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#### Pros and Cons of Several Issues Presented to Council

By Julie BUTCHER

One of numerous public speakers at Tuesday night's meeting of the Glendale City Council aired his concerns about the chair of the committee appointed by the Council to explore possible changes to the city's charter, expressing criticism of the chair's advocacy in bringing issues back for repeated votes.

In recent social media posts, local Glendale residents have expressed worry that the commission is being coerced on the issue of district elections for members of the Glendale City Council rather than the current process of electing all five members of the Council at

Another commentator spoke against dedicated bus lanes anticipated by the North Hollywood to Pasadena rapid bus project (No Hwd BRT), well underway to link the Burbank airport to Pasadena through Glendale and Eagle Rock.

"I appreciate the Council's desire to build more efficient public transportation; however, I do not believe this model is right for Glendale," said the speaker.

The speaker explained that the plan calls for the elimination of an entire traffic lane, even though less than 3% of Glendalians commute using public transit and fewer than .05% commute by bicycle.

"The increased traffic and chaos on the roads are not the biggest concerns," she added, noting that the transportation project would trigger statemandated rezoning in all neighborhoods within a half mile radius in all directions of every dedicated bus stop.

"So, for context, on the Glenoaks route, that's roughly from San Fernando on, for all four proposed stops," she said. "The entire neighborhood will be rezoned for six to seven story apartment buildings."

On another issue, Damian Sullivan urged the Council to reconsider plans to level the 1936 Sears building to allow the building of housing on the

"It's hard to squeeze 90 years of history into two minutes," Sullivan summed up the past of the store "that put Glendale on the map" as a center of commerce. see GCC on page 7

# Ready to Fight SoCal Fires: the Super Scoopers Have Arrived

By Mary O'KEEFE

The arrival of these firefighting machines reminds all to never let down their guard.

eptember is Emergency Preparedness Month, National Firefighter Appreciation Month and, in Los Angeles County, the month of arrival of water dropping Super Scoopers. Super Scooper is a nickname for amphibious firefighting aircraft. Super Scoopers are designed to repeatedly scoop water from large bodies of water to drop on wildfires.

On Friday, Sept. 5, the Super Scoopers, on loan from the province of Québec, were on display during a media event at the Van Nuys leases a Coulson Group Chinook CHleases are made possible through a partnership with Southern California Edison.

County Fire Dept. (LACoFD) has and effectively fight wildfires day leased CL-415 Super Scoopers after the devastating Topanga Fire of

"We are [welcoming] back the Super Scoopers as they join our fleet of dropped to critical levels making firefighting aircraft," said LACoFD the vegetation throughout Los An-Fire Chief Anthony Marrone.

He went on to thank the leadership of the LA County Board of main vigilant and educate everyone



Airport. Along with the arrival of Supervisors, specifically that of the Super Scoopers, LA County also Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, and the support of Québec 47, known as a Helitanker 55. The represented at the event by Anne-Catherine Briand-Fortin, acting delegate of Québec.

Marrone added the arrival of this For over 30 years the Los Angeles air support is necessary to "quickly and night."

"Los Angeles has not received significant rainfall this past year. As a result, live fuel moistures have geles County potent for wildfires," he said. "This is why we must reon the importance of being prepared for the Santa Ana winds that will arrive in the fall because they have the potential to fuel fast-moving wildfires. The deadly destructive January 2025 Eaton and Palisades [large disastrous fires] are vivid reminders of how we can never let our guard down."

He continued to share how destructive the Eaton and Palisade fires were - they claimed 31 lives, destroyed entire communities and left residents without loved ones, homes and/or livelihoods.

"With a full range of land and air resources available to us 24 hours a day and at a moment's notice, I

want to assure residents and communities that your firefighters are prepared and ready to respond," he

Pascal Duclos is one of the pilots from Québec who was in LA County in January.

"I am a chief pilot of a water bomber," he said. He was present in

Duclos said a concern with the aircraft when it comes to winds are crosswinds experienced during takeoff.

"We do have limitations of efficiency in firefighting [once in the air]," he said.

 $see\, SUPER\, SCOOPERS$  on page 18

# Hosts Community Meeting at Harvest Market

By Dominique ROCHA

Montrose residents and business owners have been outraged at the proposed draft Land Use Element, part of a plan that many fear will result in residential developments replacing many city-owned parking lots, some of which are in Montrose.

The plan has caused uproar in the community. In an attempt to answer the public's questions and complaints, the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) hosted a community meeting at Sunday's Harvest Market.

The Harvest Market meeting was the first of four planned meetings to address the draft Land Use Element.

Instead of a conventional public meeting with speakers, presentations and comment cards, the MSPA opted to have an information booth.

Their goal was to create a space where people can get information in a friendly and welcoming environment on the plan.

"We hope people get facts and [we] get more input and feedback [from] the community," said Bradley Calvert, director of the City of Glendale Community Development.

Several MSPA board members and City of Glendale representatives were present, including MSPA secretary Kim Kelly, see MSPA on page 19



Photo by Dominque ROCHA At the information booth at the MSPA Harvest Market on Sunday, all types of information on the general plan were available to those who stopped by.



» FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

## Marking 16 Years

about the arrival of the SuperScoopers firefighting aircraft on loan from Canada. Looking over her story I can't help but recall the fires in January that were propelled by violent winds and our own brush with disaster in 2009 when we were battling the Station Fire. We are just fortunate that the Station Fire didn't have the wind-power that the January fires did.

Sept. 4 – last week's paper – marked the 16th anniversary of the Crescenta Valley Weekly. In 2009 Sept. 4 fell on a Friday – the only time the paper was ever delivered on a Friday because so many local streets were cordoned off due to the fire.

I remember wondering earlier in 2009 what the first cover of the CV Weekly would be. Then the Station Fire broke out.

The Sept. 4, 2009 issue had a couple of unique characteristics: it was the only newspaper we produced that was front page photo dominant meaning that the front page was primarily a photo. In this case, a photo of a firefighter in silhouette holding his hardhat while the fire burned all around him. It's an awesome photo taken by one of my favorite people: my husband Steve.

That first issue was late to the printers, too; we didn't get the files to American Foothill Publishing, the house I was using, until the wee hours of the morning. To its credit, by 6:30 a.m. it had all copies printed and ready for distribution.

After COVID the number of pages that we produced declined. During COVID we dipped to 16 pages but now we're regularly 20 pages. We, of course,

This week's cover story is by Mary O'Keefe can go up when there's a special section (for example, this week we are celebrating senior wellness); however, we're reliably 20

> Also, over the years I've had a lot of people working with me. Constants have been Mary O'Keefe and Charly Shelton but I celebrate those who I now consider family: salespeople Lisa Stanners, Sonya Marquez and Jon Konjoyan, office manager Rachelle Miller, layout geniuses Steve Hernandez and Matt Barger. I've learned a lot from our proofreader Anne McNeill and am forever grateful to our stable of writers and photographers. I get a little nostalgic when I think of the many people who've passed through our little company, writing and taking great photos, before moving on to bigger (and better) things. But I'm grateful that they shared with us some of their talent before moving on.

> Our advertisers have also changed over the years. There are some, like J's Maids and Maintenance and Merle Norman Cosmetics - Montrose, that have supported CV Weekly since day one. I am always happy to welcome new advertisers to this paper.

> Finally, our subscribers with our advertisers are the backbone of the CV Weekly. Their devotion to this paper reminds me that this dream of mine is important to

To all I say "thank you."

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#### **» WEATHER WATCH**

#### Taking A Look Outside Our Window

By Mary O'KEEFE

With the Act of March 1, 1872, Congress parks. established the first national park -Yellowstone National Park, which covered the territories of Montana and Wyoming as "a public park or pleasuring-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people" and placed it "under exclusive control of the Secretary of the Interior," according to the National Park Visitor Spending Effects, finds National Park Service.

This, according to the National Park Service, started a movement not just in the

The U.S. led the way in protecting areas of the country from development and its leaders contributions with \$9.9 billion in economic at the time knew the importance of saving output and 89,200 jobs. Restaurants received land for future generations.

Back then the carving out of national parks, and national monuments, was administered by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, the Dept. as the Dept. of Defense) and the U.S. Forest Service, a federal agency within the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson created the National Park Service that worked within the Dept. of the Interior. The federal downsizing." National Park Service worked to protect the 35 national parks and monuments.

An Executive Order in 1933 transferred 56 the U.S. Forest Service and the War Dept. to the National Park Service.

visit the national parks because parks don't NPCA. get the media attention that Disneyland, Disney World and other man-made parks do; number of visitors. In 1904, when the National Park Service began keeping records of visits, there were 120,690 visits. In 1984 that number increased to 24,785,509 annually U.S. national parks.

Disney World, in 2023, had 48.77 million

visits; Disneyland, in 2024, had about 30 million. So yes – lots of people visit national

According to the National Park Service, in the communities near national parks visitors spent a record high of \$55.6 billion, which benefits the nation's economy and supports

"The National Park Service report, 2023 that 325.5 million visitors spent \$26.4 billion in communities near national parks. This spending supported 415,400 jobs, provided U.S. but worldwide to set aside national park \$19.4 billion in labor income, and \$55.6 billion in economic output to the U.S. economy. The lodging sector had the highest direct the next greatest direct contributions with \$5.2 billion in economic output and 68,600 jobs," according to the National Park Service.

According to a July article by the National of War (now, at least for the moment, known Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), visitations to parks this summer shaped up for another record year. However, this growth is occurring when the National Park Service is facing a "full-blown crisis as part of the

The National Park Service lost 24% of its permanent staff since January 2024. The Dept. of the Interior in April ordered all parks national monuments and military sites from to "remain open and accessible" this summer and for the National Park Service staff to present business-as-usual operations despite I know we may not think that many people these devastating staffing cuts, according to

Those numbers of dismissed employees in both the U.S. Forest Service and the National however, parks really do get a tremendous Parks Service continue to rise; however, what is amazing is in report after report visitors are saying they do not see any difference in their experience at the national parks despite reports of closed restrooms, canceled and in 2024 there were 331,863,358 visits to educational programs, closed visitor centers and issues with camping reservations.

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# NEWS

#### **CVW OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON**

The offices of the Crescenta Valley Weekly will be closed at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. The offices will reopen on Monday, Sept. 15 at 8 a.m.

#### **ROSEMONT PRESERVE RESTORATION DAY**

The community is invited to the Rosemont Preserve Restoration Day on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. to help protect the natural habitat at Rosemont Preserve. Volunteers will be removing invasive, non-native plants and cleaning up the trails for upcoming field trips. Wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes and garden gloves (long pants and sleeves are recommended). Tools will be available.

