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Meeting Held Regarding WSGVAP Progress

By Mikaela STONE

The recently held West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) progress update meeting outlined the steps taken to educate the public on land use intentions, including those people who live in the Los Angeles unincorporated communities of La Crescenta-Montrose, Altadena, East Pasadena, Kinneloa Mesa, San Pasqual, South El Monte Islands, South San Gabriel and Whittier Narrows. To promote community engagement, the planning team employed methods that included a community survey in 2023, email distribution lists, project postcards, outreach to community leaders in advocacy and non-profit groups, focus group meetings, five vision workshops, open workshops to review preliminary drafts and a presence on digital platforms. Evan Sensibile, regional planner at LA County Dept. of Regional Planning and WSGVAP team member, noted that it is the team's goal to "establish relationships and have an ongoing dialogue" and welcomes feedback.

So far community members have expressed an interest in the increased number of mom-and-pop shops in their local communities. Sensibile expressed that there has been some pushback to the plan itself, which intends to emphasize retrofitting the communities with walkable features when available and exploring options for supporting increasing populations with opponents citing "densification" efforts. However, during public comments a community member said that she and her peers were "not against high density in the right areas" but rather were frustrated with "hideous ... stucco box buildings" that are not the promised affordable housing called for by community

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The Sky Will Explode with Color

By Eliza PARTIKA

Fireworks will once again light up the sky on July 4.

Crescenta Valley Fireworks is putting the final touches on Independence Day festivities. The fun will begin at 4 p.m. on the field at La Crescenta Elementary School. Before the fireworks show folks will enjoy fare from seven food trucks, ticketholders can play on nine inflatables and live entertainment will include local favorites Mary Dyer Band and 5 Feet Under Band.

"Entertainment is awesome this year," said organizer Steve Goldsworthy. "We start with the local band 5 Feet Under; they are opening for Mary Dyer Band, another local band. The stage will be on the west side of La Crescenta Elementary School. All together folks can enjoy about three hours of great performers."

The 2800 block of Prospect Avenue



File photo
Crowds are expected to gather on the field of La Crescenta Elementary School on July 4 to watch the fireworks and enjoy the variety of food and activities.

will be closed off to vehicular traffic beginning at noon on July 4. Parking will be available on surrounding streets. Sitting space is available along Prospect and La Crescenta avenues and on the field at La Crescenta Elementary. For residents of Prospect Avenue who are hosting parties that night, escorts will be provided; however, parking will

need to be found elsewhere.

The fireworks show will once again be coordinated by Robert Hutch, who is known for his dynamic pyrotechnic displays. At 9 p.m. Bronwyn Schramm will sing the national anthem, which will segue into the start of the fireworks show. City Council member Ardy Kassakhian will be emceeing the night. Other

city officials, including Mayor Elen Asatryan, are also expected to attend.

Mike Shaar, a member of Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association, which is an all-volunteer organization that puts on the yearly fire-

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Announcing the First in CV Cares Speaker Series

By Mary O'KEEFE

A summer speaker series begins on Tuesday, June 25 sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition, aka CV Cares.

"CV Cares is a project of The Impact Foundation LA (IFLA), which was created and given the status of a 501(c)(3) non-profit and 509(a)(2) public charity back in 2021 to provide local professional resources for anyone struggling here in the Crescenta Valley," said Victoria Malone, executive director IFLA and program director for CV Cares.

The goal of the speaker series is to highlight important topics like drug misuse and mental health. The series will bring specialists in these fields who will speak on mindfulness, mental health, fentanyl use and neurology.

The speaker series is also a way to introduce CV Cares to the community. CV Cares/Coalition was awarded a grant by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that confirms its status as a drug free community program.



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Carmela Tunzi leads a group in self-hypnosis. She is the first in the CV Cares summer speaker series.

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How ‘Fair’ is Our Valley?



How fair is our Valley? We'll all find out on Saturday at the Hometown Country Fair at Crescenta Valley Park! It's the annual community get-together where folks can come (for free) and enjoy a host of events and activities. Pie-eating contest? Got it. Kids' balloon toss and egg race? Yup. Robot demonstration? Yes! Plus a Narcan demonstration, dog costume parade, petting zoo and more! Hosted by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, this event is sponsored by so many people including Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, plus many businesses and other supporters of this family-friendly event.

There's plenty of shade at Crescenta Valley Park, too, and the vendors that will be on-site will have lots to see (and buy!). Plus there will be plenty of information booths so you can learn about the many things the Valley offers. For those who are hungry, they'll find a variety of good things to purchase at the many food trucks on-site. Entertainment aplenty

can be found on the main stage including rock n roll favorite Radio Flyer. Car enthusiasts won't want to miss the car show that offers a nod to the classic Mustang. The kids will have a blast playing on the inflatables and other

Putting on an event of this magnitude takes a lot of manpower. As president of the CV Chamber, I've witnessed how hard the Hometown Country Fair Committee has worked to make sure Saturday's event is one of the best ever. I'm confident their hard work will pay off – and you will be, too!

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Hometown Country Fair is this Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CV Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Admission is free!

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Oftentimes when I hear about the effects of human-caused climate change it's just overwhelmingly sad. The Earth continues to warm and humans continue to argue. For a while it looked like most of us were on the same page, but the winds of misinformation are blowing once again toward the direction of "It doesn't really matter" or "There's nothing we can do."

In Florida a law was passed that climate change and addressing planet-warming pollution were no longer priorities. Many references of climate change were deleted from state laws. Florida TV meteorologist Steve MacLaughlin referred to this in his X post as "Don't Say Climate Change" comparing it to another Florida law that was to prohibit classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in certain grade levels – referred to as the "Don't Say Gay" law.

I think what is most concerning is that other meteorologists had to come to MacLaughlin's defense for criticizing this law; many meteorologists are being threatened for telling climate truth.

"This is not an easy statement for a meteorologist to make as there is a lot of pressure to not wade into these climate waters," said Jeff Berardelli, chief meteorologist at WFLA in Tampa Bay, Florida, in a CNN report on May 21.

But this is what scientists need to do. They need to speak up and they need to speak to everyone – not just those who already know human-caused climate change is a threat.

The heat wave that many in the Northeast and Midwest are dealing with now could be the highest temperatures in 30 years. Over the next five days over 260 million people will experience temps of 90 degrees or higher. But it's not just a heat wave here or there announced the

European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service earlier this month. The world marked one full year of back-to-back monthly heat records.

When I hear some people return to the old argument that this is all cyclical and humans have nothing to do with climate change, I compare it to seeing a tornado coming toward your house and you close the door and say, "If we just say it's a sunny day the tornado will go away."

Despite this head-banging-against-the-wall fight against those who just don't want to believe humans have anything to do with climate change there are a few people who give us all hope.

Michael Mann is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Science, a climate researcher and an author. His recent book "Our Fragile Moment" is about the climate crisis and the lessons we can learn from the past.

And there's the rub ... learning from the past.

"When we look at past Earth history, what does it tell us about where we are today and the challenge we face in addressing the climate crisis? One of the challenges is doomism, this idea that it's too late to do anything about the problem," Mann said in a YouTube presentation.

He said if people believe there is nothing that can be done it will lead to a path of inaction and disengagement. In a May 2024 article in The New Statesman, he said the attitude of "defeatism is as much of a threat as climate denial."

One of the lessons that can be learned from past extinction events was a rapid input of greenhouse gases of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that caused a dramatic warming, he said.

"Now, today, we are increasing the concentration of carbon dioxide in the see WEATHER on page 8

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FIREWORKS TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets to the July 4 CV Fireworks Extravaganza are now on sale at the following locations: the offices of Bob Smith Toyota, 3333 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, Crescenta Valley Insurance, 3156 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, CV Weekly/CV Chamber of Commerce, 3800 La Crescenta Ave. #206, La Crescenta and J's Maintenance, 3550 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta.

CVCA TO MEET JUNE 27

The Crescenta Valley Community Association will have its meeting on Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The community is invited this month for a presentation by guest speaker Anita Enander, former mayor of Los Altos and a founding member of Our Neighborhood Voices. Our Neighborhood Voices is a volunteer organization working to put an initiative on the statewide ballot to return land use control to local governments.

Contact the CVCA at crescentavalleymunityassn@gmail.com with questions and for Zoom meeting information. All are welcome.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE PRESENTS 'SEEKING THE UNSEEN'

On June 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., join expert wildlife tracker and photographer Denis Callet as he shares his tips and tricks for wildlife tracking and photography.

Since 2015 when Callet first began photographing wildlife at the Rosemont Preserve, he has captured images of 10 different mountain lions – everything from pregnant mothers and their kittens to large males marking their territory.

Attendees will learn how to take studio quality images.

Attendance is limited to the first 15 to sign up. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yc8btkyp>.

