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City Approves Plans for Rockhaven

By Julie BUTCHER

"This has been in the works for decades. I think we need to get it done, move forward, open it up to the community," said Glendale City councilmember Vartan Gharpetian at Tuesday night's meeting expressing his support for an expansive renovation of Rockhaven.

The plan adopted by the council will renovate Pines Cottage for use as a museum and will allow for accessibility improvements including off-site parking, "a comprehensive effort to enhance the site's historical and functional value," senior project manager Arthur Asaturyan told the council.

As detailed in the staff report, "[T]he Rockhaven Sanitarium is a 3.4-acre site with 15 buildings located at 2713 Honolulu Avenue. The former women's sanitarium was acquired in April 2008 and listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 2016. There have been three attempts since 2014 to partner with private entities to renovate the site. The last effort ended in January 2020 when Avalon Investments terminated their boutique hotel proposal. In June 2021, State Senator Anthony Portantino announced an \$8,000,000 state grant to preserve Rockhaven and provide for a museum. The grant agreement was executed in March 2023. Per the agreement the project must be completed by March 1, 2026."

The council authorized the execution of a construction contract with ARC Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$6,730,025 plus a 10% contingency. The city anticipates saving approximately \$400,000 by doing the landscaping work in-house, allowing for the enhanced involvement of the community.

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Pippi Enjoys "Mew-valous" Birthday Celebration

By Mary O'KEEFE

Crowd turns out to celebrate birthday of bookstore kitty.

According to Oxford Languages, the definition of magical is "beautiful or delightful in such a way as to seem removed from everyday life."

That is the perfect way to describe last Sunday at Once Upon a Time (OUAT) bookstore in Montrose. It was the bookstore cat Pippi's 10th birthday and it was a magical experience. The store was filled with kids and adults – all to share in Pippi's big day and to sing Happy Birthday.

What is even more amazing is the road this little cat took to achieve her place high atop the inside of this little bookstore that could.

"I absolutely pinch myself – that is the right term," said bookstore owner Maureen Palacios when asked her response every time she sees her store filled to capacity for an event.

She added that she couldn't sleep the night before Pippi's party because she was worried there wouldn't be enough food.

"Last year we had 60 people [stop by] and we almost didn't have enough food," she said.

So it was determined that kids would get the first round of cupcakes, which fits the foundation of OUAT bookstore ... children first.

Palacios said her daughter Jessica, who is the store manager, told her there were a lot of RSVPs. So her next concern was Pippi and if she would decide to hide from the large crowd; however, it turned out Pippi is a bit of a diva when it comes to attention.

"And then I thought, 'What if she doesn't come down?'" Palacios said. Pippi has a castle high above the interior of the bookstore that she loves to spend time in.

But she not only came down, she ate her fish treat from a silver platter and sat as the crowd sang to her "Happy Birthday."

"She is such a sweet kitty. She is really kind of the ambassador for Montrose, for our store and of course for the people [here]," Palacios said.

OUAT bookstore has a history that goes against the stereotype of brick-and-mortar bookstores.



Photos by Mary O'KEEFE
Jessica Palacios (left) watches over Pippi as she enjoys her cat treat on a silver tray.

The store has always been incredibly popular in the community since opening in 1966. The previous store owner, Jane Humphrey, was a mom and artist. At the time

the store was located at the southeast corner of Honolulu Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard, where Starbucks is now.

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Scams Are Out There – People are Told to Be Aware

By Mary O'KEEFE

As technology improves for civilians it also improves for criminals. Consequently, there are a variety of scam warnings being released by law enforcement.

The FBI is warning the public about scams that include those that have people impersonating law enforcement, government officials and even the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. Scammers often use artificial intelligence (AI) generated voice messages to trick people into revealing personal information.

Below is just a few scams the FBI is warning about:

Business Email Compromise. Business email compromise (BEC) is one of the most financially damaging online crimes. It exploits the fact that so many people rely on email to conduct business – both personally and professionally.

Charity and Disaster Fraud. Charity fraud scams can come in many forms: emails, social media posts, crowdfunding platforms, cold calls, etc. They are especially common after high-profile disasters. Always use caution and do research when looking to donate to charitable causes.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Fun – and Surprises – Planned for Cruise Night



This Saturday night is Cruise Night in Glendale. I've been attending this event for the last several years and it is truly epic.

Cars from decades stretching back to the inception of the automobile through 1985 can be found on Brand Boulevard. In addition, live music can be heard – with the melodic voice of Brian “Mr. Rock N Roll” Beirne (from KRTH 101) overseeing the entertainment.

I've been on the boulevard when it rained, when it was so hot I thought I'd melt and when the weather was perfect – which is expected on Saturday night (thank goodness!).

I've always been amazed by the number of people who come out to this free event. Whether in love with autos from a certain era or wanting to gather information from the many vendors there (including CV Weekly) the night promises to be full of fun – and informative. And among the

vendors will be the team from The “Donut Guy” Realty Group w/Keller Williams. As expected, they'll have plenty of donuts on hand for hungry attendees. In my humble opinion, any time is the right time for donuts! I hope we're placed near them!

I don't know about you, but I am not comfortable with artificial intelligence – AI. I don't have a lot of information about it, though I understand it could be rather useful to me.

That's why I'm looking forward to an AI Tech Talk that the CV Chamber of Commerce is hosting on July 28 at 6 p.m. Held at Bob Smith Toyota (3333 Foothill Blvd.) the talk will delve into how AI is assisting and can assist small businesses – something I'm always interested in learning about.

Considering most of my AI knowledge comes from movies like “The Terminator” attending this seminar is uppermost on my mind – and on my calendar.

The cost is free for members of the chamber, \$5 for non-members (just another reason to be a member of the CV Chamber of Commerce!). If you haven't yet paid your dues, visit the chamber website (www.crescentavalleychamber.org). You'll have to enter Join the Chamber (even if you're renewing) because we're under a new billing system.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

My dad's birthday was a couple of days ago. He would have been 95; though he passed many years ago I can still hear his laugh in my son's laughter. And I still see his Irish eyes in my grandson. It got me thinking about what life was like when Dad was born.

My dad was born during the Dust Bowl. Iowa, where he was from, didn't see the overwhelming drought conditions that the Great Plains states experienced but it was still devastating. And Dad was from a farming family, so drought affected everything.

In the 1930s the southern Plains region of the U.S. was facing a drought known as the Dust Bowl. On April 14, 1935, when Dad was almost 5, a dust storm occurred across the Central Plains. It was known as “Black Sunday.”

A cold front dropped across the region on April 14 resulting in a massive dust storm that brought visibility down near zero and total darkness in the middle of the day. Dust storms were common in the '30s due to the extreme drought but this day the storm seemed even worse.

At 2:39 p.m. a black cloud came in from the north, estimated at 500 to 600 feet high and moving at about 50 to 60 mph. The instant it struck almost total darkness set in.

The following is a quote from the Weather Bureau logs: “The onrushing cloud, the darkness and the thick, choking dirt made this storm one of terror and the worst, while it lasted, ever known here.” Some observers had seen hundreds of birds, geese, ducks and other kinds flying in front of the dust cloud. A number of dead small birds were found on the ground after the storm. The Red Cross established a relief setup for dust sufferers. The headquarters was in Liberal, Kansas. According to Red Cross officials, 17 deaths had been reported in Kansas from dust pneumonia and three died from dust suffocation. This was from the Weather Bureau log on April 24. Dust pneumonia resulted when lungs were filled with dust. Symptoms included a high fever, chest pains, coughing and breathing difficulties,” according to NOAA.

More than half a million people were left homeless as a result of the Dust Bowl. Farm families lost their lands and homes due to the now-barren land, according to NOAA.

The Dust Bowl was caused by several economic and agricultural factors, including federal land policies, changes in regional weather, farm economic and other cultural factors. The Homestead Act of 1862 provided settlers with 160 acres of public land. Homestead was followed by the Kinkaid Act of 1904 and Enlarged Homestead Act of 1909, resulting in new and inexperienced farmers staking a claim. Many of the farmers lived by the superstition “Rain follows the plow.”

“Emigrants, land speculators, politicians and even some scientists believed that homesteading and agriculture would permanently affect the climate of the semi-arid Great Plains region, making it more conducive to farming,” according to history.com.

There was a series of wet years when most of these new settlers began farming, which led to the misconception of the ecology of the area. Famers just kept moving through their acreage, planting in areas where irrigation would be impossible.

But before the Dust Bowl, farmers were facing extreme ups and downs of the world of agriculture, especially at the end of the Great War in 1918. During WWI there was a huge demand for food, so farmers grew more and more until the war ended. Demand and prices began to go down and then, 10 years later, the Great Depression began.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY

On Saturday, July 19 from 9 - 10:30 a.m., the community is invited to a special Rosemont Preserve event.

In conjunction with its 2025 Nature Photography Contest, local photographer Althea Edwards is hosting a photography class at Rosemont Preserve. She will share approaches to taking photographs that reflect the beauty of nature. The class will cover selecting a subject, working with natural light and planning for composition and framing.

Edwards judged last year's contest and runs a boutique photographic and visual arts workshop.

Then an "open gate" event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Sunday afternoon, July 20. This is a chance for residents to visit the Preserve and wander the trail at their own pace and enjoy the tranquil setting, the wildlife and the natural beauty. Photographers: bring your camera to capture the morning light and citizen scientists, bring your iNaturalist and Merlin apps to identify birds and add wildlife sightings!

The gate will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

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.

CVTC MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Crescenta Valley Town Council is tonight, July 17, in the community room of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

On the agenda is an update by James Drevno, principle planner, and Leon Freeman, senior planner, LA County Dept. of Planning – Housing Ordinance.

NNO COMING UP

National Night Out, the annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 5. There are several local events planned including in the area of Sparr Heights and the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station (4554 Briggs Ave.). This is a free event.

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).

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>.

Officers, Civilians Recognized at Annual Luncheon

By Eliza PARTIKA

More than lunch was served at the 29th Annual Glendale Police Awards Luncheon held at the Hilton Hotel on July 10. The awards ceremony was hosted by the Glendale Police Foundation and presented trophies and certificates to various officers and civilians for their exceptional service.

Among those awarded was community member Vincent Ceciery who received a Community Service Award for protecting an officer from being harmed by a violent, intoxicated offender.

Officers Corey Petrosyan and Tommie Hodge were awarded for assisting 142 unhoused people in Glendale – 65 of whom received necessary services.

The Marksmanship Award was given to six officers for their shooting proficiency and the GPD Vice Narcotics Unit received a Distinguished Service Award for its exceptional work in 2024 seizing large amounts of illicit substances and recovering substantial funds.

Officer of the Year was awarded to Officer Jeff Antonucci who "has served the community with excellence and distinction." Antonucci was awarded for returning property and assisting in computer crimes operations.

