

Praise for Glendale's Comfort Women Statue

By Julie BUTCHER

"I take immense pride in Glendale being one of the few cities in the world that has a Comfort Women statue," said Councilmember Elen Asatryan, expressing her support at the beginning of the Glendale City Council meeting on Tuesday night for the proclamation issued commemorating July 30 as Korean Comfort Women Day.

The proclamation reads in part: "The City of Glendale has a long-standing history of recognizing cultural diversity and has been a strong advocate for human rights around the world. This was evident in 2012 when the City of Glendale first proclaimed July 30 as the Comfort Women Day, and in 2013 when the Glendale City Council voted to approve the Comfort Women monument in the Glendale Central Park. Since the decision was made, the City of Glendale has continued to support the efforts to secure the rights of those known as 'Comfort Women.'"

In Korea, the comfort women statues are monuments representing women forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II. These statues, particularly the Peace Statue depicting a young girl, symbolize the suffering of Korean women and serve as a reminder of the unresolved issues surrounding this historical event.

Also on Tuesday night the Council approved this year's schedule of fees and assessments requiring weed abatement on properties in wildfire danger areas.

"If you're a homeowner and you receive a notice for weed abatement, please don't ignore it," said Mayor Ara Najarian, "because you will be followed up on and if the work is not done the County will perform the work – not necessarily at the most reasonable price but with contractors that are well established and certain to get the job done right."

Mayor Najarian noted that the city's Glendale Youth Alliance <https://www.glendaleyouthalliance.com/> provides brush clearance services and can be contacted through the City.

"Don't ignore the notice," the mayor reiterated. "You'll get a hefty bill plus you're adding to the danger of the wildfire season,"

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Home Again LA Provides Back To School Shopping for Kids

By Ruth SOWBY

Twenty-five lucky young students were each the recipient of \$100 for back to school clothes and supplies from Target in Glendale. Leading the pack was Albert Hernandez, chief executive office of Home Again LA (HALA).

"We've held this event for five years thanks to the generosity of Glendale Kiwanis, which donated \$2500," said Hernandez who is also the incoming president of Glendale Kiwanis

On Saturday, July 26, children, parents and volunteers lined up outside of Target to await the early 8 a.m. opening of the store. One volunteer was paired with one student for the shopping excursion.

"Kiwanis supports [the shopping spree] financially so kids can get things they need for going back to school and with volunteers to shop with each of the kids," said Glendale Kiwanis president Carl Povilaitis.

According to Hernandez, 21 volunteers were from the Glendale Kiwanis and six were HALA board members. Courtesy of Glendale Kiwanis, \$100 was given to each pair; volunteers supervised



Photos by Ruth SOWBY
Mom Laticia Perkins, Zoe Perkins, 9, and Home Again LA volunteer and Kiwanian Pamela Spizman load up their back to school shopping cart at Target in Glendale.

how the money was spent.

"By partnering with Home Again LA, Kiwanis is not just providing clothing and supplies – they're sending a message to these children that their community cares deeply about their future," said Hernandez. "For the children currently in the Home Again LA shelter, this experience is about more than just new

shoes or backpacks; it's about being seen, supported and encouraged. Our involvement in this initiative reflects our commitment to lifting up families during difficult times and ensuring every child feels ready and excited for that first day of school."

Fourteen-year-old Aaron Johnson traveled all the way from Las Vegas to receive his \$100

share. He wore a Smiley World T-shirt sporting an image of a big pink bear. His buy of choice – more T-shirts. Johnson was teamed up with Home Again past board member Marie Filipian. Filipian works as community benefits manager at Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital.

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» PART II

The Controversy Over E-bikes Continue

By Mary O'KEEFE

Although some may think the laws have not caught up with the popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters, there are laws that have been set up and should be followed accordingly.

- Micro-mobility devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters, are categorized into three levels: Class 1 and Class 2 have speeds that have a maximum of 20 mph, Class 3 e-bikes can reach up to 28 mph. E-scooters are motorized scooters powered by an electric motor and battery.
- Regulations in California are as follows:
- There is no license required to operate an e-bike or e-scooter.
- A helmet is required for riders under the age of 18 and riders of all Class 3 vehicles [maximum speed of 28 mph] must wear a helmet.
- E-bike riders must follow the same traffic laws as regular cyclists, including obeying all traffic signals and speed limits and observing the right-of-way.
- Federal limits for e-bikes is 20 mph under motor power alone; California allows Class 3 e-bikes to reach up to 28 mph when pedal-assisted. Riders must still follow local speed limits.
- No passengers are allowed on Class 3 e-bikes.
- E-bikes can be operated in designated bicycle lanes and on roadways where it is legal for a pedal bike but riders must be able to move with the flow of traffic.



Photo courtesy of LASD
Laws governing the use of e-bikes and e-scooters have not necessarily caught up with the popular transportation trend.

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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Soaring in Anaheim

Last Thursday Steve and I went to Disneyland and California Disney. Since he’s on the Montrose Search and Rescue team he was offered two Heroes Tickets. July 24 saw weather that was gorgeous and Disney crowds were not so overwhelming.

While talking, we realized that we had never been to Disneyland alone – sans kids. This was our first time! So we rode all the rides and saw those things that we wanted to that would not interest our children. We rode on the train that goes around the park – twice – and visited Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln, though it now is Walt Disney – a Magical Life. I thought that was really interesting because the show, and accompanying gallery, highlights his road to creating the theme park (which was originally slated to be in Burbank – who knew?), movie studio and his other accomplishments. Like Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln, an animatronic Walt Disney “spoke” to the audience, sharing his journey. I found the experience very inspiring, especially since I own the local newspaper and have faced some tough times (as an aside, I thank God for the patience of those I work with).

I have to add something here: This week I received a beautiful note from a longtime reader. She was watching a program that highlighted “local newspapers and their worth to our localities.” She asked what “the locals” could do to help the paper stay alive and well. “Can anyone buy advertising space, just to support the

paper?” she asked. She added she is sure she is not the only person who worries for the welfare of the paper.

To answer her question: Yes, advertising space is available to just about anyone ... and I appreciate anyone purchasing space. However, a cheaper route is to be a subscriber. While I know the paper is “free” in many places around town, it’s not free to produce. So becoming a subscriber is paramount to its success.

And thank you for caring.

Back to Disneyland: In addition to riding on Pirates of the Caribbean and the Haunted Mansion, we headed over to California Disney. After enjoying dinner, we went on my all-time favorite ride: Soaring’ Around the World (formerly Soarin’ Over California). Riders are raised about 80 feet in the air and, in front of an IMAX screen, “fly” over some of the most amazing spots in the world including Sydney Harbour in Australia, Mount Kilimanjaro, the Great Wall of China, the Great Pyramids of Egypt, the Taj Mahal in India, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Monument Valley, Fiji’s Lau Island and Iguazu Falls in South America.

We left soon after completing our “flight” – both of us with smiles on our face. What a fun day!

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O’KEEFE

Wallis Annenberg passed away this week at the age of 86. She was a well-known Los Angeles philanthropist who supported so many institutions including the Annenberg Community Beach House, the Wallis Annenberg GenSpace – a senior center – and the Wallis Annenberg Building at the California Science Center. She was so generous and supportive of Los Angeles, including shepherding the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing in Agoura Hills.

This wildlife crossing is an important part of protecting wildlife in an ever-changing climate with highways and roadways having more traffic and the expansion of urban life.

This is not just a California thing – this is an issue that occurs throughout the nation. According to the article “Wildlife Crossings” (available online at education.nationalgeographic.org), in the U.S. more than a million vehicle accidents per year involve wildlife resulting in an estimated \$8 billion annually in medical costs and vehicle repairs. In addition, these accidents kill more than a million animals every day making them the leading cause of death for many vertebrate species.

But beyond that, the way roadways were planned and constructed, along with urban expansion, cause the subdivision of many animal populations. The loss of their natural expansive habitat makes it difficult for them to forage for food, find mates and carry on their legacies.

“Wildlife bridges, often called ‘green bridges,’ in the United Kingdom are usually covered in native vegetation of various kinds ... The concept was first developed in France in the 1950s. It took off in the Netherlands, where more than 600 crossings have been constructed to protect badgers, elk and other mammals. The Dutch built the world’s longest animal crossing, the Natuurbrug Zanderij Crailoo, an overpass that spans

more than 0.5 miles. Wildlife crossings can also be found in Australia, Canada and other parts of the world. The idea took a little longer to catch on in the United States, but wildlife bridges and tunnels began appearing [in the U.S.] in the 21st Century,” according to the National Geographic.

The Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, also known as the P-22 Crossing, will be over the 101 Freeway connecting a wildlife corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains.

P-22 was a mountain lion that lived in Griffith Park and was the inspiration for the wildlife crossing over the 101. Before his passing in 2022, his story was shared throughout LA and beyond.

Below is a statement released by Miguel Ordeñana of the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles:

“P-22 was first spotted in 2012 by Ordeñana as part of the Griffith Park Connectivity Study, a joint effort of Friends of Griffith Park, Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. and the U.S. Geological Survey. For the study, Ordeñana had set camera traps [motion-activated cameras] to document wide-ranging wildlife in the park and on potential corridors as a way to document connectivity between Griffith Park and neighboring open spaces. Ordeñana was thrilled to discover an image of a mountain lion, whose presence in the area had previously not been officially verified. Discovering a mountain lion in Griffith Park confirmed for scientists the park’s role as a haven for wildlife that is more connected to nearby open spaces than previously thought.

“After his discovery, P-22 was captured by Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area biologists to examine and fit him with a tracking collar. P stands for puma, and he is the 22nd in the federal study of local pumas. Genetic testing confirmed that he was born in the western Santa Monica Mountains, and his father was P-01,

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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.

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Aug. 2. 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 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 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 the Rosemont Preserve Committee.

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

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST OPEN

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy’s Nature Photography Contest is open until Aug. 17. Now in its third year, AFC’s photography contest is a celebration of the natural world and the connection of humans to it.

