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Board Approves First Historic District in Altadena

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted to approve the County's first-ever historic district and landmark designation in Altadena. By adopting an ordinance to designate the northern portion of the Historic Highlands neighborhood as a County Historic District, the board has taken a landmark step toward preserving Altadena's unique architectural and cultural heritage.

The board's action amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to include the Historic Highlands Historic District, which contains 77 parcels of predominantly early-20th-century single-family residences. This designation follows the recommendations of both the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission and the Regional Planning Commission after years of community engagement.

"Altadena recently suffered a great loss and it is especially meaningful to take this action now to ensure that the community's historic treasures are preserved," said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. "[The] vote affirms our commitment to honor Altadena's past while safeguarding it for future generations."

The Historic Highlands neighborhood, known for its rich collection of Craftsman, Spanish Colonial Revival, Tudor and other period architectural styles, exemplifies the subdivision of orange groves into a suburban community during the 1920s economic boom. While the area was not impacted by the Eaton Fire, residents have long advocated for the protection of the historic integrity of their homes and streetscapes.

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Community Prepares for National Night Out

National Night Out is on Aug. 5. It is an event that encourages the public to meet local law enforcement and emergency responders.

Annual event brings together safety personnel and the public.

"National Night Out (NNO), established in 1984, celebrates over 40 years of strengthening community bonds. While the event features fun giveaways and impressive equipment, its core mission is deeper: to build neighborhood camaraderie and trust. NNO shows that law enforcement officers don't just serve the community—they are a part of it. They live, work and play alongside the citizens they protect, and this event highlights that shared connection and commitment," said Deputy Chun, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. — Crescenta Valley Station.

It is a chance for the public to talk to law enforcement about issues that concern them.

"In the past, Crescenta Valley residents have had the opportunity to directly voice their concerns to local



File photo
Amy Tate, with comfort dog Brisket, was at the 2024 Sparr Heights block party celebrating National Night Out.

law enforcement personnel during on-site meetings at NNO," Chun said.

Topics that have been shared include electric bike usage, both legal and illegal operations on local roads, recent crime trends, traffic-related concerns, home security and emergency call guidance, Chun added.

NNO at the Crescenta Valley

Sheriff's Station, 4554 Briggs Ave., is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be free hot dogs and beverages available, a Montrose Search and Rescue demonstration, a water balloon toss (with prizes) and a first responder vehicle display. Also onsite will be classic cars.

"We'll have about eight to 10 cars at the sheriff's station," said Dwight Sityar, who is organizing

the vehicles.

The Glendale Police Dept. and local neighborhoods will also be hosting NNO events. For the past several weeks residents from neighborhoods have been registering to host NNO events.

"National Night Out has been a very positive event for the City of Glendale.

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» PART I

Learning About E-bikes, E-Scooters and Hoverboards

By Mary O'KEEFE

Electric bikes (e-bikes), as well as e-scooters, have become a topic of conversation within school districts and law enforcement.

An electric bike is a bicycle equipped with an electric motor and battery. Bike companies have categorized the e-bikes into three levels: Class 1 and Class 2 have speeds that have a maximum of 20 mph; Class 3 e-bikes can reach speeds up to 28 mph.

E-scooters are motorized scooters powered by an electric motor and bat-

tery. A hoverboard is a two-wheeled motorized device. All three are known as micro-mobility devices.

CVW will be looking at micro-mobility devices, the growing trend of using them, the safety issues surrounding them and the laws that pertain to them.

In a study published online in JAMA Surgery on Feb. 21, 2024, and referenced in Scripps/Wellness and Prevention, imports of e-bikes topped 1.1 million in 2022 compared to 437,000 in 2020. The study examined e-bike injuries and hospitalizations in the U.S.



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The safe use of e-bikes, e-scooters and hoverboards are a current topic of conversation.



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The Power of AI

As I alluded to last week, I'm not a lover of artificial intelligence (AI). I understand that my primary point of reference for the technology are movies; "The Terminator" comes to mind.

According to Wikipedia, AI "is the capability of computational systems to perform tasks typically associated with human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception and decision-making. It is a field of research in computer science that develops and studies methods and software that enable machines to perceive their environment and use learning and intelligence to take actions that maximize their chances of achieving defined goals."

This week my skepticism was somewhat rewarded when I learned that an explosion of AI "slop" on social media was directed at talk show host Rachel Maddow. Among the made-up "facts" was that a) she owned a house in Texas; b) she had to be rescued from said house during the floods; c) she helped rescue flood victims; d) she has a baby; e) she is starting her own news network.

Now, I'm not a follower of Maddow; in fact, her fight with AI-manufactured information had to be told to me – I didn't learn of it firsthand. But once I did a little digging (very little – it wasn't hard to find a video of her debunking these fabrications) I applauded her.

Like I've been saying for some time, anyone can write anything on social media. If you need examples, consider Hillary Clinton and "Pizzagate." That fiasco went viral (i.e., defined as objects or patterns that are able to replicate themselves or convert other objects into copies of themselves when these objects are exposed to them).

According to Wikipedia, "Pizzagate" is a conspiracy theory that went viral during the 2016 United States presidential election cycle, falsely claiming that the New York City Police Department had discovered a pedophilia ring linked to members of the Democratic Party while searching through Anthony Weiner's emails. It has been extensively discredited by a wide range of organizations, including the Washington, D.C. police."

And with the advent of AI and the falsehoods easily spread, Maddow noted, "fake stories are more compelling." She added that AI will (easily) create any video or picture that is needed to make social media posts that much more compelling to "click" on – which is where the money is made.

She's quick to point out that it's not the fault of the viewer to believe what they see – AI is very good in creating "believable" content.

She lauded the use of "trusted sources of information" – something that we here at CVW take great pride in being.

So once again I am on my soapbox: Social media has its place – but not as a trusted source for information.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

It seems like last week's Dust Bowl weather column sparked some interest so I have done more research and found how this drought changed the way we looked at farming, both on the farm and in D.C.

The 1930s Dust Bowl is considered the worst drought on record for the nation.

"The 1930s drought is often referred to as if it were one episode, but it was actually several distinct events occurring in such rapid succession that affected regions were not able to recover adequately before another drought began," according to the National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska.

First there is the actual drought. It affected the western third of Kansas, southeastern Colorado, the Oklahoma Panhandle, the northern two-thirds of the Texas Panhandle and northeastern New Mexico.

When most think of the Dust Bowl, John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath," published in 1939, usually comes to mind. Though it was fiction it was a very realistic portrayal of the time. For those who haven't read it, or at the very least have not seen the classic film starring a very young Henry Fonda, take time to read the book or watch the film. The story follows the Joads, a tenant farming family that chose to leave Oklahoma and travel to California. They left because their landlord evicted them. They could not pay the rent or buy anything due to the drought.

The drought was the background for what was occurring in the country at the time.

The Great Depression occurred in 1929; stock markets crashed and it launched a time of extreme economic downturn. The drought – the Dust Bowl – began in 1931 and lasted for almost a decade. The nation's elected officials responded with federal aid but for many it was too little too late.

The drought was due to several issues including poor land management practices. Of course, there was misinformation being shared back then (sound familiar?) as promoters of the land settlements wanted to play up the perfect agricultural potential of the Great Plains.

As I wrote last week, when most settlers arrived there were seasons of rain but when that ended no one had planned for a drought.

According to the National Weather Service, dust storms increased from 14 in 1932 to 72 in 1937.

"What people didn't realize, or realized but ignored, was that the deep-rooted grassland that covered the Plains held the soil in place. That grassland was not only being plowed up to grow wheat, but overstocking of cattle also contributed to the destruction of grassland with overgrazing ... The farming practices of the time were particularly damaging. Between 1925 and 1930, there was plenty of rain and high demand for wheat, which in addition to the use of more modern farming equipment such as gasoline tractors and harvester-combines led to 33 million acres being completely denuded and vulnerable when the drought hit, allowing the soil to easily be swept away. Plowing was deep, which contributed to soil erosion. Cotton farmers left fields bare over the winter months, when the winds were at their highest, and burned the plant stubble to control weeds, which further removed any anchoring vegetation,"

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IN BRIEF

CVCA MEETING FOR JULY CANCELED

The CVCA meeting for July has been canceled. Planned for August is an in-person meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month at the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd.

