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La Cañada Flintridge to Host Town Halls with Newly Selected Electricity Provider Clean Power Alliance

The City of La Cañada Flintridge will host community town halls this summer to help residents and businesses prepare for the upcoming transition to Clean Power Alliance (CPA) as the City's new electricity provider.

Beginning in October, La Cañada Flintridge customers will automatically receive cleaner competitively priced electricity through CPA as part of the City's ongoing partnership with the locally controlled energy provider. Electricity will continue to be delivered by Southern California Edison (SCE) and customers will still receive a single bill from SCE. The only change will appear in the electricity generation portion of the bill where CPA's charges will replace SCE's generation charges at no additional cost.

To help the community learn more about this transition and their future energy choices, the City will host two informational town halls in the City Hall Council Chambers:

- Tuesday, July 22 at 6 p.m. – General overview of Clean Power Alliance and the transition process
- Tuesday, August 26 at 6 p.m. – Detailed discussion of CPA's program offerings and customer options

Both meetings will give community members the chance to ask questions, understand how CPA works and explore their energy options ahead of the October 2025 enrollment.

All customers will be automatically enrolled in a renewable energy tier chosen by the La Cañada Flintridge City Council. However, starting August 2025 customers will have the option to change to a different CPA energy tier or opt out and continue with SCE. CPA's website, CleanPowerAlliance.org, will offer a user-friendly cost comparison tool at that time to help residents and businesses evaluate their options.

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Car Show Doesn't Disappoint

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

The popular annual event showcased a variety of hot rods, classic and vintage vehicles.

Warm – not hot – temperatures and hundreds of cars along Honolulu Avenue drew the crowds on Sunday, July 6.

"I've never seen the car show as busy as this weekend," said community activist Cheryl Davis.

Approximately 350 cars of all makes, models and years lined the 2200, 2300 and 2400 blocks of Honolulu Avenue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Especially popular was the 1959 Ford Galaxy Batmobile. Owned by Bruce Barker, the Batmobile drew the attention of folks who admired the nod to the 1966 show "Batman" where the Batmobile played a major role. A detailed description of the transformation of the "Mild Mannered 1959 Ford Galaxy By Day" into the "Gotham Crime-fighter by Night" could be found near the front bumper of the Batmobile.

Another eye-catcher was the Volkswagen Beetle Herbie from the 1968 movie "The Love Bug." Positioned across the street from



Photo by Robin GOLDSWORTHY
The 1959 Ford Galaxy Batmobile, owned by Bruce Barker, drew the attention of folks who admired the nod to the 1966 show "Batman."

the Batmobile, it too drew attention from those nostalgic for movie memorabilia.

Cars from nearly every decade were showcased at the annual Montrose Car Show, traditionally held the first Sunday in July. Among these was a 1939 Buick Special. "Patience Green" was lovingly restored and details of where the various parts were sourced was outlined on a nearby board.

Mark Davis' 1972 Trans Am was also on display. A favorite among enthusiasts of muscle cars, Davis was lauded for the hours of

work he invested in the car.

As always, the Montrose Car Show displayed the many hours of hard work by dedicated car owners of classic, hot rod and muscle cars. However, perhaps among the favorite were the "cackle cars."

"They are always popular," confirmed Montrose Shopping Park Business Administrator/Event Coordinator Dale Dawson.

A cackle car is defined as a vintage, nitro-burning dragster, usually dating back to the 1960s and early '70s. The cackle refers to the loud rumble of the engine that,

once started, idles then roars when given an occasional burst of the throttle. On Sunday, to the delight of the crowd demonstrations of the roar of the cackle cars took place at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Art Aguilar and Ruben Trinidad of Montrose Car Show sponsor Pro Italia Motorcycles on Verdugo Road in Sparr Heights were found among the new and vintage motorcycles. Aguilar noted that the show had a lot of kids in attendance. The company has been a long time sponsor of the car show – a natural fit.

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Six Month Anniversary of the Eaton Fire – and What the Future Holds

By Mary O'KEEFE

It has been six months since the January extreme wind-driven Eaton and Palisades fires ripped through communities. Gov. Gavin Newsom held a press conference this week with other officials to speak on the response thus far to the fires and what the future response might be.

On Jan. 2 the National Weather Service (NWS) began warning about strong Santa Ana winds and extreme fire conditions. Alerts escalated from a Fire Weather Watch to a Red Flag Warning for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. This was "based on conditions highly conducive for wildfire

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STATUS UPDATE by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

12,048 total homes destroyed

9,576 cleanup opt-ins

9,219 parcels cleared

1,978 being cleared privately

Image provided by Mary O'KEEFE
A report was provided by The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the number of properties it had worked on.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

July Kicks Off Busy Month



I know that many people think that Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer. To me, though, July 4th is an indicator that summer has arrived. Traditionally temperatures are a bit higher than Memorial Day weekend or even the first day of summer in June.

On Friday, July 4th, the annual Crescenta Valley Fireworks Assn. (CVFA) display drew crowds that weren't deterred by the relocation to La Crescenta Elementary School. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the show; one of our dogs is skittish when it comes to loud noises so I stayed home with her.

Steve has been a member of the CVFA for years and was at La Crescenta Elementary helping to oversee this year's display. From what I saw from my backyard, it was a beautiful show. (To learn more, read Mary O'Keefe's story on page 3.)

On Saturday, it was off to the Hollywood Bowl to see one of my favorite movies – see ROBIN on page 8

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Now I know you really can't take everything as fact that you see on social media. Whatever is stated you really need to find reputable resources to give you the facts – not alternative facts, but science-based facts. That being said, there are times when I see something on Instagram and immediately buy in and panic. That was the case when I saw that this could be the last generation to know, or see, fireflies.

I understand there are so many other species in danger and so many more issues than fireflies but I have to say this is so personal I reacted with my heart first before my brain.

I am from the midwest and sitting on the porch watching fireflies is just part of my summer memory. There are so many "Norman Rockwell" type memories I hold on to from my midwestern, small town upbringing. I know a lot of those are memories I romanticize ... but fireflies are not one of them.

Several years ago, when I went to Iowa with my youngest, I got to watch her have as much fun watching fireflies, or as we call them "lightning bugs," as I did when I was a kid.

So when I heard that my grandkids may not know this little gift of bugs that light up, I was heartbroken. Then I began to do some research.

It is true that a 2024 study in Science of the Total Environment found that the firefly populations in North America are declining. This study was compiled of about 24,000 North American surveys from Firefly Watch, a citizen science

initiative. This report was also reported in Discover magazine. The survey found there could be numerous factors that could be the reason for the decline, according to the article "Are We Really the Last Generation to Enjoy Twinkling Fireflies in the Summer?" (Discover magazine, June 12, 2025).

Fireflies in North America typically live east of the Rocky Mountains and prefer wet, humid climates over dry and arid ones. According to Firefly Conservation & Research – a nonprofit that works to educate the public about fireflies – these bioluminescent insects are often found in areas with standing water and long grass. They also love wooded areas as well, as long as there is standing water for mating season, according to Discover magazine.

As you can imagine, one of the reasons for the decline deals with the fireflies' environment and how short-term and long-term climate change is playing a role.

These little lightning bugs are also losing their habitat as construction continues into the areas they have called home.

Fireflies are very sensitive to habitat change. In Discover magazine it was pointed out that the Bethany Beach firefly in Delaware is only found in the salt marshes. Those marshes are disappearing due to beach houses and other construction. Without the salt marshes this type of firefly could disappear.

And then there is light pollution. The fireflies' population is affected by artificial lights.

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La Crescenta & La Cañada Real Estate – 2025 Mid-Year Market Update

La Crescenta By The Numbers YTD 2025							
HarbandCo.com							
Month	# Sold Homes	Avg. Price Per SQ FT	DOM	Avg. Sale Price	SP%LP	Abs. Rate	Median
January	6	\$781.67	47	\$1,426,083	101.70%	1.44%	\$1,487,500
February	9	\$852.60	38	\$1,543,400	106.10%	2.56%	\$1,390,000
March	11	\$796.50	25	\$1,411,336	105.00%	2.45%	\$1,430,000
April	17	\$868.36	34	\$1,485,824	111.10%	1.76%	\$1,363,000
May	20	\$860.64	25	\$1,428,800	105.80%	1.75%	\$1,393,000
June	20	\$803.43	33	\$1,427,601	103.60%	1.80%	\$1,329,000

La Crecenta Q2 2025 Update

- Homes Selling Fast! Average just 33 days on market.
- Low Absorption Rate = Sellers Market.
- Competitive Offers: Most homes sold above asking price this year.

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January	9	\$1,093.35	43	\$2,938,525	107.20%	2.56%	\$2,508,000
February	7	\$1,059.95	50	\$3,114,286	100.70%	4.14%	\$3,370,000
March	16	\$1,054.21	37	\$2,776,000	105.60%	1.94%	\$2,591,500
April	11	\$1,090.53	34	\$3,136,441	106.20%	3.18%	\$2,500,000
May	26	\$980.72	31	\$3,384,578	103.10%	1.38%	\$2,575,000
June	18	\$1,086.19	29	\$2,661,808	104.10%	2.33%	\$2,438,000

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Don't Miss Next Week's Q&A – Phyllis discusses “Home Showing Etiquette”

NEWS

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers, led by Frank Colcord, will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. 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. 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.

DRONE USE BY SCE

As part of its wildfire prevention and mitigation program, over the next few weeks SCE will be conducting inspections in local neighborhoods using drones and/or helicopters.

Inspectors are using drones and helicopters to inspect equipment from difficult angles, and top-down angles for a 360-degree view. The focus of these operations is to keep SCE communities safe by inspecting electrical equipment on poles and towers and to identify any damage or potential hazard that may need immediate repair. The amount of time it takes to conduct inspections varies depending on how much equipment is on each pole or tower (approximately 30 to 60 minutes).

CITY OF GLENDALE SHOWS INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS

The 2025 annual Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count revealed a 13% increase in homelessness in Glendale compared to the previous year.