Photographers of any skill level are encouraged to apply – there is no need to be a professional to take an inspiring photograph.

This contest has no entry fee and is an opportunity to share what each person finds beautiful in nature. Category winners will have their images promoted on AFC’s social media and communications and displayed at an event in the fall.

This year categories include mammals, birds, other wildlife, plants, landscapes, people in nature and conceptual or abstract images. The contest guidelines and submission form can be found at qrcodes.pro/afc-npc.

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.

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Patriot Day Motorcade Returns to Crescenta Valley



By Mary O’KEEFE

Last year, in 2024, after 10 years of hosting the Patriot Day Motorcade, organizers decided to end the event.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Dwight Sityar, Jean Maluccio and Steve Pierce, founded the 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade over 10 years ago. Community members and students across the valley gathered each year to see first responder vehicles, classic cars, muscle cars and hot rods drive past on Sept. 11 in recognition of Patriot Day. The purpose of the motorcade was to draw attention to first responders and add emphasis to the American mantra of “Never Forget.”

Responding to requests by many in the community, including emergency responders, asking organizers and co-founders Pierce and Sityar if they would bring back the motorcade the decision has been made to once again have the event.

“Many of our first responders asked if we were planning to do a motorcade this year,” Pierce said. “That sparked our interest to bring it back.”

The event ended last year for many reasons including it hit its 10-year anniversary, which seemed like a good time to phase it out. Many of the Early Rodder classic and hot rod car owners were unavailable and the overall support of the event appeared to be waning. However, the adage of “You don’t know what you have until it’s gone” seemed in this case to be true.

The motorcade drives past numerous schools. Students and staff will stand outside of the buildings on sidewalks, waving flags and signs thanking first responders including law enforcement, fire and search and rescue. Although this support is to honor and remember the terrorist attack of 9/11, the support for first responders is appreciated and, with the January fires of this year fresh in people’s minds, first responders are thankful for the recognition.

Patriot Day was designated on Dec. 18, 2001 as a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress. Americans are asked to honor those who lost their lives beginning at 8:46 a.m. EST. That was the time the first airplane struck the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

“Nineteen terrorists from al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the north and south towers of the World Trade Center complex and a third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The Twin Towers ultimately collapsed because of the damage sustained from the impacts and the resulting fires. After learning about the other attacks, passengers on the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, fought back and the plane was crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania about 20 minutes by air from Washington, D.C. The attacks killed 2,977 people from 93 nations: 2,753 people were killed in New York; 184 people were killed at the Pentagon; and 40 people were killed on Flight 93,” according to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.

Among those victims were 343 New York City firefighters, 23 New York City police officers and 37 officers of the Port Authority. Those were the deaths that occurred the day of the attack;

however, the fallout has continued for many, including early responders, some who survived that day and others who continued to help search and recover victims in the rubble of the Twin Towers.

Thousands of first responders, construction workers and nearby residents were exposed to toxic dust containing asbestos, lead and jet fuel residue. This has led to health conditions including rare cancers and respiratory issues.

“As of recent estimates, more than 4,000 people have died from 9/11-related illnesses – a number that continues to grow. The World Trade Center Health Program monitors over 111,000 individuals suffering from health issues linked to Ground Zero exposure,” according to the Fire and Safety Journal.

“Experts predict that, eventually, the number of post-9/11 deaths will surpass the original death toll from the attacks themselves,” according to the Fire and Safety Journal.

As a veteran, Pierce is proud of the record of remembrance in the Crescenta Valley area, referencing both the motorcade and the Vietnam War Memorial in Montrose located at the corner of Ocean View Boulevard and Honolulu Avenue. He added that the purpose and message of the motorcade is to “Remember-Honor-Respect” victims of 9/11, including the “first responders and the 3,000 lives lost. People can show their support by coming out on the sidewalk and waving as we pass by.”

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On Sunday, July 20 parishioners from over the years gathered with current and former priests to celebrate Mass at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church with Archbishop Gomez. Holy Redeemer celebrated 100 years of serving the community. Among the longtime parishioners in attendance was Art Madrid, who

has been attending Holy Redeemer since he was born 90 years ago. He was honored with a statue of the Holy Redeemer and a salute from those present. Over the years several priests were instrumental in the history of Holy Redeemer. Pastor Healy who's name is on the hall, and Father Foley,

who was well-loved for so many years, were remembered. Former Pastor Father Ed Dover returned for the special day. Holy Redeemer's current pastor is Fr. Olin Mayfield and the associate pastor is Fr. Mike Grieco. Holy Redeemer is located at 2411 Montrose Ave. To learn more, visit www.hrsjatholic.com.
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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.

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 Aug. 10, 17 & 24. 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.

Sen. Schiff, Rep. Friedman Introduce Bill to Rename Glendale Post Office

Last week U.S. Senator Adam Schiff and U.S. Representative Laura Friedman introduced a bill to name a U.S. Postal Service facility in Glendale after former U.S. Navy Secretary Paul Ignatius to honor his legacy of military service.

Ignatius was the highest-ranking Armenian American in the U.S. government when serving as the 59th U.S. Secretary of the Navy under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

“Paul Ignatius dedicated a lifetime of service to the country,

one that deserves recognition and respect. The designation of the ‘Paul Ignatius Post Office’ in his hometown recognizes his storied career [and] remarkable achievements and celebrates his prominent legacy within the Glendale and Armenian community. His family is the epitome of the American Dream, and his legacy serves as an inspiration for generations of Americans,” said Senator Schiff.

“Paul Ignatius represents the best of Glendale and the best of America – a patriot, a trailblazer

and a proud Armenian American. Naming this post office in his honor is a fitting tribute to his legacy of service, from his time in uniform to the highest levels of government. I’m proud to help lead this effort with Senator Schiff to recognize all he’s given to our community and nation,” said Congresswoman Friedman.

The bill would designate the post office at 6444 San Fernando Road as the Paul Ignatius Post Office after the 104-year-old. His family was one of the earliest

Armenian families to settle in Glendale in 1911 – the city with the second largest Armenian population in the U.S. only behind Los Angeles. Senator Schiff represented Glendale for over 20 years in the House.

Ignatius worked at the Glendale Post Office as a temporary clerk when he was a college student and the post office is located on the same street that his grandfather built their house nearly a century ago.

Paul Ignatius served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy

during World War II. He went on to serve as the assistant Secretary of the Army and Under Secretary of Defense for the late John F. Kennedy before being promoted to Secretary of the Navy under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

U.S. Representative Friedman introduced companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Senator Schiff first introduced this bill in 2022 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

GUSD Discusses New Ethics Policies for Board Members

By Eliza PARTIKA

The Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) board of education discussed the restructuring of the board’s ethics policy, discussing the intricacies of each policy at length during its meeting on July 15. The board decided the clarifications and edits to policy language would be forwarded beforehand for comment to the California School Board Association, local chapters of the Parent Teacher Association, California School Employees Association, California Teachers Association, and the Glendale Teachers Association to be voted on at the GUSD board meeting on Aug. 12.

Former Board President Shant Sahakian provided summaries of each of the bylaws being discussed, then welcomed comments from each of the board members, newly-appointed Board President Ingrid Gunnell and the public. Proposed changes discussed by the board included Board Policy 9012, prohibiting board members from using disappearing messages for district business. It would also require board members to save district-related communications if they do use messaging apps like Signal, iMessage, Snapchat and Whatsapp to discuss GUSD business. Board Policy 9250 aligns compensation increases of board members with the salary increases of district employees, like teachers and staff, capping any increases to board salaries at 5%. Board Policy 9270 creates new rules for what constitutes a conflict of interest for board members and adds the requirement for a board member’s recusal if a conflict arises. Board Policy 9323 changes how board members can participate in public comment. The board also discussed a new policy outlining a Code of Ethics for GUSD board members – a policy board member Shant Sahakian called the most robust ethics policy in the state.

The ethics bylaw would be a new addition to board policy.

“The basic principle [of this bylaw] is that if we have high standards and expectations for our students and employees then we should have the same standards for our board members,” he said.

The ethics policy adds language reiterating a board member’s responsibility to the public and appoints an ethics officer to oversee compliance with the policy. Any member of the public or district employee who suspects a violation of the policy can submit a complaint to the ethics officer.

Board members asked questions of Sahakian, who was the author of the policy changes, and Darren Kameya, the education law attorney for GUSD.

Sahakian clarified the financial and personal conflicts of interest under the new board policy.

“Imagine we had a transportation officer declare a conflict of interest. Now imagine we had a board member who worked for that company and there is a district decision that needs to be made on that. That would be an example of a financial conflict of interest,” he said.

The proposed changes state that a board member with a known conflict of interest would be required to recuse him/herself and refrain from discussing any district business related to the conflict with other board members. Sahakian gave an example: “Imagine that board members with the conflict viewed the decision, read it and voted on it. Now imagine that same board member with the known conflict, board member B, discusses the board decision with board member A. Board member B would be in violation, but so would board member A because by discussing with board member B, [s/he] would be going against the spirit of the law,” said Sahakian.

Sahakian said language in that section of the bylaws has been updated to protect each board member’s constitutional rights. He said the same rules that apply to the public would apply to board members including vacating the dais and sitting with the general public for the duration of a meeting, beginning their public comments by stating they are speaking as an individual in a private capacity and not as a representative of the district, and that the wearing of district pins, badges or other district-related apparel would be prohibited. In addition to these rules, the policy changes as written in the July 16 agenda stated that there is an

expectation that if a time restriction on public comment prevented a member of the general public from participating in the public comment period, “the board member speaking as a member of the public is expected to forfeit [his/her] public comment opportunity to accommodate another speaker from the general public.”

Bylaw 9323 was amended to reflect new rules for board member recusal and for public comment. The amendment would also emphasize maintaining clear distinctions between board members’ public responsibility and personal interest. Sahakian said board members would be required to follow a set of guidelines when recusing themselves, including “announcing they are recusing themselves from the vote, stating the general conflict of interest to ensure transparency and vacating the dais and board room as to not participate in or influence the decisions or deliberations of the board.” The board should be informed of conflicts of interest, Sahakian said, before, during and after meetings.