In the meantime, members continue to watch the movement on SB 79. The Assembly Local Government Committee passed SB 79 with a 6-3-1 vote. When the legislature reconvenes on Aug. 18, it will be scheduled for a vote on the Assembly floor. There may be further amendments allowed at that time. This bill, if passed, would have a significant impact on single family residential neighborhoods in California.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM BEAUTIFICATION

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday, July 26 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for a special restoration event focused on the outdoor classroom and demonstration garden. Led by CCAC Fellow Halle Sunabe, volunteers will be working to give the area a much-needed summer renovation for upcoming fall field trips.

Volunteers are asked to please bring work gloves and water, and wear sturdy shoes and a hat.

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.

EXPLORER PROGRAM AT CV STATION

People between the ages of 14 and 20 and interested in a future in law enforcement or public service are encouraged to learn about the LASD Explorer Program at Crescenta Valley Station. Sought are motivated youth in good physical health who want to serve their community and gain real-world experience.

The Explorer Academy runs every Saturday from Sept. 6 through December. Registration day is on Saturday, Aug. 23.

For more information, contact Deputy Ruiz at (818) 236-4026 or email m2ruiz@lasd.org.

UPDATING THE OAK TREE PERMIT ORDINANCE IN UNINCORPORATED LA COUNTY

LA County Planning is working on an update to the oak tree permit (OTP) Ordinance. Among other proposed changes, the ordinance will address permitting for encroachments pruning for tree health, monitoring periods and arborist qualification for writing oak tree reports.

For more information about LA County's oak tree program visit bit.ly/oaktreeprogram.

LA County Planning will be hosting virtual biweekly OTP update meetings on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to share proposed changes and to listen to feedback. Register for the Zoom meeting series by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ewpcbtna>.

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.

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Silent Movies Come to the Crescenta Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE

It's a step back in time on Saturday at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta for Silent Movies night.

This annual event began in 2014 and since then has been a popular community event.

Silent Movies is sponsored by the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley (HSCV), the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors chair Kathryn Barger and LA County Parks and Recreation.

Movies that will be shown on Saturday are "The Tantalizing Fly" starring Koko the Clown and produced in 1919, Charlie Chaplin's "Payday," produced in 1922, Buster Keaton in "Cops," produced in 1922, Barney Oldfield in "Barney Oldfield's Race for a Life," made in 1913, Larry Semon in "School Days," produced in 1920 and Laurel and Hardy in "Two Tars" produced in 1928.

The idea for having Silent Movies in Two Strike Park began with a discussion with members of the HSCV.

"When I was on the board of the HSCV Mike [Lawler] and I were talking about how to be able to show off our own Joe Rinaudo, his gorgeous machine and the work he does preserving these films," said Joanna Linckhorst, "not to mention [Joe's] knowledge. We finally decided on holding it in the park. Gary, Joe's cohort, had a popcorn machine so I decided the Friends of Rockhaven should hold a bake sale to add to the experience."

Silent film projectionist and historian Rinaudo restores copies of old silent films and plays them for interested groups. He does this in order to share the art form and help ensure the films are not forgotten and lost to history. He projects these films on a 100-year-old, hand-cranked projector.

The history of silent film can be traced to the Lumière Brothers who debuted a collection of 10 short films on Dec. 28, 1895 in Paris. Despite the invention of the medium years prior, it was never put to use in such a way as did the Lumière Brothers. Their films set the world on fire and, within two years, production companies had opened shop around the world; in fact, the first movie studio was built for the burgeoning industry. These films had no recorded audio tracks until late 1927 when Warner Bros. released "The Jazz Singer" – the first film to utilize a synchronized audio track of dialogue and music. The industry changed and, with rare exception, the era of silent films was largely put aside by audiences. Some films, like many of the comedies of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin and the occasional dramatic piece by Lon Chaney ("Phantom of the Opera," "He Who Gets Slapped") were preserved as cinematic treasures. But the majority of the film-going public is unaware today of the many hundreds of silent films that were produced during that era. America in the 1920s was producing its highest-ever output of films – roughly 800 films annually on average – yet most of those titles won't ring bells for anyone but film scholars and enthusiasts.

In the early 1900s through the 1930s, silent film projectionists, called itinerants, traveled across the country carrying reels of film and projectors in convoy, bringing the cinematic experience to small towns and villages that didn't have movie theaters. The itinerants brought their own dramatic flair, wearing colorful magician-inspired clothing. Since motorized projectors were expensive and heavy, the itinerants preferred hand-cranked projectors.

"The itinerant projectionist thought that he was a big part of the performance as he could speed up or slow down the action on the screen as he saw fit," Rinaudo said in an earlier interview with CVW.

Silent Movies in Two Strike Park is on Saturday, July 26 beginning at 8 p.m.; it is advised that folks bring their own chairs, or blanket, to the park earlier to secure a good spot for viewing. Picnic dinners can also be brought and enjoyed at the park. There will be free popcorn, too.

Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.



File photos
TOP: Joe Rinaudo brought his 1909 Power 6 to the 2024 event.
MIDDLE: Friends of Rockhaven president Joanna Linckhorst and Mike Lawler at the 2024 Silent Movies in the Park.



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Barger Champions Second Chances, Honors Flintridge Center’s 50th Apprenticeship Cohort



Supervisor Kathryn Barger shakes the hand of a graduate at Flintridge Center’s recent graduation ceremony at the Rose Bowl.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors chair Kathryn Barger this week honored Pasadena’s Flintridge Center celebrating the graduation of the 50th cohort of its renowned Apprenticeship Preparation Program.

Supervisor Barger recognized the impact of Flintridge Center’s 10-week, 240-hour training initiative that prepares formerly incarcerated individuals for sustainable careers in union construction trades. She also praised the program’s holistic approach and its partnership with organizations like 2nd Call and the LA/OC Building Trades.

“Flintridge Center doesn’t just train people for jobs,” said Supervisor Kathryn Barger. “It restores hope and unlocks potential. When you see the faces of these graduates, you see

proof that second chances change lives. Each graduate is building not only a new future for themselves, but also a stronger foundation for our entire community. As we recover from recent disasters and look to the future, these skilled men and women will help us rebuild, inspire, and thrive.”

Launched in 2008 to address a lack of career opportunities for those reentering society, Flintridge Center’s Apprenticeship Preparation Program equips participants with hands-on trade skills, interpersonal and financial management training, and an industry-recognized Multi-Craft Core Curriculum certification. Since its inception, 1,130 graduates have successfully completed the program, with 70% employed within a year and fewer than 10% returning to incarceration

– a stark contrast to California’s 50% recidivism rate.

“It is truly humbling to be recognized today,” said Josh McCurry, executive director of the Flintridge Center. “Our work is never done in isolation – we stand on the shoulders of many community partners, including the county and the City of Pasadena. Reaching this important milestone is a testament of all of us working together. At our recent graduation ceremony, a mother told me she no longer has to worry about her son’s future and that she finally feels he will be okay. For her, that peace of mind was everything. That kind of lasting security is the greatest measure of our success.”

For more information about the Flintridge Center’s Apprenticeship Preparation Program, visit www.flintridge.org.

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Robotics News at JPL

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is the lead NASA center for robotic exploration, which means the [Lab] sends robots – not humans – into space.

NASA has plans in the works to overcome huge challenges and send humans to Mars. In the meantime, [JPL] has been sending rovers, landers and orbiters to the surface of the Red Planet and developing technologies to dispatch more advanced robots to other solar system destinations, such as the Moon, asteroids and Jupiter’s icy moon Europa.

Many locales include such obstacles as craggy cliffs, steep canyons, and slick ice covering a subsurface ocean. [JPL scientists and engineers] need to design and build robots that can safely navigate and survive those challenging features and serve as agile stand-in explorers.

