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Barger Commends Completion of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Work

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger announced this week that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has completed its final debris removal and recovery work in Altadena and neighboring communities impacted by the Eaton Fire.

USACE finalized its sign-off at Eliot Arts Magnet School in Altadena, marking the completion of all physical debris operations conducted in support of Los Angeles County and the cities of Pasadena and Sierra Madre.

The Corps will continue its restoration efforts at the Altadena Golf Course throughout the autumn, with a final handover to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation expected by the end of this calendar year.

Supervisor Barger expressed her gratitude for the Corps' dedication and emphasized her commitment to the community's ongoing recovery.

"I thank the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their extraordinary service to the residents of Altadena and our region," said Supervisor Barger. "Their dedication and professionalism ensured that recovery efforts moved forward quickly and effectively. As our focus now fully shifts toward rebuilding, I am closely monitoring the rebuilding process for Altadena and will continue working side-by-side with our community to support long-term recovery and restoration. Our residents deserve nothing less than a full and resilient recovery."

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Patriot Motorcade Returns to the Crescenta Valley

By Mary O'KEEFE

After a one-year hiatus, and in answer to community requests, the 9/11 Motorcade returns.

As reported earlier, the long time tradition of the local Patriot Day Motorcade will return to the area on Sept. 11 after a one-year hiatus.

Last year, after a decade of hosting the motorcade, organizers decided to end the event citing the 10th year was a good time to call it quits; however, many in the community reached out to ask that the event continue.

The Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Dwight Sityar, Jean Maluccio and Steve Pierce, founded the 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade. 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.



File photo
The 9/11 Patriot Day Motorcade will pass several schools, including Mountain Avenue Elementary School.

The purpose of the motorcade was to draw attention to first responders and add emphasis to the American mantra of "Never Forget."

"Many of our first responders asked if we were planning to do a

motorcade this year," Pierce said in an earlier interview with CVW. "That sparked our interest to bring it back."

The motorcade drives past numerous schools, fire stations and

law enforcement agencies. Students stand outside schools with signs of support for emergency responders as the motorcade, including fire and law enforcement vehicles, drives by.
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» PART VII

Completing the E-bike Series

By Mary O'KEEFE

This is the last in the CVW's series on e-bikes, e-motorcycles and e-scooters. However, CVW will continue to follow any and all updates on e-bike laws, regulations and decisions to use e-scooter rentals in the City of Glendale.

Over the past few weeks it has been clear that the popularity of micro-mobility devices, which are what e-bikes and e-scooters are considered, has grown faster than businesses, cities and law enforcement were prepared for.

This series was started because CVW reporters witnessed e-motorcycles/mini-bikes and e-bikes driven by young people without helmets ... and without apparent regard

for the public. On one occasion, six teenagers who were apparently high school and/or middle school-aged kids, were riding down the sidewalk on Foothill Boulevard at Angeles Crest Highway. They nearly hit kids who were standing at the traffic light before the teens raced across the street against a red light. Then, that same day, a young person on an e-bike was racing across the sidewalk in front of Target and almost took out a shopper who had just left the store. Recently, three e-bikes ridden by teenagers were driving down the middle of Montrose Avenue and were all doing wheelies (pulling up the front bike wheel and traveling on the back). Only two of the riders wore helmets.

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LASD-Crescenta Valley Station are working with the City of Glendale and local schools regarding e-bikes and e-motorcycles.



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» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

Yup, School Is In Session

For the last couple of weeks the CV Weekly has warned readers that school was back in session – meaning traffic, especially around local schools, was on the rise. I saw this firsthand when I had the occasion to head over to Crescenta Valley High School right when school started.

Man, there were a lot of cars! I was warned (but didn't pay attention) that some drivers were not cautious at all when driving; in fact, while I was there I saw one make a U-turn right in front of the No U-turn sign in front of the school, cutting off traffic heading east and west on Community Avenue. I only wished I could've grabbed my camera faster.

It really galls me to think that these people – who are probably pretty good, nice people – don't think twice when it comes to driving near children. Because that's who these students are: children.

Can you imagine how they'd feel if they hit or (God forbid) killed a child? All for the sake of making a U-turn, running a red light or some other reason to get to work faster.

I remember a couple of years ago a rescue helicopter had to land at the rear field of Rosemont Middle School because a child had been hit. (Thankfully, the child turned out to be okay.) But how scary is that? For more horror stories, talk to Mary O'Keefe – just about every school year she goes out with officers with the California Highway Patrol to record

the driving habits of people near schools.

Then there are people who drive erratically regardless of the time. For example, on Wednesday morning of this week I heard from my neighbor that apparently there was an accident at the corner near our houses. It happened around 11 p.m. on Tuesday night; that was probably 30 minutes after I went to bed. He said he was up but didn't hear a thing. He only realized something happened when he took his dog for a walk in the morning and tried to move a cone in the street, assuming that the water company was going to work on the area. But the cone wouldn't move – it was seemingly glued to the spot! Talking to fellow neighbors (who weren't in bed as early as I) he learned about the accident. Apparently a driver was heading up our street (which is in a residential area) and slammed into a light pole (the cone was sitting at the location where the light pole had stood). S/he sheared off the pole and was injured to the point where an ambulance had to be called.

Scary to hear – and not even near school time.

I guess crazy driving doesn't adhere to a time.

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» WEATHER WATCH

Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

Climate change is real. Just to clarify – so we don't get caught up in semantics – human-caused climate change is happening, has been happening and will continue to happen – and worsen – unless we recognize it as a problem before the water comes up to our ... bottoms ... and does not recede.

In a survey in 2024 conducted by Peoples' Climate Vote at <https://peoplesclimate.vote/>, 80% of people globally wanted their country to do more about climate change. The survey is touted as the largest survey conducted on climate change. According to organizers for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) by the University of Oxford and GeoPoll, 73,000 people who spoke 87 different languages across 77 countries participated in the survey.

The survey also found that 43% of people around the world think extreme weather events have gotten worse, 78% of people want more protection for people at risk from extreme weather and 79% of people want richer countries to help poorer countries adapt.

Regarding the question "Should countries work together on climate change even if they disagree on other issues, such as trade or security?" 80% of people in the U.S. answered "yes," 18% said "no, they should work separately," 0% said it doesn't matter – no country should work on climate change and 1% said they "don't know." On the question of whether rich countries should give more to poorer countries to address climate change, 64% of the U.S. respondents answered they should help more, 5% said about the same, 28% said to offer less help and 3% said they didn't know.

That same survey found that people in the U.S. do not think about climate change a whole heck of a lot with the highest percentage – 30% – said they think about it a few times a year; however, when asked if they were more concerned about climate change [in 2024] compared to the previous year [2023], 51% said they were more concerned, 13% said about the same, 34% were less worried and 2% don't know.

It was interesting that in this survey the highest percentage of people, 26%, were not worried about climate change for the next generation and yet a strong percentage, 66%, wanted the country to strengthen its commitment to address climate change.

Regarding the question of "How much should your country protect and restore nature? For example, by planting trees or protecting wildlife?" The answer from U.S. people surveyed was 76% wanted "a lot" of this protection, 20% said a little and only 3% said they wanted no protections at all.

The link to the survey is at the bottom of this article. Look at how other countries view climate change ... it is interesting.

On Tuesday, 85 scientists – experts in the field of climate change – sent a 440 page rebuttal denouncing a recent climate report released on its website in July by the Dept. of Energy (DOE).

"This report makes a mockery of science," said Andrew Dessler, a climate scientist at Texas A&M University and a co-author of the rebuttal. "It relies on ideas that were rejected long ago, supported by misrepresentations of the body of scientific knowledge, omissions of important facts, arm waving, anecdotes and confirmation bias."

You can read more at [CVWeekly.com/NEWS](https://www.cvweekly.com/NEWS)

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NEWS

CVHS Places at CPS

By Vera GARABEDIAN

Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) has a plethora of on-campus associations representing the interests of students. The Academy of Science and Medicine (AOSM) is a well-respected organization that since its establishment in 2004 exposes its members to occupations and opportunities in the fields of science and medicine. Orenda Tuason, a teacher in the CVHS Science Department, advises The Academy. Due to her expertise and knowledge within the medical field, she is an inspiration to members.

Tiana Gharibian, the senior social media officer, stated that she is appreciative of being a member as she is “surrounded by motivating and supportive people, especially mentors like Orenda Tuason, who push [members] to reach our goals.”

The organization aims to foster an environment where students are familiar with the various careers within the field of medicine and feel confident in their knowledge of its subjects.

Bake sales in front of local businesses, food drives and book drives are often held to advocate for The Academy and educate others of its mission. The organization supports both its members and the community through charitable events.

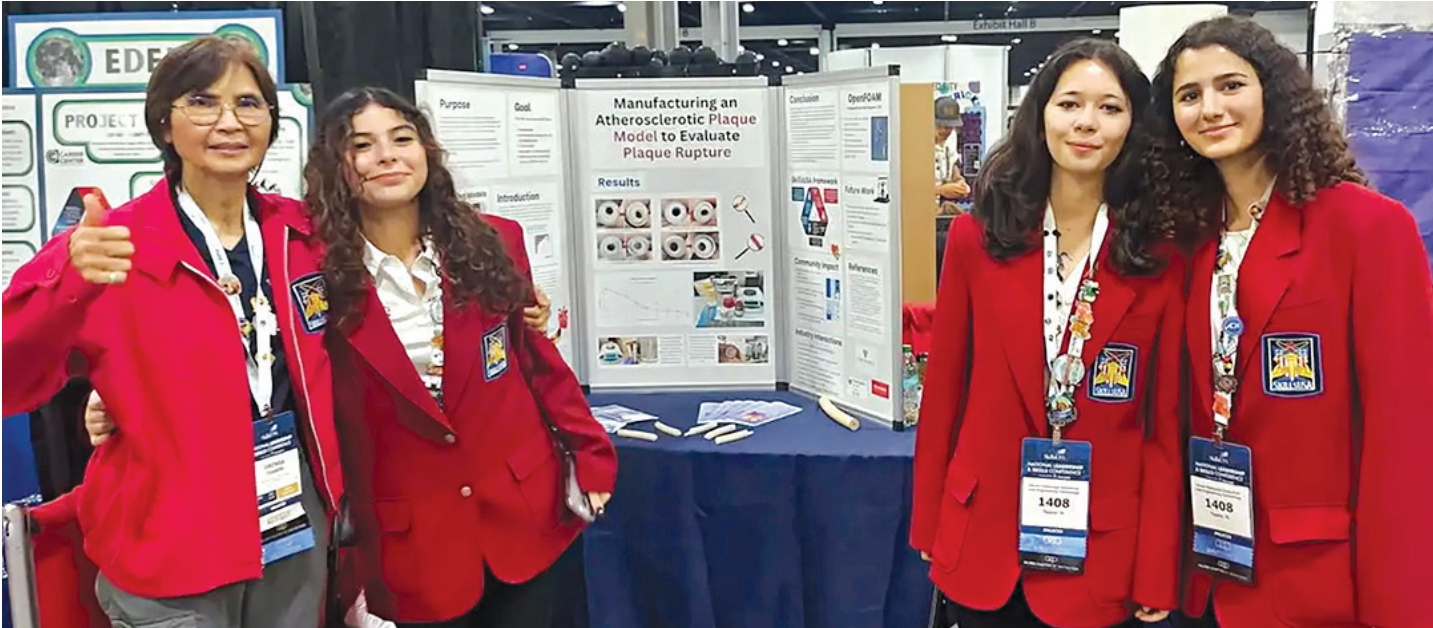
The Academy additionally offers tutoring services for students throughout the school.