In Glendale, the homeless point-in-time count revealed a total of 110 individuals and families residing in interim housing programs, a 16% increase from 2024. The unsheltered population increased by 9% to 87 people. Families with children continue to be the predominant group in emergency shelters while single adults constitute the majority of the unsheltered population.

In 2024, the City published its Homeless Action Plan, which aims to achieve “functional zero” homelessness in the next three years ensuring that, at any given time, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness does not surpass the community’s demonstrated capacity to house them within a short period of time.

On Feb. 19, the City of Glendale’s Continuum of Care, in collaboration with nearly 50 volunteers, local service providers and community organizations, conducted the annual Homeless PIT Count. The Continuum had the support of the Glendale Police Dept. and the City of Glendale Information Services Dept., which developed an online survey to collect data from those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Data from those in local congregate shelters and transitional housing programs were also included as part of the count.

A comprehensive report will be released in the coming month highlighting key trends in homelessness throughout the city.

BEYOND THE BOX APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Applications are being accepted through July 25 at 5 p.m. for Beyond the Box. The theme for this year is Celebrating Glendale. Applicants are encouraged to develop a design focusing on what makes Glendale special.

The Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) will fund \$750 per utility box design rendering only. The ACC will select artwork for five utility boxes. Selected finalists will submit a final design rendering to be printed onto a vinyl wrap which will cover the exterior of a utility box. Artists will not be printing or installing the vinyl wraps.

Beyond the Box is open to all local and regional artists. Artists may apply as an individual artist or as a group. City of Glendale employees are not eligible to apply.

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

To learn more visit <https://tinyurl.com/3bbpj5vw>.

Another Spectacular Fourth of July Celebration in CV



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE
ABOVE: Workers with the Perpetual Mayhem crew, the pyrotechnics team, line up the reloadable mortars in preparation for the fireworks show. BELOW: Among the activities at the fireworks preshow were inflatables that kept youngsters busy.

By Mary O'KEEFE

An estimated 4,000 people celebrated the Fourth of July at La Crescenta Elementary (LCE) to take part in the annual Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association (CVFA) fireworks extravaganza. The CVFA worked hard to make the celebration enjoyable and the fireworks spectacular, which people have grown to love for years.

The event historically was held at the Crescenta Valley High School's track and field; however, due to construction CVFA had to pivot to the nearby elementary school.

“We have held the event at LCE a few times in the past when CV's field was unavailable, so many of us are used to the two fields. That being said, the full football field of turf at CV High is a great setting for viewers to hang out on their blankets and chairs. LCE is a more intimate experience since the seating area is probably half as big,” said Chris Waldheim, CVFA president. “It is our hope to return to CVHS in 2026, but we will not know that until later this year or early 2026.”

Many fireworks events are replacing traditional displays with drone light shows, including the Rose Bowl show that this year reportedly used about 750 light drones.

There have been questions as to whether or not the CVFA would turn to drones in the future.

“We have discussed the possibility of a hybrid show with drones and fireworks, but we have received mixed reports on drone shows. And fireworks is part of our name, so I don't personally see a full change over to drones any time soon,” Waldheim said.

It takes a lot of hands, a lot of volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure everything is safe and fun, to put on this fireworks show.

“We had at least 40 volunteers helping [on the Fourth] set up and tear down the event this year. CV baseball and Falcon robotics were the two big student groups this year. The balance were all adults from [Glendale] Rotary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars [Post 1614/American Legion Post 288], the CV and Montrose chambers of commerce as well as from other local service organizations,” he added.

Prom Plus and CVHS Prom Plus Club held their traditional parking lot fundraiser, selling spots for \$5 each. For information about Prom Plus visit www.promplus.org.

The costs of putting on the CV fireworks show continues to increase and the event is donation driven.

“Most of our fundraising happens between January and July of each year. Our main sponsors – [Los Angeles] County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the City of Glendale – both have a process we go through in order to be approved for their generous support. We also reach out to the businesses that have supported us in the past and then we do a mailing to all the generous residents who send in \$25 to \$250 checks or donate through PayPal. That information is available at CVFireworks.com all year long,” Waldheim added.

In the end, the CV fireworks show is a community celebration that has been a constant for over three

decades. The show used to be sponsored solely by the CV Chamber of Commerce, but when they voted to move away from the event in 2006 community members worked to keep it going and formed the CV Fireworks Association.

“On behalf of our entire committee and the rest of the community, thank you for attending our annual celebration of the 4th of July,” Waldheim said. “We all volunteer our time, energy and money to help put on this event in order to provide a great experience for all of our attendees. We appreciate your support for this event, your donations to our fundraising efforts and your efforts to keep our communities safe by not shooting off illegal fireworks.”



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Tiffany Hirdler has been promoted to principal of Dunsmore Elementary School, effective July 1. Hirdler began her career as a special education teacher at Crescenta Valley High School in 2003. In 2021, she was selected as a teacher specialist for the Equity, Access and Family Engagement Dept.

Dr. Houri Keuroghlian has been promoted to assistant principal at Hoover High School, effective July 1. Dr. Keuroghlian began her career in the Glendale Unified School District as a special education teacher at Glendale High School in 2005. In 2013, she transitioned to a teacher specialist role in the Special Education Dept. Since 2015, she has served as a teacher specialist at Columbus

Josephine Bixler has been promoted to assistant principal, Alternative Education, serving Daily High School, Jewel City, Verdugo Academy, College View and FACTS, effective July 1. Dr. Bixler began her career in the Burbank Unified School District as a social science teacher at



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State is Searching for More Water

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently Governor Gavin Newsom sent out a press release concerning groundwater and the water needs of the State of California.

“California’s water system remains unprepared for the hotter and drier future,” according to a statement from the Governor’s office.

A recent report showed that the state is collecting more groundwater than ever before and is strengthening partnerships with water agencies to ensure that more groundwater is collected, according to the statement.

Crescenta Valley has quite a history with groundwater as levels declined from nearly plentiful to low.

CVW reached out to the Governor’s office and the California Dept. of Water Resources to ask questions about groundwater and what the future may hold for local communities. Below are the questions and answers from the California Dept. of Water.

1. How much more groundwater does the state need to serve communities?

Across the state, 85% of Californians depend on groundwater for some portion of their water needs with groundwater also acting as a buffer and supplying up to 60% of the state’s water supply during drought years.

2. Is there anything the public can do to help with data collection?

We encourage the public to engage with their local water management agencies to learn

more about the groundwater conditions in their region as well as use tools like CA Groundwater Live (<https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLIVE/>). Residents who rely on wells are strongly encouraged to report when their well goes dry to <https://mydrywell.water.ca.gov/report/> to help inform state and local agencies.

3. Will the Governor be reaching out to the public, including the scientific community like those at JPL, to find new inventive ways to collect groundwater?

California is currently collecting more groundwater data than ever before thanks to new partnerships and technology. We will continue to seek out partnerships and information to support comprehensive data collection.

When asked about groundwater collection specifically in Crescenta Valley CVW was referred to the Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster, whose office stated it would not be able to answer the question concerning the Crescenta Valley. The question was simple: Will the Governor, or other state offices, be looking at water rights ordinances that tie the hands of many smaller communities?

This question was inspired by the long proposed project by Crescenta Valley Water District concerning the Dunsmore Watershed/Verdugo Wash that runs through Crescenta Valley Park. During rainstorms the wash rushes with water. CVWD had proposed to put a pipe into the wash that would redirect the water to replenish the groundwater in the area. This



File photo
Antiquated water rights prevent local agencies from capturing storm water that otherwise goes out to sea.

seemed like a sensible proposal since that water currently runs to the LA River and then out to sea; however, due to LA water rights this water belongs to Los Angeles. There does not appear to be any plans by LA for water reclamation or storage facility for this water’s path.

The City of Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power (LADWP) is responsible for managing the City’s water rights under the Los Angeles City Charter. Section 673(a) of the City Charter states, “The City shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the City’s rights in the waters of the Los Angeles River, in whole or in part.”

Sections 673(c) and 677(b),

however, allow the City “to enter into contracts with any public agency for the exchange of water as long as the water exchanged is replaced in full to the City within a reasonable period set by the board.”

“In other words, LADWP cannot allow Crescenta Valley Water District to use the City’s water rights, but can exchange water with Crescenta Valley,” according to an email response from LADWP in an earlier interview with CVW.

The question still remains and is not complicated: if the state needs to find more ways to collect groundwater will it look at antiquated water rights ordinances as a partial solution?

Funding to Help Law Enforcement to Keep Communities Safe for Impaired Drivers

Helping to address the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Wednesday announced more than \$35 million in funding to nearly 150 local law enforcement agencies, local governments, crime laboratories and non-profit organizations to address the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The majority of the funding will support combatting impaired driving in communities, such as drug recognition evaluator training to improve the identification of drug-impaired drivers, as well as localized public outreach efforts.

“As the legal cannabis market continues to grow so do the state’s efforts to ensure Californians are recreating responsibly. By supporting the organizations that enforce and amplify our laws on the ground, we can keep everyone safer,” said Gov. Newsom.

Administered by the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the grant

funding comes from the sale of cannabis and cannabis products in California. CHP administers grants for education, prevention and enforcement programs

aimed at helping communities tackle impaired driving. Additionally, funds are available for crime laboratories that conduct forensic toxicology testing.

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Update on La Crescenta Avenue Project

Impacted Streets

During the construction period, detours, intermittent lane closures and traffic delays are expected on the following streets:

Location and Dates

- *La Crescenta Avenue at Arlington Avenue and Sierra Vista Avenue:* Travel lanes will be closed between July 14 through July 25
 - Access to La Crescenta Avenue from Arlington Avenue and Sierra Vista

Avenue will be restricted for through traffic

- Pedestrian access will be provided but not preferred

- *La Crescenta Avenue between North Verdugo Road and Sierra Vista Avenue:* Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between July 14 through July 25 (excludes weekends)
- *La Crescenta Avenue at Piedmont Avenue,*

Roselawn Avenue, Shirlyjean Street, Oakmont View Drive and Midblock between Arlington and Las Palmas: Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between July 14 through July 25 (excludes weekends)

Description of Work

- Contractor performing intersection re-alignments and concrete improvements.