Sahakian noted that board members still have the legal right under the First Amendment to address the board, but “even though board members have a right to do it, that doesn’t mean it is right to do,” he said.

Board member Neda Farid asked if the board could revise the time limit on submitting public comment cards.

“I find this very restrictive as a district that wants to cultivate engagement. I understand why this change might have come to pass. But there was a time this district had two public comment [periods]. There was a time that this district accepted public comment cards up until the start of public comment. The reality is most people don’t work a nine to five job, and if you do work a nine to five job your ability to be here before the start of a 5 p.m. meeting is still very restrictive,” Farid said.


The board agreed to add these changes to their revisions before Aug. 12.

For board policy on electronic communications, board member Farid asked Kameya whether existing law about the California Public Records Act (CPRA)

would prohibit board members from using conference apps that deleted messaging after the end of a conference. Kameya’s response was that while the use of the app itself is not prohibited by law, board members would need to save any communication about district business discussed on that app under the CPRA and that the changes to the policy would be updated to reflect the use of such apps. Board member Kathleen Cross asked Kameya to clarify whether the CPRA required board members to save all communications or whether communications about district business are only required to be kept if asked for in a CPRA request. Kameya responded that board members are required to hold onto their communications about district business under public records law regardless whether specific information is requested or not, suggesting saving pertinent messages over text as screenshots on a cellphone. Sahakian reminded the board of their similar discussion years ago about saving emails discussing district business and how that discussion and a subsequent approval vote determined that

they were required to save all of their district-related emails, per public records law. He argued these changes would be similar.


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CRIME BLOTTER

JULY 27

Angeles Forest Highway in Angeles National Forest, deputies responded to the location regarding a possible gunshot victim. A witness reported he was camping with “friends” he had recently met on social media. He had been talking to two male Hispanics who were not part of the group but were at the location about 50 yards from his campground. After he walked away he then heard the two men arguing with another man, then heard two gun shots and reportedly saw a muzzle flash from a third shot. He heard the victim yell out.

He grabbed a first aid kit and ran to the victim. He was able to carry the victim to the LA Forest Highway. He reported the victim had been shot. The shooter was described as a male Hispanic between 19 and 21 years of age, about 5’6” tall, wearing a dark T-shirt and dark work pants. When deputies arrived they contacted the victim, who was

lying on the side of the highway where the witness carried her. The victim had a blanket over her. At the time she was not able to remember anything about the person who shot her. She was transported to the hospital.

The incident occurred at 2:43 a.m.

JULY 22

2600 block of Fairway Avenue in Montrose, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at 1:39 a.m.

JULY 21

2100 block of Tondolea Lane in La Cañada Flintridge, items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at 10:45 a.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.

Obituary
Linda Gubler Junge

June 25, 2025

“If you felt like Linda loved you ... she did; if you didn’t feel like she loved you, you’re wrong.”

That is the legacy of Linda Gubler Junge who passed away on June 25 after a long battle with cancer.

She touched so many lives with positivity and joy. She loved her family, the students she served, her community and her God.

Her family was at the center of everything she did – from supporting her children in every adventure and journey to being a true partner to her husband Jason.

Jason met Linda at church in 1997. They were, and are, both members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When Jason met Linda, he was at a crossroads. He knew that if he didn’t change his life’s path it would not lead to happiness. The first day, the first minute, when he walked into church Linda came up to him and introduced herself. Perhaps God had put her in his path to help guide him.

It took six months to grow from being friends to dating – and their love grew. Jason, feeling a sense of duty to God, knew he needed to go on a mission. They talked about him leaving with the agreement that Linda would continue to date while he was gone. But what he didn’t know then was the strength of Linda’s patience and grace.

He went off to Norway for two years and when he got back he went straight to her; within seven months they were married. That temporary separation filled them both with happiness and love that bloomed upon their reunion. Together they created a family but their community family stretched far beyond their home.

Linda was dedicated to students. She had been a teacher and a principal. She was a graduate of Hoover High School and she worked for the Glendale Unified School District in a variety of positions; however, it was her job as principal of Crescenta Valley High School that introduced her to the CV community. Putting her into that position at CVHS was a strategic move by then-Superintendent Michael Escalante. The

students and staff had faced a tremendous tragedy when a student died by suicide on campus in a very public way. The entire community was in mourning and though there was a shadow that fell on the campus that encompassed many Linda was perfectly suited for her leadership role. Her brother had died by suicide years before and she knew what these students and her staff were feeling. She knew that this loss was not something to ignore and she wanted to create a safe space for everyone to share their feelings. Although the memory never left, it did fade.

Linda faced some tough times while at CVHS but she never let the negative outweigh the positive, and she always had her students’ backs making them feel safe and heard.

Linda moved from CVHS to be an assistant superintendent of Human Resources in the South Pasadena Unified School District, which was near her home and was a district that held a very special place in her heart. She then got her dream job at Burbank Unified School District as assistant superintendent of Educational Instruction. She was so excited about this new position and her future; however, she soon began to feel unexpected fatigue, which rapidly turned into complete exhaustion. She decided to go to the Emergency Room and received the news she had leukemia.

She quickly went from diagnosis to treatment, which took a tremendous toll on her body. Her family watched as she fought so hard. Linda was fighting for her family, fighting to stay in their lives for as long as she could. It was at this time the community she had supported stepped up to support her. Word was shared that she needed platelets and blood ... and her community responded. Linda needed hundreds of transfusions. When a nurse hung blood bags on the IV pole there would be a yellow tag indicating it was donated specifically for her. There were many yellow tags over the course of her treatment. She never knew who donated, but knew it was from the community that loved her. Seeing that yellow tag let her know that she was not in this battle alone.

“You really don’t realize how many good people there are in this world until something like

this happens,” said her husband Jason.

Support continued through the treatments and the transfusions as members of the community she helped create continued to show their support to her and her family, even beyond her passing.

Being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Linda was well aware of the stigma that being a Christian – and especially a member of her church – could bring to situations. As part of her role as an administrator in education she did not judge; her job was to support all. There were times when she would go up against some in the Christian community who had differing opinions, asking them, “Which child should not be loved or supported?” She knew that loving and supporting a child should not be political but should come from the heart. She was an active member in her church becoming the head of the woman’s organization that reached across numerous congregations.

It was her belief in God that gave her strength at the end of her cancer fight. She knew she would be with Him, that she would be reunited with her family and friends who had passed and that one day her family would reunite with her. And that strong belief is carried by her family as well as they work through life without her by their side.

Her daughter Meghan is in college. Linda was able to go with her to help set up the dorm room. Her son Max is still in high school in South Pasadena. She supported him in sports and loved cheering from the sidelines. “She was such a good person,” Jason said. “She had such a big heart.”

The road family and friends are now on will not be easy but Linda’s strength and will endure and her laughter will be echoed throughout the school halls and home that she so loved.

“Community is what life is all about. We are all about family we are all connected.” Linda Junge

She is survived by her husband, her daughter, her son and five siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother.

A celebration of Linda’s life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 770 Sierra Madre Villa Ave. in Pasadena.

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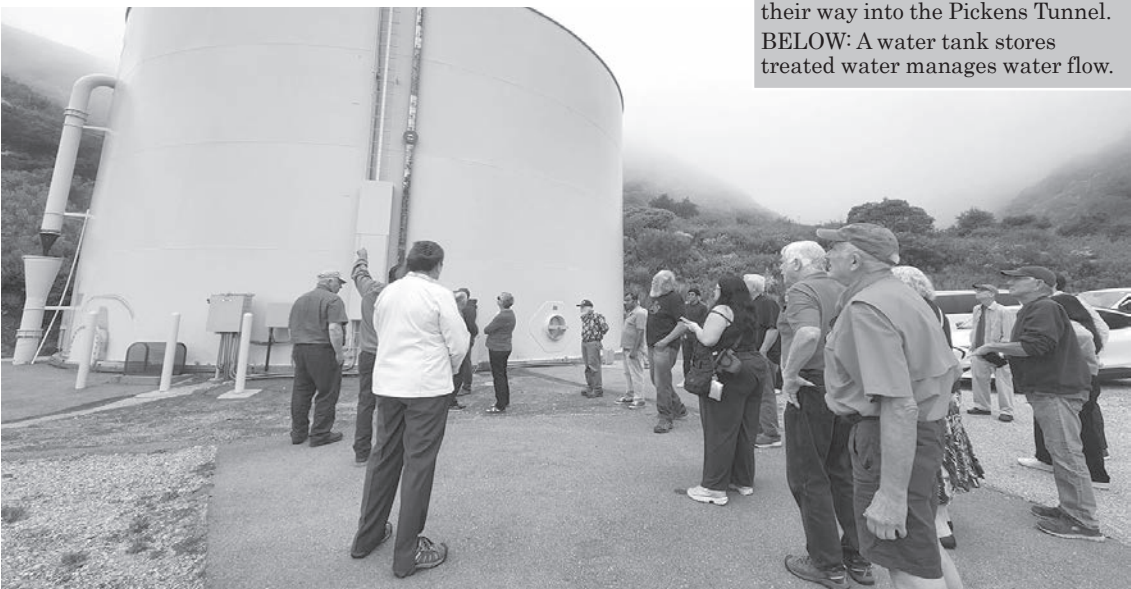
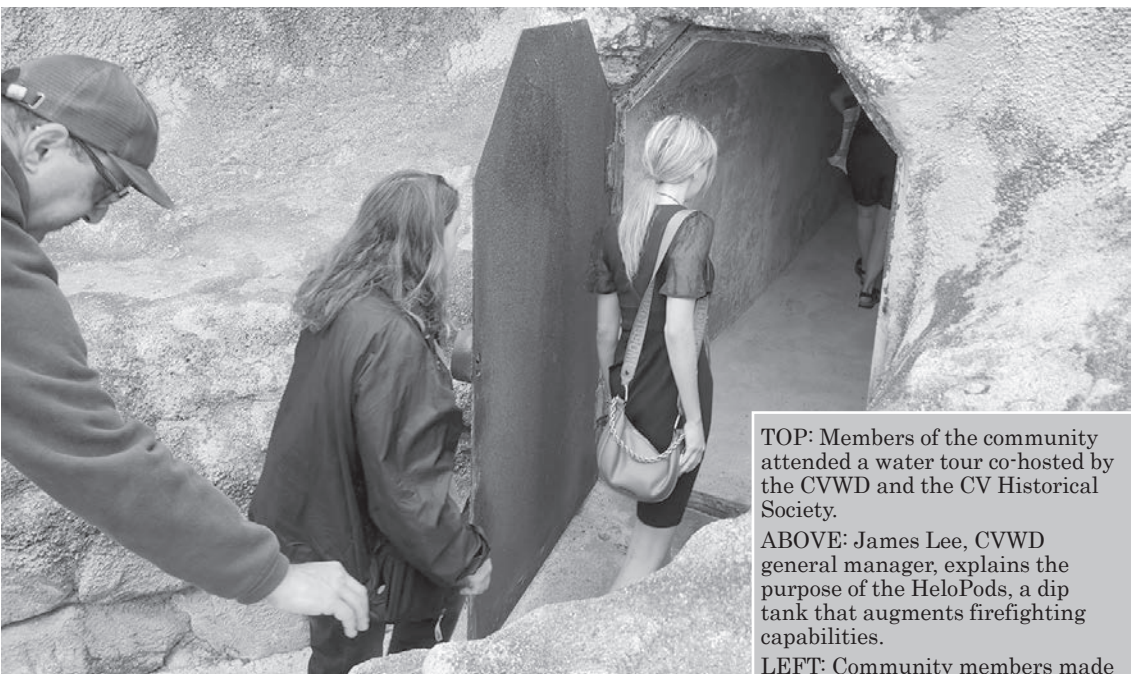
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Crescenta Valley Water District partnered with the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley for a tour of the District’s reservoirs and facilities. Joining the tour were members of the CV Town Council, Friends of the Rosemont Preserve and staff members and interns from the office of Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The District shared information about its past. During the tour, guests peeked at the Pickens