AOSM provides the opportunity for students to take courses that are pre-requisites for medical school and become part of an environment of the science and medicine fields. Biotechnology, science research, sports medicine and advanced sports medicine are courses offered for students as part of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway.

The Academy encourages its members to adopt characteristics, such as strong public speaking, that may be used in all occupational fields.

“The skills you learn in the Academy can help you outside of the medical field,” said Claire Buda, a third year AOSM member.

Presentations are held in Tuason’s classroom each Friday by research students explaining their projects, an AOSM member sharing with others about an internship/s/he has done, or any material that aids students



in gaining further insight of the medical field and STEM world.

The Academy welcomes all students of CVHS to become members, even if they are not necessarily interested in pursuing a career in medicine or science.

“You don’t have to be a straight A student; [AOSM] is very open and welcoming,” said Krista Leonardo, the senior art and design officer.

Aside from accomplishments inside of the classroom, AOSM participates in the annual SkillsUSA Competition. This event allows students of the science and medicine fields to compete and demonstrate projects deploying their skills. Categories include advertising design, manufacturing technology, carpentry, architectural drafting and more that represent the broad range of expertise within the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) sphere.

Members first participate at the regional level where the top five participants per category advance to the state level. Those who place first within their category at state move on to nationals, which takes place in Atlanta, Georgia.

From June 22 to June 28, AOSM members Claire Buda, Tiana Gharibian and Krista Leonardo were victorious at the national level for the Career



Pathway Showcase (CPS) in Industrial and Engineering Technology. The group placed second with its project titled “Manufacturing an Atherosclerotic Model to Evaluate Plaque Rupture.” Throughout their time at nationals, the group’s research presentation was evaluated in front of a panel of judges and group members were asked about their findings before receiving a score.

The group created a model replicating plaque build-up inside arteries, which often leads to heart disease. Heart attacks and strokes are frequently caused by plaque rupture, or the breaking apart of plaque that is attracted to blood clots. The focal point of the model was to test the composition of plaque and gain insight on how easily it breaks apart. The trio sought answers to the issue of how plaque rupture occurs.

Provided by AOSM
TOP: Academy of Science and Medicine mentor Orenda Tuason, left, with students at the Career Pathway Showcase (CPS), Industrial and Engineering Technology division.

ABOVE: Students look over an entry in the Career Pathway Showcase. The group placed second with its project titled “Manufacturing an Atherosclerotic Model to Evaluate Plaque Rupture.”

Buda, Gharibian and Leonardo presented their conclusion that plaque that attains more calcium is less likely to break apart.

An additional group of CVHS Academy members – Ani Hartoonian, Mark Abdou and Joseph Choi – competed and placed fourth within the CPS Natural Resources category.

The AOSM continues to support students of various interests at CVHS, including having an occupation inside or outside the fields of science and medicine.

IN BRIEF

ROSEMONT PRESERVE OPEN GATE MORNING

An “open gate” event is taking place at the Rosemont Preserve on Saturday morning, Sept. 6. 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., and Friends of the Rosemont Preserve Committee members will be available to answer questions and present this community resource.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with

mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact 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.

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. *The motorcade starting point is Ralphs Marketplace in the 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Crescenta.*

STUDENT COMMISSIONER APPS OPEN

Applications for student commissioner for the City of Glendale are now open. Student commissioners are active, non-voting members of the Arts & Culture Commission who actively work on promoting arts & culture in Glendale. This position provides an opportunity to represent student voices in advocating for arts & culture in local government.

Applicants must be students under the age of 25 who live in Glendale and must be able to attend meetings on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon for a one-year commitment. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. PST.

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Development of La Crescenta Motel

By Mary O'KEEFE

A proposed development at 2413 Foothill Blvd., the La Crescenta Motel, is a five-story, 80-unit residential project that includes four studio units, 52 one-bedroom units and 24 two-bedroom units. Of that, one studio, three one-bedroom and two two-bedroom units will be restricted to extremely low income households. One one-bedroom unit will be reserved as a manager's unit.

According to the permit, the developers have requested five waivers: A height increase request from 35 feet to 61 feet to the top of the stair tower for a total increase of 26 feet, a reduced landscaped buffer, a reduction in the required number of parking spaces from 104 to 87 spaces (54% of the total 87 spaces – 47 – would be compact spaces) and a request in the reduction of ground floor transparency stating that because of the sloping nature of the project site, the ground floor frontage along

both Foothill Boulevard and Briggs Avenue requires several retaining elements that must be designed with non-transparent structural materials.

This project is utilizing provisions of State Density Bonus law (created by SB9), which was established to encourage the production of affordable and senior housing in California.

According to the LA County Planning permit, "On April 17, 2024 the Director of Regional Planning approved Administrative Housing the permit [at 2413 Foothill Blvd.] and Ministerial Site Plan Review to authorize an 80-unit apartment building with an affordable housing set-aside."

The project has not been submitted to LA County for a plan check, according to a spokesperson.

To many in the area the motel property is part of Crescenta Valley history. Once called the May Lane motel, it was built around 1946 by Glen Hine and named for his children Maynard and Alane. Hine




died in 1964 and the business stayed in the family until it was sold in the early 2000s to Tony Talisse, a La Cañada homebuilder. At the time Talisse had planned a condominium complex but after meeting with local residents decided to build an assisted living facility; however, due to the economy at the time that plan was halted. The motel property has since had several developing ideas explored but nothing has been built.

Over the years the motel has been the site for many films and television shows including "The

File photo
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X-Files," "Beverly Hills, 90210," the pilot for "Supernatural" and "Win a Date with Ted Hamilton."

CVW has reached out to the developer and was not contacted as of press time.



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Update on SB 79

By Mary O'KEEFE

On Aug. 29, SB79 cleared the Assembly Appropriations Committee. On Sept. 2, the status, according to the State of California, was "amended in assembly."

The original Senate Bill 79 would automatically up-zone land within a quarter mile of rail stations, major bus stops and ferry terminals. It would allow for transit agencies to build on their own property with greater density than local zoning, and would streamline transit-oriented development approval processes.

This has been a controversial bill that has many opponents including

cities like Glendale, Burbank and Los Angeles, as well as the LA County Board of Supervisors and numerous community councils.

"Today I signed a LA City Council resolution opposing SB79 unless it is amended to exempt cities with a state-approved and compliant Housing Element," according to a post on Aug. 20 by LA Mayor Karen Bass.

The concerns for foothill communities include fire dangers that did not appear to be taken into account when the bill was first written. Many in opposition were concerned about all cities, and unincorporated areas, placed into the same categories without

taking into consideration the unique characteristics of those communities.

There have been several amendments, including limiting the bill to specified existing stations and new stations planned as of Jan. 1, 2026, providing cities with more flexibility in very high fire severity zones and sites on a local historical register.

"Assemblymember Nick Schultz appreciates Senator [Wiener's] changes. He is still reviewing these amendments and expects more to come since he still has concerns [with the bill]," according to a Schultz spokesperson.

CRIME BLOTTER

AUG. 30

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee was viewing security footage at the store when she observed a silver Chrysler Sebring parked in front of the store and a suspect, described as a White male wearing a black shirt and blue jeans, exited the front passenger side of the vehicle and entered the store. He walked directly to the aisle containing vacuums and grabbed a box containing a Dyson brand vacuum. The suspect was seen manipulating the security sensor straps eventually leaving the security sensor on the shelf.

The suspect exited the store with the vacuum without attempting to pay, entered the Sebring and left the area at 3:14 p.m.

AUG. 28

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee reported a theft in the store by a suspect who entered the store, walked to the men's clothing aisle, collected a few pairs of jeans and walked out of the store without attempting to pay. An employee was waiting outside the store when the suspect exited and demanded the items be returned; the

suspect dropped the items and fled the area. The suspect was described as a White male wearing a black hat, white collared shirt with black sleeves, light colored pants and black shoes.

The incident occurred at 6:11 p.m.

AUG. 26

600 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada Flintridge, deputies responded to a call concerning a theft at the store location. Security footage revealed a suspect who was described as a White male, about 40 to 45 years old, about 6' tall, weighing about 200 lbs. with brown hair and a brown mustache. He wore a long sleeve black shirt, dark blue jeans and white shoes. The suspect entered the store without a bag and walked toward the shoe display. The suspect then produced a black cloth shopping bag with a logo of two hands, a moon and "book of spells" on both sides. He walked to the women's shoe aisle and grabbed five pairs of shoes, placed them in the black bag and walked out of the store without attempting to pay. The suspect was confronted by the employee outside of the store and ran westbound; the employee

chased him out of view of the security cameras. The suspect dropped the bag of shoes and fled the area.

The employee was able to retrieve the shoes.

The incident occurred at 7:05 p.m.

AUG. 18

900 block of Town Center Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, an employee was viewing security footage and observed someone apparently stealing from the store. The security video revealed a silver Chrysler Sebring parked in front of the store. An individual described as a White male, wearing a black hat, a light blue collared shirt and blue jeans, exited from the front passenger side of the vehicle. The suspect walked to the aisle where the kitchen blenders were displayed and grabbed a box containing a KitchenAid blender. The suspect then exited the store and got back into the Sebring and left the area at 4:04 p.m.

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

KASES FOR KIDS!

The Crescenta Valley Lions Club is partnering with the Los Angeles Department of Children Services to help children going into foster care and those attending College receiving support from Pasadena City College and First Place For Youth. We hope to collect & fill 250 backpacks! Approximate cost for (1) backpack can range from \$25-\$40.

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Typhus Reported in LA County

The County of Los Angeles Public Health has warned the public of the detection of flea-borne typhus. Though not spread from human to human, flea-borne typhus (sometimes called murine typhus) can spread to humans from bacteria found in infected fleas. Infection occurs when feces from infected fleas are rubbed into cuts or scrapes on the skin or rubbed into the eyes.

According to the public health website, flea-borne typhus is an acute febrile illness and is caused by the Rickettsia (R.) typhi bacteria.

Flea-borne typhus, which occurs year-round but tends to peak during the late summer and fall, saw a record high of 187 cases in 2024 (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena, which have their own agencies); however, localized clusters and

outbreaks have been identified primarily in Central Los Angeles and South Los Angeles areas. Currently, 106 cases have been reported.