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' houses. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

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

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

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

DUI CHECKPOINT PLANNED

The Glendale Police Dept. will conduct a driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoint on Friday, June 21 at an undisclosed location in the city of Glendale.

Saying Goodbye to a Long-time Friend



By Mary O'KEEFE

In law enforcement, a public information officer (PIO) is the main contact between media and the law enforcement agency as well as performing outreach to the community.

A ceremony was held at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) facility in Altadena on Friday, June 14 to celebrate the promotion to sergeant of PIO Officer Jonathan Boyd and to say goodbye as he transfers from Altadena to Sacramento.

Boyd's family, friends, members of other law enforcement agencies and community members were on hand to congratulate him and to wish him luck.

Boyd's very proud mom and dad, along with other family members, joined him to celebrate his promotion.

"Jonathan is an interesting character," said retired Altadena CHP Captain Moulton. "He was the first person to tell me that it's actually possible to work 25 hours of overtime a day. I've learned a lot about math from this man."

Current Altadena Captain Santiago praised Boyd's connection with the community.

"I have heard nothing but good things about our area, about our PIO, and whatever he does he makes us look great," Santiago said. He added that as a sergeant his impact with everyone, including other officers and staff, would grow.

Both he and Moulton said the sergeant test at CHP is difficult and it is an accomplishment to achieve that rank.

"It's truly the hardest promotion to get at CHP," Moulton said.

Before starting with CHP, Boyd was an educator. His experience as a teacher helped him when communicating what it is CHP does and what it offers when as a PIO he attended numerous community events.

For those in the area, CHP is the law enforcement that is responsible for everything on the highways/freeways and all roads in the unincorporated portion of Los Angeles County/La Crescenta-Montrose and Altadena.

Boyd, along with officers Keller and Bay, has concentrated a lot of his effort on traffic around schools. The Altadena office of the CHP is responsible for patrolling about 400 square miles, which includes Angeles Crest Highway, Angeles Forest Highway, portions of the Foothill (210) Freeway, Interstate 5 and State Routes 118 and 2.

This is a lot of area to cover but for Boyd, Keller and Bay priority has been given to schools.

Many schools are located within neighborhoods so school traffic competes with normal neighborhood traffic. Oftentimes drivers who are taking students to school forget this when they park or stop in front of driveways, speed up and down streets or make mid-street U-turns.

Around schools the officers have seen an increase in speeding, distracted driving and parking in red zones. CVW

Photos by Donna LIBRA and Mary O'KEEFE

TOP LEFT: Community volunteer Steve Pierce and CV Town Councilmember Donna Libra flank outgoing California Highway Patrol PIO Officer Jonathan Boyd at his going away party in Altadena. TOP RIGHT: PIO Officer Boyd was regularly in attendance at the CV Town Council meetings.

BOTTOM LEFT: Officer Boyd's brother was one of the many family members at Friday's goodbye party.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Officer Keller, left, congratulates Officer Boyd on his promotion.

has been on several ride-alongs with CHP and has seen drivers ignore the rules of the road, some because they were in a hurry to drop off their student and others just ignore the rules "because everyone else does." These are not excuses and officers have spent hours educating drivers on what they need to do to be safe.

In addition, Boyd and his

fellow officers spend a lot of time reaching out to the community members and organizations, like CV Town Council, and attend legislative meetings.

Officers Keller and Bay will continue patrolling the area. CVW will soon begin its traffic series to highlight what drivers of all ages can do to make the roads safer.

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City Addresses Rental Rights

By Mary O’KEEFE

There is a lot of misinformation, anxiety and concern when it comes to the rights of renters and landlords. To help with these many issues in the City of Glendale, the city has created offices that can assist those who feel lost in the rental world.

“Glendale renters’ rights [cover] five major areas,” said Sipan Zadoryan, City of Glendale senior analyst. Those five areas are: just cause eviction, relocation assistance, right to lease, intentional disrepair and rent reduction. Details on these five areas can be found on the city’s website www.glendalerentalrights.com.

Information that is available is specific; for example, some of the reasons for just cause eviction include non-payment of rent, lease violation, nuisance, illegal activities, unauthorized sub-tenancy, denial of access and smoking in prohibited areas.

“There are protections against unjust evictions,” Zadoryan said. “Landlords can’t just randomly decide they want a tenant out.”

Depending on why the eviction is activated the landlord may owe the tenant relocation assistance.

“If a landlord increases the rent over 7% it triggers the relocation benefits for the tenant,” he added.

The state’s rent cap is presently 8.8%; however, there are different exemptions so that 8.8% rate may not apply every time, he added.

“That’s why we need tenants to call us. We can look at the details to understand where they live,” he said. “We have a new clause that was just passed that went [into effect] on March 7. If a landlord takes away a service that was originally in

the [tenant’s] lease the rent has to be adjusted accordingly.”

In addition, if landlords allow the rental unit to intentionally go into disrepair, they have to move the tenant out temporarily to remediate the disrepair, he added.

Glendale tenants can run into all types of issues and may not know if their landlord is in violation of state or local laws and ordinances. They can find information by visiting the Glendale Rights website or by calling (818) 548-3926 or emailing rent@GlendaleCA.gov.

Zadoryan said his office staff can reach out to landlords and gather more information and work with the tenant and landlord.

Glendale Rental Rights receives calls on a variety of issues – not just from tenants but from landlords as well. There was an increase in calls when COVID-related relief came to a close but those calls have lessened.

Landlord calls usually pertain to how certain programs work and how a tenant who is being difficult can be evicted. Often the issues experienced by both tenants and landlords are not something Zadoryan’s office can deal with but, for example, there might be some type of structural issues, like leaking roofs. For those issues Zadoryan refers to Peter Zovak, assistant director for community development. Zovak can send out investigators to examine the property and then contact the landlord.

“The inspections are done through our Code Compliance Office,” Zovak said.

Recently tenants of the Barrington Plaza in Santa Monica got a huge win when a Superior Court judge ruled against landlord Douglas Emmett, who had issued 577

eviction notices to tenants. The reason for the mass eviction, according to the landlord, was so fire sprinklers could be installed. Eviction notices were sent in May 2023 and some tenants had already moved; however, over 100 tenants were still at the complex. This ruling allowed them to stay. Some were long-term tenants who pay far below market rates due to Santa Monica’s rent stabilization ordinance.

One reason tenants were afraid to move is they would not be able to find affordable housing.

Being evicted for “repair” reasons, like the ruling made in Santa Monica, is something tenants shared during public comment at past meetings of the Glendale City Council.

This is another area where Glendale Rental Rights and Neighborhood Services can help. The two offices work together as well as with other agencies in Los Angeles County. Zadoryan added it is always better if tenants and landlords have a relationship of open communication; but if that is not the case, his office works to open those lines of dialogue.

“There are a lot of situations where the landlord might not be aware of these [rental] laws and the tenant is afraid to communicate,” he said. “[Neither the tenant nor the landlord] should be afraid to communicate with the other.”

If the situation cannot be worked out easily Glendale Rental Rights does make referrals to other social service agencies that can possibly help.

It should be noted that CVW has recently witnessed these two Glendale housing departments work together to help residents in a local rental complex.

Danny Trejo to Join Sunland-Tujunga Fourth of July Parade

Iconic actor Danny Trejo is set to join this year’s July 4 parade in Sunland-Tujunga. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, The Magic of Sunland-Tujunga is this year’s theme for the popular summer event. Continuing the celebrity magic, local performer, poet, producer, community supporter and business owner Joe DeCenzo has been selected as the 2024 grand marshal.

Each year, the parade draws thousands of spectators who flock to see entries ranging from classic cars, drill teams and baton twirlers to high-stepping horses and talented street performers. Fans can also look forward to such perennial favorites as Sunland-Tujunga’s “Oldest Rock” as well as creative new entries.

As always, the parade is set to begin with an LAPD flyover as well as a ground performance by

the highly skilled synchronized LAPD Motorcycle Drill Team.

Free of charge to both participants and spectators, the parade has historically highlighted the whimsical character of this Foothills community. It is the single-best attended public event in Sunland-Tujunga.

This family-friendly parade encourages all entries and signage to be family appropriate and in line with the theme of The Magic of Sunland-Tujunga.

Starting at 10 a.m. sharp on Thursday, July 4, the parade will launch from the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Summitrose Street, proceeding down Foothill and ending at Sunland Park.

Applications for the parade are now available on the Rotary Club’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sunlandrotary/>.

The Rotary Club encourages creative entries; the more the merrier! Clubs, organizations, sports teams, equestrian groups and more are invited to take part.