Tunnel, a 500-foot mountainside natural spring, saw the stormwater capture bioswale constructed through partnership with Friends of the Rosemont Preserve (Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy), and stopped at the Judy Tejada Reservoir to see one of the District’s HeloPods, a dip tank that augments firefighting capabilities in partnership with the LA County Fire Dept. and the Glendale Fire Dept.

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FOLAR’s 4th Annual ‘RiverFest’ Celebrates the LA River

Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) invites everyone to its 4th annual RiverFest, a free, all-ages, open-air environmental arts and community festival at the scenic LA State Historic Park on Sunday, Aug. 3 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. A celebration of the LA River through the arts, RiverFest will offer a variety of live music and dance performances, educational stations and eco-activities for the whole family. The event will also feature top LA food trucks and a marketplace with 50-plus booths from local environmental, arts, Indigenous and partner organizations like Water Replenishment District, Heal the Bay, Parks Project, 100 Acre Partnership and more. While free, registration is required. Registration is now open at <https://tinyurl.com/ysvu57p4>.

FoLAR has amassed a significant grouping of raffle prizes including tickets to Universal Studios, NEMO camp chairs, private behind-the-scenes tour of Theodore Payne Foundation, one-of-a-kind pottery, gift cards to Suay LA and Doto Restaurant and items from Patagonia, ZeroWasteStore, humangear (reusable items) and more.

RiverFest this year will also promote FoLAR’s fundraising goal of \$20,000 to help power the return of the River Rover, FoLAR’s popular mobile visitor and education center that takes the River to the people.

This is a large event with 1,000 guests expected. A limited number of VIP tickets are available, which includes access to VIP parking, VIP check-in, a RiverFest VIP lounge with seats and tables, VIP seating in front of the stage, one drink ticket for VIP attendees 21 or older, five raffle tickets and a RiverFest VIP bag, valued at over \$200, including gifts from brands like Art Spark, Dr. Bronners, Parks Project and Ethique.

Performers include Latin

Grammy-nominated Alih Jey (@alihjey), Azteca dance company Xipe Totec, Ballet Folklórico (@balletfolkloricoaztlan), Brandon Paul (@brandonpaulmusic_), Asian-American improv troupe Cold Tofu, poetry by Arielle Estoria, performances by School of Rock Venice, and DJ sets from DJ Dominiq. Interactive environmental art activities for the whole family will be led by Frogtown Arts, Forager Crafts, LA River Arts and more.

The 2025 RiverFest is made possible through major supporters M2O, Niagara Cares, City of Long Beach, REI Co-op, David Burd Foundation (Lil Dicky), LADWP, Stantec, Water Replenishment District, Lamar Advertising Company, Subaru of Glendale, Harvard-Westlake School, Radford Studio Center, LA City Council District 4, the Shops at Sportsmen’s Lodge, City National Bank, Art Spark, Banners & More, and TIL Events.

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E-BIKES from Cover

Violations of these rules can include fines from \$25 to over \$100. If a city or municipality has ordinances restricting bikes and e-bikes ridden on sidewalks, penalties for violations can reach up to \$500.

The history of e-bikes can be traced back to 1897 when Hosea Libbey patented a bike with two electric motors. The company Humber Limited in the U.S. also offered an e-bike in 1897. The trend of e-bikes continued but it wasn't until recently, around 2020, that the battery technology became more advanced coupled with the need to reduce one's carbon footprint.

The popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters grew with the creation of companies like Lime, which created a sort of fee-driven ride share possibility in cities. Using Limes, people take available e-bikes and e-scooters from the sidewalks, use their credit card to pay for a ride and take off. For a variety of reasons this has created some issues in many cities that have these programs including e-bikes/e-scooters just being dropped and left in the middle of a sidewalk or in front of a business by riders and also those under the age of 18 riding without a helmet.

There is a possible program that the City of Glendale is in the process of researching. CVW will cover this possibility in future articles.

E-bikes and e-scooters have also been growing in popularity for students. Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) has faced issues with this growing transportation trend.

GUSD's administration is working with the Glendale Police Dept. on traffic safety presentations to start at high schools during the upcoming school year. The district has also reached out to Los Angeles County Sheriffs Dept. (LASD) and California Highway Patrol (CHP) for safety presentations. Crescenta Valley High School and Rosemont Middle School are within the unincorporated area of LA County and therefore under the jurisdiction of LASD and CHP, according to Hagop Eulmessekian, director of Student Support Services, GUSD.

"[E-bikes] are not allowed on campus," Eulmessekian added. "All students are encouraged to use helmets and other protection."

There are designated areas at school locations for students to security lock their e-bikes.

CVW will continue with to look at how rental programs in other cities work, the trends law enforcement is seeing and just because there are laws to regulate e-bikes and e-scooters, it doesn't mean they are being followed.

WEATHER from page 2

the first puma to be studied. P-22 later journeyed to Griffith Park by crossing both the 405 and 101 freeways on foot."

Mountain lions, like P-22, are being threatened in many ways by humans including through urban development, ingesting rat poisoning placed by homeowners to control rodents, unfolding climate change and being struck by vehicles.

Mountain lions are normally solitary animals; however, P-22 really took solitary to another level. He lived in this small area of Griffith Park that limited encounters with other mountain lions. The freeways, and urban growth, contributed to his isolation. His story, which has been well documented, became a symbol of the challenges faced by wildlife in urban areas.

Locally we are somewhat used to seeing bears, bobcats and sometimes mountain lions. It seems like the common saying is "Well, they were here first." That is true and a respectful way to view wildlife; however, as developers continue to build housing complexes along the sides of mountains and residents are ignored who live in the shadow of wildlife and fire areas, the future for wildlife survival does not look positive. That is why building bridges, like the P-22 crossing, is so important and why the philanthropy of people like Wallis Annenberg is so needed.

These efforts will continue to reconnect critical wildlife corridors and restore the ecological vibrancy of the country's most densely populated urban area – a conservation legacy of the century.

Over the next few days temperatures will be in the upper 80s to mid-90s, which is a little above normal but not that much for this time of year.

The big news of course is the tsunami. The effects were not as dramatic in Southern California as they could have been; however, the effects of the 8.8 earthquake off the coast of Russia will still be felt for the next couple of days.

Tsunamis are not always like you see in the movies; it is more like an ocean flood effect with "elevated hazardous conditions" in the ocean for the next couple of days. There will be surges that are unpredictable, according to NOAA.

The tsunami advisory for Southern California south of Santa Barbara was lifted on Wednesday morning.

GCC from Cover

if it can be still considered a season."

The council voted 2-1 to deny Mills Act contracts for two properties in neighborhoods designated as historic.

According to the staff report, "The owners of 324 Lawson Place and 1833 Niodrara Drive, two contributing properties in designated historic districts, have submitted applications requesting Mills Act property tax reduction contracts for their respective properties ... In 2016, City Council established a policy that contracts potentially be made available to owners of contributing properties in historic districts."

Only two homeowners have applied to be part of the program of approving Mills Act contracts to properties considered "contributory" in an historical sense. In both cases, the city's Historical Preservation Commission [HPC] recommended approving the requests.

The owner of the home in the Niodrara Drive historic district noted that the home was purchased before the neighborhood was deemed historic.

"We love the house and we love the neighborhood," stated the homeowner. "We applied for the Mills Act eight years ago and we think it's important to preserve the history."

The Mills Act is a California state law that encourages the preservation of qualified historic structures by reducing property taxes for participating owners. It allows cities and counties to enter into contracts with property owners, agreeing to maintain and restore historic properties in exchange for reduced property assessments, which lowers their property tax burden.