In LA County, according to the LA Public Health agency, the primary animals known to carry infected fleas include rats, free-roaming cats and opossums. People with exposure to these animals are at risk of acquiring flea-borne typhus. Pets, such as dogs and cats, that are allowed outside may also come into contact with infected fleas and could carry them to humans. Infected animals are not known to get sick from flea-borne typhus.

Typhus can be a mild, self-limited illness or it can present as a severe disease requiring hospitalization. Symptoms start within two weeks after contact with an infected flea and may include: Fever, Headache, Muscle pain/myalgia, Nausea/vomiting, Rash sparing the palms and soles

Rarely swelling may occur at the lining of the brain (meningitis) or in the heart valves (endocarditis). Fatalities are uncommon, but have been observed. The first flea-borne typhus deaths since 1993 in LA County were reported in 2022 (see MMWR report).

There are no vaccines to prevent flea-borne typhus. It can be treated with antibiotics. Doxycycline is the treatment of choice.

Wedding Gift Box Stolen

The Glendale Police Dept. is investigating the theft of a wedding gift box during a celebration at a local banquet that contains approximately \$60,000 in cash and checks.

On Sunday, Aug. 31 at about 12:50 a.m., Glendale police officers responded to the Renaissance Banquet Hall at 1236 S. Central Ave. regarding the theft.

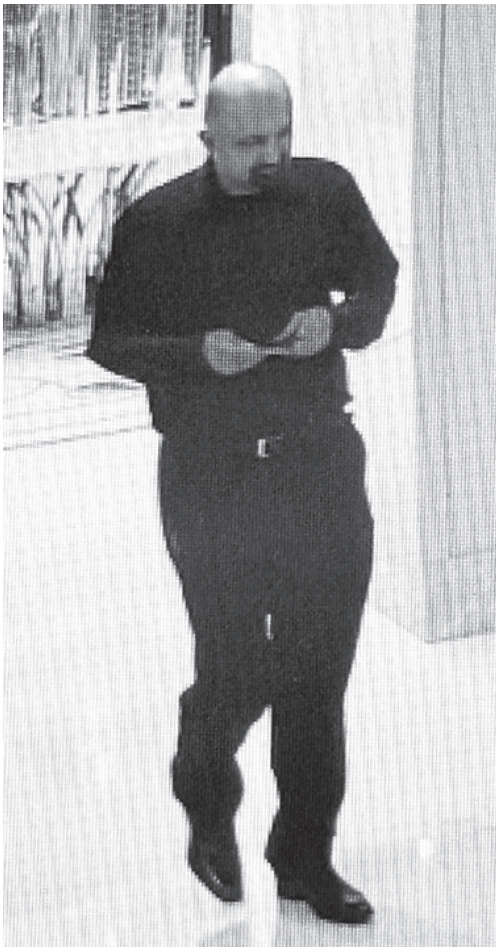
Witnesses reported that shortly after midnight, a male suspect entered the banquet hall, grabbed the gift box and fled through an exit. Surveillance footage shows the suspect entering the passenger

seat of a newer black Mercedes SUV, which then fled the area.

The suspect is described as a male, approximately 40 years old, of Middle Eastern or White descent, with a bald head and a medium build.

The victim reported that the stolen box contained approximately \$60,000 in cash and checks gifted by wedding guests.

Glendale police detectives are actively investigating this incident. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Glendale Police Dept. at (818) 548-3127.



Obituary Marilyn Agnes Raggio (née Lloyd) – “Lynne”



Sept. 27, 1930 – Aug. 17, 2025

Marilyn “Lynne” Agnes Raggio passed away peacefully at home in Santa Clarita on Aug. 17 at the age of 94.

Born in Berkeley, California on Sept. 27, 1930, Lynne moved to Altadena during her teenage years and attended at the time combined Pasadena City High School/John Muir Junior College. It was there in 1946 that she met the love of her life in philosophy and art classes Carl W. Raggio Jr. The two were married on June 9, 1951 and would go on to share an extraordinary 72-year marriage marked by love, devotion and partnership.

Lynne was a proud first-generation Californian whose family history shaped the woman she became. Her maternal grandmother Gunn left famine-stricken Paisley, Scotland in 1909 with her three daughters – including Lynne’s mother Isabel. Their long journey brought them through Ellis Island and across the country by train to Oakland where tragedy struck: Gunn’s husband, a merchant mariner, died of malaria en route to India, leaving her to raise her daughters alone.

That same spirit of strength, determination and fortitude would become a guiding force in Lynne’s life. Raised by a father who served in both World Wars, and shaped by the longing that came with his wartime absences, Lynne dreamed of

one day building a large close-knit family of her own. That dream came true: she raised three children, welcomed 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and created a home where love, laughter and unforgettable parties and meals reigned that included her legendary enchiladas, rice, beans, carne asada, menudo and her unforgettable chocolate brownies.

Lynne’s life was one of deep service and quiet leadership. In the 1960s, she began her community work as director of volunteers at La Vina Sanitarium in Altadena, later continuing with Huntington Hospital auxiliary in the 1970s. She was a passionate advocate for women through her almost three decades-long involvement with Soroptimist International of Glendale (SIG), where she served as president (1992–1993), a Laurel Society honoree (2003–2004) and a driving force behind one of the club’s proudest achievements: The Gardens, a \$6 million, 75-unit senior housing project completed in 1994.

Alongside her husband Carl – then mayor of Glendale – Lynne helped secure land for The Gardens, a testament to their shared commitment to meaningful civic progress. She also served as president of the Business and Professional Women’s Club (1989–1990) and sat on the boards of Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation and Verdugo Mental Health. In 1994, she was honored as Woman of the Year by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

“Women helped me grow in business,” she once said. “And I wanted to help them.”

In addition to her advocacy, Lynne managed medical offices for physicians and surgeons in Pasadena before launching her own company, Medical Support Services, which she successfully operated for over 15 years. Ever a believer in lifelong learning, she proudly earned her bachelor’s degree in health sciences from the University

of Redlands in her early 60s – already a grandmother but still chasing her dreams.

Faith played a central role in Lynne’s life. She and Carl were devoted parishioners at Holy Redeemer Church in Montrose for more than 35 years where they served as lectors and co-chaired the parish’s first capital campaign.

Though her accolades and accomplishments were many, Lynne’s greatest joy was found in the life she built with Carl and the family they created together. While Carl built satellites to explore the universe during his 40-plus years at JPL-NASA, Lynne was the steady ladder of love and strength that grounded them both – a true partnership reaching for the stars.

Lynne was the heart of her family: a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and mentor. She was a woman of humor, generosity, loyalty and fierce devotion. She was a legendary note-giver, brownie baker and laugh-maker. Her presence was a true gift to many; her legacy an everlasting guiding light.

She is survived by her two sons: Carl Raggio III (wife Mary), Paul Anthony (fiancée Natalya); daughter Lisa (husband Greg Patterson), as well as her many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren – all of whom will carry forward her legacy of love, faith and family.

A funeral Mass will be held at Holy Redeemer Church, 2411 Montrose Ave. in Montrose, on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. followed by a celebration of life reception at 1 p.m. at the Hall of Crucifixion, Forest Lawn Glendale.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Soroptimist International of Glendale’s Live Your Dream project, which helps women pursue their educational goals by covering essential needs like tuition, books, transportation and childcare. To find out more, visit <https://soroptimistglendale.org/>.



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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.

The 9/11 motorcade will begin in the 2600 block of Foothill Boulevard at the Ralphs Market Place parking lot. It had been reported earlier that the starting area would be at Bob Smith Toyota's lot; however, that has changed back to Ralphs.

Traditionally the bells of St. Luke's of the Mountains ring as the motorcade begins; however, the bells, which were donated just after WWI, require maintenance, which has been difficult for the church financially as well as finding someone who can repair the old bells.

At the end of this story is the map outlining the path of the motorcade.

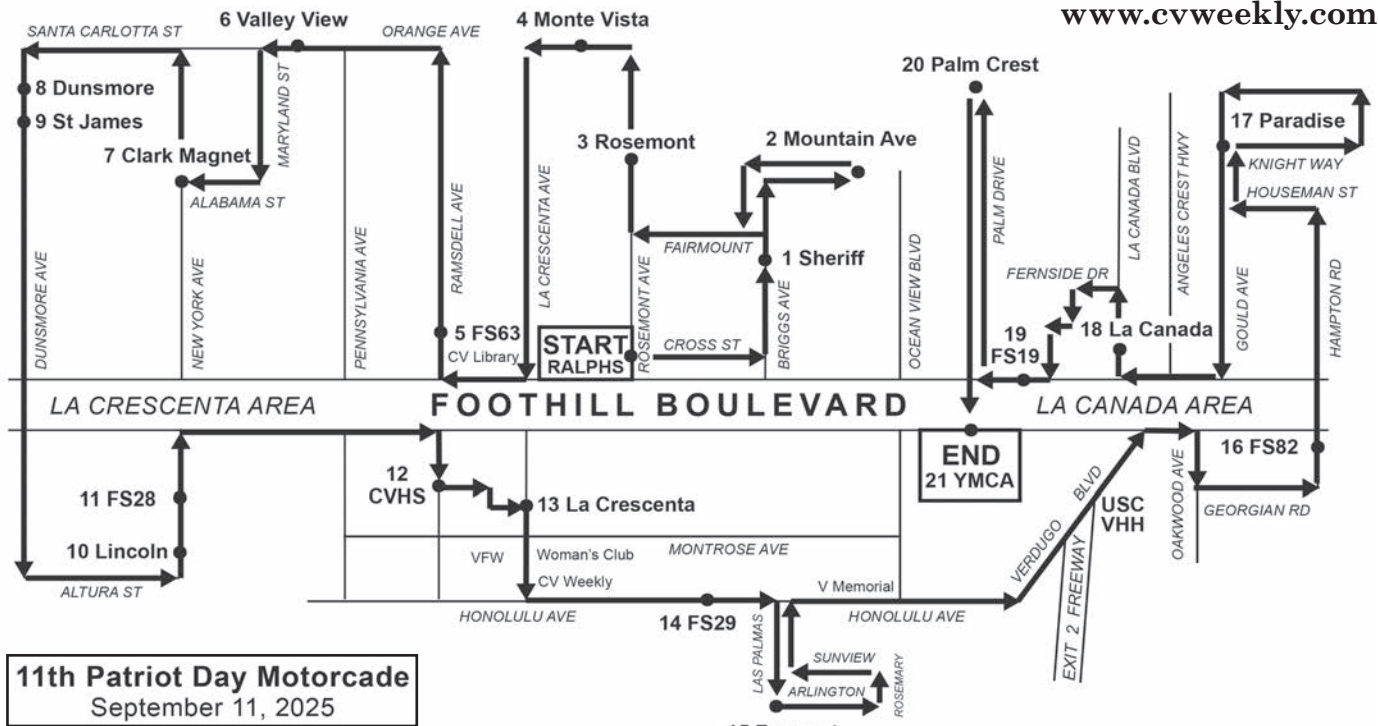
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IEWS FROM THE VALLEY » SUSAN BOLAN

Be The ‘Sphere of Influence’

As many of you know, I follow land use issues as part of my role on the steering committee of the Crescenta Valley Community Association (CVCA.) The most talked about topic in the last several weeks is the update of the Glendale General Plan, which has caused quite a stir in Montrose and areas surrounding Glendale Community College, although the plan will affect all of us from the Crescenta Valley down to the tip of south Glendale.