The Preserve is located at the north end of Rosemont Avenue, just past the chain link fence. As street parking is limited, please park at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. Those with mobility issues who require a closer parking spot should contact RosemontFriends@gmail.com.

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

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. today, Thursday, 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.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED**

The City of Glendale has announced the start date for the public review and comment period on the Draft Mobility Element and an extension of the review period for the Draft Land Use Element. At this time, no end date has been set for comment period for either draft element. The City will provide public notice when 30 days remain before the closure of this review period.

The public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Justice Element concluded on Aug. 29 following a 61-

day review window. Community members are encouraged to review the draft elements and submit comments at GlendalePlan.com.

#### STUDENT COMMISSIONER **APPS OPEN**

Applications for commissioner for the City of Glendale are now open. Student commissioners are active, nonvoting 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 Glendale and gain experience 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.

Visit https://tinyurl.com/ bdzx8kxz.

# Over 60 Years in the Making – CVHS Welcomes Community to New Stadium

By Vera GARABEDIAN and Robin GOLDSWORTHY

t took more than 60 years, but Crescenta Valley High ■ School (CVHS) now boasts a stadium.

Construction on the facilities took about two years.

A ribbon cutting for the new track and field, bleachers and lights was held on Friday, Sept. 5, which was attended by an assortment of dignitaries. These included members of the Glendale Unified School District board of education, the GUSD superintendent, members of the GUSD Citizen Bond Oversight Committee and Representative Judy Chu, who represents the 28th District of California.

With the permanent bleachers and lighting future sporting events can be held at the school rather than at Glendale High.

"It gives me chills," said Tim MacDonald of the stadium. MacDonald's legacy at the school includes the MacDonald Auditorium, named for his grandfather. Tim was the first senior class president and his mother was the first PTA president.

Also in the bleachers were Linda Evans, former school principal, her husband and country/track and field coach Mark and son Rob. Rob also teaches at CVHS and works closely with his father, coaching up-and-coming star athletes.

current principal stadium a reality.

"I honestly cannot describe superintendent. They continue to





how excited I am about the new stadium, track, and field," she updating our facilities. said. "Friday night was huge! It was so awesome to see all of our students, parents and community members together in our house have access to the field Emceeing the evening was enjoying the football team, from 3:30 to 9 p.m. on school days. Christine marching band and cheer team. Benitez. She deftly handled I will never forget that night! I the responsibilities, thanking am so lucky to have participated the many people who made the in it at all. I am thankful for the GUSD board of education and our

support our efforts in It's truly great to be a Falcon!"

The community will

"We ask community members possible," said Benitez adding that using the outside lanes will reduce wear and tear of the field. It will involved," she added. remain closed on the weekends.

Photos courtesy of Courtesy of Elevated Sportraits/C. CALLAHAN

TOP: Dignitaries gather around CVHS principal Christine Benitez (holding scissors) as she prepares to cut the ribbon. LEFT: CVHS Principal Christine Benitez addresses

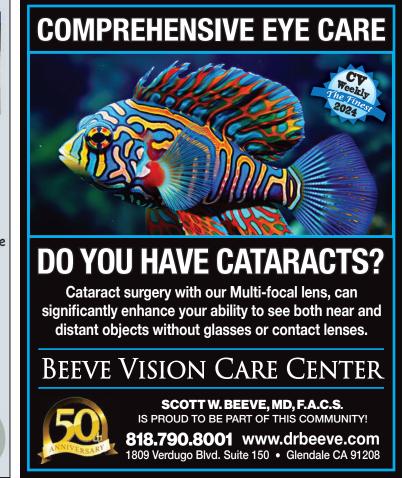
the crowd at the ribbon cutting on Friday. RIGHT: From left, school board members Neda Farid, Shant Sahakian, Representative Judy Chu (holding certificate), school board member Kathleen Cross and Telly Tse.

Coaches can open it up when they are on-site on weekends but when to use the outside lanes as much as their practices are over, they will ask community members to leave.

"This is for the safety of all

see RIBBON CUTTING on page 18





#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH: POPULAR DISCUSSION GROUP RETURNS**

Lutheran Church in the Foothills welcomes back after a summer hiatus its popular weekly discussion group "Faith and Reason." The group, known for its engaging and thoughtful conversations, meets Mondays at 11 a.m. in the church's conference room. Led by Dr. Henry Fliegel, an astronomerandexperiencedpresenter of biblical issues, the discussion group explores the intersection of faith, science and reason. The upcoming session will focus on

the book, Believe: Why Everyone Should Be Religious by columnist Ross Douthat. All are invited.

Those with a love of reading may also be interested in attending LCIF's next book club meeting on Monday, Sept. 15 in the church's fellowship hall. This month's book is The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris by Evie Woods. October's book will be Jacqueline in Paris by Ann Mah.

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

#### **UUCVH PRESENTS 'DISNEY** PART 2'

Join Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills (UUCVH) on Sunday, Sept. 14 when former Disney Executive Debbie DelMar presents "Disney Part 2."

Debbie DelMar is a retired Disney executive with a 36-year career at Walt Disney Imagineering and at Disney Corporate. In Part 1 of her series, which was held in January, she

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shared the three blessings in disguise. In this talk she'll present information on the three lessons learned – lessons applicable to her at Disney but can be applied to life in general.

DelMar's sermon, "Disney Part 2," begins at 10:30 a.m. at 4451 Dunsmore Ave. in La Crescenta or visit the UUCVH website for the Zoom link https://www.uuverdugo.org/.

#### **BBQ AND TABLE GAME NIGHT**

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Bethel Church will be hosting a free barbecue and table game night starting at 6 p.m. Friends and family are invited to enjoy food from the grill and fellowship over table games. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite table game or two to share. This should be a fun, low-key event that newcomers and longtime members can enjoy together. Everyone in the community is invited and welcome to attend.

Bethel Church, 10725 Penrose St., Sun Valley bethelsunvalley.com

#### **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. deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 7 to have the book selected to be ordered.

#### **CSL OFFERS GENTLE**

The Center for Spiritual a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation.

The class is at Chaffee Hall in the Center for Spiritual Living -

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**

at 6:30 p.m.

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

#### **WALK AND WORD**

Walk and Word participants will meet in the parking lot of Deukmejian Wilderness Park, 3429 Markridge Road in La Crescenta/Glendale at 8 a.m. on 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 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

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

#### **MOVEMENT CLASS**

Living - La Crescenta is offering a gentle stretch and relax chair movement with Mikki. It takes place every Friday from 10 to 11

La Crescenta.

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

email Jeanne at jnlavieri@ earthlink.net.

after the hike.

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### LCPC Parent Education's Welcome Team Launches 47th Year

La Cañada Presbyterian Art of Marriage Class, led by Church (LCPC) Parent Education will kick off its 47th year with classes beginning Sept. 9-12 - space is still available for some classes. The program continues its legacy of providing quality parenting classes led by reputable staff. Guests are also welcome to experience a free trial class at open house (Sept. 16-19) by registering on the LCPC website www.LCPCparented.

This year, 14 daytime classes that run weekly from September through May will be slated. Additionally, Parent Express classes that run in four- or six-week sessions will be offered including The Art of Marriage (in October) and The Art of Fatherhood (in September and April). The Teresa Chiu, will be a fun and educational four weeks with coaching for couples looking to deepen their relationships.

A former Marriage Class participant said, "This class is an essential part of the marital journey. It covers many different aspects of marriage, including communication, resolution and empathy."

In preparation for the new program year, a welcome tea for all staff, board and ministry support team (MST) members was held on Sept. 2 at the home of Ashley Barrett.

This year's LCPC Parent Ed team is led by Anne Bierling, LCPC executive director. To learn more, visit www. LCPCparented.org.

Submitted by By Ellie RICHARDSON

# MSPA Meeting Presents Information on Various Topics



By Dominique ROCHA

(MSPA) board members and local residents and business owners met for the monthly MSPA board meeting.

MSPA meeting was led by Board President Andre Ordubegian, Treasurer Maureen Palacios, Coordinator Dale p.m. Dawson, Film Liaison Steve Pierce, Moo Moo Mia Ice Cream owner Mark Pederson and owner Corey Grijalva. The its work. featured City of Glendale Economic of Glendale," Hakopian said. Development, Molly Burke Glendale Police Dept.

with updates on scheduled the importance of community improvements to the shopping safety plans and handed out park, such as scheduling a day emergency survival guides. for lamp post painting and street upgrades.

Ordubegian follow-through future meetings and a lack of stickers and security lights. information on whether or not plans are being cancelled.

tremendous amount on studies that go nowhere," Ordubegian said. "At this point, why don't a distraction theft on Aug. 30 you guys stop what you're doing at Honolulu business Pattye's and stop wasting money?"

businesses.

we leave our businesses and were put into the restrooms. nothing ever comes with it."

on the upcoming annual 2.

Oktoberfest event.

"We have been meeting with On Thursday, the Montrose different vendors, the city, the Shopping Park Association fire department and police to make sure that everything is safe," Burke said.

A new addition to this year's Oktoberfest will be a new kids' Hosted at the Montrose/ zone sponsored by YMCA of Glendale Police Substation, the the Foothills. The kids' zone will feature rides more suited to smaller children, and will Vice President GiGi Garcia, include a bounce house and Board Secretary Kim Kelly, cheaper options, such as face painting. Oktoberfest will be Business Administrator and held on Oct. 4 from noon to 10

The discussion opened up to the public forum section of the meeting. Adrian Hakopian, a Joselito's Mexican Restaurant resident, praised the MSPA on

"Montrose Shopping Park is speakers Tony Criss from the the jewel within the Jewel City

Rich Boccia from the from the Montrose-Verdugo Glendale Fire Community City Chamber of Commerce Emergency Response Team and Aaron Eggiman from the (CERT) next spoke and gave a presentation on emergency Criss provided the MSPA preparedness. Boccia went over

The main agenda item of the meeting was to discuss project expressed funding proposals. The MSPA frustrations with the city decided to allocate \$50,000 for regarding an absence of improvements with the intent on issues to install around the shopping such as posting RSVPs for park new benches, sidewalk

The meeting concluded with Eggiman providing a crime "The City of Glendale spends a update from the last four weeks. There were only two incidents this month, including Closet that resulted in \$5,000 Garcia spoke up about the in merchandise lost and an overall lack of progress from instance of vandalism of a the city and how it affects Rolls-Royce with a plunger on the MSPA members and their the 2300 block of Honolulu. Eggiman also gave a follow-up "This table is full of on the ongoing investigation of volunteers," Garcia said. "We an incident at the Coffee Bean go on these walks with you, and Tea Leaf where cameras

The next MSPA meeting is Next, Burke gave an update scheduled to take place on Oct.