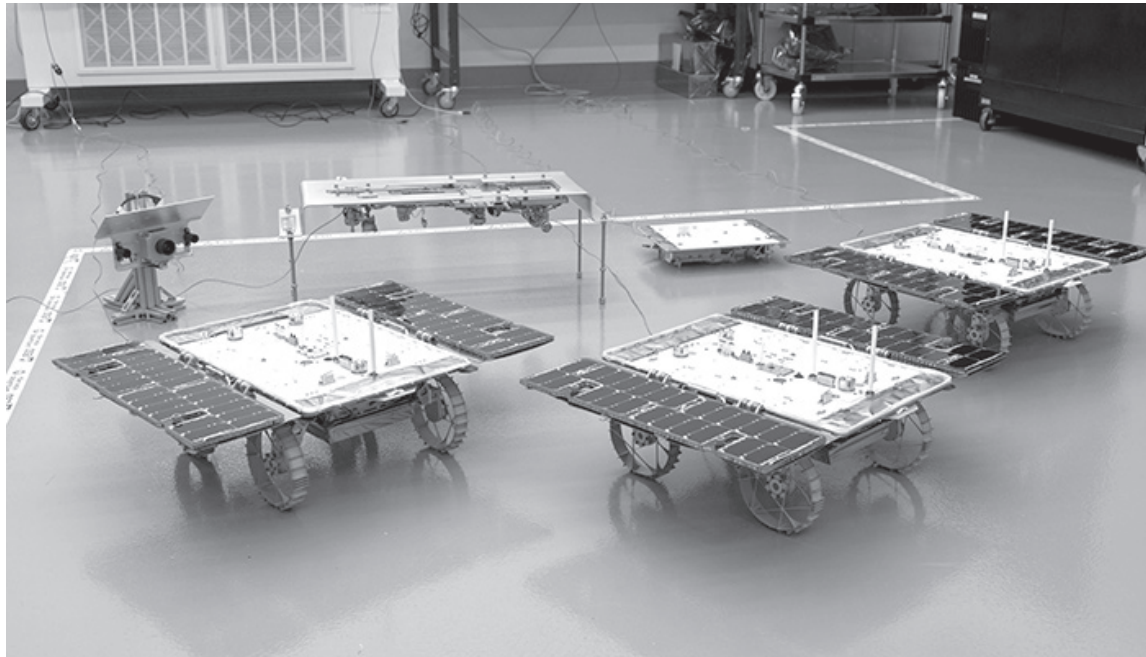
JPL has developed sophisticated software for all the Mars rovers sent [by JPL] that lets us maintain control

on Earth. Yet [JPL] also writes software that allows the rovers to drive on the Martian surface as independently as possible, place instruments on the surface and use its cameras and other instruments to see and sense their surroundings.

To explore future solar system destinations, [JPL] is experimenting with various designs using limbs and wheels.

For example, a four-limbed, 64-fingered rover named LEMUR (Limbed Excursion Mechanical Utility Robot) was developed to scale rock walls by gripping with hundreds of tiny fish hooks on each finger. That test project led to a new generation of robots that can walk, climb, crawl and even use grippers like a gecko to attach to surfaces.

As for robots that roll ... JPL is, in fact, reinventing the wheel or at least various wheeled vehicles. The Axel Rover has two wheels and a link that trails behind, and a more recent DuAxel attaches two Axel Rovers to one another. They roll



along as a duo until they encounter a steep slope. That’s when the two Axels separate, remaining attached only by a tether, while one rolls away to rappel down the slope then return to its partner. Other two-wheelers include a small, foldable, shoebox-sized robot called A-PUFFER that could someday scour areas of the Moon not accessible to astronauts, and BRUIE, a submersible rover that could eventually explore the subsurface oceans of the solar

system’s icy moons. These multiple configurations provide more options for exploring Earth’s Moon, Mars and possibly Europa. And for above-surface exploration, prototype airships are being tested to fly through the atmospheres of Venus and Saturn’s moon Titan. Future helicopter designs are being developed, to follow up on the Mars Helicopter carried by the Mars 2020 Perseverance rover.

NASA/JPL-Caltech Three small rovers bound for the Moon – part of NASA’s CADRE (Cooperative Autonomous Distributed Robotic Exploration) technology demonstration – are arrayed in a clean room at the agency’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory a on Jan. 26, 2024. CADRE is designed to show that a group of robotic spacecraft can work together autonomously as a team to accomplish tasks and record data without constant direction from mission controllers on Earth.

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

- *La Crescenta Avenue between North Verdugo Road and Las Palmas Avenue:* Travel lanes may be closed intermittently between July 28 thru Aug. 8 (excluding weekends)

La Crescenta Avenue at various locations between Verdugo Road and Montrose Avenue: Travel may be closed intermittently between July 28 thru Aug. 8

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Contractor installing ADA compliant curb ramps and repairing damaged sidewalks. Drivers are asked to observe posted construction signage and drive safely near construction zones.

Construction activity and measures are subject to change.

Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
California In-N-Out restaurants
apparently will not be affected by the
establishment of a second company
headquarters in Tennessee.



Lynsi Snyder, the granddaughter of In-N-Out founders Harry and Esther Snyder, announced the company's second headquarters will be in Tennessee. Currently there are no In-N-Out restaurants in Tennessee; however, that is expected to change with the first restaurants slated to open there in 2026.

According to the In-N-Out website, founder Harry Snyder opened the first drive-thru hamburger stand in Baldwin Park in 1948. Earlier this year, it was announced that the company would move its official corporate headquarters back to Baldwin Park.

The spokesperson added that it should be noted that Lynsi Snyder made it “very clear” that N-Out is not moving out of California.

Additional comments from the company provided by the governor's office include:

We're not moving In-N-Out Burger's corporate headquarters. In addition to our Baldwin Park office, we're expanding with an eastern territory office in Tennessee to support our growth. We're not leaving California

Moving into Tennessee provides our In-N-Out associates wonderful opportunities to buy a home and raise a family and be a part of our expansion in a different part of the U.S.

Snyder also issued a statement on social media: “I’m very proud of where In-N-Out started. Anyone who knows me knows how often I talk about our beginnings and how our customers here in California helped bring us to where we are today. We’ve been expanding to new states since 1992 and we’ve stayed consistent with our standards for growth. Opening an office far from our roots is something new and exciting. It brings incredible opportunities for the people we love and the customers we serve.”



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Brand Associates, in partnership with Brand Library & Art Center, announced the opening of Brand 53: 53rd Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper on view through Sept. 12 at Brand Library & Art Center. The exhibition includes over 100 artworks chosen by juror Sigrid Burton, a widely exhibited artist engaged in the local art community. This year, over 1,000 artworks were submitted to Brand Associates through an open call process. Juror Sigrid Burton was tasked with selecting which artworks to feature in the exhibition.

“I tried to select as broad a range as possible, reflecting the variety of approaches to the use of paper, from those that use paper as the surface – photography, printmaking, drawing and painting – to those that use the paper itself as a medium in collage, papier mâché and various sculptural and other expressions,” said Burton. “With so many diverse approaches, the theme of my selections was ultimately necessarily paper itself: how it can be used from traditional means

and media to idiosyncratic uses.” The majority of artworks on display in Brand 53 are available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to support cultural programming at Brand. Art and catalogs will be for sale at the opening event and beginning the following week from the Associates’ website: AssociatesOfBrand.org. A digital version of the catalog will also be available on BrandLibrary.org for the public to learn more about each artist.

Gallery admission is free and open to the public during library open hours. On-site, limited free parking is available; ride-share is encouraged. Brand Library & Art Center hours are Tuesday - Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sunday & Monday. Learn more about Brand 53 at BrandLibrary.org/Gallery. Brand Library & Art Center is located at 1601 W. Mountain St. in Glendale.

Doctor Pleads Guilty in Perry Case

On Wednesday, the Dept. of Justice released a statement that Dr. Salvador Plasencia pleaded guilty to four counts of distribution of ketamine. He will face a statutory maximum sentence of

10 years in federal prison for each count at his sentencing hearing, which is scheduled for Dec. 3. He remains free on bond and has indicated through his lawyers that he intends to surrender his

medical license within the next 30-45 days. Dr. Plasencia was the physician for actor Matthew Perry before Perry died of an overdose death on Oct. 28, 2023.

CRIME BLOTTER

JULY 20
2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, an employee reported being alerted to an issue in the store when a security alarm was activated. Surveillance footage revealed a suspect, described as a male Black wearing a black hat, sunglasses, a gaiter mask, a white tank top, khaki shorts and black shoes, enter the liquor storage located in the rear of the store. The suspect then exited the area carrying a box with what was later determined to be bottles of liquor. The suspect left the store without attempting to pay for the items. The theft occurred a 8:21 p.m.


JULY 18
4400 block of Cornishon Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge, a woman reported that she had left her tote bag in the front seat of her unlocked vehicle and left to pick up her child from school. When she returned to her vehicle to retrieve her tote bag she found it was gone, along with numerous items in the bag. The theft occurred between 3:50 p.m. and 4:20 p.m.

2800 block of Orange Avenue in La Crescenta, a resident returned home to find his front door unlocked; when he left the residence he made certain his home was secured. He discovered several rooms in his residence had been ransacked and a safe was missing from the closet.