- Contractor performing Installation of traffic signal foundations, controllers, and pull boxes.
- Contractor performing sanitary sewer main upgrades.

Drivers are asked to observe posted construction signage and drive safely near construction zones.

**Construction activity and closures are subject to change.*

Fatal Traffic Collision Following Pursuit of Stolen Vehicle

Glendale police officers were involved in a vehicle pursuit of a wanted parolee, which ultimately resulted in a fatal traffic collision.


On July 8, at approximately 11:15 p.m. Glendale Police Dept. officers attempted to stop a stolen vehicle in the area of Acacia Avenue and Chevy Chase Drive in the City of Glendale. The vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit lasted less than two minutes and covered approximately one mile. During that time, the suspect disregarded multiple traffic signals as it traveled eastbound on Acacia Avenue and northbound on Verdugo Road.

The pursuit concluded when the suspect vehicle was involved in a traffic collision at the intersection of Verdugo Road and Wilson Avenue. The impact caused the vehicle to strike a utility pole. The driver, who was the sole occupant, was found unresponsive. Officers immediately rendered medical aid and began CPR until relieved by personnel from the Glendale Fire Dept.

The driver was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. No other individuals were injured in the collision. The deceased was identified as Shawn Justin Towne, a 51-year-old White male and a resident of Los Angeles. Towne was wanted on a warrant and was on active parole.

This incident remains under investigation by the Glendale Police Dept. For more information, contact Public Information Officer Sgt. Barajas at GPDPIO@GlendaleCA.gov.



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CRIME BLOTTER

JULY 4

2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported while working behind the meat counter at the store at the location, he witnessed a person, described as a Hispanic male about 30 years old, wearing a black hat and black pants, carrying a case of bottles containing alcohol, walk past the meat counter. There was another person, described as a Hispanic female about 20 years old with black hair and wearing a black shirt, walking near the first suspect. The female suspect

was also carrying a case of bottles containing alcohol. The employee reportedly witnessed the two suspects speaking to another store employee. He then saw them walk toward the emergency exit of the store still holding the bottles of alcohol and a bag of red meat.

The suspects left the store via the emergency exit without attempting to pay at 3:44 p.m.

JULY 2

2100 block of Glenada Avenue in Montrose, deputies responded to a report concerning a burglary

at the location. Upon their arrival, an informant told them that as he was alone in his apartment upstairs when he heard the sound of glass breaking downstairs. He went downstairs to investigate and saw a male, wearing a grey hoodie, crouched on the outer balcony. The suspect was facing the inside of the home and was attempting to enter from the sliding glass door, which was cracked in multiple locations but still intact. When the suspect saw the resident, he jumped off the balcony. The suspect entered a blue minivan and fled the scene.

Surveillance footage revealed that another suspect was also at the location and ran away when the first suspect began to run. A third suspect was waiting in the van and after the two suspects entered, the driver drove away at 1:55 p.m.

Editor's note: Details included in the crime reports are taken directly from the reports on file. The Crescenta Valley Weekly is not responsible for the incompleteness or inaccuracies in the original reports.

Donation Appointments Available for Red Cross

The American Red Cross urges all donors to give blood or platelets now to keep the blood supply

strong this summer. Type O blood products are most needed on hospital shelves – especially in the face of summer challenges that can quickly cause blood and platelet reserves to drop.

In addition to summer fun and holidays, severe summer weather can have a sudden impact on the ability to collect blood and platelets. Scheduling and keeping donation appointments are crucial this month to ensure blood products are constantly available in the weeks

to come for all patients, including those in trauma situations that may require several lifesaving transfusions.


All blood types are needed, and donors who don't know their blood type can learn it after donation. Book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood donor app.

As a thank-you, all who donate by July 14 will receive an

exclusive pair of Red Cross x goodr sunglasses (while supplies last). For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/goodr.

For those who come to give between July 15 and July 31 the Red Cross will say thanks with a Fandango Movie Reward by email. See RedCrossBlood.org/July.

Among the locations of upcoming blood donation opportunities through July 31 are Burbank, La Crescenta, Glendale and La Cañada.



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“This funding represents a major step forward in our ongoing mission to save lives and prevent impaired driving,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “With over \$35 million going to nearly 150 public safety partners across the state, we’re expanding our reach like never before. These resources will help those on the frontlines keep California’s roads safer for everyone.”

On top of combatting impaired driving in communities through trainings and public education campaigns, grant recipients will use the funds to inform local communities about impaired

driving laws while highlighting the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Multiple recipients of two-year toxicology crime laboratory grants will use the funds to eliminate backlogs in analyzing forensic science evidence and to purchase or upgrade laboratory equipment to enhance testing capabilities.

Four recipients of two-year medical examiner’s and coroner’s office grants will use the funds to improve and advance data collection in cases involving driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

California’s regulated cannabis

market is the largest in the world, fostering environmental stewardship, compliance-tested products and fair labor practices while driving economic growth and funding vital programs in education, public health and environmental protection. The Dept. of Cannabis Control recently released a market outlook report that shows prices are stable, industry value is up and the licensed market is growing. To learn more about the legal California cannabis market, state licenses and laws, visit cannabis.ca.gov.

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FUNDING *from page 6*

Reinforcing the state’s commitment to public safety, public health and the legal and regulated cannabis market, officials in 2024 seized \$534 million worth of illegal cannabis. Through Gov. Newsom’s Unified Cannabis Enforcement Task Force co-led by the Dept. of Cannabis Control, officials worked together to take down illegal cannabis operations, including residential illegal cultivation and unlawful retail and delivery services.

Since its inception in 2022, the Task Force has served 500 search warrants against illicit cannabis operations, seizing and destroying over \$650 million in unlicensed cannabis. Operations have resulted in the eradication of more than 800,000 plants and over 220 tons of processed cannabis, along with the seizure of 190 firearms, more than \$1 million in cash and over 50 arrests statewide.

The Cannabis Task Force was established in 2022 by Gov. Newsom to enhance collaboration and enforcement coordination between state, local and federal partners. Partners on the Task Force include the Dept. of Cannabis Control, the Dept. of Pesticide Regulation, the Dept. of Toxic Substances Control and the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, among others.

California has invested \$1.6 billion since 2019 to fight crime, help local governments hire more police and improve public safety. In 2023, as part of California’s Public Safety Plan, the governor announced the largest ever investment in state history to combat organized retail crime, an annual 310% increase in proactive operations targeting organized retail crime, and special operations across the state to fight crime and improve public safety.

Last August, Gov. Newsom signed into law the most significant bipartisan legislation in modern California history to crack down on property crime. Building on the state’s robust laws and record public safety funding, these bipartisan bills offer new tools to bolster ongoing efforts to hold criminals accountable for smash-and-grab robberies, property crime, retail theft and auto burglaries. While California’s crime rate remains at near historic lows, these laws help California adapt to evolving criminal tactics to ensure perpetrators are effectively held accountable.

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McGroarty Arts Center to Host Kids Theatre Camps

McGroarty Arts Center will offer children the opportunity to explore the fun elements of theatre arts through games, movement, storytelling and performance at its camp sessions.

Each camp session runs for two weeks – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Camp Sparkle is for children ages 6 to 8 and runs July 14 through July 25; Camp Shine is for children ages

9 to 11 and runs July 28 through Aug. 8.

On the last day of camp, students will showcase their newly acquired talents in a special performance for family and friends.

Instructor Beth Wallace has been teaching children for 20 years. She uses the performing arts to strengthen teamwork, critical thinking and confidence in young students.

Parents can register children online at www.mcgroartyartscenter.org/kids-theatre-camp, by calling (818) 352-5285 or in-person at McGroarty Arts Center (7570 McGroarty Terrace in Tujunga) on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McGroarty Arts Center’s Kids Theatre Camps are presented with support from Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Los Angeles County

Arts and Culture.

McGroarty Arts Center is operated by a non-profit organization in partnership with the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles. The center’s mission is to provide access to the arts through affordable arts instruction.

McGroarty Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Montrose is Home to the New Ideal Scientology Mission of the Foothills

On June 22 hundreds turned out in Montrose to celebrate the grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting of the newly transformed Ideal Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

Mission Executive Director Stacy Kitchens said, “Our Mission was established over 40 years ago with the goal to uplift and enrich the Foothills area using the tools of Scientology and now we can better expand our help to the community.”

Molly Burke, executive director of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and a lifelong Montrose local, added, “The Church of Scientology continually shows up for Montrose in ways big and small – organizing toy drives that bring joy to local children, volunteering time and energy at community events like the Chamber’s biggest event – Oktoberfest – and organizing street cleanups to keep our city beautiful. Your commitment to service is inspiring. You step up without needing to be asked. This community is not only lucky to have you in it, we are better because you are here.”

Emlyn Thomas, a volunteer leader of Operation BBQ Relief whose charity serves up to 50,000 meals a day in disaster zones, spoke of partnering with Scientology Volunteer Ministers during the California wildfires this past January in Altadena and Pacific Palisades.

“Every person I met from Scientology was calm, prepared and composed,” he said. “They were on a mission to get the job done. I look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with them at any disaster site.”

Many Foothills families know the Mission for its Halloween Haunted House and Easter Fun events.

As an Ideal Church of Scientology Mission, the full array of introductory Scientology services is now available to the Foothills community, including the popular Life Improvement Courses that address life’s challenges, the



Photos provided by Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills

ABOVE: Molly Burke, executive director of the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce, presents Mission Executive Director Stacy Kitchens a Certificate of Grand Opening ribbon-cutting commemorating the opening of the Ideal /church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills.

BELOW: The Church of Scientology Mission of the Foothills unveils its Ideal Mission in Montrose, marking over 40 years of community service with a grand opening attended by parishioners, volunteers and civic leaders.