Other notable recipients were Chief Deputy City Attorney Anne Mallard who was honored for her extensive legal expertise, leadership and dedication to the Glendale Police Dept. and the city; Amy Tate and her service dog Brisket for their support of vulnerable crime victims and their educational outreach; and Araz Nazarian for her analytical prowess in solving crimes. Officers Carlson, Cazotti, Duncan and Willis won their division award for rescuing a kidnap victim and handling the case with sensitivity.

Glendale Police Chief Manuel Cid said he commended the winning officers and their dedication to Glendale PD and the Glendale community.

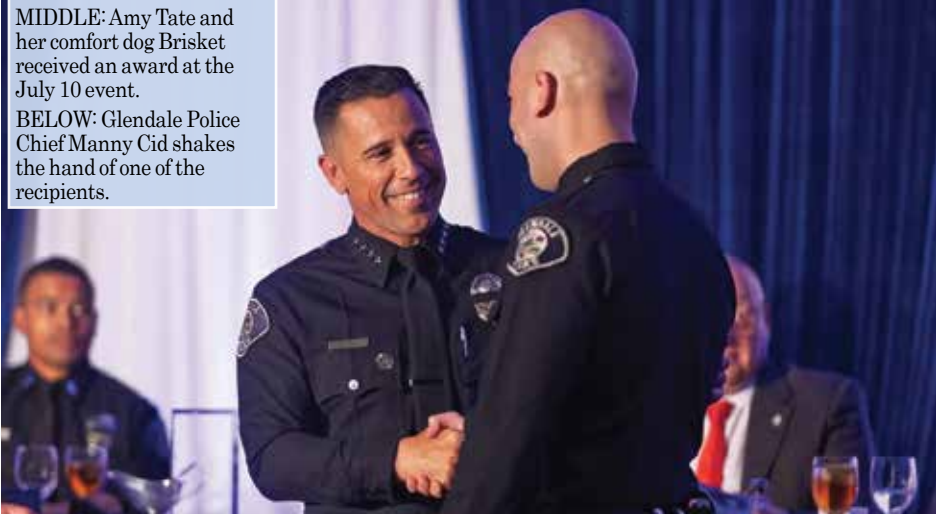
"As we recognize the guardians of our community [on July 10], let us also remember the many sacrifices that they make [and] the people [who] support them," said Chief Cid. "They put all of that on the line, oftentimes sacrificing much of their personal lives [including time with their] family, time and again their [own] safety, to make sure that they can come to work every day and uphold the mission of the Glendale Police Dept."

Council members in attendance included Elen Asatryan, Dan Brotman and Vartan Gharpetian. Mayor Ara Najarian and former council member Paula Devine were also in attendance, as was Glendale Unified School District Board of Education President Shant Sahakian.

Mayor Ara Najarian praised GPD's proactive policing and community partnerships, citing a 25% reduction in residential burglaries and the launch of a real-time intelligence center.

He lauded the staff as "the backbone that lets our officers do what they do best" before turning to the officers.

"Your excellence lifts us all," said Mayor Najarian. "And to our officers: you don't just enforce the law. You safeguard our dreams, protect our neighborhoods and mentor our youth."



Photos courtesy of the Glendale Police Foundation

TOP: The Glendale Police Foundation president Robert Baroian (left) and police chief Manuel Cid were on hand for the awards ceremony on Thursday.

MIDDLE: Amy Tate and her comfort dog Brisket received an award at the July 10 event.

BELOW: Glendale Police Chief Manny Cid shakes the hand of one of the recipients.

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NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST SUMMER POTLUCK

Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to attend its summer potluck on Sunday, Aug. 10 following worship with Pastor Rick Hall at 10 a.m. The potluck will be held in the church’s fellowship hall. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share or simply enjoy the buffet and the sense of community that the event aims to foster. LCIF hosts numerous potlucks throughout the year providing a warm and informal opportunity for connection and conversation.

LCIF also invites those with a love for reading to enjoy its summer bookclub. The selection for August is “Three Days in June” by Anne Tyler. The 25th novel by the Pulitzer Prize-winning Tyler touches on themes of love, marriage and second chances. Readers will meet to discuss the book on Monday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. in the church’s conference room. All are welcome. The only prerequisite for joining the lively discussions is a shared passion for reading.

In addition, LCIF invites the community to its weekly Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. with Pastor Rick Hall. Music is a mix of contemporary with traditional,

under the direction of Mark Anzelon. Sunday School is offered for young children, as well as a craft/activity area inside the sanctuary.

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

LA CAÑADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LAUNCHES 5-WEEK SERIES

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.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS AT UUCVH

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills will be a “magickal place” on Sunday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. During our service, Magick in Our Time, Andrew Grygus will discuss Magick as it is practiced today in North America and the British Isles. Through history, lore, current practice and quantum physics we’ll see that in the many ways in which magick is practiced and similarities are more common than differences. For a moment we’ll ponder the relationship between the mind and the universe.

In person at UUCVH, 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.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION & DINNER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m. for a special presentation of the wonderful time experienced by Mt. Olive congregation members who recently traveled in the “Footsteps of St. Paul” to Greece and Turkey. This event will involve pictures and personal testimonies of the faith, fun and fellowship enjoyed on this amazing Christian pilgrimage. In addition, pizza, salad, desserts and other refreshments will be served.

Join us at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in our Schilling Hall for this event on July 26 at 6 p.m.

“I do not count my life of any value to myself; my only aim is to finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.” – (The Apostle Paul, Acts 20:24)

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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.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. For more information, call (818) 249-1045.

MT. OLIVE OFFERS BIBLE STUDIES

Mt. Olive invites the Crescenta Valley community to its monthly breakfast Bible study at Panera Bread Restaurant, 990 Town Center Drive, Suite A in La Cañada on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. They are currently in the Book of Second Corinthians. Also, a weekly Bible study is held at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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

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 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.

Ingrid Gunnell Named GUSD Board President, Shant Sahakian Not Running for Next Term

By Eliza PARTIKA

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) conducted its annual restructuring of the school board at its organization meeting on July 15. Board member Ingrid Gunnell was named president of the board of education. Shant Sahakian, immediate past president of the board, announced he will not seek re-election for a third term on the GUSD Board of Education, or any other elected office, in the upcoming 2026 election.

Sahakian reiterated the honor of serving the community, a commitment that “turned his hair from black to gray” – a sign of his ongoing dedication to students, teachers, and staff, according to his colleagues.

In his closing remarks, Sahakian highlighted the progress the district made in creating STEAM opportunities for students, early childcare education support including the implementation of full-day and transitional kindergarten, and the expansion of dual language immersion programs to include Western Armenian and Tagalog. Under Sahakian, childcare programs served more than 6,000 elementary school students, arts and music programs were bolstered, students were better connected to the arts, the Community Schools Program was expanded, reading screeners were adopted to identify learning delays and universal meal programs that served over 4 million meals to students were implemented.

As part of Sahakian’s vision to build a STEAM pathway, Cerritos Elementary School was transformed into the Cerritos Computer Science Immersion Magnet School, Roosevelt Middle School was transformed into the Roosevelt STEAM Academy Magnet School, and Glendale High School launched the Cloud Computing & Computer Science Academy in partnership with Glendale Community College. Additionally, the school district adopted its first ever financial literacy curriculum for fifth, seventh and ninth grade students and is currently preparing for the new financial literacy high school graduation requirements. “As a proud lifelong resident of Glendale, proud product of our Glendale public schools and proud GUSD parent, it has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your board president and as a member of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education,” stated Sahakian.

Sahakian was first elected to the GUSD Board of Education in 2017, the youngest person in Glendale history to hold



Photos by Eliza PARTIKA
LEFT: At the annual restructuring meeting of the GUSD, Ingrid Gunnell was named as president of the GUSD Board of Education.
RIGHT: Immediate past president of the board Shant Sahakian announced that he will not seek re-election for a third term on the GUSD Board of Education, or any other elected office, in the upcoming 2026 election.

the position. He was elected in the first by-trustee area election to represent Area D, which includes East Glendale neighborhoods such as Adams Hill, Camino San Rafael, Chevy Chase Canyon, Citrus Grove, Emerald Isle, Glenoaks Canyon, Mariposa, Somerset and Woodbury. He was re-elected to his second term in 2022. He has served as the president of the board of education twice during his tenure. He will continue to serve as a member of the board of education through the completion of his current term in 2026.

Sahakian’s colleagues praised his even-handed presence and integrity in his tenure on the board.

“It’s truly been an honor to serve alongside you, to have you as a teacher, as a mentor, as I learned my footing as a board member. [I learned] what that was like, what this role means, and what it takes to really do it well,” said board member Katherine Cross. “You have had every seat on this dais and you’ve done it with great integrity, and done it really well. I’ve had the honor of witnessing firsthand what a calm, thoughtful presence you have.”

Glendale Teacher Association President Taline Arsenian highlighted the importance of a strong partnership between educators and district administrators in times of transition, a bond she maintained is essential to “building a school system that serves every student equitably and respectfully.”

“We recognize the dedicated service of outgoing board officers, including [former] president Sahakian, and those who will be newly appointed, including new board president Ingrid Gunnell. Mr. Sahakian, we appreciate your time, thoughtfulness and service to students, employees and our extended school community,” she

said.

“I am confident that my next decade will be defined by public service just as my last two decades have been – but it will be in new and different capacities,” said Sahakian. “I look forward to dedicating the next school year to fighting for what’s good, what’s right and what’s best for our students and then welcoming my successor who I hope will care about this work as much as I do.”

Newly elected board president Gunnell provided remarks summarizing her goals for the year.

Gunnell was elected to the GUSD Board of Education in 2022. She is a lifelong Glendale resident, a former elementary school teacher and the parent of two GUSD alumni. A graduate of Mark Keppel Elementary School and Toll Middle School,

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GCC PDC Partners with City of Glendale to Strengthen Workforce Development

The Glendale Community College (GCC) Professional Development Center (PDC) has partnered with the City of Glendale to upskill over 300 City employees. PDC instructors provided the employees with training including Lean Six Sigma, customer service, and project management. Additionally, the City earned more than \$63,000 in training funds from the PDC, which can be used for future workforce development.

The PDC, located on Honolulu Avenue in Montrose, since 1985 has been providing state-funded and fee-based training for companies across Southern California. Founded by GCC in cooperation with the State Chancellor's Office and the California Employment Training Panel (ETP), the PDC has enhanced the knowledge and skills of over 40,000 professionals, helping companies gain new levels of productivity.

The partnership with the City of Glendale was made possible by a California Community Colleges Fund grant from the ETP. Awarded to the PDC in 2021, this highly competitive grant aimed to promote future-focused, sustainable economic development and deliver high-quality job training through collaboration with business, labor and government. The grant allowed PDC to provide state-funded training to non-profit organizations, including the City of Glendale, which are traditionally excluded from such programs.