Numerous items were stolen as well. The residential burglary occurred between 11:20 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

1900 block of Ravista Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to an audible burglary alarm at the location. Upon arrival it appeared the front entrance of the residence was secure. A witness reported that s/he had observed a grey Hyundai Tucson driving eastbound in front of the location and out of view. The witness stated the vehicle looked suspicious. When the resident arrived the deputies were able to access the location. They did not see any suspects; however, once inside the home they found the victim’s sound alarm had been ripped from the wall. The alarm control panel had also been ripped out of the wall and personal property had been thrown into the hallway. It appeared entry was gained through a rear glass door that had been shattered. Outside surveillance security cameras continued to operate. The footage revealed a suspect, described as a male Hispanic wearing a black jacket with a hood, blue jeans, black shoes, blue construction gloves, carrying a black backpack. A second suspect was described as a male Hispanic wearing a yellow jacket with a hood, black pants, grey shoes, black hat and black face covering. The resident stated his home had also been burglarized earlier in the year.

This residential burglary occurred between 10 a.m. and 12:49 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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One for the Books – Cruise Night 2025 a Success



By Robin GOLDSWORTHY

Thousands made their way to Brand Boulevard on Saturday night for Cruise Night, a chance to see over 350 vehicles and learn all that Glendale has to

offer by visiting information booths that lined the boulevard. “The 30th Annual Glendale Cruise Night attracted close to 400 classic cars with a crowd estimate of 40,000,” said organizer Brian Beirne. “It

was one of our most successful Cruise Nights ever.” He added that it was a beautiful evening “weatherwise with fabulous entertainment.” “The Elton John Tribute was amazing. Scot Bruce as Elvis

opened the show with a bang followed by the PettyBreakers tribute to Tom Petty,” he said. Many local sponsors were involved with the event helping to make it a success. A variety of vehicles earned

trophies; to see the winners visit www.cvweekly.com/NEWS.

Photos by Robin GOLDSWORTHY and Mary O’KEEFE



NNO from Cover

Most of the time when community members interact with the police it's during times of crisis. This event creates an opportunity for people to engage with officers in a positive and relaxed setting," said Officer Aaron Eggiman, Glendale Police Dept. "It helps build trust, strengthens relationships and gives residents a chance to share concerns directly with officers,"

Numerous local NNO events are being held including a long standing one in the Sparr Heights area. This annual Sparr Heights block party celebrating National Night Out is hosted by the 20 volunteer ambassadors of Sparr Heights Connect And Prepare, which includes Ron and Melody Scott.

Among the things attendees will find are food trucks including Triple Beam Pizza, Sugar Brown's BBQ, Handel's Ice Cream and Birrieria Las Gemelas. Also on hand will be officers with the Glendale Police Dept. and GPD vehicles and Glendale Fire Dept. staff and vehicles.

According to Scott, there will be plenty of kid activities, too, including a wiffleball game against local first responders. Topping off the event will be a live dj.

In addition to neighborhood events, GPD will be a main NNO draw at Pacific Park Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave.

"This family-friendly event will feature a SWAT [Special Weapons And Tactics] vehicle, patrol cars for kids to explore and live drone demonstrations by officers. Children will be able to sit in the police vehicles and take photos," Eggiman said. "It's a great event for families and a wonderful way to connect with our department."

Eggiman encourages residents to attend an event either in their neighborhood or at Pacific Park.

To find other Glendale neighborhood NNO events visit <https://tinyurl.com/26xpe8r3>.

ALTADENA from Cover



With more than 50% of property owners supporting the designation, the new Historic District will help maintain the neighborhood's character by establishing guidelines for preservation while still allowing thoughtful updates and continued community growth.

"This is a proud moment for Altadena," Supervisor Barger added. "By formally recognizing the Historic Highlands as the

County's first historic district, we are setting a precedent for celebrating the history embedded in our unincorporated communities."

The designation is effective as of the board's adoption of the ordinance. County officials will notify affected property owners and the district will be entered into the County Register as the Historic Highlands Historic District.

E-BIKES from Cover

from 2017 to 2022. The study was based on hospital data, which indicates a growing concern regarding the safety of e-bikes.

A study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) found that hospitals reported treating 53,000 e-bike related injuries from 2017 to 2022. In 2017 injuries reported were 3,500 but in 2022 the number of injuries reported was 24,400.

According to the CPSC study, e-scooters continued to show an increase in injuries, year-over-year, rising 22% in 2022 from 2021. Nearly half – 46% – of all estimated e-bike injuries from 2017 to 2022 occurred in 2022 alone. Hoverboard injuries, however, defied the upward trend and decreased 26% from 2021 to 2022.

"Children 14 years and younger accounted for about 36% of micro-mobility injuries from 2017 to 2022, double their 18% proportion of the U.S. population," according to the study.

There were an estimated 36,800 emergency department visits related to all micro-mobility devices from 2017 to 2022. Fractures, followed by contusions/abrasions, are the two most common

injuries. The most injured body areas are the upper and lower limbs, as well as head and neck, according to the CPSC study.

Trauma surgeons at Scripps have also raised concerns about the risks of e-scooters and have stressed the need for caution to avoid injuries, according to Scripps.

"Fires were a significant hazard across all micro-mobility devices. CPSC is aware of 19 deaths associated with micro-mobility device fires from Jan. 1, 2021 through Nov. 28, 2022. In a December 2022, CPSC called on more than 2,000 manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers of e-scooters, self-balancing scooters (often referred to as hoverboards), e-bicycles and e-unicycles to review their product lines and ensure they comply with established voluntary safety standards to reduce the serious risk of dangerous fires with these products or face possible enforcement action," according to CPSC.

Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) has seen the tragic results of e-bike accidents.

see E-BIKES on page 19

Cross-Connection Control Plan

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

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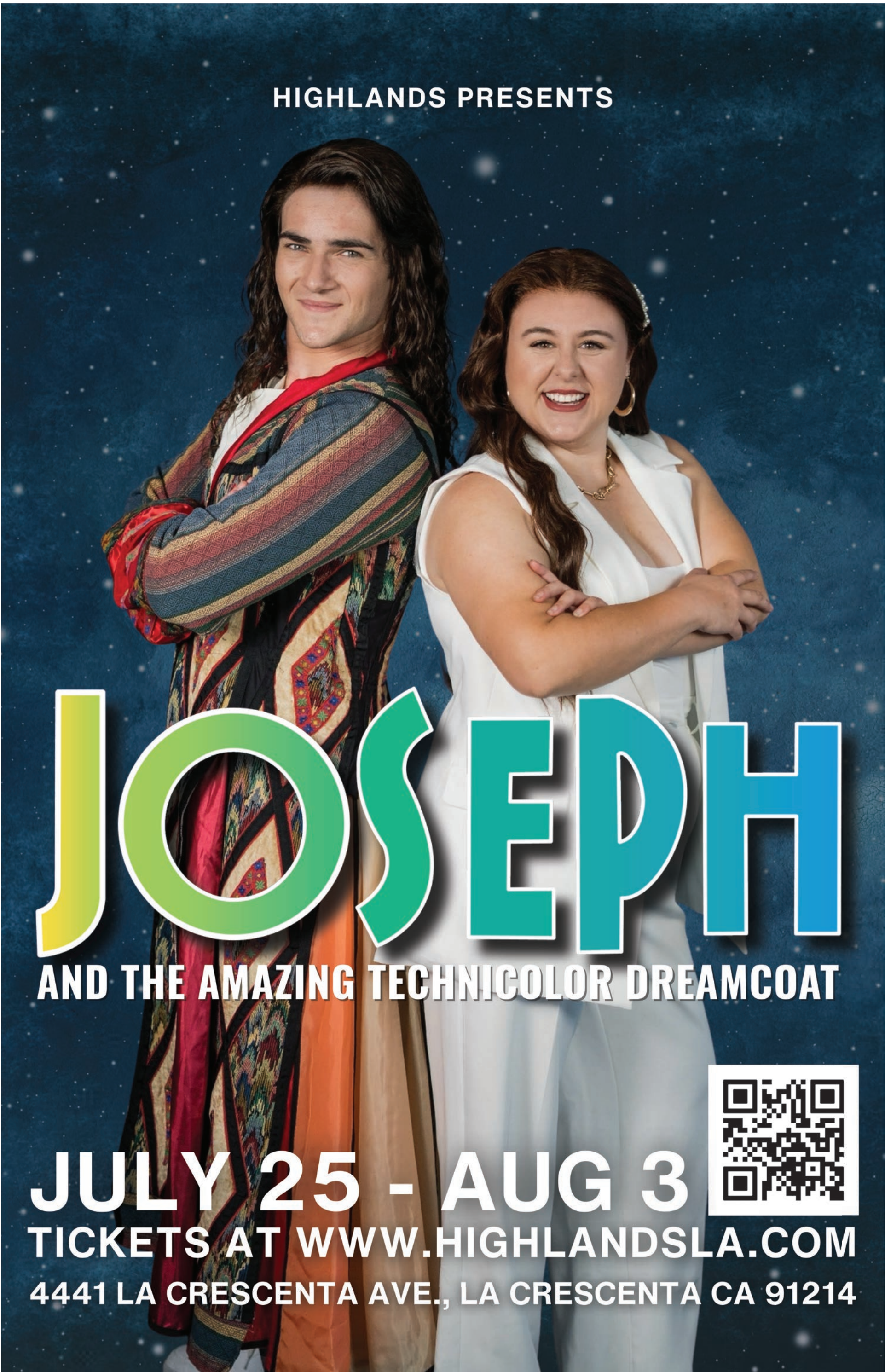
The diagram illustrates a backflow prevention device installed on a water line. It shows a 'Shut-off valve (ON)' on the left, followed by a 'Backflow preventer' (a complex valve assembly), and another 'Shut-off valve (ON)' on the right. A green arrow indicates the 'Direction of water travel (one way)' from the 'From water main' on the left to the 'Building water supply' on the right, which leads to a house icon.

