our community. Of course, this is also a great time to promote your business by networking with local residents and businesses that want to do business with you! Also, the Chamber membership jackpot is growing! The jackpot drawing is up to \$250 and a representative of the name of the business or organization must be present to win! For more information, check with the Chamber office or our website.

Get excited about our annual online silent auction that will commence in the near future. This is a great opportunity for a business or organization to donate a product or service and get some good exposure and recognition for helping the Chamber

with community events. Anyone can participate; Chamber members or otherwise. More details will be forthcoming.

Have a great July! And no complaining about the heat!

*JD Speas, DVM*  
*President CV Chamber*



**This notice applies only to those properties that receive water service from the Crescenta Valley Water District.**

At the June 27, 2023 Board of Directors meeting, Crescenta Valley Water District’s Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 786. This resolution allows the District to place a charge on customers’ property tax bills to support the District’s pipeline replacement program. The typical charge for a single-family home is \$194.00. If you do not want this charge placed on your property tax bill, then you can sign an opt out form to have the charge added to your water bill instead. The charge would be split between the property owners’ November/December 2023 and March/April 2024 water bills depending on their billing cycle.

**The form is available on our website at [cvwd.com](http://cvwd.com) or at the District’s main office.**

## Our Mission

To provide quality water and wastewater services to the Crescenta Valley community in a dependable and economically responsible manner.

## Our Vision

Secure sustainable water supplies and ensure infrastructure reliability, while furthering our commitment to accountability, transparency and cost-effectiveness.

NEWS FROM THE MV CHAMBER  
» MAVIL AGHADJANIAN

# School is Out ... Montrose is IN ... for Summer!

We are officially in summer and it feels so good to feel the sun *finally* shine through. Whether you’re in Montrose to shop, dine, bank or have some dessert ... there is no better feeling than walking around Montrose on a summer evening with friends and family. Last month we had the honor of hosting the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for Wild Açai and it was a particularly fun event with Mayor Dan Brotman in attendance (plus many of our other local legislators), a DJ, empanadas, açai bowls, and delicious green juices. If you have not yet had the opportunity to drop in and try one of their fresh delicacies, make sure to do so (located across the street from Sake on Honolulu Avenue)! They have also expanded to include a catering cart for special events; give them a call for more information: (818) 330-9102.

July is a relatively quiet month for us at the Chamber but it is also when we ramp up planning our big fall annual fundraising event, Montrose Oktoberfest. And this year is unique in that we also get to plan our *huge* milestone event, our Centennial and Community Awards Dinner. October is going to be a helluva of an exciting month. We hope you’ll join us for both festivities! Until then, be sure to check our event calendar on [Montrose-Chamber.org](http://Montrose-Chamber.org) for upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies/mixers/and member events.

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tional opportunities for members of the La Cañada community and surrounding areas. <https://cclcf.org/>

*MVCC and Member Updates/Upcoming Events:*

*On Saturday, July 29 from 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. a casino night fundraiser for the Community Center of LCF:* Join the CCLCF for the 10th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser! Play blackjack, craps and roulette as part of the evening while raising money for Community Center programs and facility improvements. <https://cclcf.simplertix.com/>

*On Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 10 p.m. at the 44th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest 2023:* The Annual Montrose Oktoberfest returns for its 44th year! To sponsor or to have your organization help run a booth, email: [events.mvcc@gmail.com](mailto:events.mvcc@gmail.com) or fill out this short form <https://forms.gle/AxMFHSDuf2aDjDTG6>.

*On Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. the MVCC Centennial and Community Awards Dinner:* Join us in celebrating the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce turning 100 years old! Plus we’ll be honoring outstanding community members, recognizing our 2023 Board and thanking our 2021 Board of Directors. For more information and to sponsor this event, email: [events.mvcc@gmail.com](mailto:events.mvcc@gmail.com) or fill out this short form <https://forms.gle/D6ottPyTEupeBiyTA>.

*Special recognition:*

Congratulations to the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce on welcoming Dr. Speas as its 2023 president and Rachelle Miller as its new executive director and office manager Rena Dishjekian. We look forward to collaborating with and supporting members of both chambers!

Remember to shop local!

*Mavil Aghadjanian,*  
*Executive Director*  
*Montrose Verdugo City Chamber*



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reflected the theme of breaking out and standing out,” said Tellys Executive Director Sabrina Dridje.

This was a record-breaking year with nearly 13,000 entries from across the globe and top video and television content producers such as Airbnb, Audible, BET Networks/BET Digital, BritBox, Disney, FEMA, Golden State Warriors, NASA, National Geographic Society, Netflix, Paramount, PBS Digital Studios and more.

The La Cañada Flintridge Community Center Preschool has served LCF and surrounding communities for over 60 years. Morning programs are available for children 3 – 5 years old, including a pre-K class. Students take part in enrichment programs such as gardening and music during the school day and may also participate in after-school care and additional enrichment classes such as dance, sports and art in the afternoon.

To view the award-winning video and find out more about the Community Center Preschool visit [communitycenterpreschool.org](http://communitycenterpreschool.org).

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CAR SHOW from Cover

Dale Dawson, event coordinator for the Montrose Shopping Park Association, gave kudos to the manager of the annual show.

“The real key to this is our car show manager, Tom King,” said Dawson. “Tom is a volunteer and is not paid for what he does but he puts the show together. He and his family run the check-in booth and without them we could not do it.

“What I like, as the event coordinator for the Montrose Shopping Park Association, is that we can put on events like this,” he added. “The best thing about the car show to me is how it draws people to our beautiful little town.”