For everyone’s safety, the Rotary Club discourages the throwing of water balloons and other objects. To help ensure a safe parade experience for everyone, Foothill Boulevard will be closed from Apperson Street to Fenwick Street. Westbound traffic will be diverted on Plainview Avenue and will be directed to Hillrose Street. Eastbound traffic will be diverted onto Newhome Avenue and will be directed to continue on Apperson Street. All streets intersecting Foothill between Apperson and Fenwick will be barricaded to prevent vehicular access.

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Garbage Report Cards are Out

By Mary O'KEEFE

Many residents throughout LA County have either received or will receive a type of report card on their garbage bins. This is in response to the Mandatory State Law Barrel Inspections.

The statewide law, SB 1383, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022 and requires every jurisdiction to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses. California residents were required to separate their organic waste.

CVW wrote about this law when it was first implemented; however, now residents are finding out how well they did in every regard concerning garbage. They are finding cards stapled to their garbage bins with checkmarks that either state they are doing a "Great Job" or need to improve.

Burrtec, which is the waste management company for unincorporated Los Angeles County/La Crescenta-Montrose, has contracted with a third-party vendor, Re-Create, according to Andrew Jacoby, division manager at Burrtec Waste Industries. These waste inspectors can be seen in neighborhoods, looking into bins and taking notes.

"The Re-Create team is circling or underlining items that are located in the incorrect container," Jacoby said.

A detailed barrel guide can be found at <https://www.burrtec.com/barrel-guide>.

In that guide Burrtec lists what plastics can be recycled, including #1 to #7 plastics. That list of what ranking is given to plastics can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/5b86xrnd>.

"As far as plastic bags [like those from stores] we ask that you please place them inside the trash container," he said.

Jacoby said there are no penalties for receiving a "bad grade" on one of the cards. The outreach is a way to educate the public on what wastes go into which bin.

However, CVW has found that some residents have been contacted by their waste management company stating it would no longer pick up the bins if the resident was not separating garbage in a proper way.

Jacoby said that is not Burrtec's policy. If residents are confused or concerned about the card they find on their waste bins, Jacoby advised them to call their waste management company.

There are things that customers can do to help Burrtec workers.

"Currently, one of the key components is bagging food waste before placing it in the green organics barrel. This includes items like eggshells, fruit peels, leftovers, spoiled food and food-soiled paper, etc," Jacoby said. "The second most important item is not placing glass, trash or other recyclables in the green organics barrel."

Background on SB 1383

The goal of the law is to reduce food waste in landfills by 75%. It went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022, but it took some time for local waste management companies to come up with and distribute a plan.

When food waste breaks down it releases methane into the atmosphere. Methane is a greenhouse gas. In the U.S., food waste is estimated at between 30% and 40% of the food supply. This is based on an estimate by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) of 31% food loss at the retail and consumer levels. This added up to approximately 133 billion pounds and \$161 billion worth of food in 2010, according to the USDA.

"In the U.S., food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills where it emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Municipal solid waste landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the U.S., accounting for approximately 14.1% of these emissions in 2017," according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Organic food wastes include fruits, vegetables, dairy, bread, meat, seafood plate scraps and expired food. Food-soiled paper without plastic or other non-paper lining is also an organic waste as well as yard trimmings. Cooked and raw meat can be placed in the collection pail then deposited in the green can with residential trash only; businesses have to have outside handlers to process.

Gearing Up for the Hometown Country Fair

By Mary O'KEEFE

The community is invited to the Hometown Country Fair on Saturday at Crescenta Valley Park, 3901 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. The event is hosted by the CV Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, J's Maintenance, Crescenta Valley Water District, Animus Grappling, Bob Smith Toyota, YMCA of Foothills, Restokleen, ServPro of Crescenta Valley, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, LA Smile Orthodontics, Impact Foundation LA and CV Cares, CV Lions Club, Fresh Brothers Pizza in La Cañada Flintridge, Senator Anthony Portantino and Representative Judy Chu.


The event is a fun-filled day featuring inflatable toys, food trucks and lots of games. The Hometown Country Fair begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. and admission is free.

Local rock tribute band Radio Fyer will be performing on stage at the event.

Below is the day's tentative schedule of events:


Tentative Schedule of CV Chamber Hometown Fair 2024 Events	
9:00	Welcome by CV Chamber President Robin Goldsworthy Flag Salute – CVHS ROTC National Anthem – CVHS Jessica Ju CVHS Erin Blackley
9:30	CVHS Robotics Club robot demonstration
10:30	LA County Sheriff's K9 demonstration
11:00	Impact Foundation/CV Cares NARCAN demonstration
11:30	Animus Grappling demonstration
12:00	Dog Costume Contest and Dog Tricks Contest <i>Sponsored by ServPro of Crescenta Valley, hosted by Kathryn Barger – 5th District Supervisor, and Tiffany Lau of ServPro</i>
1:00	Kids Water Balloon Toss with First Responders Egg-and-Spoon Race Pie-Eating Contest <i>Sponsored by Animus Grappling</i>
2:15	Rock N' Roll with the band Radio Fyer <i>Plus various events and demos throughout the day.</i>

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Obituary
Robert (Bob)
Randall



May 10, 2024

Robert (Bob) Randall passed away peacefully at the beautiful Twelve Oaks Retirement Home in La Crescenta on May 10 where he lived for the past two years under the loving care of Denise Gotto – managing director, M.J. – nursing director, and the entire support staff that helps make Twelve Oaks a personal experience for all residents that have been fortunate to have found a place like home and are treated like family members. Bob was able to celebrate his 84th birthday just a few days before passing with friends and family, including his son David and wife Jean, his daughter Trish and husband Mike and his grandchildren James, Kylie, Gillian and Maddy. Bob graduated from Glendale High School class of 1958 where he was a member of the social club The Sheiks. On graduation he joined the 101st Airborne

Division and took part in over 20 jumps. Afterward he married Sue Watson, a graduate of Holy Family Girls Catholic School in Glendale. His business was as an LA Times paper distributor – with many young neighborhood boys under him. He opened a gym in the original Ebmeyer's Bakery at 2287 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose and ran it while continuing to build his 6'3" frame with 18-inch biceps and upper body definition. He then elected to sell the gym and started a limousine service with Cadillac and Lincoln town cars and acted as a bodyguard for many famous celebrities while transporting them. He even landed a bodyguard gig at the famous Playboy Mansion for Hugh Hefner. He had lots of stories! Bob lived a full and busy life. Sue passed before him and he was able to pay for a good retirement at the "Oaks" while leaving his children a nice inheritance. His family, cousins Fletcher and Jane Miller (professors at San Diego State University), and his many friends will remember him fondly as an Arnold Schwarzenegger-type with a handlebar mustache. As a prolific reader of history with a sharp mind, Bob was an interesting man to be in the company of. One of his clients (Frank Sinatra) fittingly said, "The best is yet to come." May the best be with you until we meet again. Always your friend from Monte Vista Grammer School for 77 years, Lou.

Firefighter Loses Life in
Line of Duty

The County of Los Angeles Fire Dept. announced the line of duty death of firefighter Andrew Pontious, 52, who died on the afternoon of Friday, June 14. Firefighter Pontious was engaged in fire fighting operations involving a large vehicle fire in Palmdale when he sustained fatal injuries. A procession of firefighters with the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. and nearby agencies was held on Wednesday from the coroner's office in downtown Los Angeles to Forest Lawn-Covina. Firefighter Pontious was a highly respected member of the department with 19 years of service. Throughout his career, Firefighter Pontious served the communities of El Monte, Palmdale, Rosemead and San Fernando. According to the department, he was known for his exemplary work ethic, unwavering positive disposition and a genuine love for helping

people. "Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Fire Fighter Andrew Pontious," said Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone. "Andrew was a devoted firefighter, husband, father, son, brother and friend to many. He was our hero and his sacrifice and memory will never be forgotten." Firefighter Pontious was a veteran firefighter who was skilled and approachable. New firefighters could always count on him for guidance and mentorship. When new battalion chiefs arrived, Pontious was the first to give them a tour on their first day in the battalion. Firefighter Pontious was also known as an amazing cook and often volunteered to cook – even when he was not on the schedule. Known affectionately as "Uncle," Firefighter Pontious enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting and studying

wildlife. His passion for wildlife conservation was well known among his colleagues and friends. Firefighter Pontious is survived by his parents, brother (a retired department fire captain), wife and stepdaughter. The department extends its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the Pontious family during this incredibly difficult time.

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CRIME BLOTTER

JUNE 15

200 block of Baptiste Way in La Cañada Flintridge, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle between midnight and 1 a.m.

JUNE 14

2400 block of Altura Avenue in Montrose, a bedroom window was smashed and numerous rooms were ransacked at a home. Jewelry and other items were stolen between 5:15 a.m. and 8:35 p.m.

4000 block of Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Tujunga, a man reported going to his storage container at the location. He found the locks he had originally placed on the container had been replaced with other locks not belonging to him. He cut the locks off and found his property, including a motorcycle, had been stolen.