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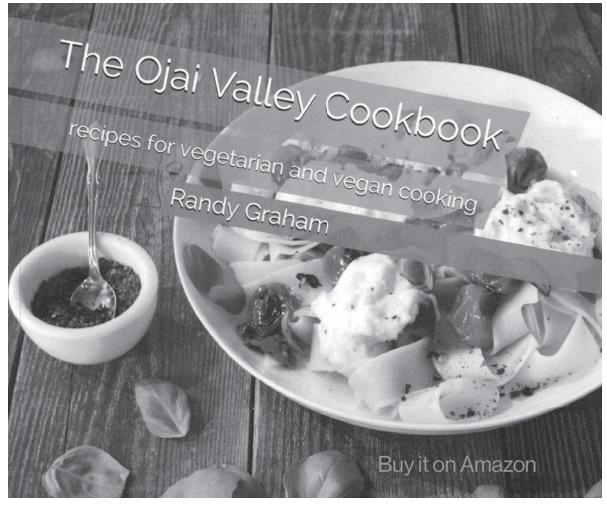
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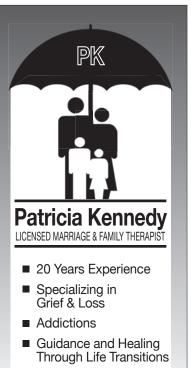


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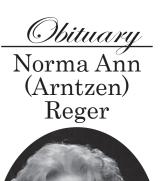


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Norma Ann (Arntzen) Reger, 92, peacefully went home to the Lord on Aug. 29 in Reno, Nevada. She was born in Oakland, California on Feb. 17, 1933 to Norman and Margaret Arntzen. She graduated from Glendale High School in 1951 and attended UCLA for her first years of college. She transferred to USC where she received her BS in nursing in 1956 and at USC she met her husband Bourke. They were married on April 27, 1957.

Norma and Bourke lived in Tujunga from 1959 to 1992. Family was everything to Norma. She was active at St. James church and school where their four children attended. She served as room mother, participated in the Mother's Club and served lunch on "Hot Dog Day." Norma also volunteered at the St. Francis High School library where her two sons attended and finished her work life at Glendale Community College.

She and Bourke retired in 1992 and moved to Reno, Nevada. They traveled in the U.S. and Europe and enjoyed visits to friends and family in England, Spain and Southern California. In her later years, she enjoyed the comforts of home - reading, and watching USC, UCLA and Nevada football and the LA Dodaers.

Norma was often teased about her "split personality" having attended both UCLA and USC. When asked who she wanted to win when they played each other, she would say, "May the better team win." But all believed she secretly wanted UCLA to

Norma is survived by her husband of 68 years Bourke; sons Stephen and Paul (Kathy); daughters Kathleen (Bill) and Marianne (Pedro); brother Jack (Rosie); nephew Michael (Michele); niece Lori; grandnephew Evan; and grandniece Leila. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandniece

Services and burial will be held today, Sept. 11 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery in Reno, Nevada. In lieu of flowers the family asks that a donation in Norma's memory be made to St. Jude or your favorite charity.

# Arrest Made in Theft of Wedding Gift Box

By Mary O'KEEFE

It took about a week for Glendale police to investigate the "getaway driver." and make an arrest regarding the grand theft that occurred Glendale.

The information concerning the theft, which occurred on Aug. 31, didn't just make local news - it also made national news. The video of the suspect, dressed in black, showed him walking up to the edge of the stage of the Renaissance Banquet Hall during a wedding reception and grabbing a large gift box. The suspect then left the banquet hall and climbed into a waiting newer model fled the area.

The wedding gift box cash and numerous checks.

"Over the past Glendale Police Dept. burglary of "tips" about the theft. detectives, using resources, were able to identify No. 1] in the theft and detectives arrested him, along with a a residence in Sherman Oaks record," Barajas said. on Sept. 4. During the arrest, Suspect No. 1 was found to be their investigation.

in possession of a handgun," according to GPD.

Suspect No. 2 was allegedly

Detectives executed search warrants at both suspects' during a wedding reception in residences and recovered a large amount of cash and dozens of checks made out to the victims. In addition, several firearms and various narcotics were seized from both residences. Detectives are still processing a significant amount of evidence and will continue their work through the weekend as this is an ongoing investigation, according to GPD.

Sgt. Jose Barajas said the investigation was helped by so much media attention that black Mercedes SUV. He then released information about the

"In this case in particular, so contained about \$60,000 in much media attention worked to our advantage," he said.

The department received a lot

The suspects were arrested surveillance and department in possession of narcotics in the amount beyond personal the primary suspect [Suspect use used allegedly for drug distribution.

"As far as we know [the second male, [Suspect No. 2] at suspects] do not have a criminal

Detectives are continuing

## CRIME BLOTTER

1000 Fairview Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, a man reported parking his vehicle in front of the location and entering a nearby home to help with construction. When he came out of the home he found that his vehicle had been burglarized. The rear window was smashed and tools had been stolen.

Surveillance footage revealed a white Mercedes E-350 driving back and forth on the street near the location. Another informant reported witnessing two "gentlemen" wearing Edison vests operating a drone in the area. He did not think much about it at the time but thought it was suspicious. A similar incident occurred earlier in the area with the same description as the Mercedes vehicle.

The vehicle burglary occurred between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

5300 block of Briggs Avenue in La Crescenta, the driver's side window of a vehicle was shattered and several items were stolen overnight.

4500 block of Fairlawn Drive in La Cañada Flintridge, while two workers were away from their work truck someone entered the vehicle and stole tools and a cellphone. Security footage revealed a white Mercedes sedan stopped parallel to the victim's work truck and a suspect, described as a male adult wearing a light colored long sleeve shirt, bright orange constructionstyle vest and neck cover, get our of the passenger side of the vehicle. The suspect opened the driver door of the victim's truck. Another security camera captured images of the first suspect and another suspect, wearing the same type of orange vest and construction clothing, exited the Mercedes, walked to the work truck and took out a box of tools.

The incident occurred at 9:27 a.m.

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

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He explained that while the outside of the building may look plain and boxy, inside is the historic Sears tower. The city's design review board is set to "greenlight the demolition" of this part of Glendale history; the future of the property will be decided by the full Council.

"We need to come together and figure out something [because] we can't let the developer take our [Sears] building for 682 units," Sullivan said in concluding his remarks.

Alan Durham addressed the Council, noting that he had been following the draft Land Use Element closely and appreciates the city extending the comment period indefinitely.

"There has been almost a sole focus on the city-owned parking lots and whether they might be developed at some point, but I'd like to point out that the draft Land Use Element is a much more comprehensive document, highlighting where denser development should occur in the city over the next couple of decades. It's important for people to look at the maps and see what's proposed for their neighborhoods it's not just about the parking lots look at the maps; they're colorcoded and show where, in each neighborhood, it's proposed to have denser development in the future."

The planning documents can be viewed at GlendalePlan. com and comments can be submitted at tinyurl.com/ GlendalePlanComment.

Additionally, the city and the Montrose Shopping Park Association have scheduled a series of informational meetings https://www.glendaleplan.com/rsvp. The next meeting is set for Saturday, Sept. 13 at noon at the Glendale police sub-station at 3600 Ocean View Blvd. #11.

The Council acted to update the responsibilities of the city's Commission on the Status of Women and debated the creation of a similar commission to address issues of concern to

"Men's issues are quite clear - they have higher suicide rates, higher rates of workplace death and injury, lower college graduation rates; they're underrepresented in custody awards, have higher rates of homelessness, alcoholism, drug abuse - these are legitimate public policy concerns that are excluded from formal city consideration because there is no Men's Commission," said Mayor Ara Najarian, adding that "there has to be a forum for these issues affecting men to be addressed and that's the only fair thing to do." He added that the name 'Fathers, Sons, and Brothers" has been suggested

Elena Bolbolian, the city's chief innovation officer, described recurring themes and efforts being made nationally and in various localities. The state of Washington has a commission focused on boys and men; Washington, D.C. has a commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys; New York City has a program that focuses on employment and education;

and Boston operates an Office of Male Engagement to coordinate services

The Council agreed to collect data and convene a working group to investigate the possibilities including the creation of a new commission.

Councilmembers Elen Asatryan and Ardy Kassakhian both commended the successful chess tournament hosted for the first time in Glendale over the Labor Day weekend.

According to the American "Glendale Chess Academy, recently hosted the 2025Southern California Open Chess Tournament, welcoming more than 300 players from across the country over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 - Sept. 1. From rising youth competitors to internationally ranked grandmasters, tournament showcased talent at every level and awarded more than \$50,000 in prizes."

Academy president Armen Ambartsoumian thanked the Council for its participation and sponsorship and shared a brief video about the chess tournament: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWLbCaRtpmU.

"I'm a big fan and promoter of the game of chess," Councilmember Kassakhian observed. "I think it teaches a lot of important life lessons as well as teaching young people how to focus on things that are not electronic."

The Council voted to delay action requiring the installation of heat pumps in Glendale residences but approved Glendale Water and Power's expansion of incentives to encourage energy efficiencies.

Early in Tuesday's meeting the Council issued a proclamation

designating September as Suicide Prevention Month, citing the importance of "raising awareness of mental health resources and the importance of early intervention."

Mayor Najarian read from the proclamation, adding the necessity to "honor the work of organizations dedicated to suicide prevention and reaffirming our commitment to encouraging open conversations, compassion and connections with our community." He noted that suicide remains the second highest cause of death among people aged 25-34 and added that help is available with a call or text to 988 or a visit to the https://988lifeline.org/ site.

National Alliance on Mental Illness local chapter board chair John O'Malley accepted the proclamation acknowledging the organization's 40 years in Glendale. Local resources are available at https://namiglendale.org/.

After a lengthy hearing, the Council approved the expansion of a residence at 906 Whitehaven Terrace, including the addition of a second story, affirming conditions set by the design review board.

The architect explained that the owners simply want the same opportunity to enlarge their home as their neighbors have had.

"We're trying to be as neighborly and acting in as good will as possible," explained the architect.