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2025 Summer Day Camp at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

ALF is now Action League of the Foothills

After 71 years of membership in National Assistance League, the local Flintridge chapter has chosen to disaffiliate and to continue its mission of “Charity, Compassion, Community” under a new name.

ALF’s new title, Action League of the Foothills, embraces the group’s expanded territory as volunteer members continue to provide a wide range of programs including ALF Summer School, ALF Music Instrument Rentals, ALF Books & Beyond (school supplies and clothing to over 1,000 students in local areas), ALF Drama and ALF inAction (supplies for organizations with specific short-term needs). ALF Teens (formerly Assisteens) for grades 7-12 and CAP (Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals) support additional outreach projects.

“Being our own organization

allows us to better meet the changing needs of the community and focus our efforts and funds on improving lives in the local area,” said President Donna Shepherd. “It’s still the same great organization.”

Online registration begins Aug. 1 for this fall’s ALF Drama program for children entering grades 3-6. The musical play will be Disney’s “The Jungle Book KIDS.” For more information, contact Programs@ALFoothills.org or call (818) 790-2211.

Watch for the new logo and signage at ALF’s Bargain Box Thrift Shop on Oakwood Avenue in La Cañada Flintridge. The group’s web address has been changed to ALFoothills.org. The office phone number is the same: (818) 790-1328. New members are always welcome.



Photo provided by Action League of the Foothills

The recently installed board of Action League of the Foothills is, from left, CAP Representative Margaret Poznick, Strategic Planning Chairman Julie Crum, Philanthropic Chairman Margaret Kruse, Membership Chairman Julia Hastings, Personnel Chairman Cynthia Ringel, President Donna Shepherd, Treasurer Kay Wittick, Secretary Jan DiBias, Finance Chairman Carol Settles, Public Relations Chairman Gale Musker and Parliamentarian Barbara Roybal.

AI-Powered Breast Cancer Detection Now a Covered Benefit for Many Southern California Women

One of the largest health networks in Southern California, managing nearly 600,000 members, has announced that RadNet’s EBCD program will now be included as a benefit in their members’ health plans.

Regal Medical Group, Lakeside Community Healthcare and ADOC Medical Group, affiliates of Heritage Provider Network (HPN), make history as the first providers to offer the AI-powered breast cancer detection service to all

of their mammogram-eligible patients. These medical groups, predominantly located in Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties, contract with most major health insurance carriers. Additionally, RadNet will launch an ongoing patient-outreach program to increase compliance within these medical groups and improve patient outcomes.

RadNet’s EBCD program uses AI to help its breast radiologists

detect even subtle lesions by pointing out areas of suspicion that are not always visible to the human eye. After the radiologist reads the exam, the AI acts as another set of eyes, and performs an additional review. If there is a suspicious finding, a second radiologist is brought in to consult, providing yet another set of eyes on the imaging.

“The closest we can come to a cure is early detection,” explained Dr. Jason McKellop, medical director at Breastlink

Tarzana. “EBCD delivers that extra layer of scrutiny, and many thousands of patients, to this point, have benefitted from its use.”

Since rolling out the EBCD program, impact analysis on clinical performance has shown a 21% increase in cancer detection in all women and a 23% increase in breast cancer detection in women with dense breasts. EBCD has assisted radiologists in detecting over 500 cancers. (Statistics based on

an analysis performed on data gathered over a 2-year period of clinical use.)

It is estimated that one in eight women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime but when breast cancer is detected in its earliest stage, when treatment options are most optimal, the five-year survival rate is 99% (according to the American Cancer Society).

To find a RadNet women’s imaging center, visit www.radnet.com

Meet Our Advertisers

Chris Waldheim of J’s Maintenance

You’ve probably seen him around the Crescenta Valley helping where needed. Chris Waldheim, owner of J’s Maintenance on Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta, is a staple at many civic events and his roots in the Crescenta Valley run deep.

The business was started back in 1969 by his parents Ed and Linda.

“They purchased a little company called Joe’s Maintenance,” recalled Waldheim.

It wasn’t easy. Ed and Linda, with Chris oftentimes in tow, cleaned the businesses and homes that Joe’s Maintenance – later named J’s Maintenance – had secured.

The pair soon discovered they needed to get more clients, which was Ed’s job, and more employees. Linda’s attention was on running the business – specifically bookkeeping.

Chris grew with the business and has been on the payroll since 1980 when he was making repairs to machinery used by



J’s Maintenance. He took over the business around 2000.

Being part of J’s Maintenance since its early beginnings has taught him the value of his employees.

“Our employees are the best,” he said. “They work their butts off. Many have to work two or three jobs just to make ends meet.”

The company also offers

benefits unlike those in similar companies, which ensures a low turnover.

“We’re probably the last janitorial firm in California that pays vacation time,” he said proudly.

And Waldheim is quick to point out that the business is not about Chris – it’s about the J’s Maintenance team.

“It starts with our employees

in the field who are well managed then extends to our people in the office who make sure everyone has what they need,” he said. “I really trust

the team to take care of our clients.”

That trust has allowed Waldheim to invest in his community.

“People are going to hire you because they trust you,” he said. “We support a lot of different events.” These include the local chambers of commerce, Prom Plus and the CV Fireworks Assn. – and the Crescenta Valley Weekly.

“One of our best decisions is using our ad space to promote local non-profits,” he said. “It’s a valuable lesson for me and it was a fortuitous decision. One of the best things J’s Maintenance has done is use that space to help others.”

Chris Waldheim, left, with Steve Pierce at the July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza hosted by the CV Fireworks Assn.



People Making News

Nicole McClurg of La Cañada was among the undergraduate, accelerated online degree and graduate-level students who received diplomas from George Fox University at its spring graduation ceremony in May. McClurg earned a doctor of ministry.

George Fox University is a Christian college with more than 4,000 students attending classes on the university’s campus in Newberg, Oregon, and at teaching centers in Portland and Redmond, Oregon. George Fox offers more than 60 undergraduate academic programs, accelerated online degree programs for working adults, six seminary degrees, and 15 masters and doctoral degrees.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison recognized the following students who earned a spot on the Dean’s List: Caleel Shulman of Glendale who attends the College of Letters and Science; from La Cañada Flintridge – Riley Breckheimer who attends the College of Letters and Science, Ethan Grabel who attends the School of Business and Eliza Sullivan who attends the College of Letters and Science.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a

minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

William Kim of La Cañada Flintridge was among the more than 8,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the Dean's List for the 2025 spring semester.

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the Dean's List with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college.

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of 12 semester

hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Evita Tergalstian of Sunland received a Bachelor of Arts from Elms College following the conclusion of the spring 2025 semester. Tergalstian was among 279 students who received their degrees in December.

Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts is a co-educational Catholic college offering a liberal arts curriculum that prepares students holistically for a purposeful life in a diverse and interconnected world. Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Elms College has a tradition of educating reflective, principled and creative learners, who are rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to civic and social obligations, and capable of adjusting to change without compromising principle.

Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York congratulates the students named to the spring 2025 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

James Cartnal of La Crescenta whose major is

sports media and Angelina Mahtawossian of Sunland whose major is criminology were among those who earned a spot on the Dean’s List.