Personal Efficiency Course, the Hubbard Dianetics Seminar, Dianetics and Scientology pastoral counseling as well as the Purification Program which free individuals from the mental and spiritual damage

caused by drugs and toxins.

The Mission also offer free seminars such as on the Power of the Subconscious Mind or on parenting. Visitors can also view videos on Dianetics and Scientology and its Founder

L. Ron Hubbard, or take a free online personality test with complimentary evaluation.

For more information, visit Scientology-Montrose.org or call (818) 957-1500.

ROBIN from page 2

Jaws – with music provided by the LA Philharmonic. What a treat! The movie came out 50 years ago (ugh – my age is showing) but I had already read the book by Peter Benchley. As an aside, Jaws is the only movie that caused me to sleep with the lights

on. That is saying something because even the movie The Exorcist didn’t do that! Of course I couldn’t miss the Montrose Car Show on Sunday. The number and variety of cars and motorcycles was unbelievable! (My report on the

show – including some great photos available online – is on the cover of this week’s paper!) After grabbing lunch over at The Black Cow, Steve and I headed home for just a bit before heading to La Cañada to see Hot August Night, a tribute to Neil

Diamond. Memorial Park was packed with folks ready to enjoy the music, mild temperatures and each other. We saw and greeted people we knew – it was a wonderful way to end the very busy weekend. Looking ahead is birthday

month for two family members so those celebrations give us something to look forward to. Before we know it August – and back to school – will be here ... which means traffic will resume. So enjoy it now!

CAR SHOW from Cover

At 1:15 winners of various categories were announced. Many of the car owners gathered at a shady spot in the parking lot of Chase Bank west of Ocean View Boulevard to find out if their entry would win a prize.

Announcer Bob Beck is a renowned “car guy.” “This is the highest car count and highest number of participants,” said Beck. “These types of shows [street shows] seem to be gaining in popularity.”

He noted that not being an overly hot day and “a great selection of cars” also made for a successful event. “We try to have Bob here every year,” said Dawson. “He is a super pro guy.”

Dawson, found at the booth located on the northwest corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue, was pleased with the number of attendees to the show and looks ahead to next year’s showcase.

“We’ve had a very large and steady crowd,” he said. “I like doing anything that brings people to Montrose. I want them to see who we are then think, ‘I’ll come back.’”

EATON FIRE from Cover

growth with forecasts of a ‘life threatening, destructive’ windstorm” by Monday, Jan. 6, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). That warning was upgraded to a “particularly dangerous situation” later that day. The Palisades Fire was the first to be reported on the morning of Jan. 7. The fire spread very quickly due to the dry vegetation and strong winds. By noon LA issued evacuation orders and Gov. Newsom declared a state of emergency. The Eaton Fire began about 6:18 p.m. and expanded to 200-plus acres within an hour. By the evening of Jan. 7 the Palisades Fire had covered about 3,000 acres. Around 10:30 p.m. that night the Hurst Fire began in Sylmar. The NWS reported 99-mile-per-hour gusts near Altadena.

Other fires, including Lidia (in Acton), Kenneth (in the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve) and Sunset (in the Hollywood Hills), ignited throughout the week. The wind warnings continued; however, the largest fires were Palisades that covered 23,713 acres and Eaton that burned 14,021 acres. On Jan. 15, due to all of the fires in LA County about 88,000 people were under evacuation orders. The Eaton Fire was contained on Jan. 31; reportedly 1,073 structures were damaged, 9,418 structures were destroyed, nine firefighters were injured and 17 civilians died. The Palisades Fire was contained on Jan. 31; reportedly 12,317 structures were threatened, 973 structures were damaged, 6,833 structures were destroyed, one firefighter was injured and 12 people lost their lives, according to

CAL FIRE (California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection). Recovery efforts began immediately; in fact, recovery planning began before the fires were contained. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was brought in to provide free debris removal. At this week’s press conference, Gov. Newsom shared an update by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: 12,048 total homes destroyed. Of those, 9,576 homeowners opted for cleanup by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 9,219 parcels were cleared and 1,978 parcels are being cleared privately. Debris removal is 96% completed, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. About 2,000 homes a month had debris removed. Gov. Newsom highlighted the cooperative work between local governance, emergency responders, state officials and

federal offices. He spoke of this being the fastest recovery in terms of debris removal in “modern history.” Hazardous debris was removed within 30 days after the Eaton Fire began. The second phase of debris removal began on Feb. 11. Newsom praised the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the regional administrator Robert [Bob] Fenton. He also praised Supervisor Kathryn Barger, chair of the LA County Board of Supervisors. He introduced Barger as a “great partner.” “You want to go fast, you go alone. You want to go far, you go together,” he said. “In that spirit, we have a champion of partnership who’s just been extraordinary, without exception throughout the last many months, and we count on her going forward.”

“Today’s six-month anniversary is an opportunity to reflect and to really look ahead,” Barger said. Most of the Eaton Fire area is within the fifth district – Barger’s constituents’ area – although as chair of the board of supervisors she covers all of LA County. Barger thanked the governor and his office, as well as other entities that worked together. Since the fires, Barger and Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, whose area covers the Pacific Palisades, have worked to streamline the cleanup and rebuilding process. Barger thanked the federal partners, the Environmental Protection Agency and, again, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their swift and effective work to clear more than 10,000 properties. see EATON FIRE on page 18

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VIEWPOINTS

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

He Declared it Paradise!



“Cecil” bounced in his seat as he passed over the uneven, unpaved roads of the northeast San Fernando Valley. He had come across an advertisement for a good-sized tract of land for sale up in Little Tujunga Canyon and he was on his way there to take a look. He had sent his attorney, Neil McCarthy, to head out to the property before him to take a survey so he could convey what he had found when Cecil arrived. At first in the distance only a cloud of dust was visible. Then a vehicle could be discerned. Cecil recognized it was his attorney only moments before the two ground to a stop alongside each other. “Where are you going?” Cecil asked in frustration. “You were supposed to wait for me there.” “No point,” McCarthy loudly retorted. “You might as well turn

around; it’s an impossible place. It’s the wildest, most terrible place I’ve ever seen. It’s all rocky and mountainous and the only access is by way of a narrow canyon.” Cecil was more intrigued than dissuaded. “Head back to town and buy it,” he replied undaunted. “It’s exactly what I’m looking for.” The year was 1916 and “Cecil” was Cecil Blount DeMille, better known as Cecil B. DeMille, the famous Hollywood director who, at the time, had 20-plus films to his name. He had been in search of a place where he could get away ... away from the city, away from the studio, away from telephones and all the demands of his daily routine. What he wanted was a retreat – and he had found one. After arriving at the property, DeMille didn’t see a terrible place

at all. He declared it paradise! He constructed some cabins, some outbuildings and a small dining hall among the trees but kept the tract much as it was when he first laid eyes on it. These original 300 acres became known as DeMille’s Paradise Ranch and over the years that followed he would acquire additional adjacent properties, increasing the total to an untold number of acres, thereby doubling and then tripling its size. Much entertaining went on there with the company of a very select few close friends and kindred spirits. Guests like Charlie Chaplin, Jesse Lasky, Mildred Shay, H. G. Wells, Yul Brynner and many other stars and starlets attended parties that are now a part of Hollywood legend. DeMille claimed later in life that Paradise Ranch kept him

alive. He allowed no shooting there with either gun or camera. The place was a sanctuary for animals as well as for DeMille and his guests. Deer, fox, the occasional mountain lion and all the small secret creatures of the California forest seemed to know they were safe there. DeMille once explained that it took him more than 30 years to convince the deer at the ranch that the un-antlered, hairless biped who came there on weekends was their friend. Eventually they began to eat from his hand. In addition, he shared that a fox would take breakfast with him each morning on his porch. Cecil B. DeMille would own Paradise Ranch until his death in 1959. In 1963, the DeMille Trust bequeathed the property and it became the Hathaway Children’s Village, a residential

facility for troubled children. In 2010, Hallelujah Prayer Center took over the facility and named it the Gold Creek Center, which runs as a camp, retreat and recreation center and holds worship services. In DeMille’s autobiography, he proclaimed, “When one is close to the elements of earth and wood and water and the creatures whose lives pulse with nature’s own rhythm, you can draw upon resources that are literally life-giving. But for Paradise Ranch, I would most certainly be in the other one by now, but I do not expect it to seem altogether strange for I have had a little foretaste of it here on Earth.”

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

NEWS FROM THE CVTC » FRIDA BAGHDASSARIAN

Spotlighting Local Resources

What a fantastic start to summer! We want to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Crescenta Valley Fireworks Association and all the dedicated volunteers, sponsors and supporters who made this year’s 4th of July celebration a true highlight for our community.

Events like this remind us how amazing our community can be when we unite. As summer brings warmer weather, please remember that during heat waves the La Crescenta Library serves as a designated cooling station for anyone needing a break from the

heat. This season also means more families are spending time outdoors. Let’s all stay mindful of children biking, neighbors taking evening strolls and the increased pedestrian activity in our area. Please drive safely and remain alert on our local streets.