Glendale has been busy. If you peruse <https://www.glendaleplan.com/>, you will see that for the last several years the city has been working on the 20-year vision for Glendale. The comprehensive series of documents includes “plans,” like the Bicycle Transportation, Pedestrian, and Zero Vision and “elements” like housing, mobility and environmental justice. These plans and elements are in varied stages of completion, all of which need stakeholder participation and feedback. It has been head-spinning for those of us who follow such things and completely off the radar for those who don’t.

On Aug. 28, Bradley Calvert, director of Glendale Community Development, and members of the city’s planning staff came to the CVCA meeting to address recent concerns. Most of the 70 community members in the room were there to ask about the draft Land Use Element. It contains a proposed overlay zone that would allow multi-family residential projects to be built on Glendale-owned parking lots in Montrose, at the ballfields by Verdugo Park and across from the college. Attendees were understandably frustrated that this change could bring high-profile projects like the ones that have been dominating downtown. No, thank you; leave North Glendale and Montrose alone.

While Mr. Calvert explained that the city can already build on the lots in question without any change to zoning, he remarked that adding the overlay would allow more flexibility in the future if the Glendale City Council decided to put projects there. He restated that currently no project was being proposed, and zoning wasn’t being changed. However, a review of Glendale City Council actions this year clearly demonstrates that council members are seriously considering it. The Glendale City Council meeting on March 4 resulted in a vote to classify 26 city-owned parking lots/properties in Glendale as “surplus.” In the staff report it states, “In assessing the City properties, staff identified zoning impediments that would prevent development”... “Staff believed that ten to twelve of the parking lots have development potential and could generate revenue for the City.”

Following this meeting, the draft Land Use Element was presented to Council on July 15 revealing maps of several surplus properties with a proposed “City-Owned Residential Overlay” (CORO) designation. This revision would allow 50 units/acre (high/very high density) for residential housing that could be increased with density bonus concessions. In the meeting, deputy director of Long-Range Planning Vilia Zemaitaitis stated, “These changes apply to the Land Use Element and maps only. Zoning standards will be updated separately, at a later time.”

Bye, bye Mayberry? Glendale fails to understand that any potential revenue from such residential projects will be offset by the loss of tax revenue if businesses in Montrose are forced to close in the process. And adding residential density at the confluence of two main boulevards and the college would further exacerbate long-time parking and traffic woes. It doesn’t make sense. What are the city’s priorities?

On the Land Use map, the area known as “unincorporated La Crescenta” is described as the “sphere of influence.” I would argue that we are the spheres of influence. We have the power to influence government by our participation and vote.

So, what can you do? Start by going to <https://www.glendaleplan.com/> and read about what is being proposed in the various plans and elements. Then talk to your neighbors, attend meetings, write letters and submit formal comments. We are “one valley, one voice.” Let our voices be heard.

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

VIEW OF THE VERDUGOS » CRAIG DURST

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles – Part 2

I took a deep breath to satisfy olfactory desires as I leaned over my custom Fritas Fries at the Big White Hut in Tujunga. Sitting at the rear table, before digging in I took in the map covering its back wall. It’s an old map from 1926 of Sunland and a portion of the San Fernando Valley. As I dined, I continued my examination ... and that’s when I noticed it. Following the railroad tracks that lie alongside San Fernando Road, about halfway up the wall, was the word “Wahoo.” There a spur of the rail line embarked off to the east, heading into the Big Tujunga Wash. From that beginning, a history hunt began.

As I drove home, I recalled a man who had come into Bolton Hall years ago with a story about finding what he believed was a train tunnel out in the wash. We made our way over to the museum’s map and he pointed to the approximate location of his purported discovery. While intrigued after many other guests had come and gone, the memory was relegated to some empty brain cells and promptly forgotten. Now the recollection had returned as the 1926 map had revealed the Wahoo Spur coming to an end near the spot the guest had identified.

Arriving home, I eagerly accessed satellite imagery of the area and lo and behold! A large structure was apparent there. And it wasn’t just large; it appeared to be huge. What was this big thing? The next step, of course, was to head there to see it for myself and try to determine what it was. The hike was not difficult; I arrived in perhaps 30 minutes to find a truly amazing site. It is indeed a train tunnel, some 330 feet long, built of reinforced concrete. All along the top are a series of loading portals, which reveal its purpose. A train would pull into this tunnel and would be loaded from above with gravel and stones. A deeper dive into the tunnel and the Wahoo Spur was then required.

That deeper dive came in the way of an introduction to Jock Scott, a man who could provide some of the answers. I was introduced to Jock, who is a mining expert who knows a great deal about the history of mining in Los Angeles. After describing the quest I was on, he promptly invited me to meet him at the Durbin Rock Plant in Baldwin Park.

“There is something I’d like you to see there,” he said.

This past January, I met Jock at the vast worksite. We entered a boardroom where the walls were covered with historic photos of numerous rock plant operations. He led me to one image and said, “There it is – that’s your tunnel. It used to be the bottom floor of the three-story Sheldon Rock Plant, which began operations in the early 1920s. The upper two floors were made of wood and no longer exist.”

The Wahoo Spur separated from the main line near the intersection of Truesdale Street and San Fernando Road and followed the path of the Hansen Dam spillway to the east.

Reaching the Hansen Dam Golf Course, the tracks would have passed through the center of the 18th green and headed into the wash through where the dam sits now. The length of the spur was a little over two miles to the loading tunnel.

This was the only train that ever penetrated the Tujunga Rancho. At one end of the tunnel, 1923 is stamped. Flooding was a regular problem and operations ceased in the 1930s. A tremendous amount of cement was required to build Los Angeles, especially during the boom of the 1920s. Most of the gravel pulled from this plant served to make cement and helped our city rise. The final step was to take Mike Lawler to visit the site: 34°15’56.37”N, 118°22’13.28”W.

Craig Durst (left) with Mike Lawler at the Wahoo Tunnel entrance.

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Striking the Right Note: A Local Teen Shines at International Stages

Astghik Grigoryan, a rising sophomore at La Cañada High School, returned home from Salzburg and Barcelona as a first prize winner of the Grand Prize Virtuoso International Music Competition. During the winners' recital in two of Europe's iconic musical cities, she represented both nations she calls her own: Armenia and the United States of America.

Grigoryan's musical journey began at the age of 6 when she became a student at Lark Musical Society in Glendale. Under the guidance of the music teacher Svetlana Kazaryan, Grigoryan honed her piano skills and musicianship to perfection. More than that, she developed a deep love and profound appreciation for classical music that continues to inspire her. In addition to piano, Grigoryan expanded her musical horizons at Lark, exploring instruments such as drums and hand chimes. She also nurtured her vocal talents as a member of the Tsiatsan Choir throughout her studies at Lark.

Outside of Lark, Grigoryan has participated and earned top awards at numerous prestigious state and international music programs and competitions. She is a five-time award winner at the Junior Bach Festival organized by the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC). She is a two-time recipient of the State Honor Award completing the advanced level of the MTAC Certificate of Merit program, further showcasing her talent and dedication. Grigoryan is also an



Absolute First Prize tier winner with the recognition for the Best Bach Performance Special Award at the Bach International Festival, UK; second prize winner and the Audience Favorite Award recipient at the Charleston International Music Competition; silver award winner at the Global Young Musicians Competition;

silver award recipient at the Mozart International Music Competition; first prize winner at the Golden Classical Music Awards International Competition; and first prize winner at the Grand Prize Virtuoso International Music Competition of Salzburg and Barcelona.

New Youth Theater Program Launches Locally

A new opportunity for theatrical experience is coming to the La Crescenta, Glendale and La Cañada communities with the launch of Stage Arts Academy of Southern California, a children's theater company founded by seasoned entertainment industry professionals and credentialed local school teachers. The company is dedicated to training the next generation of young performers in the skills of singing, dancing and acting while building confidence for life. Fall classes start Sept. 3.

Stage Arts Academy offers a unique blend of professional-level instruction and nurturing educational support. All instructors are credentialed school teachers with a combined 30 years of experience working in the classroom with specialties in drama, music and dance.

"Not only are we teachers, we are all moms and know firsthand what a gift you give a child when you empower them with the confidence to share their talents," said co-founder and music instructor Rebecca O'Neal.

Most performing arts programs toss kids right into rehearsals; Stage Arts Academy is taking the approach of offering year-round classes and workshops to deeply hone dance skills traditional to musical theater, teaching acting skills and not just having performers memorize lines, while also training students' voices to win solos. Performers will utilize the accumulation of skills by performing in a year's end Broadway musical. In this program students will be intensely

trained in the foundational skills to succeed in their school plays, a professional career or land other performance opportunities.

The program is the dream of co-founders Wendy Goldsworthy and Virginia Grigori.

"I have driven my daughters to the surrounding areas for various performance programs but I wanted them to bond with kids in their own community, kids they would know in middle and high school. So when there were no local performance opportunities, I decided to start one myself," said Goldsworthy.

The founders see the performing arts as a team sport with a focus on essential life skills – confidence, empathy and resilience – skills students will carry for the rest of their lives.

High school drama teacher and co-founder Virginia Grigori added, "We're not just teaching theater – we're helping kids discover their voice in a safe, collaborative environment where they can shine on stage and in life."

Co-founder, choreographer and dance teacher Chadaé McAlister said, "My best friends in life came from my various productions. Not only will the students learn necessary stage craft, they will make lifelong friendships."

Fall classes run from Sept. 3 to Nov. 19. Spring classes will be announced in December. Performances will be at the Nocturne Theater (formerly Center Theater) in Glendale.

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Prom Plus Looks to Community for Support in New School Year

By Mary O'KEEFE

Recently the Prom Plus organization held an ice cream social at the Fire House youth center to thank those who have volunteered to keep this 30-plus-year organization moving into the future.

President Drew Massingill and vice president Asia Bribiesca-Hedin were among the board members who welcomed everyone to the organization's first ice cream social. They encouraged everyone to continue to volunteer ... and to get more parents and community members to help.