The theft occurred between Jan. 1 and June 14.

2600 block of Prospect Avenue in La Crescenta, a man reported the front passenger side window was broken on his vehicle and the interior was ransacked. Deputies reviewed surveillance footage and saw a SUV-type vehicle drive past the location traveling eastbound, then reappeared traveling westbound in reverse. The SUV once again drove east then reversed west and came to a stop in front of the location. A suspect wearing a light colored top was seen leaving the SUV and approaching the victim's vehicle. Soon the alarm on the victim's vehicle was activated but soon stopped. Due to the quick disabling of the alarm the deputy assumed the suspect was in possession of an imitation key fob. The victim's vehicle's brake

lights were activated and remained on for a while. This vehicle's engine can start with a key fob as long as the brakes are engaged. The suspect left the vehicle, got into the SUV leaving the victim's vehicle. The attempted theft of the vehicle occurred between 2:44 a.m. and 2:52 a.m.

700 block of Galaxy Heights Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, the rear door of a home was shattered and the interior was ransacked. While investigating deputies discovered the electricity had been cut off at the house. Further investigation revealed that all electrical breakers were off. The residential burglary occurred between June 14 at 5 a.m. and June 15 at 5 a.m.

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Barger Recognizes Friends of Jackie Robinson Park and Jackie Robinson’s Family in Honor of Juneteenth

In honor of Juneteenth (June 19), Supervisor Kathryn Barger recognized the family of Dodgers legend Jackie Robinson and the Friends of Jackie Robinson Park from Sun Village, California, during Tuesday’s board of supervisors meeting. The Sun Village community was among the first in Southern California to host annual Juneteenth celebrations and have carried on the tradition at Jackie Robinson Park to share the meaning of the holiday.

“Juneteenth reminds us of the hard-fought commitment to justice for all people,” Barger said. “I’m thankful to the Friends of Jackie Robinson Park for keeping the tradition of Juneteenth alive to educate our communities and invite them to celebrate its meaning. It’s so fitting that their festivities are held at the historic Jackie Robinson Park, whose namesake was a beacon of hope for equality.”

Jackie Robinson Park opened in 1965 in Sun Village and was the first park in the U.S. to be named after the first African American player in Major League Baseball. Acknowledging the park’s rich history, the County designated it as a historic landmark in

2022.

“This is the 80th anniversary of Jackie Robinson Park and our 35th year celebrating Juneteenth,” said James Brooks, one of the Friends of Jackie Robinson Park. “We celebrate Juneteenth as a family reunion. After the emancipation, the enslaved people went out to find their families and they decided to celebrate the anniversary every year. In that tradition, that’s what we continue to do in Sun Village.”

As a Pasadena native, Jackie Robinson had roots in Los Angeles County’s Fifth District. Kathy Young Robinson, daughter of Olympic silver medalist Jackie and the historic Jackie Robinson Park in the Antelope Valley,” Kathy Young Robinson said. “I am here in memory of my dad and, if it weren’t for him, I wouldn’t be here sharing and continuing my family legacy.”

“Our family appreciates Supervisor Barger and the board of supervisors for having us here and celebrating Uncle



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Supervisor Kathryn Barger, center, presents certificates to Friends of Jackie Robinson Park and members of Jackie Robinson’s family.



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Glendale’s Clothing Swaps and Repair Cafes Return

After much community demand and participation, the City of Glendale’s Office of Sustainability and Glendale Library, Arts, & Culture announced that the Clothing Swaps and Repair Cafés will be returning to a nearby Glendale Library.

Clothing Swaps are opportunities for community members to donate items, which are collected, sorted and displayed for participants to freely take. Repair Cafés are where skilled volunteers fix, tinker and repair items from clothing holes to dull knives, broken lamps and beyond at no cost. In the first year of the Clothing Swaps and Repair Cafés, over 1,000 lbs. of textiles and clothes were diverted from landfill, over 250 items were repaired and over 500 community attendees and volunteers participated.

The calendar of Clothing Swaps and Repair Cafés is as follows:


Event	Date	Time	Location
Clothing Swap	Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Casa Verdugo Library
Repair Cafe	Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Casa Verdugo Library
Clothing Swap	Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Montrose Library
Repair Cafe	Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Montrose Library
Clothing Swap	Saturday, March 1, 2025	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Brand Library
Repair Cafe	Saturday, March 8, 2025	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Brand Library

Information on the next Clothing Swap is available at [GlendaleCA.gov/ClothingSwap](https://www.glendaleca.gov/ClothingSwap). Information on the next Repair Café and how to sign-up as a volunteer can be found at [GlendaleCA.gov/RepairCafe](https://www.glendaleca.gov/RepairCafe).

The next Clothing Swap is on Saturday, June 1 and the next Repair Café is on Saturday, June 8.

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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Walk Through Montrose in 1929 (Part 9)

This week we wrap up our time travel adventure. We’ve gone back to 1929 and we’re walking west down Honolulu Avenue. In our last episode, we encountered the dump of illegal moonshine in front of the sheriff’s station on Ocean View Boulevard. The alcohol was flowing down the gutter and pooling in the Ocean View/Honolulu Avenue intersection. The smell of the evaporating moonshine is overpowering.

We continue on the north side of the 2300 block of Honolulu, passing the Valley Pharmacy on the corner (now Froyo Life frozen yogurt). In just a few steps, we encounter the Home Bakery at 2303 Honolulu (now WundaBar Pilates). Here the smell of alcohol is replaced with the enchanting aroma of fresh baked bread.

Walking further, we come to a vacant lot. Looking across the street are more vacant lots – very different than we see today. No banks, no restaurants ... so different from 2024. It seems this is the end of the “business district” of Montrose. But the paved sidewalk continues west as do the streetlights, anticipating the businesses that will come in the future.

At 2331 Honolulu (now Casa Cordoba restaurant) we come to a private home. The mailbox says Zwick on it and the name is familiar to us from history. Two little tow-headed boys are playing out in the front yard. That would be Charles and Leland Zwick. We remember that those two boys would soon play in the “Our Gang” comedies and, in WWII, would tragically die within a month of each other.

We keep walking past vacant lots where today there are businesses. On the south side of Honolulu are a scattering of homes where today there are bank buildings. Now that we are away from the buildings, we notice how quiet it is. No freeway, no jets. We can hear the sound of hammering and sawing from the many construction projects, and faintly in the distance the “ding-ding” of the trolley.

Almost to Orangedale Avenue now. We spot a little market, the Honolulu Grocery on the south side (about where the Trader Joes parking lot is), so we cross over to take a look. As we poke our head inside the wide doors of the market, we can hear people speaking in Italian and German and we smell the unmistakable aroma of wine.

Guess we’ll keep on walking west, past Sunset, past Rosemont. The sidewalk finally peters out at Rosemont and we’re on dirt now. Still vacant lots and the occasional house. Starting to see more oak trees now.

We come to a cluster of houses under beautiful oaks around a two-story rock house. It’s Rockhaven Sanitarium! We can see several nicely dressed women sitting on lawn chairs in the sun. They must be patients of the new all-women sanitarium. Here the hammering and sawing sounds are loud as there’s a new sanitarium building being built behind the stone house.

Right by the street there are two men just beginning construction on a stone wall. They are speaking to each other in Italian. We say hello and they introduce themselves in thick accents as the Binetti brothers, stonemasons. They say they have built many rock walls and homes in the valley.

Continuing past Rockhaven Sanitarium, a sign welcomes us to Verdugo City. On the northwest corner of Honolulu and La Crescenta is yet another pharmacy, this one a grand two-story with ornate brickwork. Verdugo City Drug Company the sign says, and another sign advertises a dance being held this weekend in the Fowler Auditorium above the pharmacy.

Looking across the street, there is a little gas station on the southwest corner. It looks a movie is being filmed there! A cameraman and director are across the street and following the action as a convertible pulls wildly out of the gas station. We remember that a lot of early films were shot here in the valley.

We find ourselves fading back into the present. The brick pharmacy slowly disappears and a modern Chevron gas station takes its place. We enjoyed our trip to 1929, but we’re glad to be back in the present.



Mike Lawler is the former president of the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley and loves local history. Reach him at lawlerdad@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURA FRIEDMAN

Implementing Wildlife Connectivity Corridors

California is home to over 39 million people who live in communities large and small across nearly 156,000 square miles. Our wilderness is also vast. From fog-shrouded beaches to the numerous mountain ranges whose peaks and ridges form the spine of our state, California is land rich, but our urban sprawl is eating away at the land our wildlife depends upon to find food, shelter and unrelated mates. Nowhere is that more clear than here in the Southland where backyard encounters with bears, mountain lions and coyotes happen on a regular basis.