We invite you to attend our next general meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. Representatives from the Los Angeles County Dept. of Regional Planning will present an update on the housing ordinance

– an important topic on which all residents should stay informed. We hope to see you as we continue working together to support and strengthen our Crescenta Valley community. Frida Baghdassarian, J.D. President Crescenta Valley Town Council

The Price of Symbolism: Glendale’s Mayoral Drama Has Real Costs

Councilmember Kassakhian’s letter (available online at www.cvweekly.com/VIEWPOINTS) portrays his mayoral votes as exercises in fairness and inclusivity. But symbolism without structure has consequences – financial, institutional and ethical. When Councilmember Najarian was denied a fifth term as mayor, he sued the city. The resulting litigation dragged on for a year, likely costing

taxpayers six figures – funds that could’ve strengthened services instead of fueling a ceremonial dispute. Kassakhian’s letter omits this entirely. The justification rings hollow for Councilmember Asatryan’s selection that being chosen early in her term was to correct systemic imbalance. Paula Devine served with dignity as Glendale’s mayor recently. The assertion that Assatryan would be “bypassed” when the

ordinance has an exception – The Best Interest clause – belies the claim of exclusion. More troubling is how the mayoralty, a title without executive power, has evolved into campaign leverage. Of five council members, three have already pursued higher office. Being mayor increasingly resembles résumé-building rather than stewardship. Meanwhile Glendale grapples with a structural deficit, rapid

spending growth and a poor rating from the state auditor. Yet council energy has been spent on maneuvering symbolic roles rather than confronting urgent governance failures. If the mayoralty truly represents stewardship then it must begin with restraint: refraining from bending process to personal gain, avoiding litigation over title and resisting retroactive moral narratives. This drama wasn’t inevitable

– it was the product of discretionary choices. To restore integrity, Glendale should consider a non-repeatable six-year council term with mayoral service beginning after three years. Let candidates build merit through governance, not ceremonial optics. Glendale deserves leadership that prioritizes service over status. Herb Molano Glendale

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Scholarship Winners Shine at Glendale Latino Assn. Breakfast



By Ruth SOWBY

Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian kicked off the GLA scholarship breakfast on June 26 at the Oakmont Country Club with greetings from the City followed by opening remarks by GLA President J. Guillermo Garcia. Mistress of ceremonies Ana Gabrielian introduced the presentation of colors.

Hon. Maria Lucy Armendariz, judge of the LA County Superior Court, gave the keynote address. She described living without her mother who was incarcerated for dealing drugs. Armendariz was in foster care from age 8 to 18. She said she became her own “savior” and learned that education was “the true avenue for real change.” She was accepted to UCLA. For the first time in her life, Armendariz had three meals a day and knew where she would be living for the next four years. She became a lawyer.

“Only 2% of lawyers in the state are Latinas,” she said. Armendariz received a standing ovation at the end of her remarks.

Scholarship recipients and their donors were introduced. Through her Devine Family Trust, Former Glendale Mayor Paula Devine introduced her five scholarship winners, each of which will receive \$1,000.

“I was a teacher for 30 years,” said Devine. “I know the difference a mentor makes.”

Altogether 26 scholarship recipients and their donors were introduced. Local students receiving scholarships were Miguel Pinedo and Alexander Sebastian from Clark Magnet High School and Gemma Caudillo from Crescenta Valley High School.

GLA’s mission, in part, is to “promote activities that improve education and bring together businesses and professionals.”

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
LEFT: Former Glendale mayor and scholarship donor Paula Devine (third from right) is surrounded by her scholarship winners at the GLA scholarship breakfast.
ABOVE: GLA scholarship breakfast emcee Ana Gabrielian, left, is joined by keynote speaker Judge Maria Lucy Armendariz and GLA President J. Guillermo Garcia.

Dignity Health Emphasizes Preventive Care for Men

Men in the U.S. die on average nearly five years earlier than women despite many of the top health risks being preventable. With a life expectancy of just 76.1 years, men face higher rates of chronic illness, mental health struggles and premature death. Yet many delay or avoid the care that could change those outcomes.

A member of CommonSpirit is encouraging men – and the families who care about them – to take a proactive approach to their well-being. Prioritizing regular check-ups, mental health support and early screenings can significantly improve quality of life and longevity for men across all generations.

“Far too often, men wait until there’s a serious problem before seeing a doctor,” said Nicholas Testa MD, chief medical officer, California Region, Dignity Health Hospitals. “Men’s Health Month [in June] was a reminder that prevention matters – because showing up for yourself means you can show up for others.”

A 2024 national survey found that 68% of Millennial and Gen Z men are not getting yearly physicals – a missed opportunity to catch potential issues before they become chronic conditions. At the same time, more men ages 25–34 are seeking help for concerns related to neurology, urology and physiotherapy, signaling that young adults are facing complex health challenges earlier in life.

And when it comes to mental health, stigma surrounding seeking help continues to be a major barrier to care. More than 60% of men say they hesitate to seek help for anxiety or depression – even as suicide rates among men remain alarmingly high.

Men’s Health Month also recognized the important role fathers and caregivers play in their families’ well-being. Encouragingly, new data shows that 27% of health appointments made by men in 2024 were for someone else – up dramatically from 5% in 2018. This shift reflects a growing awareness that caring for others starts with taking care of yourself.

Dignity Health offers a full range of services tailored to men’s unique health needs including:

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- Mental and behavioral health support
- Chronic condition management
- Family and caregiver health resources

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“At Dignity Health, we believe health care is more than just treatment – it’s about empowering people to live fully and fearlessly,” added Dr. Testa. “That includes men taking the time to care for themselves, for their loved ones and for their future.”

To find a provider or learn more about nearby men’s health services, visit www.dignityhealth.org.

Village Poets Welcomes Hilda Weiss and Maja Trochimczyk

Breaking with tradition, Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga will hold its monthly reading on the third Sunday of the month in July rather than on the fourth Sunday.

Poets Hilda Weiss and Maja Trochimczyk will feature on Sunday, July 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Bolton Hall Museum. There will also be an open mic and poets are invited to participate in the open reading segment of the event. The Bolton Hall Museum is located at 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Bolton Hall is a Los Angeles Historical Landmark built in 1913. The reading starts at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Free parking is available on the street and also at Elks Lodge at 10137 Commerce Ave. Park behind the building and walk a short distance to Bolton Hall Museum across the street and a short distance down the block.

Maja Trochimczyk is a Polish American poet, music historian, photographer, and author of eight books on music and Polish culture. Her 11 poetry volumes include five anthologies: Chopin with Cherries, Meditations on Divine Names, Grateful Conversations, We Are Here: Village Poets Anthology and Crystal Fire and Poems of Joy and Wisdom. Her six poetry books include Rose Always – A Love Story, Miriams Iris, Into Light, Bright Skies and two prizewinning books based on Polish experiences of WW2 and its aftermath: Slicing the Bread and The Rainy Bread.

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Zucchini Fritters

Wikipedia defines a fritter as “any kind of food coated in batter and deep fried.” I generally take anything I read in Wikipedia with a grain of salt. I’m thinking of sending in a revision to its definition because our zucchini fritters are not coated in batter but they taste just as good as any vegetable fritter I’ve eaten.

This is how we use zucchini at the end of the growing season when we are tired of frying, baking and steaming it (and the neighbors won’t take anymore from us). If you get really, really tired of zucchini, try substituting two cups of corn for the zucchini.

- Ingredients*
- 2 medium-large zucchini (fresh from the garden)
 - 1 clove garlic (minced – do not use if substituting corn for zucchini)
 - ¼ cup Parmesan cheese (grated)
 - 3 tablespoons fresh parsley (chopped)
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon pepper
 - 2 large eggs (lightly beaten)
 - 1/3 cup flour
 - Vegetable oil (for frying)

Directions

Grate the zucchini into a large mixing bowl. Cover the mixture with paper towels and press down to absorb moisture. Remove the towels and add the garlic, Parmesan cheese, parsley, salt, pepper and eggs. Mix to combine. Add the flour, stirring well so no lumps form.

Heat four tablespoons olive oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Using a tablespoon, scoop a large amount of the zucchini mixture and carefully transfer it to the hot oil. Lightly flatten the fritter with the back of the spoon. Repeat until the pan is full or the mixture is all gone.

Cook the fritters for three to four minutes. Reduce the heat to medium. Turn the fritters over and continue cooking for another three minutes, or until done.

Tip: If you want to try something different, add ½ teaspoon of Tabasco sauce to the zucchini mixture before cooking. Then place a dollop of sour cream on each fritter before serving. Be sure to serve the fritters while still warm!



Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy Celebrates the Class of 2025 TOLOGS

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy celebrated the 89 seniors of the Class of 2025.

This year’s graduates are charging into the future with bold ambition, especially in STEM. Among the most popular intended college majors are biological sciences, engineering, nursing, and psychology – reflecting a clear commitment to innovation, inquiry and impact. Their interests span from medical research and software engineering to mental health and environmental science.

Every member of the Class of 2025 was accepted to a four-year college or university with many choosing institutions known for academic rigor and values-based education.

- 34% of the class were admitted to highly selective universities with acceptance rates under 25%, including Dartmouth College, Boston College, Villanova University and USC.
- 31% will attend faith-based colleges and universities, a testament to the strength of their spiritual formation on the Hill.
- 49% will stay in California including 18 students entering the University of California system at campuses such as UCLA, UC Berkeley, and UC San Diego.

Additional highlights from this exceptional class include:



- Four student-athletes are continuing their sport at the collegiate level in volleyball, equestrian, water polo and softball
 - Four graduates were awarded full-tuition scholarships, including a Posse Scholar and a QuestBridge finalist
- The Class of 2025 began its sophomore year still navigating the pandemic and rose again in the wake of the Eaton Canyon Fire.
- “The Class of 2025 was together on their Kairos retreat in Ojai when the fires began. They returned to a community forever changed, but what remains constant is their loving care for one another, and their classmates,” said Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy Principal Rebecca Bostic. “We are so proud of the way they took care not only of one another but also reached out into the community to serve those in need of goods and services. We had

several seniors who lost their homes or were displaced, and they were attending our Eaton Fire support meetings to encourage and uplift the impacted underclasswomen. They are truly an incredible group of young women.”

“What stands out about this class is how fully they embraced their Dominican values,” added Bostic. “Instead of turning inward, they reached out with empathy and a true desire to serve. Their strength and spirit will have left a lasting legacy on the Hill.”

As the Class of 2025 heads into the world, they do so as women of faith, integrity and truth, ready to make a difference in every field – and in every heart – they touch.

To learn more about Flintridge Sacred Heart, visit fsha.org.

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy is located at 440 St. Katherine Drive in La Cañada Flintridge.