Councilmember Asatryan voted against the Mills Act contract for both properties. She noted that she was not on the council when the ordinance was adopted in 2016 and questioned what took so long for the applications to be processed.

"If we're going to lose revenue, I'd rather take this money and create programs that are helping our families that are trying to keep a roof over their heads," she said.

Councilmember Ardy Kassakhian voted to grant the Mills Act contracts.

"People look for homes in Glendale for a variety of reasons – some of it is the schools, some is for public safety and city services, but also it is the charm of our neighborhoods, what they feel like, what they look like," he said. "We take these things for granted and a lot of charming homes and structures are lost."

"When you have people who voluntarily come forward and say they're willing to do what it takes to maintain these homes with a certain character and style from the time period to make sure they're preserved, I want to support that.

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TREASURES OF THE VALLEY » MIKE LAWLER

Our In-N-Out Burgers Celebrates 50 Years

I'm often asked where I get the info for my articles. In this case I'm borrowing from an article in the April issue of the Little Landers Historical Society's newsletter written by Hally Winters.

There are few things that are more iconic to Southern California than In-N-Out Burgers. It, like several other fast food chains (McDonald's, Carl's Jr., etc.) had their beginnings here.

In-N-Out was started in 1948 in Baldwin Park by Harry and Esther Snyder. It was a tiny box of a place, but it did well. They opened their second location in 1951 and expanded quickly. By 1975, they had 15 locations and Tujunga, on the edge of La Crescenta, would be their 16th. (By the way, their original burger stand has been lovingly re-created in Baldwin Park as a mini-museum. Nearby is an In-N-Out store where you can buy In-N-Out T-shirts and other "logoed" merchandise. Definitely

worth a visit.)

Our In-N-Out opened at 6225 Foothill Blvd., just east of Lowell Avenue, on April 9, 1975. Founder Harry Snyder was there in person; it was one of the last In-N-Outs he opened before his death in 1976. It was immediately popular with high-schoolers who used it as a hangout after games and events.

Interestingly enough, just two months after it opened it became a focal point for a little-known but crazy event in the history of the valley, the Foothill Boulevard Cruise Night Riot. The popularity of the Van Nuys Boulevard cruise night inspired local teens to start their own cruise night on Foothill in June 1975. The cars were to drive Foothill from Jack-in-the-Box in La Cañada to In-N-Out where they would turn around and do it again. The police came down hard on the cruisers and it turned into a full-blown riot. For three consecutive Monday nights, hundreds of teens battled

police. The new In-N-Out became the focal point of the worst of the riots. On Foothill in front of the new burger stand the LAPD made a stand and hundreds were arrested. (Do a search of CV Weekly online for my articles about the Foothill Riot.)

After things calmed down, the Tujunga In-N-Out continued to be popular with both teens and families. And when I say "Tujunga In-N-Out" that may be a bone of contention for some. Yes, it's technically in Tujunga but come on – it's the La Crescenta In-N-Out, right? In Hally Winters' article that issue is brought up – how the teens from Tujunga and La Crescenta would debate about just whose In-N-Out it was.

During that era too, the late '70s, the Boogie Bowl was right down the street. The Boogie Bowl was an incredible skateboard park that was created long before we had the skate parks in community parks like we do today. It was something special

in LA. After a day of working the "kicktail" to do "ollies" and "kickturns" on the half pipe, skaters would head to the In-N-Out.

Hally Winters also relates how for many, including herself, In-N-Out was their first job. They took pride in their work and enjoyed giving others the enjoyment of the food they prepared.

Our In-N-Out gets a few celebrities too. For those who watch the show "Jay Leno's Garage" we know that Leno regularly drives his exotic cars in the Tujunga area. Jay often stops at the Tujunga location. His signature burger is a double meat with ketchup. They should add The Leno Burger to their secret menu. (You all know about the secret menu, right?)

In-N-Out has been in the news lately with headlines that read In-N-Out is moving out of California in favor of Tennessee. I'm happy to report that news was misconstrued. In-N-Out is keeping a corporate headquarters

here in the southland and it is simply adding another headquarters in Tennessee to support its eastward expansions.

We're glad it is here to stay and we congratulate the Tujunga location on a successful half century. Whether they are in Tujunga or La Crescenta, we gladly join the line of cars out on Foothill and up Lowell to enjoy the simple menu and the fresh ingredients that make In-N-Out so special.



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NEWS FROM THE CVWD » JAMES LEE

Tours Are Opportunities to Share CVWD Progress and Programs

Dear Community,

Last week, the Crescenta Valley Water District had the pleasure of hosting the Historical Society of the Crescenta Valley for a tour of the operations and facilities that deliver your water and collect wastewater. Also attending were

several members of the CV Town Council and a few members of Gov. Newsom's local office. There was a lot of productive dialogue that reflected a survey of the broader community a couple of years ago. Namely, folks expressed primary interest in learning more about regional

partnerships, including with non-profits; emergency preparedness; pursuing alternative sources of water supply; measures to reduce costs. These areas often blend, such as a regional partnership with Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy's Friends of the Rosemont Preserve, which supports the Conservancy's educational outreach program for nature-based solutions while providing an area for the District to build an alternative source of water supply (a bioswale that captures stormwater), which in turn translates to savings for our customers. The questions were insightful and it was wonderful to talk about honoring history while making history day-by-day.

Earlier this week, we hosted another tour, this time with Assemblymember Nick Schultz (AD-44). We shared with Assemblymember Schultz some of the District's ongoing efforts to innovate, partner and save on costs. One example was our in-house pipeline initiative, which recently transitioned from a pilot program to a dedicated program, that shows that in-house crews can replace critical pipeline infrastructure for less than half of what outside contractors would charge. Another example was the District's work in identifying the most effective and efficient method of removing contaminants from your water, such as the PFAS compounds you've likely heard about. An elected official's authority can provide meaningful support, whether through access to funding or by channeling influence to expedite regional partnerships. We are heartened to be able to bring the assemblymember's attention to the needs of the Crescenta Valley by demonstrating the value of investing in our community's



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ABOVE: CVWD General Manager James Lee shares future vision for water supply sustainability with Assemblymember Nick Schultz and Frank Colcord of the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy's Friends of the Rosemont Preserve.

BELOW: CVWD Board President Jeffery Johnson discusses legislative priorities with Assemblymember Nick Schultz.



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Since the last time I wrote, we have adopted and implemented a new "budget-based" rate structure. This rate structure is designed to balance preservation of water resources, complying with state mandates, and tailoring water "budgets" to individual household needs. There has been extended outreach about this change and will continue through additional customer service staff who are ready to take inquiries and proactively

reach out to our ratepayers. Customers can also request in-person visits from personnel who will go over the rates while showing you where your water meter is, how to read it and shut it off, and how to sign up for WaterSmart, which is a new service that helps you detect leaks early to save water and avoid costly surprises.

In closing, please join me in welcoming Omar Verduzco, who joined as an Operations & Maintenance worker and has

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More Change Coming

Recently we have read about devastation from wildfires and strong storms. Climate scientists say we will see more as a result of climate change. To reduce air pollution that causes climate change we must reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Senator Lindsey Graham said, “CO2 emissions generated by man is creating our greenhouse gas effect that traps heat, and the planet is warming.”

Our government needs to do much more to promote clean energy, such as wind, solar and geothermal, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. This includes restoring tax credits for clean energy – not reducing them. I encourage readers to email their U.S. senators and representative/s. Joining Citizens’ Climate Lobby and similar groups is another great way to fight climate change.

Make Earth great again. There is no planet B. When our grandchildren ask what we did about climate change, let’s have an answer.

Gary Jump
Itasca, Illinois

Preparing for Change in Phone Service

AT&T is going to discontinue the existing local phone service that uses the copper wires. This is a economical decision. The maintenance of the equipment and outside infrastructure is very costly. All of the switching equipment in Pacific Bell, SBC had been replaced by about [the year] 2000. It is now at least 25 years old. That is why most of us have been receiving flyers in the mail to change to the new service. They say it will be the same service and will even cost less. What they do not say is what the reliability

will be. On the back page, in small print, there is a note that the service will be powered by electricity from your home. The equipment that AT&T will provide [provides] backup battery power for 24 hours to that equipment only. Current projected cost to replace the battery is \$90.

[Regarding] cordless home phones – that is a separate issue. The wired phone on your desk, table or wall receives its power from the serving (Central) office over the same copper wires as the voice or data signals. The backup power requirements for all telephone services were four (4) hours of battery and three (3) days of fuel (at 75% capacity) for the standby generator set. In most cases, if a standby genset was not onsite, the battery capacity was supposed to be 24 hours.

Now, I want to note that this affects the copper landline service only. The cell towers and their service is a separate issue. But note that the cell sites do not seem to have back up gensets or large amounts of batteries. There are minimum requirements set by the regulators but anything over that is up to the individual service providers.

Fiber to the home is powered by the household AC power too. I have uninterrupted power systems (UPS) in my home and during the last AC failure I was able to stay online for four (4) hours before the batteries quit. During the Eaton Fire I had enough time to get my generator out and powered my phone and data networks and [I kept] the refrigerator powered.

The bottom line is that if there is a extended power outage you probably will lose all ability to call anyone – and that includes 9-1-1 unless you provide your own backup power system(s).

Tom Suter
La Crescenta

NEWS FROM CV CARES » AMBASSADOR IVANNA YANKOVA

Joining CV Cares

CV Cares is looking to accomplish many things in order to assure that the future of CV Cares is a positive, and amazing, organization as well as a club at Crescenta Valley High School. Our members have been talking about what the future of our school club will look like for us, the ambassadors, and for the students who want to join as well. We are very excited to see what the next school year holds for us and the work we get to do with our peers! We have been discussing who we want our future ambassadors to be and what their roles for this year would be.

If you and/or your student is interested in sharing their voice addressing peer wellbeing and advocacy, reach out and participate with the CVHS Cares Club. We welcome you to come to one of the activities we do with The Impact Foundation LA.