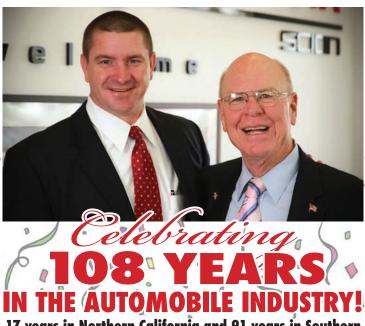
Finally, the Council adjourned in the memory of former city clerk Doris Twedt who spent "more than three decades serving the people of Glendale with dedication, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to good government," recalled Councilmember Kassakhian.











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# More on Clarence "Ducky" Nash, and Other Local Disney Luminaries

In my last article, I profiled ask about me and my family, porch). Clarence Nash, the voice of Donald Duck in Disney cartoons interested in this 'hard working for 50 years. He was a local guy, living in Sparr Heights a while.

One of my readers sent me his own memories of Clarence Nash from the 1960s and '70s.

"I was his paper boy from ages 10 to 15. I had about 65 customers on my route and every one of my customers was decidedly different, some even not so pleasant. However, every time I went to collect the subscription payment from the Nashes, once a month, usually on Saturday, Mrs. Nash would invite me inside (and bring out fresh lemonade, fresh popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate and even a bowl of soup!) while

school, etc. He seemed genuinely young man,' as he called me.

"He would walk me over to throughout his career, and even this glass door wall cabinet owning Andersen's Pet Store for that extended along one entire wall of his living room that was packed with all kinds of Disney memorabilia (50%)Donald Duck) and ask me to select something, and he would pull out my selection and let me hold it and tell me the complete back story. That amount of original Disney memorabilia would be worth zillions today! Every item held a complete story and he would always embellish with a character voice and something funny. He always made me laugh and the Nashes were a sure bet for a nice little tip (because of that I always placed their Mr. Nash would greet me and Herald-Examiner paper on the

was always a treat! They were

comes from a letter to the Los Angeles Times on Clarence Nash's death in 1985:

"When I was a young girl growing up in Glendale in the mid-'50s I used to spend weekends at a pet feed and supply store in Montrose. [That would have been Andersen's Pet Shop.] A man was often there chatting with the owner of the store and he would delight in hiding behind large feed sacks and talking like a duck to entertain me and any other child in the store.

"The owner always used to tell me that he was Clarence Nash. the voice of the real Donald Duck. I never believed him but nevertheless always looked forward to my Saturday visits

**GUEST OP-ED » PATRICK ATWATER** 

there and the affable, cheery man who did animal voices for us all.

consistently pleasant and fun The Times did an article on Clarence Nash that I recognized him as the man at the feed store almost 30 years ago. It filled me with sadness to read of his passing recently. Children everywhere have lost a friend. I'm writing this after all these years to say, 'Thank you, Mr. Nash ... and I believe."

> But Clarence Nash wasn't the only famous Disney employee who lived here in the Crescenta-Cañada area. Ben Sharpsteen lived on El Sereno, just off Briggs Avenue. Sharpsteen was not only the director of "Pinoccio" and "Dumbo" but had direction and production duties in "Fantasia," "Cinderella" and "Alice In Wonderland," as well as a string of short cartoons. He also directed and produced many of Disney's late live-action nature films.

Over on the La Cañada Flintridge side of the valley we "It wasn't until last year when had Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston, two of Disney's "nine old men," Walt's original core group of animators. They were lifelong friends and lived next door to each other on Flintridge Avenue. Ollie's house, designed by the famed Cliff May, had a scale model railroad running through the property, which reportedly was the inspiration for the train at Disneyland. That house and the train tracks were demolished in 2008, but Frank's house at 758 Flintridge still exists in its original form and is listed on the National Register.

> Our community has hosted Disney royalty. We have a legacy to be proud of!

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



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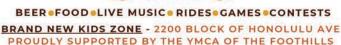












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"Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nash and super informative."

Another memory of Clarence

here Were You On Jan.

were pushing cars off Pacific still stands. Coast Highway into the beach to create access for firefighting crews. That morning when I drove into work there were reports of fires, nothing too out of the ordinary in Southern California. But then later that afternoon at the LA Clean Technology Incubator our meeting was interrupted with fire news.

Thankfully, my family and I were staying in a rental house in Highland Park while remodeling our house but my parents and those of my wife live in the evacuation zone in La Crescenta.

That night and the next day was a flurry of activity, both personally and professionally. One of my good

that day when I heard bulldozers Canyon and, by a miracle, his house

Those hurricane force windstorms compounded extremely conditions. According to the New York Times report on Jan. 7: "The National Weather Service gauge in downtown Los Angeles, a good indicator for rainfall in Southern California, has recorded only 0.29 inches of rain since May 1, 2024. This is the second-least amount of rain ever measured in this roughly eight-month time period, with records going back to 1877."

https://www.nytimes. com/2025/01/07/us/californiawildfires-dry-winter.html

The winds by themselves left quite the wreckage. I remember going

I will never forget the moment on friends from college lives on Eaton over to Altadena with a colleague to volunteer to help clean up the streets. There were so many people volunteering that organizers ran out of hand tools. That didn't deter the committed crowd, however, and we picked up fallen branches with our hands.

I found deep inspiration in that community resilience and the heroic response of so many. For example, a former boss went well above the call of duty for an executive manager and personally drove supplies in the middle of the night to provide muchneeded mutual aid for local water agencies.

Edgar McGregor, an Altadena resident and trusted community meteorologist, provided an early evacuation warning that helped save hundreds of lives and earned him a congressional commendation. Sadly such civic-minded spirit was not universally forthcoming.

Growing up, I never would have imagined that political leaders of any persuasion would play the "blame game" while blazes still burned. Yes, serious work needs to be done to reform our tangled bureaucratic governmental systems that too often trip over each other. But talk about bad timing when firefighters' lives were still in danger!

Jan. 7 should be a wake-up call. If an unfriendly foreign power had imposed that level of destruction on our neighbors we would rightly view that as an act of war. CV Town Council is hosting a Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Two Strike Park, 5107 Rosemont Ave. I look forward to learning how to prepare for emergency wildfires and how the community can be ready for when, not if, the next fire comes.

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# 2025 OV Weekly's **ENIOR WELLN** Pursue your passions and live your life to its fullest.

## **Loneliness and Isolation a Bad Combination for the Elderly**

By Mary O'KEEFE

"As we get older we deal with the issues of aging, which [includes] hearing loss, memory trouble and just the complexity of navigating the technology," said Dr. Carolyn Kaloostian, family medicine and geriatric specialist with Keck Medicine of USC.

But one thing that can make the aging process even more difficult are isolation and loneliness. Dealing with loneliness is tough for everyone, regardless of age, but it is even more challenging for the elderly.

According to the National Poll on Healthy Aging, in 2023 one in three adults age 50 to 80 reported feeling isolated from others in the past year. More than one in three older adults reported feeling a lack of companionship in the past year.

According to the National Library of Medicine, social isolation has been associated with a number of issues, including a significant increased risk of premature mortality from all causes. There is an increased risk among heart failure patients of developing dementia. Loneliness has been associated with a nearly four times increased risk of death, an increased risk of 68% of hospitalization and a 57% increased risk of emergency de-

Kaloostian said this is a community issue and one thing the community can do to help is by just knowing their neighbors.

"We used to rely on family," she

But with smaller families, or members of a family who do not live in the area, it is easy for some older people to slip off the radar.

Kaloostian said family members who are not around can use technology, like Zoom or FaceTime, to keep in touch with loved ones. It is also good to have neighbors or friends in the area who can just stop by and see how the person is doing.

She added that neighbors can help - first by knowing who their neighbors are but also by noticing issues, like mail piling up in front of the door or missed appointment notices.

If people are concerned about a neighbor or loved one, they can call law enforcement and ask for a wellness check. And to help loved ones, or for those who may need support, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital offers Aging Resources. For information visit https://uscvhh.org/hospital-services/geriatrics/aging-resources or call (818) 790-7100 and ask for Aging Resources.

#### **NURTURE YOUR WELLBEING**

Wellness is defined in many ways, highly influenced by what matters to us. The Full Frame Initiative (FFI) notes that we are hardwired for wellbeing. Grounded in science and validated by human experience, FFI's definition of wellbeing highlights how we're all driven to meet our needs in five domains of wellbeing: connectedness, stability, safety, mattering and relevant resources.



Dr. Adria Navarro at a recent USC-VHH health fair

While trade-offs are normal, if we lose more than we gain our wellbeing can suffer. USC Verdugo Hills Hospital (USC-VHH), part of Keck Medicine of USC, has been serving the needs of patients in the cities of Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge, as well as our surrounding Foothill communities, for more than 40 years. The mission is to provide personalized, high-quality health care relevant for the community. Team members also include patient navigators and resource specialists who offer guidance and education, and coordinate care to ensure patients are well-informed and prepared every step of the way.

Wellbeing is not a fixed state – it's dynamic and responsive to our choices and environments. Even as we face challenges or experience imbalance in one domain, we have the capacity to nurture others, restoring a sense of harmony over time. Also, wellbeing is both an individual pursuit and a collective endeavor: when we support ourselves and those around us in feeling safe, connected, stable, valued and resourced, we foster a community where everyone can thrive.

USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging (aka: Resource Center) supports healthcare using an age friendly approach, defined by domains referred to as the four "Ms." They are: What Matters, Mobility, Medications and Mentation. Resource specialists provide complimentary consultation designed to help locate specific resources that can enhance your wellbeing.

Connect with us by phone (818) 949-4033 or email at Aging-Resources@med.usc.edu Adria E. Navarro, PhD, LCSW, FGSA **USC-VHH Community Resource Center for Aging** 



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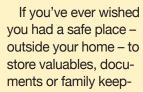
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Life here is not only about care and spiritual enrichment, but also about joy and engagement. Our Activities Department plays an important role in fostering this sense of community, offering programs that bring residents together to celebrate, create and grow. From cultural events and wellness programs to meaningful social gatherings, each activity reflects our belief that a fulfilling life is one that nurtures both the soul and the spirit.

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- **2.** Compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction and lower levels of income.
- **3.** The elderly are the fastest growing age group: The US Census Bureau indicates that individuals 85 and up are the fastest growing age group by percentage.
- 4. Minorities make up almost half of the older population: 42% of people 65 and older in the US are part of minority groups.
- **5.** Only 3.6% of people over 55 years old are in nursing homes. Elderly men are likely to live with a spouse while elderly women are more likely to live alone.
- **6.** 4 in 5 older adults will battle at least one chronic condition or illness such as heart disorders, arthritis, or osteoporosis. 50% will battle at least two.