People Making News

Student Irene Lee of La Crescenta was named to the spring 2025 Provost’s List for Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions. At the end of each semester, Ohio University’s undergraduate students are evaluated based on their semester GPA and hours to determine placement on the President’s List, Dean’s List or

Provost’s List.

The Provost’s List recognition is shared with high-achieving, part-time undergraduate students who exemplify academic success. Qualifying students must possess a 3.5 or greater GPA and between 6 and 11.99 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In spring semester 2025, approximately 2,180 of Ohio University’s part-time undergraduate students qualified for the Provost’s List. A complete listing is available online.

Student Kimberly Chernich of La Crescenta has been named to Ohio’s spring 2025 Dean’s List.

The Dean’s List recognizes undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In spring semester 2025, approximately 6,700 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean’s List. A complete listing is available online.

Bucknell University has released the Dean’s List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2024-25 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean’s list recognition.

Among those who earned a spot on the list is Jackson Greninger from Glendale, Class of 2027, who is majoring in computer science and engineering.

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Jung, Easton on GNC Roster



Ellen Jung (left) and Hope Easton

On Wednesday, July 16 at 12:10 p.m., the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale.

Violinist Ellen Jung and cellist Hope Easton will be performing a program of solos and duos by Vivaldi, Beethoven, Breval, J. S. Bach, Handel-Halvorsen and Hope Easton.

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Katja Rieckermann Group Kicks off Brand Summer Music Series



Katja Rieckermann Group

The Brand Summer Music Series, an outdoor concert series located at the Brand Library & Art Center, begins on July 11. Concert attendees often bring their own chairs and picnic amenities and sit on the grassy hill. Please note that alcohol is prohibited.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. and is appropriate for children and families. Admission is free. Seats are not provided. Performances run 60 - 90 minutes without intermission.

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.

July 11 – Jazz Fusion by the Katja Rieckermann Group

Katja Rieckermann is a true “horn star.” Born and raised in Luebeck, a small town in the north of Germany, she didn’t start playing the saxophone until she was 21. That’s also when she moved to Hamburg to study music. Restless and looking for a challenge, she eventually made it to Hollywood, California, the starting point of so many successful careers. Rieckermann continues to perform and selling out her shows with her all star band playing her original material in legendary jazz clubs like the Baked Potato and Herb Alpert’s Vibrato Grill Jazz. All of her music is available on all streaming outlets.

The Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

Image provided by Brand Summer Music Series

Of Wave and Stones by Yeu Q. Nguyen – Art Installation at Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station

Of Wave and Stones by Yeu Q. Nguyen is on display at the Adams Square Mini Park Gas Station, 1020 E. Palmer Ave. in Glendale, from Monday, July 28 - Friday, Sept.19.

Using water as a symbol for the quiet determination that allows people to inevitably triumph over obstacles, Of Wave and Stones pays homage to the ancient Asian wisdom on the power of resilience and the courageous immigrants and refugees who made their new lives in America. Its structural design, inspired by the construction of a bridal veil, and the use of delicate tulle debunks the myth of feminine fragility and celebrates power as a balance embodying both strength and softness.

Yeu Q. Nguyen is a multidisciplinary artist and independent curator

based in Los Angeles. She is known for her installations, public art programming and community engagement art projects that increase empathy and resilience. Nguyen’s immersive installations encourage a sense of wonder and hope for the future, linking themes of contemporary Asian identity to enduring cultural traditions and stories. She is also a published poet, certified artist coach, educator, and community advocate.

This temporary art installation is generously sponsored by the Glendale Arts and Culture Commission through funding from the Urban Art Program, and support from Glendale Library, Arts & Culture, Glendale Community Services and Parks, and the Adams Hill Neighborhood Association.



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The program includes AntonioVivaldi (Italian, 1678-1741) “Concerto Grosso in D minor, Adagio.” Ludwig van Beethoven (German, 1770-1827) Duet No. 1:

“Allegro Comodo,” “Larghetto Sostenuto” and “Rondo Allegretto Vivace,” Jean-Baptiste Breval (French, 1753-1823) Duet in D Major: “Allegro,” “Andante Poco Adagio” and “Presto.” J. S. Bach (German, 1685-1750) Suite #3 in D major: “Gigue.”

Handel -Halvorsen (arr. Johan Halvorsen, Norwegian, 1864-1935) “Passacaglia,” and

Hope Easton “Text Messages”
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 group participated in many renowned music festivals, and collaborated with numerous prominent musicians including members of the Tokyo String Quartet, St. Lawrence String Quartet, Claude Frank, Peter Frankl and Paul Katz. 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. Currently she is living in Los Angeles, recording and performing live concerts as a freelance musician.

Hope Easton graduated with distinction in performance from New England Conservatory and followed that with a Fulbright Scholarship studying in the UK under the tutelage of Ralph

Kirschbaum. Easton has gone from strictly classical to writing, improvising and singing her own music. She has performed with many stars: Adele, Al Stewart, Kenny Loggins, Don Henley, Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks and many more. She has performed in numerous TV shows and recordings. She formed her own chamber group, Sonos Chamber

Players, who perform all around LA and statewide. Easton has performed in many local groups, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, Culver City Orchestra, African American Orchestra and Westside Symphony, to name a few.

Easton has performed at some of the biggest classical music festivals as well including Banff,

Aspen, Meadowmount, Taos and Yellow Barn, along with Sandor Vegh in Cornwall, England.

Easton has recorded with many film composers as a soloist as well as in the studios. Learn more about Hope Easton at hopeeaston.com, SonosChamberPlayers.com, and all social media sites, including her YouTube channel.

The Glendale Noon Concerts

is celebrating is 17th year of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community.

Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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Then: In 1959 a young German couple, Norbert and Irene Olberz, new immigrants to the US, bought a small ski shop, and named it Sport Chalet. Sport Chalet was a pioneer in the business of ski rentals, scuba, rock climbing and backpacking, entering into the retail end of all these recreational activities way before their popularity boomed. They moved to a couple of other locations near the original store at the intersection of Foothill and Marvin, expanding each time. In 1974 they bought the old Shopping Bag market at Foothill and Buelah, and opened the first full size Sport Chalet, shown here.

Now: They opened a second outlet in Huntington Beach in '81, and began to expand rapidly, opening dozens of stores in Southern California. In 2008, they built an all new store across the street at Angeles Crest and Foothill, moving out of the old Shopping Bag building they had occupied for 34 years. While Sport Chalet expanded rapidly, they also began to accumulate debt rapidly. In 2014 they were bought by a large retail group, who also absorbed their debt. In 2016 all Sports Chalet stores were closed. Target now occupies the Sport Chalet building, while their corporate office has become City Hall for La Canada-Flintridge. And the old Shopping Bag building that most local identify with for Sports Chalet? It's now a Sprouts market.

JUST FOR FUN

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, July 11, club members will be performing a service project to help local kids get off to a good start for the new school year, which is right around the corner. They will be putting together 25 backpacks for the kids which will be distributed through Glendale PD and the Cops for Kids program.

The cost to attend Friday meetings, which includes lunch and program, is \$25. All are welcome.

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

JEWEL CITY KNITTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Jewel City Knitters will hold its monthly JCK Charity Knit and Crochet gathering on Saturday, July 12 at 2 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.

CCLCF EVENTS

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge hosts a variety of events for the community. Among them are:

- Summer Theatre Camp presents “Seussical Jr.” on July 12. “Seussical Jr.” will be performed by children from ages 10-13.
- A blood drive is being held at CCLCF on Saturday, July 19. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/f5ck4p7h>.
- Painting Pots and Spreading Joy is geared for seniors over 50. It is held from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, Aug. 22. Pots will be donated to the Montrose Care Center. Volunteers will

decorate terra cotta pots (no art skills required!) and fill them with beautiful blooming flowers to brighten up the surroundings for seniors in care. All materials will be provided – just bring a willingness to help others and a big heart ready to make a difference. To sign up visit <https://tinyurl.com/59wbswvr>.

• Foothills Community Choir is open to all ages and continues through Dec. 13. Practices are on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge is located at 4469 Chevy Chase Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, (818) 790-4353.

DANCING AS EXERCISE

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

There is live music every Friday 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.

VETERANS BINGO SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans of American Legion Post 288 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1614 are having a bingo game at the Verdugo Hills Memorial Hall, 4011 La Crescenta Ave., on Aug. 23. Game

sponsorships from the amount of \$100 on up are being accepted.

Please contact Lynn McGinnis at (818) 427-2470 or McGinnix@aol.com for details are to arrange sponsorship.

SUMMER PROGRAM BREAK

The regular 2nd Saturday programs at Bolton Hall Museum are on a summer break during July and August. Regular programs will resume on Sept. 13.

In the meantime, Bolton Hall Museum remains open for summer visits every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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» ZACK HILL BY JOHN DEERING AND JOHN NEWCOMBE



ACROSS

1) Bar bill

4) Took the series without a loss

9) Sit through again, as a film

14) It comes after many moons

15) Before the due date

16) Fancy pitchers

17) "Neither" partner

18) They produce wool

20) Receive at the door

22) ___ noire (fearsome thing)

23) Glossy cottons

26) Insufficiencies

31) Eight-piece bands

33) Cement-finisher's tool

34) His wife took a turn for the worse

36) Spread widely

38) Commemorative marker

39) "The Morning Watch" author James

41) Heads towards the sky

43) Sound heard in a barbershop

44) Ruled territory

46) Introduction or preface

48) Dram of liquor

49) Spoken, as an agreement

51) Unwavering

53) Examined, as ore

55) Delighted in

58) A million bucks?

60) Manicurist's board

61) Large ursine

67) Feel below par

68) Lustrous black

69) Numskull

70) "The most trusted name in television," once

71) Barbershop boo-boos

72) Hot alcoholic drink

73) ___ Mateo, Calif.