The beginnings of Prom Plus date back to 1991 after the murder of a Crescenta Valley High School student at an unsupervised after-prom event. Since then Prom Plus, a non-profit organization, has given CVHS seniors and their guests a safe space to enjoy a supervised after-prom party. Prom Plus has,

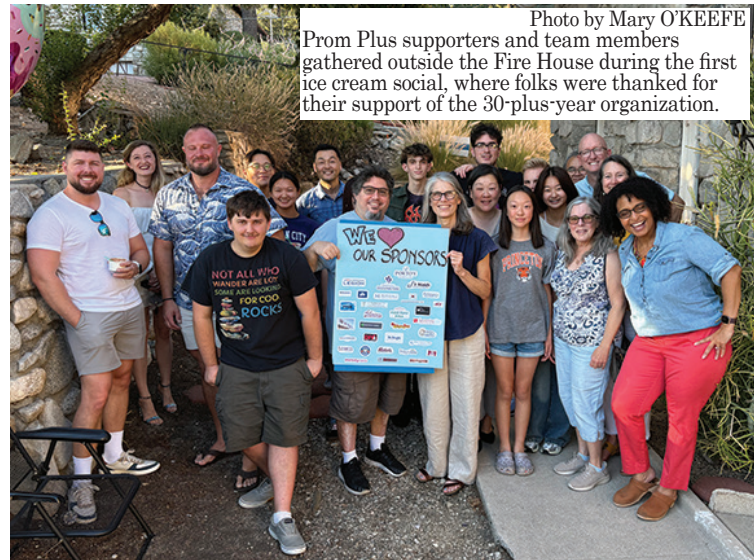


Photo by Mary O'KEEFE
Prom Plus supporters and team members gathered outside the Fire House during the first ice cream social, where folks were thanked for their support of the 30-plus-year organization.

and continues, to hold its after-prom party at the YMCA of the Foothills, 1930 Foothill Blvd., thanks to the generosity and support of that organization.

But as the new school year gets underway, Prom Plus has put out the call for more support through funds and volunteers. On Sept.

11, Prom Plus members will be hosting the Crescenta Valley High School Back to School BBQ, a fundraising outreach for Prom Plus. To find out how to help by providing donations and time please visit www.promplus.org or email info@promplus.org.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Nancy Guillen Receives Good Turn Award By Scouting America’s Verdugo Hills Council



By Ruth SOWBY

Members and guests of Scouting’s Verdugo Hills Council gathered at the Urban Press Winery & Restaurant in Burbank on Aug. 22 to honor Nancy Guillen, the Council’s Good Turn Award recipient. A friend of Scouting for many years, Guillen is the owner and CEO of True Integrity Insurance & Payroll Services. Prior to establishing True Integrity, Guillen spent 22 years in the medical industry.

The afternoon’s program opened with a welcome by master of ceremonies Albert Hernandez, CEO of Home Again Los Angeles, a non-profit homeless services agency. He then introduced honoree Guillen who was given a crystal plaque commemorating her service to the Verdugo Hills Council. The program was briefly paused as she, Council President Hovik Shahinian and Council Scout Executive Amy Taylor posed for photographs.

“I was a Girl Scout once upon a time,” said Guillen. “Scouting taught me to serve others. The good we do today is the happiness of tomorrow.”

In honor of Guillen, a Scout will be given a week of day camp and \$50 for snacks.

The program ended with remarks by Taylor acknowledging Council highlights.

“Although we’re a small council, we have 25 troops and 64 Eagle Scouts who have given more than 8,000 hours in service projects,” she reported.

In answer to a call for donations, Guillen responded, “Give from your heart.”

TOP LEFT: Nancy Guillen is honored with the Verdugo Hills Council’s Good Turn Award by Council President Hovik Shahinian, left, and Council Scout Executive Amy Taylor.
TOP RIGHT: Luncheon donors Bruce and Debbie Hinkley are Scouting supporters.
BOTTOM LEFT: Verdugo Hills Council Luncheon Emcee Albert Hernandez, on left, is joined by Council Honoree Nancy Guillen, and Greg Krikorian, president/CEO of Business Life Magazine.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Burbank’s Urban Press Winery & Restaurant was the setting for the Scouting America’s Verdugo Hills Council Awards Luncheon.



THE CITY HAS HEARD FROM MONTROSE LOUD AND CLEAR.
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Let’s talk about land use and parking in Montrose

The City of Glendale is reviewing the draft Land Use Element (LUE), a long-term planning document that guides how land can be used in the future, included where housing might go.

Recently, concerns, which are not true, have been raised about the future of the public parking lots in Montrose. Some residents fear that these lots may be replaced with housing or other development.

Here’s what’s true:

- No development plans have been proposed for these City-owned parking lots.
- The lots are currently zoned for moderate-density residential, which technically allows for housing (not mixed-use). A new designation called the City-Owned Residential Overlay (CORO) has been introduced in the draft LUE.
- **This does not mandate development**, but is intended as a planning tool to help the City maintain some control over these properties in the future, especially in response to State housing mandates.
- We understand how important these lots are to the Montrose business district and community events. *That’s why they aren’t going anywhere and why your input is essential.*

The City and MSPA still want your engagement on the draft Land Use Element.

Come to one of four community meetings scheduled this September. RSVP required.

Place: Harvest Market, 2300 block of Honolulu

Date & Time: Sunday, September 7, 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Place: MSPA HQ / Glendale Police Substation

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Date & Time: Saturday, September 13 at 12:00 P.M.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 P.M.

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The Armenian American Museum Announces Heritage Gala Honorees

The Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California announced Alajajian Marcoosi Architects and Emmy Award-winning journalist Araksya Karapetyan as the distinguished honorees for the Armenian American Museum Heritage Gala. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown.

Alajajian Marcoosi Architects, led by Aram Alajajian and Sako Marcoosi, are the creative force behind the design of the landmark cultural center in Glendale. The Glendale-based firm is renowned for its expertise in institutional, commercial and cultural projects that blend functionality with artistry. Their work on the museum reflects a commitment to honoring Armenian heritage while creating a vibrant, forward-looking space for education,

community engagement and cultural exchange.

Araksya Karapetyan is an Emmy Award-winning anchor for FOX 11's Good Day LA and a respected voice in journalism. Over her career, she has become a trusted source of news and storytelling, using her platform to share important issues affecting the Armenian American community and beyond. Her authenticity, advocacy and connection to her roots have made her a beloved figure both on and off screen.

The Heritage Gala is the museum's signature annual event where community members, leaders and supporters join together for an evening celebrating heritage, culture and progress. Guests will enjoy a dinner program and live on-stage performances, all in support of the museum's mission to promote understanding and



connection through education, exhibitions and cultural programming.

Heritage Gala sponsorship, program book ads and ticket reservations are due by Oct. 27.

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The Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California is a world-class educational and cultural institution currently under construction in the heart of Glendale's Arts and Entertainment District. The museum will feature permanent and temporary exhibitions, an auditorium, learning center, demonstration kitchen, archives and administrative offices. Its mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Armenian American experience.

Learn more and RSVP for the Heritage Gala at ArmenianAmericanMuseum.org/Gala.

YMCAs Partner for Backpack Distribution to Families Impacted by Eaton Fire

On Thursday, the YMCA of the Foothills hosted another distribution of much-needed items for families affected by the Eaton Fire, including 65 brand-new high-quality backpacks filled with notebooks and Contigo water bottles to help middle school students and teens start the new school year on the right foot. The event was led by Southeast Ventura County YMCA, which continues to partner with the YMCA of the Foothills in its fire relief efforts.

As of August, the YMCA of the Foothills has awarded \$202,947 in financial assistance and scholarships offering no-cost summer camps, resident camps, youth programs and memberships to families affected by the January fires who faced loss and

displacement. By the end of 2025, the Y intends to distribute an additional \$275,000 through direct relief checks as part of its ongoing mission to support those impacted by the fires throughout their recovery.

This support is only possible due to the generous donations and unconditional support of the greater Y community.

To learn more about the FOOTHILLS STRONG initiative, an Eaton Fire Emergency Assistance Fund, and how to contribute or get involved, visit ymcafoothills.org/foothillsstrong.

Photo provided by the YMCA Middle school and high school students affected by the Eaton Fire will receive filled backpacks as part of the YMCA FOOTHILLS STRONG initiative.



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Dr. Kang went on to describe the importance of having continuity of care that is available at a local community hospital.

“The continuity of care – the relationships we build – is important for us at USC-VHH,” she said.

She added that USC-VHH plays a

unique role within the community.

“We are more than a medical facility,” she said. “We know the needs of our community. We are a trusted facility that has grown with the community. What’s especially nice is that we’re just a few minutes drive for most of those we serve. We want the public to know that we’ve grown with them. We’re committed to knowing the needs of the community. As a leadership group, we understand the role of equitable care. We are led by the needs of those around us.”

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TRAVEL & LEISURE

Scene in LA - September

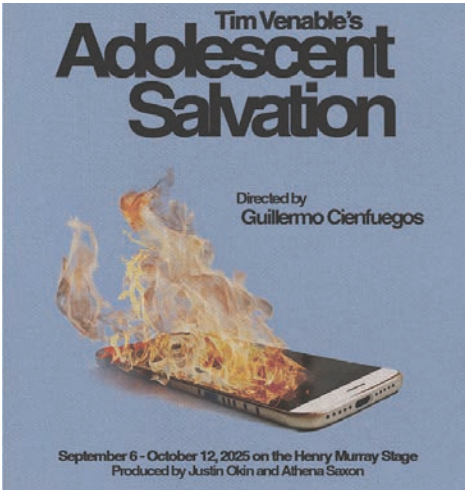
By Steve ZALL and Sid FISH

Fall is fast approaching, the kids are back in school and that means it's time to go see one or more of these fabulous shows playing currently in our local theaters!

COVID protocols continue to be dictated by each individual venue so bring a face mask to wear during the show in case the venue requires it. It's a good idea to first check with the theater before attending a show to find what is their current policy.

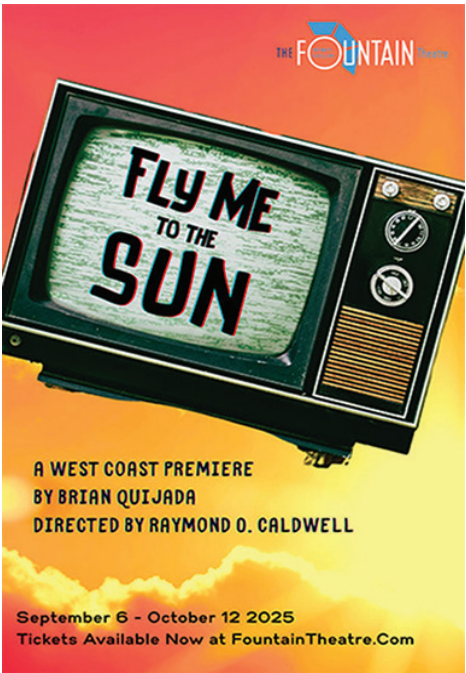
The information presented in this column is the latest available at the time of printing; however, it should be verified with the theater before making definite plans.

Here are the shows that have announced opening dates for this month, or are already running:



“Adolescent Salvation” Over the course of one night, through a haze of tequila, texting and Taylor Swift, three teens banter, bicker and push each other to the edge of danger – with consequences that could prove lethal by morning. This searingly funny and fearlessly inquisitive play examines the moral complexity of the kinds of characters we judge most harshly – and the fatal consequences of ignoring our own complicity in the deeds that we condemn.