"The PDC greatly values our partnership with the City of Glendale, which is strengthening our local government and setting a standard for innovation and workforce advancement throughout the region," said PDC Executive Director Ani Keshishian. "We look forward to continued collaboration as we collectively invest in the development of a skilled, agile, and empowered workforce."

SCAM ALERT from Cover

Cryptocurrency Job Scams. Cryptocurrency job scams begin when scammers, masquerading as employees of legitimate companies, recruit victims and require them to deposit their own money in order to complete the job.

Elder Fraud. Each year, millions of elderly Americans fall victim to some type of financial fraud or confidence scheme. Common scams that

target older citizens include romance scams, tech support scams, grandparent scams, government impersonation scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, home repair scams and TV/radio scams.

The Federal Trade Commission also warns the public of scams:

Veterans and caregivers: *Recognize VA benefits overpayment scams.* Got a letter in the mail from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) saying you owe money due to an overpayment of your benefits? You might be wondering: Was I really overpaid? How much do I need to pay back? To get real answers to questions like these, people should always start by logging into their VA.gov account or call (800) 827-0648.

Help the people affected by flooding in Texas. In response to the devastating flash flooding in central Texas, many people

are looking for ways to get and give help. And scammers are looking to prey on people's generosity. Donate to charities that are known and trusted with a proven track record of dealing with disasters.

- Before giving, personally research the charity – especially if the donation request comes on social media. Check out the charity on the Better Business Bureau's Give.org or Charity Watch. Find out exactly how much of each donation goes directly to the people the charity says it helps.
- Don't donate to anyone who insists payment must be by cash or gift card or by wiring money, or cryptocurrency. That's how scammers say to pay. Those who decide to donate should pay by credit card to gain more protections.
- Be cautious about giving to individuals on crowdfunding

sites. Know that money raised in a crowdfunding campaign goes to the campaign organizer, not directly to the people or cause it's set up to help. Review the platform's policies – does it take measures to verify postings that ask for help after a disaster? And know that donating via crowdfunding is not tax deductible.


- Confirm the number before texting to donate. If someone asks a potential victim to donate by text, call the number on the charity's website to confirm the right number has been given to donate by text.

One common scam involves a "skimmer." This is a device that captures data from the magnetic stripe of a credit or debit card. These skimmers are often found at ATMs, gas pumps and sale terminals. The skimmer is often used when people use their card. But many use the tap card system, where the individual

just "taps" his/her card to the reader rather than placing the card into the reader. This is one way to avoid the skimmer if it is attached to the reader; however, criminals have now found a new way to get the consumer back to the card reader: criminals place tape or a sticker that at times resembles the legitimate contactless payment symbol over the tap-to-pay reader.

Consumers would go to the pump, for example, and attempt to tap their card or wallet card on their smartphone, and it doesn't work. The criminal's hope is this will force consumers to use their physical credit/debit card with the card reader attached to the pump where, unbeknownst to the consumer, a skimmer has been attached.

The best thing to do if this occurs is to go inside the station, or inside the bank, if possible.



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CRIME BLOTTER

JULY 13

600 block of Hillcrest Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a report concerning a residential burglary. The informant reported going to the residence and collecting mail and doing a quick walk around the property. What he found was the

sliding glass door open leading to one of the bedrooms. The room appeared to be ransacked.

The residential burglary was reported at 2 p.m.

JULY 12

1900 block of Verdugo Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, the victim/informant reported that he had arrived at the business where he was employed and parked in the parking lot. He put his laptop computer under the rear passenger seat of the vehicle, out of view. He then locked the vehicle via his key fob and heard the alarm activate. When he ended his shift at work he went to his vehicle, unlocked the vehicle with his key fob, and entered it. He searched for his laptop but could not find it. He used the Apple "Find My" application and it appeared to "ping" nearby; however, neither the victim nor the deputies could find the laptop.

The theft occurred between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

JULY 11

2500 block of Evelyn Street in Montrose, a report came into the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station regarding grand theft. The informant reported that three males inside a black, four-door sedan stole the catalytic converter from the informant's

vehicle. The informant reported that he was awakened from sleep due to the sound of tool cutting on metal. He looked out of his bedroom window and saw a black, four-door sedan facing west. He saw an unknown person – Suspect No. 1 – at the rear driver side of his vehicle apparently acting as lookout while Suspect No. 2 attempted to cut from the vehicle the catalytic converter. The informant ran to his front door and yelled at them; he saw Suspect No. 1 run to the suspect's vehicle and Suspect No. 2 entered that vehicle through the rear passenger door. The informant/victim checked his vehicle and found the catalytic converter had been cut. The suspect's vehicle appeared to be a 2010 Nissan type of sedan.

The theft occurred at 2:36 a.m.

JULY 10


2700 block of Orange Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident was notified of a power outage at the location. He arrived at the location at about 8 a.m. and saw the power meters had been cut in to. He noticed two of the power wires were cut off and taken. He believed the suspect/suspects cut open the power meters and power plants to steal copper wires.

The incident occurred at 2:47 a.m.

JULY 9

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, an informant reported that he was alerted by a security guard that two people had walked into the store and were acting suspicious. He walked to the area where the security guard had seen the individuals and saw a man, Suspect No. 1 described as White, about 30 years old with blonde hair and wearing a black beanie, a black-and-white striped shirt and black pants. The second man, Suspect No. 2, was described as a White adult, about 30 years old, wearing a white hoodie and gray pants. The suspects walked to where the vacuum cleaners were located and attempted to take a vacuum cleaner from the stand but they were unable to remove the vacuums. They then went to another area of the store where Suspect No. 1 grabbed a router and placed it inside a red shopping basket. Suspect No. 1 then met with Suspect No. 2 in the medical aisle and took about 16 boxes of nicotine gum. They then both walked out of the store without attempting to pay at 7:39 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.



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OUAT from Cover

When Humphrey retired in 2003, the Palacios family stepped up and bought the store, inspired by a letter written by then 9-year-old Jessica titled “Where will I find my fifth Harry Potter book if there is no Once Upon a Time?”

When the rent was raised the store was in peril and Palacios was concerned about finding a new home for it; however, the store found a perfect place at 2207 Honolulu Ave. In 2008, Publisher’s Weekly announced that OUAT was the nation’s oldest children’s bookstore and in 2015 the children’s bookstore was awarded the prestigious Women’s National Book Association Pannell Award. This award is given to a bookstore whose community contributions stimulate, promote and encourage children’s and young people’s interest in books.

These are just two of many recognitions and awards the bookstore has received; however, the real sign of what this store means to the community is the loyalty and love of those who call this store their favorite bookstore.

Willow Brock, 6, and her sister Wren, 4, were at Sunday’s event to celebrate Pippi’s birthday.

“I like Pippi and the books,” said Willow, a sentiment echoed by her sister.

When asked if she has a favorite books, Willow said she like “all books.”

In a world where a lot of eyes are online, the girls said they

like coming into the bookstore and finding the book they want.

“I just like reading [books],” Willow added.

“I like to read,” Wren said.

Mom Tracy Pham and dad Sean Park have been coming to OUAT ever since their daughter, Nora, was born almost four years ago.

“It’s a very special place, very community-oriented, and they have a great selection of stuff,” Pham said.

There are books that cover a variety of topics for the youngest to the oldest reader. Other things that can be found there include fairies dancing on a tree, smiling alligator puppets and items that help kids, and adults, continue their journey in reading.

“It is very well curated,” Pham added. “We love getting birthday presents here [and] we love that they wrap the books.”

Parents interviewed also liked that everyone who works at the bookstore knows just about every book on the shelves and can advise on one that is just perfect for their child.

Part of the event included some of the “best wishes” stories that were shared for Pippi. There was a contest and at Sunday’s event five were chosen to be read by the kids who wrote them. But there were so many that were written and sent to OUAT. On Friday CVW will be publishing online at cvweekly.com all of the best wishes. Included will be any accompanying artwork.

Cars, Music and More at Cruise Night

By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

A community favorite – Cruise Night on Brand Boulevard in Glendale – is on Saturday night from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The free family-friendly event promises a fun-filled night showcasing cars through 1985, live music by Scot Bruce with his music interpretation of Elvis Presley from the early years, Kenny Metcalf as Elton John and The PettyBreakers. Brian Beirne, “Mr. Rock N Roll” of KRTH 101 Radio, will be hosting the event.

Choosing the entertainment was especially important to Beirne.

“I wanted a broad spectrum of entertainment with hits from the ’50s thru the early ’80s, from Elvis to Elton,” he said. “Interestingly both Tom Petty and Elton John were influenced by Elvis.”

Over 325 cars are expected along Brand, according to Beirne.

“Plus modified imports and exotic cars,” he added.

The event, celebrating its 30th year, is presented by BMW with support from the Greater Downtown Glendale Assn.

Cruise Night is not just a time to ogle cars; folks will have the chance to learn about services provided by a variety of vendors. Among those expected on the boulevard will be representatives from Porto’s, KABC-790, Dignity Health, Los Angeles Federal Credit Union, Califormulated (selling Cruise Night T-shirts), The Alex, Super King market, The “Donut Guy” Realty Group w/ Keller Williams and others.

The team from The “Donut Guy” Realty Group will be on hand to hand out plenty of donuts, both chocolate and glazed.

“We’re giving out four dozen donuts every half hour, so there will be lots to go around!” promised Priscilla Martell, event coordinator for The “Donut Guy” Realty Group. “We’ll also have free coffee, cold water, balloons and some more fun giveaways; be sure to swing by and say hi!”

Vendors flock to the event to better acquaint themselves



File photo
Hundreds of cars will dot Brand Boulevard on Cruise Night, including in front of the historic Alex Theatre.

with the community and to provide information on their services.

“We love being present at community events,” said Martell. “The Cruise Night is such a fun way to connect with people in a relaxed setting. It aligns perfectly with our brand; we’re all about making real estate an enjoyable experience. We’re here to bring some fun, good vibes and friendly faces to the night.”

Folks who want to learn more are encouraged to attend Cruise Night.

“We’re really looking forward to Cruise Night!” said Martell. “It’s one of our favorite ways to connect with the community and share a little joy ... and some sugar. Whether you come for the cars or the donuts, we hope you’ll stop by, grab a treat and say hello. ‘Selling homes, sharing donuts’ - it’s what we do best.”

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The balance of the state grant is \$6,928,066. The option adopted by the council will require an expenditure of up to \$304,730 from the city’s general fund.

Councilmember Dan Brotman summed up the decision facing the council: spend \$440,000 for limited access or spend \$340,000 more and open up most of the grounds to the public.

Local Glendale critic Mike Mohill spoke in support of the expanded project noting that he opposed the project in 2009.

“But I’ve come around,” Mohill said. “It’s a gem to have it, a tribute to the history of the Crescenta Valley.”