We are creating resources and support for the needs we and our peers need. We hope the community is in support of our goals. If so, you can donate to CV Cares at <https://theimpactfoundationla.org/donate>.

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Ivanina Yankova takes a ride on an LACoFD truck for the crossing guard gift bag giveaway.

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BETWEEN FRIENDS

A Sold-Out Fil-Am Friendship Day Celebration has Record Number of Guests



By Ruth SOWBY

The YMCA of Glendale was the site of the summer luau put on by the Filipino American Business Assn. of Glendale (FABAG). The social media post promised songs, dances, gifts and a raffle. The event didn't disappoint. About 150 supporters, many of whom wore Hawaiian attire, packed the Y's largest indoor court. The program opened with greetings from the City of Glendale by Mayor Ara

Najarian. His honor also installed FABAG's new members and 2025-26 officers in ceremonies that drew applause from the crowd. A highlight of the program was the presentation of gavel and pin. Philippine Consul General Marie Cris Chieng passed the gavel and pin to 2025-26 President Edith Fuentes. After a dinner of marinated chicken, rice and Porto's sweets, the entertainment started with a flourish. Hawaiian dancers came first followed by Glendale High School

dancers. Then came the turn of the FABAG board members. Their spirited dance number easily received the lion's share of the applause. The program closed with audience and FABAG board members singing Happy Birthday to former Glendale mayor and councilperson Dave Weaver, who was recognized for his 85th birthday. Mayor Najarian congratulated Weaver and his wife, executive board member Linda, with a cake and a handshake.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY
TOP LEFT: YMCA board chair Elizabeth Manasserian inducts FABAG new members, from left, Rose Lim, Charisse Millera and Teresita Payawal.
TOP RIGHT: Consul Marie Cris Chieng of the Philippine Consulate General of Los Angeles, left, presents gavel and pin to Incoming President Edith M. Fuentes.
BOTTOM LEFT: The Fil-Am summer luau at the YMCA of Glendale attracted close to 150 supporters.
BOTTOM RIGHT: FABAG board members dance to loud applause at the group's summer luau at the YMCA of Glendale.

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Bingo Night Topic of Descanso Gardens Walk



Members of the La Crescenta Woman's Club walk Descanso Gardens in La Cañada every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and invites the community to join them. During their most recent walk discussion turned to the Club's upcoming bingo night on Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. The event, held

at the LCWC Clubhouse at 4004 La Crescenta Ave. will feature 10 games with prizes of \$100 or more per game. Currently game sponsors are being sought. For more information call the Club at (818) 957-9806. Provided by Danette ERICKSON

CV WEEKLY ON THE MOVE



CV Weekly recently went to the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C. with Joan Clevon and her grandson Thomas O'Leary. The memorial is dedicated to the nurses and women of the U.S. who served in the Vietnam War.

CV Weekly loves to travel! Take us along on your next trip and send us a photo. You may find yourselves on the pages of the community's favorite newspaper.

Vasken Yardemian Appointed to Commission

The Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America (AESA) recently announced the appointment of its member and former president Vasken Yardemian to the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission. Yardemian's appointment was confirmed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on July 1 following his nomination by Supervisor Kathryn Barger. He brings extensive experience and a steadfast dedication to civic leadership and community engagement to this prestigious and impactful advisory body.



The Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission serves as an independent advisory group to the board of supervisors, tasked with evaluating and improving the efficiency, effectiveness and fiscal accountability of Los Angeles County government operations. This 21-member Commission is composed of leaders from the public, corporate, academic and legal sectors, playing a vital role in driving systemic improvement across county departments. With over three decades of professional and civic leadership, Yardemian is well-qualified for this role. During his 32-year tenure with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), he led key initiatives to advance air quality and environmental compliance throughout Southern California. His earlier engineering roles with Parsons Corporation and Bechtel Corporation further demonstrate his technical and managerial expertise. He holds a Bachelor of Science in civil/

environmental engineering and a Master of Science in environmental studies from California State University, Fullerton. "I am deeply honored to be appointed to the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission," said Yardemian. "I look forward to working collaboratively with fellow commissioners to strengthen government operations and ensure accountable service to our communities." Yardemian's commitment to civic engagement is further demonstrated by his prior service on the City of Pasadena Planning Commission, as well as his elected positions on the Crescenta Valley Town Council and the Crescenta Valley Water District board of directors, where he served two terms as president. He also represented the La Crescenta community on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board,

appointed by the LA Board of Supervisors. "AESA extends its warmest congratulations to Mr. Yardemian on this prestigious appointment," said Dr. Aida Bareghamyan, president of AESA. "His leadership, technical expertise, and lifelong commitment to public service will undoubtedly enhance the work of the Commission and promote good governance across Los Angeles County." Founded in 1983, the Armenian Engineers and Scientists of America is a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian philanthropic organization headquartered in Glendale, California. AESA is primarily focused on promoting science and technology among the Armenian nation and the Diaspora communities. AESA's mission is to address the professional, technical, and scientific needs of fellow Armenians throughout the world.

People Making News

Karina H. Fischman and Oliver E. Briskin, both from La Crescenta, were named to Clark University's spring 2025 Dean's List (first honors). Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that offers 33 undergraduate majors and more than 30 advanced degree programs. Through its nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower its students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

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Sarah Dea of La Cañada Flintridge made the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S. The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts and sciences degrees, as well as professional development and K-12 programs

Questions About Today's Real Estate?

Ask Phyllis! Undisclosed Death

Dear Phyllis,

My daughter and her husband purchased a home in Azusa six months ago. The house was sold via probate and was a fixer, but my son-in-law is very handy. So that was not a problem. After just a month upon moving in a neighbor told them that the home was a rental and that the previous occupants were druggies, and one died of an overdose. It is my understanding that the death should have been disclosed, but it wasn't. What do you suggest my daughter do about the undisclosed death?

Janey

Dear Janey,

I'm sorry to hear about your daughter's situation.

In California, sellers must disclose any death on the property within the last three years. First, your daughter should confirm the timeline. Your daughter will need a police report or coroner's record to pin down when and if the overdose happened. Even though a probate sale, the law was broken if the death was within three years of her purchase and if the estate knew and it wasn't disclosed.

California law only requires sellers to disclose what they know. If the estate didn't know about the death or it was beyond the three-year window, it might not have been legally obligated to mention it. But if it did

know and hid it, that's where things get murky.

Begin by talking to the real estate agent who handled the sale. Agents must disclose material facts they're aware of, too. Ask if they knew about the death.

You might want to consult a real estate attorney. If there's a case, your daughter could sue for misrepresentation or fraud. Remedies might include damages (a drop in property value) or, possibly, reversing the sale. But she'd need solid proof the death was recent, material, and known to the seller or agent.

Best of luck to your daughter and her husband.

Phyllis

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Wow!



Highlands Theatre follows last summer’s rip-roaring revival of The Music Man with another guaranteed crowd-pleaser for adults and kids of any age: the international musical smash Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Taking the Book of Genesis as its inspiration, the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice gem has Old Testament hero Joseph (Bruno Satalino) sold into Egyptian slavery by 11 brothers jealous of the multicolored coat given to the next-to-youngest by their all too obviously favoritism-showing father Jacob (Hisato Masuyama).

Once in the land of pyramids, camels and the Sphinx, our hero’s ability to interpret dreams gets him promoted from human property to second-in-command to none other than Pharaoh (Christopher Showerman) himself.

Later, when famine strikes the land and Joseph’s starving brothers head off toward Egypt in search of food, who should they meet there but (I’ll let you do the math). Entirely sung-through (that means no spoken dialog for the Broadway-unsavvy), Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat offers audiences the most delectably eclectic blend of pop music genres/eras of Sir Andrew’s half-century-long career.

From the country-western twangs of “One More Angel In Heaven” to the 1920s-flavored “Potiphar” to the disco beats of “Go Go Go Joseph” to the Elvis-ready “Song Of The King (Seven Fat Cows)” to the French chanson oh-là-là of “Those Canaan Days” to the Caribbean flavors of “Benjamin Calypso,” it’s one tuneful showstopper after another, and these are just half-a-dozen of the 20 or so nonstop musical treats Joseph’s got up his many-colored sleeve.

With virtually no “book” in the traditional sense (and I’m guessing very little in the way of stage directions), it’s up to each individual production to find ways to transform Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat from the “concept album” it started out as back in 1968 to the full-fledged big-stage musical it’s become today and director Carter Thomas proves himself an expert at staging one cast of dozens scene after another while eliciting one scene-stealing performance after another as well.

The hunky, big-voiced Satalino makes for a charismatic Joseph,



delivering an emotional powerhouse of a “Close Every Door” and the instantly engaging Tracey Thomas reveals the most heavenly (and The Voice-ready) of pipes as she recounts Joseph’s story in song to a stageful of children – each as cute and talented as the next.

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat divides its biggest showstoppers equally among six or seven of its supporting cast members, each one earning justified cheers.

Showerman’s “Song Of The King” gives Elvis a run for his money with great big pipes to match some great big guns, a delightful Brent Knipper’s Rueben sings “One More Angel In Heaven” with a folksy Grand Ole Opry country twang, and Masuyama (doubling as Potiphar) delivers a deliciously quirky “Potiphar.”

Kyle Caldwell’s Simeon and Masuyama’s Jacob join voices (and gargly French r’s) to délicieux effect in “Those Canaan Days,” Ceron Jones channels his inner Harry Belafonte in an infections “Benjamin Calypso” and a jailed Butler (Justin Guglielmetti, who doubles as Issachar) and Baker (Dylan Renfrow, who also plays Gad) have Joseph interpreting their dreams before the disco beat takes over in “Go Go Go Joseph.”