As our communities and the miles of roadways connecting them have grown, the biggest threat to our diverse array of wildlife is us. Nearly 100 mountain lions are struck and killed by vehicles in California annually; and those are just the reported fatalities. The numbers do not account for the mountain lions that are hit but manage to limp off the road, only to later succumb to their injuries. On the 10 lane freeways that bifurcate the Santa Monica and Santa Ana mountain ranges, vehicles are killing mountain lions faster than they can breed. Without intervention, mountain lions in these mountain ranges could be extinct in the next 50 years.

In the United States alone, there are nearly 2 million vehicle collisions annually involving wildlife, resulting in not just millions of deaths and injuries to wildlife of all shapes and sizes, but also 200 human deaths and 26,000 injuries, and \$8 billion in property damage every single year. Our roads are not only disrupting ecosystems, they are destroying entire populations of native wildlife. There’s a simple solution to stop animals dying on our roadways: We must take the wildlife that call home the area around our roads into account as we plan and develop.

This year, I introduced AB 1889 to do just that. The bill requires local governments to consider wildlife connectivity corridors when developing housing, building or improving local roadways. AB 1889 builds upon the work that I’ve done with AB 2344, which was signed into law in 2022 and required Caltrans to identify wildlife connectivity needs

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contests Article

In her May 30 article, “SCE Tree Maintenance in Question,” [reporter] Mikaela Stone raised concerns about safety practices, utility pole maintenance and tree trimming work. At Southern California Edison, the safety of our customers, communities and employees is always our top priority.

We inspect our poles and electrical equipment every one to three years in high fire risk areas. This work is part of our Wildfire Mitigation Plan required by the California Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety. The utility poles mentioned in the article, located in the Briggs Terrace neighborhood of La Crescenta, were inspected on June 4, 2024, and April 2021. We determined that the poles are safe. As part of our maintenance cycle, they may need to be replaced in the future.

When it comes to properly maintaining trees, our vegetation management crews are trained and consider the well-being of each tree when contemplating the best way to keep them a safe distance from high-voltage power lines and other electrical equipment. We have been working with customers in the area to fully trim these trees to adhere to California’s vegetation management requirements.

We encourage SCE customers who have a concern about vegetation near power lines to schedule an inspection by calling us at (800) 655-4555.

Jennifer Wood, Monrovia District Manager
SCE

Questions CVWD Capital Charge

Dear Members of the Crescenta Valley Water District Board,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed renewal of the capital charge for the fiscal year 2024-25. As a long-time resident and customer of the Crescenta Valley Water District, I believe it is imperative to reassess the necessity and impact of this charge on the community.

First and foremost, the transparency and justification for the capital charge needs thorough review. Over the past years, the CV Water District has implemented this charge to fund various capital improvement projects. We have opposed this tactic from the beginning; however, CVWD pressed forward, regardless of the community’s outrage.

While infrastructure maintenance and upgrades are undoubtedly important, there has been a lack of detailed communication about how the funds collected through the capital charge have been specifically allocated. The vague and generalized information provided in the Capital Charge Analysis report is insufficient and erodes trust. Providing a comprehensive report on the expenditures and the status of the completed and ongoing projects would help build trust and justify the continuation of this charge. A thorough audit and assessment of past projects could reveal opportunities for cost savings and more strategic planning.

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“Once again, we are bringing the best of Wine Country to LA with a scope of wineries and grape varieties that would take months, or years, of in-person research to find – if you could find them at all,” said Garagiste Festival co-founder Doug Minnick. “At Garagiste, we have done the research for you. With our long history as the home of the micro-winery movement, these wineries now seek us out to get their wines to our audience. Our winemakers love to personally pour their wines for you – not only their artisan takes on fan-favorite wines like cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir and chardonnay – but also the widest array of grapes varieties and styles you will find

anywhere. And this is exactly what continues to make the Garagiste Festival such a popular and unique event.”

The Festival starts at 1 p.m. with an exclusive “Rare & Reserve” tasting when winemakers pour library, club-only or reserve wines. The main event, the grand tasting, is from 2-5 p.m. Vintage Wine + Eats will offer complimentary cheese & charcuterie plates during the Festival.

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All events take place at Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road in Glendale.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <http://www.garagistefestival.com>.

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Dr. Aldene Zeno is a fellowship-trained surgeon in urogynecology. Dr. Zeno attended Azusa Pacific University and received a degree in Bachelor of Arts in biology. She received her Medical Doctorate at the Loyola University of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Zeno completed her residency in OBGYN at Kaiser Permanente and her fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Aldene Zeno is also skilled in treating benign gynecologic conditions such as menopause, fibroids, and abnormal uterine bleeding, in addition to her expertise in pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence.

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NCL – Glendale Chapter Holding Blood Drive

The Glendale Chapter of National Charity League Inc. will hold its 18th annual “From the Heart” American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, June 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital at 1812 Verdugo Blvd. in Glendale in Council Rooms A-D. Members of the community are encouraged to make an appointment to donate by emailing nclglendalefromtheheart@gmail.com or by signing up for this drive on the American Red Cross website at redcross.org and entering sponsor code “nclglendale.” All donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card after the event. Donors are also treated to homemade cookies and treats made by the mother and daughter chapter members.

For more information on From the Heart, email nclglendalefromtheheart@gmail.com.



Moose Lodge 641 Hosts Open House

By Clare BUCHANAN

Burrola said. The Glendale Moose Lodge is part of a larger international organization that collects donations to fund Mooseheart Child City & School for disadvantaged youth and Moosehaven City of Contentment for the retired elderly. These two communities rely solely on Moose Lodge volunteer efforts and donations.

One of the booths at the open house was the Safe Surfin’ Foundation. Terry Hill, who is the office manager at Moose Lodge 641, was working the booth and was on hand to help members of the community make EZ-ID kits for children and elderly family members. In case of an emergency, these EZ-ID kits can be given to law enforcement to further its investigation. Safe Surfin’ Foundation’s message is important to Hill, as well as the Moose Lodge, because it focuses on protecting vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Moose Lodge can visit its local office at 4011 La Crescenta Ave. The office is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

The Eviction Process

Dear Phyllis,
I look forward to your real estate advice. I have a new problem. My father sold his home two years ago. The buyer could not get a loan, so my father gave the buyer a loan. The buyer stopped making payments several months ago and we hired an attorney to initiate foreclosure. I am concerned that the buyer won’t move after the foreclosure is complete. Can you explain the eviction process?

JK

Dear JK,

I am so sorry that your father is in this position. I wish both of you the best. It’s advisable to hire an attorney due to the complexity of this process.

Initiating with *The Notice*: The eviction process commences with “The Notice,” which is served on the tenant.

Advancing to *The Lawsuit*: Following the expiration of “The Notice” your attorney will commence the “Unlawful Detainer” by preparing and filing a lawsuit. The suit is then transferred to the process server. Most tenants are served within a week from the filing date.

Moving through *The Default Process*: If the tenant fails to respond to the lawsuit,

additional paperwork must be filed for the court’s review. Subsequently, the court is expected to issue a “Judgment For Possession,” a process that often takes 10 or more days.

Engaging *The Sheriff*: Once a judgment is secured, a “Writ of Possession” is delivered to the LASD office. The sheriff deputies processes it and proceed to the property, posting a “5-Day Notice To Vacate” on the tenant’s door. Following the five-day period, the deputy arranges a lockout date and time requiring you or your representative to meet them to rekey the property.

Handling *Personal Property Left Behind*: In California, landlords must adhere to a specific legal process when tenants leave their belongings. Disposal is not immediate; instead, landlords must notify the former tenant, store the property for a specific period, and follow precise steps for selling or disposing of unclaimed items.

Concluding with *The Money Judgment*: At this stage, it’s wise for your attorney to file a money judgment for the amount owed. This allows your father to go after any assets the tenant may have, such as bank accounts or wages, to collect what is owed.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

‘Mean Girls High School Version’ Coming to the Community Center

Tickets are now available for the CS Productions and Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge’s (CCLCF) production of “Mean Girls High School Version.” The production features cast and crew from a variety of local high schools including: La Cañada, Crescenta Valley, John Muir, California School of the Arts, Albert Einstein, Verdugo Hills, Glendale, Los Angeles County High School of the Arts, and Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts.

Director Caren Saiet is excited to bring the production to the Crescenta-Cañada community.

“‘Mean Girls’ is a worldly-wise musical with a wicked sense of humor that explores high school social hierarchies, the quest for identity and the impactful nature of rumors, while championing themes of friendship, integrity and self-acceptance,” she said. “The high school version is an ideal choice to be performed by our extremely talented local high school students.”

Based on the hit 2004 film, “Mean Girls” is the story of Cady Heron, a teen who grew up on an African savanna. She finds that nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina’s reign, she learns the hard way that you can’t cross a Queen Bee without getting stung!