He questioned the missed presence of Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linkhorst, saying, “She should be here.”

Reached for comment following the meeting, Linkhorst said, “We are excited to see things finally get underway. We still wish less was being changed in the Pines Cottage but look forward to a time when more people can see Rockhaven again. We hope that the property will be opened to the public by next May.”

Mayor Ara Najarian voted against the motion, expressing his concerns about the finances.

In anticipation of the closing of the Scholl Canyon Landfill, the council approved a pledge to fund the closure for at least 30 years as required by state law. Rather than come up with an immediate infusion of \$9 million, the pledge of financial agreement allows the city to contribute to maintaining the fund over time.

The projected closure of the landfill is expected between December 2028 and April 2029.

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) announced a new customer portal, anticipated to be live on July 22. The utility expects some disruption during the transition and will be accepting phone payments. Customers will be required to reset their passwords and to re-enroll in autopay but will see enhancements in customer service. More details on the new “my GWP portal” are available at <https://mygwp.glendaleca.gov/>.

City Attorney Mike Garcia summarized the new rules affecting the conduct of council meetings over the past months: there will now be three periods of public comment. The first is for community events and will be limited to announcements of community events. The second is a period of open communications: up to 30 minutes near the beginning of the meeting for comments of up to three minutes about topics on or off the agenda, provided they relate to areas within the jurisdiction of the city council. If a person speaks on an agenda item, they cannot speak again when the agenda item comes up; if a person speaks on a non-agenda item, they cannot then speak during the second oral communications period at the end of the council meeting. The mayor may reduce the amount of time allowed each speaker.

Regarding council debate, councilmembers must confine their remarks to items under debate and avoid personal remarks. The councilmember who has the floor may not be interrupted except for a point of order. During the first round of comments, councilmembers may speak for up to five minutes and all councilmembers will be allowed to

speak before a member is allowed to comment for a second time. Subsequent rounds of comments will be limited to three minutes with no limit on the number of rounds of comments. Time limits do not apply to council questions, Garcia concluded.

Fire Chief Jeff Brooks explained the purpose of an ordinance updating the city’s fire maps, adding 7,410 properties to the highest hazard designation, bringing that total to 16,383 parcels citywide.

Fire hazard severity zone areas are identified by the state’s fire marshal as moderate, high and very high based on statewide criteria and the severity of the fire hazard expected in those areas.

Approximately 63% of Glendale is included in the high and highest hazard severity zones. Property owners in the very high fire severity zones are subject to annual inspections and will receive notices for the abatement if brush clearance or other fire safety requirements are not met, in accordance with state and local fire prevention standards.

Regarding upcoming community events, Shane Lee of Glendale YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) issued an invitation to the group’s monthly happy hour on Thursday, July 31 from 6–8 p.m. at Porto’s Bakery, 315 N. Brand Blvd. to “talk about how much we love density and want more apartments in Glendale, especially in single-family neighborhoods. Come hang out with some cool people.”

July was proclaimed Disability Awareness Month. One recipient of the city’s recognition reported on his work, saying “the special needs are to be recognized for one’s

essence, craved more than health or empathy.”

Finally, the council acknowledged July as “Parks Make Life Better” month, celebrating Glendale’s 47 parks, 5,000-plus acres of open space and the role recreation plays in health, wellness and community connection. Residents are encouraged to enjoy Glendale’s outdoor spaces, programs and community services. The city’s parks department invites everyone to participate in a “sticker mission” to celebrate the month: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/community-services-parks/recreation-plays-in-health-wellness-and-community-connection/>

Mayor Najarian shared a reminder of the upcoming Cruise Night on Saturday, July 19 from 5:30 – 10:30 p.m. More than 300 classic and vintage cars and more than 40,000 participants are expected at the 30th annual event along five blocks of Brand Boulevard “in the heart of Glendale.” (See <https://www.glendalecruisenight.com/>)

At a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon, the Glendale City Council reviewed updates to the portions of the city’s general plan and reviewed a new draft environmental justice element.

In California, all cities and counties must have a general plan, an overarching plan that serves as a blueprint for future growth and development. By law, the general plan must include seven mandatory elements: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise and safety. Glendale’s general plan has 10 elements.

The city notes that the new draft environmental justice element

“includes policies to reflect efforts to ensure that all community members, regardless of race, ethnicity or income, have equal access to an inclusive, safe and healthy environment, including clean air and water, parks and other essential resources. Such policies are closely tied to ongoing updates to other General Plan Elements, including the Land Use, Circulation, and Safety Elements, as well as other citywide plans like the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, Pedestrian Plan, and Bicycle Transportation Plan.”


The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines environmental justice as, “The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

The draft will be reviewed until its final adoption, sometime after the comment period concludes on Aug. 19. The city encourages input through any of the following methods: Complete the form at <https://tinyurl.com/GlendalePlanComment>; send comments by email to GlendalePlan@GlendaleCA.gov or mail comments to Long Range Planning Section, General Plan Comments, 633 E. Broadway, Room 103 Glendale, CA 91206. Comments must be submitted by Aug. 19.


The city’s full general plan, proposed updates and more information on the planning process can be found at <https://www.glendaleplan.com/>.

The Glendale council will meet next on Tuesday, July 29.

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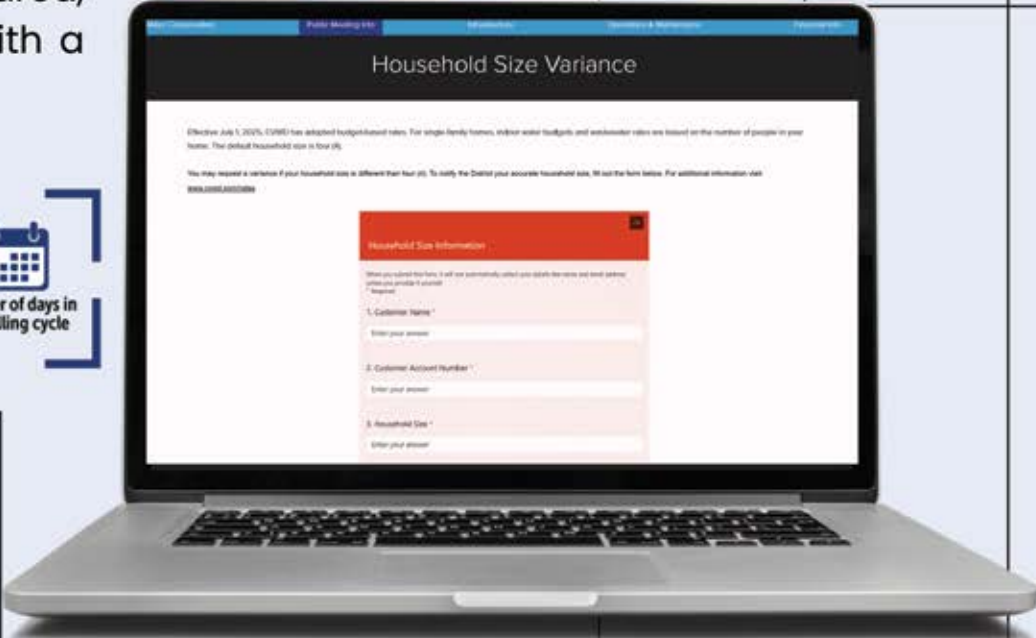
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VIEWPOINTS

TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

A Drunk Driver Destroyed Two Families In 1988

It was about this time of year back in 1988, a hot July weekday. Bill, a maintenance worker for Glendale Parks, was off work when he got a call from his sister. She had a flat tire and was calling from a pay phone in front of Mike's Verdugo Room (today's Blue Moon Lounge) at 3509 N. Verdugo Road. Bill drove over and changed her tire. At about 5 p.m., he finished and invited his sister to join him inside the bar for a drink. She declined, but Bill entered the cool, dark bar to have a few beers.

Down in the Verdugo Woodlands two moms, Valerie Cramer and Patricia Carr, both in their 30s, talked about taking a walk later that evening with their kids. As the sun began to disappear behind the Verdugo Mountains, the families set out. Valerie was with her daughter Brianna, 9, and son Billy, 11. Patricia was with her 6-year-old daughter Karen. The two little

families walked north until they got to the spot where Verdugo and Canada Boulevards split. In the fork of that intersection there was a small dirt island where there was a crosswalk. The families stood on the island and waited to cross.

Back up the street at Mike's Verdugo Room, it was 8:30 p.m., and Bill had drunk several beers. Time to head home so Bill stepped out into the warm evening, got in his car and pulled out of the parking lot. He was feeling good – confident – so he floored it down Verdugo. He made the turn where Verdugo merges with La Crescenta Avenue – no problem – and kept the pedal to the floor as he went down the straightaway in front of the Oakmont golf course. He was doing 80 when he saw the next curve coming up fast where Verdugo and Canada split. He turned the wheel, but the car kept going straight. The tires screeched as the car drifted

toward the dirt island. Time seemed to slow down. Suddenly in his windshield, Bill saw a big group of people. Bill saw one of them, looked like a boy, dive sideways but the others just stood there.

There was a loud bang as the front of his car hit the bodies. The car stopped just short of the front yard of a house on the other side. Bill flung open his door and looked back behind him. Through the dust and smoke he saw several twisted bodies. To one side was a boy, flat on the ground but trying to rise. Neighbors were pouring out of their homes. Bill shouted to them to call an ambulance.

Valerie and Brianna, Patricia and Karen had been killed instantly. Billy had seen the car coming and dove out of the way, suffering just a broken hand. Valerie's husband and Patricia's husband found out about the accident the hard way – with a phone call.

Bill's blood alcohol level was 0.15%. He was charged with four counts of manslaughter and two counts of causing an accident while drunk. He faced 18 years.

Bill pled not guilty but was convicted on all counts and sentenced to 11 years.

In the aftermath, the City of Glendale stepped up to strengthen the median with curbs and multiple guardrails while volunteers from the community funded a drive to beautify the site of the tragedy. A memorial garden, with elaborate plantings, was installed including four varieties of floribunda roses to represent the four victims. A granite stone bearing their names was placed there. At the one-year anniversary of the accident a huge crowd bearing pink and white balloons gathered at the new memorial garden to remember the two families. The balloons were printed with "Don't drink and

drive."

I don't know whatever happened to the widowed Mr. Carr or Mr. Cramer and son Billy. I don't know how long the driver served or how his life turned out. I do remember a photo of the crash. On the rear bumper of the car was a sticker: "If you don't like the way I drive, stay off the sidewalk."



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

NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO » ASSEMBLYMEMBER NICK SCHULTZ

Every January, the governor releases a budget proposal that kicks off negotiations with the Legislature over everything from how we fund our schools to public safety. This year, through the aftermath of the devastating Palisades and Eaton wildfires and the ongoing economic assault on California from the federal government, we worked together to pass a budget enacting a responsible, balanced spending plan that safeguards California's values while maintaining our state's long-term fiscal health.