The shopping park also hosts the weekly Harvest Market held on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The audience responses ranged from polite requests for information to firm requests for a microphone to hear the board members to a 15-year unresponded-to list of Board “We’ll get back to you” to an outright accusation of corruption and malfeasance. The Board chairwoman allowed public comments but [did not provide] a significant amount of time (two minutes per! Seriously!) for each speaker and not nearly the amount of time for significant Q and A of all questions that wanted to be asked. When the audience began to get out of hand, she threatened to clear the room.

Some audience responses to Board member statements were clearly disrespectful but not nearly as the

repeated disrespect to the audience to clear the room, as if they were all a bunch of bratty kids.

Repeated calls for more questions by the audience were met with the summarily stated: “Public comment is closed.” Some audience members had legitimate questions of far-reaching import, but were refused. One man was facing an egregious and unconscionable amount of money, simply based on the large size of his home’s water feed, regardless of the actual amount of water used.

After the Board resumed its deliberations, with many in the audience unable to hear the goings-on, people began to leave. The Board chair pleaded for people to stay. Why

should they?! They had been told to behave, condescended to and refused any further comment. The disgust of the exiting audience members was palpable.

Without acceding to the audience request to postpone the vote on the issue until more outreach to the community of ratepayers has been done, the Board voted to proceed with the program, giving property owners an “opt- out” option. Ratepayers must make their choice by 15 July.

This rush by the board is mistaken. More outreach to the community is needed, part of the transparency that the audience requested. So a postponement is really the best option. If the board was hoping to avoid less

chaos from a public hearing, they’ve sowed the seeds for much more of that in the coming weeks. No mention was made for tenant water use. No mention was made of input by CVWD staff and workers for what is best use of materials and time.

The best course of action is the community and Board working much closer in a concerted effort to solve this very important program. The Board members are elected to serve the ratepayers and as such make the very hard choices. But the property owners and tenants pay for this. We must all be on board!

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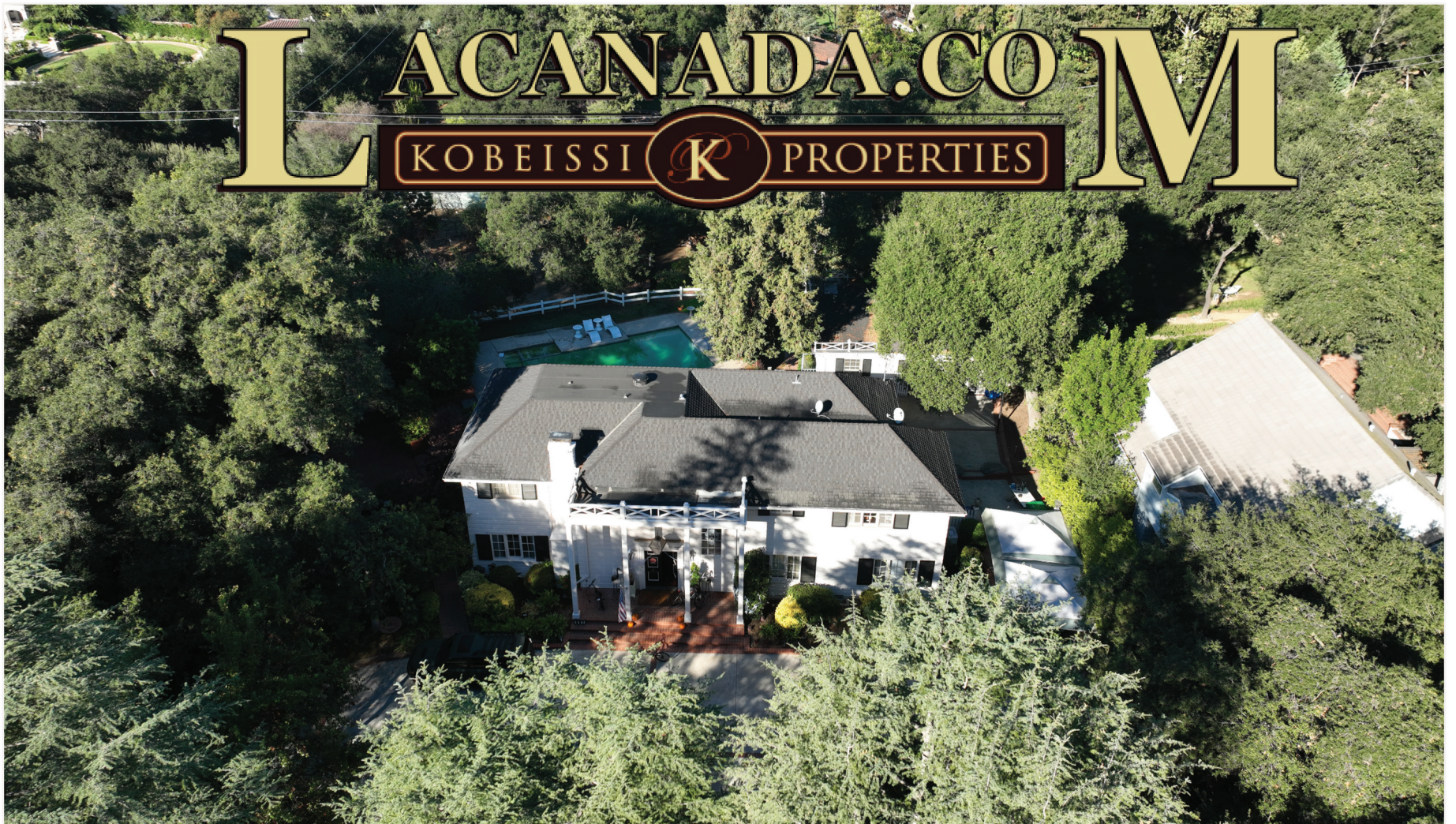
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