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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

# Long Time VHH Doc Celebrates Milestone Birthday

By Ruth SOWBY

r. William F. Schubert's 100th birthday was celebrated by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce at the Oakmont Country Club on Sunday, Sept. 7. The joint was jumpin' with close to 150 guests and a birthday cake that sizzled.

Dr. Schubert, who retired at 96, practiced from 1956 to 2022. His home and office were in La Cañada. Specializing in family medicine, he is a past chief of medical staff at Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Family members wife Gloria, four children, 14 grandchildren and 23 great grands with most of the family present at his milestone birthday. Granddaughter Alison Abbey and her son (his great grandson) Bodey Swanson flew in from London for the festivities. The family was captured in photo after photo taken by friends and VHH-USC co-workers. Staff member Lisa Yeghiayan worked with Dr. Schubert for more than 30 years.

"He deserves to be recognized," she said. "He is the best, nicest



physician I've ever worked for."

After a lunch of salmon, pasta and all the trimmings, Dr. Schubert visited each table of guests. Wife Gloria helped corral the many great grandchildren for the picture taking. A birthday cake had a candle that sizzled. (Dr.

Photos by Ruth SOWBY LEFT: Celebrating his100th birthday are Dr. William Schubert and wife

Gloria at the Oakmont Country Club. They kept a little distance from the birthday cake. MIDDLE: From left, the Schubert's daughter Kristin Martin, her son, Sam,

9, Martin's mother Michele Sciarra, and Martin's son Drew Martin, 11. RIGHT: Dr. Schubert's granddaughter Alison Abbey and her son Bodey Swanson flew in from London to attend her grandfather's 100th birthday party hosted by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

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Schubert passed on blowing out

At party's end, the good doctor

"Thank you for coming and

taking part," he said. "Everything

thanked friends and family for

sharing his birthday.

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#### WHAT IS THE BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

A District resident who is named accountholder on the records of the District is eligible for a 25% bill discount.

#### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

- Named account holder on District records
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  - CARE Program (Gas Company or SCE)
  - o Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
  - Medi-Cal/Medicaid
  - National School Lunch Program
  - California Lifeline (Phone Company)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Total income for all members in the household must meet the guidelines listed here.

To learn more about our Bill Assistance Program, please visit www.cvwd.com/billassistance-program or contact our office.

Household Size	Income Eligibility
1-2	\$52,875
3	\$66,625
4	\$80,375
5	\$94,125
6	\$107,875
Each Additional Person	\$13,750

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# Dynamiter Class of 1975 Plans 50-Year Celebration

Glendale High School's Class of 1975 will celebrate its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Oakmont Country Club, 3100 Country Club Drive in Glendale, part of a three-day weekend of special events.

Reunion events will include a tour of Glendale High on Friday, Oct. 17 followed by lunch (on

your own) at Mario's Italian Deli and Market, 740 E. Broadway in Glendale; a Friday night preparty at Barragan's Mexican Restaurant, 730 N. Victory Blvd. in Burbank; the official reunion celebration on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Oakmont Country Club; and a flexible breakfast (on your own) on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Bob's

Big Boy, 4211 W. Riverside Drive in Burbank. Each event will be individually ticketed, so alumni will need to pre-pay for Friday night and Saturday events, and pre-register for the campus tour.

Highlights of the Saturday night program at Oakmont will include special entertainment by Glendale High alumni, an exhibit of class memorabilia, dinner and dancing.

"We would love to see everyone turn out to reconnect with old friends and classmates," said Reunion Chair Lisa Goodlad. "We've already contacted more than 200 of our 550 classmates, but we want to make sure nobody gets left out, so please reach out to us to make sure you're on our list."

The reunion committee has established a Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ groups/386157964886810/. For further information, please contact Reunion Committee Chair Lisa Goodlad at lisagoodlad@

# Atrial Fibrillation: Your Heart's Hidden Danger

Dignity Health -Memorial Hospital and Health Center (GMHHC) is urging the community to understand atrial fibrillation (AFib) – the most prevalent heart arrhythmia ravaging millions of Americans and skyrocketing their risk of debilitating

Often described as a "quivering" or "irregular" heartbeat, AFib occurs when the upper chambers of the heart (atria) beat chaotically and irregularly, out of sync with the lower chambers (ventricles). This irregular present): beating can lead to blood pooling in the atria increasing the likelihood of blood clot formation. If a blood clot travels to the brain, it can cause an ischemic stroke, the most common type of stroke.

"AFib is a serious condition that many people may not even realize they have," said Raed Bargout, MD. "The symptoms can be subtle or even absent, which is why awareness and early detection are so crucial. Unmanaged AFib dramatically increases a person's risk of stroke by four to five times."

Key facts about AFib:

- Prevalence: It is estimated that 2.7 to 6.1 million Americans currently have AFib, with numbers projected to rise as the population ages.
- · Leading cause of stroke: AFib is socal/heart.

responsible for approximately 15-20% of all ischemic strokes.

- Silent condition: Many individuals with AFib experience no symptoms, making regular checkups and open communication with providers essential.
- Risk factors: Age, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, diabetes, sleep apnea, excessive alcohol consumption and family history can all increase the risk of developing AFib.

Common Symptoms of AFib (if

- Palpitations (a feeling of a fast,
- fluttering, or pounding heart)
- · Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- · Dizziness or lightheadedness
- · Chest pain or discomfort
- Weakness

"If you experience any of these symptoms, even intermittently, it's vital to speak with your doctor," advised Dr. Bargout. "Simple diagnostic tests, such as an electrocardiogram (ECG), can help detect AFib. The good news is that with early diagnosis and appropriate management, we can significantly reduce the risk of stroke and improve a patient's quality of life."

Learn more about AFib and heart health by visiting dignityhealth.org/



by taking a dip in a local swimming pool. It is not the heat. every day that wildlife comes this close to home.

The bear lounged by the pool, interacting with

This bear took a respite from the Labor Day heat the pool cover and enjoying a refreshing break in

Contributed by Alex KHATCHATURIAN

## **Questions About Today's Real Estate?**

**Ask Phyllis!** 

Questions about Property Tax Reassessment

I have been a fan since your column first appeared in the Glendale News-Press. My question is about property tax reassessment. My wife and I have owned our two-bedroom, one-bath home since 1982, and due to Prop 13, our property taxes are very low. We never had children, so the house size was never an issue. My wife has been after me to add a master suite with a second bath and walk-in closet. Besides the inconvenience, I don't want our property taxes to skyrocket. I am construction. It's wise to ask yourself whether seeking your sage advice. I appreciate any insight you can provide.

#### We Are Hiring!

#### **Action League of the Foothills**

Is Looking for a Part-Time Employee

Position: Office Administrato

Hours: 20-25 per week

Compensation: Competitive, commensurate with level of experience

About the Role: This position reports directly to the ALF President and serves as an ninistrative resource to the various groups within the organization.

- Effective communications skills, both written and cral
- Proficiency in Word and Excel; be familiar with or comfortable learning new software such as Mail Chimp, Volgistics, Canva, and Publisher
- Ability to work independently and with a diverse group of Board Officers, employees and volunteers/members
- Strong time management, organizational, proofreading skills and must be able to multi-task effectively
- Commitment to maintaining organizational confidentiality

#### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- General business office administration including responding to telephone inquiries and written communications
- Assisting the ALF President and others by creating/preparing reports, agendas, lists, charts, newsletters, forms, and rosters
- Assisting the Bargain Box Thrift Store staff with morning cash register set-up, supply orders, weekly staffing calendar, and other general office duties, as requested

Interested applicants should direct questions and send their resume to Personnel@ALFoothills.org. Leave a message at 818-790-1328.

#### Dear Robert,

Thank you for being such a loyal reader. You bring up a common concern among long-term homeowners in California. Thanks to Proposition 13, your property taxes are based on your 1982 purchase price, with only modest annual increases allowed.

Only the value of the new construction—in your case, a primary suite with a second bath and walkin closet—will be added to your existing assessed value. The rest of your home remains assessed at its original Prop 13-protected amount, plus the annual increase of no more than 2%.

Let's say your home is currently assessed at \$150,000, and you add a primary suite valued by the county assessor at \$100,000. Your new assessed value would be approximately \$250,000. So yes, your taxes will go up, but not nearly as much as if the entire home were reassessed at its current market value.

Remodeling can be messy, time-consuming, and disruptive, especially if you remain during enduring months of construction is worth it, or if moving into a home with the desired features might make more sense. If you or your wife are over 55, you can transfer your existing property tax base to a new home (that's for another column).

If you're curious about what your current home might sell for and what your purchasing power could look like elsewhere, I recommend talking with a trusted local Realtor. Even if you don't want to jump into anything, attending a few open houses can help you visualize your options and better inform your decision.

I wish you the best of luck with whatever decision you make.

Warm regards.

Phyllis



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# Finding Boutique Charm and Sanctity in Rancho Cucamonga





By Greg ARAGON

love it when a new hotel Southern the LCalifornia hospitality scene - especially when it comes to an emerging destination city like Rancho Cucamonga. Such is the case with Sanctity Hotel and Durango Cocina & Rooftop (https://www. sanctityhotel.com/), which opened this past April.

by Hilton, the 68-room boutique extra storage space and beautiful hotel brings new luxury to Rancho Cucamonga with amenities, including a state-of-the-art gym, sauna and the ultra-modern Thriv Studio, which offers advanced wellness therapies.

"Bringing Sanctity Hotel and Durango Cocina to life has been a dream come true. Every detail tells a story, inviting guests to experience something truly unique to the area," said Sachin Bhakta, vice president Development at Globiwest Hospitality. "Rancho Cucamonga is an incredible community and we wanted to create a space that feels like a true retreat - where guests open layouts and expansive flow can unwind, experience exceptional hospitality and enjoy amazing food and drink at Durango Cocina."

The family and I recently snuck away to Sanctity for a memorable

day and night of comfort and culinary delight. Our getaway began when we checked into a spacious new suite with two queen beds topped with high-quality linens with plush pillows and accented by intricately gorgeous, hand-carved wooden head boards imported from Mexico.