The state government's budget and accompanying trailer bills include new landmark policies that will accelerate housing production and boost affordability in communities across the state – addressing California's most urgent challenges.

In response to Governor Newsom's proposed cuts the Legislature successfully pushed back against drastic reductions

to health and human services programs. The final state budget signed by the governor represents a negotiated compromise.

In total, the Budget Act of 2025 contains \$321.1 billion in total spending, including \$228.4 from the General Fund. The budget is balanced with total reserves of \$15.7 billion, including \$11.2 billion in the Rainy Day Fund and \$4.5 billion in the regular reserve.

The budget reflects a shared commitment to protect opportunity and improve affordability in California in the face of targeted attacks by the Trump Administration.

Below is a brief summary of the various components of the state budget plan that I would like to highlight for all of you.

Education. The budget makes historic investments in public education – from universal transitional kindergarten and free school meals to expanded before-

and after-school programs, summer school, smaller class sizes and strengthened career training and higher education.

Healthcare. The budget preserves key health care programs for Californians targeted by Republicans. It preserves vital safety net programs, including in-home supportive services and women's reproductive health care.

As part of the budget agreement, the governor is also expected to sign legislation protecting access to health care and license and regulate pharmacy benefit managers for the first time, increasing transparency and accountability in the pharmacy supply chain.

The legislation also expands CalRx's authority to procure brand-name drugs and respond to politically motivated supply disruptions, helping shield access to critical medications like mifepristone.

Entertainment Industry. The

budget protects California's position as the fourth largest economy in the world – supporting business and continuing economic growth, including California's iconic film industry. The budget includes an expanded film and television tax credit totaling \$750 million a year. In addition, we've worked to pass legislation to modernize the tax credit to keep us more competitive with other markets like Georgia and New York so that we can keep

production, and all of the economic benefit to surrounding businesses, here at home.

In California, our budget is a reflection of our values. We're investing in our communities, protecting vital services, supporting neighborhoods devastated by the January wildfires, growing jobs and addressing the affordability crisis with real reforms to bring down the cost of housing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ideas to Avoid Mayoral Selection Drama

Based on the recent repeated drama surrounding Glendale City Council's mayoral selection, I proposed to City Council the following process that reconciles various competing interests and assuages concerns: *In every city council election, the winning candidate shall immediately serve as mayor for one year and the second-place candidate shall serve as mayor the following year. There shall be no "best interest" clause that would allow council members to trade horses and interrupt the line of succession.*

- This process reconciles an at-large mayor idea that has been proposed but has been defeated at least twice by citywide vote. The most popular candidate [who] would have been elected in an at-large mayoral contest still immediately serves as mayor, but the title rotates as

- it traditionally has done.
- On election years that select three council seats, the third-place winner would never have the opportunity to become mayor, but that candidate arguably would not be popular enough to win an at-large mayoral election.
- Council members would never be eligible to serve as mayor during their third or fourth years (only in their first or second year) thereby addressing the "unfair advantage" bestowed by a mayoral position during a reelection year.
- The "best interest" clause would not be necessary because the people would directly elect first place and second place candidates for immediate service as mayor over two years. The people themselves would be deciding who is in their best interest.

- Council members have expressed baseless concerns that a novice candidate who becomes a first-time mayor would not know how to run a meeting. LA Mayor Richard Riordan and SF Mayor Daniel Lurie ran businesses and never held public office before running large cities; neither large city imploded. Mayor Ara Najarian, who has been mayor several times before, still frequently asks procedural questions to city attorney Mike Garcia during city meetings. The insinuation that the average Glendale citizen is not equipped to lead the city on day one perpetuates our alienation and our view that council members are out-of-touch for having created an elite, impenetrable club for themselves.

Alex Balekian
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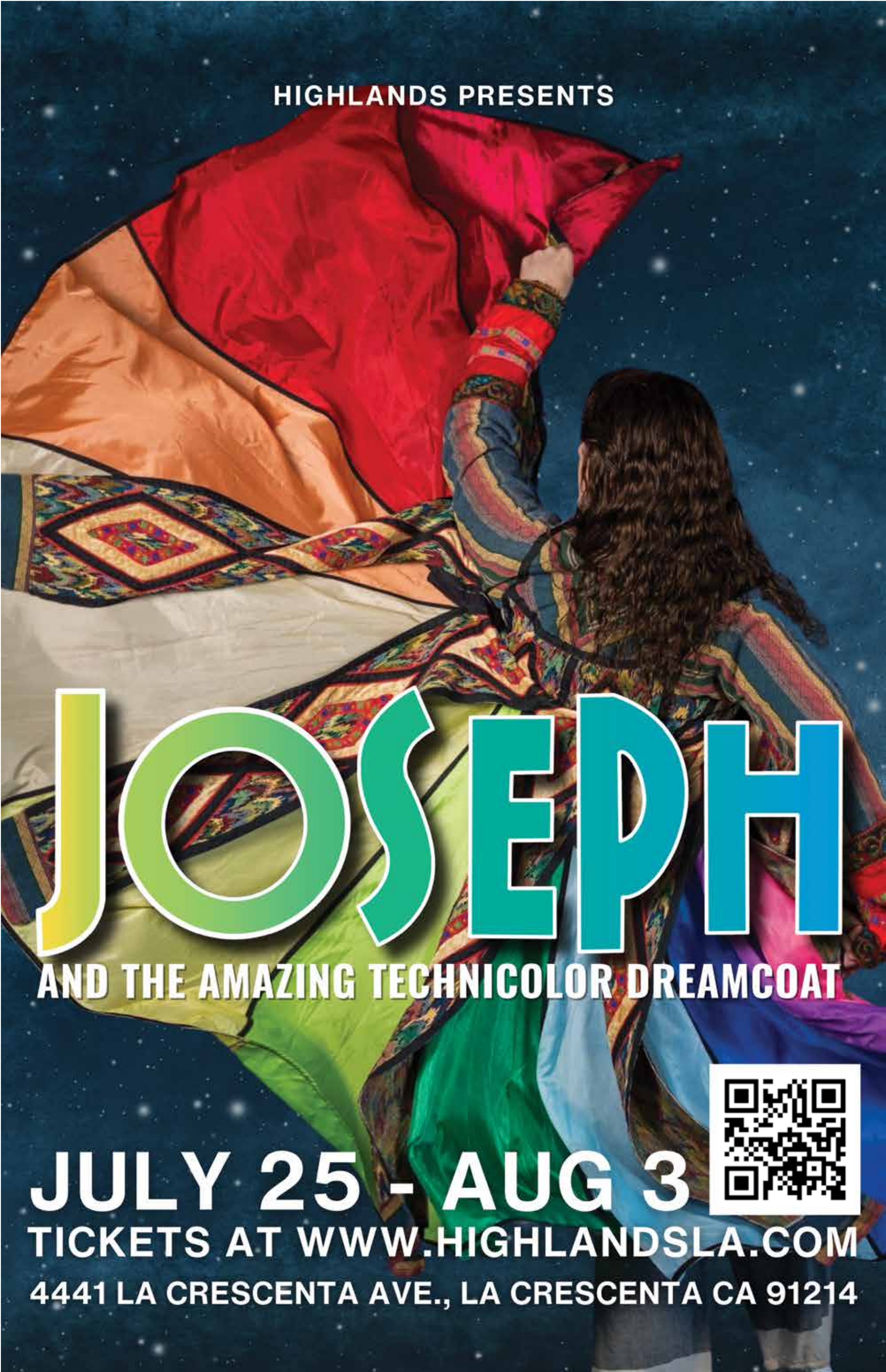
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YOUTH

A Heartwarming Tradition: Lincoln Scholarship Awards Assembly Celebrates the Past and Future

On May 23 the Lincoln Elementary School community gathered for one of its most cherished traditions – the Annual Lincoln Scholarship Awards Assembly. The event, a heartwarming celebration of achievement and nostalgia, was once again organized by kindergarten teacher and committee head Angelina Thomas, whose dedication ensures this special day is unforgettable for all.

Each year, Lincoln Elementary offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who once walked its halls as young students. These returning seniors are welcomed back and introduced one by one, sharing fond memories of their time at Lincoln, recalling favorite teachers and moments that shaped their early education. They also reveal

their exciting plans for the future and reintroduce their kindergarten buddies – who are now proud sixth graders.

The assembly not only honors academic success but also celebrates the enduring connections between past and present Lincoln Lions.

This year’s outstanding scholarship recipients are first row, from left, Eric Herabedian, Isabella Alonzo, Fernando J. Cisneros, Alex Hayes, Arpa Ghazarian, Lindy Brascia, Noah Walch, Jacob Mucic; second row, from left, Ethan Lee, Elyas Ashtijon, Jamie Shoemake, Julian Duaybis, Lyons Mathias, Jonah Barty, Nicholas Dermovsesian; third row, from left, Emil Badalian, Aren Nazari, Maddox Isagolian, Niko Tomic, David Ro and Jimmy Spears.



Eleven \$10,000 Milken Scholars Awards Go to Standout LA County Students

Hayk Poghosyan, a graduate of Verdugo Hills High School who plans on attending Princeton, was among 11 LA County high school seniors who is a 2025 Milken Scholar.

The scholarship program, a joint initiative of the Milken Institute and the Milken Family Foundation, honors high school seniors in Los Angeles County, Washington, D.C. and New York City each year with a \$10,000 cash prize and lifelong access to college advising, career counseling, internship assistance, community service opportunities and a fund to help with graduate school applications, unpaid internships, study abroad programs and other costs associated with their pursuit of a career.

In 2012, Poghosyan moved to the U.S. from Armenia. Now, capitalizing on his various passions, Poghosyan finds unique ways to make a difference as a tutor, community service leader and artist. After earning the nickname “Mr. American” at an Armenian summer camp due to his expert help with translation and homework review, Poghosyan founded the Overseas English Tutoring Camp where he sits as president and teaches reading, writing and comprehension lessons. He utilized his roles as president of his school’s Key Club and vice president of a six-school Key Club division to revive a local art center that faced significant funding cuts after closing during COVID. Poghosyan’s dedication to fundraising and rallying volunteers helped restore many free community programs at the art center, earning Poghosyan the Bronze Service, Club of the Year, and President of the Year awards.

Valedictorian of Verdugo Hills High School, Poghosyan will be the first in his family to attend college. He joined and started his school’s Mathworks Modeling Challenge national team and has become an AP Scholar with Distinction.



For over a year he worked as a Mathnasium tutor helping teach math to K-12 students. His aptitude for math served him well in his roles as treasurer for the Class of 2025 and his school’s STEMM Magnet Leadership club, where he developed a free Tutoring Tuesdays program and raised over \$30,000 to organize senior class events.