The show features a book by Tina Fey (based on her screenplay), music by Jeff Richmond and lyrics by Nell Benjamin. Unlike most high school versions, “Mean Girls High School Version” includes the full, unedited script of the show.

“It’s been a goal to offer a theatre program to our community and we are looking forward to our first collaboration with CS Productions,” said CCLCF Executive Director Betsy Ferguson. The production also gave an opportunity for students to participate in a stagecraft apprentice program. In partnership



Photo courtesy of CCLCF

with the LCF Tournament of Roses Association, the teens selected for the program are spending eight weeks building the sets and props under the direction of professional film/TV scenic carpenter Morgan Rusler.

The production is made possible by a grant from the City of La Cañada Flintridge for teen programming, which means there is no cost for the teens to participate. In addition to director Saiet, the professional team includes sound designer Joey Frevola, production coordinator Gina Farina and technical coordinator Morgan Rusler.

Performances are June 28 – 30 at the Community Center Auditorium located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for student/seniors and \$30 for opening night, which includes a reception.

For tickets and more information visit: cclcf.org/news.

Violinist Jung Featured Artist for GNC Concert



The Free Admission Glendale Noon Concerts series has returned to live performance at the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

On July 3 from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., the Glendale Noon Concerts will feature violinist Ellen Jung performing the J.S. Bach “Partita No. 2 in d minor” featuring the “Chaconne.”

On the program is J. S. Bach Partita No. 2 BWV 1004 for solo violin.

Born in Toronto, violinist Ellen Jung has performed frequently as soloist, chamber and orchestral musician on six continents. She earned a Bachelor of Music in performance from University of Toronto, and a Master of Music

and Artist diploma from Yale University.

As a member of the award winning Jung Trio, Jung has performed recitals and concerto engagements internationally, and recorded “Dvorak’s Trio in F minor, Op. 65” for Groove Note records, released on LP and SACD. The trio has participated in many renowned music festivals and collaborated with numerous prominent musicians.

A frequent performer of new music, Jung has performed a number of world premiere chamber works over the years, and had a solo violin piece “A” written for her by Canadian composer Lusiana Lukman. <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>

THEN & NOW



THEN » One of the most beautiful brick buildings in the valley was built in 1925 by Harry Fowler who created it as the centerpiece of his 10-acre development Verdugo Park later changed to Verdugo City. Located on the NW corner of La Crescenta and Honolulu avenues, it featured a drug store with a soda fountain, several storefronts and an auditorium upstairs. If you didn’t own a radio in 1927, you could sit in the auditorium and listen to piped in live broadcasts of Crescenta Valley’s own radio station KGPH, broadcast from a private home at the top of New York Avenue.

Verdugo City Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



NOW » The building was demolished in 1971, another victim of the ’71 earthquake that deprived our valley of so many of its decorative brick façades. A Chevron gas station sits at that corner now. The name Verdugo City survives only in the post office across the street.

Happy Birthday, Judy



The Hollywood Heritage Museum celebrated Judy Garland's 102nd birthday with an MGM Exhibit and special party on June 9. Shown at the event are singer/actress Cassandra Carroll of Toluca Lake and Joe Luft, son of Judy Garland. For more, visit <https://www.hollywoodheritage.org>.

Photo by Harrison HELD

Glendale Arts and GUSD Partner to Present GUSD Senior Show at Ace/121 Gallery

The talent and creativity of GUSD's graduating seniors will be on display over the next month as Glendale Arts and the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) partner to present the end-of-school-year Senior Show at ace/121 Gallery. The exhibition will be on view through June 29.

The public is invited to join the artists, teachers and administration to celebrate the hard work of these students and experience the imagination, innovation and joy that art brings to the world through the lens of the city's local rising stars.

Visitors can expect a rich visual display that reflects the varied artistic disciplines taught at GUSD and captures the compelling stories of each artist. The featured work represents an array of styles, themes and mediums, including intricate painting, innovative sculptures and mixed media, from 41 students across the district.

The showcase is a testament to Glendale Arts and GUSD's shared commitment to nurture emerging talent and fostering a vibrant, healthy community. By providing students with a professional platform to display their work, Glendale Arts and GUSD are offering a unique opportunity for the public to engage with the next generation of artists.

"We are incredibly proud to partner with Glendale Arts to host the GUSD Senior Show at ace/121 Gallery," said GUSD Arts coordinator Dr. Jennifer Earl. "This exhibition not only highlights the immense talent within our local schools but also strengthens our community by celebrating the achievements of our young artists." ace/121 Gallery is located at 121 N. Kenwood St. in Glendale. The Gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional details are available at www.ace/121gallery.com.

Brand Associates Presents Brand 52: Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works On Paper

Brand Associates, in partnership with Brand Library & Art Center and Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, announced the opening of the 52nd Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper (Brand 52), on view through Aug. 9 at Brand Library & Art Center. The exhibition includes over 100 artworks chosen by juror Shana Nys Dambrot, a renowned art critic, author and curator.

This year, over 1,500 artworks were submitted to Brand Associates through an open call process. As an experienced juror, Dambrot looked initially for artworks that demonstrate skill, innovation, finesse, beauty, power and message.

"For this 'Paper' extravaganza, I've gathered works that I feel are in deep dialogue with each other across a few key vectors," said Dambrot. "First and foremost, profound engagement with

the materiality of paper as a medium, and in some cases as an object itself. Ultimately this is what everything I ended up including has in common – they embrace, elevate, explore and expand what a work on paper can be."

Exhibition chairperson Debra Thompson is the president of Brand Associates and recently retired from her position as an adjunct assistant professor of art history at Glendale Community College.

"Epic is not a word to be used lightly or often, but it fits Brand 52 in many ways," said Thompson. "This year saw the largest number of artworks entered (1,574) and the largest number of artists chosen for exhibition (102). Our artists have mastered a difficult medium through painting, drawing, cutting, folding,

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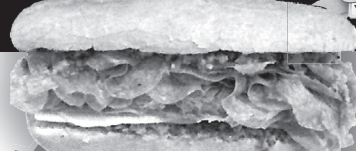
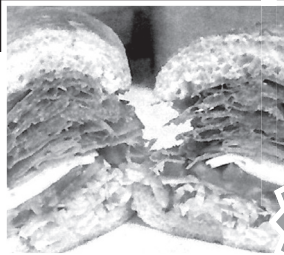
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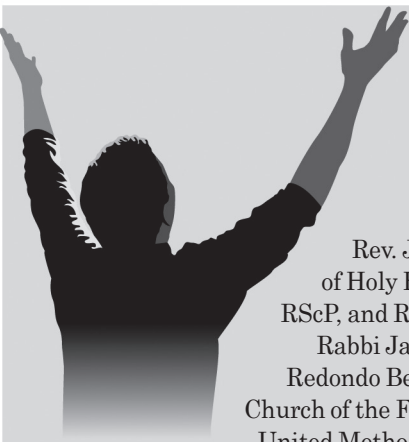
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Responses are offered from the perspective of individual Spiritually Speaking respondents, which may or may not be in agreement with other respondents of Spiritually Speaking nor the editor and staff of the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

Question: My husband and I have had our little Rascal, a German shepherd that we rescued when he was just 4 months old. We had him trained as a therapy dog and we spent many happy hours in hospitals and retirement homes where he would greet the patients and residents as though each of them was his best friend.

He is now 14 and, although he slowed a bit, we thought he was in good health. After a recent checkup at the vet, we found out that he has a malignant tumor. We don’t know whether to wait until he has health issues that are making him miserable and have him put down or just leave him alone until something like that happens. In the meantime, this is hanging over our heads and we’re both very, very sad at the prospect of him crossing the Rainbow Bridge.

Help us decide how to go forward with our little Rascal.

~ Love Our Rascal

Dear Love Our Rascal ~
I’m sad to learn that your fur baby Rascal is having health challenges! It’s difficult to watch our pets decline, especially when they’ve been so actively engaged in helping others. It’s a tough time and my heart goes out to all of you.

The primary concern is for Rascal’s health, safety and comfort. If the tumor is operable it would make sense to remove it and extend his life and service. If it’s inoperable hopefully pain medication can manage his level of comfort. I’m not a veterinarian and would rely

on wisdom from the professionals. It would be awful to see such a wonderful service animal and loving pet suffer unnecessarily. When all attempts at providing comfort and an acceptable quality of life are exhausted, your choice is limited to allowing Rascal to leave you.

Losing a beloved pet is traumatic and quite difficult to navigate for many of us. I remember when we had to let go of our Delilah; my family was devastated. She was such a source of joy and we couldn’t imagine a world without her. We were all quite literally wrecked at the thought of it but when it came to watching her suffer, we were of one mind in refusing to allow her one minute of what we knew we could prevent. It was terrible, but we went together as a family and stayed with her as she transitioned. I remember our vet Dr. Freese (now retired) was so loving and extended so much grace to us. He was one-of-a-kind and we felt loved and understood.