DOWN

1) Sharp tastes

2) Hub of old Athens

3) Be a horrible orator

4) Groups of six

5) Half a trumpet's sound

6) "... ___ he drove out of sight"

7) Commoner, briefly

8) Composed on a keyboard

9) Accepts an appeal

10) Ram's mate

11) Poseidon's domain

12) Drop the ball

13) Feminine ending

19) "Leave it in," to an editor

21) Common Market letters, once

24) Volleyball needs

25) Barbershop accessory

27) Deteriorates

28) Two decades

29) Prefix meaning "sun"

30) Got some shuteye

32) Major department store

34) Caterpillar, for one

35) Curved moldings

37) Composed

40) Site of Napoleon's exile

42) Caught in the act

45) Distress calls

47) Stately splendor

50) Onion relative

52) Perignon's title

54) Ledger entry

56) "All My Children" vixen

57) "Blowin' in the Wind" singer Bob

59) Change completely

61) Barbie's beau

62) It's a wrap

63) Elmer, to Bugs

64) Publicity, slangily

65) A hand

66) Pistol, slangily

ALL EARS

By Mary Jersey

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES Provided by horoscope.com July 7, 2025 - July 13, 2025

ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
You're eager to get fit and stay healthy. The cosmos is giving you the incentive to create healthier habits, ones that will pay big dividends in feeling and looking good. The secret is discipline. It's worth challenging yourself. You'll reap wonderful benefits.

TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
You may be looking for a way to exercise that will keep you fit and trim. If the emphasis is also on having fun, you may want to take up dancing or golf and enhance your social life at the same time. Learn more about how to remain in good health. Go for it!

GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
If you learn to lighten up, it will help you make it through this period in a much better frame of mind. Life may be turbocharged now. Even having fun takes on new intensity. Find some information on personal health management or hire a personal trainer with a good sense of humor. Your back, muscles, and joints will thank you for being so thoughtful.

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
The cosmos is going to bring some major changes your way whether you're ready for them or not. You may be compelled to take a fresh look at your health and review your progress. Get serious about making some changes. They won't happen by themselves. Take that leap of faith.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*
Is your mind tying your body in knots? If there's a lot of activity, your thoughts may be buzzing like angry bees. If you're working too hard, you could be prone to muscle tension. Aspects indicate that this could worsen unless you relax. You have a good chance to get a new health routine going now.

VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
Your partner may be the catalyst for changes that you make to your health and lifestyle. He or she may start a new diet or form of exercise that appeals to you. Immerse yourself and discover the benefits you might gain from it. If it feels right, perhaps you should incorporate it into your daily routine. Be adventurous.

LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
You've taken a fairly experimental approach to your diet and health,

but you could be tempted to take it one step further. The information that comes your way could encourage you to see your health in a new light. You might have to adopt a different set of beliefs in order to understand the subtleties of what you're learning, but the results could be awesome.

SCORPIO *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*
Determine to make a fresh start regarding your health. Whatever troubles you've been fighting can be overcome with the help of the cosmos. Inspiration and the urge to experiment and keep an open mind are all important aspects of sorting out lingering issues. If you feel an approach is right, try it.

SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
Eating at a friend's house could open your eyes to a new way of eating and preparing food. Sometimes seeing how others cook, what ingredients they use, and the imaginative ways that they put things together can affect you. Learn a few lessons and be humbled. If you like it, try it yourself.

CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
Although you're usually disciplined and stick to the "mind over matter" approach, sometimes you need to be more sensitive to your body. If you've been working hard lately, don't ignore the signals that are your body's way of letting you know that it needs a break, nutritious food, or decent sleep. Know your limits. Exceeding them can damage your health.

AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
To get the best out of this period, try a detox diet that can help reenergize you. You don't need to do this for too long - two or three days should be enough. You might also want to attempt this when you have a few days off so you can relax when necessary. Your organs get a chance to rest and your whole body will feel refreshed.

PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
If you want to improve your self-esteem, there's no better way than to start with your appearance. If you don't feel as though you look your best, make the decision to change. Get into the habit of exercising regularly. This will put the glow back in your cheeks and help you feel happier. You can then start on your diet.

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

This Electrolux Refrigerator I Bought From Costco Doesn’t Work. Can I Get One That Works?

David Hauser’s Electrolux refrigerator, purchased from Costco, stops working. Despite being under warranty no one can seem to fix it. Is there a way to get a working appliance?

Question: My wife and I purchased a Frigidaire refrigerator from Costco recently. Six months after delivery, while still under the manufacturer’s warranty, it stopped working.

The Electrolux Warranty Dept. [which owns Frigidaire] has been unable to repair it because the required parts are unavailable.

Around week four, Electrolux claimed a part was available and would ship immediately but it never arrived, and it hasn’t provided a tracking number.

It’s been seven weeks and the refrigerator still isn’t fixed. Can you help me get a replacement refrigerator? I’d also like to be reimbursed for food spoilage, the cost of a mini-fridge and meals.

– David Hauser,
Kingston, Ontario

Answer: I’m so sorry you haven’t had a working refrigerator. Electrolux should have provided a timely repair or offered a replacement. And if it couldn’t, you should have asked Costco for help.

Costco offers a 100%

satisfaction guarantee that allows you to return your appliance within 90 days. It also extends its manufacturer warranties, ensuring that your product is covered beyond one year. It looks like your product fell within a gray area of the warranty. You were past your 90 days but still within your warranty period.

You’ve taken the right steps by documenting all communication with Electrolux, Elite Appliances (the repair company) and Costco. This paper trail proves you’ve attempted to resolve the issue.

I noticed one missing item from your paper trail: documentation of your food loss. If you’re going to ask Electrolux or Costco to compensate you for food that thawed out and was unusable, you need to keep your grocery receipts. Asking for replacement is reasonable but normally a business won’t pay unless you can show you suffered actual damage.

You could have escalated this issue further by contacting executives at Electrolux or Costco. I list their contact information on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

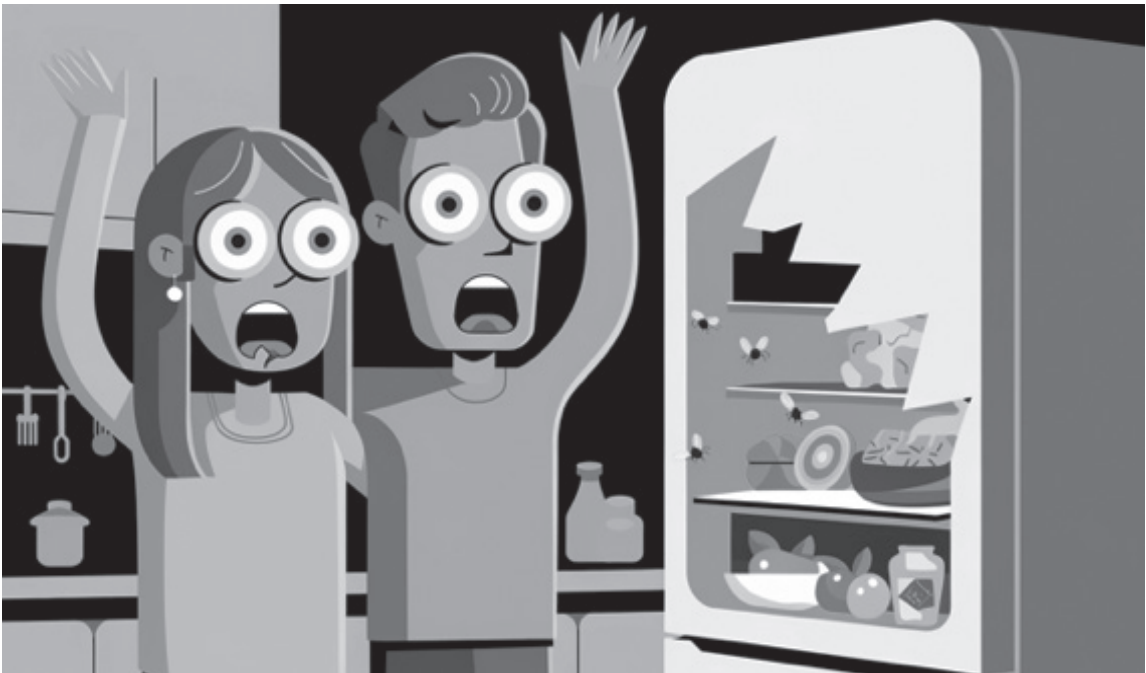


Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT

I’m surprised that Electrolux couldn’t assist you. The company is normally responsive to customer requests, especially if you’re within your warranty. In my last case involving a broken appliance with Costco and Electrolux, it was Electrolux that stepped forward to help.

But since neither Electrolux or your repair company could help

you, I decided to lean on Costco for a resolution. I contacted the company and asked it to review your problem. In response, I received a terse phone call from a Costco representative who said the company had received my email but had “no comment.”

Costco contacted you and offered a full refund in exchange for the return of the broken

refrigerator. It also offered to compensate you for your food loss.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems.

Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>.
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MONTROSE LIBRARY EVENTS

- The Montrose Library hosts canasta on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Back Alley Painters is a vibrant group of adult artists who gather to create, share their work, offer constructive feedback and enjoy each other’s company.

Participants are asked to bring their own art supplies – whether watercolor, acrylic, ink or pencil (no oil paints). Meetings are every Monday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy,

calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library.

The Montrose Library, 2465 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose (818) 548-2048.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

Community members are invited to join the Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp Club, a community of stamp enthusiasts that meets regularly to share their passion for this timeless hobby.

The Glendale/La Crescenta Stamp

Club meets every third Tuesday at the LA County Library - La Crescenta located at the corner of La Crescenta Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, 2809 Foothill Blvd., at 7 p.m. in the second floor community room.

For more information about the club and upcoming meetings, call (818) 903-4451.

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center offers a selection of classes and activities daily. Whether seniors are looking to exercise

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

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

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So it does not look good for these magical creatures unless humans step in to recognize our negative influence.

“[There are steps] we can take to help those numbers [of fireflies] recover. For one, we can mitigate light pollution by using dark-sky-friendly lights, we can use more environmentally friendly pesticides and preserve their habitats,” according to Discover magazine.