Hofstra University's primary mission is to provide a quality education to its students in an environment that encourages, nurtures and supports learning. At Hofstra, new ideas take shape through collaboration, engagement, and interaction. Hofstra students create their success with small classes and dedicated faculty, alongside a beautiful campus, plus all the opportunities of New York City within easy reach.

Anna Heur was named to the Siena College, located in Loudonville, New York, President's List for the spring 2025 semester. Heur is from La Cañada Flintridge.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Ashley Dietrich who graduated from La Cañada High School has been named to the spring 2025 Dean's List while studying music and psychology at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, Muhlenberg College students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or better while taking three or more course units during a semester.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg

is a highly selective, four-year residential liberal arts college with nearly 2,000 bachelor's and master's degree-seeking students. The college's curriculum and experiences are designed to open doors to new ideas, discoveries, friendships and a lifetime of personal and intellectual growth.

The following local students made the spring 2025 Dean's List at St. Olaf College. The Dean's List is a scholarly award for students who demonstrate academic excellence and have earned a GPA of 3.75 or above and completed at least three credits for that semester.

Sarah Hansen, Christopher Hansen and Lloyd Wong earned a place on the Dean’s List.

Located on 300 acres in Northfield, Minnesota, St. Olaf College is grounded in a Lutheran tradition. St. Olaf a residential liberal arts institution with an enrollment of more than 3,000 students offering over 85 undergraduate majors, concentrations, and pre-professional tracks. Ninety five percent of recent graduates are employed, in graduate school, or engaged in full-time service work. St. Olaf is committed to meeting the demonstrated financial needs of every student with 99% of students receiving scholarships or grants.

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» TASTY TREATS » DON FRANCISCO

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5. Add a splash of milk or cream to each glass. Stir, garnish with fresh mint, and enjoy!



Come Get Your Bread and Cookies



Elizabeth “Lizzy” Barnes makes the sourdough bread and cookies she sells in front of her Glendale home located near the corner of Howard and Mountain streets. She’s open for business on summer afternoons whenever she makes an extra batch of goods.

TRAVEL & LEISURE

» MOVIE REVIEW

Worth a Pitt Stop: ‘F1’ Has a Formula You’ve Seen Before ... But You Won’t Want to Miss It

By Jackson TOYON

I’ll admit it right out of the gate: I’m not a Formula 1 fan and sports movies are one of my lesser-watched genres. That said, I always delight in watching Brad Pitt bring his commanding on-screen charisma to a project – and there’s something alluring about a “one last job” story, which this film indulges. With limited knowledge about F1 racing, I was curious to see if it could win over a casual sports genre viewer like me.

The film introduces us to rugged Sonny Hayes (Brad Pitt), an American race car driver and a former F1 star who most would consider to be past his prime – though never “uncool” and still a force to be reckoned with. Forced to retire from F1 racing years prior due to serious injuries from a life-changing crash, he lives out of his van (practically his trusted horse), drifting from place to unlikely place and taking gigs as a former racing driver for hire. When old friend and former racing teammate Rubén Cervantes (the disarmingly handsome Javier Bardem) approaches him to offer a seat in APXGP, the F1 team Rubén owns, Pitt is hesitant: an older man in a younger man’s game in a scene so different from the one he left all those years ago? Following an admission by Cervantes that the team desperately needs a win to prevent his investors from selling it off, and a touch of sweet talking, Hayes reluctantly accepts the offer. He’s quickly introduced to his teammate, Joshua Pearce (Damson Idris), an ambitious but arrogant rookie driver who worries about his future and whether he’s replaceable. Hayes’ and Pearce’s personalities quickly clash with much initial butting of heads, but they must work together – along with the team’s technical director

Kate McKenna (Kerry Condon) – if they hope to bring their team back from the brink.

Brad Pitt brings his signature charisma to this role in that effortlessly likable way where he comes off as cocky and self-assured but you can tell deep down that he’s driven by a genuine care for the team. Javier Bardem elevates all the scenes he’s in, and Kerry Condon almost always had me smiling. Meanwhile, Damson Idris builds a compelling brotherhood with Pitt over the course of the film – a comparison that comes to mind for me is the relationship shared by Russell Crowe and Djimon Hounsou in “Gladiator.”

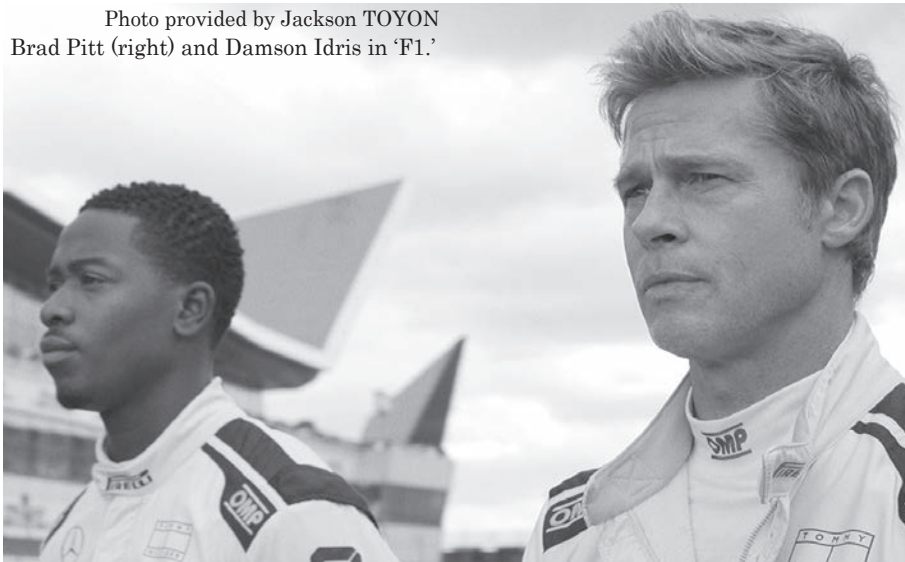
Despite strong performances across the board, it is apparent that this movie is a little formulaic. The story hits just about all the beats reasonably expected: a sports movie of mentorship and teamwork with underdogs, perseverance after setbacks, second chances, and a romance that slows the movie down a little bit – all of those standard hallmarks. But while it follows a familiar playbook, the film is carried out with such heart and such thrilling races that I found myself not at all minding that degree of predictability. The racing sequences are exhilarating, putting viewers right in the cockpit or even a couple of inches off the ground – excellent cinematography set to some truly awesome sound design. I saw this film on an average theater screen but I believe the experience would be even more thrilling and intense if watched in an enhanced format like IMAX, or at least on a screen with Dolby Atmos sound.

“F1” might be enjoyed more by those familiar with F1 racing but it will captivate a casual watcher without any outside crash courses. Anything wondered about is either explained quickly and naturally or can be inferred by those paying attention, making it easy to get

swept up in the ride. You could call it formulaic but, in the end, these formulas persist for a reason – if it works, it works – and this movie definitely works.

“F1” doesn’t reinvent the wheel but director Joseph Kosinski brought his experience from “Top Gun: Maverick” to create another great summer blockbuster that deserves your attention.

Photo provided by Jackson TOYON
Brad Pitt (right) and Damson Idris in ‘F1.’



Forró Performing at Brand Summer Music Series

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

Performances begin at 7 p.m. and is appropriate for children and families.



Ted Falcon and the Forrozeiros

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 25 – Forró by Ted Falcon and the Forrozeiros

Forró is a catch-all term for a number of different dance and music genres and styles from rural northeastern Brazil. Originally any music for a dance

event with percussion and singing was called forró. The Forrozeiros were formed in 2023 and have performed throughout the Los Angeles area. In 2024, they had a year-long residency at the Harmony Room in Eagle Rock, as well as performing in city festivals in Culver City and West Los Angeles. The group features renown Brazilian musicians Mika Mutti, Clarice Cast, Natalia Spadini and Leo Nobre.

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

Images provided by Brand Summer Music Series

THEN & NOW



Then: In 1969 work had just begun at the spot where the new 210 Freeway would intersect the proposed 2 Freeway. A neighborhood that had once existed at this spot had just been scraped off and the bridge pilings are beginning to take shape. Verdugo Road is in the foreground.

2 and 210 Freeway Interchange Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Now: Today this is a busy interchange; the neighborhood it displaced long forgotten. The triangle of empty land in the middle of the interchange was briefly home to a Chevrolet car dealership and is now the site of the United Artists theater.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, July 25, Yasmin Beers will present an overview of the non-profit organization The Giving Exchange.

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.
- 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.

DINE-OUT BENEFITS LCFOG

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopedic Guild is having a dine-out at New Moon in Montrose. Proceeds will be donated to the Lusk Orthopedic Institute for Children.