The room also came with a 65-inch flat screen HDTV, a work desk with ergonomic chair, wireless internet, mini-fridge, coffee maker and a As part of the Tapestry Collection bright and luxurious bathroom with

> Once acquainted with our room, we explored the property. The white, Mission-style design of the exterior complements the hotel's modern interior where guests will be enchanted by a unique interpretation of the five fundamental elements - earth, water, fire, air and space. Inspired by the palaces of India and brought to life with natural materials, the interiors are grounded in earth through the use of handcarved parota wood sourced from

Air and space are reflected in the of the property, including Rancho Cucamonga's first rooftop bar. Perched above the Sanctity Hotel, the rooftop location boasts sweeping views of the nearby San Gabriel

Cucamonga cityscape.

We had appetizers on the rooftop and were amazed by the ambiance and flavors. Our meal began with fresh and delicious Ceviche Classico De Camarón, made with shrimp marinated with cucumber, onion, tomato, avocado and house-made salsa marisquera, served with crispy tostadas. The tasty guacamole was blended with grilled onion, cilantro and serrano. Served with crispy house-made tostadas.

After the appetizers we were ready for the main course at Durango Cocina (https://www. durangococina.com/), the hotel's signature restaurant. Led by Chef Alex Carrasco, a Michelin Bib Gourmand recipient, Durango Cocina's menu pays tribute to the culinary heritage of Durango, Mexico while integrating locally sourced ingredients and modern cooking techniques.

Our dinner at Durango began with spinach salad with garlicsautéed spinach, quesillo cheese, crispy onions and lime-infused spinach chips. For the main course I experienced the carne asada plate with dry-aged ribeye with guajillo potato purée, roasted vegetables and chipotle demi-glace. This succulent masterpiece came to the table with

Mountains and the vibrant Rancho a tiny grill so I could keep roasting the steak or heat my tortillas and

> For dessert, we sampled two delectable types of churros. The first was Chocalete Caliente Churros filled with chocolate, hazelnut sauce and rose petals and served with hot cocoa. The second was Churros Con Crema De Cacahuate with peanut butter cream and dulce de leche ice cream. The churros were crunchy on the outside and perfectly cooked on the inside and the sauces complemented the dish nicely.

> After dinner I worked out at the state-of-the-art fitness center where I walked a few miles on a treadmill with interactive world locations on the screen. Walking along a tropical beach with waves crashing at my feet made the workout enjoyable and before I knew it I had walked three

> The next morning, we were back at Durango Cocina for a great breakfast. I devoured huevos rancheros, a traditional Mexican breakfast with fried eggs and beans on top of lightly fried corn tortillas and smothered in a salsa. The kids split pancakes with ice cream and fruit on top.

> After breakfast we drove a couple of miles to Victoria Gardens, an outdoor shopping mall with tons of

shopping, dining and entertainment options including The Apple Store, Macy's, JCPenney, AMC Theatres, the Victoria Gardens Cultural Art Center, the Rancho Cucamonga Public Library and over 150 retailers and eateries. The mall is also home to one of my family's favorite stores: Bass Pro Shops.

At Bass Pro Shops (https://www. basspro.com/), aka Outdoor World, we love the giant aquarium with live fish and all of the stuffed animals such as bears, hogs, deer and wolves. The humungous store also has incredible sections for camping, fishing, hunting, boating and outdoor clothes. There is even a restaurant and on select days activities for kids.

Back at Sanctity Hotel, I experienced Thriv Studio (https:// thriv-studio.com/), which offers "groundbreaking therapies that reduce stress, enhance circulation and accelerate healing. Our scientifically backed approach is tailored to restore balance, improve vitality, and elevate your life."

Thriv offers treatments such as the HOCATT Infrared Ozone Sauna, an advanced wellness system designed for individuals seeking optimal health and those managing chronic conditions; and hyperbaric oxygen therapy - a powerful treatment that saturates your body with pure oxygen inside a pressurized chamber.

My treatment was lymphatic drainage therapy, a gentle, rhythmic technique designed to encourage lymph flow, reduce swelling and boost immunity. Paired with BrainTap for enhanced relaxation and mental clarity, each 40-minute session leaves you feeling lighter, clearer and more balanced. For this 40-minute treatment, I was wrapped in something like a space suit with a bunch of wires that transmitted heat and pressure throughout my body and limbs. I then put on a helmet and fell into deep relaxation for the next 40 minutes.

Sanctity Hotel is located in the heart of Rancho Cucamonga near shopping malls, parks, museums and Ontario International Airport. It is located at 12255 Base Line Road in Rancho Cucamonga. For more information, call (909) 710-3070 or visit www.sanctityhotel. com.



# Movsesian Named Master of Ceremonies

The Armenian American Museum and Cultural Center of California announced that Sona Movsesian will serve as the master of ceremonies for the upcoming Heritage Gala on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown.

Movsesian is an author and media professional who has been the personal assistant to late-night talk show host Conan O'Brien. She co-hosts the popular podcast Conan O'Brien Needs a Friend, engaging in candid and humorous conversations with a unique series of guests. In 2022, she released her memoir,

The World's Worst Assistant, undertakes. Her presence at which became a New York Times the Heritage Gala promises to bestseller. engage guests, create memorable

"I am thrilled to be part of the Heritage Gala and to celebrate the richness of Armenian culture and history," said Movsesian. "It's an honor to contribute to an event that brings the community together to support such an important cultural institution. Plus they said if I hosted they would consider letting me curate a month-long exhibit on my love for lahmajoun!"

Movsesian is deeply connected to the Armenian community and brings her signature humor and energy to every project she undertakes. Her presence at the Heritage Gala promises to engage guests, create memorable moments and highlight the importance of celebrating Armenian culture and heritage.

"Having Sona Movsesian as our master of ceremonies brings an exciting and dynamic energy to this year's Heritage Gala," said Executive Chairman Berdj Karapetian. "Her connection to the Armenian community and her engaging spirit will make this evening unforgettable for all our guests."

The Heritage Gala is the museum's signature annual event, uniting community members,

leaders and supporters for an inspiring evening celebrating heritage, culture and progress. Guests will enjoy an elegant 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. For more information on sponsorship opportunities and reservations, contact director of Development and Major Gifts Mary Khayat at (818) 644-2073.

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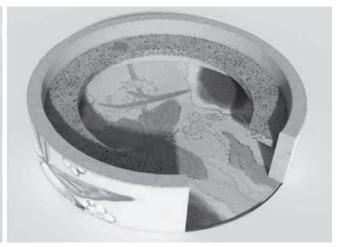
of California is currently under construction in the heart of Glendale's Arts and Entertainment District. The museum will feature permanent and temporary exhibitions, an auditorium, learning center, demonstration kitchen, archives center and more. Its mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Armenian American experience.

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

## Three New Public Art Installations







The City of Glendale's Library, Arts & Culture announced progress on three significant public art projects taking shape throughout the City, where each work uniquely reflects the diversity, history and creativity of the Glendale community. These projects have been selected for locations throughout Glendale as a part of the City's ongoing Cultural Landmarks initiative, sponsored by the Glendale Arts & Culture Commission including Montrose circular benches, Glenoaks Boulevard median sculpture, and Fremont Park columns tile artwork.

Created by Glendale-based artist Kassia Rico, "Our Garden Spot" reflects the neighborhood's unique spirit and invites public interactivity through three artistically designed circular benches. Nestled between the

Verdugo Mountains and San Rafael Hills, the benches located on Honolulu Avenue highlight Montrose's natural beauty and cultural heritage, offering a serene vantage point overlooking the historic Glendale & Montrose Railway site. Each bench is crafted with smalti glass mosaics and designed to evoke a sensory experience, incorporating light, history and storytelling. The Moo Moo Mia Bench celebrates nature and pollinators with a rose-toned palette inspired by Sparr Heights' orchards; the Village Square Bench pays tribute to the Montrose peacock and local life with citrus hues and calming blues; and the Star Cafe Bench honors the area's water heritage, native Tongva history and railway legacy in still water blue tones. With stainless steel details, preserved analog clocks and typographic elements, these works of art encourage exploration, connection and reflection, serving as both a historical portal and a heartfelt tribute to the community that shaped them.

"Hahamongna" by Forma Studio will transform a portion of Glenoaks Boulevard, the median between Brand Boulevard and Central Avenue, into an illuminated tribute to Glendale's geography and Indigenous history. Inspired by the Verdugo Mountains' elevation contours, the sculpture's textured metal form will feature intricate cutouts derived from local topography. The name "Hahamongna" comes from the Tongva language and translates to "fruitful valley," honoring the First Nations people who once called Glendale home. The artwork is expected to be installed by late 2025 and

will glow at night, creating a striking landmark for drivers and pedestrians.

As part of the Fremont Park Renovation Project, artist Cara Lynch has been commissioned to design and install a vibrant tile artwork titled "Belonging" on the park's columns, contributing a meaningful and permanent artistic element to the newly reimagined space. Inspired by native wildflower fields, "Belonging" celebrates community and the local landscape through a rich visual vocabulary of pattern, color and form. The tile work draws on the diverse flora of California, incorporating references to species such as the California Poppy, the state flower, Wishbone Bush, Beach Evening Primrose, Red Catchfly and California Aster in both coastal and desert varieties. These plants were selected not only for their beauty and regional relevance but also for the ideas of diversity, place, and connection they evoke.

Lynch's design includes deliberate nods to quilting, textiles and decorative traditions, invoking themes of home, family and belonging. Some tile elements repeat, flip or rotate, while others are rendered in varying colorways or stand alone. Large-scale floral motifs punctuate the pattern playfully, introducing moments of surprise and visual interest when viewed at a distance. Together, these elements create a cohesive yet dynamic artwork that mirrors the vibrant and layered identity of the Glendale community.

For more information about the Glendale Library, Arts & Culture's public art programs, visit GlendaleArtsandCulture. org/CulturalLandmarks.

#### THEN & NOW

#### Ramsdell and Honolulu Courtesy of the Historical Society of CV



**Then:** In the early '20s, the Valley View Service Station served a light stream of traffic passing through Verdugo City on its way to either up to Tujunga or down to Glendale. A big oak occupies the very corner of the lot. It appears to have just snowed, a once a decade event in the Crescenta Valley.



**Now:** A small strip mall occupies the corner of Ramsdell and Honolulu avenues today with a doctor's office and the popular Jeremy's Coffee Shop. The oak has been replaced by a streetlight and condos crowd the background. By the way – why is the street named after a city in Hawaii? An early developer in Montrose grew up in Hawaii and named the street after his birthplace.

# JUST FOR FUN

#### **CALENDAR this**

#### **GLENDALE KIWANIS**

The Kiwanis Club of Glendale meets on Fridays at noon. On Friday, Sept. 12, the Club welcomes GWP general manager Scott Mellon.