Accompanying all of the above is Sylvie Gosse’s sparkling, high-energy choreography (including Bridget Gordon’s seductive Apache dance solo in “Those Canaan Days”), full cast production numbers that showcase the dance talents of all of the aforementioned performers along with Sage Cobos (Levi), Lucas Cook (Benjamin), Zach McDonald (Asher), Andrew Perkins (Naphtali), Matthew Roman (Dan), Jacob Rushing (Zebulun), Ashton Taylor (Mrs. Potiphar) and Wives Makenna Bolton, dance captain Anissa Briggs, Bethany Coyle, Jade Rennaé Dailey, Jessica Fernstrom, Michelle Renae

Photos provided by Robert THOMAS
TOP: The cast of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, directed by Carter Thomas, is being performed through Aug. 3 at Highlands Church in La Crescenta.
ABOVE: Tracey Thomas plays the narrator in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

and Jordyn Crowley Watts.

Scenic designer Brianne Johnson backs the songs and dances with a line of Technicolorful 1960s-style stained glass window panels topped by a series of scene-setting projections that provide a vivid backdrop for Angela Manke’s multitude of radiantly-hued costumes, from Bible-wear to “Walk Like An Egyptian” chic and more – all of the above made even more eye-catching by Paul Reid’s vibrant lighting design.

Vocals are in the more than capable hands of music director Kara Gibson-Slocum with sound designer Ryan Chaoui ensuring a crystal-clear mix of amped vocals and prerecorded tracks.

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is produced by Highlands Church. Rebecca Allfrey is assistant director. Kelly Flynn is production coordinator. Philip Thomas is technical director. Kate Ponzio is stage manager.

From its opening notes to the exhilarating eight-minute singing/dancing grand finale that is the now iconic “Joseph Megamix,” Highlands Theatre’s Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a bona fide entertainment bonanza for youngsters and grownups alike and well worth a La Crescenta visit.

Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave., La Crescenta. Through Aug. 3. Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

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Kessner, Charnofsky Performing for GNC

On Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 12:10 p.m., the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts program will be performed live in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale..

Featured are flutist-composer Daniel Kessner and pianist-composer Eric Charnofsky. The program focuses of their own works for flute and piano: Daniel Kessner (b.1946) “Sonatina Bassa” for bass flute and piano – 1. Allegretto meccanico 2. Adagio cantabile 3. Finale, allegro ma non troppo Eric Charnofsky (b. 1965) “Echo” – version for bass flute solo (originally composed for shakuhachi)

Daniel Kessner “Fleeting Thoughts” for solo piano Eric Charnofsky Two pieces for flute and piano –

1. Lamentation
2. Jubilation

Born in Los Angeles in 1946, composer-conductor-flutist Daniel Kessner received his Ph.D. with Distinction at UCLA in 1971, studying with Henri Lazarof. His more than 180 compositions have received over one thousand performances and are published by Universal Edition in Vienna. Most important awards include the 1972 Queen Marie-Jose International Composition Prize in Geneva, a 2003 Fulbright Senior Scholar Award in Trossingen, Germany, a Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant in Trondheim, Norway in 2007, a residency at the Universidade do Minho in Portugal in 2011 and most recently one at Paradise AIR (artist-in-residence) in Matsudo, Japan.

He is professor emeritus at



Daniel Kessner



Eric Charnofsky

California State University, Northridge having retired in 2006 after a career of 36 years teaching composition, music theory and directing various ensembles.

Eric Charnofsky works as a pianist, composer, lecturer, conductor and narrator. As a collaborative pianist, he has performed with members of major American orchestras and as an orchestra keyboardist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and The Cleveland Orchestra. He has also worked as a classical radio announcer, church choir director, pre-concert lecturer for The Cleveland Orchestra, associate faculty member at the Music Academy of the West, music director and pianist for musical theater production and he is featured on recordings on the Capstone, Albany, Navona, and Crystal labels.

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ZOS!MO at Brand Summer Music Series

The Brand Summer Music Series, an outdoor concert series located at the Brand Library & Art Center, continues weekly. 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.

Aug. 1 – Indie Pop/Rock by ZOS!MO

ZOS!MO is the singer-songwriter moniker of award-winning Filipino American fictionist, poet, playwright and culture bearer Zosimo Quibilan. His band, also named ZOS!MO, exclusively plays original Tagalog indie pop/rock with songs from Quibilan’s rock opera “Liwana” about the 1896 Philippine Revolution vs. Spain and the ensuing American colonization. ZOS!MO is the first Filipino American rock band to appear on NPR Music’s 2025 Tiny Desk Contest #DeskoftheDay. Its entry, “Nagbabadyang Liwanag” (“Imminent Light”) is the first Tagalog song recognized this year. ZOS!MO was a featured artist on LA Made (2023-2024) and performed in public libraries across LA County promoting Filipino American culture.

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

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THEN & NOW Valley View Service Station Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: After Arthur Voltz had owned the previously built Verdugo City Service Station for a decade or so (from the early '20s to the early '30s) he decided to build his own station. He bought a brick house (you can see the house in the background of this photo) with a vacant lot next door, just two blocks down the street on the northwest corner of Honolulu and Ramsdell avenues. He moved into the house and built the Valley View Service Station. The NRA (National Recovery Administration) poster in the window of the gas station puts this photo in the mid-30s. The NRA established labor laws aimed at workers, including establishing a minimum wage, maximum work hours and the abolition of child labor. The program was popular with the working class and businesses that supported the program displayed the NRA logo. Those that didn't were sometimes boycotted.



Now: The gas station lasted until the late '40s, was a vacant lot for a short time and in the early '50s became the new location for Foster's Appliances. Foster's built this structure that is currently on the site. Until recently Foster's was still there, in the back portion of the building, with the front half being occupied by the popular Jeremy's Coffee Shop and a chiropractic office. The brick house the Voltz family lived in is still there and visible in the background of this modern photo, but is now stuccoed over.

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Charnofsky has received composition commissions from Pacific Serenades, the Chamber Music Society of Ohio, the Cleveland Chamber Collective and others. A graduate of The Juilliard School where he majored in piano accompanying, Charnofsky also holds degrees in solo piano performance and composition from California State University, Northridge.

The Glendale Noon Concerts is celebrating its 17th year of presenting free admission concerts every first and third Wednesday for Glendale and the Southland community. Upcoming concerts will be updated at <http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>.

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Aug. 1, Los Angeles Board of Supervisors chair Kathryn Barger is scheduled to make a presentation.

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.

LCFTOR FUN FUNDRAISER

The La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses is having a fundraiser at Handel's Ice Cream in La Cañada on Aug. 6 from noon to 10 p.m. Twenty percent of all proceeds go directly to the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses program. Supporters are asked to bring a copy of the flyer (available at lcfta.org) when at

Handel's.

Handel's is located at 711 Foothill Blvd. in La Cañada.

CCLCF EVENTS

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

- 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 opened 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 Lusklin 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.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

July 28, 2025 - August 3, 2025

ARIES March 21 - April 19

You're primed and ready to spend on beautiful things to make your life more comfortable and relaxed. But maybe you don't need that gold-plated backscratcher or the all-expense-paid trip to Hoboken. Paring back a little on spending leaves more room in the future for projects, trips, and activities that truly light your fire. Your friends can help you stay on track.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You're breathing new life into something you'd long since lost interest in, so much of your energy is moving in this direction. In fact, you may enjoy a lucky break that makes it happen for real this time. Make sure your cash flow remains steady by portioning it out carefully. You could be seeing your financial picture through rose-colored glasses.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You have the kind of confidence that money just can't buy. Your personality seems larger, your laugh seems louder, and your personality can easily take over a room. But you may need to attend to issues in your home. This could mean expensive repairs or even a move way from noisy neighbors. Whatever the case, you'll probably dip into savings to cover it.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

This week your sensitive nature may desire money for the softer things in life, like the pursuit of beauty and truth. But your attention is drawn to your past lives and karma, where you may need to do some healing. Meanwhile, your livelihood is a lot more communicative. The more you say, especially in the right way, the more you're capable of earning.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Though your career is undergoing a bit of a renaissance now, with new chances to take the reins and lead, your relationships may not feel all that supportive of your new direction. It's not that you're doing a bad job. It's just that some of your contacts may not know how to handle all your newfound power. Their loss! You're moving up with or without them.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

You may need to brace for some disappointing news this week. Though you're encouraged to share your knowledge and skill set with others, preferably for fun and profit, your work life is getting hit with more rules, regulations, and paperwork. Ugh. Though the drudgery may not be your cup of tea, it's better than the alternative. Be open to suggestions and you'll earn more in the long run.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Activity in your house of shared investments and property can only

mean one thing. What you own may be on the auction block as you try to raise some needed cash. Make sure you and your partner are on the same page about the details of the sale, because you may find that the consequences are too serious to risk anything less. Your family, kids, and partner are counting on you to make the right decisions.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You may find that you're being harder on yourself than you need to be. Rather than adding to any recent disappointments with unnecessary self-criticism, see where the blame really lies. You're feeling more grounded than ever now, and that can help you make your next moves. The safe move may be to enlist the financial support of friends, family members, colleagues, and mentors.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This week you're thinking about how to express your serious side. You have some heavy things on your mind, but holding them in does no one any good. Instead, find your inner anchorperson, and deliver the news in a neutral, unbiased manner. Your work sector, at least, is a safe place where you can let this new you out. People want to hear what you have to say, especially your ideas on how to save the company money.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Aspects are slowing down your ability to earn the kind of money you may have become used to and asking you to become more responsible about how you spend your cash. Establish limits so you can save for retirement or other goals. Your house of creativity, family, and fun are affected. If you're having trouble getting motivated, just think about how what you do now will benefit your family in the future.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your ideas may not have their usual lightness now and could involve some pretty serious concepts. The good news is that they can be put to good use at work soon. Until then, concerns about your home dominate your thinking. You may find that you're tempted to overspend on renovations or redecorating, particularly if you're putting in a new home office. You don't need all that much, though.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Your wings may get clipped as far as professional progress is concerned. If you've been inappropriate with co-workers or clients recently, you may find an unwelcome surprise in your in-box. It's karma. If you need to apologize, do it and get back to a productive relationship. Cash follows your willingness to be a team player.