Diners are asked to place their receipt in the box at the front counter

of the restaurant so a portion of the bill will be donated to the LCFOG.

New Moon is located at 2138 Verdugo Blvd. in Montrose.

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 and 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.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 21, 2025 - July 27, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You should be feeling a sense of release, and your energy level should also be higher. The focus is on enjoying the adventure of movement. This could encourage you to take up a new kind of sport, anything that's good for you and gives you a thrill. Try to get out in the fresh air, but if you can't, the gym is your next best bet.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You might feel the need to be disciplined as far as your health goes. This is going to be a lot easier for you because of the aspects. It's up to you to take responsibility for your health even if you run into obstacles along the way. You'll notice a big improvement if you do.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

The cosmos is encouraging you to check out any symptoms. Look for answers and get help from professionals. It's time to synthesize all aspects of your life so that your body is finely balanced and tuned. Any form of exercise that appeals to you or any eating plan you feel you can handle could be worth trying out.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You have plenty of enthusiasm to help support your health program. Your energy should be higher than usual. You could be working out most days not because you have to but because you enjoy the feeling of being fit and flexible. Don't let it all go the other way. Get the balance right.

LEO July 23 - August 22

A feeling of high energy is helping you feel good all over. After some tension, you now get the opposite. Use this chance to relax deeply every day, if possible, so that every cell in your body feels fantastic. The cosmos could bring buried feelings to the surface. You'll regret it if you stuff them back down with food.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may be aware of your innate sensitivity - both a blessing and a curse. This is what enables you to see another's pain and reach out to help. It also means you could suffer from allergies in various forms - foods, pollen, chemicals - that can end up being inconvenient. Know that this won't last forever.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your health could be on an even keel now. If you begin a diet or exercise routine, there's a greater likelihood that you'll continue with it. Grab this chance to develop new habits and consistency in your daily discipline. You'll feel much better and happier.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your fitness level should be at a peak now and for some time to come. You have endless reserves of willpower. You'll do whatever it takes to reach your targets. Impatience could be a problem if you try to reach a goal you've never attempted before. If you can, take a more measured pace. You don't want to run out of steam.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your strength and energy seem to be improving rapidly. You're exercising a lot and eating the right foods. You still run the risk of catching a cold or virus if you fail to protect your immune system. On the plus side, you seem to be developing the kind of body you've always wanted. Minor accidents from do-it-yourself projects could still be a problem at home. Take care.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Take it all in stride now. Do the best you can to feel and look great. Your mental attitude has a lot to do with the way you feel and the amount of energy you have. If you take things too seriously, you'll tend to feel heavy no matter how much you weigh. Go for the light approach and your body will follow suit.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Are you being completely honest with yourself? If not, it could keep you from being as fit as you can be. If you're imagining that your weight is only half what it is, you'll never be the size you want to be. If you pretend that eating junk food all day is OK, you won't feel energized. Be honest. It's a great first step toward good health.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Your head and heart may be in conflict, which won't help you stick to your fitness plan. Your head could be living in the future, when you've achieved your fitness goals. Your heart may be feeling sad because you aren't acknowledging the beauty and health that you already have. Build from what you have now and set yourself free from unrealistic expectations.

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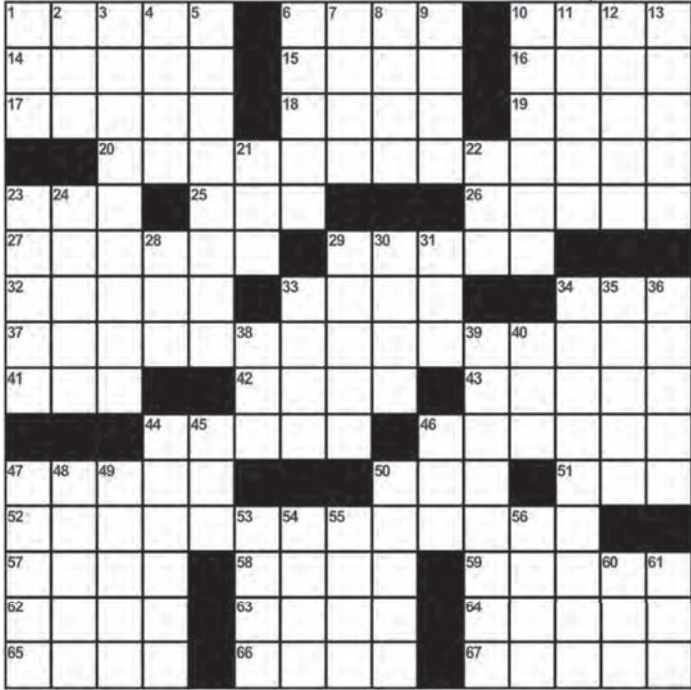
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- 6) Whole alternative
- 10) Hairdo
- 14) Separated
- 15) Annul
- 16) "I" of "The King and I"
- 17) Falsely depict
- 18) Holiday tune
- 19) Indian bread
- 20) Barely make ends meet
- 23) Buff
- 25) Back talk
- 26) Shipping weights
- 27) Call for
- 29) Explain away (with "over")
- 32) Despot's duration
- 33) "East" anagram
- 34) Certain Ivy Leaguer
- 37) It allows a boss to become an owner
- 41) Anger
- 42) Gift on "The Bachelor"
- 43) "Goodnight" girl of song
- 44) Combine
- 46) Heat source
- 47) Take place as a result
- 50) Highly prized item
- 51) Aardvark's tidbit
- 52) Accept an inferior substitute
- 57) Asian tongue
- 58) Aria, e.g.
- 59) California border lake
- 62) "___ Brockovich"
- 63) Seemingly endless adventure
- 64) "Each" companion
- 65) New York's Giuliani
- 66) Brio
- 67) Take in again

DOWN

- 1) It may be called on account of rain
- 2) King Kong, e.g.
- 3) Certain greeting card
- 4) "CHiPs" star Estrada
- 5) Bracing for impact
- 6) Early time
- 7) Bow, essentially
- 8) "I had no ___!"
- 9) Gangster's gal
- 10) Tent material
- 11) Broadcasting
- 12) Absurd
- 13) Dracula's choppers
- 21) Black gold
- 22) "___ alive!"
- 23) Manhattan Project scientist Enrico
- 24) Lend ___ (listen up)
- 28) ___ Khan
- 29) Gaggle group
- 30) Place for bowling balls
- 31) Legendary Giant Mel
- 33) Certain pollutant
- 34) Some facial features
- 35) Kind of closet
- 36) Dead to the world
- 38) "To ___ is human ..."
- 39) Carbon dioxide measurer
- 40) Paranormal showman Geller
- 44) "___ on the Bounty"
- 45) Moray, e.g.
- 46) ___ canto
- 47) Banana oil, e.g.
- 48) Indian prime minister called "Pandit"
- 49) Sedately dignified
- 50) Pained sound
- 53) To be, in old Rome
- 54) Young stallion
- 55) Legendary gymnast Korbut
- 56) Thing to do for a rainy day?
- 60) Rock that's worth something
- 61) Hurricane's center

DOING OK

By Bill Bobb



see ANSWERS on page 16

PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

I Didn't Make These Sam's Club Purchases and I Have the Perfect Alibi!

Barbara Bowman's credit card was stolen and used at Sam's Club. She wants a refund and she has the perfect alibi: She's never been a Sam's Club member.

Question: My U.S. Bank Kroger credit card was stolen and the thief charged \$1,238 at a local Sam's Club. The thief also used my stolen Capital One and Cabela's credit cards to try and charge \$1,032 and \$1,238, respectively, all at the same Sam's Club. Fortunately, the Capital One and Cabela's charges were declined and the companies issued new credit cards.

I reported the theft to U.S. Bank the next day, called Sam's Club to report the fraudulent charges and filed a police report. I've called U.S. Bank at least once a week since this happened. I gave them the police report case number and the name and number of the supervisor who I spoke with at Sam's Club. U.S. Bank is still saying I must pay the \$1,238.

I am almost 80 years old with excellent credit. Also, I have never been a Sam's Club member. Please

help me! – Barbara Bowman, Delphi, Indiana

Answer: You shouldn't have to pay for this but not for the reasons you think.

You did everything right by reporting the theft to your bank, the merchant and the police. You also kept a detailed record of your communication, which is important.

It helps that you were never a Sam's Club member but unfortunately that doesn't prove your innocence. A quick review of Sam's Club policies shows it accepts all major U.S. credit cards ... but they do not have to belong to the member. So, for all Sam's Club knows you could have given your card to a friend who was a member and the charges would have been legitimate.