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.

#### **BINGO, BRATS, AND BEER**

Bingo, Brats, and Beer will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Glendale Elks Lodge, 120 E. Colorado St. A precursor to the popular Oktoberfest on Oct. 4, the fundraiser features bingo at a cost of \$25 per person, which includes 10 rounds of bingo, prizes, opportunity drawings and brews. Cookies for purchase from the Cozy Cookie Co.

Doors open at 5 p.m.; the first game is at 6 p.m.

Buy tickets at bit.ly/ bingobratsbeer.

#### **CCLCF EVENTS**

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

- ·Intro to Throwing Pottery on the wheel is a four-week class on Wednesdays from 6-10 p.m. starting Sept. 17. Make your own pottery! \$160 includes materials.
- •The R.O.M.E.O. Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m.
- · Bingo & Brunch for Seniors is on Friday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee is \$10.
- · Ceramics Workshop: Lamp Making is on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. \$100
- •Raku Pottery Workshop is Sunday, Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Raku is a Japanese ceramic technique characterized by its unpredictable nature and the unique firing process. Bring at least two-five pieces to be fired. The cost is \$85.

- Foothills Community Choir meets Tuesdays from 6:30 -8:00 p.m.; free!
- ·Gardening Club meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- ·Early Bird Registration is open for the 32nd annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Run/ Walk and Kids' Mile. The fee is \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids. Prices go up Oct. 1. Free six-week Saturday morning training for the Thanksgiving Kids' Mile is available for runners 12 and under! Must be registered for the Thanksgiving Run. Starts Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Register today! Spaces are limited.

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

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES & PARKS HOSTS SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

(GO!) Outdoors! Glendale Community Program takes place at Deukmejian Wilderness Park,

see CALENDAR THIS on next page

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES
Provided by horoscope.com September 8, 2025 - September 14, 2025

#### ARIES March 21 - April 19

There doesn't seem to be too much bothering you. You feel happy and ready for anything. The only problems you might experience stem from your mind. If your brain feels tired, your body may follow suit. If your mind is restless, your body will be, too. You may be more prone to picking up on others' feelings and ailments.

#### TAURUS April 20 - May 20

You could be feeling vulnerable to the moods and illnesses of other people. You may sense someone else's headache but not your own, so you need plenty of space and time to be alone to recharge your batteries. If you can take frequent short breaks and get away by yourself, you should manage just

#### **GEMINI** May 21 - June 20

Life looks a lot easier now. You should feel much better all around. too. You might feel tired, but you'll recover soon enough. The cosmos could also create a sense of restlessness, but this, too, will pass shortly. There could be a few intense and physically passionate days, so look after yourself and don't take any unnecessary risks.

#### CANCER June 21 - July 22

Whatever you do, you need to preserve your boundaries and not let other people tire you out. This is especially true in relationships, which could be causing more tension than ever now. Get to the heart of the issue so you feel confident and relaxed. Visualize your body filled with strength and vital energy.

#### LEO July 23 - August 22

The cosmos may bring up many emotions that put you in a more vulnerable position. Don't try to rationalize away your feelings. Work with them before they have a chance to affect your body. This period could be intense and leave you feeling drained unless you deal with the source of the matter. Keep up your strength by looking after vourself.

#### VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

It could be easy to work yourself up into a frenzy now. You might try to use the power of thought to force things to happen, but this approach is tiring for your mind and body. You might want to try to control things without thinking of the consequences. This is like banging your head against a wall. It will surely give you a headache.

#### LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your home seems to be a place of restlessness and change, but it needs to be your sanctuary. It's worth taking any steps you can to transform at least part of it into a place of refuge. You need to do this for your health and peace of mind. You won't regret any changes you make. Keep up any detoxification program to maintain a radiant glow.

#### SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Input and output are on the agenda. What goes in will have a significant effect on the way you feel over the weeks ahead. The cosmos could be governing your taste buds and encouraging you to eat everything that looks great, whether it's good for you or not. It's certainly encouraging you to indulge in new and exciting gourmet dishes. Eat mindfully.

#### SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your body goes through cycles of renewal and rebirth, so don't fight the way you feel. If you need rest, then get it. If you feel the urge to eat certain foods, go ahead. If you sense the need for some kind of massage or complementary therapy to relax and soothe you, get it. Listen to your needs that come from deep within.

#### CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's going to be hard for you not to burn out since you're currently geared up to make the most of each moment. But you'll tire out quickly if you don't look after your body. Give it a chance to recover and replenish your energy. If you've been pushing yourself to the limit lately, it's time to give yourself a break.

#### AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Any misunderstandings associated with your health should gradually begin to dissipate. If you've experienced delays in getting test results, you'll soon receive this information. You might need to lighten your schedule and take more time to exercise and relax. Take responsibility for the way you

#### PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

You may feel mellow and tired. This is only to be expected after the nerve-frazzling few weeks that you've been through. It might also be the case that you need to refuel your body and give it a chance to recuperate. You know the drill. Make a commitment to eat well, rest properly, and be good to yourself

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1) Disorderly, fussy outbursts 43) Get ready to drive
- 6) Part of an escalator 10) Attempt, in slang
- 14) Heep created by Dickens
- 15) Blanched
- 16) More than a gofer
- 17) Set the date, in a way
- 20) Jacket part
- 21) Break stone 22) Wrinkle maker
- 23) Providing details of current 59) Constructs, as a building
- events 25) Vodka cocktail
- 27) Bleat
- 30) Part of two sts.
- 31) Pin one's hopes (on)
- 32) Arm bone
- 34) Go upward 36) Donor's offering
- 40) Fall short

- 44) Certain breads
- 45) Goes quickly
- 46) Pertness 48) Do something
- 50) It can cause quite a bang
- 51) Rip off

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- 54) Community standards
- 56) Prepare to pull the trigger
- 57) Frau's partner
- 63) Makes a soccer faux pas 66) South American monkey
- 67) Where Marco Polo explored
- 68) Bring together
- 69) Restrain
- 70) Put an edge on
- 71) Guided a gondola

# **COUNT IT** By Timothy E. Parker

#### **DOWN**

- 1) After-dinner roll?
- 2) Kind of thermometer
- 3) Desperate, as straits
- 4) Like some old buckets
- 5) Pushed
- Treatment type
- 7) Far from chic
- 8) Brio
- 9) Mammal's coat
- 10) "Gabriel" lead-in
- 11) Kind of wave
- 12) "What goes around, comes around," e.g.
- 13) Stereotypical artist's hat
- 18) New Jersey city
- 19) Final words (var.)
- 24) Many Colorado tourists
- 26) Gold and frankincense complement
- 27) Sacrifice between the lines
- 28) Ubiquitous lotion ingredient 29) Poker chip, sometimes
- 31) Prepare, as leftovers
- 33) Charm
- 35) Muddy home
- 37) Dressage display 38) Gulf off the coast of Yemen
- 39) Cardinal's residence 41) Cochise, famously
- 42) Have nothing to do with
- 47) It may be near a slide 49) Shredded
- 51) Willingly avoids meals 52) Allowed by the courts
- 53) Be theatrical 54) "Sesame Street" resident
- 55) Music-score sign
- 58) Foolhardy and hasty 60) Make like a snake
- 61) England's national art gallery
- 62) Coaster in the cold 64) Backboard attachment 65) Common grain unit

# Target Closed My Credit Card Without Warning. Can You Get It Back?

Why is Martha Norrick's Target Circle debit card closed? Target has given her several reasons but it's doing nothing to help her get her card back.

for years and I use my Target Circle debit card regularly, which offers a 5% discount when I buy at Target. One day I tried to make a purchase on target.com only to find that my card had been declined. When I logged into my account, it said my card was closed. I immediately called Target and a representative told me the closure was due to inactivity. This didn't make sense

I pressed the issue. Target claimed I had requested the closure. This was completely untrue.

Target offered no solid explanation for why my card was closed, only that it would investigate and send me a resolution by mail within a few business days. However, I never received anything in the mail except a generic form letter saying my account was closed, and the issue hasn't been resolved.

I emailed Target, explaining that I never asked for my card to be closed and that I was worried someone might have closed it without my consent. I also pointed out that my daughter

Question: I've been a loyal Target customer needed diapers and I didn't want to pay an delay in responding, along with its additional 5% just because of Target's error.

> What should I do now? I don't want to apply for a new card and have my credit checked again when this was their mistake. How can I get them to reopen my account and make up for the 5% discount I missed out on? - Martha you that the situation was being Norrick, Brooklyn, New York

Answer: Target should have promptly because I'd used the card multiple times that addressed your issue by explaining the reason for your account closure or by reopening it and apologizing. And even though the government regulators - the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau - have been fired, there are still laws that apply to your situation. A company offering a financial product like a debit card must act in good faith and handle disputes promptly. You were within your rights to expect Target to fully investigate and resolve the issue without throwing additional roadblocks in your way.

> Unfortunately when companies only offer help over the phone and refuse to communicate in writing, it can be difficult to hold them accountable. In your case, the

refusal to follow up as promised, constituted a customer service failure. Target could have provided a written response, explaining what happened and reassuring addressed.

I usually recommend creating a paper trail but Target appears to have provided most of its responses by phone. You can always appeal any rejection to one

of the executive contacts I've published on my consumer advocacy site Elliott.org. (Here's a link to the Target contacts.)

It's highly unusual for a company to close your card without giving you a reason. And when you get several reasons for the closure then you know something is amiss. I see that you pressed your case and Target replied to you with a series of form responses. No wonder you tried to call – you weren't getting a straight

I was able to contact Target on your behalf.



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Target told you that it closed your account "in error." It reopened your account and refunded you the 5% discount on the purchases you had

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CALENDAR THIS from previous page

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 2187 for Sparr Heights Community Center. 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-

The Wander the Wilderness Bus is a free shuttle on weekends that departs at 9 a.m.

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

and 11:30 a.m. from Glendale to Deukmejian are welcome. In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.

> Visit https://www.glendaleca. gov/Home/Components/Calendar/ Event/53869/18?backlist=/government/ departments/community-services-parks/ trails-and-open-space to RSVP and for more information.

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WEATHER from page 2

What is keeping all of these parks going are the workers, the park rangers and the volunteers who continue to push the limit to keep the parks clean and safe. They are working a lot, and some are reportedly stressed to the breaking point, but they are still there because to many their job is more than just showing up; it is to protect the parks and forests.