Written by Tim Venable and directed by Guillermo Cienfuegos, it runs Sept. 5 through Oct. 12 at the Matrix Theatre - Upstairs on the Henry Murray Stage in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (855) 585-5185 or visit www.roguemachinetheatre.org.



“Fly Me to the Sun” When Abuela Julia arrives from El Salvador to live with her family in a Chicago suburb, her grandson learns to see America through his grandmother's eyes – while also teaching her to enjoy simple American pleasures. Relaying the story in the style of a late-night talk show in which the young BQ (Gerardo Navarro) is the host and Julia (magically portrayed as a hand puppet) is his special guest, “Fly Me to the Sun” weaves Quijada's beautiful, semi-autobiographical story about

the moments that move us and what calls us home. Meanwhile, older brother Marvin (Noe Cervantes) deejays with a playlist that pays homage to R&B, hip-hop, Latin-American music and American standards.

Written by Brian Quijada, with music by Marvin Quijada, and directed by Raymond O. Caldwell, it runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 12 at the Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 663-1525 or visit www.FountainTheatre.com.



“One Man, Two Guvnors” Things start to look a little brighter for Francis Henshall, a hapless, out of work musician in England's seaside town of Brighton, when he lands two jobs in one fantastic day. But now he's working for two bosses at the same time, all the while keeping each unaware of the other's existence. They, meanwhile, are just as busy – separated lovers on the run from the mob, they end up at the same pub, neither knowing that the other is there ... which isn't difficult, because one of them is in drag. Packed with physical comedy, quick wit and a live skiffle band, “One Man, Two Guvnors” is an evening of witty, irreverent social commentary, music and unapologetic farce.

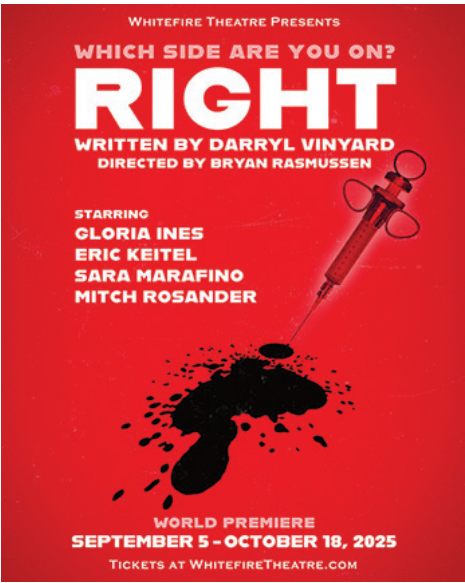
Written by Richard Bean, adapted from The Servant of Two Masters by Carlo Goldoni with music by Gary Olding and directed by Julia Rodriguez-Elliott and Geoff Elliott, it runs Sept. 6 through Sept. 28 at the A Noise Within in Pasadena. For tickets, call (626) 356-3100 or visit www.anoisewithin.org.



“Pericles” Part adventure, part fairytale and all heart, this immersive production of Shakespeare's “Pericles” invites audiences to travel through mystical lands, meet pirates and nuns, and dance alongside a cast of unforgettable characters. When Pericles leaves home in search of fortune, he crosses paths with a cast of strange and wondrous characters – wacky kings, mysterious nuns, evil queens and the love of his life. But when tragedy strikes and that love is lost at sea, Pericles keeps moving to outrun grief. Will he find his way home or something even better?

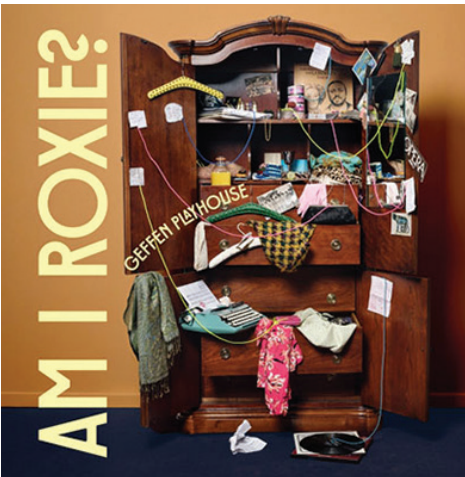
Running time is 90 minutes.

Written by William Shakespeare and directed by Amanda McRaven, it runs Sept. 6 through Sept. 21 at the Kings Road Park in West Hollywood. For tickets, visit www.pericles-weho2025.eventbrite.com.



“Right” From 2024 to 2025 the number of U.S. measles cases has grown almost 450%; there have been three deaths so far this year. Over a quarter of a million kindergarteners are not vaccinated against measles. Fewer than 40% of Americans say they trust doctors. “Right” examines what happens when an expectant couple risks fracturing their family when they refuse to let their unvaccinated nephew near their baby, igniting a relentless battle over science, safety and loyalty.

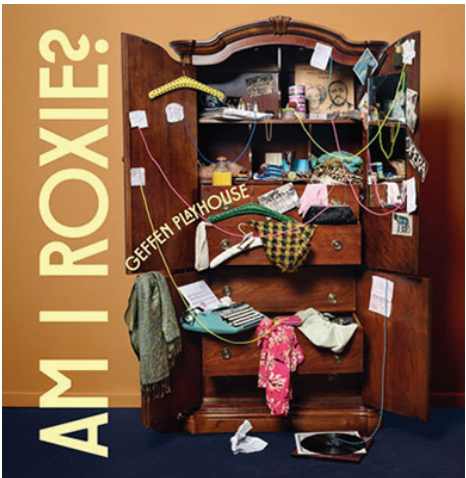
Written by Darryl Vinyard and directed by Bryan Rasmussen, it runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 18 at the Whitefire Theatre in Sherman Oaks. For tickets, call (818) 687-8559 or visit www.whitefiretheatre.com.



“Am I Roxie?” In this fiercely funny one-woman tour-de-force based on her own life, writer/actor Roxana Ortega navigates the chaos of her mother's mental decline with outrageous humor and unbreakable spirit. Playing everything from a mermaid-obsessed aunt to a prickly sherpa, Roxie takes audiences on a wild ride into an opera house, up a killer mountain and through the doomscape of her own mind. Heartfelt and hilarious, “Am I Roxie?” explores duty, destiny and how facing your darkest fears can reveal who you truly are.

Written by Roxana Ortega and directed by Bernardo Cubría, it runs Sept. 11 through Oct. 5 at the Gil Cates Theater at Geffen Playhouse in Westwood. For tickets, call (310) 208-2028 or visit www.geffenplayhouse.org.

“Ragtime the Musical” At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing ... and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future. Together, they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair ...



and what it means to live in America. With a Tony Award-winning score that blends ragtime, blues, jazz and show tunes, it's a powerful, sweeping saga of America!

Written by Terrence McNally, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and directed by David Ralphe, it runs Sept. 12 through Sept. 21 at the El Portal Theatre Debbie Reynolds Mainstage in North Hollywood. For tickets, call (818) 508-4200 or visit www.elportaltheatre.com.



“Real Women Have Curves” A young Hispanic woman navigates culture, tradition, expectations and her own dreams to forge an identity and inspire those around her. Set in an East LA garment factory, “Real Women Have Curves” captures the struggles five women face with immigration agents, partners and social judgment while they strive to meet impossible production deadlines. Both touching and funny, “Real Women Have Curves” speaks to the journey we all travel to find our true selves.

Written by Josefina Lopez and directed by Marco Rivera, it runs Sept. 12 through Oct. 4 at the Westchester Playhouse in Los Angeles. For tickets, call (310) 645-5156 or visit www.kentwoodplayers.org.



“Annie” A spunky Depression-era orphan is determined to find her parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss (Agnes) Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Written by Thomas Meehan, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and directed by Tim Nelson, it runs Sept. 13 through Sept. 28 at the Rose Center Theater in Westminster. For tickets, call (714) 793-1150 or visit www.rosecentertheater.com/annie.

You can read more at
CVWeekly.com/LEISURE.

Splntrd Wood to Perform for GNC

On Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 12:10 p.m., the program for the free admission Glendale Noon Concerts will be performed in the sanctuary of Glendale City Church, 610 E. California Ave. in Glendale. The program will feature the all-cello ensemble Splntrd Wood in a program “Songs Without Voices,” celebrating song and melody across time and culture.

All-cello ensemble Splntrd Wood creates fresh and invigorating live music experiences with its own audacious arrangements that cross divides between musical genres. Its 2025 program Songs Without Voices celebrates song and melody across time and culture, reimagining classical opera,

jazz, Bollywood, samba, rock and more for up to six cellists. Crafted to surprise, delight and inspire, the program invites audiences of all ages into a vibrant, songful journey – without a single word.

Splntrd Wood is composed of cellists Ian Gottlieb, Daniel Lim, Matthew Park and Jaewon Ahn. The program includes Giacomo Puccini’s Nessun Dorma, Tan Dun’s The Eternal Vow, Lalit Pandit’s Munni Badnaam, Kurt Cobain’s Heart-Shaped Box, Jacob Arcadelt’s Il Bianco E Dolce Cigno and George Harrison’s Here Comes The Sun.

<http://glendalenoonconcerts.blogspot.com>



THEN & NOW

Indian Springs High Dive Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



Then: Here’s a young guy in 1935 showing off by diving backwards from the high dive at Indian Springs. The high dive was a big feature here and diving off it was a rite of passage for many Crescenta Valley youths. In the early ’50s, diving talent was discovered here in the person of Filipino diver Vicki Manalo Draves. She trained at Indian Springs and won two gold medals in the 1948 Olympics.



Now: “Clean up on aisle three!” The Vons on Verdugo Boulevard above Montrose sits on fill over the canyon that held the Indian Springs pool. Standing in aisle three of Vons, you’re about at the spot you would have been if you were standing on the high dive.

Art Talks at Brand Return This Fall

The Brand Library & Art Center announced the return of Art Talks at Brand this fall. This series invites contemporary artists to discuss their work and the issues surrounding it. Each talk will be followed by a moderated Q&A session led by Brand staff member, artist and writer Jennifer Remenchik. The fall series will feature Los Angeles-based artists Shanna Waddell, Ish Lipman, Andres Estrada Payan and Christina Ballantyne. The series is sponsored by the Brand Associates; it is free and open to the public. Each talk is at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, Shanna Waddell, a Los Angeles-based painter, will be making a presentation. Waddell’s paintings depict a built world focused on the activities of a self-sustaining

flower farm artist commune called Sheness Society. Her works demonstrate a fantastical otherworld, one that is both whimsical and utterly alluring, thrusting a viewer into an imagined utopian landscape.

Brand staff member and program moderator Jennifer Remenchik is an artist and writer based in Los Angeles. Remenchik began organizing art talks at Brand Library & Art Center to showcase artists who reflect the diversity of the art scene of the greater Los Angeles area.