Outside of the classroom, Poghosyan was on the varsity tennis team, interned for a state senator’s congressional campaign, and served on the Appellate Court for YMCA Youth and Government.

Poghosyan will study electrical engineering and philosophy at Princeton and plans a career as a patent attorney.

Winners Announced in Water Art Contests



The first place grand prize winner in the GWP “Being Water Wise Is ...” contest is Sydney Kim.

Eighty entries were submitted by Glendale students this year for GWP’s “Being Water Wise Is...” art contest. From this talented group, 15 posters have now been forwarded to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for its regional Student Art Calendar Contest.

Among the winners is grand prize winner Sydney Kim, a ninth grade student at Crescenta Valley High School and Sena Matsudaira, a fifth grade student from Dunsmore Elementary School. Moving on to the Metropolitan Water District’s regional contest is Samuel Hansu, a fifth grade student from Monte Vista Elementary School, Renee Oh, a seventh grade student from Village Christian School, Sophia Kim, a sixth grade student from Monte Vista Elementary School and Hyena Kim, a 10th grade student from Crescenta Valley High School.

In addition, the top three winners of GWP’s art contest will also receive Amazon gift cards in the amounts of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

The Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) announced the winners of its 2025 FMWD “Being Water Wise Is...”

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

Children’s Entrepreneur Market Opens in Glendale



By Ruth SOWBY

The Children’s Entrepreneur Market on July 9 partnered with the City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Dept. to bring a youth-run market to Verdugo Park. Held alongside Summer Concerts in the Park, the free event is run entirely by young entrepreneurs ages 5-17.

Francine Joson, assistant manager for Orange County Metro, told the children to “use your calm confident voice.”

“Show your passion,” she advised.

Parents were told to stay behind the scenes.

“Pretend you are invisible,” said Joson.

The Children’s Entrepreneur Market is held two times a month at locations ranging from San Clemente to Glendale. All proceeds go to the kids.

On July 9, 43 vendors set up

their booths that were manned by a minimum of two children at each booth. Customers swarmed the booths. Many were repeat customers.

Especially popular was a booth showing off the crocheted merchandise by artist-entrepreneur and Sylmar resident Milana Sukiasian, 11.

Wise beyond her years, Sukiasian said, “This is my business. I created everything. Instead, I’d be sitting at home.”

Her merch included crocheted cellphone cases, miniature animals, hearts and knit bolero tops. Sukiasian’s brother Mikael, 9, was her backup. He showed off his 3-D printed, robot-like figures.

Sukiasian expected to net \$100 during the Market’s time frame of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. She said she wanted to put half of her profits toward a “dream chair” for her bedroom.

Seed bombs was the order of

the day at the booth of 11-year-old Araxi K. Proud grandma Catherine Yesayan watched Araxi demonstrate how the flowering seed bombs sprout with rain (a little water will do). Araxi is a first-time entrepreneur at the Market.

For those who missed the first Market – or want to attend another – the Children’s Entrepreneur Market returns on Aug. 6 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Verdugo Park is located at 1621 Canada Blvd. in Glendale.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY

LEFT: The Children’s Entrepreneur Market was held at Verdugo Park in Glendale.

RIGHT: Children entrepreneurs Mikael 9, and sister Milana Sukiasian, 11, are in charge of their booth at the Children’s Entrepreneur Market. Milana wears her hand crocheted bolero. It’s one-sleeved because she “ran out of yarn.”

BELOW: First-time child entrepreneur Araxi K, 11, shows off her seed bombs to Grandma Catherine Yesayan of Glendale.



Questions About Today’s Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis!

Home Showing Etiquette

Dear Phyllis,

I am considering moving to be closer to my children in Orange County. I recently met with the Realtor who sold me my home. He is adamant that I am not present when my home is shown. I have been in my house for nearly forty years and can answer any buyer’s questions. I am hoping you can share your thoughts on home showing etiquette.

Potential Seller

Dear Potential Seller,

When an owner remains present during showings, it creates several challenges that

hinder the selling process. Potential buyers often feel more comfortable exploring a house without the seller hovering. Additionally, the buyer is likely unwilling to share concerns with their real estate agent, thereby not allowing their agent to address any buyer objections.

Sellers, being emotionally attached to their home, sometimes react defensively to criticism or questions, which can lead to an awkward atmosphere that turns buyers off. The seller’s presence can also add pressure, making buyers feel rushed or obligated to offer positive feedback. This could

prevent them from assessing the home objectively and imagining themselves living there.

When sellers are in the house, attention might shift from the property itself to the seller’s personality, belongings, or explanations, distracting from the goal of letting the home shine on its own. Awkward interactions can arise if sellers overshare personal details, justify flaws, or hover, all of which can make buyers uneasy. A lingering seller also disrupts the staged, neutral environment that helps buyers envision the space as theirs. It could also suggest desperation, potentially

weakening the seller’s negotiating power.

As real estate agents, we are trained to highlight strengths and address concerns professionally. We are better suited to guide showings neutrally. We understand the features most important to our clients and can highlight those during our showing. Ultimately, stepping away allows buyers the freedom to connect with the home on their terms, increasing the chances of an offer. These are likely the reasons your Realtor recommends your absence.

Phyllis

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The 44th Lotus Festival Attracts Thousands to Echo Park Lake



By Ruth SOWBY

For two days in July the Lotus Festival brings together communities to honor the diversity and contributions of the Asian Pacific Islander communities of Southern California. This year, the weekend of July 12 and 13

marked the 44th year of celebration timed with the blooming of the lotus flowers of Echo Park Lake, located just outside of downtown LA. This lotus bed is the largest in the nation and has been visited by over 125,000 people since the Festival's beginnings.

This year's festival featured

dragon boat races, live music, dance performances and cultural exhibitions.

The Festival started in 1972 as a one-day event called "ay of the Lotus. It was organized by the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks and the Oriental Organizations (COO).

The "coolest" activity on the hot afternoon was taking a swan boat ride on the lake. For the bravest among the crowd was a ride on the Dragon Train. Watching a dance performance under a tent in the heat was also popular. Members of LAPD guided pedestrians across the street from Festival to sidewalk.

The lotus flower symbolizes rebirth, purity and life. Some theories suggest they were planted in 1923-24, possibly by missionaries from the nearby Angels Temple, using lotus seeds from China.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
TOP: The Lotus Festival on Echo Park Lake attracted crowds under sunny skies and hot temperatures.
ABOVE: A ride on the Dragon Train was popular with the kids at the Lotus Festival.
LEFT: Swan boats provided a cool ride on the lake.



Family Summer Fun at Discovery Cube

Discovery Cube is a leading Southern California children's science museum. It is opening its doors all summer long to Southern California families looking for a place to cool off and enjoy science-riffic exhibits and activities.

The Rescue Exhibition is now open at Discovery Cube Los Angeles, 11800 Foothill Blvd. in Sylmar, through Sept. 1. This seasonal exhibit drops guests into the thrilling world of emergency response where science meets bravery. With 17 different experiences, visitors can climb aboard a full-size helicopter

simulator, spot heat signals with infrared cameras and test their skills in jet ski navigation as they search for swimmers in distress. Fight virtual fires, perform surf rescues and learn survival strategies in high-stakes scenarios. Along the way, discover the gear and medical techniques first responders use to save lives.

Packed with interactive experiences and designed for curious minds of all ages, The Rescue Exhibition brings the world of emergency response to life like never before.

UCLA Honors Rocker Ronnie James Dio

Ronnie James Dio, the heavy metal music icon who succumbed to gastric cancer in 2010, was honored July 10 – on what would have been his 83rd birthday – by the non-profit founded in his memory with the dedication of a room in the UCLA Center for Oral/Head & Neck Oncology Research (COOR), embedded within the UCLA School of Dentistry.

The plaque outside the designated Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Saliva Storage Room was unveiled by Dio's widow Wendy Dio and Dr. David Wong, professor and director of the COOR. Members of the board of directors of the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund (www.diocancerfund.org) were present at a formal naming ceremony.

Since 2016, the Dio Cancer Fund has supported the research

of Dr. Wong and his team in the development of a non-invasive saliva test for cancer, also known as EFIRM liquid biopsy. Dr. Wong's team has already been awarded a five-year \$4.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to advance liquid biopsy testing for the early detection of lung cancer and has applied for a similar grant for research specifically into gastric cancer.

"Ronnie's stomach cancer was detected far too late and I know that if the liquid biopsy available back then, his cancer might have been detected earlier and saved his life," stated Wendy Dio.

The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund is a privately funded 501(c)(3) public charity committed to raising awareness and funding for cancer prevention, education and research for a cure.

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» MOVIE REVIEW

Truth, Justice and A Fresh Start: ‘Superman’ – the Reset That DC Needed

By Jackson TOYON

The DC Extended Universe, as it was previously called, was slowly becoming a sinking ship. “Man of Steel” started off things strongly, was well-liked and did well at the box office – but as the DCEU wound down, Warner Bros. just couldn’t seem to turn out another winner. Fans of DC loved the characters but most of the films in the waning years of the DCEU could not escape box office flop territory. Even tentpoles like “Aquaman and The Lost Kingdom,” while not outright flopping, struggled to make more than the combined production and marketing budget. In 2022, Warner Bros. cut its losses and officially canceled the DCEU, electing to restructure and restart its cinematic universe under the leadership of James Gunn (“Guardians of the Galaxy,” “The Suicide Squad”) and Peter Safran.

Now, in 2025, the first major introduction to this new “DC

Universe” (DCU for short) has hit theaters in the form of “Superman.” Much has been riding on this movie, both for the financial hopes of Warner Bros. and for the expectations of DC fans. So ... how is it?

Thirty years after arriving on Earth as the last son of Krypton, Clark Kent (David Corenswet) has been protecting humanity for a few years now – this time around the film doesn’t start with him growing up in Kansas. He balances his role as Superman with maintaining a job as a reporter for the Daily Planet, where we meet iconic character and familiar love interest Lois Lane (Rachel Brosnahan). After intervening in a politically sensitive foreign conflict, Superman’s actions have sparked international controversy. Some powerful figures, like the villainous and envious Lex Luthor (Nicolas Hoult), have taken notice and started to question if Superman is truly a hero or is a potential threat. With public opinion beginning to turn against him,

Clark Kent must rely on his allies and fight back against a plot that threatens to tear Metropolis apart.

Right off the bat, this film has a vastly different tone from many of the previous DCEU films. Less gritty and much less dark, it

embraces brighter colors. With director James Gunn at the helm, it’s laced with humor and it doesn’t shy away from being corny – more in line with Gunn’s previous work under the DC umbrella.