There will be grief and you can be sure there are also no perfect ways to grieve. What we do know, however, is that the grieving process needs to happen for our mental health to establish a new balance. This is true for our four-legged loved ones as well as for the important people in our lives.

In her book Rising Strong, Brene Brown writes, “We run from grief because loss scares us, yet our hearts reach toward grief because the broken parts want to mend.” Brown’s words suggest that the way to heal from grief is to walk through it so we can mend the broken parts. Here are some additional thoughts

from an unknown author: “Grief never ends, but it changes. It’s a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, not a lack of faith. It is the price of love.”

I’m reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:4, which reads, “A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.” Maybe you will have to have your time to cry so Rascal will have his time to dance. I’ll be praying for your decision-making and contending for your strength in the process.

Be Well & Be Blessed!

Lucinda Guarino
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Dear Parents of Rascal,
I am so sorry for your dilemma. As a dog owner myself, I feel your pain.

What does your vet say? I think I’d take him to a few more places and see if he’s in pain.

Sadly, our animal friends don’t live as long as we do but 14 years is also a good run for a dog the size of Rascal. I think I’d wait until I noticed any pain, and then I would put him down if I thought he was hurting.

Here is a prayer by Margaret Wise Brown read to me by my mother when I was a child: “Dear Father, Hear and bless Thy beasts and singing birds. And guard with tenderness small things that have no words.”

Guard your Rascal with tenderness.

The Rev. C. L. “Skip” Lindeman
Upland Christian Church,
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NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST EVENTS
Lutheran Church in the Foothills is excited to wrap up its week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) program with a special worship service and “camp lunch.” On Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m., the church will recognize all the volunteers who make VBS possible. In addition, the young VBS “campers” will share stories, songs and lessons learned throughout the VBS week (June 17-21). Following the service, lunch will be served, providing a fun and social time for the VBS participants, their families and the congregation. All are welcome.
On Wednesday, June 26, LCIF

will host an ice cream social at La Cañada’s Memorial Park. This free event is open to everyone. Bring chairs or blankets, pack a picnic dinner and enjoy an evening of lawn games, delicious ice cream with all the toppings and good company. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Visit lcifoohills.org for event details, including small group gatherings and opportunities to serve. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoohills.org, or call (818) 790-1951. The church is located at 1700 Foothill Blvd, in La Cañada Flintridge. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE IN LA CAÑADA TO HOST ANCIENT RELIC OF ST. JUDE
St. Bede the Venerable in La Canada Flintridge will host the ancient relic of St. Jude the Apostle, cousin of Jesus, on Thursday, June 27 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Church. Veneration will begin at 2 p.m., Mass will be offered at 7 p.m. and veneration will end at 10 p.m.
The relic, widely believed to perform miracles, is a piece of bone from St. Jude’s arm that centuries ago was separated from his remains.
The bone is inside a wooden reliquary carved in the shape of an

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. Major General and club member Mark MacCarley will present a program on ANSI Humanitarian Support Brigade Armenia.

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.

‘JELLY’S LAST JAM’ AT PASADENA PLAYHOUSE

The life and times of Jelly Roll Morton, the self-proclaimed “inventor of jazz” from the back alleys of New Orleans to the sparkling stages of New York, is a display of song, dance and music. It is being performed now through June 23 at The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S. El Molino Ave. in Pasadena.

For information, call (626) 356-7529 or visit [pasadenaplayhouse.org](#).

CCLCF HOSTS UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

On June 29, the following classes eight-week classes begin: From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., beginning guitar class is being held for kids ages 11-13.

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., a beginning acting class is being held for kids 7-10 years old.

From 11 a.m. to noon, a beginning improv class is being held for kids 7-10 years old.

From noon to 1 p.m., a beginning improv class is being held for kids 11-13 years old.

An adult beginner belly dance class continues on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. through July 31.

On Fridays through Aug. 9 (note there is no class on June 28), CCLCF his having ballroom line dancing from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person.

On Fridays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. traditional ballroom dancing is taught. The cost is \$50.

Youth and Teens summer camps continue.

Basketball Blitz is taught by Coach Andy from Assist Athletics. Level 1: For 5-6 year olds, six weeks on Tuesdays through July 30. No class on July 2 and July 9. The cost is \$180.

Level 2: For 7-8 year olds, six weeks on Mondays through July 29. No class on July 1 and July 8. The cost is \$180.

Soccer blitz camp is for ages 5-12, All Things Italian Cooking is for ages 6-10, Hands on Science, Coding & Games is for ages 6-10. Registration in a variety of summer camps including those that focus on sports, art, ceramics, cooking, S.T.E.M. and Dungens and Dragons.

Tennis summer is on Wednesdays through Aug. 7 (no class on July 3).

CCLCF with CS Productions present “Mean Girls: High School Version” based on the 2004 film. Showtimes are Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$15 for students.

Opening night tickets are \$30, which includes admission to the reception.

Register at [CCLCF.org](#) or call (818) 790-4353.

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

AMERICANA 2024 AT LA CRES PRES

Americana 2024, a free concert of patriotic and Americana music, features the Foothill Brass Septet directed by Noel Collins, will take place on Thursday, July 4 at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, 2902 Montrose Ave. The show features music by Bagley, Rossini, Anderson, Dvorak, Denver and more.

The CVHS fireworks show will be viewable following the concert so attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for comfort.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

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

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

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

CANASTA IS CALLING

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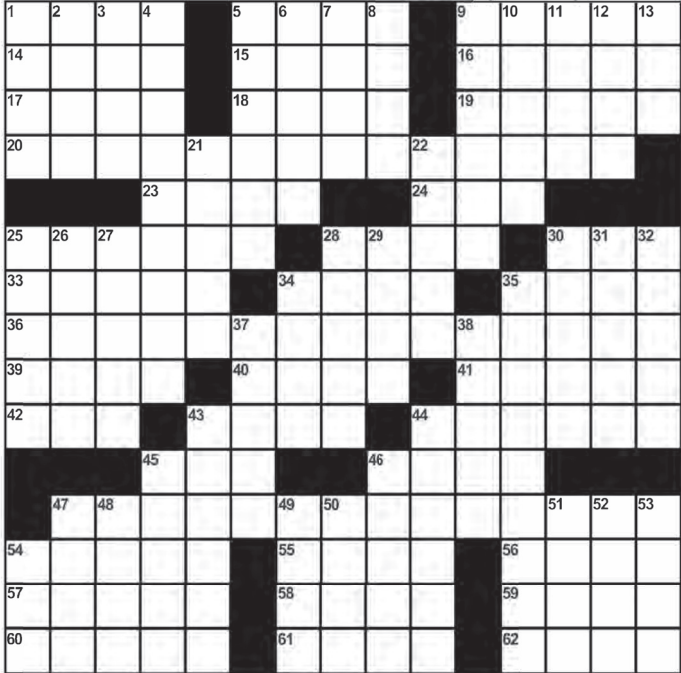
- 1) It's mounted on runners
- 5) Corleone in "The Godfather"
- 9) Illegal inducement
- 14) Serve the iced tea
- 15) ___ horse (locomotive)
- 16) Happen again
- 17) Hairstyle that's picked?
- 18) Like a lemon
- 19) Love to pieces
- 20) Is absolutely relentless
- 23) Cabbagelike veggie
- 24) Ballpark official, briefly
- 25) Spars that cross a sail
- 28) All hail them?
- 30) It can be an X or an O
- 33) It's charged
- 34) Cornmeal dish
- 35) Search, as for compliments
- 36) Goes around with bad intentions
- 39) Bugs on a hill
- 40) Top-of-the-line
- 41) Food for frogs
- 42) "All right!"
- 43) Britain, to the U.S.
- 44) "Finally!"
- 45) First word said after a birth
- 46) Have roots in (with "from")
- 47) Is as stubborn as a mule
- 54) Winged honker
- 55) Vigorous enthusiasm
- 56) Do as one's told
- 57) Nasal congestion locale
- 58) Vending-machine offering
- 59) Cyrano's large feature
- 60) Plus column entry
- 61) Capsize (with "over")
- 62) Collectors' goals

DOWN

- 1) Health club features
- 2) Hay or choir area
- 3) Dollar relative
- 4) Old field goal attempts
- 5) Heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, etc.
- 6) Good and steamed
- 7) Utterly undecided
- 8) Aware of, as a scam
- 9) Lullaby composer Johannes
- 10) Get more fondue
- 11) Desktop graphic symbol
- 12) Small town
- 13) Bard's "before"
- 21) Fills to excess
- 22) Starchy veggie
- 25) Spread apart, as fingers
- 26) Face downward
- 27) Civil disturbances
- 28) Like a Kansan's trite joke?
- 29) Poker-pot starter
- 30) Bone or flute
- 31) Tropical spots
- 32) Word with "medicine" or "cedar"
- 34) Place to swim
- 35) Monthly lunar phenomena
- 37) Not true
- 38) Quite a bit
- 43) Provide evidence for
- 44) Hardly melodious
- 45) 1/12 of a subscription, often
- 46) Lacking freshness
- 47) Clark's partner
- 48) Electrically charged particles
- 49) A real head-turner
- 50) Gin flavorer
- 51) Woodwind with a pastoral sound
- 52) Bluebird's residence
- 53) Things that may twinkle
- 54) Government procurement org.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

By Timothy E. Parker



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

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June 17, 2024 - June 23, 2024

♈ ARIES March 21 - April 19

If you've been looking for new work, it's an excellent time to dust off that resume and start sending it out. If you've been seeking a promotion or just a better perks package with your present employer, create a paper trail documenting the benefits you've provided for the company. Then ask for that meeting or attend that interview. It's a great time to be you.