Visit BrandLibrary.org/Art-Talks for more information on the artists in the Art Talks at Brand series as well as links to recordings of past programs.

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

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GLENDALE KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Sept. 5, the Club welcomes a presentation by former rock journalist turned playwright, novelist and film producer Anthony Mora.

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

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

CCLCF EVENTS

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

- Senior social is today, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5.
- Community Cares Volunteer Event on Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. We'll create simple, meaningful messages and designs that will brighten someone's day when they discover a stone painted with care. We'll also be creating

a kindness rock garden at the Community Center and dropping kindness rocks off around the community.

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

MONA OFFERS EXCLUSIVE OUTING

Museum of Neon Art (MONA) members are invited to an exclusive access to the Richardson Collection and Warehouse in Ontario. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the eccentric collection of neon, classic cars and automobilia before it is sold at auction. This is a sneak peek at the collection in its original home as well as a final look at the spectacular environment prior to the no-reserve auction. Refreshments will be served.

MONA members will also receive complementary bid access to purchase Americana treasures sold for pennies on the dollar on Sept. 20 and 21.

For MONA members only; \$15. RSVP by Sept. 4 at <https://tinyurl.com/8jdzsnc6>.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & PARKS HOSTS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Glendale Outdoors! (GO!) Community Program takes place at Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in Glendale/ La Crescenta on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The public is invited for an interpretive hike in Deukmejian Wilderness Park, a nature craft, nature themed games and a tour of the Stone Barn Nature Center. Water, snacks and bus transportation from Pacific Community Center, leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 12:30 p.m., will be provided.

Parents' Night Out is a drop off event for kids 6 to 12 years old. The night includes fun activities, friends, food and a movie. The fee is \$20 per child.

Participants are encouraged to bring pajamas, a blanket and

a pillow. It is held on Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Sparr Heights Community Center, 1613 Glencoe Way in Glendale 91208 and on Sept. 26 and Nov. 21 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave. in Glendale.

For more information, call (818) 548-4098 for Pacific Community Center or (818) 548-2187 for Sparr Heights Community Center.

The Wander the Wilderness Bus is a free shuttle on weekends that departs at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. from Glendale to Deukmejian Park. For details, visit GlendaleCA.gov/Trails. <https://tinyurl.com/tkp5rujx>

Volunteer workday at the Riverwalk are on Saturday, Sept. 13

from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Enter at 300 Paula Ave. in Glendale. Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive plants from the landscaped areas along the LA River. Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing and bring water. Tools and gloves will be provided. Families, individuals, clubs and students needing community service hours are welcome. In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.

Visit <https://www.glendaleca.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event> to RSVP and for more information.

A volunteer workday also takes place at Deukmejian Wilderness Park on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. *see CALENDAR THIS on page 16*

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Provided by horoscope.com

September 1, 2025 - September 7, 2025

ARIES *March 21 - April 19*
The cosmos is encouraging you to improve your appearance. You might want to start by getting into a state of blossoming good health. When you're as healthy as you can be, you're truly beautiful, and it shows in every aspect of your being. Your eyes shine, your skin glows, your body is toned and filled with energy, and you feel fantastic.

TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*
An active social life and busy schedule could mean you need to recharge your batteries. Take the chance to recuperate so you can meet any future challenges. An activity like dancing would enable you to release some of the intense emotion that you've been carrying with you and allow you to feel invigorated and peaceful.

GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*
It's just as important to feed yourself with the right thoughts as it is to eat the right foods. If you have a wonderful diet but engage in too much negative thinking, you negate the benefits of the nutrients. Release those states of mind that cause so much trouble and ill health. Replace them with optimism.

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*
You might notice a few health changes now. If you feel any stiffness in your muscles, locate the cause. If it's due to additional pressure in your life, it might be a good idea to lighten your schedule. Massage would help, as would meditation and other forms of relaxation. Do this regularly and you'll soon feel better.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*
You naturally gravitate toward beautiful things. Think about enjoying the pleasures of an aromatherapy session. This could be just the thing to soothe mind, body, and spirit. Anything you can do to feel relaxed and unhurried will keep you from getting unnecessarily tense. Surround yourself with calming influences. If you can take a vacation, do it.

VIRGO *August 23 - Sept. 22*
Take care of your stomach. Even though you may feel great, you could eat something that disagrees with you. Pay particular attention when you're dining out, as this is most likely where the problem would occur. Your stomach could be more sensitive than usual, so take it easy with fast foods. Eat the healthy stuff.

LIBRA *Sept. 23 - Oct. 22*
Don't let too much emotion unbalance you. Emotion can be either positive or negative. The cosmos is taking you into some deep waters, and could also stir up bodily symptoms. Rest if you need it, or take a long, relaxing bath. Express your feelings rather than bury them with food or alcohol. An event could encourage you to let go and relax your guard.

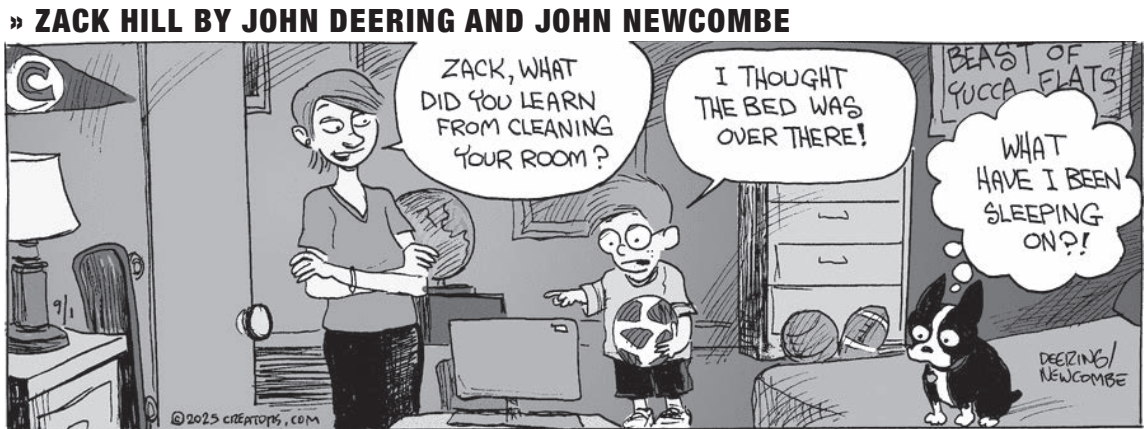
SCORPIO *Oct. 23 - Nov. 21*
Love and relationships affect your body chemistry in good ways. There are some positive influences around that will make you feel loved and appreciated. You may notice that areas of tension dissipate with a gentle massage by a soothing pair of hands. Let you body soak up this energizing attention and bring healing your way.

SAGITTARIUS *Nov. 22 - Dec. 21*
Redefine your health goals regularly. You may have a tendency start something and then pack it in after a short while. Perhaps you lose focus easily and get bored, letting your attention wander to the next exciting idea. This time, try visualizing yourself looking good and feeling fantastic. It will be easier to keep up your routine.

CAPRICORN *Dec. 22 - Jan. 19*
You've probably made strides in sorting out your health issues. If not, there's still time for a fresh start. See yourself in a new light and in a way that inspires you to carry on and reach your goals. You're going to have to find the means to regularly renew your inspiration. If you can dream it, you can do it.

AQUARIUS *Jan. 20 - Feb. 18*
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PISCES *Feb. 19 - March 20*
You're busy making decisions about your lifestyle, exercise routine, and eating habits. The cosmos is encouraging a clean sweep so you can start fresh. If you need the help of a personal trainer to get started, find one. A different belief system might give you a few new ideas, too. Ancient health-giving secrets could be as relevant to you now as they were in ages past.

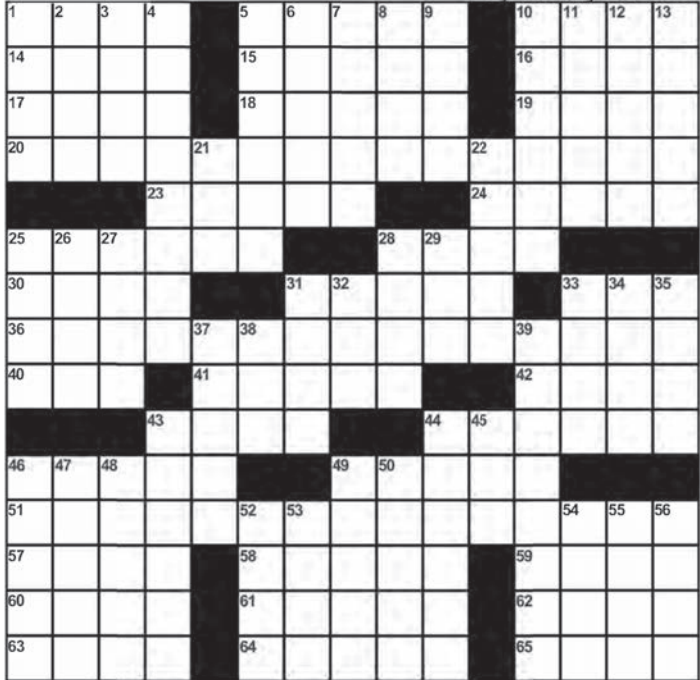


ACROSS

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| 1) One way to attend a party | 40) Howard who was Opie |
| 5) Turn blue, as skies | 41) Seriously corpulent |
| 10) The African Queen, famously | 42) Smallest bit |
| 14) What you want your engine to do | 43) Become unhinged |
| 15) Unable to hold water | 44) Film festival site |
| 16) Actress Jessica | 46) Swiftly, to Shakespeare |
| 17) Large part of a world map | 49) Chlorinated waters |
| 18) Met show | 51) Like Thomas Kinkade paintings |
| 19) Book page | 57) The season to be jolly |
| 20) Destroy a track record, in a way | 58) Quite angry |
| 23) Cast off from the body | 59) He measured in cubits |
| 24) Like some retreats | 60) Bridge feat |
| 25) In ____ (together) | 61) Picky worker? |
| 28) Singer Tori | 62) Was charitable |
| 30) Bollywood drape | 63) ____ en scene (stage setting) |
| 31) Embroidered loop | 64) Squirrel away |
| 33) Thing to push for in a hotel? | 65) Apple attachment |
| 36) Thing given upon entering the military | |

FOPPY JOE

By Timothy E. Parker



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9.4.25

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| 1) Centers of lavish attention |
| 2) Keister |
| 3) Solo in 18-Across |
| 4) Thing for which to ask forgiveness |
| 5) Selected |
| 6) Runs easily |
| 7) Send to Congress |
| 8) Prefix for "space" or "dynamic" |
| 9) Meg of "You've Got Mail" |
| 10) Modeler's woods, sometimes |
| 11) Dairy section purchases |
| 12) Towards the back of the boat |
| 13) Saltwater confection |
| 21) Cause of a power trip |
| 22) Garment worn by some Indian men |
| 25) Former world power |
| 26) Defense alliance based in Brussels |
| 27) Tehran's locale |
| 28) Stomach woe |
| 29) Extinct kin of the ostrich |
| 31) Ready for an operation |
| 32) Checkpoint requests |
| 33) Clickable image |
| 34) Adorable, as a puppy |
| 35) In-flight announcements, for short |
| 37) Transplant receiver |
| 38) Atty. grp. |
| 39) Some salon activities |
| 43) Plotter's plot |
| 44) Hold fast |
| 45) "By ____ means!" |
| 46) Deep gulf |
| 47) St. ____ Girl (beer brand) |
| 48) Book full of maps |
| 49) Grand master's instrument? |
| 50) Aquatic relative of a ferret |
| 52) Turns down, as lights |
| 53) Habeas corpus, e.g. |
| 54) Creature with a beard |
| 55) "____ you heard?" |
| 56) Not us |

see ANSWERS on page 16

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Question: We seem to be so polarized, especially politically. Oftentimes a simple dinner or family gathering becomes an angry event where hurtful things are said. How do I navigate political discourse in my family? How to Love Someone with Different Political Views

Dear Loving Someone with Different Political Views,

There is both a practical and a spiritual approach to dealing with this issue. Let's look at the practical first.