Filmmaker Zack Snyder’s 2013 “Man of Steel” inspired awe and had plenty of “cool” factors, but James Gunn’s “Superman” elicits feelings of hope and positivity, which I feel is fundamentally closer to what Superman is meant to be. The film does feel a tad overstuffed at times, having many named characters to keep track of and several themes it tries to explore – but some of that can be justified, given that this is the first foray into the new DCU and the filmmakers want to make a film as enticing as it can be. And when you’re having as much fun as I did with all of these characters, it becomes easier to forgive such issues.

The casting of Corenswet, Brosnahan and Hoult as the central trio is excellent. Corenswet perfectly

portrays what Superman stands for, Brosnahan stays realistic with her lack of powers while still rejecting being a damsel in distress and Hoult’s obsessive hatred and pettiness against Superman is a joy to watch. Among the other standouts, Nathan Fillion’s scene-stealing character Guy Gardner and Edi Gathegi’s Mr. Terrific both leave a lasting impression – Gathegi in particular feels ready for a solo spotlight. Perhaps his own show in this new cinematic universe?

“Superman” isn’t perfect – a little overstuffed, a slightly clunky first 20-25 minutes – but it made me connect with Clark Kent more than any DCEU project ever did. The experience had me leaving the theater with a smidgen of hope in my heart ... and a smile on my face. For the first time in years, I am feeling optimistic about the future of DC films.

This is the fresh start that DC has been sorely needing, and at long last the box office seems to agree.



Ara Dabandjian Quartet

The Ara Dabandjian Quartet at Brand Summer Music Series

The Brand Summer Music Series is an outdoor concert series located at the Brand Library & Art Center. 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 18 – World Music by the Ara Dabandjian Quartet

The Ara Dabandjian Quartet is a captivating ensemble founded by composer and multi-instrumentalist Ara Dabandjian, blending the sounds of accordion, cello, guitar and contrabass into a unique fusion of global musical traditions. With a sound that transcends cultural boundaries, the quartet’s performances

evoke a magical atmosphere, transforming any event into a memorable experience. The ensemble’s combination of rich textures and energetic rhythms creates a powerful presence that resonates deeply with listeners. From evocative folk tunes to vibrant, modern arrangements, Ara Dabandjian Quartet’s performances are a celebration of both tradition and innovation.

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

Images provided by Brand Summer Music Series

THEN & NOW



Then: This is another view of Verdugo Hills Hospital under construction in 1971. When the hospital was planned for this site, the City of Glendale annexed the property from what was then unincorporated LA County in order to keep the new medical facility within its boundaries. Previously Gethsemane Lutheran Church had been on this site but moved a few years before to a new church building on Orange Avenue across from Monte Vista Elementary School.

Verdugo Hills Hospital Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: Here’s that same view today and, despite being over 50 years old, the hospital still looks modern and attractive. We are fortunate to have such a fine hospital located centrally in our community. For former local resident Diane Thompson, the hospital’s site is particularly significant. She was married here when it was a church, she gave birth to her daughter here when it was a new hospital and, more recently, both her parents passed away here.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, July 18, Vic Pallos will make a presentation: Jewel City Memories in Postcards.

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.

CCLCF EVENTS

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

- Intro to Flameworking (glass beads) workshop will be held Sunday, July 27 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fee: \$85.
- Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, July 19 in the Auditorium from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit cclcf.org/events for a link to make your appointment.
- Summer special registrations for the Thanksgiving 5K Run and Kids' mile are available for \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids through Aug. 31.
- The new Foothills Community Choir summer kick-off concert will be on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is free.
- Registration for Fall I Programming opens July 30.
- 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>.

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.

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.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 14, 2025 - July 20, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're feeling fit, but it's important to connect with your deeper feelings on certain issues. If you've been ignoring an underlying tension, attend to it and sort it out. Now the cosmos offers you the chance to notice what makes you happy. By doing so, you'll feel much better about yourself and less stressed and distracted.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

It could be time to be more disciplined when it comes to health and diet issues. Your resolve may waver as soon as any form of temptation crosses your path. The same could be true of your exercise routine and any other positive habits that you're trying to develop. Don't give way to your moods.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Avoid foods that don't provide you with real health benefits. You might be rushing around more than usual. It would be a shame to eat fast food on the way to your next appointment. If you plan ahead, you can still rush and have good, nourishing food to sustain you.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Be your own person when it comes to health decisions. Don't follow what everyone else does if it makes you uncomfortable. Look more deeply into your circumstances and listen to your inner guidance. Get to know your body and your real dietary needs in greater detail as opposed to those you're "supposed" to have.

LEO July 23 - August 22

It could be difficult to get your priorities straight. Perhaps you think you should spend more time on work, relationships, or other aspects of your life. But your health should always be your first priority. You have the perfect opportunity to be fitter than ever. Don't let this chance pass you by. Remember this as you plan your day.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

The focus continues to be on releasing deep-seated patterns that have lain dormant in your subconscious mind for years, perhaps since childhood. It's time to investigate those areas of your life that cause you the most stress and do what you can resolve them. Your health will begin to blossom.

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, see *CALENDAR THIS on next page*

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It might be helpful to ask what good health means to you. The answer may enable you to develop a schedule that affords you optimal well-being. Approach this with patience and don't let your desire for a perfect body deter you, especially when you fail to live up to your own expectations. Buried issues need to see the light of day so your body can relax deeply.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You probably need an aura of peace and calm around you more than anything else. There are many ways that life and other people can frazzle you, especially when your mind is already working overtime. You could be so intensely focused on other things that you aren't concentrating on what you're doing. Slow down and take your time.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It's all in your mind. Tension emanates from there, affects your body, and makes you grouchy. Certain events could conspire to increase this sense of inner pressure, and your body is going to know all about it. Find a way to exercise and discharge some of this nervous energy. You'll feel better. The cosmos is rooting for a new, healthy you!

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Stay supple and try to detox regularly. It will help you feel better in many ways. Keep yourself in top condition by taking supplements to ward off infections. You may be prone to a sore throat or other bugs. You might feel like eating comfort foods now. Don't give in!

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Take a look at your wellness routine and any beliefs that get in the way of radiant good health. You have a golden opportunity to make changes, and the cosmos may force the pace. Complacency about your diet and exercise habits could be one factor. If you need motivation, invite a buddy along to share the experience.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

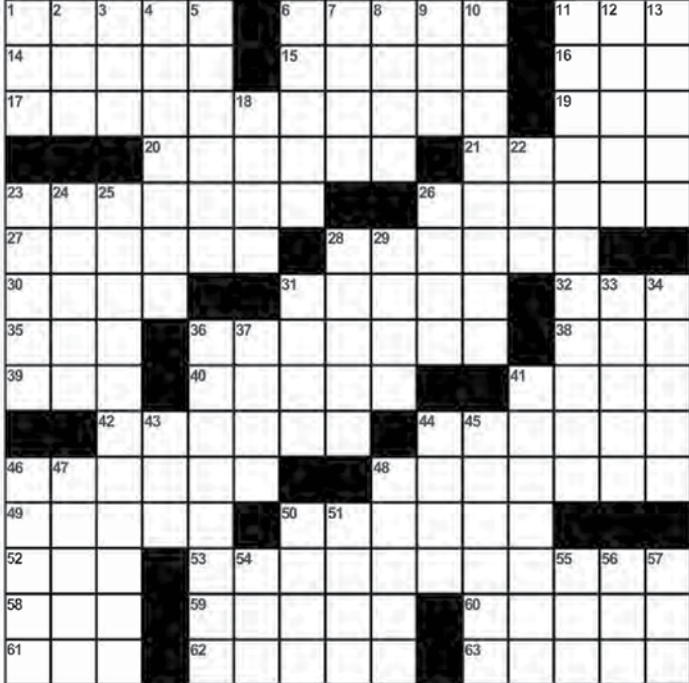
Health is a big issue now and will be into the future. Get on track and start to feel good by doing something you don't usually do or even think you'd like. You could be surprised. Plan your exercise and eating regimen, and keep up the routine even if it seems hard. Take it one day at a time. It will make a big difference.

ACROSS

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| 6) Legions | 39) Swell place? |
| 11) Degree in math | 40) Artist's stand |
| 14) Hawaiian island | 41) Drudge |
| 15) Burqa wearer's deity, often | 42) Swarming insect |
| 16) "And what have we here?" | 44) Ludlum's "The ___ Identity" |
| 17) Brain part | 46) Nearly |
| 19) Big ___ Conference | 48) Without wheels? |
| 20) Where a frog may be found? | 49) Natural talent |
| 21) Terrible twos, e.g. | 50) Acre's acres? |
| 23) Bands around the biceps | 52) Choose for membership |
| 26) Oar steadiers | 53) Payment on a payment plan |
| 27) Bright and pleasant | 58) Dash lengths |
| 28) Let out, as fishing line | 59) Baseball's "Ryan Express" |
| 30) Charged particles | 60) Fergie, formally |
| 31) Disparaging look | 61) "Norma ___" (1979 film) |
| 32) Rubble-making stuff | 62) Loon relative |
| 35) Banned bug-killer | 63) Foe |
| 36) Not going anywhere | |

A HEIGHTENED CHALLENGE

By Rob Lee



DOWN

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| 1) Character in a Christmas special, often |
| 2) An eagle is two under this |
| 3) Lennon's wife |
| 4) Saddle parts |
| 5) Come-___ look |
| 6) Signs of divinity |
| 7) ___ podrida |
| 8) Vegas machine |
| 9) Bar bill |
| 10) One leading the flock |
| 11) Nuts |
| 12) "We hold ___ truths ..." |
| 13) Fine-tunes |
| 18) Affectedly creative |
| 22) Clod chopper |
| 23) Litmus reddeners |
| 24) ___ Island (state) |
| 25) Senior moment, e.g. |
| 26) Cheshire cat's hangout |
| 28) Available for occupation |
| 29) "Ain't Misbehavin'" star Carter |
| 31) Back talk |
| 33) High times? |
| 34) Points at the dinner table |
| 36) Battening down |
| 37) Drawn tight |
| 41) Large suitcase, perhaps |
| 43) ___-Wan Kenobi |
| 44) Canaanite deity |
| 45) End of a threat |
| 46) Behind |
| 47) Andean animal |
| 48) Construction site sight |
| 50) Vacation destination |
| 51) Attempt |
| 54) Postal creed word |
| 55) "... ___ he drove out of sight" |
| 56) "Platoon" war, briefly |
| 57) "___ will be done" |

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see ANSWERS on page 17

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I can't see this Pink concert. Do I deserve a refund?

Kristi Clynes pays a premium price for her Pink concert tickets but an obstruction blocks her view of the stage. Can she get a refund from Ticketmaster?

Question: I recently attended a Pink concert and was extremely disappointed with the obstructed view from my seats. I purchased two tickets through Ticketmaster for \$504 and there was no indication that the view would be restricted. But when I arrived, I discovered a mixing booth with tarps and scaffolding with a camera person directly in front of our seats, blocking approximately two-thirds of the stage.