Still, it's unacceptable that U.S. Bank refused to remove the

fraudulent charges from your account. Under the Fair Credit Billing Act, your bank should have clawed back the money from Sam's Club. You had a police report and all of your documentation was watertight.

You could have escalated your case in writing to one of the executives at your bank or at the retailer. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the U.S. Bank executives and the Sam's Club executives on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org.

Lately I've noticed a lot of credit card disputes that are summarily dismissed because the bank is using artificial intelligence to determine if a claim is valid. I don't know if that happened in your case but if I had to make an educated guess, I would at least say that your bank didn't review your dispute carefully enough.

Illustration by Dustin ELLIOTT



You asked my advocacy team for help and I contacted Sam's Club on your behalf. In response, you received a notice that U.S. Bank had closed your case and issued a full credit to your account.

"This nightmare is finally over," you told me.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (<https://elliottadvocacy.org>), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at <https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/>. ©2025 Christopher Elliottw



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

•Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, calculation and a degree of chance. Players of all levels are welcomed! Players meet every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Montrose Library.

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

CELEBRATE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

Community members are invited to join the Glendale/

La Crescenta Stamp Club, a community of stamp enthusiasts that meets regularly to share their passion for this timeless hobby.

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

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

ACTIVITIES AT SUNLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Sunland Senior Center

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

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

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LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST SUMMER POTLUCK

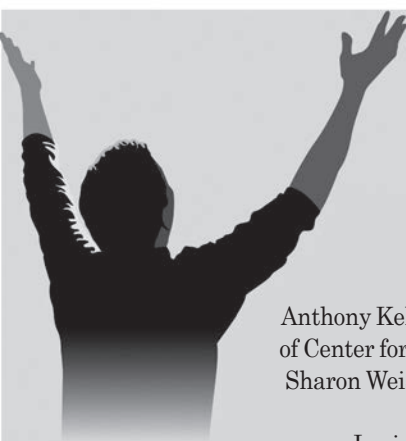
Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) invites the community to attend its summer potluck on Sunday, Aug. 10 following worship with Pastor Rick Hall at 10 a.m. The potluck will be held in the church’s fellowship hall. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite dish to share or simply enjoy the buffet 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 book club. 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 lcifoohills.org for event details. For more information or to request/offer help, email office@lcifoohills.org or call



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

Reprinted from July 7, 2022

Question: We’ve attended the same church for 18 years. This past Sunday, we sat behind a couple and their two teenagers. Although they weren’t bothering anyone, the teens were both looking at their phones and texting for most of the service. Although we didn’t say anything, our thinking is this behavior is an insult to the pastor and others who are helping with the service. We also don’t understand why the parents didn’t tell the kids to put away their phones and pay attention. What do you think?

~ Old-fashioned

Dear Old-fashioned,

Yes, I have some opinions on this.

First you’ve said: “Our thinking is this behavior is an insult to the pastor and others who are helping with the service.” It really is. As a preacher myself, I can tell you that preaching to people who are on their cellphones is a lot like preaching to people who are busy reading the newspaper during my sermon.

But beyond simple etiquette, the overall problem is this: The very most

exciting aspect of any church service is the possibility of hearing God’s voice ... not that we have to hear an audible voice, yet that is often the case through prayers, sermons and hymns/songs. We tell God we are not available to hear Him when we’re busy texting someone else during the time we’re supposed to devote to Him. Who knows what God will say? It’s exciting!

Sadly, these days God often gets a busy signal when he seeks to dialogue with our hearts in worship.

Second, you’ve said you don’t understand these parents. I don’t either. I suspect that cellphone manners are the next great social frontier to conquer in our culture. It’s terrible everywhere. But these parents have done something right.

Third, never presume that it is your job to criticize a fellow worshiper’s parenting. I have great hope in today’s teenagers. I’m so glad they’re in church. They do indeed need to put their phones down and ask God to speak to them in this holy moment. I mention this occasionally to my congregation. Perhaps your pastor needs to say it, too. But now you’re being distracted by teenagers in church who aren’t bothering anyone. My advice would

be to lift your gaze, metaphorically speaking, and be in communion with the Almighty yourselves so that the behavior of fellow worshippers matters to you less and God’s voice matters more.

Rev. Jon T. Karn
pastorjon@lightonthecorner.org

Dear Old-fashioned,

A recent Gallup poll reports that church attendance in America is at a record low of only 47% as compared to 79% in 1999. They claim that this is because most people nowadays don’t have any specific religious beliefs and aren’t participating in organized religious communities. While the data shows that our youth are not being guided toward religion by their parents, it does not show that our youth are without a sense of spirituality. More than ever, the youth of today actually want, and need, a community of unconditional loving acceptance and support. As a minister, and a mom, I understand how hard it is to get teens out the door in the morning—especially on a Sunday! I applaud the skills of those parents you don’t seem to approve of.

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(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.

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 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in its 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)

CSL PROVIDES GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It

takes place every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

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.

UUCVH PRESENTS LOCAL EVENTS

On Friday, July 25 at 6 p.m., join the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills for movie night. Featured is a yet to be revealed film. Guests should come to appease their curiosity and for the wonderment; stay for the fellowship. Bring a snack to share. No reservations needed; just stop by 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta.

Then on July 27 at 10:30 a.m., Gary Knowlton will speak on the value of trees. He will speak on “Internal/ External Symbiosis” and will explore an uplifting and practical approach to creating a climate of the mind, body and spirit.

This in-person presentation is at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or available online via the UUCVH website (visit https://www.uuverdugo.org/for the ZOOM link).

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 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.

WEATHER from page 2

according to American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in a 2012 article “The Dust Bowl – A wake-up call in environmental practices.”

Most farms were family-owned and conservation information did not reach the majority of farm owners. When wheat prices plummeted during the Great Depression, farmers just plowed up more acres and planted more to make up for the loss.

Hugh Hammond Bennett, known as the “Father of Soil Conservation,” served as the first chief of the Soil Conservation Service, now the Resources Conservation Service. Bennett led conservation efforts in the 1920s and ’30s. He urged the nation to address the “national menace” of soil erosion, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Services.

Sheet erosion was the problem and preservation of the topsoil was the key. A couple of the simplest practices he suggested was crop rotation and leaving fallow fields [meaning not planting in those fields].

In addition, the Civilian Conservation Corps was ordered to plant 200 million

trees from Canada to Texas to serve as windbreak and help hold the soil in place.

“After suffering the worst drought in over 50 years in 2012, it’s clear that we have learned from the mistakes of the past. Although crop yields were down, higher prices and insurance helped to cover the economic loss, and farmland values have actually risen. But much of the High Plains remains in what is known as an ‘Exceptional Drought,’ level D4,” according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

“D4 is the highest level and many areas surrounding this zone are still experiencing extreme and severe drought. Today, we worry about the effect we have on the environment on a global scale. We worry that the emission of greenhouse gases, depletion of the ozone layer, and other effects of industrialization are wreaking havoc with the gradual warming of the atmosphere. In the 1930s, it took extensive government intervention to turn the tide,” according to AAAS.

Bennett had been warned for years of a large drought before it became a

reality. When the Dust Bowl occurred he had proof that his warnings were valid, and the government responded; however, this was after there was a lot of pain and suffering by farmers.

So when we now get warnings of climate change and best practices, history shows we should listen ... I only hope we do.

Resources:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/history/brief-history-nrcs/hugh-hammond-bennett-biography>

<https://www.aaas.org/taxonomy/term/10/dust-bowl-wake-call-environmental-practices>

We will be looking for a warm up in the first half of next week. Today, (Thursday), Friday, Saturday and Sunday will see highs in the high 70s to the low 80s, then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday temperatures will be in the upper 80s and mid-90s. These higher temperatures will be nearer to normal for this time of year. The recent marine layer has given us a bit of a break with lower temps. There does not look like there is any rain in the forecast.

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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>.

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Tufts University recently announced the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester. Isabella Lim, Isabella Lim, Class of 2029, and Dylan Tanouye, Class of 2027, (both from La Cañada Flintridge) recently earned Dean’s List placement.

Dean’s List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.

A total of 9,424 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May including Eliza Sullivan from La Cañada Flintridge who earned a bachelor’s degree in arts-journalism, journalism from the College of Letters and Science, and Dana Ryan from La Crescenta who earned a bachelor’s degree in science-nursing, nursing.

For more information about UW-Madison, visit <http://www.wisc.edu>.

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