I think it is important to visit our national parks and it is important to remember why President Theodore Roosevelt worked so hard to keep these lands protected. He saw, back in the early 1900s, how quickly development was occurring throughout the nation. He watched how the "frontier" was disappearing and how that development was threatening animals, trees and all of nature. He wanted to protect the land and the animals for future generations.

"The rights of the public to the natural resources outweigh private rights, and must be given consideration," said President Theodore Roosevelt.

So take time to visit national

parks and national forests. We have the Angeles National Forest in our backyard, easily accessible with lots of nature to explore. Note: Make sure you do not explore alone; fill out a hiking plan that can be shared with friends and know the terrain you will be facing.

And while you are enjoying nature remember to pack out what you pack in, including any trash, and if/when you see forest service employees thank them for being there and working hard to protect our national treasures.

Weather temperatures will be warm but not too hot throughout the week into the beginning of next week. We should see temperatures about 10 degrees below normal. With temperatures in the high 80s, normal for the foothills is 90 degrees-plus for this time of year.

The cooler temperatures are due to an unseasonable low pressure system over northern California, with a cooler air mass that is not moving. It is bringing rain to the north but not to Southern California, according to NOAA.

Tuesday will see temperatures rise to more normal temperatures.

SUPER SCOOPERS from Cover

He added winds, like those that occurred in January, create issues with regard to dropping the water onto a targeted fire area and the added turbulence of the air.

"It is dependent on the terrain and [in January we saw] really high turbulence," he said.

Duclos added it takes experience to know when to drop the water in order to hit a targeted area and experience to know when air support would be just too dangerous to use.

"So [during January] if I remember we had about 60 knots of wind for the first day, the first response, and so we had to adjust the drop," he said.

There are not any instruments in the aircraft that tell firefighting pilots how to compensate for the winds; that is experience gained over

time.

"We were, I would say, about at the edge of the operation [ending]," he said of the air support due to the winds in January.

When to begin the leasing of the water dropping aircraft is something that is determined by the weather and when an area is most vulnerable to fire.

"We decide when we are going to be leasing [the aircraft]," said Barger. "It's usually at the peak of when fire season is happening, although [fire season is constant] now. But the fire department works with Québec and it's strategically decided when we're going to the do the leasing."

She added that LACoFD has the best air support "across the board" along with the mutual aid program within LA County that is well respected and modeled worldwide.

"[The mutual aid program]

is vital for us to work with fire [departments], [including the] U.S. Forest Service," Barger said.

She added geography plays a vital role in strategic firefighting planning, especially in La Crescenta, which is at the edge of the Angeles National Forest – ANF. Though the ANF is partially under state control it is mostly federal land.

Those in the foothills are well aware of how well mutual aid worked during the 2009 Station Fire that began in the ANF where firefighters from several agencies worked together, including LACoFD, Pasadena, LA City, Burbank and Glendale. One of the issues that was discovered during an investigation, led by LA County after the Station Fire. was that the U.S. Forest Service did not, at that time, do water dropping night flights.

"The irony is [we've] come full circle. There was a federal regulation to not allow [U.S. Forest] to fly at night," Barger said. "And we all know the devastation that occurred. So that tells you that we are [now] working together."

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The last time CVHS hosted a varsity football game was in November 2024. That was a costly endeavor that included the rental of bleachers. However, with the permanency of the new stadium, it looks like CVHS will have its own Friday Night Lights (FNL).

The kickoff for the varsity football game against South Pasadena took place at 7 p.m.

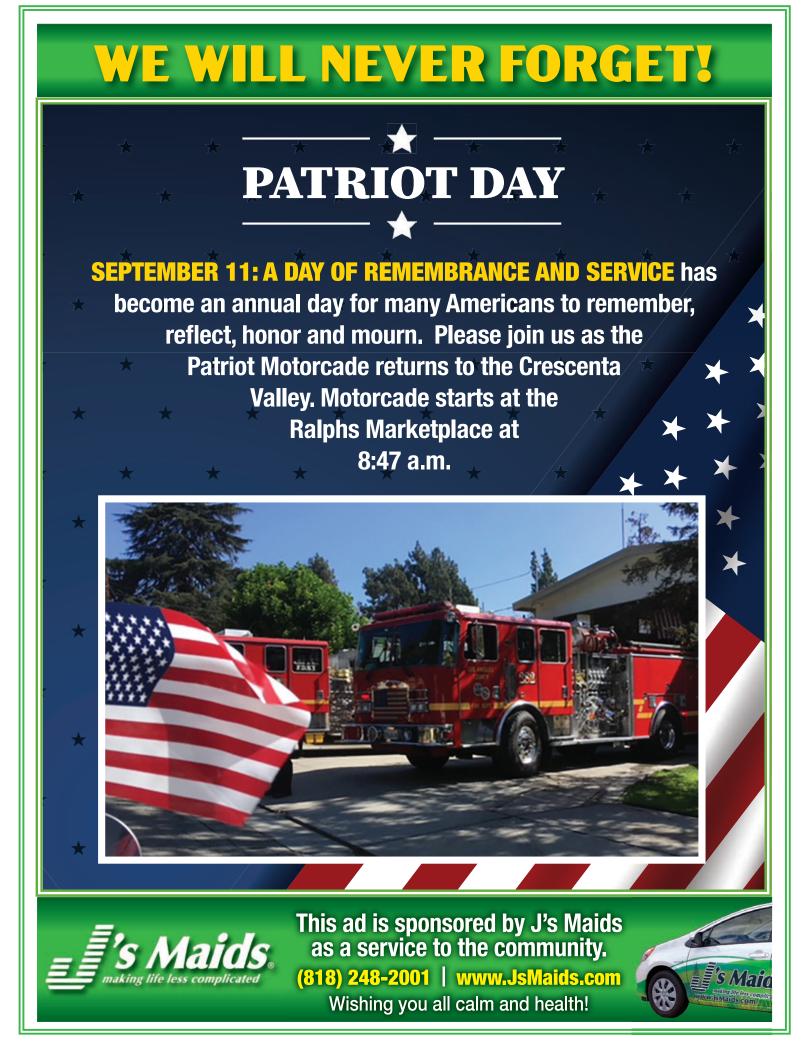
"The atmosphere was incredible and the stands were packed, including stands behind the end zones, which was fun whenever we scored a touchdown," wrote defensive end and left tackle Torin Blunt (#53).

Falcon spirit was heard from the crowds during each play, pass and touchdown. Attendees to the inaugural game at the school's stadium were dressed in the theme "Black Out" or in CVHS merchandise, which further united the crowd and increased the excitement. The CVHS pep squad cheered on the team from the sidelines, boosting the encouragement from the bleachers.

"Finally being able to play at CV[HS] felt amazing. It's a different feeling to be at your own school rather than taking a bus to your home games like we had to do in the past," wrote Blunt.

The boys won the game with a final score of 42-21, generating additional morale. The winning score was the icing on the cake for the Falcons – especially as it was an inaugural victory on their home field.

"The whole night was really special for everyone involved and opening the new stadium with a win was everything we could have asked for," Blunt added.



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MSPA board member Maureen Palacios

and Calvert. The booth was stationed in front of Joselito's Mexican Restaurant in the 2300 block of Honolulu Avenue. Booth attendants were seated around a table with printouts and maps of the general plan, informational sheets and public comment cards for future

meetings. "Some people didn't know about the plan and are curious to know what it is," Calvert said. "We are here to give them that early information."

The turnout at the booth wasn't overwhelming, yet curious Harvest Market attendees and concerned residents trickled in to learn about the plan or have their concerns heard.

"I'm glad we are doing this," Palacios said. "We've seen people we haven't seen in a while; it's nice."

The most commonly asked questions were whether or not apartment complexes will be developed in place of the current parking lots, which Calvert said will not

Residents who missed the information booth can still make their voices heard at one of the other three scheduled meetings or submit a comment online. The comment period has been extended.

The next MSPA meeting, which is expected to include information regarding the draft Land Use Element, will be on Sept. 18 at the Glendale Police Substation. Additional meetings are being held on Sept. 13 at noon, on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m., all at the MSPA headquarters at the Glendale Police Substation, 3600 Ocean View Blvd. #11.

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I understand from friends in Altadena that robust ember guards for the eaves of a house are absolutely critical. They also mentioned they wished they had a recent video walkthrough of their home for insurance purposes.

There are also important ongoing conversations on how the various public land management agencies, fire districts and utilities prepare for future events. Many reforms deserve increased urgency given the reality of increased fire risk in the coming years and decades. We need to operate on a wartime rather than peacetime footing.

These hills have burned for millennia and it's a matter of when, not if, they will burn again. Too much red tape stands in the way of preventive burns. It's common sense to let the hills burn intentionally before a major rain rather than react to a spark during a historic wind event.

I have a young toddler and sometimes meander around town driving while she naps in the car. Being a bit of a worry wort, I've taken to scouting the perimeter of where La Crescenta's houses abut the sagebrush. It's astounding how few houses have stayed up-to-date on best practices for brush clearance!

The example of Altadena shows how much we count on each other. When fire gets into one house, it can more easily leap to another. We as a community need to step up our game and treat Jan. 7 as a wake-up call. If not, the Eaton and Palisades fires will not for long continue to be the most devastating fires in LA County history.

Let's have a strong turnout for the town council event on Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Two Strike Park.

Patrick's a husband, father, son, brother, avid cyclist, fervent reader, enjoyer of adventures, lover of board games and the author of A New California Dream. He writes for CV Weekly in his personal capacity.



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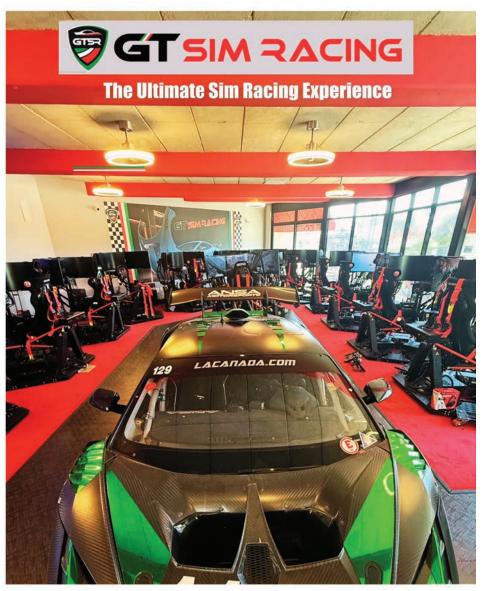
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