I immediately contacted the venue staff and requested to be moved, but the concert was sold out. Despite the obstruction, I decided to stay for the entire concert because Pink puts on an amazing show.

Ticketmaster acknowledged that the tickets were not marked as obstructed view and that it breached its own terms of sale. However, they initially refused to provide a full refund, placing the blame on the event organizer. They offered a refund of the service fees, which amounted to approximately \$50 per ticket.

Answer: Ticketmaster sold you tickets that were not as advertised. The company promises that tickets with an obstructed view will be clearly labeled. Yours weren't.

You were right to try to resolve the issue on your own and document your communications with the company. You paid a premium price for your tickets, so a refund for the inconvenience you experienced would have been completely justified.

I think Ticketmaster's initial offer of a refund for only the service fees was too low. You paid \$504 for your tickets and you should receive a bigger refund for the inconvenience you experienced.

Given the significant obstruction and Ticketmaster's admission of fault, I believe a full refund is warranted. Paying over \$200 per ticket for a severely obstructed view is unacceptable.

Can you help me get a full refund from Ticketmaster?

— Kristi Clynes, Auburndale, Florida

I'm not sure if a full refund was warranted. After all, you got to experience the Pink concert. I've also heard that she puts on a good show. And one-third of a stage is better than no stage.

In a situation like this, you followed all the correct steps for a successful resolution. You asked Ticketmaster in writing for an adjustment. You kept everything in writing. You sent photos of the blocked stage. Having a paper trail is essential to getting a situation like yours addressed. But despite all of your efforts, Ticketmaster left you hanging. (I really couldn't resist throwing in a Pink song title. It's a tradition in this column!)

You could have sent a brief, polite written appeal to one of the Ticketmaster executives whose names I publish on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. The executives might have been able to review your case and sweeten the offer. It was definitely your right to try. Uh-oh, there goes another Pink song title. Somebody stop me.

You reached out to my advocacy team. I contacted Ticketmaster on your behalf and explained the situation. A representative reviewed your case and agreed to issue an additional refund of \$200 to your credit card. There you go!

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy



Obstructed view of Clynes_ Pink concert

(<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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CALENDAR THIS from previous page

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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BACK TO SCHOOL

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WATER WINNERS from page 12



The third place winner is Sena Matsudaira.

Student Art Contest. The annual art contest is open to students in Altadena, La Crescenta and La Cañada Flintridge from kindergarten to high school. The art contest's theme is stewardship and

conservation of water. This means protecting water resources for future generations through water conservation and education. The winners of Foothill MWD art contest shall be entered into



Monte Vista Elementary School student Samuel Hansu will be moving onto the Metropolitan Water District's regional contest.

Metropolitan Water District's Student Art Calendar Contest that encompasses participating water agencies throughout Southern California. Among the student winners in the

kindergarten – sixth grade category are Ellie Baik from Monte Vista Elementary who took second place and in the seventh - 12th grade category Hyeona Kim of Crescenta Valley High School took first place.

SCHULTZ from page 9

However, all of that work to invest in California and maintain a healthy reserve fund is facing a looming threat. The federal administration has repeatedly taken action that puts Californians at risk. It has refused to release disaster funds to help us rebuild after the wildfires. It is holding hostage billions of dollars in funding for education as schools across the state are gearing up for a new school year. And it has passed legislation that will cut health care for millions.

All of these actions could blow a gaping hole in our budget and roll back years of progress.

Additional Resources. If you would like to learn more about the approved Budget Act of 2025, including additional information about the forthcoming budget trailer bills, I strongly encourage you to read more at:

<https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/system/files/2025-06/summary-of-the-budget-act-of-2025-final-1.pdf?ref=californiatoday.com>.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our district office if you have questions or if we can be of assistance. Our phone number is (818) 558-3043 and email address is Assemblymember.Schultz@Assembly.ca.gov.

GUSD from page 5

Gunnell served 25 years as a teacher and teacher advisor in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She is a longtime advocate for public education, inclusive teaching practices and increased representation of historically underrepresented communities. Throughout her time in education and public service, Gunnell has played an active role in advancing district-wide initiatives that promote safe and welcoming school environments, protecting the rights of students and families and ensuring that all students see their histories and identities reflected in the classroom, according to a press release by the GUSD.

"I would like to thank my colleagues for placing your trust in me as board president for the 2025-2026 school year," said Gunnell. "Throughout these 27 years [in education], my focus has been consistent: support all students in achieving their goals and dreams. It is an honor to serve as board president for a district that has shaped my life – first as a student, then as a parent, and now as a leader. I'm committed to ensuring every student in Glendale Unified feels seen, supported and prepared for success. Together with our educators, families and community we will continue to build strong schools that put students first."

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Wheat and corn prices plummeted. And not just in the high plains but other farming areas like Iowa.
In some areas of Iowa corn prices dropped to eight to 10 cents a bushel. In fact people began burning corn instead of coal during the winter months because it was cheaper.
“Sometimes the countryside smelled like popcorn from all the corn burning in the kitchen stoves,” according to iowapbs.org.
The 1930s Dust Bowl stripped the topsoil from millions of acres. There have been a lot of changes to farming since 1930,

but with the climate warming and more droughts experienced, some scientists are concerned we may be facing another Dust Bowl.
“In a 2018 National Climate Assessment, U.S. scientists warned that under current warming scenarios, temperatures in the southern Great Plains could increase by 3.6 to 5.1 degrees F by 2050 and by 4.4 F to 8.4 F by 2100, compared to the 1976-2005 average. The region is projected to be hit by dozens more days with temperatures above 100 degrees F. Temperature increases are likely to be less

severe in the northern part of the region, but the entire Great Plains is nevertheless expected to weather both more heatwaves and periods of extreme drought, according to the National Climate Assessment,” according to e360.yale.edu “As the Climate Warms, Could the US Face Another Dust Bowl?”
“When the soil contains a lot of moisture, incoming energy from the sun gets absorbed by the water as it turns from a liquid into a gas. But when the soil contains little water, that energy is converted directly into heat. The result is that droughts lead to more severe heatwaves, and

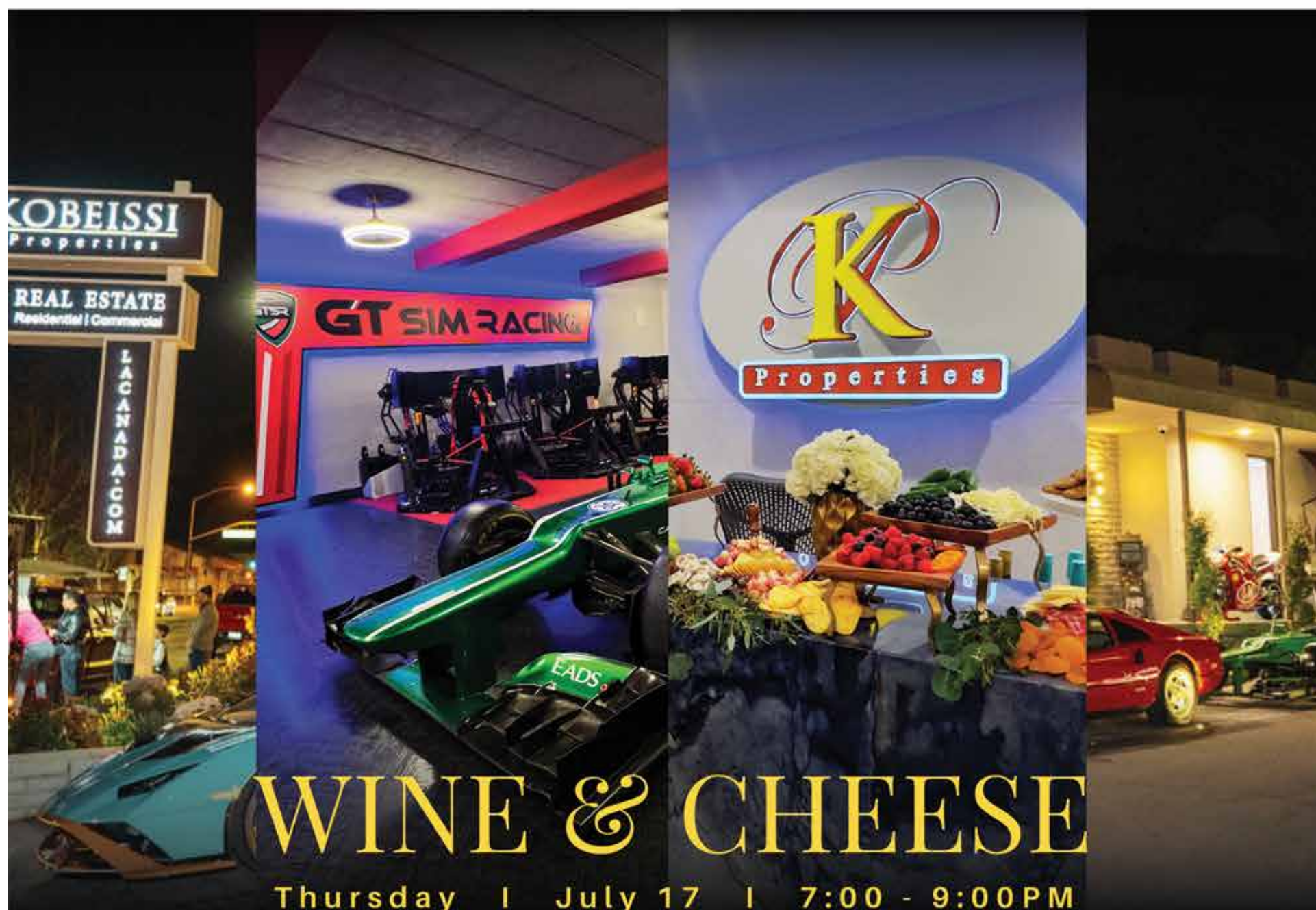
those heatwaves in turn lead to drier conditions,” according to e360.yale.edu.
A 2020 study published in Nature found that present greenhouse gases could cause more frequent and longer Dust Bowl heatwaves.
The more things change the more things stay the same. My dad was born in the era of the Dust Bowl, and my grandsons, one who is Dad’s namesake, were born into yet another, and perhaps more frequent and intense, Dust Bowl.
To read an account of the Dust Bowl, visit: https://www.weather.gov/media/ddc/Black_

Sunday_1935_april/scan0001.pdf.
Moving forward the weather looks pretty calm and warm. No rain is in sight but there is a bit of a marine layer expected this morning (Thursday) that should burn off by mid morning.
On Friday we will see highs in the mid 80s; those temperatures will continue into Tuesday. There is a slight chance of showers – between 5% and 10%, –Thursday into Friday. Other than that the marine layer appears to be thinning through the week.
Newspaper articles courtesy of the Kansas Heritage Center in Dodge City, from NOAA.

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