♉ TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Activity in your house of earning makes it more difficult to bring in the kind of money you're used to. The Universe is restricting your opportunities and the cash you can derive from them, but don't worry about it too much. It's your social networks that will pull you through any problems by referring you to new clients, alerting you to new jobs, and lending you money.

♊ GEMINI May 21 - June 20

This week brings a wonderful combination of energies as you consider what your next move should be in the world of business and finance. The aspects are especially loving and harmonious, so you may find that others gravitate to you for advice or partnerships of one kind or another. The Universe provides the impetus for action, so plan accordingly and let 'er rip! Your career could use some TLC now.

♋ CANCER June 21 - July 22

This week you have aspects messing up all your plans and social activities with delays and an irritating lack of communication. Your friends still love you. They just can't reach you for some reason. It's the places far away that need the most attention. Foreign travel is indicated, as much for fun as for expanding your business into the wider world.

♌ LEO July 23 - August 22

This week sees aspects affecting your career and authority. You may have been recently undermined by an unscrupulous person at work or had to put a project on hold while you dealt with communication issues and technological problems. For the next few weeks, think about how to lay the foundation for future deals. The Universe shows you how.

♍ VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You have a busy week ahead with planets affecting your career and authority. You're assuming a more powerful position at work now, and may have a new title to go along with it. Celebrate your success instead of seeking an even higher office (as you will). Aspects indicate a time of getting more serious about developing professional

networks that can support you through times of trouble.

♎ LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This week you have activity in your house of other people's money, or debt, which means that something you thought you'd paid off could rear its ugly head again. Make sure you haven't been meaning to pay it and then accidentally forgot it in the stack of unpaid bills. Take care of it ASAP lest penalties accrue. Make your job the best it can be now or change it wholesale.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This week is about the activity in your house of debt. If you've been meaning to make a payment plan for some overdue bills, by all means, call and get it started. If you need to ask for a new interest rate on your credit card, you have the support to get that done now. The Universe insists that you act and not leave things to chance. It's no laughing matter.

♐ SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You have new and exciting energy coming to your relationship sector. If you've been too passive, the Universe gives you a boost to set boundaries. If you've been too aggressive, it softens you a bit. This is great for money, too, since we all count on each other to buy and sell one another's goods and services. Look for the compromise and you may find you have more than enough business.

♑ CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This week activity in your employment sector will restrict your working life a bit and ask you to be more responsible about what you do for money. Trying to be everything to everyone won't work now. Instead, specialize your skills and charge for them accordingly. Look to your communication and siblings for clues on how to proceed.

♒ AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You receive a boost of warm energy from the Universe this week. This combines your male and female energies in a peaceful, harmonious way and allows you to engage in fun pursuits involving lovers and family members. However, one aspect hits you in the area governing earning and values. Both have to be overhauled before you can make the serious bucks.

♓ PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

This week you have planets facing off in the sky, each wanting its own way. The activity falls in the area of your chart associated with makeovers. You're changing so much now that you may not be able to keep up with it. It's all for a great cause - namely, you.

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upright arm that gives the gesture of imparting a blessing. This visit is part of the Tour of the Relics of St. Jude the Apostle, which has already made over 100 stops throughout the United States since it began last September, and marked the first time the relic has left Italy in 1,700 years. Admission is free and open to people of all faiths. St. Bede the Venerable is located at 215 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada Flintridge. Additional information can be found at the website at www.bede.org or by calling (818) 949-4300.

Learn more about the St. Jude the Apostle of the Impossible Tour at: <https://apostleoftheimpossible.com>.

MT. OLIVE OFFERS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

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

All are invited.

ICF HOSTING SUMMER MASS AND CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 374 is hosting a summer Mass with Father Jim Bevacqua at Lakeside Golf Club (see note below) on July 14. Mass is at noon and the champagne brunch is at 1 p.m.

The menu is coffee, iced tea, lemonade, classic Caesar salad, cheesy bread, pasta primavera (vegetarian), butternut squash ravioli with kale (vegetarian), chicken parmesan and Italian cookies (gluten-free meal is available; please advise at the time of reservation).

Reserve a spot for this memorable event. Send an email to Kris Jardino at Kris@harbandco.com. Please make reservations no later than Thursday, July 4. The cost for ICF Members is \$60; for non-members it's \$70.

Make checks payable to the Italian Catholic Federation and mail to Mark Mannarelli, 771 Forest Green Dr., La Cañada 91011. Checks must be received by Friday, July 5.

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across the state’s highway system and to address wildlife connectivity when building or improving state highways. While some counties, like Ventura County, have voluntarily adopted wildlife connectivity plans, we need the planning and solutions across county lines.

Other parts of the world have been doing this with great success. Canada built six wildlife overpasses and 38 wildlife underpasses in Banff National Park. The Netherlands has built an astounding 600 animal crossings. The United States and, by extension California, is desperately far behind the curve. Slowly, but surely though, wildlife connectivity corridors are gaining traction here in the United States.

The Wyoming Dept. of Transportation recently constructed two wildlife overpasses and six underpasses. The results were nearly immediate: tens of thousands of animals use the new crossings and vehicle collisions dropped by an astounding 80%. Colorado saw similar results when it started planning wildlife connectivity corridors. It built two wildlife overpasses and five underpasses. Colorado saw its animal collisions drop by 90%. A cost benefit analysis of the Colorado wildlife corridors found that, due to the decreased property damage, healthcare costs and reduced need for public services due to the drop in collisions, the crossings would pay for themselves in 20 years. Wildlife connectivity corridors are not just the right things to do for our wildlife and ecosystems – they also make fiscal sense. California must catch up.

Highways aren’t the only roadways that imperil wildlife, though. Neighborhood roads and the overall design of communities can be dangerous. Every year during turtle hatching season, beachside communities work to round up baby turtles that instead of swimming toward the ocean find themselves on neighborhood roadways. That’s because the lights glowing from houses confuse them. Scientists think turtles mistake the house lights and streetlights for the moon reflecting off water and go the wrong way.

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While good fences may make good neighbors, they often aren’t so friendly to wildlife. According to the New York Times, the American West has 620,000 miles of fencing, both in neighborhoods and throughout our wilderness areas due to livestock grazing. One University of California Berkeley study found that the fencing around the world exceeds roads by an order of magnitude. We’re all so used to fencing that we don’t even see it. How we design and place fencing can have a significant impact on the migration and daily patterns of wildlife. AB 1889 will address fencing in wildlife connectivity corridors, too.

All of these things have one thing in common: We didn’t plan around wildlife. We didn’t take it into account at all when developing communities. Unless we change our planning process going forward, humans and wildlife are going to continue to come into conflict. We can’t continue to do nothing about that. Millions

of wild lives lost, hundreds of human lives lost, billions of dollars in damages – none of that is acceptable. But it is fixable. We can build infrastructure and update communities so that they’re livable for all. Cities and counties support AB 1889 because the only path forward, economically and morally, is to be better, more humane planners. AB 1889 will require it.

AB 1889 has already passed the Assembly and is now moving through the Senate. The planning that we do at the local level, along with the ongoing efforts across our network of state roadways, has the potential to bolster our biodiversity and save lives.

What are your thoughts on AB 1889? As always, I’d like to hear your thoughts on our budget, legislation or any general comments or concerns. You can reach my District Office at (818) 558-3043, or by email at Assemblymember.Friedman@Assembly.ca.gov.

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In conclusion, I respectfully request that the Crescenta Valley Water District board reconsider the renewal of the capital charge for the fiscal year 2024-25. A comprehensive review of the charge’s necessity, detailed reporting on its use, consideration of economic impacts and exploration of alternative funding sources are essential steps to ensure that the community’s interests are best served.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and the opportunity to discuss this issue further.

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