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ACROSS

- 1) Gymnasts' protectors
- 5) Tidal flood
- 10) Jet-setters' jets, once
- 14) In a berserk way
- 15) Having better skills
- 16) Frigid finish?
- 17) Indian royal
- 18) Meccan, e.g.
- 19) 1997 role for Peter Fonda
- 20) Small quahog
- 23) He took two tablets
- 24) Birds' lodgings
- 25) Like a tough teacher
- 28) Gets free (of)
- 30) Camera diaphragm
- 31) "___ and sometimes Y"
- 33) Tennis play
- 36) Thing on an office desk, often
- 40) "Get it?"
- 41) Words after "deaf as" or "dumb as"
- 42) Hideous
- 43) Cut with quick strokes
- 44) Gets on the nerves of
- 46) Broke off
- 49) Cold shower?
- 51) Bad thing to do on an application
- 57) Got an A+ on
- 58) Some batters protect it
- 59) Honeyed drink
- 60) Infamous emperor
- 61) Santa ___ Park race track
- 62) In desperate need of rain
- 63) Bit at the bottom of the barrel
- 64) Works as a stevedore
- 65) ___ contendere (defendant's plea)

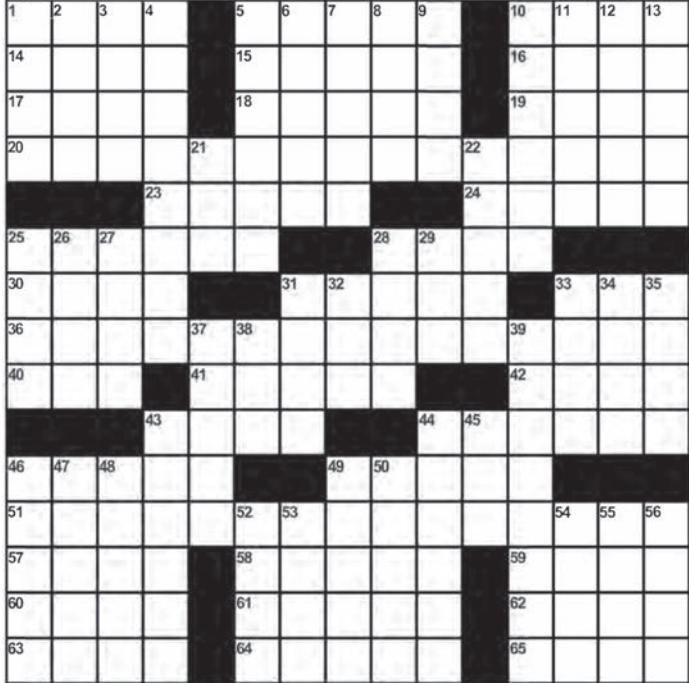
DOWN

- 1) Cleo's wooer
- 2) Asian female domestic
- 3) Scrambled note?
- 4) Minor scrap
- 5) Where the wealthy live, briefly
- 6) Degrade
- 7) Fills to the gills
- 8) Decorate differently
- 9) "___ Brockovich"
- 10) Hollandaise and cranberry
- 11) Window parts
- 12) Halloween option
- 13) "What ___ to be the problem?"
- 21) Elephant-snatching bird of myth
- 22) "This ___" (shipping label)
- 25) Drinks gently
- 26) Not false
- 27) Ascend
- 28) Prison outbreak
- 29) A positively charged atom
- 31) On the peak of
- 32) Aliens, briefly
- 33) Apple's apple, e.g.
- 34) "For Your Eyes ___"
- 35) Onetime Turkish governors
- 37) Alternative to a hotel, briefly
- 38) AP rival
- 39) Title character in a 2012 film with Snow White
- 43) Old salt
- 44) Dido's lover
- 45) Born, in bios
- 46) Largest living antelope
- 47) More pleasant
- 48) John of tractors
- 49) Sedately dignified
- 50) Lenya or Lehmann
- 52) Certain gemstone
- 53) Bone in the arm
- 54) Sleek, for short
- 55) Olympics star Devers
- 56) Root of the taro plant

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By Bill Bobb



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PROBLEM SOLVED » BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

My Uber Driver Took Me On A Terrifying Ride – Is This \$5 Credit Enough Compensation?

An Uber driver takes Andrew Greenman on a wild ride through the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Does the company owe him anything for the stressful experience?

Question: I took an Uber home from Washington, D.C. to Ashburn, Virginia late one Saturday night. During the trip, my driver stopped at a gas station to use the restroom, but it was locked. He then started driving erratically – speeding and driving in circles – while seemingly looking for another restroom. I asked him to end the ride but he ignored me. I contacted the Uber Safety Team through the app and it offered to contact the police. I wasn’t sure what to do because I didn’t want to overreact. The driver eventually stopped at an intersection in the middle of nowhere and ran into the woods. He left me locked in the car! When he returned, I asked him to let me out but he ignored me and ran away again! When he came back, I pounded on the door and, after a few minutes, he finally unlocked the car. The driver chased me after I left the car and only left after I gestured at him to go away. I was shaken and scared. I called another Uber to take me home. I contacted Uber the following Monday to report the incident. A representative apologized and said it would investigate and issue a refund. However, all I received was a \$5 credit. I tried to explain the situation to Uber through the app but it was unhelpful and insisted \$5 was all I would receive. This was extremely stressful for me, particularly because I

am deaf and have stage 4 cancer. Can you help me get a refund and make sure Uber understands the seriousness of this situation?

– Andrew Greenman, Ashburn, Virginia

Answer: What a horrifying experience! A \$5 credit and a half-hearted apology is definitely not enough. Your driver’s behavior was unacceptable and potentially dangerous. You did the right thing by contacting the Uber Safety Team and reporting the incident. You also followed the right procedure for filing a complaint with Uber and documented all communication. Your detailed account of the incident provides evidence of what happened.

Uber specifically forbids its drivers from “threatening and rude behavior.” It notes, “Aggressive, confrontational or harassing behavior is not allowed. Don’t use language or make gestures that could be disrespectful, threatening or inappropriate.” Your driver clearly violated that rule! I’ve been trying to make sense of your story. Why would a driver ride around erratically? I think he probably was urgently looking for an open bathroom. At the same time, he didn’t want to lose his ride. That became increasingly difficult as your driver failed to find an open restroom. It looks like he was also having some trouble communicating with you. None of that is an excuse for how this ended. Nor is there any

reason Uber should have been so dismissive. If Uber’s Support Team doesn’t help you, it’s time to escalate your case. Try emailing one of the Uber executive contacts whose names I publish on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. I contacted Uber on your behalf and urged them to review your case again. Uber issued a full refund for both rides and a \$50 credit. Uber also assured you it is investigating the driver. 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 Elliott

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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.

‘MUSICAL KIDS, HAPPY PARENTS!’

Suzuki Music Parent Information Night will be hosted over Zoom by the Suzuki Music Program of Los Angeles (SMPLA) on Monday, Aug. 25 at 8 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. All adults are invited to attend. To register, go to bit.ly/Suzuki-Music-Parent-Info-Night. (It’s free to all adults, but you need to register in order to receive the Zoom link information.) The Suzuki Music Education philosophy and method, child development issues, and

the SMPLA program will be discussed in detail. If you have trouble registering, contact us at <https://www.suzukimusicofla.org/contact.html>. For more information, visit www.suzukimusicofla.org.

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.

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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GUSD from page 5

For board policy on remuneration and reimbursement, board member Telly Tse asked whether the policy changes that were discussed could be forwarded to the board’s labor partners as the compensation of board members is relevant.

Cross agreed, stating she would be interested in having the board vote on compensation each year to affirm to the public that any increases would be commensurate with those of employees.

While Tse agreed with the ethos of the policy, he wanted to hear more from labor partners like Glendale Teachers Association (GTA), since it expressed objections to the new policy in its board report.

“[These changes] provide an inherent incentive to resolve negotiations in a timely manner before, as a board, you think about compensation for yourself, so I like that. That’s an idea that makes a lot of sense to me,” Tse said. “My only reservation is that in hearing the labor report, I did not get the same sense of support for this and I’d be curious to get their feedback.”

Greta Sukazian, treasurer of the GTA, said the GTA is supportive of an ethics policy.

“GTA is fully supportive of an ethics policy. The law – basic morality – and the nature of your positions obligate you as board members to be above reproach. We expect each and every board member to take their responsibility to our students, educators and community seriously. However, we are concerned the current proposal and discussion is too bound up in a series of heated disagreements between board members and it’s beginning to distract this board from far more urgent matters the community needs you to address,” she said.

“Rather than allowing this debate to be mired in personal conflict, why doesn’t this board adopt the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Ethics Policy? The board can trust that the CSBA policy is grounded in the law and is utilized by numerous school districts in the state,” said Sukazian.

The board agreed to send changes for review to the CSBA before voting.

HALA from Cover

“Kiwanis’ goal is to improve the world one child and [one] community at a time,” said Povilaitis. “Getting children off to a good start in school is key to improving their lives and setting them up for a successful future. Partnering with Home Again Los Angeles is just one of the ways that the Kiwanis Club of Glendale works to improve our community and assist those who need a helping hand.”

Since 2010, Home Again LA has responded to the fastest growing segment of the homeless population: unhoused families with children. The non-profit homeless service agency has offices in Burbank, Glendale and San Fernando.

“It’s just great to have the support of Kiwanis for this event. I can’t believe it’s been five years since we started the partnership and as I look at some of the Kiwanians who have volunteered there are some who have perfect attendance – Mike Swan, Pam and Ian Spizman – all of them have volunteered at each of the five shopping sprees for our Home Again LA children,” said Hernandez. “I am thankful.”



Aaron Johnson, 14, looks pleased with his back to school T-shirt buy as Home Again LA board member and volunteer Marie Filipian looks on.

IN BRIEFS from page 3

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.

PATRIOT MOTORCADE

The Sept. 11 Patriot Motorcade begins at 8:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce. The motorcade commemorates the first responders who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

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).

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