It does appear the population grows in areas where they are protected, so the declining numbers could be reversed.

The conclusion of scientists’ review in the Discover article was that we won’t be the last generation to see fireflies – but we may be seeing fewer and fewer of them.

And FYI, June 2025 was the seventh warmest on record for the U.S. More than 100

million people across 726 counties experienced record heat from June 22–25, according to NOAA.

In the Crescenta Valley we will see above normal heat today, Thursday, with mid to upper 90s. Our normal temperature for this time of year is 86.

Some patchy fog (the marine layer) will move in on Friday night and extend to Saturday morning. It will clear during the day with temperatures rising to about 85, then a patchy marine layer will roll in on Saturday around 11 p.m. and stay until Sunday morning at 11 a.m. High temperatures will be in the mid 80s. That pattern of having the marine layer in the evening into late morning will continue through Tuesday.

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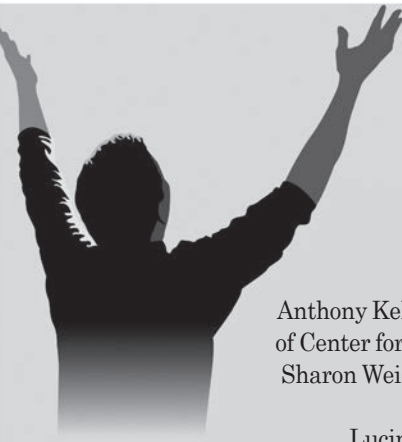
In a time of heightened debate and strong opinions around immigration, La Cañada Presbyterian Church (LCPC) is creating space for faithful reflection and open conversation.

The first session in the series began on Wednesday, July 9 at LCPC and the sessions continue through Aug. 13 (dark on July 30). The five-week series is titled “Let’s Talk About Immigration” and invites the community to engage. The sessions meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. They are facilitated by Pastor Ross Purdy and Betsy Faber; the series

will incorporate prayer, theological reflection, guest speakers and small group discussions.

Participants will engage with Doing Justice, an online curriculum created by Fuller Seminary’s Brehm Preaching – A Lloyd John Ogilvie Initiative. The content includes reading, video segments, and guided reflection questions, offering four different Christian responses to immigration and exploring key historical and theological perspectives.

The program is designed to foster courageous conversation – creating room for understanding, compassion and spiritual growth, even in disagreement.



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Rev. Jon Karn of Light on the Corner Church;
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Rev. Sharri Johnson, One Heart Retreat Center; Larry Maib Emeritus, Highlands Church La Crescenta;
Rev. Valerie Reeves, Staff Minister, Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living

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: I have actively tried to change patterns of behavior in my life that have not been good for me. I am uncertain how to change these patterns. I feel like I am making poor choices in my life and am not sure how to move in a different direction. I am not speaking about an addiction but simply poor choices that I seem to keep making.

I tend to want to help others, usually including with time and money, but when I do that it always seems to wind me up in a situation where I am struggling financially.

I was taught to help others. What am I doing wrong?

Repeater of Bad Habits

repeat bad habits as you say and how you can begin to change those patterns so that you feel better and only help others when you truly can.

I need a lot more information in order to make any assessment of your dilemma. I encourage you to reach out to a local faith leader or a counselor. I’m happy to talk with you further when and if you feel ready. In the meantime, take a holiday for yourself and focus on you for a bit. Self care is an important piece of wellness.

Relax. Take care of you and get someone with a learned listening ear to work with you.

Blessings!
Rev. Dina Fulgoni
St. Luke’s of the Mountains

acceptable an answer as “Yes.”

Where most people get into trouble isn’t with helping someone once though, right? It’s that person who keeps coming back for more, who takes a little more from you each time, who takes for granted that you’ll always solve their problem for them – these are the situations we want to avoid.

And the only way to avoid them is to set boundaries early on. Decide what you’re willing to give, how much time, money or energy you have to offer and tell the person clearly up front: “Yes, I can help you pack that day but I have to leave by noon.”

Then leave by noon! Do this once or twice and they’ll get the message that you’re not a bottomless well that they can keep drawing from, over and over. (If you need more inspiration on healthy boundaries, Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend wrote a great book about boundaries.)

It takes a little bit of strength to set boundaries, but it’s a learnable skill like any other. And it will help you make better decisions for yourself without hurting others.

The Rev Amy Pringle, Rector
St. George’s Episcopal Church

Dear Repeater,

I think we can all relate to balancing helping others and self care. Give yourself permission to say “No” or “I can’t do that right now.” No one expects you to help if it will be to your detriment, meaning put you in a financial bind.

You might want to explore why you keep repeating this pattern. I have found that talking to some one like a faith leader or a counselor can often help delve deeper and journey with you on discovery of why you

LCPC is located at 626 Foothill Blvd. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2zdbbfbp>.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT UUCVH

On July 13 at 10:30 a.m., the community is invited to join Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) for a timely reflection on presence, perception and peace at its service “Mindfulness Is Not a Retreat – It’s a Response.”

When anger arises the Buddhist path teaches to respond with clarity, not react with heat. From the Buddha’s graceful handling of insults to the well-known story of the monk in the boat, mindfulness shows how to meet conflict with awareness instead of ego.

Cesar Cardona will explore how these ancient teachings align with his modern framework of Growth Mindfulness.

This presentation will be in-person at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the ZOOM link <https://www.uuverdugo.org/>.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, July 19, a free showing of “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” will take place at Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley starting at 7 p.m. Snacks will also be provided.

Everyone in the community is invited and welcome to attend.

CSL PROVIDES GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

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the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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WALK AND WORD

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/ Glendale at 8 a.m. on July 13, 20 & 27. 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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME: WIN SAW. Case number 25NNCP00475. Superior Court of California, Los Angeles Superior Court, Northeast District – Alhambra Courthouse, 150 West Commonwealth Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91801. To all interested persons: 1. Petitioner WIN SAW filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present Name: WIN SAW to Proposed Name: WIN KYIN SAW. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: AUGUST 29, 2025 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: V Room: N/A b. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Published Crescenta Valley Weekly June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2025

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Emerson College awarded approximately 1,000 undergraduate degrees to the Class of 2025 during the 145th commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston, Massachusetts.

Among those degrees presented was one to Nicole Smith of Tujunga who received a BFA in theatre and performance and Liquan Zheng of La Cañada Flintridge who received a BFA in media arts production.

Victoria Romano of Sunland, who is majoring in stage and production management and is a member of the Class of 2028, and Nicole Smith of Tujunga, who majored in theatre and performance and is a member of the Class of 2025, were named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the spring 2025

semester. To make the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

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Amanda Madison Whiting was

among 624 graduates at McNeese State University to receive a degree during the university's 164th commencement. She graduated magna cum laude and received a Bachelor of Science degree in management. She earned placement on the President's Honor List for the spring 2025 semester.

The spring class of 2025 included graduates from 38 parishes, 17 states and 14 countries and 650 degrees were awarded, including 35 associate degrees, 536 bachelor's degrees, 78 master's degrees and one doctoral degree.

Connor Kaprielian was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for spring semester 2025.

A total of 14,289 students

enrolled during spring semester 2025 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all As).

The UA Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

For more information visit news.ua.edu.

Thea Stefan of La Cañada was named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the 2025 spring semester.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top 20% of undergraduate students within their division for the 2025 spring

semester have been named to the Dean's List recognizing academic performance.

Lin Lee of Glendale has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Lee is pursuing a non-degree program in biomedical sciences.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2024 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college – for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

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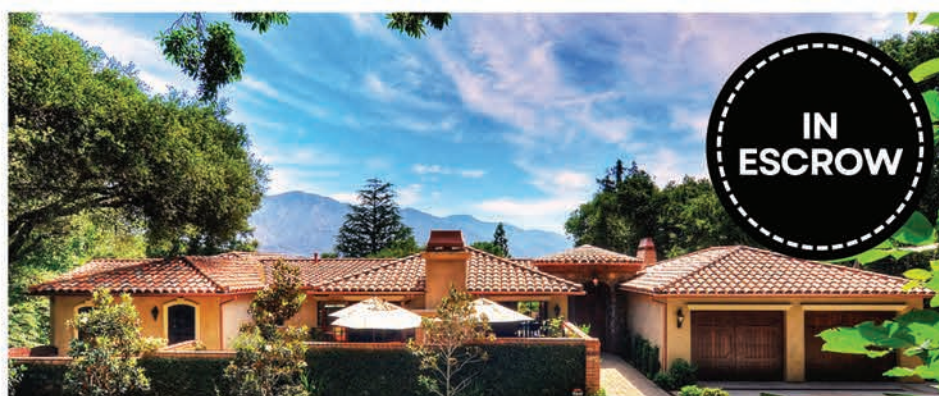
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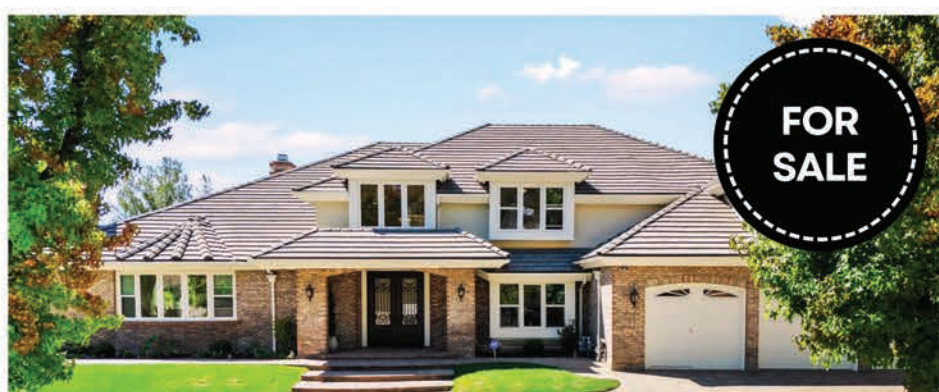
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