My sainted Irish grandmother once said that one should never discuss religion, politics or nationality at the dinner table ... although I have always found those subjects fascinating. But at my grandmother's dinner table, they were forbidden.

Surprisingly, dinner conversations with her were always lively and interesting; ranging from travel accounts and observations to things read, or any of a myriad of interesting subjects familiar and unfamiliar.

While you may not have any power to impose such a ground rule at a family member's hosted event, you can (so to speak) "direct traffic" at you own. In time, it may come to serve as a general model

for the entire family to observe. It is perfectly okay for you to lay down the ground rules for your own event.

With your invitation, I would send the following email: "In the interest of continued family harmony and goodwill, we will not allow any discussion of politics, religion, race or nationality at our gathering. Furthermore, in any disagreement, I expect each of us to treat each other with courtesy, kindness and respect as human beings, which each member of this family deserves (in spite of any past differences, grievances, justifications or resentments). The world may diminish us but in my house, we will not diminish one another. We are family and in the end, when push comes to shove, we are ultimately our last bastion of mutual support; and the diminishing of one another within the family, especially when it is gathered together, will not be accepted or tolerated. We should be a refuge and a support to one another against all the challenges of life. We should accept, and at times even celebrate, our difference from one another as being the unique individual expressions we are in this family, and in this world. [This] contributes to the strength and colorfulness of our family as well, whatever those differences are. Harmony is the strength and

support of any family, and even society at large, but more especially of ours."

If after receiving this a family member chooses not to come, that is okay – that is their choice. You needn't backtrack or feel guilty. Your house is meant to be a safe place for all of the family. If they come and violate your request, let them know no invitation for any future family event you host will be forthcoming unless they promise to observe the "Rules of Family Courtesy and Respect."

Of course, if you are not hosting the event and are merely a guest or if you have no taste for confrontation then the spiritual approach is the one I recommend. Plus, it always works. You just have to believe it so. Its principle is quite simple. Ernest Holmes, founder of Science of Mind, once observed that what we think into life is reflected back to us. In other words, our experience in the outside world actually begins in our own inner mind, in our thoughts, which are comprised of imagination, self-talk and feelings. Therefore, to change anything occurring outside us we need only change our thinking within us in the form of our beliefs and expectations. For Ernest, this all could be effectively done or created with prayer.

You can read more at CVWeekly.com/RELIGION

NOTES & NODS

LUTHERAN CHURCH: SERVICE DAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

On Sunday, Sept. 7, following its 10 a.m. worship service, Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF) will host a special event to assemble school kits for children in need around the world. The volunteer effort is part of a larger mission to provide essential educational tools to students facing hardship globally through the work of Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

Over the summer, the congregation collected a wide range of generously donated supplies, including notebooks, pencils, crayons, and rulers. This collection will now be packaged into complete school kits

destined for distribution across the globe.

The assembly will take place at 11:15 a.m. in the church's fellowship hall, and all members of the community are welcome to lend a hand. This hands-on service project allows volunteers to contribute to a mission with a global reach, providing tangible support to students facing significant challenges. The completed kits will be sent to LWR, a trusted global organization that will ensure the supplies are delivered to children in developing countries and those affected by humanitarian crises. According to LWR, these simple kits provide a powerful boost, helping to

remove barriers to education and giving children the tools they need to learn and thrive.

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

WOMEN'S NONDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

Seasons of Life Bible study offers two classes to choose from:

- * Joy of Living studying The Gospel of Mark and the Book of Esther
- * Women of Faith studying living a purposeful life

Classes are on Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 25 through April 9 at Highlands Church, 4441 La Crescenta Ave. in La Crescenta.

If interested, please contact the church at (818) 405-0763 or Lynda Hessick at (818) 640-6022 or email lyndahessick@gmail.com. The deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 7 to have the book selected to be ordered.

CSL OFFERS 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.

The Center for Spiritual Living is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta. 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.

SOUND BATH AT CSL

The Center for Spiritual Living - La Crescenta is having a sound bath with Dennis and Piniko on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25.

CSL La Crescenta is located at 4845 Dunsmore Ave.

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 Sept. 14, 21 & 28. 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.

BUSINESS

NEWS FROM THE CV CHAMBER » “OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR BUSINESS”

Busy Fall for CV Chamber

Over the summer the CV Chamber instituted a chance for our members (and prospective members) to gather in a relaxed way. These social outings were initiated by board member Tiffany Lau and are a fun way to support local businesses while getting to know each other.

For example, on July 2 we got together at Thee Elbow Room on

Honolulu Avenue in Montrose. We ordered adult beverages, pretzels and more while talking to each other in an informal way. On Aug. 20 we met at Basin 141, also on Honolulu Avenue, and ordered food, beverages and more.

Looking ahead, we're next getting together at Therapy at the Roar Room on Sept. 8 for '80s trivia night. Located at 3645

Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta, the fun begins at 7 p.m. – but you'll probably want to get there early! And don't come hungry – while Therapy at the Roar Room offers *plenty* of beverages there is no food on the menu – however, you can order/bring in food.

And we're working on a "Friendsgiving" joint mixer with the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber

at CV United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 13 – guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our food drive supporting the Bailey Center! The mixer is just prior to our "Fall Festival" planned for Nov. 15 at Sadler Hall on the campus of St. Luke's of the Mountains, 2563 Foothill Blvd.! We're eager to meet you!

For details on any Chamber event simply call the CV Chamber office at (818) 248-4957 or email us at info@crescentavalleychamber.org. You may also access our Chamber website at www.crescentavalleychamber.org.

Remember our Chamber motto: *"Our Business is Your Business."*

Robin Goldsworthy, President
CV Chamber of Commerce

NEWS FROM THE MONTROSE-VERDUGO CITY CHAMBER » MOLLY BURKE

From Bingo to Brews: Oktoberfest Season Has Arrived!

As summer winds down, excitement is building for one of Montrose's biggest traditions: the Annual Montrose Oktoberfest! The Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and our dedicated Oktoberfest Committee have been hard at work and we can't wait to celebrate with you.

We'll kick things off with Bingo, Beer, & Brats on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Glendale Elks Lodge #1289, 120 E. Colorado St. in Glendale. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the first game starts at 6 p.m. It's the perfect pre-Oktoberfest kickoff so gather your friends and neighbors for prizes, opportunity drawings and a night full of fun!

Then, on Saturday, Oct. 4, the big day arrives when the 46th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest takes over Honolulu Avenue! This year brings some new rides, a brand-new kids' zone, more live musical acts and even a merch booth where you can pick up something festive to wear or a keepsake to take home. From German food to cold brews and hard seltzers, live music to games and contests, Oktoberfest offers something for everyone!

This fall also brings important conversations to our community. August was filled with meetings about the Glendale Plan and it has been inspiring to see so many

neighbors rally behind Montrose and make their voices heard. Montrose is a special place, made unique by its small businesses, annual events and the ways our community gathers together. We encourage you to keep showing up, asking questions and making your voice heard at these meetings. Public comments should also be submitted at tinyurl.com/GlendalePlanComment. The Chamber will continue to stay engaged and proactive throughout this process.

Looking ahead, please note we will not be holding a September mixer. Our next Chamber mixer will be on Wednesday, Nov. 13

at Crescenta Valley United Methodist Church, 2700 Montrose Ave. We're teaming up with the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce for an evening of networking and giving back. Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our food drive supporting the Bailey Center.

At the Montrose Chamber, we believe in neighbors supporting neighbors. From community meetings to annual celebrations like Oktoberfest, we're committed to strengthening the bonds that make Montrose one of a kind. *Prost*, and we'll see you Sept. 13th for bingo and Oct. 4 for Oktoberfest!

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MVCC Upcoming Events:

- * *Saturday, Sept. 13 – Bingo, Brats, and Beer at Glendale Elks Lodge #1289, 120 E. Colorado St.* The doors open at 5 p.m. with the first game starting at 6 p.m.! Buy your tickets at bit.ly/bingobratsbybeer
- * *Saturday, Oct. 4 from noon - 10 p.m. – 46th Annual Montrose Oktoberfest* 2200-2400 blocks of Honolulu Ave. in Montrose. For more information, visit bit.ly/montroseoktoberfest

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E-BIKES on Cover

As they drove up Rosemont Avenue they continued to do wheelies, one seen wobbling and almost crashing his bike. These riders were going over 20 mph.

When this series began CVW was contacted by numerous people who had stories to share about almost hitting someone on an e-bike or e-motorcycle and business owners – especially in Montrose – had complained of dangerous behavior after seeing drivers on the sidewalk.

According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, e-bikes and e-scooter injuries continue to rise.

Although it is a common sight to see those who drive without a helmet,

drive on the sidewalk and race at fast speeds, there are also those drivers who follow the rules of the road. And e-bikes provide a great advantage, especially in the local foothills. E-bikes can get cars off the road and relax traffic, especially around schools; but like with every other vehicle, rules and regulations must be followed. These micro-mobility devices can also help those in cities get around easier as they travel from one business to the next.

E-bikes are categorized into three sections: Class 1 is a bike that has pedal assist and will reach a maximum speed of 20 mph. Class 2 is an e-bike that has a throttle-assisted motor, meaning it

will move without pedaling. This bike can also reach a maximum speed of 20 mph. Class 3 has a pedal assist motor, similar to Class 1 but the motor is more powerful and can reach maximum speeds of 28 mph.

The small e-motorcycles – mini-bikes – can reach speeds of 20 mph to 50 mph. Anyone under 18 years old must wear a helmet and e-motorcycles, like mini-bikes or dirt bikes, are not street legal.

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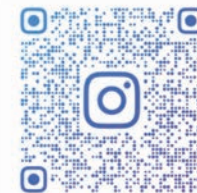
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